

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

Q1. How did Abbasids behave with Umayyad family?

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

Q2. Give brief description of the royal palace, named "AL-Zahra".

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

Q3. 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.

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

Q5. 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 christian church.

Q6. What did Al-Hakam do to promote learning and scholarship in his kingdom?

**Ans 1:** Al-Hakam was Abd-al-Rahman successor and was probably the best scholar among the muslim caliphs. He was generous to scholar and established 27 free schools. He enlarged the University of Cordova, He was a lover of books and has gathered 400000 books,

Q7. 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.

Q8. 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.

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Q9. 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 400000 of books in its library, The literacy rate of muslim spain was very high, alsmost every person could read and write.

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