

BITS, PILANI – DUBAI
Dubai International Academic City
YEAR I - SEMESTER II 2007-2008
COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (CLOSED BOOK)

Course No: HIST UC212

Course Title: Gulf History and Culture

Date: 28.05.08 Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 120

Weightage :120

Notes:

1. There are two parts of the question paper: Part A and Part B. Answer questions of Part A and Part B in the separate sheets provided for this purpose.
2. Start answering every question from a fresh page.
3. Answer questions in the sequential order.
4. Answer all questions.

PART A

I Give an account of the later life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
(15 Marks)

II Discuss in detail about the Invasion of Kuwait by Iraq.
(15 Marks)

IV List the following:
(20 marks)

1. Any four objectives of OPEC
2. The five revealed books
3. The five Salahs (prayers)
4. Any six months of the Islamic calendar

V Match the following:
(10 marks)

A

1. 27 Rajab
2. Social
3. 1993
4. GAFTA
5. October 1956
6. 1 Shawwal
7. 1973
8. 1980
9. March 1979
10. May 1948

B

- oil embargo
- Suez Canal Crisis
- Eid-ul-Fitr
- Iran-Iraq war
- oil company
- Israel's declaration of independence
- Camp David Accords
- Isra and Miraj
- Arab Gas Pipeline
- Oslo Accords

PART B

- I** Give a vivid account of the life and contributions of the third Rashidun Caliph.
(15 marks)
- II** What is Arab League? Explain its objectives in detail.
(10 marks)
- III** List the following:
1. Any four objectives of Gulf Cooperation Council (4 marks)
 2. Any five members of OPEC (5 marks)
 3. Pillars of Islam (5 marks)
 4. Battles of First Fitna (3 marks)
 5. Members of the Federation of Arab Republics (3 marks)
- IV** Give a word or a phrase for the following:
(15 marks)
1. Name the Sultan of Ottoman empire who was known as “Caesar of Rome”
 2. Who was named as Abdullah by Prophet Muhammad ?
 3. Who was the famous cartographer of Arabs?
 4. In which year was Constantinople conquered?
 5. Which was the first Qibla of Islam?
 6. Who was the Sultan of Ottoman who was titled as Caliph?
 7. Mention the date for the Islamic new year.
 8. Name the body of Islamic religious law.
 9. Write the Arabic word which means *recitation*.
 10. Give the full form of UNSCOP.
 11. Name the angels who keep an account of good and bad deeds of a person.
 12. What did the Tsar of Russia called Ottoman empire?
 13. Name the the famous national epic of Iran .
 14. Who was nick named as ‘Kara’?
 15. Which is the first mosque of Islam?

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TEST II (OPEN BOOK)

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Date: 11.05.08 Time: 50 minutes

Maximum Marks: 60

Weightage :60

NOTE: (Answer all questions.)

- I** *The Ottoman dynasty endured for 600 years-a feat matched by no other in human history.* Explain the factors which contributed to the Ottomans' existence for six centuries?
(15 marks)
- II** What is Ottomanism? How did it affect the history of the Middle East? Explain.
(15 marks)
- III** Discuss the similarities and differences between Umayyads and Abbasids.
(15 marks)
- IV** Distinguish between Jannisaries and Sipahi.
(5 marks)
- V** What do you understand by the following
(4 marks)
- a) Ahram
 b) Zakat –al Fitr
- VI** Write the significance of the following years
(6 marks)
- a) 1326
 b) 628
 c) 1924
 d) 680
 e) 638
 f) 1055

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TEST I (CLOSED BOOK)

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Date: 10.04.08 Time: 50 minutes

Maximum Marks: 60

Weightage :60

NOTE: (Answer all questions.)

I Discuss briefly -

1. Difference between 'Nabi' and 'Rasool'.
2. The term 'Caliphate'
3. Mamlukes
4. Year of Sorrow
5. The four Social groups of Ottoman's urban Islamic Society

(10 Marks)

II Give an account of the early life of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

(10 Marks)

III Explain the three main reasons for the decline of the Umayyad Dynasty.

(10 Marks)

IV Describe the dual system of Ottoman administration (just the structure in approximately 150 words).

(15 Marks)

V What do you understand by the term 'Rashidun' ? List the salient features of the Rashidun Caliphate.

(15 Marks)