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Paper: ARA-2026

(Political History of the Arabs : Abbasid period)

Full Marks: 80

Time: Three hours

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

Answer either in English or in Arabic.

Answer all questions.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer the following questions: (any ten) $1 \times 10=10$

- (a) How many caliphs were there in Abbasid dynasty?
- (b) Who was the chief justice in the court of Harun al-Rashid?

- (c) Who was Tahir Khorasani?
- (d) Name the city where caliph Ameen Rashid used to reside.
- (e) Poet Abu Nuwas was the court poet of which caliph?
- (f) Whom did caliph Mamun Al Rashid declare as his successor?
- (g) Name the caliph who died while he was in *Ehram* (Special dress for Hajj)
- (h) Who was known as 'Philosopher of Arab'?
- (i) Who was Abu Muslim Khurasani?
- (j) Who is known as the best ruler in Abbasid Dynasty?
- (k) When did Harun al-Rashid ascend the throne?
- (1) Who was Zubaidah?
- 2. Answer **any five** of the following questions: 10×5=50

أجبعن أي خمسة من الأسئلة الآتية:

(a) Discuss the achievements of Abul Abbas as-Saffah.

- (b) What were the general characteristics of the Abbasid dynasty?
- (c) Discuss the causes of the downfall of the Abbasid caliphate.
- (d) Discuss the causes and consequences of the civil war between Amin and Mamun.
- (e) Discuss the achievements of the military forces during the Abbasid era.
- (f) Discuss the character and achievements of Caliph Harun al-Rashid.
- (g) Discuss the rise and fall of the Barmakids.
- (h) Show your acquaintance with the scientific and literary development during the Abbasids.
- 3. Write short notes on **any four** of the following: 5×4=20

أكتب ملاحظة قصيرة على أي أربعة من الآتية:

- (a) Abu Jafar Abdallah ibn Muhammad al-Mansur
- (b) The Alavis

- (c) Baghdad as the capital of the Abbasids
- (d) Kharijites
- (e) Naval forces of the Abbasids
- (f) Khulafa-e-Rasheedeen