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Question 1 Persian Literature

Mathnawi Hadiqat-ul-Haqiqat was composed by:

- A. Sanai Ghaznavi ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Farrukhi Sistani
- C. Amir Moezzi
- D. Abu Shakoor Balkhi

Note: Hadiqat-ul-Haqiqat (The Enclosed Garden of Truth) is the celebrated masnavi of

Ghaznavi, the first great Sufi poet of Persian literature.

Question 2 Persian Literature

Urfi Shirazi came to the sub-continent during the reign of:

- A. Khiljis
- B. Ghaznawids
- C. Mughals ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Lodhis

Note: Urfi Shirazi came to India during the Mughal period, in the reign of Akbar, and became a leading Persian poet at the Mughal court.

Question 3 Persian Literature

Diwan-e-Shams belongs to:

- A. Shams Tabrizi
- B. Rumi ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Anwari
- D. Sa'adi

Note: Diwan-e-Shams (also called Kulliyat-e-Shams) is the collection of Jalaluddin Rumi's lyrics, named after his spiritual friend Shams Tabrizi.

Question 4 Persian Literature

Mathnavi-e-Ma'navi belongs to:

- A. Rumi ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Amir Khusrow
- C. Hafiz
- D. Urfi

asnavi-e-Ma navi (Spiritual Couplets) is Rumi's six-volume masterpiece of Sufi poetry.

Question 5 Persian Literature

Who narrated Shahnameh even before Ferdowsi?

- A. Rudaki Samarqandi
- B. Daqiqi Tusi ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Masud Saad Salman
- D. Farrukhi Sistani

Note: Daqiqi Tusi began versifying the Shahnameh before Ferdowsi; after Daqiqi's death Ferdowsi took up the work and completed it.

Question 6 Persian Literature

Umar Khayyam belonged to:

- A. Samanaids Period
- B. Ghaznawids Period
- C. Saljuques Period ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Safvids Period

Note: Umar Khayyam (1048–1131) lived under the Seljuk (Saljuq) Empire, flourishing at the court of Malik Shah I.

Question 7 Persian Literature

Naziri Nishapuri came to the sub-continent during the reign of:

- A. Khiljis
- B. Ghazanwids
- C. Mughals ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Lodhis

Nishapuri came to India during the Mughal period and was attached to the court of Akbar and Jahangir.

Question 8 Persian Literature

The author of Boof-e-Koor is:

- A. Bedil
- B. Nizami Uroozi
- C. Nasir Khusrow
- D. Sadiq Hidayat ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Boof-e-Koor (The Blind Owl) is the famous novella of the modern Persian writer Sadiq Hidayat.

Question 9 Persian Literature

Allama Iqbal's first book of Persian poetry was named:

- A. Zaboor-e-Ajam
- B. Armaghan-e-Hijaz
- C. Asrar-e-Khudi ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Payam-e-Mashriq

Note: Asrar-e-Khudi (Secrets of the Self, 1915) was Iqbal's first Persian poetry collection; Zaboor-e-Ajam and Payam-e-Mashriq came later.

Question 10 Persian Literature

Lisan-ul-Ghaib was the title of:

- A. Sa'adi
- B. Rumi
- C. Hafiz ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Ghalib

Shirazi is known as Lisan-ul-Ghaib (Tongue of the Unseen), the title by which the great Persian lyric poet is remembered.

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