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Islam and the West
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Study Guide III

The following guide is provided to lead your study while preparing for the test. Several questions will be formulated out of these items (i.e., the questions may not be the same as the individual questions below) and given on **Saturday, May 13, 2017, 1:30-3:30 pm** as test questions. You are expected to give complete answers to all questions. **Some test questions may carry up to five points. Make sure you cover all aspects of individual questions.** Test III carries 15 points.

1. What is the Great Game? Describe the impact of the Great Game on the peoples of Central Asia, Iran, and Afghanistan.
2. How do you define radical Islam as opposed to mainstream Islam?
3. What factors convinced the Soviets in 1979 that they should occupy Afghanistan? Write an essay on the conflict between France and Algeria in the 1950s and 1960s.
4. Describe the D'Arcy Concession and explain its impact on Iranian society.
5. What role do the *imamate* and "intermediacy" play in the formation of Iran's Shi'ite identity?
6. Describe Afghan life under the Taliban.
7. What would the main features of a constitution for an Islamic caliphate consist of?
8. Describe the Muslim Brotherhood and explain the contributions of Hassan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb to it.
9. Describe the Soviets' treatment of the Muslims of Central Asia, with respect to the *Shari'a*, as well as the reaction of the Muslims of Central Asia to Soviet measures.
10. Describe the Soviets' relation with the Afghans prior to their invasion of Afghanistan and after their invasion of that country.
11. Describe the pros and cons of the one- and two-state solutions.
12. Describe the following: Wahhabism; *Jadidism*; Basmachi Movement; *Hizbollah*; *Salafism*; Islamism; ISIS; HAMAS; Arab Spring; Pan-Islamism.
13. Define the following: *bid'a*, Secularization; Westernization; modernization; Sovietization.
14. Identify and explain the root causes that compel people/communities to resort to terrorism.
15. Describe the activities of the al-Qaeda and the Taliban and indicate the similarities and differences between the two.
16. What are some of the common features among the Islamic political groups?
17. What are some of the factors that create division between Islam and the West?
18. Write an essay on the life of:
 - a. Jamal al-Din al-Afghani
 - b. Abu A'la al-Maududi
 - c. Mohamed Morsi
 - d. Fethullah Gulen