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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—IH4CRT06—ISLAM IN EUROPE

(2017 Admissions onwards)

[For Private Registration Candidates]

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. Visigothic Kingdom.
- 2. Tariq Ibn Ziyad.
- 3. Roger II.
- 4. Banu Jawhar.
- 5. Buluggin.
- 6. Yusuf Ibn Tashfin.
- 7. Saqalibs.
- 8. Morisco.
- 9. Caliph.
- 10. Ibn Bashkuwal.
- 11. A1 Masalik Wal Mamalik.
- 12. Kitab al Hayah.

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Part B

Answer any **six** questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

- 13. Explain the circumstances that led to the establishment of the Muslim rule in Sicily.
- 14. Examine the rise of Al-Mansur to power in Islamic Spain. How did he consolidate his authority as *hajib* and effectively become the de facto ruler of the Caliphate of Cordova?
- 15. Analyse the social changes in the Iberian Peninsula following the Muslim conquest.
- 16. Analyze the cultural and architectural legacy of the Zirid dynasty in Granada.
- 17. Trace the origins and rise of the Murabit movement in the Sahara and their eventual expansion into Spain.
- 18. Who were the Morisco? How did the they overcome the challenges of maintaining their cultural and religious identity under the threat of surveillance, forced conversion, and expulsion?
- 19. Compare and contrast the major characteristics of amir and caliph.
- 20. Highlight the patronage given by the Muslim rulers of Psian to botanical studies.
- 21. Evaluate the place of Ibn Tufayl in the realm of philosophy.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

Part C

Answer any **two** questions Each question carries 15 marks.

- 22. Discuss the political and symbolic significance of Abd al-Rahman III's declaration of the Caliphate of Cordova in 929. How did it strengthen the legitimacy and authority of the Umayyad dynasty in Al-Andalus?
- 23. Discuss the establishment of the Nasirid dynasty in Granada. What were the key political and military challenges faced by the Nasirids in consolidating their rule?
- 24. Analyze the role of the diwan in the Muslim administrative system of Spain. How did these departments contribute to the efficiency and stability of the state?
- 25. To what extent did the Muslim rulers of Spain contribute to the development of art and architecture?

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$

