

## English - FSC Part 2 English Chapter 10 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Who was Abd-al-Rahman ?Describe his physical appearance?

**Ans 1:** Abd-al-Rahman I was the grandson of the tenth caliph of Damascus, He was a tall, lean, red haired youth with sharp aquiline feature and extraordinary nerve and ability, It was he who established Muslim rule in Spain, he belonged to the Umayyad dynasty of Damascus.

Q2. How did Abd-al-Rahman deal with the governor appointed by the Abbasid caliph to contest his rule?

**Ans 1:** Abd-al-Rahman I killed the governor of Spain and sent his head preserved in salt and camphor wrapped in a black flag with his letter of appointment to the Abbasid caliph in Baghdad.

Q3. What high statue did the University of Cordova have and what was the literacy rate in Spain?

**Ans 1:** The University of Cordova was one of the three greatest universities of the world at that time. It had an amazing collection of about 400,000 books in its library. The literacy rate of Muslim Spain was very high and almost every person could read and write.

Q4. How did Abbasids behave with Umayyad family?

**Ans 1:** The Abbasids killed every member of the Umayyad family whom they could catch.

Q5. Give brief description of the royal palace, named "AL-Zahra".

**Ans 1:** Al-Zahra the royal palace has 400 rooms. There were seven hundred mosques and three hundred public bathrooms.

Q6. Why Cordova was called "The jewel of the world".

**Ans 1:** The fame of Cordova spread such an extent that it was called the jewel of the world. It had made so marvelous progress in every field of life. People from all over the world were attracted to it.

Q7. Briefly describe the mosque of Cordova.

**Ans 1:** Abdul Rehman I founded the great mosque of Cordova in 788, two years before his death. The present of the mosque is "Mezquita" which means the mosque. In 1236 it was transformed into a Christian church.

Q8. Who was Abd-al-Rahman escape and how did he live there?

**Ans 1:** After escaping assassination at the hands of the Abbasid soldiers at the bank of the Euphrates River, Abd-al-Rahman I

made his way to Spain ,fought his way to mastery and kept in power there the Umayyad dynasty which was wiped out in the East.

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Q9. When did the Abbasid caliph says on receiving the head of his governor?

**Ans 1:** When the caliph received the head of his governor he said,"Thanks be to Allah for having placed the sea between us and such a foe!"He meant that it was better that there was a great distance between him and Abdul Rehman.

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Q10. What did Al-hakim do in the field of education?

**Ans 1:** Al-Hakam,himself a great scholar ,patronized learning .He established many educational institutions including the University of Cordova through the country,He also invited scholars from other countries of Europe,

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