

PG Entrance Test Syllabus-2026
1-Year M.A. Islamic Studies

Note: The syllabus prescribed for the PG Entrance Test (1-Year M. A. Islamic Studies) has been divided into sixteen units. Each unit carries a weight-age of five marks.

Unit I

- 1) Religious Beliefs and Practices of *Jahiliyyah* Arabia
- 2) Early Life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
- 3) The *Sirah* of Prophet ﷺ: *Da'wah, Hijrah, Pact of Hudaibiyyah and Ghuzwat*
- 4) The Institution of *Khilafah*
- 5) Consolidation of the State and Administration under *Khulfa-e-Rashidun*

Unit II

- 1) Contribution of Prominent Umayyad Caliphs: Muawiyah, Walid-I and Umar bin Abd al-Aziz
- 2) Administration of the Umayyads: Central and Judiciary
- 3) The Golden Age of the Abbasids: Al-Mansur and Al-Mamun
- 4) *Bayt al-Hikmah* and the Translation Movement
- 5) Intellectual Contribution to the Development of Science and Medicine during Abbasids Caliphate

Unit III

- 1) Socio-Political Conditions of Spain on the eve of Muslim Rule
- 2) Establishment of Muslim Rule in Spain
- 3) Contribution of Abd al-Rahman-I and Abd al-Rahman-III
- 4) Intellectual Development in Muslim Spain: Astronomy and History
- 5) Contribution to the Development of Arts and Literature in Muslim Spain

Unit IV

- 1) Compilation of the Holy Qur'an (*Jama wa Tadwin*)
- 2) *Uulum al-Qur'an* : a) *Muhkamat and Mutashabihat* b) *Nasikh and Mansukh*
- 3) *Tafsir*: Meaning, its Principles and Early Development
- 4) *Hadith*: Definition, Compilation, Types and Place in Islam
- 5) *Uulum al-Hadith*: *Asma al-Rijal, Jarah wa Ta'dil*

Unit V

- 1) Meaning and Importance of *Fiqh*
- 2) Sources of *Fiqh*
- 3) Early Development of *Fiqh*
- 4) Prominent Schools of *Fiqh*: Hanafi, Maliki, Shaafi'ee, Hanbali and Ja'afri
- 5) *Maqasid al-Shari'ah*: Meaning and Scope

Unit VI

- 1) *Ilm al-Kalam*: Meaning and Definition
- 2) Reconciliation of Reason and Revelation
- 3) Important Schools of 'Ilm al-Kalam-I: *Jabariyyah* and *Qadariyyah*
- 4) Important Schools of 'Ilm al-Kalam-II: *Muatazilah* and *Ashariyyah*
- 5) Contribution of Some Prominent Philosophers: Al-Kindi and Al-Ghazzali

Unit VII

- 1) *Tasawwuf*: Origin and Development
- 2) Sufis of Early Period (Life and Doctrines): Hasan al-Basri, Junaid al-Baghdadi and Rabia al-Basri
- 3) Sufis of Later Period (Life and Contribution): Abd al-Qadir Jilani, Muin al-Din Chishti
- 4) Prominent Sufi Orders (*Silsila*)
- 5) Relevance of *Tasawwuf* in the Contemporary Times

Unit VIII

- 1) Socio-Political Conditions of Kashmir during 12th -14th Centuries
- 2) Advent of Islam in Kashmir
- 3) Establishment of Muslim Sultanate in Kashmir (1339-1470 C.E.)
- 4) Development of Arts, Education and Literature during the Sultanate Period (1339-1586 C.E.)
- 5) Influence of Central Asia and Iran on Kashmiri Society (1339-1586 C.E.)

Unit IX

- 1) Sayyid Abd al-Rahman Bulbul Shah: Life and Contribution
- 2) Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani: Life and Role
- 3) Shaykh Nur al-Din Rishi: Life and Teachings
- 4) Shaykh Hamzah Makhsum: Life and Role
- 5) Shaykh Yaqub Sarfi: Life and Works

Unit X

- 1) Shah Waliullah Dehlawi: Religio-Political Thought
- 2) Syed Nazeer Hussain Dehlawi: Life and Works
- 3) Ahmad Raza Khan: Life and Works
- 4) Ashraf Ali Thanwi: Life and Works
- 5) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and Aligarh Movement

Unit XI

- 1) Political Teachings in the Qur'an
- 2) Medieval Islamic Political Thinkers: Al-Farabi and Al-Mawardi
- 3) Essential Principles of Economy in Islam
- 4) Interest-Free Banking in Islam
- 5) Early Muslim Historians: Ibn Ishaq and al-Tabari

Unit XII

- 1) Islamic *Da'wah*: Aims and Objectives
- 2) Prominent *Da'wah* Organizations in India
- 3) Ethics of Disagreement in Islam
- 4) Human Rights in Islamic Context: *Huqooq Allah, Huqooq al-Nafs and Huqooq al-Ibad*
- 5) Bioethics, Environmental Ethics in Islamic Context

Unit XIII

- 1) Establishment of the Delhi Sultanate
- 2) Society, Administration and Religious Policy of the Delhi Sultanate
- 3) Establishment of the Mughal Empire
- 4) Society, Administration and Religious Policy of the Mughal Empire
- 5) Muslim Response to the British Imperialism: Hyder Ali, Tipu Sultan and Revolt of 1857

Unit XIV

- 1) Fatimids: Intellectual Contribution
- 2) Saljuqs: Educational Contribution and *Nizamiyyah Madrasah*
- 3) Ayyubids: Role of Salah ud Din Ayyubi
- 4) Contribution and Achievements of Prominent Ottoman Sultans: Muhammad al-Fateh, Sulaiman al-Qanuni
- 5) Decline and Abolition of the Ottoman Caliphate

Unit XV

- 1) Research in Islamic Studies (Religious Sciences and Social Sciences)
- 2) Islamic Studies and its Relationship with other Social Sciences
- 3) Methods of Data Collection
- 4) Issues of Plagiarism and Copyrights in Research: Ethico-Legal Perspective
- 5) Fair-Dealing and Copyright in Research

Unit XVI

- 1) Description of Women's Rights in Islam
- 2) Achievements of Muslim Women in Scholarly Fields
- 3) Muslim Response to Feminism: Zainab Alwani and Zeenat Kausar
- 4) Educational Issues: Rate of Female Literacy in the Muslim World
- 5) Economical Issues: Inheritance, Dower and Dowry