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Islam and the West
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Study Guide I

The following guide is provided to lead your study while preparing for the first test. Several questions will be formulated out of these items (i.e., the questions may not be exactly the same as the individual questions below) and given on February 17, 2017 (10:10-11:00) as test questions. You are expected to give complete answers to all questions. This exam carries 10 points.

1. Write a brief account of the life of the following: (two will be chosen).
 - a. The prophet of Islam
 - b. Abu Bakr
 - c. Umar
 - d. Uthman
 - e. Ali ibn Abi Talib
 - f. Mukhtar Thaqafi
 - g. Bilal
 - h. Ahmad Baba
 - i. Griot
2. Describe the *Qur'an* and its role in shaping the Islamic community.
3. Describe the types of prohibitions that were instituted under the Rashidun caliphs
4. Write an essay describing the differences between Hanafi and Hanbali schools.
5. Provide a brief history of Islam in: (one will be chosen)
 - a. The United States
 - b. Africa
 - c. France
 - d. Britain
 - e. Italy.
6. Describe *hadith*, explain its parts, and discuss its role in Islamic jurisprudence.
7. Describe the *Shari'a*, its components, and the functions of those components.
8. Describe the role of the Mu'tazila in shaping Islamic thought.
9. Compare the maqams in Sufism with the seven valleys of Attar.
10. Describe the following terms: *mi'raj*; *hijab*; *mut'a*; *khwarij*; *qiyas*; *ijma'*; *qibla*
11. Describe the differences between the Sunni and Shi'i sects of Islam.
12. What are some of the main features of Islam in Europe?