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ARABIC  
( Major )

Paper : 5.5

[ **Literary History of the Arabs (Umayyads,  
Abbasids) and Semitic Language** ]

*Full Marks : 60*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

*Answer either in English or in Assamese*

PART—A

(Marks : 45)

UNIT—I

1. Describe the growth and development of Ghazal form of poetry during the Umayyad period.

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Or

Give a short account of Al-Akhtal and determine his position among the trio-poets.

2. Discuss the development of Arabic prose under the Umayyads. 9

UNIT—II

3. Discuss the chief characteristics of Arabic poetry flourished during the reign of the Abbasids. 9

Or

Why is Abbasid period called 'the Golden Age' in Arabic literature? Discuss.

4. Give a short account of Abu Nuwas and discuss the theme of his poetry. 9
5. Write short notes on the following in Arabic :

4½×2=9

كتاب البيان و التبيين (a)

كتاب الأغاني (b)

PART—B

(Marks : 15)

UNIT—III

6. Write in detail about the significant similarities of Arabic with that of Hebrew language. 7½

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Or

“The language of the Arabs has preserved many of the peculiarities of the mother Semitic tongue.” Discuss.

7. Enumerate the languages that fall under the Semitic group, and write a note on Assyrian language.

7½

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