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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 **all** questions

Answer *either* in English *or* in Assamese

PART—A

(Marks : 45)

UNIT—I

1. Discuss the salient features of Arabic prose during the Umayyad period. 9

Or

Who is Umar bin Abi Rabiah? Discuss his life and poetry in your own words.

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2. Who is Al-Farazdaq? Shed light on his life and poetry determining his position among the 'trio-poets' of the Umayyad period. 9

UNIT—II

3. Describe the development of Arabic poetry during the Abbasid period. 9

Or

Why is Abu Nuwas called شاعر الخمریات or 'poet of wine'? Discuss his life and poetry in detail. *

4. Discuss the development of Arabic grammar during the Abbasid period. 9

5. Write short notes on any two of the following in Arabic : $4\frac{1}{2}\times 2=9$

ديوان الحماسة (a)

كتاب الحيوان (b)

كتاب الأغاني (c)

(3)

PART—B
(Marks : 15)

UNIT—III

6. Who are the Semites? Describe the chief characteristics of the Semitic languages. 7

Or

Name the living Semitic languages of today's world. Determine the position of Arabic language among the Semitic languages.

7. Write short notes on any two of the following : $4\times 2=8$
- (a) Hebrew
(b) Babylonian
(c) Assyrian
