Department of Arabic

The syllabus of B.A. in Arabic contains 8 papers in Hon's and 4 papers in General under 1+1+1 system of University of Calcutta, in CBCS, the syllabus has 14 core courses (CC), 4 Discipline specific Elective course (DSE) and 2 Skill enhancement Elective Course (SEC) in Hon's, while the B.A. General has 4 core / Generic Elective courses (CC/GE), 4 Discipline specific Elective course (DSE), 4 Skill enhancement Elective Courses (SEC). The syllabus covers 9 broad topics and area of studies.

1. <u>History of Arabic Literature: (pre-Islamic to Modern Period including Arabic literature in Spain,</u> <u>America, and India)</u>

Courses: ARBA:CC1, ARBG:GE/CC1, ARBA: CC3, ARBA:Paper-4, ARBA: CC6, ARBA: CC7, ARBA: CC9, ARBA: CC10

- Understand the literary history of the Arabs of the Pre-Islamic period.
- Analyze the characteristics of pre-Islamic poetry.
- Evaluate the development of Arabic Literature during Islamic period.
- Analyze the literary value of the Holy Qur'an and the Noble Hadith.
- Understand the ornate prose and the poetical feature of the Abbasid period.
- Understand the history of Arabic literature in Spain.

- Understand and evaluate the juxtaposition of Spanish folk literature with Arabic literature.
- Understand the contribution of Arab Muslim and Arab Christian writers in North and South America.
- Understand the origin and development of Arabic language in India.
- Understand the role played by different institutions in the promotion of Arabic language in India.
- Evaluate the contributions of Indian scholars and poets to the promotion of Arabic language in India.
- Understand the literary scholars since the pre-Islamic period up to modern period etc. in Arab peninsula, Africa, America, and India.
- Analyze the important literary works of Indian Arabic writers for their structure, style and meaning.
- Understand the communication of ideas related to Indian Arabic literature during class and group activities.
- Understand the Renaissance of Modern Arabic Literature.
- Analyze the development of Arabic Literature during the Modern period.
- Analyze the Growth and Development of different genre i.e. Arabic Poetry, Maqamat, Short Story, Drama & Novel etc.

2. History of Islam (570 AD-1258AD)

Courses: ARBA: Paper-7, ARBA: DSE-A1

- Understand the political history of the Arabs.
- Remember the history of the Prophet (pbuh) and his migration from Mecca to Medina with special reference to its consequences.

- Analyze the consequences of important events and battles i.e. the constitution of Madina, the Battle of Badar and the Treaty of Hudaybiyah etc.
- Evaluate the moral ethics found from the Farewell Sermon of the Prophet (pbuh).
- Understand the politics of the Four Rightly Guided Caliphs as they played administrative roles.
- Analyze few of the most moving events during righteous caliphate i.e. martyrdom of Usman, Battle of Camel, Battle of Siffin that greatly affected the change of caliphate.
- Analyze the history how Muawiyah bin Abi Sufian executed administration.
- Understand the political history of the Arabs from the Umayyads to the Abbasids.
- Remember the rules and achievements of few caliphs of Umayyad period.
- Evaluate the administration and achievements of Abu Zafar al-Mansur, Harun al-Rashid and Mamun al-Rashid of the Abbasid period and their contribution to the development of knowledge with special reference to Baitul Hikmah.

3. History of Modern Arab World

Courses: ARBA: Paper-8, ARBG: Paper: 4, ARBG: DSEA1, ARBG: DSEA2, ARBA: DSE-A2

- Understand the contemporary Arab World.
- Analyze the political and socio-economic conditions of Middle-Eastern countries.
- Understand the diplomatic relations of India and the countries of Middle East.
- Aware of the political history of those countries.
- Evaluate the position and works of prominent political figures.

- Analyze the reasons and consequences of political conflicts.
- Analyze the causes of human right violation and its solution.
- Find scope to go there for academic or commercial purpose.

4. Arabic Prose (pre-islamic to Modern)

<u>Courses:</u> ARBA:CC2, ARBA: CC4, ARBA: Paper-2, ARBA: Paper-6, ARBG: GE/CC3, ARBG: GE/CC4, ARBA: CC11, ARBA: CC13

- Understand the styles of Classical Arabic Prose between Islamic and medieval period.
- Understand the styles of Arabic Prose in modern period and the exchange of literary ideas with French and English literature.
- Understand the styles of Arabic Prose in Mahjar.
- Evaluate the styles and new ideas of modern Arabic Prose.
- Analyze the life sketches and works of different writers and poets.
- Evaluate the information found in the contents of classical Arabic text.
- Apply the different words in simple expression of Arabic language.
- Understand reading and writing of the Arabic text.
- Apply the vocabulary that found in the texts of Arabic prose.
- Analyze the work culture and the consequences found in the texts.
- Evaluate the moral ethics incorporated in the prose genres of some distinguished writers.

- Apply the mode of expression of Arabic dialogue.
- Practice comparative literature.
- Study global figures of Arabic literature. i.e. Najib Mahfuz, Jibran K. Jibran, Yusuf Idris and other world fame and prolific writers

5. Arabic Poetry (pre-islamic to Modern)

<u>Courses:</u> ARBG-Paper-3, ARBA:Paper-3, ARBA:Paper-5, ARBA: CC5, ARBA-CC8, ARBA-CC12, ARBA: CC14

- Understand the styles of Classical Arabic Poetry.
- Understand and realize the love of mother-land, independence, society, heritage portrayed in the poetry.
- Analyze the work culture and the consequences found in the quick verdicts.
- Evaluate the moral ethics incorporated in the poetry genres of some distinguished poets.
- Apply the mode of expression of Arabic dialogue.
- Understand the styles of Arabic Poetry in Spain with special reference to Muwasshah and Jazal.
- Analyze the life sketches and works of different poets.
- Understand reading and writing of the classical Arabic text.
- Apply the vocabulary that found in the texts of Arabic poetry.
- Understand the use of prosody in poetry.
- Apply and identify prosody they learnt in poems.

- Remember the Arabic vocabularies used in the present-day world.
- Analyze sentence formation.
- Evaluate the moral ethics incorporated in the couplets of poets.

6. Grammar and Translation

<u>Courses:</u> ARBA: CC1, ARBA: CC3, ARBA: CC6, ARBA: CC9, ARBA: DSE-B1, ARBG: GE/CC1, ARBG: GE/CC2, ARBA: CC14

- Remember verbal conjugation of the different moods.
- Apply them in their writings and conversation.
- Understand the elementary Arabic grammar (morphology and syntax).
- Create simple nominal sentences with different kinds of compound words.
- Understand the derivation system in the verb of perfect and imperfect tenses; and the moods of imperative, prohibitive verbs and active/passive participles.
- Remember the conjugation of verbs for all stems.
- Apply the nominative and verbal sentences in a simple manner as per knowledge of Arabic syntax.
- Create short and simple sentences in Arabic.
- Apply basic interrogative sentences in Arabic.
- Apply them in their writings and conversation as per their needs.
- Create different kinds of sentences.
- Read the text with proper vowel signs using the knowledge of morphology and syntax.

- Understand the formation of verbal conjugation.
- Understand the field of language and literature for creative expression.
- Create lucrative jobs in various fields of business, media, diplomacy, and academia

7. <u>SEC-Skill Enhancement Course (Translation, Composition, Letter writing, Essay writing, Modern vocabulary and terminology)</u>

Courses: SEC-A1, SEC-A2, SEC-B1, SEC-B2, DSE-A2, ARBA-Paper-8,

Outcomes:

- Understand the different structure of Arabic sentences.
- Understand the advanced grammatical points based on Morphology & Syntax.
- Understand the application writings, formal and informal letters including short essays on different topics.
- Understand mode of Arabic expression for greetings and introduction.
- Remember some vocabularies related to personal, professional, official, and academic life.
- Analyze the elementary knowledge of Arabic language for expressing simple sentences fluently.
- Understand journalistic translation and translate different journalistic texts.
- Remember political, scientific, and commercial terms and vocabularies and use them in translations and writings.

8. Rhetoric and Prosody

Courses: ARBA-Paper-7, ARBG-DSE-A1, ARBG-DSE-A2, ARBA-DSE-B2

Outcomes:

- Understand 'Ilm al-Ma'ânî (علم المعاني) i.e. all the internal position of language ideas and moods found in the Arabic language.
- Understand 'Ilm al-Bayân (علم البيان) i.e. all the exposure of language and kinds of expressions.
- Understand 'Ilmul Badee' (علم البديع) i.e. all the techniques of using words.
- Raise the standard of expression whether it is in writing or in speaking.
- Improve cognitive skill of using language.
- Evaluate the parameter used in poetry.
- Identify the techniques of prosody used in poetry
- Practice the scanning of Arabic poetry according to the traditional method involves the following steps: transcription, symbolization, and superimposing the *taf'īlāt* (feet) to identify the correct meter.

9. Philology

Courses: ARBA-Paper-7, ARBA-DSE-B2

- Understand the source of evolution and development of Arabic language, Semitic languages and their original home including their characteristics.
- Analyze the position of Arabic language in the World, and its characteristics as well.
- Comparative study of semitic languages.