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INTRODUCTION AND COMPILER'S NOTE

Para 1. This work is meant for those who wish to learn the Urdū script through the medium of English and are already familiar with the widely-spoken speech called 'Hindustānī'. Urdū is a literary form of this speech. It is written and read from right to left.

Para 2. Urdu script is a script of circles and crescents, curves and dots. The subtle beauty of this script, the finer points in connecting together different letters and even the proportionate drawing of the detached forms of the letters themselves, especially in the nasta'liq (a fine round hand) form, can be fully appreciated only when one learns to write with a reed-pen. For this purpose alone the letters of the Urdu alphabet, as they are customarily arranged, and the letters formed to serve as symbols for the aspirated sounds have been given at the end of the Lessons on a graph-paper. (The place for nun-e-ghunna which is employed for getting nasalised vowel sounds in Urdu is after $\mathcal{O}(n\bar{u}n)$, the 32nd letter of the Urdu alphabet while the place for do chashmi he which is used to obtain aspirated sounds in Urdu is after 5 (he), the 34th letter of the Urdū alphabet; hence they have been shown in parentheses.) It should be added, however, that this work is an attempt to serve only as a guide in learning the nasta 'liq way of the Urdū script as it is today and by no means seeks to serve as a guide in

khwsh navīsī or calligraphy which is altogether a different art; nor is it meant to serve as a language-teacher.

Para 3(a). There are thirty seven letters in the Urdū alphabet derived from Persian, Arabic and Hindī. Apart from the sound which it gives, each letter of the Urdu alphabet has been given a distinct name. In Urdu, there is no conception of writing the letters as 'capital'. The letters | alif and \(bar\tilde{v} \) bar\tilde{v} e serve as vowels: 2 y\tilde{a}o/y\tilde{a}v and G chhoti ye are semi-vowels as they are employed to give consonantal sounds too; f re never occurs initially and f zhe is of rare occurence. Of the other letters shamza is mostly employed as an orthographical mark. In pronunciation & 'aen and f hamza are equated with | alif; b toe with ن te; ن toe se and عن suad with عن sin; ر he with و he; غيقا, b zoe and vith j ze. Thus the consonantal sounds used in Urdu are much less than what its alphabet provides for. This is of course apart from the aspirated sounds for which letters have been devised as there are no separate letters for them in Urdū.

detached forms are used.

Para 4. Diacritical marks with the English letters have been used on account of the feeling that some English letters do not sufficiently represent the corresponding Urdū letters and that the Urdū speaking people usually equate some letters of the Urdu alphabet with others in pronouncing their sounds, as pointed out above. Thus five compounds have been used to render the consonants of the Urdū alphabet in the Roman characters as in vogue in English viz. ch for &, gh for &, kh for , sh for and zh (pronounced as s in vision) for \dot{j} . These are besides the compounds employed for transcribing the aspirated consonants viz. bh for b, ph for b, th for b, th for b, jh for \mathcal{L} , chh for \mathcal{L} , dh for \mathcal{L} , th for \mathcal{L} and gh for \mathcal{L} . To distinguish between the aspirated consonant as and the velar fricative \dot{z} , kh has been employed for the former while a short dash has been placed under kh (kh) to represent the latter. Similarly for the aspirated consonant of the transcription is gh while for E (a velarised voiced fricative) it is gh. Ten letters are distinghished by diacritical marks viz. d for (an unaspirated voiced retroflex plosive), h for \mathcal{L} (a pharyngeal fricative in Arabic but in Urdū it falls with the aspirate consonant b transcribed as h), r (a tapped retroflex), s for (which is velarised in Arabic but in Urdu it is equated with the alveolar fricative transcribed as s), s for $\stackrel{*}{•}$ (which in Arabic is a voiced interdental spirant giving the sound of th as in the English words thick and thin but in Urdu it is pronounced like s in the English words sick and sin), t for (a voiceless unaspirated retroflex plosive), t for b (which is velarised in Arabic but in Urdu it is equated with ..., softer and more dental than the English t and transcribed in this work as t), z for j, z for j and z for j. n with a dot above it (n) has been employed for nun-eghunna = the nasalised $n\bar{u}n$ and \underline{n} for nunnation. The mark (') as adopted in English to show the genitive or possessive case (known as apostrophe) and an inverted comma (') as used in English, have been used for the letters & hamza and & 'aen respectively.

Para 5 Besides the marks used for indicating the occurrence of a hemistich or a couplet after a sentence, or the name of a poet in a sentence or a couplet as mentioned in the Notes and Addenda, diacritical marks generally used in Urdū are zabar, zer, pesh, mad, jazm, tashdīd and the marks for nasalisation and nunnation. In this work we have adopted two such marks more to denote the presence of the vowel sounds \bar{u} (as oo in fool) and \bar{i} (as ee in feel); in the Urdū script for the former an inverted comma has been placed on the semi-vowel letter $v\bar{a}o$ () and for the latter a short bar has been placed under the two dots of the semi-vowel letter chhotī ye (). Thus the transliteration of the ten vowel-sounds of Urdū as adopted in this work is as follows:

Vowel-Sounds and their Transliteration	Initial	Non-Initial
$\int a$ as a in ago or as u in but	ab اَب	mal مُل
1 = ā as a in father, rather, transfer	āb	سال māl
i = i as i in sin	is إس	אט mil
(5) = 1 as ee in seek, feel	ikh ایکھ	mīl ميل
f = u as u in full	us أس	mul ممل
$= \bar{u}$ as u in $rude$ or as oo in $fool$	un اؤن	mūl مؤل
$ \angle = e$ as a in pale	ek ایک	mel میل
= ae as a in at, man, gap, and have	aesā أبيا	mael مبيل
o as o in note, more	os اوس	mol مول
=au as au in auto	aur اور	maul مُول

- Group XII has one letter viz. ; Group XIII has only ; Group XIV & ; Group XV 5 ; and Group XVI
- Para 6 (b). A rectangle placed around a letter indicates that that letter does not occur very often in Urdū or that it does not have much significance in the phonemical system of Urdū.
- Para 7. In the Notes and Addenda are given the names of vowels etc. as they are called by the grammarians, and other orthographical and punctuation marks as used in Urdū. A passage has also been provided with its transcript which will serve as a useful exercise in reading. Care has been taken that almost all the letters of the Urdū alphabet and some of the remarks made in the Notes are exemplified in this passage.
- Para 8. The compiler of these lessons has heavily drawn on "A Grammar of the Hindustani Language" of Duncan Forbes (London, 1855). The following works have also been consulted:
 - "A Grammar of the Hindustānī or Urdū Language" by John T. Platts, Munshiram Manoharlal, Delhi, 1967.
 - 2. "A Phonetical and Phonological Study of the Word in Urdu" by Dr. Masud Husain Khan, Aligarh Muslim University.
 - 3. "A Manual of Anglo-Persian Grammar" by Maulvi Nur Baksh, Lahore, 1909.
 - 4. "Hints on the Study of Persian" by Pestonjee Kavasjee Kanga and Jamshedjee Bejanjee Kanga, Bombay, 1916.
 - 5. "Teach Yourself Urdu" by T. Grahame Bailey edited by J. R. Firth and A.H. Harley, The English Universities Press

Ltd., London, 1967, and

6. "Arabic" by A.S. Tritton, Teach Yourself Books, London, 1970.

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LESSON 1

ى and mad

Table 1

· VI	v	IV	III -	H	I
Combina	· 1	Translite-	Name	Letter	Group
tion	with	ration		(De-	No.
with &	alif as	Or		tached	
when it is	the follow-	Power	!	Form)	
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fin- med	-				
ally iall	y				
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يبير كبي	ب+1 = <i>با</i> ب	b	be	سب ا	lI (a)
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طبي بي	l _p	į.	[e	ك]
ثير ٺي	ڼ	ï	se	ث	
نپ نی	ŀ	n	nūn	س ن	И (b)
يږ ي		у/1	chhoti ye	' C"	II (c)

Para 1. Eight letters of the Urdū alphabet arranged in Groups I and II are introduced in this lesson. In Table 1 Column I are given

the number of groups of the letters of the Urdu alphabet and in Column II the letters belonging to these groups; the arrows on the letters and their combinations indicate the initial points in their formation. The *nuqtas* i.e. the dots, though essential part of the letters, are placed after the formation of the main body of the letter/word. Column III gives the names of these letters while Column IV shows the power or transliteration as adopted for each letter in these lessons. The form of *nuqta* (= dot) is that of a small square placed thus (\diamondsuit).

- Para 2. The first group has only one letter viz. | alif which is a vertical line-like figure, drawn downwards from its initial point. In Urdu it is employed as a long vowel i.e. as a letter of prolongation extending the sound of the letter preceding it. It gives the sound of a as in the English words father, rather, transfer etc. It has been transliterated as ā.
- which, by just change of dots becomes be, pe, te and se. To obtain the letter b te of this sub-group, a form resembling that of the type-written b of the English alphabet is placed over this elementary form.
- Para 4. Column V of Table 1 shows how we derive the sounds $b\bar{a}$, $p\bar{a}$, $t\bar{a}$ etc. by connecting the letters of Group II with | alif. As regards the first combination in this Column (| + |), it should be remembered that to get the sound \bar{a} at the beginning of a word (or a syllable) as in the English words arc, alms, argue etc. we need to write two alifs; but alif is a non-connector i.e. it does not connect with letters to the left of it. In order to get this sound only one alif is written but over it is placed the

sign (\sim) called mad (=extending); thus $\bar{a}n$ (dignity) = \odot . Similarly we can form words by using the letters, as given in Column II, after the combinations worked out in Column V; e.g. $(\bar{a}b = \text{water})$, $(\bar{b}\bar{a}p = \text{father})$, $(\bar{b}\bar{a}t = a \text{ thing}; a \text{ point})$ etc. This shows that when these letters occur finally in a word after alif the non-connector letter, these are written in their detached forms, as given in Column II.

Para 5. A perusal of Column V will show that all the letters of Group II behave in the same way i.e. when placed initially they are not written in full; only the form () is retained of them with the difference in the number and the placement of nuqtas (dots) of course, and then alif is added to it to give the basic form to of these combinations. While drawing this basic form it should be noted that the letter alif is written upwards in combinations.

Para 6 (a). The letter *G* chhoti ye of II (c) is treated here as a consonant transliterated as y. It behaves like the other letters of Group II in combinations and two dots are placed under the elementary form of these combinations when it occurs initially in a word or a syllable.

Para 6 (b). When & chhoti ye is placed finally in a word or syllable it behaves simply as a long vowel giving the sound of ee as in the English words seek, feel, or the sound of i as in police, caprice etc. In that case it has been transliterated as I. Thus placing & after the letters , , etc. we get & bi, & pi, & ti etc. as worked out in Column VI. The basic or elementary form of the letters of Group II in such combinations, it will be noticed, is . The last combination

in this Column i.e. ($\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{G}$) gives us the sound \mathcal{G}_{\bullet} $y\bar{\imath}$, the first \mathcal{G} being used as a consonant and the second (i.e. towards the left of the first \mathcal{G}) employed as a long vowel extending the sound of the first \mathcal{G} . Thus placing the combinations worked out in Column V before the combinations of Column VI we can get the words $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ($\bar{a}b\bar{\imath}$ =of the colour of water), $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ($b\bar{a}n\bar{\imath}$ =founder), $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ($p\bar{a}n\bar{\imath}$ =water) etc. To get the sound of $\bar{\imath}$ initially in a word we have to employ the letter $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$ alif before the letter $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$ (= $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$) unconnected with each other as alif is a non-connector.

Para 6 (c). When \(\mathcal{G} \) behaving as vowel at the end of a syllable is placed medially in a word a bar is introduced below the two nuqtas (dots) provided for \(\mathcal{G} \) under the basic or elementary form \(\mathcal{I} \) for combinations thus getting the form \(\shrt{\pi} \) which in combinations with other letters of Group II has been shown in Column VI. We can now form

etc. The form — then, will also be the form for the letters —, —, — and — and — when these occur medially. To sum up, when the letters of Group II (which are of a horizontal or a sloping line) are connected an incurvation (known as shosha) is provided for each letter in the line. When more than one letter of this Group come together, for the sake of distinction an upward bold dash is given to the middle one terminating in a sharp point vertically as will be observed in the words — and — above and in words given in Question 4 (d) of the Exercise below.

Exercise 1

- 1. Write down all the letters introduced in this lesson ten times each.
- 2. Copy down the combinations of the letters of Group II with the letter | alif as given in Column V of Table 1.
- 3. Form words beginning with | alif accompanied by mad (i.e. \(\) by placing the letters of Group II after it whose transliterations are:

āb; āp; ān.

4. Read and write the following words:

(bītā; bīnā; pītā; pīnā; pīţā respectively)

5. Connect the following letters to form words:

LESSON 2

و and خ , ح , چ , ع

Table 2

•	VII	VI	V	IA	III	II	I
Combination with when is pla	ns と と	Combination with alif as the following letter	Combination with 9 as the follwing letter	Trans- litera- tion Or Power	Name	Letter (De- tached Form)	Group No.
fina- lly	med- ia- lly						
جي.	جبر	بحا	جو	j	jīm	3€	III
جي.	بجي	يما	چو	ch	che	رج	•
حی	حير	حا	حو	ḥ	þе	2	•
خى	خير	خا	نخو	<u>k</u> h	<u>kh</u> e	さ	
وی	وي	وا	وو	v/o/ū	vão	9←	XIII
	,				vāv		

Para 1. In this lesson are introduced five letters of the Urdu alphabet.

In the Table the arrows show the initial points in writing these

letters and their combinations. The scheme of the Table is the same as adopted in Table 1 Lesson 1.

- Para 2. It will be noticed that the elementary form of the four letters comprising Group III is Z which is a letter by itself. It has been put in a rectangle here for it is generally equated with the letter D he to be introduced in Lesson 7. (In Arabic it is an unvoiced pharyngeal fricative).
- Para 3 (a). In combination when these letters occur finally i.e. at the end of words they are written in their detached forms; thus

$$bij \quad \mathcal{E}^{i} = \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{G} + \cdots$$

$$nich \quad \mathcal{E}^{i} = \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{G} + \mathcal{G}$$

$$pich \quad \mathcal{E}^{i} = \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{G} + \cdots$$

$$chi\underline{kh} \quad \mathcal{E}^{i} = \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{G} + \mathcal{E}$$

etc. The incurvation provided for the semi-vowel letter chhotive in the words given above, when it precedes the letters of Group III is to be noted. Similar incurvation is provided for other letters of Group II (a), (b) and (c) as introduced in Lesson 1 when they precede the letters of Group III. The initial points of these letters are indicated by arrows in Column II. These initial points also serve as the points of contact of these letters with the letters preceding them.

Para 3 (b). When these letters occur initially or medially in a word only the initial part > of their detached form is employed; thus

$$j\bar{a}n$$
 $\psi = \psi + 1 + \xi$
 $j\bar{i}i$ $\psi = \psi + 0 + \xi$
 $ch\bar{i}n$ $\psi = \psi + 0 + \xi$
 $nich\bar{a}$ $\psi = 1 + \xi + 0 + \psi$
 $h\bar{a}ji$ $\psi = 0 + \xi + 1 + \xi$
 $n\bar{a}ch\bar{i}$ $\psi = 0 + \xi + 1 + \psi$
 $p\bar{a}j\bar{i}$ $\psi = 0 + \xi + 1 + \psi$
 $ch\bar{i}t\bar{a}$ $\psi = 0 + \xi + 1 + \psi$
 $ch\bar{i}t\bar{a}$ $\psi = 0 + \xi + 0 + \xi$

Para 4 (a). The fifth letter in Column II of Table 2 is $\frac{\sqrt{vao}/vav}{vao}$. The initial part • of $\frac{1}{2}$ is like a button or just a big circular dot. It is a consonant producing the sound of v as in the English words vacant and vacancy etc. Like the letter $\frac{1}{2}$ alif introduced in Lesson 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{vao}{vav}$ is a non-connector and retains its detached form in all combinations; thus

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etc. (Also see Para 4 (b) below.)

Para 4 (b). $\int v\bar{a}o/v\bar{a}v$ is also employed as a vowel to prolong the sound of its preceding consontant. As a vowel it may give the sound of o as in more, note etc. or of oo as in fool or as of u as in

rule, rude etc. When it is to give the latter vowel-sound it has been transliterated as u with a stroke over it \ddot{u} , and in the Urdű script an inverted comma (ϵ) has been placed over ϵ to make it ϵ while in the former case it is transliterated as ϵ and in the Urdű script it has been left as it is ϵ ; thus

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = j\bar{u} \text{ and } f = j\bar{v}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \underline{kh}\bar{u} \text{ and } f = n\bar{v}$$

Para 5. Column V of Table 2 gives the combinations of the letters of Group III with the letter 9. Similarly we can get the combinations of other letters (introduced earlier and to be introduced later) with 9 vāo/vāv; thus

etc. We can now form words like (bonā=to sow), (totā=a parrot), (khūn=blood), (jūn= the month of June), (jūtā = a shoe), etc. As regards the last entry in Column V the sound we get is vo, the first working as a consonant transliterated as v and the second employed as a vowel transliterated as o. The same combination will be pronounced as vū if the second has an inverted comma (6) over it

Para 6. In Column VI are given the combinations of the letters of Group III (& , & , & , &) and XIII ()) with the letter | alif while in Column VII are given their

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combinations with the semi-vowel letter & chhotz ye when it is placed medially and finally in a word.

Exercise 2

- 1. Write down all the words as worked out in Para 3 (a), 3 (b), 4 (a) and 4 (b) of this lesson.
- 2. Read the following words and write the letters separately used in them:

3. Combine the following letters to form words to be transliterated as

khūbpopbāpūtāpūjānochātokhūm
$$\dot{z}$$
 \dot{z} \dot{z}

LESSON 3 , , , , , , , , ; and __

Table 3

VII	I	VII	VI	١	/ /	ΙV	ш	II	I
Combination with when &	5	Com- bin- at- ion	Combination with alif	Cor nati with	on h vhen	Transli- teration Or Power	Name	Letter (De- tached Form)	Group No.
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lly	me- di- ally			fina- lly	ı			• 1 14 4	
ری	ړ;	رو	را	رے	ري	d	dāl	سخ و	lV
الموي	زي	ڑو	لخا	ار ے	ۈر	d	däl	ځ	:
زی	23	زو	り	زے	زي	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u> āl	j	
ري	رړ	رو	し	رے	ارد	r	re	يال.	v
ڑی	ڒڔ	ڑو	ڑا	ولي	ور	ŗ	re	و	
زی	زږ	زو	じ	زے	زي	z	ze	1	
ژی	ژپ	ژو	ژا	زے		zh	zhe	[
		يو				e	barı ye	2	XVI

Para 1. In this lesson are introduced three letters of the Urdū alphabet comprising Group IV, four letters comprising Group V and one letter comprising Group XVI. The scheme of Table 3 is the same as adopted in earlier Tables, the arrows showing the initial points in drawing the letters.

Para 2. The seven letters of Groups IV and V are all consonants and non-connectors while letter — barī ye makes Group XVI and serves as a long vowel giving the sound of a as in the English words pale, hale etc. As it is employed as a vowel it prolongs the sound of the consonant letter preceding it. When it is placed medially it is denoted by the incurvation with two dots beneath it is like the letter & chhoṭī ye as introduced in Lesson I with the difference that no bar is placed under the two dots. The form of this incurvation varies in combinations just like those of letters — be, — pe and & chhoṭī ye etc. when placed medially before various letters. At the end of a word it maintains its detached form —; thus

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To get the sound of e at the beginning of a word as in the English words able, ape etc., we have to employ the letter $\int alif$ before $\angle bariye$; thus

Para 3. The letters of Group IV have one elementary form ; which is itself a letter, softer and more dental than the English d; transcribed as d. The letter ; zāl is a very soft-sounded one but in pronunciation it is usually equated with the letter ; ze of Group V; hence it has been placed here in a rectangle. The difference between ; and ; as introduced in Lesson 2 should be carefully noted; has an angular top while ; has it round. ; dāl, dāl and ; zāl maintain their detached forms when they occur initially or after the other non-connector letters even if placed medially otherwise they take the form ; which in the final stage of its construction ; resembles the detached form of the letters ; re, j re, j ze of Group V; thus

Para 4. The elementary form of all the letters of Group V is J which is itself a letter transcribed as r and it is always distinctly uttered. As regards other letters of this Group no word begins with re while zhe giving the sound of s as in the English words vision and pleasure, is of rare occurence, more so in the initial and final positions. All these letters in the medial and final positions take the form . After the non-connector letters, like the letters of Group IV they retain their detached forms; thus

(21)

Para 5. Column V of Table 3 shows the combinations of the letters of Groups IV and V with \(\subseteq \bar{bar} \) ye when the vowel sound \(e \) occurs medially and finally. Column VI shows the combination of these letters with \(\subseteq \alpha \) alif giving us \(d\bar{a}, \) y\(d\bar{a}, \) z\(\bar{a}, \) r\(\bar{a}, \) z\(\bar{a}, \)

Exercise 3

- 1. Write down all the letters introduced in this lesson ten times each.
- 2. Write down all the words as worked out in Para 2, Para 3 and Para 4.

3. From the letters given below form words whose transliterations are given:

NOTE

So far we have dealt with twenty one letters of the Urdū alphabet — seventeen consonants, two vowel-letters viz. | alif and _ barī ye, two semi-vowel-letters viz. | vāv/vāo and _ barī ye which are employed as consonants and long vowels, five long vowel-sounds obtained from the letters | alif, | vāo/vāv, _ chhotī ye and _ barī ye, and two diacritical marks viz. mad on alif and an inverted comma called ultā pesh on the letter | vão/vāv.

ظ and ط , ض , ص , ش , س

Short-Vowel Marks—zabar, zer and pesh—
izāfat— Orthographical Marks: jazm and tashdīd
Table 4

VIII	[VII		VI	v	IV	ш	II	Ι •
Combination with when it placed	نے	Combination with when is place	ا ئ	Comb- ina- tion with	Combination with	Trans- liter- ation Or Power	Name	Letter (De- tached Form)	Group No.
fin- ally	medi- ally	fin- ally	medi- ally					. 1	
سے رہے	<i>سیداسی</i> شد <i>اش</i>	سی/سی شی/شی	سپدرب شدارشد	سو/سو شو/شو	سا/ب شا/ث	sh	sīn shīn	ش/س ش/ش	VI
_مے	صير	صی	صب	صو	صا	ş	şuād	ص	VII
ضے	ضير	صنی	ضب	ضو	ضا	z.	zuäd	ص	
طے	طي	طی	طپر	طو	طا	t.	toe	6	VIII
ظے	ظير	ظی	ظير	ظو	ظا	z.	zoe	6	

Para 1. In this lesson are introduced six consonants, the three primitive or short vowel-marks — zabar, zer and pesh — and two

orthographical marks, jazm and tashdid, used in Urdū. The scheme of Table 4 is the same as adopted in earlier Tables. The arrows mark the initial points in the formation of letters; Columns V and VI give their combination with | alif and 2 vāo/vāv respectively while Column VII gives their combinations with 6 chhort ye and 2 bart ye placed medially and finally.

Para 2. Letters of Group VI viz. Sin and shin are sibilants and have two initial forms, the incurvated or indented and the protracted. In combinations with other letters, when they occur initially or medially in a syllable or a word only the initial part if one likes to draw it that way, is retained; when they occur finally in a word they are written in their detached forms. It should be remembered however that when they occur at the beginning of a word (or medially after a non-connector letter) and are immediately followed by the letters of Group V viz. I etc. as introduced in Lesson 3, the final incurvation of the initial part is left out; thus

$$ris$$
 $=$ vi $+$ vi $+$

Para 3. The letters of suad and in zuad which make Group VII are placed in rectangles as in pronunciation is equated with in and is equated with it is equated with its e

they are immediately followed by the letter J re of Group V; thus

Their point of contact with the preceding letter is to be carefully noted

Para 4. The letters b toe and b zoe of Group VIII are respectively equated in pronunciation with te as introduced in Lesson 1, and with j ze as introduced in Lesson 3; hence they are shown in rectangles. Their elementary form b resembles the type-written small b of the English alphabet. It will be recalled that it has been used in a miniature form in the formation of letters b te as introduced in Lesson 1 and b dāl and b re as introduced in Lesson 3. It shall also be noticed that the initial part 1 of b is just like the letter f alif while the rest of it has some portion of the initial part of the letter b zoe and b zoe—are typical in the Urdū alphabet; they are connectors but unlike other connector-letters which change or leave out some of their detached forms in combinations they retain their detached forms whether they are placed initially, medially or finally in a word.

Para 5. The mark indicates the short vowel zabar (=above; upon). It is placed over a letter and gives the sound of a as in the word ago or that of u as in the English word but. It has been transliterated as a; thus (ban=forest) and (ran=a battle).

Para 6 (a). The mark indicates the short vowel zer (=under; beneath). It is placed under a letter and gives the sound of i

as in the word sin. It has been transliterated as i; thus (din=day) and (=nib).

Para 6 (b). Let is also used to indicate the union or the state of construction of two substantives or of an adjective with a substantive so that the two come to form one set. Thus it shows the genitive case or the addition of an adjective. In all such cases it is placed under the last letter of the governing noun and is known as izāfat (addition). It is pronounced just like a short e.

Li zer, when used as the mark of izāfat has been transliterated as -e- written between two words; thus

zer-e-darakht==under a tree;

قرير دَرْخُت

āb-e-hayāt=water of life; immortality;

anār-e-surkh=the red pomegranate.

note: For the mark (^) on the letter أو أثنت and on j in مشرخ see Para 10 (a) below.

- Para 7. The mark indicates the short vowel pesh (=before; in front). It is placed over a letter and gives the sound of u as in the word full. It has been transliterated as u; thus (chup=silent) and (rut=season).
- at the beginning of a word we have to employ the letter | alif; thus (anāj=corn), (ijāzat=permission) and (unāsī=seventy nine).
- Para 9. It may be noted here that there is a tendency to affect the short vowels when they occur before or after the letters the as introduced in Lesson 2 and to he as will be

introduced in Lesson 7 where some such examples have been given (Lesson 7 Para 3 (b)).

- Para 10 (a). The consonant which has any of the short vowels accompanying it or which is followed by any long vowel or semi-vowel (=moving). If in the middle or at the end of a word, a consonant has no vowel/vowel-letter with it, it is called sakin (=stationary, still or inert); to denote its inertness the mark like an inverted v called jazm (=amputation; cutting short; keeping silence) is placed over it, jazm, then, is the mark placed on a letter to indicate that there is no short vowel on that letter nor that letter is followed by any vowel or semi-vowel letter. Thus 5. (banjar=barren) the is moving or in the word moveable by zabar; the (), unaccompanied by any vowel, is still, inert or stationary; it is just resting and serving as a landing ground for its preceding moving consonant :; the ¿ is moving by zabar; and J, the last letter is inert, the landing ground for its preceding moving letter ?. As a general rule, the last letter of a word is sakin or inert and as such the mark jazm is unnecessary over it.
- Para 10 (b). In Urdū initial consonantal cluster i.e. where more than one letter is *inert* or *stationary* does not occur. As such no word begins with a letter marked by *jazm*; thus the words *prachār*, *prajā* etc. become *parchār* and *parjā* in Urdū. Even the words beginning with sibilants or with the hissing sound for instance *station*, *stop* etc. borrowed from English are modified as *isteshan* and *istaup* (as in *bus stop*) respectively in Urdū, beginning with *alif*.

Para 10 (c). When the consonantal cluster, as explained above, occurs

finally, and it is generally so, the letter preceding the last letter is given the sign jazm (^) over it, assuming that as a rule, the last letter of the word is always with a jazm which is omitted in writing; thus

durust=just; correct; right;

dost=friend;

tursh=sour;

dard=pain;

bardāsht=toleration etc.

Para 10 (d). When the consonantal cluster occurs medially, all the letters thus clustered are given the sign jazm (^) over them; thus

dastkhai=signature; initials;

Para 11. When a letter is to be pronounced twice keeping the same position in a word, the mark and a called tashdid (=strengthening) is placed over it. Thus in the word abachchan, where the first syllable ends with a ch and the next begins with a ch, instead of writing it as the two ches are thrown into one and the sign and one indicates this. It will be noticed that tashdid includes jazm for, the letter bearing the mark tashdid is at first stationary or inert and then is moveable by the vowel-mark over it. Whenever a letter with a tashdid is followed by a letter of prolongation (i.e. 1 and and or 2 and 3) the short vowel-mark over

it is not placed generally. The formation of the mark tashdid is like the initial part of the letter sin of Group VI. Generally it does not occur on the final letter of the word in Urdū. It should be noted, however, that <u>tashdīd is not to be used in verbs</u>; thus initial (jānnā=to know), initial (bunnā=to weave) etc. are to be written with two nūns.

Exercise 4

Write down the following words carefully noting

- (a) the placement of the short-vowel marks, the signs of jazm and tashdid;
- (b) the forms of all the letters introduced so far when they precede/follow each other; and
- (c) the varying form of the incurvation shosha provided for the letters of Group II (, , , etc.) when they precede the letters of other Groups i.e.

 - (/) when they precede the letters of Group III (), etc.)
 - (ل) when they precede the letters of Group XIII (و), Groups XVI (ك), VI (ك), VII (ك) and VIII (ط) and

(') when they precede the letters of Group V (), j etc.):

سارا- سر- شان- شب- سی- سی- سرا- سرا- سرا- سرا- رسی - سرا سیا- احساس - شر پر- شناخت - شرک- با سِط- سطر- برشنا- سیب سپپ - شاد وا- بستی مصشت - چشت - دشتور شندری نیش سود- سیانا بخشه و برشاد- بساط- بساطی - سازش - سزا - شیسو - بوس - دوس جوش - دوش - بیس - بیش - بشاش - سکر- سِحر- بخشش - صُبیح-میا- حَضَرَت - حاضر - نبیض - خاص - راضی - بصیر - فستری - اصلی-طب - طبیب نظن بطخ - خط خطاطی - رباط - شاطر- خاطر- طاری -

حرارت - إنسان - آژدئو - رواج - بخار - سؤداخ - دَرُخْت - بَنُواری - ادَب رب - حد - بُرُن - راحت - خبر - جرزا - خربیدنا - مونبیا - ادرت - خبر - برن - واحت - خبر - برن - واحت - خبر - برن - واثن - سخی - خبر - برن - جانور - برانا - خوا - اندر - واثن - سخن - بن - دیا - صبر - دراز - برانا - درا - طبخ - جادر - سواری - سخنی - برر - برانا - برا - اناری - بنسی - برر - برا - برا - برا - برانا - اناری - بنسی - برا -

LESSON 5

ل and گ , ک

The Diphthongs au and ae

Table 5

VI	I	٧	í	V	IV	J11	II	I
Combine tion with		Com tion with (b)		Combina- tion with alif	Transli tera- tion Or Power	Name	Letter (De- tached Form)	Group No.
1	<i></i>	گو	- گو	6 ←	k	kāf	ک	XI
2	2	گو	<i>گ</i> و	5	g	gäf	گ	
ئے	ئے	لُو	لو	الله الله	1	lām	J [←]	

Para 1. In this lesson are introduced three consonants and the two diphthongs au and ae. Column I of Table 5 gives the number of the group of the letters of the alphabet; Column II gives the letters in their detached or unconnected forms, Column III the names and Column IV the transcription adopted for them. Column V gives their combinations with the letter | alif. Column VI gives their combinations with the semi-vowel letter | vão/vãv to show the distinction between the sounds o and au.

Column VII gives their combinations with the vowel-letter to show the distinction between the sounds e and ae. The presence of arrows denotes the initial points in the formation of these letters and their combinations.

Para 2. All the three letters, as introduced here, retain their detached forms when they occur finally in a word. In their initial and medial positions their elementary form J is retained. To make it we have to introduce a line slanting towards left to meet the initial point in its formation as indicated by arrows in Column II. To make it I gaf two such slanting parallel lines are introduced. $\int k dt$ and $\int g dt$ giving the sound of k (as in the English word kite) and g (as in the English words get and give) respectively, take special form 5 when they precede the letters | alif and | lam as introduced in this lesson otherwise all these three letters behave alike in combinations. In the formation of $k\bar{a}$ where $\sqrt{k\bar{a}f}$ is followed by | alif, the pen stops at the top of alif, made upwards (as in the case of alif followed by other connector-letters) and then the slanting top is formed. It thus requires two sweeps of pen. The word (kalā=art) will require three sweeps of pen, the alif, drawn upwards, being the second, the slanting top of the third. When J, J and J occur medially and finally preceded by connector-letters, their point of contact should be carefully noted here: W. bal, pakar, pakar, nikās, jakar, سُكُنا saknā, bigar etc. Among the copyists and scribes there is a tendency to extend the medial and towards left upwards before the letters of Group V(ノ, , , , etc.) as in the word =an artisan) instead of writing it as

Para 3. Column VI (b) illustrates how to get the sound kau, gau and lau by introducing the vowel mark zabar over, and respectively followed by the semi-vowel letter vāoļvāv as introduced in Lesson 2. Without this vowel mark they would be ko, go and lo respectively as given in Column VI (a). Similarly we can get the sounds bau, pau, dau etc. by placing the vowel—mark zabar on the consonant preceding the letter vāoļvāv when used as a vowel. To get the sound au we have to employ alif moveable by the short vowel zabar before the semi-vowel letter as in the word light moveable.

Para 4. The vowel letter ______ barn ye as introduced in Lesson 3, when preceded by a consonant moveable with the short vowel zabar gives the sound of a as in the English words man, gap, have etc. This has been transliterated as ae. Column VII (b) illustrates how the sounds kae, gae and lae are obtained by introducing the short vowel-mark zabar over _____, and _____ followed by the vowel-letter ______ barn ye. Without this vowel mark they will be ke, ge and le as given in Column VII (a). Similarly we can get the sounds bae, pae, dae etc. by placing the vowel-mark zabar on the consonant preceding the vowel letter ______ barn ye. To get the sound ae at the beginning of a word we have to employ the letter | alif moveable by the short vowel zabar before the vowel letter ______ barn ye as in the word _______ lass = such).

Copy down the following words carefully noting the letters introduced in this lesson as they occur initially, medially and finally:

کالا-کائک - گبر کی - گبرنال - گدال - گز-کرن - کسان - گشناخی - کیل - کیاری - کیسر - برگست - گراف - برگوان - جگر - موکان - داگر - داگر - دوگنا - شکون - خوگوش - آگ - خطرناک - خاک - مشریک - گفتگ - کشور - کوشور - گوا - توا - توا - کوشور - گوا - توا - کوشور - گوا - توا - کوشور - گوا - توا - کول - لیا - کوشور - کول - کول - برگی - تبکن - کیلا - طالب - جلاد - میل - کال - برگ - برگر ول - می مشرال - طول - میل - میل - مول - میل - مول - میل - میل

گیری - بجیری - بئیر - بیر - تیرنا - جے - جیوان - دیر - سیر -شے - صید - طے - کیجشرو

بَونا - يَودا - يَون - نَو- جَو- جَوال - دَوار - سَو-كُون

غ and غ م , ت , ف

Table 6

VIII	VII	VΙ	V	IV	III	П	I
Combina- tion with	Comb- ina- tion with	Comb- ina- tion with	Comb- ina- tion with	Trans- lite- ration Or Power	Name	Letter (De- tached Form)	Group No.
نے	في	فو	alif fā j €	ļ	fe	∻ن	X
قے	تی	تو	qā 💆	q	qāf	~ق	
2	می	بمو	mā U	m	mīm	7	XII
3	عی	عو	'ā k	, ,	'aen	8	IX
غ	غی	غو	g <u>h</u> ā 🕻	<u>gh</u>	g <u>h</u> aen	'E'	

Para 1. Five consonants are introduced in this lesson—two letters comprising Group X, one letter comprising Group XII and two letters comprising Group IX of the letters of the Urdū alphabet. The scheme of Table 6 is the same as adopted in earlier tables; the arrows indicate the points where the pen starts from in the formation of letters.

- Para 2. The initial ghundi (the round or button-like point) of if e and if qāf is just like that of the letter if vāo/vāv as introduced in Lesson 2; the remaining part of the letter if e is formed like if e is formed like if e is formed like if e is qāf is constructed like the letter if e is num as introduced in Lesson 1. The initial round points of if and if remain closed when they occur initially or preceded by a non-connector letter in a word. When if qāf occurs finally it generally remains closed. The initial points in the formation of if and if indicated by arrows in Table 6, serve as their points of contact too with letters preceding them.
- Para 3. In the formation of the letter mim first a dot is made and in the same sweep of pen the rest of the letter is drawn. In combinations, when it occurs initially and medially only its initial part is retained. Its initial point, as indicated by an arrow in Table 6 Column II, serves as its point of contact with the letter preceding it; thus

Para 4. The letter & 'aen (in Arabic a pharyngeal voiced fricative representing the 'effort made by the throat in pronouncing a vowel at the beginning of a word or a syllable') falls with alif in Urdu depending for its sound on the accompanying vowel.

In transcription it is shown by an inverted comma ('). As it has little significance in the phonetical system of Urdū it has been put in a rectangle in the Table. The letter \mathcal{E} ghaen (a velarised voiced fricative) gives the sound made in gargling. In has been transcribed as gh. Except their tops the letters \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{E} are formed like the letters \mathcal{E} , jim, \mathcal{E} che etc. of Group III. In combinations when they occur initially or after non-connector letters in a word, only the tops of their detached forms \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{E} are retained. When these are placed medially in a word after the connectors their tops take different forms \mathcal{F} and respectively. When they occur as the last letter in a word preceded by a connector letter their forms are

respectively, the arrows indicating their points of contact with the letter preceding them. The difference between these forms of \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{E} and the letters of Group III (\mathcal{E} , \mathcal{E} , etc.) as introduced in Lesson 2, should be carefully noted; thus

(i'tibār=faith; honour etc.), عبارت ('ibādat=prayer), اغتبار (i'tibār=faith; honour etc.), الله ('adālat=court), الله ('aurat=a woman), الله (ghadr=disorder), الله (ghaddār=a rebel), الله (ghālib = overpowering; paramount), الله (ghizā=food; diet), الله (ghanīmat=blessing), الله (bāgh=a graden), الله (chirāgh=a lamp), الله (bam'=taper; a candle), الله (ma'lūm=known), الله (baghdād=Baghdad, name of a city), الله (bāligh=a major person), الله (ba'd=afterwards), الله (baghdal=the

armpit; side), عَلَطْ (ghalat=wrong), عَلَطْ (ghalat= a slip; an error etc.).

Exercise 6

- 1. Write down the words given in Para 4 of this lesson.
- 2. Read and write the following words carefully noting the initial, medial and final positions of the letters introduced in this lesson:

نقير قانون - قابل - قيصر - رك - برث - برئ - دِن - شوق - دُوق - فقير قناعت - فَلْسَفى - قلى - فياض (fayyāz) - وفا - دِفاع (difā') - كف - قناعت - مُفْلَر - نَفْرت - سَفَر - نَفْيرى - ضَعيف - مُفْلَك - فيل - قيل - نغل ل كطيف - نفلات - سَفيد - بَغُل ل كطيف - نفلات - سَفيد - بَغُل ل كطيف - نفي - سَفيد - بَغُل ل كطيف - فيض - صَفا - نقل - مُتَعَلِق حَقيقت - عِشْق - حَق - حَق - حَلَق - خَنَرَق - بَغَفا - نَقُل - مُتَعَلِق حَقيقت - عِشْق - خَق - حَلَق - خَنَرَق - بَغُل - مُتَعَل - مُتَعَل

LESSON 7

The Letter b he

Table 7

VIII	VII	VI	v	IV	Ш	II	I
Combination with	Combination with	Combination with	Combination with alif	Trans- lite- ration Or Power	Name	Letter (De- tached Form)	No.
سے	S.	ہو	Ļ	Iı	he	ď	XIV

Para 1. In this lesson is introduced the letter \eth he comprising Group No. XIV. It is a velarised aspirate giving the sound of h as in the English words hand, hen, hope etc. It should be mentioned, here that it is with this letter that \mho he as introduced in Lesson 2, is equated with in pronunciation. The arrow in Column II of Table 7 indicates the initial point in its formation. It is written in one sweep of pen so as to make a circle leaving the initial projection. It will be noticed that initially the pen is moved in the same way as it did in the formation of the letter \eth dāl as introduced in Lesson 3.

Para 2. When the letter o occurs at the beginning of a word it takes

the form of a semi-circle opening upwards with an extending slanting stroke downwards to the left of it and a hook beneath as shown in its combinations with the letters $\frac{1}{2}$ vão vão, 15 chhoti ye and bari ye in Columns VI, VII and VIII of Table 7 respectively; thus (hatak=insult), (hichkī=a hiccup), بيشتى (hastī=being; existence), بيشتى (hazm=digestion), بنفت (haft=seven), المنفث (himmat= (hosh=sense) بيونش (hindostān=India), بيتدوشتان (hosh=sense) and ایمیرا (hrā=diamond). It should however be noted that the extended slanting stroke of this form \nearrow is dropped when b is followed by the letter | alif as shown in Column V of Table 7, and the letters of Group IV (, , , ,), Group V (ر ر ر ر ر ر) and Group XI (ر ر ر ر ر ر) برایّت , (hār=a garland; a defeat) بار (hār=a garland; a defeat) (hidāyat=instruction; guidance), برن (hiran=a deer). برن (hal = a plough) etc.

Para 3. (a) When occurs medially in a word preceded by a nonconnector letter the same form is used but after the
connector letters the semi-circle is open downwards to take the
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Para 3 (b). It has been mentioned earlier (Lesson 4 Para 9) that there is a tendency to affect the short vowels when they occur before or after the letters 2 he as introduced in Lesson 2 and be as introduced in this lesson. Below are given some such examples:

A. affected zabar

(i) kaehnā for kahnā (
$$to say$$
)

It is to be noted that ae used in transcription in examples (i) and (ii) above, which have been adopted for $bar\bar{\imath}\ ye$ preceded by zabar in this work, has not the same length as it has in $aes\bar{a}$ (|l| = such). (Please see Lesson 5 Para 4). Similarly, e and o used in transcription in examples (iii) and (iv), and (v) and (vi) respectively, do not have the same length as e adopted for $bar\bar{\imath}\ ye$ and o adopted for e $v\bar{a}o$ in this work.

Note: The same affectation of zer and pesh occurs in the case of medial "aen e.g. e'tebār for i'tibār (
faith, honour etc.) and bo'd for bu'd (
distance, remoteness).

Para 4. When 3 occurs finally in a word after non-connector letters it retains its detached form b; thus

(i)
$$b \int (\bar{a}h = a \text{ sigh}),$$

(i) $\delta \int (\bar{a}h = a \text{ sigh}),$ (ii) $\delta \int (r\bar{a}h = \text{road}),$ (iii) $\delta \int (voh = \text{he/she/that}),$ (iv) $\delta \int (sh\bar{a}h = a \text{ king}),$

(v)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (zinda = alive),$$

(v) وَعُورُهُ (zinda = alive), (vi) وَعُورُهُ (qatra = a drop).

At the end of a word after the connector-letters on he assumes a different form / thus

of plum).

(x) داروند (dārogha = the inspector of

police),

(xi)
$$\langle ke = \text{that, which,} \rangle$$

(xii) مُكُلُّه (jagah = place),

(xvi) برمور (qehqaha=a burst

(xvii) بم المعربة (hamsāya=a neighbour), (xviii) بم المعربة (toḥfa=a gift).

(The word given as example No. (xvi) contains five letters viz. $\ddot{\mathcal{O}}$, \mathfrak{o} , $\ddot{\mathcal{O}}$, and \mathfrak{o} .)

It will be noticed that the transliteration of some of the words given above as exemplifications does not end on h (the power assigned to 0). It is because of the fact that 0, when it

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occurs finally in a word may be perceptible or sounded* in which case it is indicated by h in transliteration as in words No. (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (ix) and (xii) given above; and it may be imperceptible or unsounded** merely conveying the sound of the short vowel on its preceding letter in the word. In such cases it has been left out in transliteration in the Roman character as in words No. (iv)—(viii), (x), (xi) and (xiii) - (xviii) given above.

Para 5. In some cases, when it occurs at the end of a word D takes i.e. the form of two hes combined (as in word No. (xvi) given above) although only one b is being used; for instance

beh from the word (behna = to flow), teh and הקרה (teh karnā = to fold up), keh from the word (kehnā = to speak) and seh from the word line (sehnā = to tolerate).

It will be noticed that all these words happen to be the cases of affected zabar as discussed in Para 3 (b) above.

Para 6. It should be noted that when taking the izāfat as discussed in Lesson 4 Para 6 (b), the perceptible D is marked

^{*} case of affected zer, otherwise kih.

^{*}called *called *(zāhir = manifest), dif = conspicuous) (malfüzī = pronounced). **called مُخْتُفَى (makh $f\bar{\imath} = \text{mute}$), مُخْتُفَى (mukhtaf $\bar{\imath} = \text{conceded}$) or مُخْتُفَى (maktūb $\bar{\imath} = \text{scribed}$).

with zer as شاونییال (shāh-e-naepāl = the king of Nepal).

(āh-e-gharīb = the sigh of a poor man) and (rāh-e-dushvār = a difficult path) whereas when the imperceptible o takes the sign افر نتوارد المادة ا

Para 7. It may also be mentioned here that when it occurs at the end of certain loan words from Arabic it is generally with two dots placed over it b sounded like the letter te. In (Persian and) Urdu this letter of of Arabic is usually converted into the or te and pronounced accordingly; for instance

Exercise 7

1. Write down all the words and sets of words given as exemplifications in paragraphs 2-6.

2. Write down the words in Urdu whose transliterations are:

behtar mehtar birehman dehlī lāhaur naunihāl nehrū bāhar manohar malhār lahū tehrān hijje āhat girhan haḍḍī haldī hāvṛa hae māh

3. Write down the following words which end on imperceptible **b**:

4. Write down the following words which end on perceptible **o**:

nūn-e-ghunna فَوْنِ عُمَّةُ Nasalisation

Para 1. Nasalisation is an important feature in Urdu. The device for nasalisation in Urdu is the use of the letter (nun as introduced in Lesson 1. When ن is so used it is called يُؤْن عَنَّم nun-e-ghunna or the nasalised ghunnat* literally means 'talking through the nose' or 'a sound emitted through the nose'. Its effect is that where it occurs it makes the preceding vowel come through the nose. ப் nun becomes 📜 ghunna i.e. it assumes a nasal sound when it occurs at the end of a word and preceded by a long vowel (or a mad as introduced in Lesson 1 Para 4) and then its عُقْطُ (nuqta = dot) is not placed. It has been indicated by the letter n with a dot above it (n) in transliteration; thus زيان (zabāń = tongue; language), زيان (zamāń = time), נאנט (zamīn = earth), יאני (nahīn = no), און (kahān = where), $(m\bar{a}\dot{n} = mother).$ If, however, the word (Persian) at the end of which & be so placed in composition that it becomes moveable by the zer of izāfat, as discussed in Lesson 4 Para 6 (b), it ceases to be nasal and resumes its original sound n; e.g. בُוְט וֹנ כפׁ

(zabān-e-Urdū = the Urdū language), (jān-e-man-my life/soul (my dear)).

Para 3. When nasalisation precedes the letter be, it seems to produce the sound of the letter m in pronunciation; thus (minbar|mimbar = pulpit), ('anbar|ambar = a rich perfume), | (anbāla|ambāla = Ambāla, the name of a city in India), (gunbad|gumbad = a dome).

^{*} The final o in is imperceptible, hence no h in transliteration. For the letter is in is see Lesson 7 Para 7.

Exercise 8

- 1. Write down all the words given as exemplifications in this lesson.
- 2. Write down the following words twice each:

اَنگ - رَنگ - بَنگ - امْنگ - امْنگ - وَنِنگ - سِينگ - انگر - ينگن - سينگ - انگر - ينگن - كانينا - كانينا - اندهی - كانينا - اندهی - كانينا - انبار - انبا - سونف - جانبان - جان - انبار - انبار - بهريا - بهريا - امريخال - اشمال - كهيل - بهريا - مال - اشيال - ومهريا - مال -

LESSON 9

م (کرنگی = do chashmi he)

Aspirated Consonantal Sounds

Table 8 (a)

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۵۴	ر	as a

Table 8 (b)

	V		IV	III	II	Ī
Exe	nplificatio	ns	Trans- litera- tion Or Power	Names	Aspirated Sounds and their com- position	Serial No.
Final	Medial	Initial	. "			
شكھ	سبكها	بھارت	bh	bhae	. کھ (ب + ھ)	1
	ليما	يكفل	ph	phae	 بکھ (ب+ ھ)	2
نتخف	كنها	تفال	th	thae	كو (ت + ه)	3
برط	بنبخفاك	طفاكر	ţh	ţhae	طر (ك + هـ)	4
متر م	بجُمانا	جحبل	jh	jhae	(5+02)	5
المتجيم	بنجهرا	بجمعلني	chh	chhae	بخدر رج + هد)	6
فبره	بندهن	رُهن ا	dh	dhae	ره(ر + ه)	7

	, V		IV,	; III	и	1
گڑھ	مبترها	طرحال	dh	dhae	﴿ و (د + ه)	8
اكاڑھ	گڑھا	100 an 100	ŗh	rhae	رُه(ر ₊ ه)	9
ایکھ	أبنكها	کھیل	kh	khae	کھ (ک+ھ)	10
المنكه	كَنْ أَكْمَى	محمري	gh	ghae	گه(گ+ه)	11

Para 1. The aspirated consonantal sounds have no separate letters in Urdu; these are obtained by using \(\rightarrow \) do chashmi (two-eved) he at the end of certain consonants. Thus \(\textit{D} \) do chashmi he may be called the aspirated consonant-forming device. (It should be noted, however, that sometimes it is employed as a medial form of the letter > he as introduced in Lesson 7. The ordinals (bārhvān, bārhvīn = twelfth) and (terhvān, terhvān == thirteenth) derived نيرهوان from words ending on be viz. | (bārah = twelve) and (terah = thirteen) respectively illustrate this point. باربوس , باربول These ordinals should have been written as and تیربهوای respectively employing the form of the letter م , as introduced in Lesson 7 Para 2, but there is a general practice to write these with a do chashmi he*) The consonant and at the end of it together are pronounced with one effort and counted as one letter; thus ..., ..., , , , , , , etc. as given in Column II of Table 8 (b). All of these are true cases of aspiration i.e. they are 'spitted out' with one effort and the omission of aspiration from them will lead to a change of meaning as illustrated below:

^{*}In dictionaries even the initial • is given the form of • which is incorrect.

- Para 2. The detached form of is obtained by two sweeps of pen as indicated in Table 8 (a) Column II and Column III. Column I of this Table gives its detached form when it is employed to obtain the aspirated sound of a non-connector letter as , and and ; the arrows indicate the points where the pen starts from in its formation. It will noticed that the initial part of of as shown in Column II of Table 8 (a), is like the letter) dal as introduced in Lesson 3 while the latter part o of o, as shown in Column III of Table 8 (a), resembles the initial part of the letter , suad as introduced in Lesson 4. The initial point in the formation of as indicated in Column I of Table 8 (a), serves as its point of contact with in two sweeps of pen. The first sweep will make the initial part of the connector-letter and the initial part of and the second sweep will form the latter part of . The final point serves as its point of contact with its following letter as in jhā, jhā, chan etc.
- Para 3. In Column II of Table 8 (b) are given the aspirated consonant-letters and their compositions. In Column III are given their names; ae used in transliteration of these names is to be pronounced as a in the English words man and gap etc. as explained in Lesson 5 Para 4. Column IV gives the powers assigned to these aspirated consonants while Column V contains the examples showing these aspirated consonants as they occur initially, medially and finally in words or syllables. The stroke (—) in Column V against any aspirated consonant indicates that it does not occur in that position.

Para 4. With the exception of phae which does not occur finally

and rhae which does not occur initially all the aspirated consonantal sounds, as given in Table 8 (b) may occur initially, medially or finally as exemplified in Column V of the Table. In the case of dhae in the final position there is a tendency to convert it into frhae; for instance gadh generally becomes (garh = a fort)

Para 5. Of the other aspirated consonantal sounds used in Urdu (nhae) occurs only medially and finally and that too in a few words such as أنخصير (unhen = those; them), منتهم (munh = face), مبنَّم (menh = rain), نَنْهَا (nannhā=little; young) and مرهم (unhattar = sexty nine). The use of مرهم rhae is restricted to the medial position mainly to the ordinals as (gyārhvān = eleventh), بنْدرهوال (pandarhyān = fifteenth), سَتَرهوال satarhvān = seventeenth), سَتَرهوال (atthārhvān = eighteenth). The use of mh is also restricted to the medial position, and to a few words only e.g. $(tumhe\dot{n} = to you),$ إلى (tumhārā = your). The use of Ihae in the medial and initial positions is also restricted to only a few words. It occurs initially in the word المعيس (lhes = stickiness); the adjective derived therefrom is (lhesdar = gummy; sticky), and the verb commonly used is (lhīsnā = to daub). Instances of _ lhae in the medial position are کو الله (kūlhā = the hip), کو اله (kolhū = an oil press) and the ordinal سبوله sollivan from سبولهوال (solah=sixteen) which ends on the letter &.

Note: Ihae, Ihae, Me mhae and Me nhae have not been included in the Table as the omission of aspiration from words containing these sounds will not lead to a change of meaning.

Para 6. The words given as exemplifications in Column V of Table 8 (b) are:

bhārat (India), sabhā (a meeting; assembly), shubh (auspicious), phal (a fruit), guphā (a cave), thāl (a large flat plate of brass etc.), kathā (a narrative), nath (a nose string), thākur (a lord; master), baethak (the act or state of sitting; a meeting hall), pīth (the back), jhīl (a lake), bujhānā (to extinguish), samajh (intelligence), chhalnī (a sieve; a strainer), bachhrā (the young of an animal; a calf), rīchh (a bear), dhan (riches), bandhan (binding; fastening), budh (knowledge; Wednesday), dhāl (slope; shield), buddha (old), gaḍh (a fort), gaṛhā (a pit), asāṛh (the fourth Hindu solar month—June-July), khīl (parched grain or rice), pankhā (a fan), īkh (sugarcane), ghaṛī (a space of 24 minutes; a watch), kaṅghī (a comb used by women, notched on both sides), siṅgh (a lion) respectively.

Exercise 9

1. Write down the following pair of words carefully noting the difference in their meanings:

		•			, .		<i>"</i> *
بكفث	پکٹ	بحاري	بارى	بحفلا	كبلا	بھاک	باك
پکفٹ چھوری	پیوری	جھال	جال	جمالا	جالا	تحقرا	بنتا
رھۇنى	دؤني	وهار	دار	جهين	چين	المجيفي ا	چپ
كمعاج	كاج	کھیل	کیل	كعلى	کلی	رحاني	رانی
گھات	گات	گھر	3	کھاری	کاری	كهيلا	کیلا رو
چھوری رھۇنی کھاج گھات		كمانا	کانا	پُرُھا	12	، کھل	گل

2. Write down the following words carefully noting the aspirated consonantal sounds as they occur initially, medially and finally:

- بھنگی - بھگوان - بھؤمی - بھیک - بجیمن - رنبھانا - بھی۔ ط - بگهبرا - جانگه - ماگه - گشه جور - كارهنا-بُورُه سُهاكُن - يَعِل بل - اوْغُد - ارْهَت - الرها -

Para 1. The letter 5 hamza comprising Group XV in this work (a consonant glottal stop in Arabic) is used as an orthographical mark and represents a vowel-sequence in Urdū. No word begins with it. It is a substitute employed in the middle of words for the letter | alif and is used to indicate a new syllable mainly between two vowels when one of them ends a syllable and the other indicates the next one. It gives the sound of the letter eas in the English word poetry. Its function may be further illustrated by the hyphen (-) which indicates separation of two vowels as in the English word co-ordinate. Its form is like that of the English letter s drawn in a free hand in one sweep of pen 5 and is written between the two vowels (long or short) a little above the body of the word. It should be noted that some scribes write it just like the initial part (\mathcal{S}) of the letter \mathcal{S} . The presence of hamza is indicated by an apostrophe (') in transcription. When such vowel sound is needed between the vowel-letters | alif and $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{ao/vav}$, no space is left for the hamza in the body of the word as in 3i ($j\ddot{a}$ 'o = go), $3\tilde{a}$ $(\bar{a}'o = \text{come}), \quad (\bar{a}'\bar{u}\dot{n} = \text{may/if I come}), \text{ otherwise a}$ balandi'-e-himāla (the height of the Himalayas),

vali²-e-kāmil (a perfect saint).

^{*}The final letter \mathfrak{d} he in the name of this letter is imperceptible; hence no h in transliteration.

^{*}More proper will be to write this word as

It is to be noted that since the letter b he in such cases is imerceptible it has been omitted in transliteration of these sets of words; b chhoir ye is employed as a long vowel represented by \bar{i} in transcription. It should also be noted that hamza thus placed for \bar{i} \bar{i}

Para 3. hamza surmounted on the vowel letter ______ barī ye as introduced in Lesson 3 (______), is employed in forming genitive, adjectival and prepositional compounds* when the governing word ends on the letter | alif or | vāo|vāv. In transliterating such compounds the letter hamza is indicated by the mark of apostrophe (') on the last letter of the governing word followed by the letter e adopted for ______ barī ye in transcription; thus

= sadā' e baland (a loud voice),

= justjū' e nākām (unfruitful search),

= bālā' e bām (on the roof),

= rū' e zamīn (surface of the ground).

*known as رُحُبُ أَنِّ الْمَا فَى murakkab-e-izāfī. سركُبُ إِضَا فَى murakkab-e-izāfī. murakkab-e-jārī respectively.

Para 4. hamza on the vowel-letter () is also employed in the aorist where the root ends on the letter | alif, y vāo|vāv and sometimes even () chhoṭī ye. In such cases a space for it is provided before the initial point of [] In transliterating such words hamza is indicated by an apostrophe, no space being left before the letter e, adopted for [baṛī ye in transcription, as was done in transliterating the words in the state of construction (compounds) discussed in Para 3 above; thus [| (lā'e=brought), | (ro'e=wept), | (pi'e=drank) from the verbs | (lānā=to bring), | (pinā=to drink) respectively.

Para 5. Some nouns (loans from Arabic) in their plural forms end on the letter \$\int hamza\$ preceded by the letter \$\int alif\$ and in such cases it is not written over the body of the word or over any other letter. In transliteration it is indicated by apostrophe on the letter \$a\$ adopted for the letter \$\int alif\$; thus \$\int \limit{umara}\$ \(\text{plural of } \\ \limit{numara} \) \(\text{plural of } \\ \text{plural of } \

Para 6. I hamza surmounted on | alif (|) or on) (|) may occur on a few loan words from Arabic. In such cases | alif and) vão are not pronounced; thus

- (i) (jur'at = boldness; bravery),
- (ii) مَمْنَا يُرْدُ (muta'assir = touched; impressed),
- (iii) مُرَوَّرُب (mu'addab = polite; respectful) and
- (iv) مُوذِك (mu'azzin = the crier in a mosque who calls the people to prayers).

LESSON 11

(gintī = the Cardinal Numbers) — اَعْشَارِيهُ (a'shāriya = decimal) — The word sanh

Exercise 10

- 1. Write down all the words given as exemplifications in Para 1, Para 4, Para 5 and Para 6 of this lesson.
- 2. Write down all the words in the state of construction as given in Para 2 and Para 3 of this lesson.

Para 1.

Names		Figures		Names		Figures	
chaudah	چُودُه	14	١٨٠	ek	ایک	1	1
pandrah	يندره	15	-10	do	رو	2	r*
solah	سوله	16	14	tin	تين	3	gu←
satrah	[سَيْرُهُ	17	14	chār	چار	4	W.K.
ațț hārah	أكلمائره	18	14	pāńch	بإلخ	5	۵
unnis	وأنبيس	19	19	chhae	بجمعه	6	>4
bīs	بنيس	20	7.	sāt	اسات	7	2
ikkīs	اكتيس	21	ΥĴ	āţh	ر ط ا کھ	8	~^
bā'is	باتبس	.22	77	nau	انو	9	9-
te'īs	البيئيس	23	۲۳	das	دُس	10	١٠
chaubīs	بجوببس	24	بما لم	giyārah gyārah	گيا رُه	11	11
pachelus	رئيس پچبس پيب	25	10	bārah	باره	12	11
chhabbīs	المججمتين	26	* ۲4	terah	تبئره	13	اس

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saentālīs	سينتاليس	47	MZ	sattä'īs	كتتائيس	: 27	44
artālīs	أرثمتاليس	48	MV	aţţhā'īs	الخفائيس	28	1/1
unanchās	أننجاس	49	89	unattīs	أنتيس	29	19
pachās	يُجاس	50	۵۰	tis	تيس	30	۳.
ikyāvan	إكياؤن	51	۱۵	ikattīs	إكتبس	-31	اس
bāvan	باؤن	52	01	battīs	بنتيس	32	44
tarepan	تريبين	53	۳۵	tentīs.	تينتيس	33	ا سرس
chavvan	بيُون	54	a m	chauntis	ئەنتىس بۇرايس	34	ماله
pachpan	<u>ئ</u> چين رئين	55	00	paenits	بينيتين	35	40
chhappan	تجفين	56	04	chhattis	المجفتيس	36	74 4
sattāvan	كتتا ون	57	04	saentīs	سينتيس	37	عم
aţthāvan	المقاؤن	58	۵۸	aṛtīs	أثرتيس	38	۳۸
unsath	السطم	59	09	untālīs	أنتابيس	39	۳۹
sāṭh	سانگھ ردر	60	4.	chālīs	چالبس	40	۲۰,
iksath	ا إلستھ	61	41	iktālīs	إثتاليس	41	41
bāsaṭh	باستھ	62	44	bayālīs	براليس	42	44
taresath	ا تربیٹھ رین	63	٣	tentālīs	البنة البس	43	44
chaunsath	يخونسط زو	64	40	chavālīs	يحواليس	44	44
paensath	برنسطه برنسطه	65	40	paentālīs	ينيتالبس	45	80
chhiyāsath	البجياسه	66	44	chhiyālīs	جفياليس	46	84

chaurāsī	بخرراسى	84	۸۲	sarsath	مرامظ	67	44
pichyāsī pachāsī	پچیاسی بگیاسی	85	10	aṛsaṭh	الأسحف	68	40
chhiyāsī	بجفياسى	86	1.4	unhättar	أنكفتكر	69	44
satāsī sattāsī	مئتاسی مئتاسی	87	1.4	sattar	ئ تر	70	۷٠
aţţhāsī	ر کا اکھاسی	88	^^	ikhattar	اِکھنتر	71	41
navāst	. نُواسی	89	1.9	bahattar	بهتر	72 -	24
navve	نوّے	90	9.	tihattar	رتهمتر	73	انتوع
ikyānve	إكيالوك	91	4)1	chauhattar	ا پنونهتر	74	294
bānve	بالرے	92	94	pichhattar	ر در پیا ربیجهشر	75	4.0
tirānve	رزانوے	93	. '9 "	chhihattar	المجھہتر	76	44
cnaurānye	بخورانوے	.94	مع به	satattar	استنتر	77	26
pichyānve pichānve	جیا توے بچا نوے	95	40	aţhattar	اکھنٹر	78	41
chhiyānve	چيانوے	96	44	unās ī	أناسى	79	29
satänve	بُشَانُوك	97	94	assī	انتنى	80	۸٠
aţţhānve	اُکھانوے	98 .	4^	ikyāsī	إكياسى	81	AI
ninyānve ninānve	نِنیا توے نِنا نوے	99	99	bayāsī	بئياسى	82	14
sau	ىشو	100	100	ti r āsī	رتراسی	83	٨μ

Para 2. The arrows in the column of figures indicate the points where the pen starts from in the formation of figures.

Para 3. Zero is known as sifar. It is to be noted that just a small dot (•) serves as zero in Urdu and the figures are compounded in the same way as in English. In figures, twelve will be written as (| Y) and not as (Y) for the latter will be twenty one. Similarly, nineteen hundred and seventy will be (| 9 2 •) and not (2 • | 9) for it will be seven thousand and nineteen.

Para 4. The letter 5 hamza as introduced in Lesson 10 is employed for decimal which is known as (a'shāriya from 'ashar=a tenth); thus ۲۵۶۸۹ (25.89) will be read as pachchīs a'shāriya āth nau (=twenty five decimal eight nine).

Para 5. The numbers above one hundred are formed as in English but the conjunction and is not expressed: e.g. ایک سورای (ek sau ek = one hundred (and) one). Further, ایک سورای (pānch sau= five hundred) is generally pronounced as

A hundred thousand is expressed as

A hundred thousand million (kiror=crore);

A hundred million (das kiror= ten crores),

A thousand million (das kiror= a hundred crore), a hundred thousand million (das arab.)

Para 6. In Urdu the year is generally indicated by placing the word sanh* under the figures; thus = 1970

A.D. The initial part of E (E) after the word stands for the word ('isavi = the Christian era).

The scribes generally ignore the dot of nun in writing this word.

Exercise 11

1. Write in figures:

2. Write in words:

1479 - 19xx - 144 - 446 - 4.4 - 4.04.

^{*}Arabic (sanat/sana = a year).

LESSON 12

tanvin كَفُوْ إِنْ kharā zabar and كَفُوا زُبُر

- Para 1 (a). The primitive or the short vowels—zabar, zer, pesh—as introduced in Lesson 4 are called a'rāb and also known by their Arabic names fatha, kasra and zamma respectively. It should be mentioned here that there is a general practice to omit these signs, as well as the marks jazm and tashdid, in the printed books and manuscripts.
- Para 1 (b). The letters | alif, في barī ye, and the semi-vowel letters و vāo and كل chhoṭī ye are called بمروزف علت hurūf-e-'illat = vowel letters.
- Para 2. In some words (loans from Arabic) the letter | alif used for prolongation of the preceding consonantal sound, as introduced in Lesson 1, is sometimes omitted and in that case this omission is indicated by the vowel-mark zabar written perpendicularly known as kharā zabar = vertical zabar on the consonant which should otherwise have been prolongated by a written | alif. In transliteration it is treated as a simple | alif = ā; thus for (raḥmān=most compassionate (God)), for | (lihāzā = therefore) etc. Thus the vertical zabar represents the vowel-letter | alif which is omitted.
- Para 3. In some words (Arabic) such vertical zabar may occur on the letter y vão. In such cases y vão is not pronounced, only

the zabar is pronounced to prolong the sound of the preceding consonant as the letter | alif would have done. In transliteration such vertical zabar is also indicated by \bar{a} ; thus ($\bar{s}al\bar{a}t = \text{prayer}$) and ($zak\bar{a}t = \text{alms}$; a portion of a Muslim's property given in charity agreeably to the Qurān).

- Para 4 (a). If the vowel-points zabar, zer, pesh as discussed in Lesson 4, of the last letter of nouns (loans from Arabic) are doubled, that indicates the presence of these vowel-points as well as the sound of an inert (1) nun. This takes the form of un, in or an and it is known as (tanvin=nunnation), indicated in transliteration by a short dash under the letter n (n). Thus bābun, l bābin and l bāban. The formation of two peshes on , the last letter of the word \bigcup ($b\bar{a}b$ = chapter; gate) is to be carefully noted. Doubling of the short vowel-mark zabar requires the letter alif at the end of the word which does not, however, prolong the sound of the final syllable. In Urdu, words with tanyin seldom occur; they are limited to the use of a few adverbial expressions: (ittifāqan == by chance), = tagrība<u>n</u> (tagrīban) approximately), (hukman = immediately; positively), (<u>kh</u>uṣūṣan = particularly), =generally), (fauran = at once), (qānūnan= according to law), مُثْلًا (magalan = for instance), المُثْلُ (naslan = lineally) and (yaqinan = certainly).
- Para 4 (b). Doubling the short vowel-mark zabar does not require alif while deriving adverbs from nouns (Arabic) ending on the letters hamza as introduced in Lesson 10 or of Arabic as introduced in Lesson 7 Para 7; e.g. المتاب ibtidā'an = in the beginning) from the word

written in Urdū as וְלִיבׁן ibtidā only and "intentionally) from וְלוֹכֹה in Urdū).

Para 4 (c). Deriving adverbs from nouns (Arabic) ending on , as introduced in Lesson 13 Para 1 (i.e. where is not pronounced and | alif is pronounced to extend the sound of the preceding consonant), does not also warrant the introduction of | alif in nunnation; thus (hudan from the noun (hudā = guiding; the way of salvation). It may be noted that this word has been written here with as the initial letter; in the dictionaries it is written with (do chashmi he, as introduced in Lesson 9) as it is written in Arabic.

Exercise 12

- 1. Write down the words as given in Para 2 and Para 3.
- 2. Write down each word twice as given in Para 4(a) in this lesson.

LESSON 13

(alif-e-maqşūra = shortened alif)
— Initial Consonantal Cluster —

sākin, mutaharrik and mauquf

Para 1. The letter | alif with the sign من mad over it, as introduced in Lesson 1 Para 4, is known as الف عندورة الماء الماء

- Para 2 (a). The letter with the short vowel-marks—zabar, zer and pesh—
 or the one which is extended by the vowel letters— | alif and

 barī ye or by the semi-vowels— yaāo and & chhotī
 ye—is called (mutaharrik = moving/moveable) and
 the letter with the sign jazm is known as (sākin—inert
 or stationary).
- Para 2 (b). It has been mentioned in Lesson 4 Para 10 (b) that in Urdū initial consonantal cluster does not occur i.e. more than one

moveable consonant sound does not occur at the beginning of a word in Urdü. There are, however, a few exceptions where the words begin with two consonants, the first having no vowel; e.g. $(ky\bar{a} = \text{what}; \text{ whether}), \quad \text{(kyon} = \text{why)} \text{ and} \quad \text{(gyan} = \text{knowledge)}. \text{ In all these cases, it should be noted that the second letter is } \quad \text{chhoti ye, the semi-vowel.}$

Para 2 (c). When the consonantal cluster occurs i.e. where two or more letters with the sign jazm (or inert letters) occur together in a word, as discussed in Lesson 4 Para 10 (c), the first alone is called مرقون (mauqūf= stopped); e.g. in the word روست (dost = friend) the j is termed as sākin but the and are termed are termed mauqūf.

Exercise 13

Write down all the words given as exemplifications in this lesson at least twice each.

LESSON 14

Other Uses of the Semi-Vowel

Letter 🔰 vāo|vāv

_vāv-e-ma'dūla; vāv-e-ishmām-e-zamma; vāv-e-'atf

Para 1 (a). The semi-vowel letter عن المتعادة والمتعادة والمتعادة

- (i) $\frac{\langle \underline{k}\underline{h}\underline{w}ab|\underline{k}\underline{h}ab}{\langle \underline{k}\underline{h}\underline{w}ab|\underline{k}\underline{h}ab} = \text{dream}$
- (ii) نحواجه (<u>kh</u>wāja/<u>kh</u>āja = a master; a gentleman)
- (iii) نحواه تخواه (<u>kh</u>wāh ma<u>kh</u>wāh|<u>kh</u>āh ma<u>kh</u>āh=perforce; willy nilly)
- (iv) خوام،ش (<u>kh</u>wāhish|<u>kh</u>āhish = desire)
- (v) $\frac{\langle \underline{khwd} | \underline{khud} = \text{self} \rangle}{\sqrt{khud}}$
- (vi) نحور (khwrd|khurd = younger)

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(vii)
$$\frac{\langle \underline{khwr} \ o \ naush | \underline{khur} \ o \ naush}{\text{drink}}$$
 food and drink)

(viii)
$$\frac{(khwsh|khush = happy)}{}$$

Para 1 (b). In examples (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (x) above, $\frac{1}{2}$ $v\bar{a}o$ almost loses its entity and is just passed over and superseded by the sound of the following $\frac{1}{2}$ alif (or $\frac{1}{2}$ in the case of example (x)) whereas in examples (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), and (ix) $\frac{1}{2}$ $v\bar{a}o$ just indicates that the letter preceding it smells of the vowel-mark pesh. Therefore it is called $\frac{1}{2}$ $v\bar{a}o$ $v\bar{a}o$ $v\bar{a}o$ smelling of or having a slight sound of the short vowel pesh).

Para 1 (c). Instances where $\int v\bar{a}o$ is just passed over and superseded by the sound of the following vowel letter | alif, or in other words where it just indicates the short vowel pesh on its preceding letter may also be traced in the following words:

(iii)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (sw^{2}ar/su^{2}ar = a pig)$$

Para 2. • vão/vāv is also used as a letter of conjunction between two nouns governed by the same verb or between two adjectives qualifying the same noun. In such cases it is known as (vāv-e-'aff = vāv of conjunction). It is transliterated as o written between two words; e.g. الله (gul o bulbul=the rose and the nightingale) and ترو ترازه (far o tāza = fresh and ripe).

Exercise 14

- Write down all the words given as exemplifications in this lesson.
- 2. Write the words which may be transliterated as
 - (i) khāş o 'ām; jān o māl; amīr o gharīb; nek o bad;
 - (ii) khwsh poshāk; hansī khwshī; khwrshīd.

LESSON 15

Numerical Value of the Letters

tarīkh: shamsī and gamarī letters

Para 1. As mentioned in the Introduction, the letters of the Urda alphabet have been taken from Arabic, Persian and Hindi. Eight letters viz. في , في , في , في , في , and are peculiar to Arabic. Words containing any one of them are generally borrowed from Arabic. Words containing 7, j, j or E may be Persian or Arabic with the exception of the words خرّا أطّا (kharrātā = snoring), خرّا أطّا (khurrānt=old; crafty; wicked etc.), عطر غول (ghatarghūn= cooing of pigeons) and farrata = a run; a fluttering in the air). The few words containing the letter أُوالُه e.g. براكر (zhāla = hail), مرز گان (mizhgān = eyelashes) and پُرْ مُر رُه م (pazhmurda = faded) are purely Persian. Words containing any of the letters ____ , ____ or ____ may be Persian or Indian but not Arabic. Words containing any of the letters , , and \mathcal{I} , and those having the aspirated sounds \mathcal{I} , \mathcal{I} , etc. are purely Indian. The rest of the letters are common to Arabic, Persian and Hindī. The twenty eight letters of the Arabic alphabet have been arranged into eight words according to the numeral value of the letters ranging from one to one thousand as follows:

كلمن	مخطی	بَهُوَّز	ر أبجد
kaliman	hu <u>tt</u> ī	havvaz	abjad
20 =	S = 8	5 = D	1 =
30 = <i>U</i>	9 = b	6 = 9	2 = ب
40 =	. 10 = 6	7 = j	3 = 2
50 = U			4 =)
ضُظِّع	بئات شخار	قرئشت	سعفص
zazzag <u>h</u>	<u>sakhkhaz</u>	qarashat	sa'faș
ص = 008	500 = 🕹	ت = 100	60 = U
غ = 900	$\dot{z} = 000$	200 = 7	70 = &
1000 = E	700 = j	$300 = \mathcal{O}^{\ddot{m}}$	ف == 80
•		400 = :	ص = 90

^{*}The hijri era begins from A.D. 622, the year of the migration (hijrat) of he Prophet of Islam from Mecca.

of the letters , , , , etc. amounts to 1217 A.H., the year in which this celebrated work was completed. While composing the chronogram it should be noted that the short vowels are not to be counted as they have no numerical value. The letter marked by the sign tashdīd, though it occurs twice in the word, is counted only once.

Para 3. These twenty eight letters of the Arabic alphabet have been divided into five classes according to the vocal organs employed in uttering them:

- 1. Gutterals viz. f , ク , さ , き , e and g
- 2. Palatals viz. 3, 3, and 3
- 3. Linguals viz. ر , ر , س , ش , م and ص
- 4. Dentals viz. ت , ث , و , و , ث , ن and ن
- 5. Labials viz. , , o and

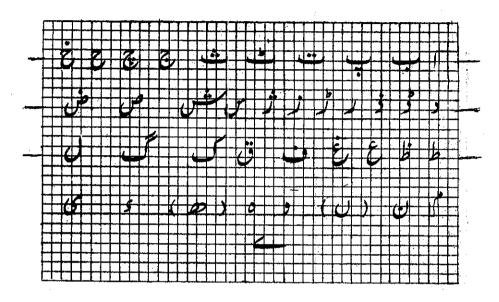
The fourteen letters of the third and fourth classes are called (shams=solar) letters because the word (shams=the sun) happens to begin with one of them and the letters of the other classes are called (qamari=lunar) because the word (qamar=the moon) happens to begin with one of them. In Urdu there are some nouns (borrowed from Arabic) which are 'in a state of construction' with another substantive or preposition which precedes them. If the following substantive begins with one of the 'solar' letters the of the definite article (al=the) of Arabic, though written, is not pronounced and the initial letter of the noun is marked with tashdid and the last letter of

the preceding substantive word assumes the vowel-mark pesh over it: thus رام السَّلَطَنْت is pronounced as darus saltanat, not as dar al saltanat; similarly رُطَامُ الرِّين is pronounced as nizāmuddīn, not as nizām al dīn. In both these cases () is written but not pronounced. When the noun begins with the letter U, the U of the article U (al = the) coincides with it as in عدم ('ilm ul lughat = lexicography). If the noun in such a 'state of construction' begins with any of the 'lunar' letters the d of the article d is pronouced, the last letter of the preceding substantive assuming the vowel mark pesh over it: thus سُنتُ الْمُقْدُّ س (baetul muqaddas = Jerusalem) and (shaekhul jāmi'a = vice-chancellor of a university) etc. When the noun is in such 'a state of construction' with a preposition the same rule applies with the difference that the last letter before the final | alif or 6 of the preposition may assume a zer beneath it; thus (bil kul=totally; entirely; wholly), بالقرور (bil 'umum=commonly), بالقرور في الحقيقيَّة (fil hāl=at present), في المُحقيقيَّة (fil haqiqat = as a mattar fact; in truth), خشف المحاكم (hasbul hukm=as ordered), الْ الْعَالَى (bil ittifaq = unanimously). In all such constructions, it will be noticed that the | alif of the definite article () is not pronounced. Such | alif is known as الفوص (vasl = link) and over it is given the mark vasla It should be mentioned, however, that it is seldom that this mark, or for that matter, the short vowel-marks and the marks jazm and tashdid are given in the printed books or manuscripts. In transliteration no provision is made for such | alif and |). of the definite article /) , nor for 15, the last letter of the preposition in construction with its following noun.

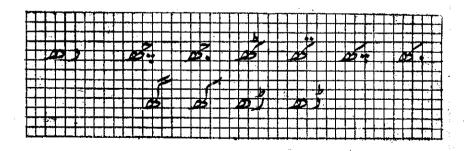
Exercise 15

Write down all the words given as exemplifications in this lesson at least twice each.

THE URDU ALPHABET



LETTERS DEVISED FOR ASPIRATED CONSONANTAL SOUNDS IN URDU



THE URDU

VII		VI			V		
Numerical Value	Exemplification			Connected Form			
	Final	Medial	Initial	Final	Mediat	Initial	
1	كلا	بات	آناج	t	l	1	
2	لب	ں صبر	برا بن بجن یا	. بن	*	1. 1. 4.	
(2)	چُپ	بر چپاتی	برين بجارى	بب	4	1 4 4 4	
400	بیکت	لی سنتری	تر. تادا بتم - تس	ت		7 7 5 7	
(400)	نگط	ب لشرا	طرا إماك بهم للط	ٹ	, b	3 3 3 5	
500	بحث	ب ا كثرت	تزما ثابت يقر لوا	ِ ٹ	* .	ל ל ל ל	
3	3.	مجلس	جب	بج	4.	7.	
(3)	جج ا	ليحا	چپ	4.2	5.	7.	
8	صبع	تخت	حرت	بح	5	7	
600	بمبخ	بخار	خالي	٠, ک	3	ż	
4	کبر	ندی	ران	メ	7	,	
(4)	كهانثر	زندر	لخال	<u>ر</u>	ار ار	ځ	
700	كاغد	نذر	زات	ノ	・	خ	

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IV	III	•	II	I
Transliteration or Power	Name		Letter (Deta- ched Form)	Serial No.
a etc.	alif	الفث	. 1	1
b	be	ن نے	·	2
p	pe		پ	3
1	1e	<u>ئے</u>	ت	4
1	1e	رطے	ك	5
ş.	șe	تے	ٺ	6
j	jīm	جيم	3	7
ch	che	<u>چ</u> ح	یج	8
h	hе	2	2	9
<u>kh</u>	<u>kh</u> e	خے	خ	10
d	dāl	دال	,	11
d	dāl	طرال	ڻو	12
2	<u>z</u> āl	ذال	j	13

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VII	VI			V		
Numerical Value	Exemplification		tion	Connected Form		
	Final	Medial	Initial	Final	Medial	Initial
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(200)	جرط	برا	-	29	الم	ر ا
7	گز	بزم	زر	7	1 %	j
(7)	-	مِژگان	ژرف	ゲ	ż	Ĵ
60	بس	نستی	سفر	س/مس	سر/م	سر/سہ
300	غش	جشن	شاری	ش/مش	سننر /ت	ننه /ث
90	نحالص	نصبر	صاف	نص	بص	صر
800	بغض	غضب	ضرور	ىض	كضر	ضر
9	نحط	خطا	طاق	بط	b	Ь
900	حافيظ	نظر	ظلم	نظ	نظ	Ь
70	مكوقع	معات	علم	ع	بر	۶
1000	تبيغ	بغل	عم	خ	迬	je
80	صف	سفر	فقببر	ىف	ف	j
100	رُونن	فقبر	فر	ىق	ۏ	ÿ
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IV	. III		lI .	I
Transliteration or Power	´ Name		Letter (Deta- ched Form)	Serial No.
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Z	ze	ز ک	j	16
zh	zhe	ژے	ژ	. 17.
s	sīn	سيبن	سرس	18
, sh	shīn	شين	شرش	19
Ş	şuād	صاد	ص	20
z.	zuād	ضاد	ض	21
<u>į</u>	100	طوتے	Ь	22
<i>z</i> .	zoe	ظوتے	<i>b</i>	23
•	`aen	عكين	<u>ظ</u> ع غ	24
<u>gh</u>	g <u>h</u> uen	غنين	غ	25
f	fe	نے	ت	26
q	qāf	فان	ت	27
k	kāf	كاف	<u></u>	28

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VII		VI			V	
Numerical Exemplification Value		ation	Connected Form			
	Final	Medial	Initial	Final	Medial	Initial
(20)	الگ	مگر	گل-گرج	یگ	گ	5 5
30	بل	جلي	لب ا	بل	J	J
40	مم	ممر	مجلس	کم	کر	<i>_</i>
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(10)	جائے	بيد	-	_	~:	-

Note 1. The parentheses around the figures in Column VII indicate that the letters against them in Column II had originally no value but afterwards received the same value as the cognate Arabic letters. The 35th letter hamza is taken to be an orthographical mark in Urdū. There has been a difference of opinion in the fixation of its numerical value.

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IV	Ш		II	Í
Transliteration or Power	Name		Letter (Deta- ched Form)	Serial No.
g	gāf	گات	گ	29
1	lām	لام	J	30
m	mīm	میم	م	31
n .	ทนัก	تؤن	ِ ن	32
v.o,ū etc.	vāo vāv 🤰	داؤ/وا	,	33
ħ	he	4	0	34
	hamza	، کرده	5	35
у, ї	chhou ye	جھوٹی ہے	ی	36
е	barī ve	بڑی ہے		37

NOTES ON LESSONS AND ADDENDA

-yā'e ma'rūf; yā'e majhūl; yā'e līn; vāv-e-ma'rūf; vāv-e-majhūl; vāv-e-līn-Punctuation Marks-Other Orthographical Marks and Symbols used in Urdū

- Para 1 (a). The semi-vowel letter G chhoṭī ye used as a long vowel to give the sound of ee as in feel and transliterated as \bar{i} , as introduced in Lesson 1 Para 6 (b) and (c), is known as G (Va'e Ma'rUf = Ve the known).
- Para 1 (b). The vowel-letter \angle barī ye used as a long vowel to give the sound of a as in pale and transitierated as e, as introduced in Lesson 3 Para 2 is known as $(y\bar{a}'e majh\bar{u}l = ye)$ the unknown).
- Para 1 (c). The vowel-letter \angle bari ye preceded by a letter moveable with the short vowel zabar to give the sound of the diphthong ae, as introduced in Lesson 5 Para 4 is known as $(y\bar{a}'e\ lin=ye\ which is smooth,\ embraced,\ dissolved\ or\ immersed).$
- Para 2 (a). The semi-vowel letter و vão/vãv with an (ultā pesh = inverted pesh) over it employed to give the sound of oo as in fool and transliterated as ū, as introduced in Lesson 2

 Para 4 (b) is known as واومنعروف (vāv-e-ma'rūf = vão the known).
- Para 2 (b). The semi-vowel letter $\int v\bar{a}o/v\bar{a}v$, when used to give the sound of o as in more and transiterated as o as introduced in Lesson 2 Para 4(b) is known as $\int v\bar{a}v e majh\bar{u}l = v\bar{a}o$ the unknown).

Para 2 (c). The semi-vowel letter yaō/vāv, when preceded by a letter moveable with the short vowel zabar to give the sound of the diphthong au as introduced in Lesson 5 Para 3, is known as (vāv-e- līn = vāo which is smooth, embraced, dissolved or immersed).

Para 3. The punctuation marks, as employed in Urdu, are

- (i) (') inverted comma for the English comma (,)
- (ii) (:) colon as the colon in English (:)
- (iii) (-) a small dash for the full stop in English (.)
- (v) (s) note of interrogation for the note of interrogation in English (s)
- (v) (!) note of exclamation as in English (!)
- (vi) " marks of quotation for the English marks of quotation ("")
- (vii) () parenthesis as in Engligh ()
- (viii) [] square bracket as in English
- (ix) () underline i.e. the line drawn above the words to which particular attention is invited.
- (x) (*) Asterisk—used as a reference to notes at the bottom or on the margin of the page
- (xi) (...) dots to show that some words in the passage have been omitted
- Para 4 (a). As there are no capital letters in Urdū a diacritical mark has been devised to denote the proper nouns or the 'pen-name' of poets or authors by which they are generally known. This mark is placed above the body of that word and may be called منافعات (takhalluṣ kā nishān = mark of the poetical surname). Thus the mark on the word أثاب مرزانال داغ in داغ navvāb mirzā

khān dāgh indicates that واغ is the poetical surname of the person named زراخاں.

Para 4 (b). To indicate that a sentence is to be followed by a

(she'r* = poetry; a verse; a couplet) the mark نشفر is placed

after the last word of the sentence which may be called

if she'r kā nishān, the indicator of the couplet which is to follow.

Para 4 (c). If a sentence is to be followed by a hemistich; a line of a poem) the letter \mathcal{E} / \mathcal{E} in its detached form is written after that sentence. It may be called the misre' $k\bar{a}$ nishān, the mark of the hemistich or the line of a poem that is to follow. The letter \mathcal{E} / \mathcal{E} thus used as well as the mark \mathcal{L} is denoted by colon (:) in transliteration.

Para 5. The following passage, with its transcript will serve as a useful exercise in reading. Care has been taken that almost all the letters of the Urdū alphabet and some of the remarks made in the Notes are exemplified in this passage:

بِمنْدوشتان ایشِیا کا بَهُن بُرانا اور بُرا امْلک ہے۔ بہاں طرَح طرَح کے مُوسَم ہوتے ہیں۔ اِس میں بِبَار اُ ور گھنے جنگل بھی ہیں، ربگیشتان بھی اُ ور کھیتی کے لئے بیدانی علاقے بھی۔ بہاں طرح طرح کی قدر تی جیزیں بیدا ہوتی ہیں۔

ت ننگڑوں بڑس سے مختلف مَذْہبوں کے ماننے والے يَهَان آباد بَين: بِهِنْدُو، مُسَلِّمان، سِكُم، عيسانى وَغَيرَه - آج کا بیندوشنان جبسا ہے اُس کے بنانے میں سب ہی کا حِصَّه بَهے - اِس کی حفاظت اور تَرُقّی کی کوشش کُناان سَب لُوكُوں كَافْرْض سِمَ جو إسماني وَطَن سَجَهْ مِن م بمندوشتان مي بُهُت سي رَانين آور بوليان بولي حاتى بس -ان میں سے ایک آردؤ بھی ہے۔ اُردؤ زبان مندوشتان ہی س پیرا بونی اور تهیں بروان کیرصی - اس کے مشہور شاعروں اور مَنْ لِكُفِي والول مِن سِعِ يُحِد كِيام بِهِ بَين : مَنْيَر، غَالِبَ، مَرسَيّد؛ مُحْمَدُ مِن آزَاد، حَآلَى، جَكْبَتَ ، بريم جَنْد، إِثْبَال، أبوالكلام آزاد عَبْدُ الْمَاجِد درياً إِ دى ، رَمنيد احْمَدُ صِدّلَقِي ، فَوَاكْثُو عَابِدَ حَسَين ، پردفیسٹر مجیب، رگھوئتی سہائے فرآق ، کرکشن جَثُدر ا عِصْمَتُ جِنْتَانَى أور لاجْنُدُرسِنْنَا هبيرى -

hindustān eshtyā kā bahut purānā aur barā mulk hae, yahān tarah tarah ke mausam hote haen, is men pahār aur ghane jangal bhī haen, registān bhī aur khetī ke li'e maedānī 'ilāqe (= regions)

^{*} case of affected zer, otherwise shi'r.

bhī. yahān tarah tarah kī qudratī chīzen paedā hotī haen.
saenkron baras se mukhtalif (=different) mazhabon ke mānne
vāle yāhān ābād haen: hindū, musalmān, sikh, 'īsā'i vaghaera āj
kā hindustān jaesā hae us ke banāne men sab hī kā hiṣṣa hae. is
kī hifāzat aur taraqqī kī koshish karnā un sab logon ka farz hae
jo ise apnā vaṭan samajhte haen.

hindustān men bahut sī zabānen aur boliyān bolī jātī haen. in men se ek urdū bhī hae. urdū zabān hindustān hī men paedā hu'ī aur yahīn parvān chaṛhī. is ke mashhūr shā'iron (=poets) aur naṣr (=prose) likhne vālon men se kuchh ke nām yeh haen: mīr, ghālib, sar sayyad, muḥammad ḥusaen āzād, hālī, chakbast, prem chand, iqbāl, abul kalām āzād, abdul mājid daryā ābādī, rashīd aḥmad siddīqī, dākṭar 'ābid ḥusaen, profaesar muḥammad mujīb, raghupatī sahā'e firāq, kirishn chandr, 'iṣmat chughtā'ī aur rājindar singh bedī.

Q.5 تېن - نېب - بېت - طېن - پېپ - طېب Q.5

Q.2 بات چىت - جاپان - جان - بان - ناچ ـ حاط - تاج -

Q. 3 خونب - با يوز - جانو - نحوني - پاوپ - ما يوز - چاڻو آ

Q.3 الرؤ- نؤر - آرے - یار-یاد - زیب - چیز - آری - آرا - آری - ران - روز ا دان - دؤر - نوار - ناری - تارا - تیرا - دانا - دارا - باری - رانا - دانی - روزیا -

۰۰۰ بہتر- مِهْتَر- بِرِثِهُن، - دِهْلی - لاہور - نَونِهال - نَهُرؤ - باہر-مُنوئِر - مُلْهار - لَهُؤ - طَهْران - بِنِجَ - آبَرَ ف - بُرُن -بُرِّی - بِلْدی - باور - بِنِے - ماہ -

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Q. 2 تیس هٔزاربان سَوسَرَّر - دوسَوا کھ - بان سَوسَرُّ مُکھ - چارسُو بیس . انتیس سَوجُوراسی - متیرہ سُو نواسی -

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