SYLLABUS
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KERALA UNIVERSITY
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## BA Degree in Islamic History

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Paper I

Emergence of Islamic Culture

Module I: Pre-prophetic Arabia


Module II: Pre-prophetic Arabian History

Arabians as Semites – History of the Arabian Prophets – South Arabian and North Arabian kingdoms – Economic and Political conditions – Makkah and its Holy Sanctuary – Ibrahim, Hajarah, Ismail and the Quraysh

Module III: Muhammad in Makkah

Early life – Muhammad as Al-Amin – Muhammad as family man – the Revelation of Qur’an – Muhammad as the Last Prophet of Allah – the Meetings of Aqaba – the Hijra.

Module IV: Muhammad in Madinah


Module V: Basics of Islam

Fundamentals of Islam : Tawhid, Risalah and Akhirah
Five pillars of Islam : Shahadah, Salat, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj
Articles of faith : In Allah, Angels, Books, Prophets, Day of Judgement and Qadr.

Basic Islamic Terms of Contemporary Relevance : Hijrah, Jihad, Ijtihad, Shariah, Da’wah, Riba, Nikah and Talaq
Module VI: Life in Islam

Institutions of Islam: the family, Masjid, Madrasah, Waqf, Ukhulwah and Harah.


Module VII: Abubakr and Umar: The Fiour Caliphs

Abubakr – Riddah Wars – Khalid’s victorious March – Umar – Qadisiyyah war – the capture of Jerusalem and Egypt – Administration of Umar

Module VIII: Uthman and Ali

Uthman – His policies and measures – his family connections – Compilation of Qur’an – Popular uprisings – Ali – shifting of the capital – Jamal war – conflict between Ali and Mu’awiyah – Siffin war – Characteristic features of Khilafat

Map Study

1. Geographical features of Arabia
2. South Arabian and North Arabian Kingdoms
3. Arabia at the time of Prophet Muhammad
4. Caliphate under Umar

Books Recommended

Haykal, M.H – Life of Muhammad
Ameer Ali – 1. Spirit of Islam
2. A Short History of Saracens
Athar Husain – 1. Prophet Muhammad and His Mission
2. The Glorious Caliphate
Ahmed, A.S – 1. Discovering Islam
2. Living Islam
Hitti, P.K. – History of the Arabs
Paper II

Umayyads and Abbasids

Module I: Establishment of the Umayyad Dynasty


Module II Abdul Malik and Walid I

Expansion of the empire during Abdul Malik – Administrative changes and Arabicisation – Khariji insurrections during Walid I – Expansion of the empire into Central Asia, Sind and Spain.

Module III Reforms in the Dynasty

Umar Ibn Abdul Aziz – his character and policy – Administrative reforms – Marwan II and decline of the empire

Module IV Some aspects of Umayyad rule


Module V Establishment of Abbasiyah Dynasty

The famous banquet and Abul Abbas al Saffah – Abu Ja’far al Mar sur: the real founder of Abbasiyah Dynasty – The city of Baghdad as the hub of universo.

Module VI The splendour that was Baghdad

Module VII  Life under Abbasids


Module VIII  Scientific and Literary Progress


Map Study

1. Umayyah empire at its height

2. Abbasiyah empire under Harun al Rashid

3. The Abbasiyah empire in 1258

Books Recommended

Hitti, P.K. - History of the Arabs

Ameer Ali - 1. Short History of the Saracens

Khuda Bakhsh - Arab Civilization

P.M Holt & others - The Cambridge History of Islam

S.F. Mahmud - A Short History of Islam
Paper III

Succession States and Islam in Europe

Module I: Umayyad Rule in Spain


Module II: Contribution of Muslim Spain to Europe

Health and Hygiene - Literature and Education - Arts and Architecture - Botany and Medicine - Astronomy and Mathematics - Philosophy - Music

Module III: Islam in Sicily

Conquest of Sicily by Aghlabis - The Fatimis in Sicily - Efflorescence of Arab - Norman Culture

Module IV: The Ottoman Turks

Origin and growth of Ottoman power - Age of Ghazis - Muhammad II and conquest of Constantinople - Salim I and assumption of Caliphate - Sulayman the Magnificent.

Module V: Decline of the Ottoman Empire

Political and Military factors - Social and Economic factors - Administration: Sublime Porte, Yenecheri, Millat System.

Module VI: Fatimids of Egypt

Ismailism - Al Aziz and Al-Muizz - Al Hakim - Al Azhar - Scientific and Literary progress under Fatimids

Module VII: The Petty dynasties

The Saljuqs - Mamluks - Buwayhids - Safawids - Safarids - Ghaznavids - Ayyubids -
Module VIII  The Crusades


Map Study

1. The Eastern Sultanate in the 10th and 11th centuries
2. The Ottoman empire under Salim I
3. Egypt and Ifrikiya under the Fatimis
4. Spain under Abd al Rahman III

Books Recommended

Hitti, P.K. – History of the Arabs
Shaw, Stanford J. – History of Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey (Vol. I)
Lane Poole, Stanley – Moors in Spain
Glubb, John Begot – 1. Empire of Arabs
2. Course of the Empire
Aziz Ahmed – History of Islamic Society
Rafi Ahmed Fidai – Concise History of Muslim World (Vol. 3)
Fisher, S.N. – The Middle East – A History
Price, Philip M – History of Turkey
Ameer Ali – 1. Spirit of Islam
2. A short History of Saracens
Spuler, Bertold – The Muslim World (Part II and III)
Paper IV
Islam in Medieval India

Module I Advent of Islam in India
Indo – Arab links through Trade – Survey of Socio – Political and Religious conditions of India – Muhammad Ibn Qasim – The Ghaznavis and Ghuris

Module II The Delhi Sultanate

Module III Some Aspects of Sultanates
Administration and society – Bhakti movement and Sufi orders – Education and Historiography – Amir Khusrau and Ziauddin Burani

Module IV The Mughal Empire
Babar – Shersha Sur – Akbar – Shah Jahan – Aurangzib – The down fall

Module V Petty dynasties
Bahmani Kingdom and Mahmud Ghawan - Hyderabad : Nizamul Mulk and Nizam Ali – Bengal : Siraj al Dawlah and Mir Qasim – Oudh : Sadat Khan and Shuja al Dawlah

Module VI Administration and Society
Mansabdari System – Cultural Symbiosis between Hinduism and Islam – Indo Saracen Architecture

Module VII Cultural Development
Education – Historiography : Babar, Abdul Fazal and Khafikhan - Calligraphy, Miniature Painting, Literature

Module VIII Islam in Kerala
Map Study

1. North India on the eve of the Turkish Invasion
2. The Delhi Sultanate under Alauddin Khilji
3. The extent of Delhi Sultanate under Muhammad Ibn Tughluq
4. Mughal empire under Akbar
5. Mughal empire at its zenith

Books Recommended

Jaffar, S.M. – Medieval India under Muslim Rule
Banarji, A.C – A new History of Medieval India
Ishwari Prasad – History of Medieval India
Satish Candra – Medieval India from Sultanate to the Mughals
Ashraf, K.M – Life and Conditions of the People of Hindustan
Tarachand – Freedom Movement
Ibrahim Kunju, A.P – Mappila Muslims of Kerala
Miller, R.E – Mappila Muslims of Kerala
Muhammad Ali, K.T – The Development of Education among the Mappilas of Malabar
Shah, S.M – Islam in Kerala
Seyd Muhammad, P.A – Kerala Muslim Charithram (Mal)
Muhammad Kunji, P.K – Muslimkalum Kerala Samskaravum (Mal)
Bahavuddin, K.M. – Kerala Muslimkal Porattathinte Charithram (Mal)
Paper V
Indian Muslims in Freedom Movement

Module I: The Early Phase

Muslim Opposition to British Ascendancy – War of Plassy, 1757- Banaras conspiracy- the Fara’idi Movement – the Wahhabi Movement of Sayyid Ahmad Barelawi- The Revolt of 1857.

Module II Aligarh Movement

Sir. Sayyid Ahmed Khan – His educational contributions- Political ideas - Social and Religious views – Reconciliation of British – Muslim Relations.

Module III Political Involvement


Module IV Roots of Seperatism


Module V Towards Freedom

Lahore session of League and Demand for Pakistan – Hindu Mahasabha and Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh – Cripps Mission – Quit India Movement – Cabinet Mission plan – Direct Action – Mount Batten Plan – Partition of India – Analysis of causes

Module VI Role of Kerala Muslims

Module VII Haydar Ali and Tipu Sultan

Against British imperialism – The Mysore Wars – Anti British Alliances of Tipu Sultan – Tipus’ Martydom.

Module VIII Reformist Trends in Kerala

The Islahi movement – Vakkom Mawlawi – The Kerala Muslim Aikya Sangham – Madrasah movement.

Map Study

1. Major centres of 1857 Revolt
2. Revolt of 1921: Important Places
3. Chaudhari Rahmat Ali’s map of Pakistan
4. The state of Mysore under Tipu Sultan

Books Recommended

Ram Gopal - Indian Muslims: A Political History
Col. Graham - Life and Works of Sir Sayyid Ahmad
Aziz, K.K - Britain and Muslim India
Mujeeb, M - Indian Muslims
Shakir, Moin - Khilafat to partition
Chopra, P.N. - Indian Muslims in freedom struggle
Ibrahim Kunju, A.P - Mappila Muslims of Kerala
Gangadharan, M - Mappila Rebellion
Abdul Samad, M - Islam in Kerala
Azad, Abul Kalam - India Wins Freedom
Rajendra Prasad, Dr - India Divided
Paper VI
Islam in the Modern World

Module I  Turkey: The Era of Reforms

The Tanzimat – Constitutional Movement under Abdul Hamid II – the Young Turk Revolution and counter revolution

Module II  Turkey and First World War

Causes for joining central powers – Treaty of Sevres and Lausanne – Mustafa Kemal and Turkish Republic – Kemalism – Post Kemalist Turkey.

Module III  Turkish Nationalism

Pan Islamism – Pan Turkism – Balkan wars – Zia Gokalp and Jamaluddin Afghani

Module IV  Egypt


Module V  Palestine


Module VI  Iran


Module VII  The Arab World

Arab World after World War I – Fertile Crescent under Mandate – Formation of Syria and Lebanon – Emergence of Saudi Arabia – Independence of Iraq and Trans Jordan.
Module VIII Arab Nationalism

Abdul Rahman al Kawakibi – Arab Revolt – Arab League -- PLO – Hamas

Map Study

1. Turkey under Abdul Hamid II
2. Fertile Crescent under Mandate System
3. Israel between 1948 and 1973

Books Recommended

Peretz, Don – The Middle East Today
Kirk, G.E – A short History of the Middle East
Fisher, S.N – The Middle East A History
Shaw, Stanford J – History of Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey (Vol. 2)
Holt, P.M – Cambridge History of Islam
Lewis, Bernard – Emergence of Turkey
Smith, W.C – Islam in Modern History
Haledah Edib Hanam – Conflict of East and West Turkey
Davison, Roderik. H. – Modern Turkey
Roy, Atul Chandra – International Relations since 1919