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Second Semester FYUGP Islamic History Examination
APRIL 2025 (2024 Admission onwards)
KU2DSCISH103 (ANCIENT ARABIA AND THE ARABS)
(DATE OF EXAM: 30-4-2025)

Time : 120 min

Maximum Marks : 70

Part A (Answer any 6 questions. Each carries 3 marks)

1. What was the primary language of the Aramaeans? 3
2. What is the dominant geographical feature of the Arabian Peninsula? 3
3. What led to the decline of the Himyarite Kingdom? 3
4. What was the role of the Sabaeans in South Arabian history? 3
5. How did the rise of Islam impact South Arabia? 3
6. Who were the Sabaeans? 3
7. What were the Minaeans known for? 3
8. What was the relationship between the Abyssinians and the Himyarites? 3

Part B (Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 6 marks)

9. What are the key geographical features of the Arabian Peninsula? 6
10. Which foreign civilizations had contact with South Arabia during the Iron Age? 6
11. Which South Arabian kingdom expanded its power during this period? 6
12. How did the Minaeans differ from the Sabaeans in trade practices? 6
13. What was the purpose of the Marib Dam? 6
14. How did the Marib Dam contribute to the prosperity of South Arabian states? 6

Part C (Answer any 2 question(s). Each carries 14 marks)

15. Describe the major developments in North and Central Arabia during the Iron Age. 14
16. Explain the influence of the Greco-Roman period on North and Central Arabia. 14
17. How did Greek and Roman influences shape the history of East Arabia from 330 BCE to 240 CE? 14