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Preface

My “ O Level Notes on Islamiyat and Pakistan Studies “ are the result of my rich teaching experience, my constant interaction with the CIE and the results of my brilliant students many of whom managed to be enlisted among the HIGH ACHIEVERS/DISTINCTION HOLDERS in both the subjects. These notes will be updated every year in view of the changes in the style and content of the questions in the CIE examinations. Soon some sort of “ Practice Books” will also be published to make these subjects as interesting as possible.

Almost all the topics have been covered in Question-Answer format so that students may not only learn these answers but also feel their thinking skills stimulated that will induce curiosity and minimize the element of rote learning.

When students are capable of “making “new questions, I feel my mission accomplished.

Students as well as teachers should feel free in contacting me as and when required.

Wishing all my students best and praying for their excellent grades.

Good Luck

Dr. Iftikhar-ul - Haq

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Chapter 01

LAND OF PAKISTAN

a) Location of Pakistan

Candidates should be able to identify the following on a map:

- the Tropic of Cancer, latitudes 30°N, 36°N, longitudes 64°E, 70°E and 76°E the Arabian Sea
- the countries sharing a border with Pakistan, and Pakistan's position in relation to others in South and Central Asia.

b) Location of provinces and cities

Candidates should be able to identify the following on a map:

- the provinces, Northern Areas (Gilgit—Baltistan) and FATA
- named cities: Islamabad, Muree, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Sialkot, Peshawar, Chitral, Gilgit, Hyderabad, Karachi, Quetta and Gwadar.

c) The natural topography, including drainage

Candidates should be able to identify the following on a map:

- named landforms: Balochistan Plateau, Sulaiman Range, Safed Koh, Potwar Plateau, Salt Range, Hindu Kush, Karakoram and Himalaya mountain ranges
- named rivers: Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Sutlej, Kabul, Hab and Dasht
- named deserts: Thar, Thal and Kharan.

Candidates should be able to:

- use the appropriate vocabulary when describing the distinguishing features of mountains, plateaux, floodplains and deserts (*knowledge of the formation of the natural topography of Pakistan is not required*)
- identify and name the above features on a photograph or drawing
- understand the influence of the natural topography on human activities:
- steep slopes and flat land on the way that the land is used
- mountains and deserts on the road and rail networks.

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Location of Pakistan:

