

**Second Semester FYUGP Degree (Reg) Examination April
2026**

**KU2DSCISH103 - ANCIENT ARABIA AND THE ARABS
2024 Admission onwards**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 3 marks.

1. Who were the Abyssinians, and what was their role in South Arabia?
2. Which ancient South Arabian state was known for its maritime trade?
3. What was the duration of the Greco-Roman period in South Arabia?
4. What was the role of the Aksumite Kingdom in South Arabia?
5. What was the Marib Dam, and why was it significant?
6. Which ancient group inhabited the region south of the Dead Sea?
7. What was the duration of the Greco-Roman period in East Arabia?
8. What was the primary occupation of ancient Arabs?

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. How did South Arabian civilizations sustain themselves economically during the Iron Age?
10. How did trade influence social structure in Arabia?
11. How did the Himyarite Kingdom rise to power?
12. How did the culture of ancient Arabs develop in different regions?
13. What role did East Arabian cities play in the Persian Gulf trade network during the Sasanian period?
14. How did Byzantine and Sasanian rivalry shape East Arabia?

Section C

Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Discuss the historical significance of the Tribes of Harra and Hisma.
16. Explain the influence of the Greco-Roman period on North and Central Arabia.
17. How did South Arabian states interact with external powers like Persia, Rome, and Byzantium?