

**TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2021
held in March, 2022**

ARABIC

(5th Semester)

Course No. : ARBDSE-501T

(History of Arabic Literature—I)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

SECTION—A

Answer the following questions (any *twenty*) : $1 \times 20 = 20$

1. What is the oldest and simplest poetic metre?
2. What is the English meaning of the Arabic term حماسة?
3. Who did compile the book كتاب الأغاني?

4. Who was the most famous poetess of the pre-Islamic period?
5. Name two prominent narrators of pre-Islamic poetry.
6. Who did first introduce the term مواصلة to indicate specific poems?
7. Who is generally regarded as the best Mu'allaqah poet?
8. Which Mu'allaqah poet had become the chief of his tribe at the small age of fifteen?
9. What does the term *Imru al-Qais* mean?
10. Name the two sons of Zuhair bin Abi Sulma who were also poets.
11. What is the *Quran*?
12. What is the beginning year of the revelation of the Quranic verses unto Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?

13. What does the word سورة mean?
14. Write the meaning of the beginning verse of Surah Fatihah.
15. Mention two other names of the *Quran*.
16. What was Prophet's view on poetry?
17. Who were the chief patrons of Hassan bin Thabit in pre-Islamic period?
18. What does the word 'al-Khansa' mean?
19. How many verses did Hassan bin Thabit compose?
20. Who did write the ode 'Banat Suad'?
21. Name the three new branches of poetry originated during the Umayyad period.
22. What was the real name of Farazdaq?
23. Who was the pioneer of the lover poets?

24. What does the word 'Akhtal' mean?

25. What was Farazdaq's title?

SECTION—B

Answer the following questions (any five) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

26. Mention some of the major sources of the pre-Islamic poetry.

27. What was the main function of the pre-Islamic poets?

28. Why is Imru' al-Qais called 'Dhu al-Quruh'?

29. Why has Zuhair praised Harith bin Awf and Harim bin Sinan in his Mu'allaqah?

30. Mention two chief features of Meccan Surahs.

31. What led 'Umar to suggest Abu Bakr for taking necessary measures to compile the *Quran*?

32. Which poets are called Mukhadram poets?
33. Why was Hassan bin Thabit called 'Sha'ir al-Rasul'?
34. Write few lines about Farazdaq's character.
35. What are the two main categories of Umar bin Abi Rabi'ah's poetry?

SECTION—C

Answer the following questions (any *five*): $8 \times 5 = 40$

36. Discuss the characteristics of pre-Islamic poetry.
37. What are the main themes of pre-Islamic poetry? Write in detail.
38. Write your acquaintance with the life and poetry of Zuhair bin Abi Sulma.

39. Give reasons for the greatness of Imru'al-Qais as a poet.
40. Discuss how the scattered Quranic verses were collected and compiled in a book form.
41. Describe the impact of the *Quran* on Arabic language and literature.
42. Present a brief introduction of Hassan bin Thabit and his poetry.
43. Give a brief account of Ka'b bin Zuhair and his poetry.
44. Write a short essay on the growth and development of naqa'id poetry.
45. Write a biographical note on Jarir highlighting the chief features of his poetry.

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