

## MEDIEVAL SOCIETIES

### PAPER-II

Max. Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

*Note: 10 questions shall be set in the paper spread over the entire syllabus more or less proportionately, out of which the candidates shall be required to attempt five questions selecting at least one question from each unit. All questions shall carry equal marks.*

#### Unit-I

Western World: 8th Century to Mid-15th Century:

- a. Transition from Ancient Society to Medieval Society.
- b. State and Church; Church and Society.
- c. Feudalism-Agrarian Structure and Relations.
- d. Trade and Commerce.
- e. Technology
- f. Religious and Cultural Development-Reformation and Renaissance.

#### Unit-II

- a. Rise of Islam; Socio-Political Background, Advent of Prophet Mohammed, Life and Teachings.
- b. Evolution of the Islamic State: From Medina to Caliphate to Empire.
- c. Society under the Islamic State.
- d. Economy under the Islamic State.
- e. The Arab Civilization-Intellectual and Cultural Contributions.

#### Unit-III

##### India

- a. Transition from Ancient to Medieval Society and Advent of Turks.
- b. Structure of State.
- c. Iqta, Mansab and Zamindari.
- d. Disintegration of the Mughal State.
- e. Religious Challenges: Bhakti Movement and Sufism.
- f. Technological Developments.
- g. Urbanisation.
- h. Structure of Society – Groups and Classes.