

English - ICS Part 2 English Chapter 10 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. 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.

Q2. 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.

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. 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. How did 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.

Q7. How did Abbasids behave with Umayyad family?

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

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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Q10. 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 and alsmost every person could read and write.
