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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- **M.A. in Arabic (1969)**, University Oriental College, Punjab University, Lahore.
- **M.A. in Philosophy (1971)**, Government College, Lahore.
- **Diploma in Teaching Arabic to Non-Arabs (1979)**, University of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- **Ph.D. (1986) University of Glasgow**, U.K. under supervision of Dr. Hasan Bajudah of Umm al-Qura University, Makkah and Dr. J. N. Mattock of Glasgow.
- **Post - Doctoral Fellowship (1993-94)**, Worked as **Fulbright Fellow** in University of Colorado, Boulder and University of Arizona, Tuscon in U.S.A.
- **Best Teacher of the University of the Punjab**, Lahore for 2001 declared by the University Grants Commission, Govt. of Pakistan, Islamabad.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- **Meritorious Professor:** (B.S.22) The Selection Board and the Syndicate of the University of Punjab, Lahore in their meetings held on 31st Aug. and 13th Dec. 2004, respectively have recommended me for appointment in B.S.22.
- **Meritorious Professor:** (B.S.21) Punjab University, Lahore from 03-07-2002 to date.
- **Professor:** (B.S.20) Worked as Professor of Arabic in Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan and Punjab University, Lahore from 16-04-1992 to 02-07-2002.
- **Associate Prof :** (B.S.19) Islamia University, Bahawalpur and Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan from 18 Oct. 1986 to 15 April 1992.
- **Assistant Prof :** (B.S.18) Islamia University, Bahawalpur from 21 March 1982 to 17 Oct 1986.

- **Lecturer :** (B.S.17) Islamia University, Bahawalpur from 29 Feb. 1972 to 20 March 1982.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- **Dean of Faculty:** I was appointed as Dean by Governor Punjab in 1992 and 1996 in B.Z. University, Multan, and in 2001 and 2004 each time for a term of three years in Punjab University, Lahore.
- **Principal:** University Oriental College, Punjab University, Lahore (2000-2002).
- **Director/Chairman** in Islamia University Bahawalpur, B.Z. University Multan and University of the Punjab, Lahore (1986-2001).
- **Chairman, Department of Kashmiryat and Department of Hindi,** University of the Punjab Lahore from 2001 to date.
- **Chairman, Department of Urdu,** University of the Punjab, from 1st April 2005 to date.
- **Chairman Hall Council:** Worked as incharge of all hostels in B.Z.U. Multan during 1991-1995 and University of the Punjab, Lahore from Dec. 2000 to Oct. 2002.
- **President:** Faculties Sports Association, Islamia University, Bahawalpur.(1990)
- **Vice President:** Faculties Sports Association, B.Z. University, Multan. (1994).

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Chairman:

- 1- Board of Faculty, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Learning , Punjab University, Lahore, May 2001 to date.
- 2- Project Working Group, Punjab University, Lahore from 2002 to 2005. (P.W.G. during last 3 years approved civil works of more than 400 million rupees' worth and granted their Technical Sanction).
- 3- Incentive Awards Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 2004.
- 4- Committee to consider inclusion of International Languages in syllabus at B.A. Level. The committee was appointed by the Academic Council, Punjab University, Lahore.
- 5- Shops Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 2002 to date.
- 6- Committee to settle Audit Paras, Punjab University, Lahore.
- 7- Mosques' Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 2000 to date.
- 8- Punjab University Press Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 2002 to date.

- 9- Disciplinary Committee for Unfair Means, Punjab University, Lahore, 1998 to date.
- 10- House Allotment Committee for Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre, Punjab University, Lahore, 2001 to date.

MEMBER:

- 1- Admission Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 1999 to date.
- 2- Advanced Studies & Research Board, Punjab University, Lahore, 1998 to date.
- 3- University Research Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 1999 to date.
- 4- Equivalence Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 1998 to date.
- 5- Affiliation Committee, B.Z.University, Multan 1991-93.
- 6- Doctoral Programme Coordination Committee, Punjab University, Lahore, 2001 to date.
- 7- Board of Studies in Arabic, Islamia University, Bahawalpur; B.Z University, Multan; University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1986 - 2004 .
- 8- Syllabus Committee, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, 1999-2002.
- 9- Syllabus Committee, International Islamic University, Islamabad, 2000- 2003

CONFERENCES:

In addition to a number of conferences held in Pakistan on national and International level, also attended:

- 1- International Conference for Promotion of Arabic in 1988 held in A. I. Open University, Islambad.
- 2- International Conference on "Social Justice" in 1984, Church of England, Dumblane, U.K.
- 3- MESA (Middle East Studies Association) Annual Meeting in 1993 in Research Triangle, U.S.A.
- 4- International Cultural Festival in1999, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH:

BOOKS:

- (i) A linguistic/semantic study of the Holy Qur'an published from Makkah al-Mukarramah, Saudi Arabia in Arabic in 1985.
- (ii) **A Thesaurus of Assumed Synonyms in Arabic.** This reference work is being published by the Islamic Texts Society, Cambridge, England.(Brochure issued by the publisher attached)

RESEARCH:

- (i) I have contributed and published 22 research articles in journals of international repute in the fields of "Orientalism", "Islamic Fundamentalism", "Al-Qur'an" and "Islamic Culture".
- (ii) 14 students have completed M.Phil and Ph.D. under my supervision in various fields of Arabic language and Islamic Culture. 12 students are completing Ph.D. Theses under my supervision.

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- 1- **Literary History of the Muslims of the Sub-Continent**
 - a- This reference work was published by Punjab University Lahore in 1975 in 19 vols. Now it needs up dating and correction. Vol. 5 of the **Literary History of the Muslims of Sub-Continent** pertains to the contribution of Muslims of the Sub-Continent to the Arabic language and literature up till 1970.
 - b- To write contributions of the Muslims of the Sub-Continent to Arabic language and literature from 1970 to date. This project has been given by the Research Committee of the University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- 2- **Al-Qur'ān al-Karim ----- a Continuous Miracle.**
 - I am writing on various miraculous aspects of the Quran keeping in view the insinuations and misunderstandings created by the Orientalists about al-Qur'an al-Karim and its divine character.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED RESEARCH WORK

BOOKS

1. **Does Synonymy Occur in the Qur'an?**
It was a linguistic/semantic study of the Holy Qur'an which was published by al-Faysaliyyah from Makkah, Saudi Arabia in 1985. This work was published in Arabic. Dr. Hasan Bajudah, a known writer of the Arabian World, wrote a foreword to this book.
2. **A Thesaurus of Assumed Synonyms in Arabic.**
This work is comprised of 513 A-4 pages and is being published by the Islamic Texts Society, Cambridge, England (U.K). Prof. Dr. J. N. Mattock, Head of Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Glasgow, Scotland, wrote a foreword to this reference work.

RESEARCH:

Nine research scholars have completed Ph.D. and five have completed M.Phil under my supervision. Moreover, I am supervising more than 12 Theses to be submitted for the degree of Ph.D. in the University of the Punjab.

Selected PAPERS PUBLISHED IN ARABIC

S.No.	Title and Name of Journal	Status of Journal
1.	"Development of Arabic Literature in Spain." Journal: Basa'ir, Islamia University, Bahawalpur, 1985.	Refereed
2.	"جنا جنان الجنان في جواز استعمال الدخان" Edited and Introduced 350 years old manuscript by Abu al-Wafa al- Urdi, Chief Justice, Syria. The Manuscript is on the use of Tobacco. Oriental College Magazine, Punjab University, Lahore. 1986.	Refereed
3.	"حاضر و مستقبل اللغة العربية في الجامعات الباكستانية" Research Journal,Ulum -e- Islamia, Islamia University, Bahawalpur, 1988.	Refereed

4. " آراء أبي هلال العسكري في الترادف " **Refereed**
Quarterly al-Dirasat al-Islamiyyah, International Islamic
Universty, Islamabad, April - June 1988.
5. " الرسالة في سنة العمامة " **Refereed**
Edited and introduced 600 years old manuscript by a great
scholar of Hadith : Ibn Hajar on the dress of the Prophet Muhammad
may peace be upon him. Quarterly Research Journal, Faculty of Islamic
and Oriental Learning, Punjab University, Lahore. 1991.
6. " ملامح الثقافة الإسلامية في شبه القارة في الأدب والفنون على مشارف القرن الجديد " **Refereed**
Oriental College Magazine, 2000. No. 1-2 Vol.73,
Punjab University, Lahore.

Selected
PAPERS PUBLISHED IN URDU

7. "عربي ادب ميں فن تنقيد اور بلاغت كا ارتقاء"
"Origin and Development of Literary Criticism and Rhetorics in Arabic." Quarterly Research Journal : IQBAL Lahore, Pakistan, October 1972 - January 1973. **Refereed**
8. "قراءات قرآنيه اور مستشرقين"
Fikr-o-Nazar, March 1997. Islamabad **Refereed**
9. "استشراق"
(The paper is comprised of A-4, 18 pages and has been published in the supplement edition Vol.I in the Encyclopaedia. **Refereed**
10. "خطبه حجة الوداع: حقوق انساني كا عظيم جارتر"
Oriental College Magazine, No. 1, Vol. 74, 2001. Punjab University, Lahore. **Refereed**
11. "قرآن كريم - ايک مسلسل معجزه - تحريف سي محفوظ واحد كتاب"
Oriental College Magazine, No:- 283-84, Vol:- 76. 2001. Punjab University, Lahore. **Refereed**
12. "جهاد اور دهشت كردي - ايک تجزياتي مطالعه"
Quarterly Research Journal, Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Learning, University of the Punjab, Lahore 2003. **Refereed**

Selected
PAPERS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH

13. "Discrimination between Meanings in Early Arabic Semantics"
Quarterly Research Journal, Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Learning, University of the Punjab, Lahore 1986. **Refereed**
14. "Views of Al-Askari (d.395 A.H) on Linguistic Citation."
Refereed
Oriental College Magazine, Punjab University, Lahore 1986.
15. "The Impact of al-Askari (d. 395 A.H.) on Subsequent Linguistic Studies"
Refereed
Quarterly Research Journal, Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Learning, Punjab University, Lahore 1987.

16. "Al-Furuq al-Lughawiyyah - The Culmination of a Genre."
Refereed
Quarterly Journal, Islamic Studies, International Islamic University,
Islamabad, Spring 1987.
17. "Al-'Askari's views of Synonymy".
Refereed
Quarterly Journal, Islamic Studies,
International Islamic University, Islamabad, Autumn 1987.
18. "Al-'Askari's Treatment of various Dialects used in the Qur'an".
Refereed Research Journal, Ulum-e-Islamia,
Islamia University, Bahawalpur, 1988.
19. "Does Homonymy occur in the Arabic Language?"
Refereed
Journal of Research (Humanities),
Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan 1990-91.
20. "Islamic Resurgence and Western Reaction."
Refereed
Published in collaboration with a co-author: Mr. Michael D. Berdine,
American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences, U.S.A. Vol. 3, 1994.
21. "Orientalism on Variant Readings of the Qur'an - The case of Arthur
Refereed
Jeffery." American Journal of Islamic Social Science, U.S.A. Vol. 2,1995.
22. "Discrimination between Meanings by a 10th Century A.D. Arab
Refereed
Grammarians" Journal of Semitic Studies, University of Manchester,
England, U.K. **(Accepted)**