

**Entrance Test Syllabus-2020**  
**M. A. Islamic Studies**  
**University of Kashmir, Srinagar**

**Note:** The syllabus prescribed for the entrance Test (M. A. Islamic Studies) has been divided into fifteen units. Each unit carries a weight-age of four marks. Paper setters are required to set four multiple type questions with one correct or most appropriate answer separately from each unit, giving uniform representation to the whole syllabus.

**Unit I**

- 1) Religious Beliefs and Practices of *Jahiliyah* Arabia
- 2) The Fundamental Islamic Beliefs (*Tawhid*, *Risalah* and *Akhirah*)
- 3) The *Sirah* of Prophet ﷺ: *Dawah*, *Hijrah*, Pact of Hudaibiyah and *Ghuzwat*
- 4) Administration and Achievements of the Pious Caliphs

**Unit II**

- 1) An Introduction to the Quran and its '*Ulum*: a) *Wahi* b) *Asbab-i-Nuzul* c) *Rab* and *Nazm*
- 2) *Tafsir*: Meaning, Early Development and Principles
- 3) *Hadith*: Definition, Compilation and Types
- 4) *Fiqh*: Meaning, Sources and Schools (Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi, Hanbali and Ja'afri)

**Unit III**

- 1) Important Schools of '*Ilm al-Kalam*: Muatazilah and Ashariyah
- 2) Contribution of some prominent philosophers: Al-Kindi and Ibn Sina
- 3) Sufis of Early Period (Life and Doctrines): Hasan Basri<sup>(RA)</sup>, Junaid Baghdadi<sup>(RA)</sup> and Rabia Basri<sup>(RA)</sup>
- 4) Sufis of Medieval Period (Life and Contribution): Shaikh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani<sup>(RA)</sup> and Khawja Muin al-Din Chisti<sup>(RA)</sup>

**Unit IV**

- 1) Wahabiyah Movement (Main Features)
- 2) Sanusi Movement (Introduction)
- 3) Al-Ikhwan al-Muslimun (Salient Features)
- 4) Constitutional Movement and Islamic Revolution in Iran

**Unit V**

- 1) Ethics: Meaning, Definition and Social Ethics in Islam
- 2) Concept of *Fazail* (Virtues) and *Razail* (Vices)
- 3) Ethical Significance of '*Ibadah* (*Salah*, *Sawm*, *Zakah* and *Hajj*)
- 4) Economic Ethics and Political Ethics in Islam

**Unit VI**

- 1) Human Rights in Islam: Meaning, Concept and Introduction to the Constitution of Madinah
- 2) Right to Life, Right to Religion and Right to Property (Islamic Perspective)
- 3) Right to Freedom of Expression and Right to Privacy (Islamic Perspective)
- 4) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

**Unit VII**

- 1) Early Indo-Arab Relations
- 2) Society and Economy Under the Delhi Sultanate
- 3) Art and Architecture of Mughal India
- 4) Role of Prominent Sufis and '*Ulama* in the Spread of Islam in India: Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi<sup>(RA)</sup> and Shah Waliullah Dehalvi<sup>(RA)</sup>

### **Unit VIII**

- 1) Concept of *Riba* (Usury) and *Gharar*
- 2) Main Modes of Interest-Free Banking: *Musharakah* (Partnership), *Mudharabah* (Co-partnership)
- 3) Some other Modes of Interest-Free Banking: *Murabah* (Cost plus sale), *Ijarah* (Leasing) and *Istisnah* (Manufacture and Sale)
- 4) An Introduction to Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Bank Islami Malaysia

### **Unit IX**

- 1) Basis of Muslim Society: Status of Women in Islam, Marriage (Its Sanctity, Purpose and Importance)
- 2) Economic Institutions: *Zakat*, *Baitul Mal* and *Waqf*
- 3) Concept and Purpose of Islamic State and Administration
- 4) Concept of *Khilafah* and *Shura*

### **Unit X**

- 1) Nadwatul 'Ulama Lucknow and Darul 'Ulum Deoband (Synoptic View)
- 2) Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Millia Islamia (Overview)
- 3) Jamal al-Din Afghani and Maulana Maududi (Life and Career)
- 4) Maulana Ilyas and Allama Iqbal (Life and Contribution)

### **Unit XI**

- 1) Quranic Concept of Religion
- 2) Christianity (Trinity, Crucifixion)
- 3) Hinduism (Concept of God, Incarnation and Transmigration of Soul)
- 4) Islamic Approach to *Ahl al-Kitab*

### **Unit XII**

- 1) Administration of Abbasids: Central and Judicial
- 2) Society under Abbasids and its Different Classes
- 3) Islam in Spain: Contribution of Abd al-Rahman-I and Abd al-Rahman-III
- 4) Muslim Spain: Contribution in the fields of Science, Medicine and History

### **Unit XIII**

- 1) Establishment of Muslim Sultanate in Kashmir (1339-1586)
- 2) Development of Arts During Sultanate Period
- 3) Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani<sup>(RA)</sup> and Shaikh Yaqub Sarfi<sup>(RA)</sup>: Life and Works
- 4) Shaykh Nurud Din Noorani<sup>(RA)</sup> and Shaykh Hamzah Makhdam<sup>(RA)</sup>: Life and Teachings

### **Unit XIV**

- 1) An Introduction to Islamic Psychology
- 2) Medieval Islamic Political Thought: Al-Farabi and Al-Ghazzali
- 3) Essential Principles of Economy in Islam
- 4) Concept of History in Islam

### **Unit XV**

- 1) Concept of Universe in Islam
- 2) Islamic Perspective on Origin of Mankind
- 3) Islamic Perspective on Environment
- 4) Main Contribution of Al-Khawarizmi and Zakariya Razi

