



**ISLAMIC STUDIES (ISLAM & CONTEMPORARY
 (ISLAM & CONTEMPORARY WORLD ISSUES)**

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Topic-I

ISLAM & CONTEMPORARY WORLD ISSUES

- **Extremism & terrorism** — differentiate between *Jihad* and terrorism, Islamic solutions.
- **Challenges facing the Muslim Ummah** — unity, socio-political crises.
- **Islam's response to modern ethical issues** — human rights, governance, equality.

1. Extremism & Terrorism — differentiate between Jihad and terrorism, Islamic solutions

Descriptive / Analytical

"Explain the concept of Jihad in Islam. How does it differ from terrorism? Discuss the Islamic solutions to extremism and terrorism in the contemporary world."

"اسلام میں جہاد کے تصور کی وضاحت کریں۔ یہ دہشت گردی سے کس طرح مختلف ہے؟ موجودہ دور میں "انتہا پسندی اور دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے اسلام کے حل بیان کریں۔"

Comparative

"Compare and contrast Jihad and modern terrorism. Highlight the differences in purpose, methodology, and outcomes. Suggest Islamic measures to address terrorism."

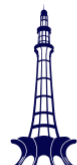
"جہاد اور جدید دہشت گردی کا موازنہ کریں۔ مقصد، طریقہ کار اور نتائج کے اختلافات بیان کریں۔ دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے اسلامی اقدامات تجویز کریں۔"

Applied / Contemporary

"How can the teachings of Islam be applied to counter extremism and terrorism in today's world? Provide examples from Muslim societies."



"آج کے دور میں انتہا پسندی اور دہشت گردی کے خلاف اسلام کی تعلیمات کو کس طرح نافذ کیا جا سکتا ہے؟ مسلم "معاشروں کی مثالیں دیں۔"



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b) Short Question (10 marks)

Statement-based

"Define Jihad and terrorism. Mention one key difference."

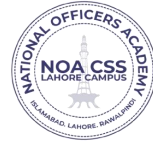
"جہاد اور دہشت گردی کی تعریف کریں۔ ایک اہم فرق بتائیں۔"

Solution-based

"List two Islamic measures to prevent extremism."

"انتہا پسندی کے خاتمے کے لیے دو اسلامی اقدامات بتائیں۔"

2. Challenges facing the Muslim Ummah — Unity, Socio-Political Crises



Descriptive / Analytical

"Discuss the major challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the contemporary era, including political, social, and economic issues. How can Islam guide the resolution of these problems?"

"معاصر دور میں مسلم اُمت کو درپیش اہم چیلنجز بیان کریں، جن میں سیاسی، سماجی اور اقتصادی مسائل شامل ہیں۔ ان مسائل کے حل میں اسلام کس طرح رہنمائی فراہم کرتا ہے؟"

Comparative

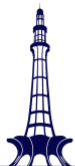
"Compare the current state of unity in the Muslim Ummah with the early Islamic period. What lessons can be applied today?"

"مسلم اُمت کی موجودہ حالت اتحاد کا ابتدائی اسلامی دور سے موازنہ کریں۔ آج کے لیے کون سی تعلیمات قابل عمل ہیں؟"

Contemporary / Solution-based

"Examine the role of Islamic teachings in addressing socio-political crises in the Muslim world today."

"آج مسلم دنیا میں سماجی اور سیاسی بحرانوں کے حل میں اسلامی تعلیمات کا کردار بیان کریں۔"



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b) Short Question (10 marks)

Statement-based

"Mention two socio-political challenges faced by the Muslim Ummah today."

"آج مسلم اُمت کو درپیش دو سماجی یا سیاسی چیلنجز بیان کریں۔"

Solution-based

"List two Islamic principles that can promote unity among Muslims."



"مسلمانوں کے درمیان اتحاد کو فروغ دینے والے دو اسلامی اصول بیان کریں۔"

3. Islam's response to modern ethical issues — human rights, governance, equality

Descriptive / Analytical

"Analyze the Islamic perspective on human rights, governance, and equality. How do Islamic teachings address contemporary ethical challenges?"

انسانی حقوق، حکمرانی اور مساوات کے بارے میں اسلامی نقطہ نظر کا تجزیہ کریں۔ موجودہ دور کے اخلاقی مسائل "کے حل میں اسلام کس طرح مدد فراہم کرتا ہے؟"

Comparative

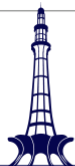
"Compare Islamic teachings on human rights and equality with modern secular perspectives. Highlight similarities and differences."

اسلامی تعلیمات اور جدید سیکولر نقطہ نظر میں انسانی حقوق اور مساوات کا موازنہ کریں۔ مماثلت اور اختلافات بیان کریں۔"

Applied / Solution-based

"Suggest ways in which Islamic principles can be applied to ensure ethical governance and social justice in the modern world."

جدید دور میں اخلاقی حکمرانی اور سماجی انصاف کے لیے اسلامی اصول کس طرح نافذ کیے جا سکتے ہیں؟ تجاویز "پیش کریں۔"



b) Short Question (10 marks)

Statement-based

"Define equality in Islam and give one example."

"اسلام میں مساوات کی تعریف کریں اور ایک مثال دیں۔"

Solution-based

"Mention two ways Islam promotes ethical governance."

"اسلام اخلاقی حکمرانی کو فروغ دینے کے دو طریقے بیان کریں۔"

EXAMINER'S HIDDEN PATTERN

Same topic

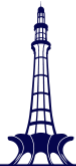
Different command words:

- Discuss
- Critically analyze
- Evaluate
- Examine
- Suggest solutions



How to Answering Such Questions Effectively:

1. Always start with a definition or verse
2. Structure logically:
 - Introduction → Concept Explanation → Causes/Challenges → Islamic Solution → Conclusion.
3. Quote Islamic sources: at least 2 Qur'anic verses + 1 Hadith.
4. Example from Seerah or Khilafat-e-Rashida
5. Contemporary relevance (Pakistan / Muslim world)
6. Relate to modern examples: e.g., OIC's failure, Palestine issue, social justice movements.
7. Conclude with optimism: Islamic teachings as timeless solutions for modern crises.
8. Balanced, non-emotional tone.



Model Answer

Question: Differentiate between Jihad and terrorism in the light of Qur'an and Sunnah. Suggest Islamic solutions to extremism and terrorism in the Muslim world.

Answer

Introduction:

Islam is a religion of peace and justice. The concept of Jihad in Islam is often misunderstood in the contemporary world. While terrorism is the deliberate use of violence against innocent people for political or ideological goals, Jihad has a clear, ethical framework outlined in the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Difference between Jihad and Terrorism:

1. Jihad:

- Means “struggle” in the path of Allah.
- Can be **spiritual (greater Jihad)**: striving against personal evil inclinations.
- Can be **defensive (lesser Jihad)**: defending the faith, land, or oppressed people within ethical limits.
- Islam strictly forbids killing innocent people.

2. Terrorism:

- Involves violence against civilians, innocents, and public fear.
- Has **no moral or ethical boundary**.
- Contradicts the teachings of Islam.

Islamic Perspective on Extremism:

- Extremism distorts Islamic teachings for political or personal gain.
- Qur'an 5:32: “Whoever kills a soul ... it is as if he has killed all mankind.”
- Hadith: “Do not harm the innocent” (Sahih Muslim).

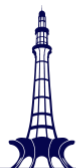
Causes of Extremism:

- Misinterpretation of religious texts.
- Socio-economic inequalities and political oppression.
- Ignorance and lack of proper Islamic education.



Islamic Solutions:

1. **Education:** Teach correct understanding of Qur'an and Sunnah.
2. **Promotion of Peaceful Jihad:** Encourage spiritual struggle and moral development.
3. **Interfaith Dialogue:** Build understanding with other communities.
4. **Good Governance:** Eliminate oppression and injustice, reducing reasons for extremism.
5. **Media & Awareness:** Use modern communication to counter extremist propaganda.



Conclusion:

Islam strictly forbids terrorism and promotes peace, justice, and moral struggle. Extremism can be effectively tackled by educating Muslims, practicing true Islamic ethics, and promoting social justice and harmony.



Outline

Introduction:

- Islam = religion of peace & justice
- Misunderstanding of Jihad → terrorism

Main Body:

1. Difference: Jihad vs Terrorism

- Definition
- Moral & ethical limits
- Civilian protection

2. Causes of Extremism

- Misinterpretation
- Political & economic reasons
- Ignorance

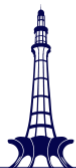
3. Islamic Solutions

- Education (correct teachings)
- Promote spiritual Jihad
- Good governance & justice
- Dialogue & media awareness

4. Conclusion:

- Islam condemns terrorism
- Peaceful struggle & justice → solution

Note: Always add Qur'an/Hadith references for 5 marks extra



Trend from 2018–2025



Year	Exact or Closely Related Question	Topic Focus	Style Category
2018	<i>Point out the motives of terrorism in Pakistan. How can society get rid of terrorism?</i>	Extremism/terrorism solutions	Descriptive + Solution-oriented
2019	<i>Is extremism a challenge to Islam? Discuss in the context of contemporary challenges faced by Muslim Ummah.</i>	Extremism & Muslim Ummah	Analytical / Contemporary Issues
2020	<i>Discuss in detail the principles and terms & conditions for “Jihad” in the light of Qur’an & Sunnah.</i>	Jihad (principles)	Descriptive / Analytical
2021	<i>Islamophobia is a sign of extremism. Give suggestions for its remedy.</i>	Extremism / Contemporary	Solution-based
2023	<i>What are the motives of extremism in Pakistan? How can society get rid of extremism by following the teachings of Islam?</i>	Extremism & solutions	Descriptive + Solution
2025	<i>Why is the Muslim Ummah facing downfall in the present age? Suggest ways to bring improvement.</i>	Challenges of Muslim Ummah	Statement / Solution-based
2025	<i>Describe the rights and responsibilities of a ruler according to the Holy Qur’an and Sunnah. (Related to governance & ethical leadership)</i>	Governance ethics (linked with modern ethical issues)	Analytical / Statement-based

