

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC

M.A. in Islamic Studies

REVISED SYLLABUS OF M.A. PROGRAMME IN ISLAMIC STUDIES
PART-I (SEMESTER I & II)

AS PER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SEMESTERSYSTEM (CBCS)

TO BE INTRODUCED FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 – 2017

Syllabus in brief:**M.A.in Islamic Studies, Part I****SEMESTER I (4 CORE COURSES)**

Course with code No.	Nomenclature	Theory	Internal Assessment	Hrs Per Week	Credits
PAISL-101	Language	60	40	4	6
PAISL-102	Islam during the Times of Prophet Muhammad and the First Four Caliphs	60	40	4	6
PAISL-103	Political Development & Culture growth of Islam under (I): The Umayyads and (II): The Abbasids	60	40	4	6
PAISL-104	The Islamic States & Civilization in (I) Egypt (II) Spain and (III) Southern Europe	60	40	4	6
Internal Assessment	1.Project/Assignment/Book Review (30) 2.Attendance and active participation in departmental activities(10)	-	-	-	-

SEMESTER II (4 CORE COURSES)

Course with code No.	Nomenclature	Theory	Internal Assessment	Hrs Per Week	Credits
PAISL-201	Language	60	40	4	6
PAISL-202	Islam during the Times of Prophet Muhammad and the First Four Caliphs	60	40	4	6
PAISL-203	Political Development & Culture growth of Islam under (I): The Umayyads and (II): The Abbasids	60	40	4	6
PAISL-204	The Islamic States & Civilization in (I) Egypt (II) Spain and (III) Southern Europe	60	40	4	6
Internal Assessment	1.Project/Assignment/Book Review (30) 2.Attendance and active participation in departmental activities(10)	-	-	-	-

Syllabus in Detail

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M.A. Part I

(4 CORE COURSES)

SEMESTER I CORE COURSE: I

COURSE CODE: PAISL 101
COURSE TITLE: Languages

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

Compulsory Language: Arabic prose passages for translation into English from the following prescribed books:-

- i. Qasas al-Nabiyin, Pan I, by Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi. Pages 1-22
- ii. Conversation in Action - English-Arabic, by J.C. Richards
Oxford University Press. Mumbai. First 08 lessons.

Optional Language: Candidates will have the option of choosing one of the following languages for translation

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| Urdu | i. | Islam mein Husne Akhlaq.... by Dr. Shafi Shaikh. Pages 1-20 |
| Persian | ii. | Seema-e-Muhammad. by Dr. Ali Shariati; Pages 1-23 |
| Turkish | iii. | Evliya Chelebi. "The Book of Travel", first 50%. |

Technical and theological terms of Islamic Studies: Meanings, explanations and annotations of Arabic terms and phraseology relating to Islamic Studies in general and more particularly occurring in all the four papers to be studied.

Scheme of examination: 60 marks = End Semester Exam (2hrs)
40 marks = Internal Assessment

Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

SEMESTER I
CORE COURSE: II

COURSE CODE: PAISL 102
COURSE TITLE: Islam During the times of Prophet Muhammad and the First Four Caliphs

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

a) Pre-Islamic Arabia:.

- i. The Geographical and Environmental Conditions of Arabia.
- ii. The Pagan Arabs and their Social, Cultural, Tribal and Political life.
- iii. Idolatory and the Pagan Practices prevalent among the Pre-Islamic Arabs.
- iv. Ayyam al-Arab.
- v. The War of Basus.
- vi. The Day of Dahis.
- vii. The Centers of Commerce and Culture in Pre-Islamic Arabia.

b)

- i. The Heroic Age of Arabic Poetry.
- ii. The Pre-Islamic Fares and their role in the development of Arabic Poetry.
- iii. The Mu'allaqat.
- iv. The Abyssinian Invasion of Makkah.
- v. Prophet Muhammad's Lineage, Birth and Early Life.
- vi. The Prophet's youth and marriage with Khadijah.

c) The Advent of Islam:

- i. The Prophet's meditations at the Cave of Hira.
- ii. Early Divine Revelations.
- iii. His Prophethood and Divine Mission.
- iv. Islam - The Religion of Submission to the Will of Allah.
- v. The Five Pillars of Islam.
- vi. Islamic Dogmas and Beliefs.

d)

- i. The Prophet's Persecution and Social Boycott.
- ii. The Migration to Abyssinia.
- iii. The Pledges of Aqabah.
- iv. Prophet's Migration to Madinah.
- i. v. Covenant of brotherhood between Muhajirun and Ansar.

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40 marks = Internal Assessment

Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

SEMESTER I
CORE COURSE: III

COURSE CODE: PAISL 103
COURSE TITLE: Political Developments and Cultural Growth of Islam under (I): The Umayyads and (II): The Abbasids

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

a) The establishment of the Umayyad dynasty:

- i. Mu'awiyah. The Founder of Umayyad Dynasty and as the Model Arab Sovereign.
- ii. Conversion of Rightly Guided Caliphate into Monarchy.
- iii. Yazid and the tragedy of Karbala.
- iv. Kharijites: The Religio-Political Sect

b) A detailed study of the prominent Umayyad rulers:

- i. Abd al-Malik.
- ii. al-Walid.
- iii. Umar bin 'Abd al-Aziz.
- iv. Hisham.
- v. Marwan- II.

c)

- i. Achievements of Hajjaj bin Yusuf with reference to the conquests of Sind and Eastern regions.
- ii. Territorial Expansions of Islam under Umayyad Rule.
- iii. The Downfall of the Umayyads and its causes.
- iv. The Umayyad Administration and Military Set-up.

d)

- i. The contributions of the Umayyads to the development of Arabic language and literature.
- ii. The contribution of the Umayyads to the development of Art, Architecture and Fine-arts.
- iii. The Umayyad society.

Scheme of examination: 60 marks = End Semester Exam (2hrs)
40 marks = Internal Assessment

Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

**SEMESTER I
CORE COURSE: IV**

COURSE CODE: PAISL 104
COURSE TITLE: The Islamic States and Civilizations in (I) Egypt. (II) Spain and (III) Southern Europe

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

a)

- i. The Arab Conquest of Egypt in 640 A.D.
- ii. 'Amr bin al-Aas: the conqueror of Egypt.
- iii. The Conquest of Cyprus (Qubrus) by the Arabs.
- iv. The Early Arab Rulers of Egypt.

b)

- i. The Tulunids.
- ii. The Ikhshidids.
- iii. The Fatimids.
- iv. The contribution of Jauhar al-Siqilli.

c)

- i. The Contribution of the Fatimids to Islamic Civilization.
- ii. The emergence of the Crusades.
- iii. The contribution of the Ayyubids in combating the Crusaders.
- iv. Salah al-Din Ayyubi.

d)

- i. The Mamluks.
- ii. The rule of al-Malik al-Zahir Baybars.
- iii. The consolidation of Mamluk power under al-Malik al-Mansur Qalawun.
- iv. Highlights of Mamluk dynasty.

Scheme of examination: 60 marks = End Semester Exam (2hrs)
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Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

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(4 CORE COURSES)

SEMESTER II

CORE COURSE: V

COURSE CODE: PAISL 201
COURSE TITLE: Languages

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

Compulsory Language: Arabic prose passages for translation into English:-

- i. Qasas al-Nabiyin, Part - I, by Abul Hasan Ali. Al-Nadv. Pages 23-45
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Oxford University Press. Mumbai. Lessons 9 to 15

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Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

SEMESTER II
CORE COURSE: VI

COURSE CODE: PAISL 202

COURSE TITLE: Islam During the times of Prophet Muhammad and the First Four Caliphs

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

a) The Establishment of Islamic State at Madinah:

- i. Pact with Jews and other tribes of Madinah.
- ii. The battles fought by the Muslims after Migration.
- iii. The Treaty of Hudaibiyah.
- iv. The Prophet's Messages to the Sovereigns and other Tribal Chiefs.
- v. The Conquest of Makkah
- vi. The Battles of Hunain and Muta

b)

- i. The Prophet as a Military strategist.
- ii. The Prophet's farewell Pilgrimage.
- iii. The Valedictory Sermon of the Prophet
- iv. The Prophet's Illness and Demise,
- v. The Prophet's family life
- vi. The Prophet as a Law-giver
- vii. The Prophet as an Embodiment of Mercy and Compassion.
- viii. Islam as a Religion of Peace and Universal Brotherhood

c) The Establishment of Rightly Guided Caliphate:

- i. The Caliphate of Abu-Bakr.
- ii. The Caliphate of Umar.
- iii. The Caliphate of Uthman.
- iv. The Caliphate of Ali.
- v. The Period of Great Territorial Expansion of Islam.
- vi. The Conquest of Iran, Iraq, Syria and Egypt etc.

d)

- i. The Civil Wars.
- ii. The Administration of New Territories.
- iii. The Military Set-up of Islamic State.
- iv. The Salient Features of the Rightly Guided Caliphate.
- v. The Caliphate and The Imamate.

Reference Books:

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| 1. M.H.Haykal | Life of Muhammad |
| 2. Montgomery Watt | Muhammad at Mecca |
| 3. Montgomery Watt | Muhammad at Medina |
| 4. Montgomery Watt | Muhammad: Prophet and Statesman |
| 5. Muhammad Ali | Early Caliphate |
| 6. TW.Arnold | The Caliphate |
| 7. W Muir | The Caliphate, its Rise. Decline and Fall |
| 8. P.K.Hitti | History of the Arabs |
| 9. Sayed Amir Ali | History of the Saracens |
| 10. Sayed Amir Ali | Spirit of Islam |
| 11. Shustnry M A | Outlines of Islamic Culture |
| 12. Siddiqui Mazharuddin | Development of Islamic State and Society |
| 13. Husaini S.A. | Arab Administration |
| 14. R. Levy | Social Structure of Islam |
| 15. Schacht | Legacy of Islam |

Scheme of examination: 60 marks = End Semester Exam (2hrs)
40 marks = Internal Assessment

Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

**SEMESTER II
CORE COURSE: VII**

COURSE CODE: PAISL 203

COURSE TITLE: Political Developments and Cultural Growth of Islam under (I): The Umayyads and (II): The Abbasids

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:**a) The establishment of the Abbasid dynasty:**

- i. The Success of Abbasid Propaganda and Establishment of the Abbasid Dynasty.
- ii. The Foundation of Baghdad.
- iii. A detailed study of distinguished Abbasid rulers with special reference to:
- iv. Abu Jafar al-Mansur,
- v. Al-Mahdi,
- vi. Harun al-Rashid,
- vii. Al-Mamun.

b) The general survey of the later Abbasid rulers:

- i. Al-Mu'tasim, Al-Wathiq and Al-Mutawakkil and the later Caliphs.
- ii. The Decline and fall of the Abbasid Empire.
- iii. The Sack of Baghdad.
- iv. The Persian Influence at the Abbasid Court.

c)

- i. The Institution of Vizierate and the Barmikids.
- ii. The Great Literary and Cultural Progress under the Abbasids with special reference to Bait-al-Hikmah and Dar-al-Tarjamah.
- iii. Mu'tazilah: the Puritanical Movement.
- iv. The Shi'ah: Religo-Political Sect.

d)

- i. The development of Art, Music and other Fine arts under the Abbasids.
- ii. The Glory of Islamic Civilization under the Abbasids.
- iii. The Abbasid Administrative, Judicial and Military Set-up.
- iv. The Abbasid Society.

Reference Books:

1.P.K.Hitti	History of the Arabs
2.R.A.Nicholson	A Literary History of the Arabs
3.R.A.Nicholson	Cambridge History of Islam
4.Carl Brockleman	History of the Islamic People
5.Juiji Zaydan / D.S.Margoliouth	History of Islamic Civilization
6.G.L.Strangc	Baghdad during Abbasid Caliphate
7.D.S.Margoliouth	The Eclipse of Abbasid Caliphate

Scheme of examination: 60 marks = End Semester Exam (2hrs)
40 marks = Internal Assessment

Paper-Pattern for exam: 4 questions of 15 marks each with internal choice

**SEMESTER II
CORE COURSE: VIII**

COURSE CODE: PAISL 204

COURSE TITLE: The Islamic States and Civilizations in (I) Egypt. (II) Spain and (III) Southern Europe

Prescribed Texts/Topics for study:

a)

- i. The Arab Conquests of Spain in 711 A.D.
- ii. The part played by Tariq bin Ziyad and Musa bin Nusair in the conquest of Spain.
- iii. The Establishment of an Independent Rule in Spain by the Umayyads in 756 A.D.
- iv. The distinguished Umayyad rulers of Spain.

b)

- i. The Emergence of Petty Dynasties in Spain (Muluk al-Tawa'if).
- ii. A Detailed Study of Distinguished Muslim Rulers of Spain.
- iii. The Fall of Islamic Rule in Spain.
- iv. Art and Architecture in Spain.

c)

- i. Political, Economic and Educational Institutions of Spain.
- ii. The History of Islamic Occupation of Sicily and Southern Italy.
- iii. The Aghlabid rule of Sicily.

iv. The Fatimid occupation of Sicily.

d)

i. The Norman invasion of Sicily.

ii. The Arab-Norman culture of Sicily.

iii. The decline of Muslim rule in Spain and Sicily its causes.

iv. Sicily as a Medium of Transmitting Islamic Thought to the West.

Reference Books:

1. Hitti P.K.	History of the Arabs
2. Sell Canon	Muslim Conquest of Spain
3 Dozy R.	Spanish Islam
4. Lonc-Poole S.	The Moorish Empire
5. Watt Montgomery	A History of Islamic Spain
6. Ahmad Aziz	A History of Islamic Sicily
7. Yusuf S.M.	Studies in Islamic History and Cultu

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