

Q Discuss the upward and downward development of state, rulers and ruled in the socio-political thought of Ibn Khaldun.

Answer Introduction

"Upward and downward  
is a mode of the  
civilization."

(Marx)

Ibn-e-Khaldun described the upward and downward development of the state, rulers, and ruled in his socio-political philosophy. In fact, he described stages of rise and fall of civilization. Therefore, Ibn-e-Khaldun was a great philosopher of his era.

2- Ibn-e-Khaldun's Ashab's Rise and fall of civilization  
'Ashab is unity among all.'



(Ibn-e-Khaldun)  
 Ashbah is unity among  
 all. Ibn-e-Khaldun described the  
 role of Ashbah in the rise and  
 fall of the nations.

"Protection of Ashbah leads to  
 rise, while"

destruction of Ashbah leads to  
 fall of the state."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)  
 Ashbah is a five-stage cycle of  
 120 years. Therefore, Ashbah is  
 a cause of upward and down-  
 ward of the state.

3- Rise and fall of civilization in socio-  
 political thoughts of Ibn-e-Khaldun

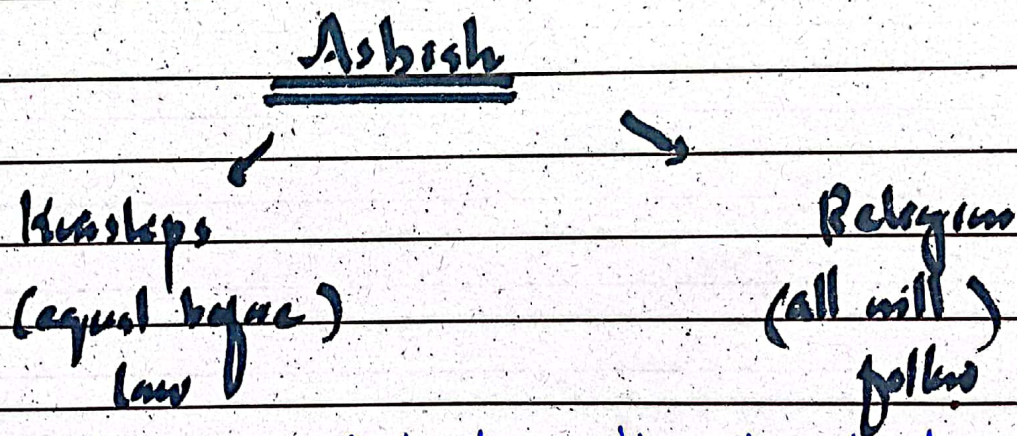
Following are stages  
 of rise and fall of the state:

a) Stage I: Period of establishment of  
 the state



Civilization is on the verge of destruction. Either it will go upward or will be declined like Meen-jo-Daro or Ghanda-ra civilization.

"Ashish will lead to two aspects; kingship and law are not above the law and king will himself follow the religion" (- Rb-a-c-1944)



Therefore, Ashish will lead to establishment of civilization.

b) Stage II: Manipulation of the state  
In this stage, gene-



ration of king will regard himself above the law. In fact, son of king will sideline all.

"King will become self-indulged and will destroy Ashik."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Thus, Ashik is destroyed and state is manipulated.

c) Stage III: Luxurious and laziness

Luxurious will lead to laziness. King will prefer luxurious life and will not focus on growing and cooperating with the nation.

"Luxurious always leads to laziness and laziness will bring fall of Ashik."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Hence, luxurious and laziness weakens



Asbikh.

d) Stage IV: Decline of the state  
Luxurious follows decline of the stage. In fact, king neglects his nation and breaks Asbikh in his self-interest.

"King focus on developing cities and increases taxes for his self-interest."

(- Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, decline of the state is due to destruction of Asbikh.

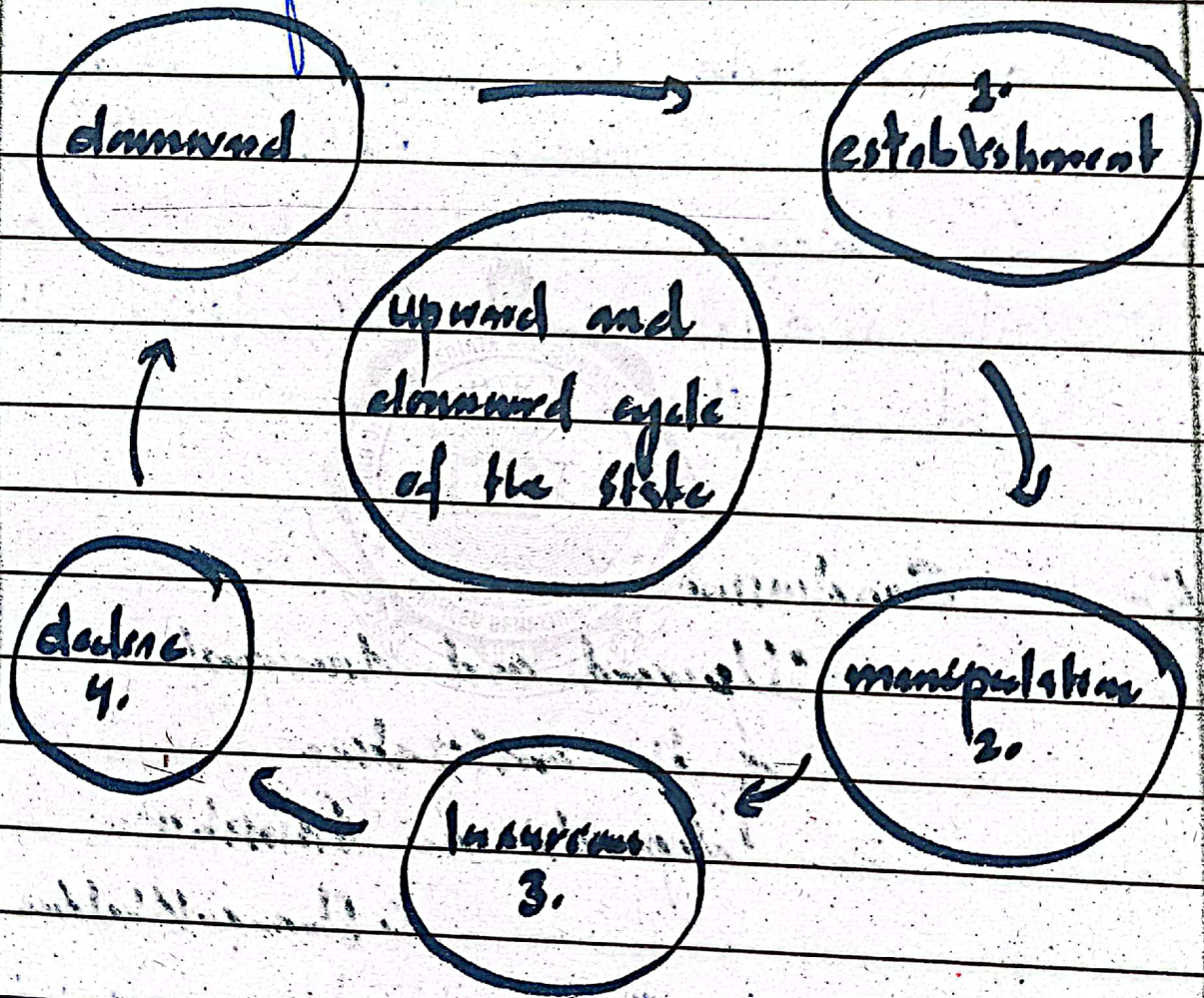
e) Stage V: End of the civilization  
Moreover, the state ends after losing Asbikh. Because of destruction of Asbikh, the nation leaves king on his mercy.



"Every civilization has  
rise and fall"

(Thucydides)

Therefore, all will leave king and  
the state goes downward to  
end itself.



• five-stages cycle

4. Critical Analysis

"Athish is a factor"



of rise and fall  
of the nation

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Ashrafi is a reason of rise and fall of the state. However, Ashrafi gives conception upward of the state. But, on the other hand, Ashrafi explains fall of the state better. Thus, Ashrafi is a role model in socio-political thought of Ibn-e-Khaldun.

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Conclusion

"Upward and downward  
of the nation  
depends on Ashrafi"

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Ibn-e-Khaldun described upward and downward of the state. In fact, in his socio-political thought Ashrafi is a major contributor. Thus, Ashrafi leads to either rise or fall of the nation under certain conditions.