

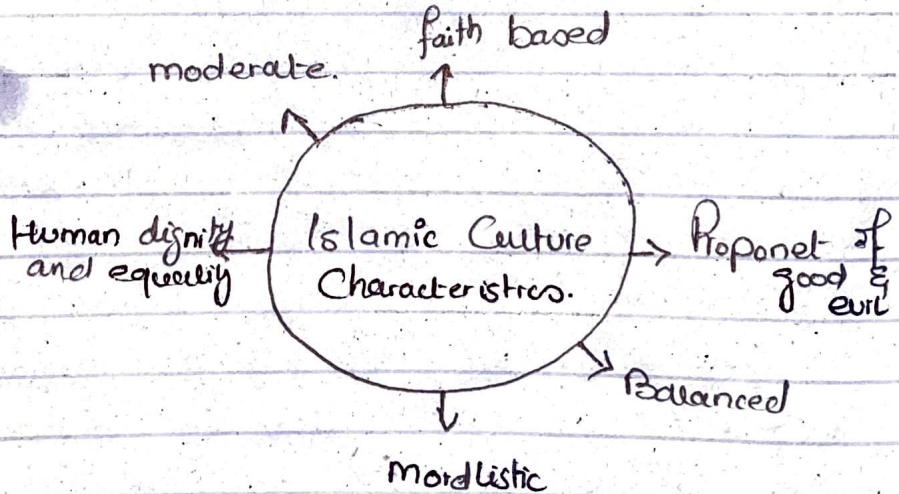
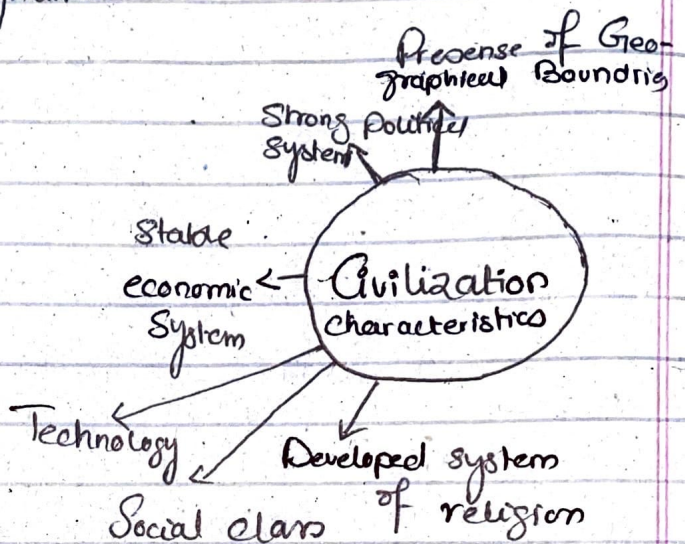
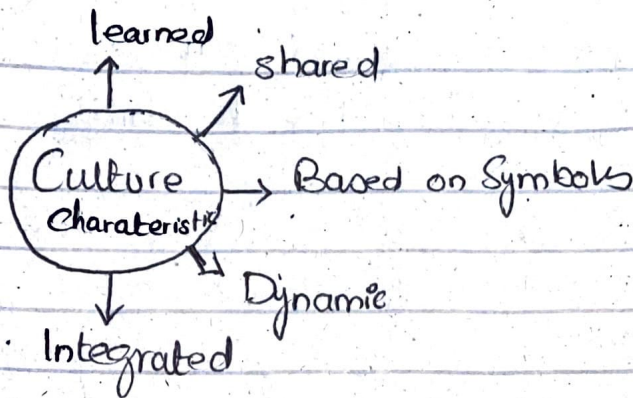
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Q. What is meant by Culture and Civilization?
Describe the characteristics of Islamic Culture

1. Introduction

Culture and Civilization are two terms that are often used interchangeably. However if ~~depth~~ ~~about~~ delve into the details they often showcase different aspects of human history, where Culture is the way of life shared by a group of people for instance their eating habits or maybe the type of clothes they wear. On the other hand civilization is a more advanced state of life that takes centuries to form. The civilizations often include the laws, culture and social habits in its meaning. These ~~both dimensions~~ ~~by~~ Studying these two dimensions of human history enables us to get to know how people of different communities having different cultures lived. Similarly if we look at culture of Islamic societies we see a blend of modernism different characteristics that let muslims lead the way of life the Prophet (PBUH) showed along ~~stayed~~ staying upto date in the contemporary world. The Islamic ~~culture~~ ~~characteristics~~ encompasses various characteristics for instance Human dignity and equality along being propereels of good and Evil.



2 Culture. definition and Importance.

According to the Oxford dictionary culture is "The ideas, customs, and social behaviors of a particular people or society." according to this definition, if elaborated we can say that culture is ~~more linked to~~ the ideas of a social group that they form over their life learning from the people around them or through different institutions. Culture tends to be the customs and traditions of a society that ~~to~~ people of the society form and adopt through interactions it encompasses ~~different~~ the way people greet each other to the day they finally say good byes to their loved ones.

Culture has a great importance and plays significant role in ~~so~~ a society as it provides the community with an identity. Through common beliefs it unites its people and by the formation shared beliefs ~~an~~ customs and traditions culture move societies towards progress and development.

3 Characteristics of Culture.

The uniqueness of culture lies in its inherent characteristics. These characteristics display culture ~~of~~ as a mosaic where each characteristic displaying uniqueness.

First of all ~~the~~ culture is learned and cannot be inherited biologically, this enables cultures to grow and being adopted by different ~~charact~~ communities each valuing and admiring the positive aspects of

other cultures. Secondly Culture is based on symbols, these symbols are used to communicate deep meaning to one another and language is one of the major symbolic element. further more culture is dynamic as it changes to the changing environment.

4. 4. Defination and Importance of Civilization

According to the oxford dictionary ⁸⁶ "The process by which a society or place reaches an advanced stage of social and cultural development and organization" is called civilization. This definition of civilization tells us about different aspects of civilization such as its confinement in a geographical location or the advancement of people related to a confined location.

5. Characteristics of a Civilization.

As civilization in general tends to a process of social advancements, it takes centuries for a civilization to form thus it is characterized with ~~distinct~~ different systems and advancements that takes years to form. For instance a civilization has a strong political, stable economic and developed religious system. There are many social classes in a civilization that are ~~based~~ either based on religious or, political or power perspectives and along this a civilization also characterized by its technological

6. Differences between Culture and Civilization

Culture	Civilization
<p>It is not advancing</p> <p>It is shared</p> <p>is never ending</p> <p>remains more or less the same</p> <p>can not be inherited but learned</p>	<p>Advancing</p> <p>may be borrowed</p> <p>means to an end</p> <p>prone to changes</p> <p>passed to next generation</p>

7. Islamic Culture.

Islamic Culture is not confined to a specific geographical location, yet is shared by muslims living all around the world. This culture is shared by billions of muslims, although they also follow their own country or region specific cultures but a major part of their lives is lived according to the Islamic culture.

8. Characteristics of Islamic Culture.

As mentioned above all muslims shares a common culture ~~as the~~ of Islam as the major part of their life this is on the bases of the following characteristics.

a. Islamic culture is faith based.

Islam being a complete code of life, tells muslim what they can practice and what they cannot. Thus anything that is not allowed by ~~Islam~~ Shariah can not be part of a muslims culture, lets suppose a muslim community living in Scotland where drinking ~~beer~~^{beer} is part of their culture

Scottish muslims cannot do so as forbidden by Shariah.

b. Islamic Culture is shaped by morality and ethics.

The muslims around the globe will have to live a life that is shaped by morality and ethics. These moral values and ethics are bestowed upon them through the Quran and Sunnah and encompasses morality and ethics in every way of life that ~~can~~ ranges from their individual life or their dealings with others.

c. Balanced and Moderate

Muslims around the world ~~is~~ follows a balanced and moderate life with nothing being in excess or shortages as mentioned in Surah Al-Baqarah that muslims are made a moderate community.

d. Human dignity & Equality a major part of Islamic Culture.

Muslims around the world have to deal everyone with equality and dignity ~~as~~ regardless their faith, race, color. As ~~The~~ the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said in the last sermon that neither an arab has superiority over a non-arab, nor does white has superiority over black ~~or a-b~~ and also a black has no superiority over white every one is equal in ~~the~~ the eyes of Allah except by piety and good actions one can attain superiority

Conclusion.

To Sum up the above arguments it can be said that Islamic Culture unites the entire muslim world through shared beliefs, ~~one~~ equal rights, valuing of human dignity and equality and by leading a balanced and moderate life.

Q8. What is the difference between Deen and religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments.

1. Introduction

We see that many people use the word deen and ~~religion~~ ^{Religion} interchangeably, However both these ~~things~~ terms has distinctive meanings, where the word Religion is normally referred to as a path or road the people follow to reach a particular place in life. whereas Deen in its literal sense has a number of meaning such as religion, beliefs, anything through which God is worshipped it also encompasses government, judgments, business ethics, way of life and day of judgment. Hence it is evident that deen and Religion are two distinct words where deen has a broader meaning. Therefore it is seen that deen affects human life in all walks of life as it provides Guidance, it defines the motive of life, help us distinguish Right and wrong

gives us a code of life, gives us all governance system and is also a source of wisdom and enlightenment.

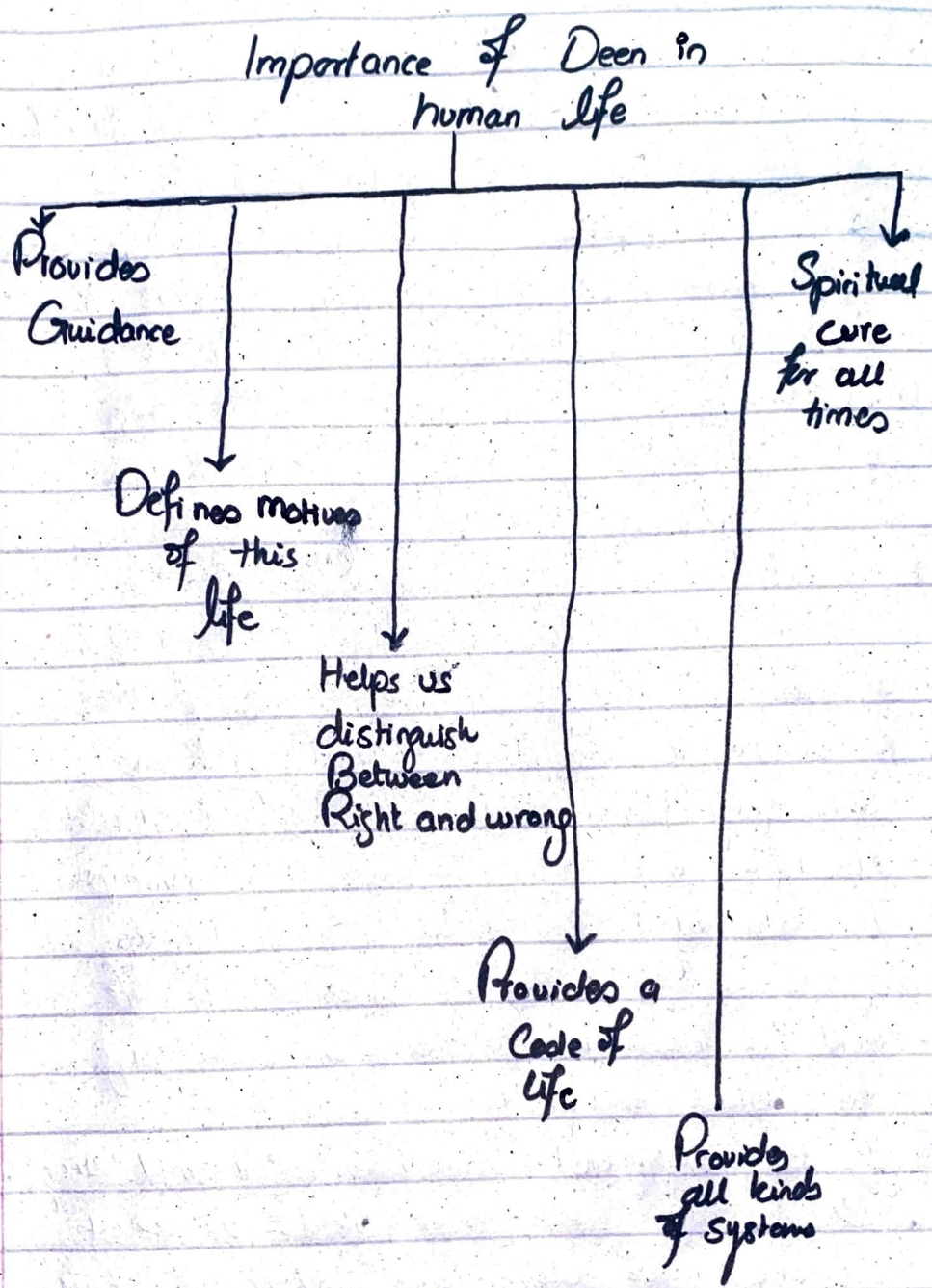
2. The meaning of Deen

Deen ^{in terminology} ~~according to~~ Islam refers to Islam as the way of life chosen by Allah Almighty and for the entire mankind. ~~How~~ whilst deen in its literally ~~meaning~~ has a number of meanings encompassing different aspects of a human such as his religion, his beliefs, the government system, how he judges something or live his life. Therefore we can simply say that deen consists of a set of beliefs, rituals, social customs and a complete code of life.

3. The meaning of Religion.

Religion on the other hand refers to a set of beliefs, rituals and social customs. In its literal sense Religion is used to describe a path or road that one follows. Therefore it can be said that religion concerns an person's individual and personal life and does not have a greater social impact and also has a narrower scope than deen.

4. Importance of Deen in Human life



Deen

a. Provides Guidance in life

As defined earlier deen is a complete code of life therefore that deals with every aspect of human life. There As Said in Surah Bani Israel that the holy Quran provides guidance to the upright and gives good news to the believers. Thus it is evident from this surah that it is deen that would guide us in the path that would give us rewards.

b. Deen defines the motives of our life.

Deen being the set of beliefs for a person it defines the purpose of life of the followers. As said in mentioned in the Holy Quran that Allah did not create the jins and humans except to worship the almighty. Accordingly a believer gets to know the purpose of his life and enables him to focus on worshipping the ~~atari~~ Allah almighty.

c. ^{Deen} Help us distinguish between Right and Wrong.

It is the Deen that tells us what we shall be doing and what we shall restraint from. The Quran and Sunnah clearly forbids all the wrongdoings and also tells us what and how we should be done. This has huge importance in a human life as otherwise determining the ~~were~~ ^{right} and wrong would have been limited to the knowledge of human mind that would have resulted in chaos.

Deen Provides a Code of life.

The word "Deen" itself means a general and comprehensive code of life. Not only does it provide us with a set of rituals and beliefs but also provide us with guidance to lead a happy and prosperous life. As without deen every single person who would have been following their own will that would eventually had disrupted human peace.

Deen Provides us with all kind of system.

It is deen that ~~makes us~~ gives us understandings of different aspects of life. deen does this by providing frameworks for all the governance bodies, for instance deen gives us all the guidelines of a judicial system, the bases of punishment, the weightage of different people testimony. Beside this deen also gives us Economic, administrative and political system framework.

Deen is a Spiritual Cure for all times.

It is deen that provides spiritual cure to humans. In times of depression and anxiety, ~~over~~ and hard times the practices of deen and recitation of holy Quran brings peace to one. As mentioned in Surah Al-Anaam that the holy Quran has been revealed by Allah to heal the believers and brings mercy to them.

Conclusion.

To sum up with the above arguments we can say that Deen has a significant impact on a believer's life in specific and human life in general. As it is evident from the above discussion that it is deen that provides a guidance, to ~~a~~ ~~he~~ defines the purpose of life, help us ~~dist~~ ^{distinguish} between right and wrong, gives us a code of life etc. Therefore one should follow his deen with discipline and a pure heart in order to achieve success in this life and the hereafter.

Q4 Describe the Characteristics of Military Strategist in the light of Sirah Muhammad (PBUH) with arguments.

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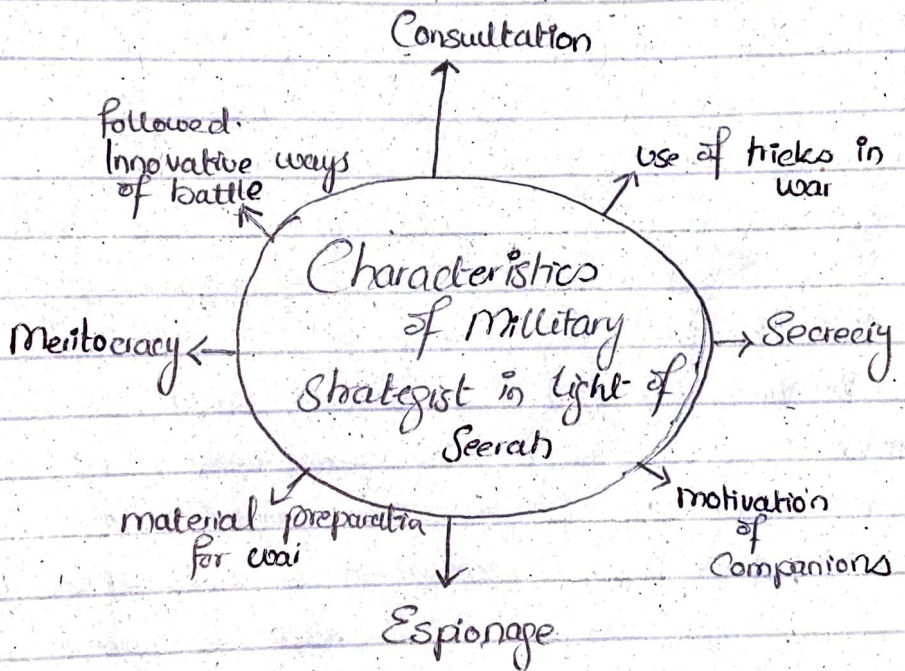
All Muslims live their life according to the Commands of Allah that are given in the Holy Quran. However the Quran does give us commands like to fast or to pay Zakat but it does not give us how we should be doing it. Therefore we look at the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to find out on how we need to carry out specific tasks. It is this following of the life of the Holy ~~prophet~~ Prophet is called the ~~Serah~~ ^{Sirah} of Muhammad (saw). Following the life of ~~prophet~~ By following the life of the Holy Prophet we ~~say~~ can ~~see~~ see many occasions ~~that~~ and events that can play a pivotal role in the lives of humans today. It is also evident from the Holy Quran that following the life of Holy Prophet is a divine command as stated in Surah Nisa where Allah asks his believers to obey him and his messenger, therefore no matter what roles we are taking in life we should look at the Sirah of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) get to know what the Holy Prophet (PBUH) did and follow that track.

For instance the Holy Prophet has lead many battles and has layed down

Plenty of characteristics that even a military strategist today can follow. These characteristics are discussed below in detail.

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2. Characteristics of military strategist in light of Seerah of Muhammad (PBUH)



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a. The Holy Prophet (SAW) used to consult his companions before every battle. When ever the situation ~~lead~~ leading to uncertainties of war occurred, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to consult his companions. This is evident from the 3 major battles; Badr where the prophet asked his companies whether to fight or not, Uhud the Prophet consulted his companies on fighting either from inside or outside of Madinah; and on the occasion of battle Khandaq the Prophet asked for the advice of his companions to deal on how to deal with large number of enemy. This ~~shows~~ ^{highlight} the importance of consulting companions, ~~at~~ seniors or take advice at times of uncertainty.

b. Carried out Intelligence activities for a upper hand. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to carry out intelligence activities in times of war, so that Muslims get to know about the enemy's strength and military capabilities and hence plan their own war strategies accordingly. This is evident from two occasions; one at time of battle of Badr the Prophet himself carried out spy activities and during the battle of trench sent Hazrat Huzayfa (R.A) as a spy.

c. Kept Secrecy to Safeguard from Surprise attacks

The Holy Prophet - would never share details of ~~his~~ ~~their~~ route that he was going to use beside his closest companions. This allowed to safeguard from surprise attacks and also enforces the idea of that anyone beside closest companions can betray.

d. Appointed Commandars on Merit.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) was a firm believer of meritocracy. He used to appoint Commandars out of his companions that had extra ordinary expertise in military expeditions and this wasn't influenced by the fact if they had ~~joined~~ accepted Islam late or their age as evident from the appointment of Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed (R.A) and the appointment of Hazrat Osama bin Zaid (R.A) at the age of 18.

e. Use of trickery in war.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SA PBUH) allowed the use of tricks in war as he says "war is deception" (Muslim) thus use of different war tactics can be applied and was also the main reason behind victory in battle of trench.

d. material preparation of war was encouraged
 The Holy Prophet emphasised and encouraged the material preparation of war. this is evident from the fact that during Tabuk expedition the Holy Prophet called for donation. This further emphasised the verses of Surah Al-Anfal "Prepare against them whatever force you can, and the trained horses whereby you frighten Allah's enemy and your own enemy."

e. Motivated Companions that fought bravely.
 The holy Prophet used to actively motivate the companions that used to fight fiercely ~~and used~~ This would encourage other companions for jihad and allowed the companions taking part in wars, fight with their full intent and never be demotivated.

f. Use of innovative ways of battle.
 The Prophet's role as a strategic military leader is also characterised by the use of innovative ways of battle for instance the use of catapult in tabuk expedition or digging of trench in battle of trench. The Holy Prophet did not confined to the ideas or innovations of muslims and also took advantage of technologies developed by non-muslims.

3. Conclusion

To sum up the above arguments it is evident that ~~Secret~~ of the Holy Prophet by following the ~~Secret~~ of the Holy Prophet we can achieve success not only as a human but also as different ~~the~~ tasks of different responsibilities ~~but~~ bestowed upon ~~us~~ us and have success in these roles. It is also proved ~~as~~ by non-muslim scholars that Prophet Muhammad is a great leader and can be followed by everyone as stated in Times magazine

"Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Mohammed."