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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 215: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION AND RELIGION

DATE: Monday 4th April 2016

TIME: 8.00a.m -10.00a.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Three questions, at least one from each section.

SECTION I:

1. EITHER

- a) "Post-Hijra period was important in laying the foundation of Islamic civilization". Discuss.

OR

- b) Explain how the question of caliphate became a problem in Islam after the death of Muhammad and show how it was solved.

2. Evaluate the achievements of the Orthodox Caliphs.

3. Account for the decline of the Umayyad Dynasty.

SECTION II:

4. EITHER

- a) Describe the causes of sectarianism in Islam.

OR

- b) Outline the main Shia sects in Islam and explain their distinguishing features.

5. Discuss the nature of Islamic administration under Abbasid dynasty.

6) Explain the significance of various institutions that were useful in the development of Islamic education.