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## Question 1 (2016)

What is difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with Arguments.

## DEEN AND RELIGION

Deen and Religion (Mazhab) are two aspects of life of humans and they used interchangeably while discussing about the code of life given by Allah.

## RELIGION (Mazhab):

Religion (Mazhab) is a word which refers to the set of rituals, beliefs, and social customs given by Allah Almighty. It majorly focuses on the individual life - that how he may lead by following the orders of Allah. However Religion may refer to Islam, Christianity, Judaism etc but with narrow perspective and it

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becomes a subjective matter of every individual.

## DEEN:

Deen is a word which is from Arabic origin (دين) and holds the origin of (جسر) which means road/pathway. So, Deen elucidates the complete code of life by following beliefs, rituals, social customs, systems, and way of life etc. The Religion Islam is a deen for Muslims.

“Surely a true Deen in the sight of Allah is Islam.”

(Al-Imran - 19)

Allah always uses a word Deen for Islam in Quran.

“This day I have perfected your deen for you, completed my favour upon you, and have

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Chooosen Islam far & you as  
youm deen."

(Al-Maida-3)

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEEN AND MAZHAB :

### Area of Perspective :

Deen constitutes the broader area of perspective : Deen not only magnifies your personal thoughts but also gives you the spectrum of complete way of living a life through set of beliefs, system, principles etc. However, on the other hand, Religion only provides you the sole maintenance by worshipping Al-mighty. Therefore we can say that Mazhab (Religion) has narrow area of Perspective.

### Limitization :

Deen is not limited to person's individual thought processing but also

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Spread over the others : His relations with society etc. But Religion is limited to one's personal thoughts, whether he worship or not etc.

## IMPORTANCE OF DEEN IN HUMAN LIFE:

Deen is very important in the person's life because of following aspects.

### Deen provides Guidance:

The initial and the most important aspect of human life is that Deen provides true guidance. However, a person's life becomes more easy and contented because Deen has alignment of principles which makes ease for us

“Surely This Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the

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believers that who do good  
shall have a great reward."

(Bani-Israel-9)

## Deen Provides a Motive of life:

As if there is no motive of life, the people will get lunatic. Without having proper goal, no one can survive a meaningful life, so Deen gives us a meaningful life by setting certain obligations and duties.

"I donot have created the Jinns and the humans except for the purpose that they should worship me."

(Al-Zariyat -56)

## Deen helps us Distinguish Between right and wrong

A Deen helps us distinguish between what is wrong and what is right in the form of Quran, Sunnah.

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## Deen Provides us a code of Life:

Deen provides us a complete code of life because the word Deen itself means that a general and comprehensive code of life.

## Deen Provides us all kind of Systems:

As for living in any state, there should have some system of administration. So that it becomes easy to handle the population of such territory under control and peaceful manner. Therefore Deen is very important because it provides us all kinds of systems: social, economic, political, judicial etc.

## Deen gives us a Spiritual ure of all times:

Deen is a set of beliefs which are helpful for you in case

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of any problem whether external or internal. It gives you a spiritual relieve by clearing the ambiguities.

“And We revealed of the Quran which is healing and mercy to the believers, and it only adds to the perdition of the Unjust.”

(Al-An'am - 82)

## Deen is a Source of Wisdom and Enlightenment:

Deen is a combo of Quran and Sunnah's teaching by our beloved Prophet (S.A.W). Therefore, the interpretation of those such sources becomes a tool of wisdom and enlightenment for humans

“And Allah has revealed to you the Book and the wisdom, and He has taught you what you did not know, and Allah's grace on you is very

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## Conclusion:

In a nutshell, we can say that Islam is a religion for an individual personal belief but it is also a Deen which comprises a broad spectrum of beliefs and its interdependence on other aspects of life.