



**2021/TDC(CBCS)/EVEN/SEM/
ARBDSE-602T/052**

**TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam.,
September—2021**

ARABIC

(6th Semester)

Course No. : ARBDSE-602T

**[History of Arabic Civilization and
Culture-II (Abbasid Period)]**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—A

Answer any *ten* of the following as directed :

$2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Who was the founder of the Abbasid caliphate? Where did al-Saffah erect his capital?
2. Who succeeded al-Saffah? What was his original name?



3. In which year al-Mansur became caliph? Where and when he died?
4. Who laid the foundation stone of the new capital, Baghdad and when?
5. Who was the third caliph of the Abbasid dynasty? How many years did he reign?
6. Al-Mahdi had two important religious policies. What are those policies?
7. Who was the first Abbasid caliph to resume the 'holy war' against the Byzantines? Who gave Harun the honorific title 'al-Rashid'?
8. Caliph _____ moved his capital from Baghdad to _____ shortly before his death in 786 AD.
(Fill in the blanks)
9. Harun al-Rashid gave important posts to the two sons of Yahya _____ and _____.
(Fill in the blanks)
10. Who established Bayt al-Hikmah and who was his chief qadi?
11. Who was the vizier of Harun al-Rashid and who was the in charge of Bayt al-Hikmah?

12. _____ succeeded Harun al-Rashid and ruled until he was deposed and killed during the civil war by his half-brother _____.

(Fill in the blanks)

13. Which religious doctrine did Al-Ma'mun preach? What was his view about the *Quran*?
14. Which Abbasid caliph imprisoned Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal? Why did he imprison him?
15. Who released Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal and discarded the Mu'tazilah and who built the Great Mosque of Samarra?
16. Who was the tenth caliph of the Abbasid dynasty? In which year he became caliph?
17. Who is called the 'Herodotus' of the Arabs? What is the title of his historical work?
18. Who is the writer of the work, *Ahsan Al-Taqasim Fi Ma'rifat Al-aqalim*? Which subject this work deals with?
19. Which work is regarded as the oldest systematic treatise on ophthalmology extant in Arabic? Who was the author of this work?

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20. Who was the author of the work, *Hisab al-Jabr wa al-Muqabala*? What subject this work deals with?

SECTION—B

Answer any five of the following questions : $10 \times 5 = 50$

21. Discuss briefly the Abbasid military activities during the reign of the caliph al-Saffah.
22. Describe the foreign policy of the caliph al-Mansur.
23. Give a pen picture of the cultural and administrative aspects of the reign of the caliph al-Mahdi.
24. Give a brief account of the military conflicts during the reign of the caliph al-Hadi and his attempts to reconcile the State.
25. Estimate Harun al-Rashid as the greatest Abbasid caliph.
26. Throw light upon the hostility of the caliph Al-Amin towards his brother Al-Ma'mun and his attempts to crush the internal rebellions.

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7. Discuss the contributions of the caliph Al-Ma'mun to the development of sciences.
8. Discuss the internal reforms of the caliph al-Mutawakkil.
9. Discuss the development of geography during the Abbasid period.
10. Describe briefly the development of medicine during the Abbasid period.

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