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**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) [REGULAR/REAPPEARANCE/MERCY CHANCE]
EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025**

Fourth Semester

B.A. Islamic History

Core Course : IH4CRT05—POLITICAL HISTORY OF ABBASIDS

(For Private Registration Candidates—2017 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions : *This question paper contains two sections. Answer Section I questions in the answer book provided. Section II Internal Examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under Section II.*

Section I

PART A

*Answer any ten questions.
Each question carries 2 marks.*

1. Abu Muslim.
2. Khurasan.
3. Madinat al Salam.
4. Tabaristan Uprising.
5. Idris Ibn Abdullah.
6. Nikephoros I.
7. Fourth Fitna.
8. Mu'tazilism.
9. The Siege of Baghdad.
10. Sahib ul Barid.

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11. The Wazir.
12. Ulayyah.

(10 × 2 = 20)

PART B

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Each question carries 5 marks.

13. Highlight the significance of the battle of Zab in the political history of Islam.
14. How did Abul Abbas As-Saffah rise to power ? What strategies did he use to bring together groups like Persians and Shiites to defeat the Umayyad Caliphate ?
15. Critically examine the relation between the Abbasids and the Shiites during the caliphate of Al Mansur.
16. Compare and contrast the religious policies of Caliph Al-Mahdi with those of his predecessors and successors in the Abbasid dynasty.
17. Examine the challenges faced by Caliph Al-Hadi during his short reign. How did his efforts to consolidate power and maintain stability within the Abbasid Caliphate reflect the broader political and social tensions of the time ?
18. Examine the reasons behind the collapse of the Abbasid Caliphate under Caliph Al-Musta'sim.
19. Summarise the status of the dhimmis during the reign of the Abbasids.
20. Analyze the cultural and intellectual environment during Al-Wathiq's reign. To what extent did his patronage of learning and the arts contribute to the continuation of the Islamic Golden Age under the Abbasids ?
21. Evaluate the features of social life under the Abbasids.

(6 × 5 = 30)





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Part C

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Each question carries 15 marks.

22. Compare the foundation of Baghdad with other major Islamic cities, such as Damascus and Cairo. What made Baghdad unique in terms of its political, cultural, and economic role in the Islamic world during the Abbasid era ?
23. Discuss the role of Harun al-Rashid in promoting the cultural and intellectual flourishing of the Islamic Golden Age.
24. Examine Al-Ma'mun's efforts to promote the translation movement. How did his emphasis on translating Greek, Persian, and Indian texts into Arabic contribute to the preservation and advancement of knowledge during the Islamic Golden Age ?
25. Analyze the Abbasid Empire's approach to provincial governance. How did the central administration manage its vast territories, and what challenges arose from delegating power to regional governors ?

(2 × 15 = 30)

