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## FIRST SEMESTER (CUFYUGP) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2024

Islamic History

ISH1CJ101/ISH1MN100—INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC HISTORY AND ARAB HISTORIOGRAPHY

(2024 Admission onwards)

Time: Two Hours

Maximum: 70 Marks

## Section A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Ceiling 24 marks.

- 1. Trace the involvement of Muslim historians in the growth of political science.
- 2. Describe the significance of ballads in narrating tribal life in pre-Islamic Arabia.
- 3. Explain the role of ancient Arabian poetry in maintaining collective memory and identity among tribes.
- 4. Assess the use of genealogical records by early Arab historians to preserve the memory of tribal histories.
- 5. Consider the contributions of al-Biruni's travels and works to the understanding of Indian history and culture.
- 6. Evaluate Amir Khusro's blending of history and literature through his poetry.
- 7. Analyze *Ain-i-Akbari* in terms of its significance for understanding the administration of the Mughal Empire.
- 8. Discuss the critical approach of Abd al-Qadir Badauni towards Akbar's religious policies.
- 9. Estimate the portrayal of sectarianism in modern Lebanese history as presented by Fawwaz Traboulsi.
- 10. Make an outline of the works of Asad Rustum in establishing professional standards in Arab historiography.

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## **Section B**

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 6 marks.

Ceiling 36 marks.

- 11. Illustrate the relationship between Islamic history and the development of modern sociology.
- 12. Elaborate on the evolution of *Isnad criticism* as a tool for verifying historical sources in early Islam.
- 13. Investigate the role of Sirah literature in the formation of Islamic historical consciousness.
- 14. Explore Ibn Khaldun's concept of universal history, and how did it differ from previous historiographical approaches.
- 15. Scrutinize the approach of Al-Tabari in the field of historiography.
- 16. Estimate the works of Al-Waqidi in recording the early Islamic military history, such as the Battle of Badr and Uhud.
- 17. Highlight the contributions of Shafiq Ghurbal in founding professional modern Arab historiography.
- 18. Make a note on the works of Taha Baqir on ancient and Islamic civilizations.

## **Section C**

Answer any **one** question.

The question carries 10 marks.

- 19. Summarize how did Sirah literature contribute to the understanding of the life of Prophet Muhammad and its historical significance
- 20. Review the research of Hartoon Ajwad Al Fassi on Nabataean women's social and economic status and its impact on our understanding.

 $(1 \times 10 = 10 \text{ marks})$