

**REVISED SYLLABI FOR
CSS COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, CE-2016
FPSC, F-5/1, AGA KHAN ROAD, ISLAMABAD
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ISLAMIC STUDIES (100 Marks)

I. Introduction to Islam.

- Concept of Islam
- Importance of Din in Human Life
- Difference between Din and Religion
- Distinctive Aspects of Islam
- Islamic Beliefs & its Impact on Individual & Society
- Fundamental of Islam Islamic Worships:
 - Spiritual
 - Moral
 - Social Impact

II. Study of Sirah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as Role Model for:-

- Individual
- Diplomat
- Educator
- Military Strategist
- Peace Maker

III. Human Rights & Status of Woman in Islam

- Human Rights
- Status of Woman in Islam
- Dignity of Men and Women

IV. Islamic Civilization and Culture

- Meanings and the Vital Elements
- Role of Civilization in Development of Human Personality Community
- Characteristics of Islamic Civilization

- Tawhid
- Self-purification Dignity of Man
- Equality
- Social Justice
- Moral Values
- Tolerance
- Rule of Law

V. Islam and the World

- Impact of Islamic Civilization on the West and Vice Versa
- The Role of Islam in the Modern World
- Muslim World and the Contemporary Challenges
- Rise of Extremism

VI. Public Administration and Governance in Islam

- Concept of Public Administration in Islam
- Quranic Guidance on Good Governance
- Concept of Governance and its Applications in the light of Qur'an, Sunnah and Fiqh
- Governance Structure in Islam
 - Shura
 - Legislation
 - Sources of Islamic Law
- Governance under Pious Khilafat Particular letters of Hazrat Umar (R.A) and Hazrat Ali (R.A) to different Authority
- Responsibilities of Civil Servants System of Accountability (hisbah) in Islam

VII. Islamic Code of Life

- Salient Features of Islamic System
- Social System, Political System
- Economic System, Judicial System
- Administrative System
- Procedure of Ijma and Ijtihad

REQUIRED READINGS

1. Introduction to Islam **BY** Dr. Hamidullah
2. Islam: its meaning and Message **BY** Khurshid Ahmad
3. Islam: The Misunderstood Religion **BY** Muhammad Qutub
4. Islam at the Cross-roads **BY** Muhammad Asad
5. Islam and the Economic Challenge **BY** Umer Chapra
6. A brief Survey of Muslim Science and Culture **BY** M. Abdur Rahman
7. Administrative Development an Islamic Perspective **BY** Muhammad Al-Buraey
8. Quranic Sciences **BY** Afzalur Rahman
9. Islamization of Pakistan **BY** Zafar Iqbal
10. Islamic Law and Constitution **BY** Abul A' la Mawdudi,
11. Insan e Kamil **BY** Dr Khalid Alvi
12. Islami Tehzeeb Kay Chund Darakhshan Pehloo **BY** Mustafa Sabali
13. Islam Aur Tahzeeb -e -Maghrib Ki Kash Makash **BY** Dr Muhammad Ameen,
14. Aurat Maghrib aur Islam **BY** Serwat Jamal Asmai
15. Seerat-un-Nabi Vol. I **BY** Shibli Nu'mani
16. Islam and Secular Mind Edited **BY** Tarik Jan
17. Khilafat-o-Malookiat **BY** Abul A' la Mawdudi,

RECOMMENDED READING

18. Towards Understanding Islam **BY** Abul A' la Mawdudi,
19. Ideals and Realities in Islam **BY** Hussain Nasr,
20. Administrative Development; an Islamic Perspective, KP.L. London **BY** Alburay Muhammad A.
21. Arab Administration **BY** Hussain Shah
22. The Islamic Republic : Politics, Law and Economy **BY** Hassan Dr. S. Farooq
23. Studies in Muslim Political Thoughts and Administration **BY** Sherwani, H.K.S.
24. Reconstruction of Religious Thoughts in Islam **BY** Allama Iqbal
25. Islamic Political System in the Modern age: Theory and Practice **BY** Manzooruddin Ahmad
26. Sovereignty-Modern and Islamic: **BY** Ilayas Ahmad

27. Islam in Transition: Muslim Perspectives **BY** Donohue J, John A. and Esposito L. John (eds)
28. Islam Aik Nazar Main **BY** Sadrudin Islahi
29. Islami Nazria e Hayat **BY** Khurshid Ahmad
30. Islami Nizam e Zindgi aur us kay Bunyadi Tassworat **BY** Abul Aala Maudoodi
31. Jadah o Manzil **BY** Seyyed Qutb
32. Islam ka Nizam e Hakoomat **BY** Maulana Hamid ul Ansari
33. Islami Nizam **BY** Dr Yousof al-Qardawi,
34. Bonyadi Haqooq **BY** Muhammad Salahuddin
35. Islam Ka Muashi Nizam **BY** Justice Taqi Usamani,
36. Tahzeeb o Tamaddon e Islami **BY** Rasheed Akhter Nadvi
37. First Principle of Islamic Economics **BY** Abul A' la Mawdudi
38. Islamic Civilization Foundations Belief & Principles **BY** Abul A' la Mawdudi
39. Worship in Islam **BY** Abul A' la Mawdudi
40. Let us be Muslims **BY** Khurram Murad
41. Women and Social Justice; an Islamic Paradigm **BY** Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmad



COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MAJOR RELIGIONS (100 Marks)

(Alternative Paper in Lieu of the Compulsory Islamic Studies)

I. Introduction

- Definition(s) of religion
- Emergence of the study of religion as a discipline
- Theological and academic study of religion
- An overview of religious landscape of the World

II. Hinduism

- Historical Background Indus valley civilization
 - Aryan invasion theory
 - Vedic Dharma
 - Brahmanism
- Scriptures
 - Sruti
 - Vedas
 - Upanishads
 - Smirti
 - Manu Smirti
 - Sutras
 - Puranas
 - Great epics
 - Ramayana
 - Mahabharata
- Hindu Doctrines
 - Dharma

- Vedanta
- Karma
- Transmigration of Souls
- Moksha (Liberation)
- Ways to Liberation
 - Karma marga (Works/Rituals)
 - Jnana marga (Wisdom)
 - Bhakti marga (Devotion)
- Hindu gods
 - Brahma
 - Vishnu
 - Shiva
 - Trimurti
 - other gods and divinities
- Major Hindu Sects
 - Vaishnavism (Manifestation avatars)
 - Saivism (Supreme God & Phallic worship)
 - Saktism (Goddess worship)
- Hindu society
 - Caste System
 - Ashramas (Stages of life)
- Hinduism in the Modern World
 - 19th century reform and revival movements
 - Contemporary Hindu Tendencies and movements

III. Buddhism

- Historical Background
 - Life of Gautama Buddha
 - Formation and spread of Buddhism
 - Rivalry between Brahmanism and Buddhism
- Scriptures
 - Tripitaka
 - Sutta Pitaka
 - Vinaya Pitaka
 - Abhidhamma Pitaka

- Teachings and Doctrines
 - Three Jewels of Buddhism
 - Buddha
 - Dhamma
 - Sangha
 - The four noble truths
 - Eightfold Path
- Buddhist Sects
 - Theravadas (Hinayana)
 - Mahayana
 - Other schools and sects
- Buddhism in the Modern world

IV. Judaism

- A brief history of Jews and Judaism
 - From Abraham to Moses
 - Peace be upon them all
 - From Moses to establishment of Jewish rule
 - Destruction of Jerusalem and dispersion of Jews in the world
- Jewish Scriptures
 - Tanakh
 - The Torah
 - The Prophets
 - The Writings
 - Mishnah and Talmud
- Articles of faith and basic teachings
 - Ten Commandments
 - The thirteen principles of faith propounded by Moses Maimonides (1138-1204)
- Jewish holidays and festivals
 - Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement)
 - Pesach (Passover), Sukkot (Tabernacles) Purim
- Jewish Worship
 - Daily prayer

- Fasting
 - Sabbath
- Jewish sects and movements
 - Orthodox Judaism
 - Conservative Judaism
 - Reform Judaism
 - Zionism
 - Kabbalah
 - Hasidism

V. Christianity

- Historical background:
 - Jewish background of Christianity
 - Life and of Jesus Christ (Through the Four Gospels)
 - Life and the role of Paul (Through the Letters of Paul)
 - Formation and spread of the Christian Church
 - Christianization of the Roman Empire
 - Reform movement
- Scriptures
 - The Holy Bible (Old Testament and New Testament)
- Basic Doctrines
 - Original Sin
 - Incarnation of God
 - Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - Atonement
 - Trinity
- Christian Sects
 - Catholicism
 - Eastern Orthodoxy
 - Protestantism
 - Sub-denominations
 - Lutherans
 - Reformed and Presbyterians
 - Anglicans
 - Baptists

- Methodists
 - Unitarians
- Christian Festivals and Holidays
 - Advent
 - Christmas
 - Easter
 - Pentecost
 - Christian worship and Sacraments
 - Baptism
 - Eucharist, Communion
 - Lord's Supper
 - Prayer
 - Fasting
 - Psalms
 - Music
- Christianity in the Modern Times
 - Encounter with modernity
 - Modern theological trends
 - Missionary movement
 - Dialogue and relationship with other religions

VI. Islam

- Introduction and Historical Background
 - Islamic concept of religion
 - Universality of religion and diversity of shariah
 - Sirah (Life) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH
 - The era of rightly guided caliphs of Islam
- Scriptures
 - The Holy Quran
 - Hadith
- Basic Doctrines and Creed
 - Tawhid (Oneness of God)
 - Risalah (Belief in Prophets and finality of the prophet-hood with the Prophet Muhammad)
 - Akhirah (Belief in Hereafter and the final reckoning by Allah the Almighty)

- Belief in angels
- Previous scriptures
- Predestination and human responsibility before God
- Infallibility of the Quran
- Five Pillars of Islam
 - Utterance of Shahadatayn (To proclaim the Oneness of Allah and that Prophet Muhammad is his messenger)
 - Salah (five daily prayers)
 - Zakah (compulsory charity)
 - Sawm (fasting in the month of Ramadan) and Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah who can afford travelling to it)
- Other Teachings of Islam
 - Equality of mankind
 - Simplicity
 - Spiritual purity and bodily hygiene
 - Patience
 - Contentment
 - Moderation
 - Social justice
 - Jihad
 - Tolerance towards other religions
 - Sects and Schools Sunnis (mainstream Muslims)
 - Shi'ahs (Special devotion for Hazrat Ali and Family of the Prophet)
 - Khawarij (literalists)
 - Mu'tazilah (rationalists)
- Contemporary Islamic movements and tendencies
 - Iqwan al Muslimun (Muslim Brotherhood)
 - Jama'at-i-Islami
 - Tablighi Jama'at
 - Salafi movement
 - Fethullah Gulen movement in Turkey
 - Iranian revolution
 - Extremist groups

SUGGESTED READINGS

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2. The Penguin Hand Book of World's Living Religions, 2010. **BY** John R. Hinnells (ed.)
3. Dunya Kay Baray Mazahib (Major Religions of the World) **BY** Imadul Hasan Azad Faruqi
4. Hinduism: A Short Introduction, 2006. **BY** Klaus K. Klostermaier
5. Exploring Buddhism, , 2012. **BY** Christmas Humphreys
6. Judaism: A Short Introduction, 1999. **BY** Lavinia and Dan CohnSherbok
7. Christianity: An Introduction, 2006. **BY** Alister E. McGrath
8. The Messenger: The Meanings of the Life of Muhammad, 2008 **BY** Tariq Ramadan
9. Ideals and Realities of Islam, 1993. **BY** Seyyed Hossein Nasr
10. Towards Understanding Islam, 1992. **BY** Syed Abul 'Ala Maududi

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