

English - ICOM Part 2 English chapter 10 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. 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,

Q2. 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.

Q3. What did Abdul Rahman do to make himself strong and beautify his capital?

Ans 1: To beautify his capital, he built an aqueduct for the supply of pure water. He erected a place and a garden with fruit trees outside Cordova. He got a grand mosque built and got a bridge constructed across the river.

Q4. 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 features and extraordinary nerve and ability. It was he who established Muslim rule in Spain; he belonged to the Umayyad dynasty of Damascus.

Q5. 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.

Q6. 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.

Q7. What did Al-Hakam do to promote learning and scholarship in his kingdom?

Ans 1: Al-Hakam was Abd-al-Rahman's successor and was probably the best scholar among the Muslim caliphs. He was generous to scholars and established 27 free schools. He enlarged the University of Cordova. He was a lover of books and has gathered 400,000 books.

Q8. How was the royal income spent in Muslim Spain?

Ans 1: One third of the royal income was spent on army ,one third on public workers while the rest was placed in reserve.

Q9. How did Abbasids behave with Umayyad family?

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