Q.no # 01 What is the difference beetween Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments. (CSS-2016)

1. Introduction:-

Islam covers all-aspects of life, therefore, it is a deen. Although many scholars have argued that there is not a wider difference between deen and religion, most of the Islamic scholars believed that deen is a broader term while religion is a sub-set of the deen. The common differences between deen and religion are: universalism and particular) The Deen provides guidance in individual and collective sphere of life whereas religion only covers spritual life of an individual. Thereby, deen plays a vital role in human life. For instance, deen provides spiritual nourishment, protect women and weaker communities rights, ensures justice in a society, and provides guidance for a purposeful life. So, Islam is a deen with a complete system and way of life.
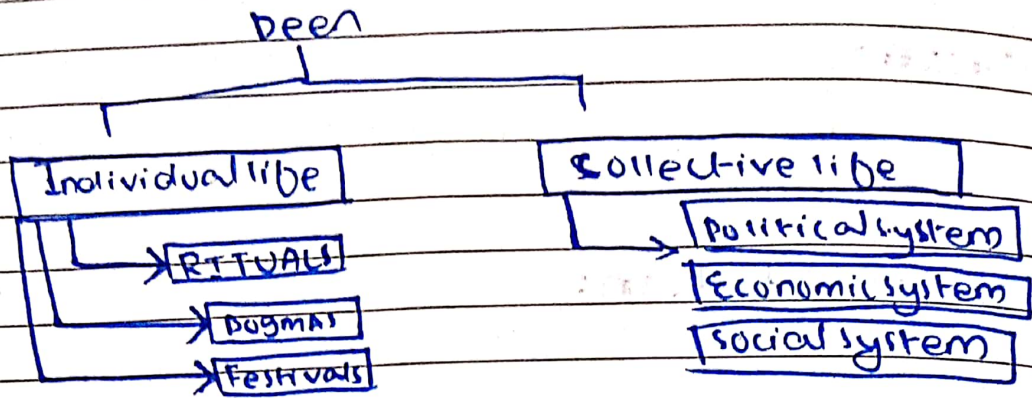
2) Decoding Deen or Lexicology of Deen

Deen is an Arabic word which means way, obedience, Judgement, and Accountability. Deen is a way of life which covers all needs of an individual. **According to the oxford dictionary:-** Deen is a broader term which covers all aspect of life including spiritual, moral, political, economical and social spheres.

Deen

Individual life		Collective life
→ RITUALS		→ Political system
→ DOGMAS		Economic system
→ Festivals		Social system

3) Religion Lexicology

The term Religion is derived from Italian "Religore" which means to biele, "tie back", "bind to" shows an individual relation with god or gods.

Religion is a believe in god or gods for worship and follow particular rituals and dogmas.
(Oxford dictionary)

4) what is Islam: A religion or a deen

Islam is complete way of life which covers spiritual, moral, political, economic, social spheres of life; Therefore, Islam is a deen. In Quran, Allah refered Islam as deen not a religion.

Indeed, the religion (Deen) in the sight of Allah is Islam (Al-Imran)

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There is no compulsion in deen
(Al-Baqqarah)

Dr Isear Ahmed called Islam a comprehensive system which include political, economical, and social system; therefore, Islam is a deen.

Dr Jafer Qureshi :- Dr concluded in his book Islamic concept of deen and its relevance today that Religion refers to a particular set of beliefs where as Deen is broader the term which covers all aspects of human life. So, Islam is a complete way of life ; therefore, it is not a religion but a deen.

5.0 Difference between Religion and Deen:-

5.1) Universalism vs Particular

Deen is a universal while religion is particular. Deen covers all subjects of life, on the other hand, religion only provides guidance in spiritual life. Thereby, Islam is a deen because Islam provide guidance to the whole mankind. Allah mentioned in the Holy Quran :- **O Muhammad ! "we have sent you as a mercy for whole mankind" (Al-Anbiya)**. Thus, deen is a universal while religion is a particular subject.

Deen
5.2) Provides guidance in individual and collective life while religion covers spiritual life

Deen not only provides guidance in individual development but also assists in ~~society~~ collective development. In Islam, for instance, family laws, Inheritance laws,

political and economic system guide humans in collective spheres of life. On the other hand, religion only covers individual relations with his or her gods.

5.3) Deen provides harmony between material world and divine world while religion focuses on divine world :-

Deen provides harmony between material world and divine world. It encourages an individual to participate in wordly Affairs. In Islamic economic system, Muslims are encouraged to participate in bussiness and their is no restriction on profit making if ~~profit~~ bussiness is conducted on fair and just terms. (on the contr)ˣ Allah mentions in the Quran " **our Lord : Provideˢ us in this world (that is better for us) and in the hereafter (that is better for us) and protect us from the hell of fire** "

on the contrary, Religion emphasizes on spiritual matter and denounce wordly Affairs.

5.4) Deen challenges fatalism and Religion promotes fatalism :-

Deen denounce fatalism and encourage an individual to seek guidance from the Holy Quran, ~~and~~ the sunnah. and utilize intellect to solve complex matters of life. on the other hand, religion promotes fatalism by arguing that every thing comes from the god and humans have no rule in deciding their matters.

5.5) Monotheist vs Polytheist

Deen, as Islam, is believed in Monotheism which is unity of Allah or God. On the contrary, religions, like Hinduism, Buddhaism, are believed in polytheism which is believed in plurality of gods. In Islam, there is strong focused on Towheed concept which said " قُلْ هُوَ اللهُ أَحَد " there is only one God which is Allah. So, deen emphasizes on unity of God while religion emphasizes on plurality of gods.

6) Importance of Deen in human life :-

6.1) Provides guidance for a purposeful life.

Deen provides guidance for a purposeful life. It assists to an individual in spritual and wordly life. Holy Prophet was not not only ~~perfe~~ also successful in the religious life, but he was highly successful in his secular life. (Michael. H. Hart) (The 100 : A Ranking of the Most influencial Persons in the world). So, deen assists in all spheres of life.

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6.2) Spiritual Nourishment.

Deen enhances spiritual nourishment through prayers, Taqwa, and remembrance of God. (Allah menti)[x] Holy Prophet mentioned that " The likeness of the one who believed in God or the one who does not believe in God is like that of a living or a dead". So, deen strengthens spiritual power of an individual.

6.3 Provide protection to the weaker community in a society.

Deen provides protection to the weaker community in a society by commanding stronger to fullfill its rights. For instence, Allah ordered in Quran **"Provide orphans their due share when they reach maturity"** (An Nisa). In short, deen ensures complete protection of the weaker community.

6.4) Ensure justice in a society :-

Islam has provided strong emphasis on justice in a society. Allah mentions in the Quran that **"Do not let the hatred of the people prevent you from being just"** (Al-Hgujarat). Hence, Justice system is a crucial component of an Islamic system.

6.5) Protection of women rights:-

Islam provided multiple women rights and belived in women empowerment. In the Quran Allah has ordered the man "وآتوا النساء صدقاتهن نحلة" **"Give women(you marry) their due dowiries graciously"** (Al-Nisa). Thus, Islam emphasizes on a women empowerment and provides protection to women rights.

Conclusion:-

To sum up, Islam is a comprehensive system which covers all aspect of life; therefore, Islamic scholars called Islam as a deen. It has provided multiple benefits for the well being of an individual as well as for the whole community. It gives protection to weaker segnments of a society and enhance spiritual well-being of an individual. As Allama Iqbal said " If a religion is seperated from politics then you are left with changizi (henghis khan way of rule)" (Allama Iqbal).

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Question No # 02

Define Tavheed. What is its impact on individual life and the society?

1 Introduction:-

Tavheed is a basic fundamental block in the fold of Islam. Without accepting tavheed with heart, no one can enter in the fold of Islam. It is the strong believe in unity of Allah which makes a **muslim** distinct from other people. It has multiple impacts on individual and collective life of a human. For instance, Tavheed promotes patience and peservence, induces humility and modesty, implants honesty and courageness among an individuals. Similarly, Tavheed also plays significant role at social level. For instance, It promotes Equality, brotherhood, knowledge, and social justice in a society. Thus, Tavheed is a fundamental (block in the)ᵡ characteristic in the Islamic teachings.

2) Meaning of Tavheed :-

The Islamic credo "La illah illah Allah" is a declaration that there is no other god except Allah.

Dr Israr Ahmed :- Dr Israr Ahmed said that Tavheed is the basic belief which distinguish between Muslim and non-muslim. He believe that if a person belief in a Tavheed then he is a Muslim.

3) Importance of Tauheed in the light of Quran :-

قل هو والله احد

، انني انا الله

اشهد ان لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك لا

"o People! whorship Allah you do not have other god except him" (Hud)

Above Quranic verses show the importance of Tauheed in Islam. Allah and his prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasized on the teachings of Tauheed. It plays a significant role in the life of a Muslim.

4) Kinds of Tauheed

4.1) Tauheed - wl - Rubbiyyah :-

Tauheed - wl - Rubbiyyah is the believe in the lordship of Allah. It is a believe that Allah is the one in his Lordship. There is no partner of Allah. He is the omni present, omnipotent and most powerful in the universe. Allah said in the Quran والسلام العام " Your God is only one God". Islam rejected the Trinity ideas of christian and emphasises on the unity of Allah.

4.2) Tauheed - uliyyah:-

Tauheed-uliyyah is belief in the oneness of the worship of Allah. It signifies that only Allah is the capable of worship. Allah described in Quran, **"I am God and there is no other God"** (Taha) Thus, Allah is the only God who is capable of worship.

4.3) Tauheed al Asma wa Al-siffat:-

It is a belief in the oneness of the names and attributes of Allah. Allah is unique in his attributes and names. **"Allah is the creator of all things and he is the guardian and disposer of all affairs!"** (Az-Zumar). In short, Allah is the unique in his attributes and names.

5) Impacts of Tauheed on individual life

5.1) Promotes Patience and Preserverance:

Tauheed promotes patience and preserverance among an individual. It induces rememberance of Allah that everything comes from him and he is the only one who can ~~help~~ provide to an individual. Allah described in the Holy Quran **"Be Patient, Surely Allah promise is true and let not disbeliever shaken your firmness"** (Ar-Rum)

5.2) Promote Humility and modesty :-

Tauheed provides humility and modesty among an individuals. when an individual perform prayer then it will increases it's humility owing to prostrate. It will decrease his ego and promote a sense of modesty.

5.3) Ensures justice in ~~indiv~~ personal dealings

Islam emphasizes justice on individual and society level. It believes that without justice peace can't be achieved in a society. "**Do not let hatred of people prevent you for being just**" (Al-Maidah)

5.4) (~~Honesty and Trust worthiness~~) × Forgiveness and Mercy :-

habits

Tauheed also implants forgiveness ~~chara~~ among individual Holy Prophet (PBUH) is a best example ~~of~~ for the Muslims who never hurt anyone and always forgive his adversaries. **He said "The mercyful person will receive mercy from the most merciful**" So, forgiveness is implanted among the Muslims.

5.5) Enhance courage among an individual :-

Tauheed also ehances courage among Muslims because they know that there is only one God. Therefore, they will not prostrate before any person or god. They will only fear from one God which is Allah.

6) Tauheed impacts on collective life

6.1) Ensures social welfare in a society :-

Tauheed induces a self responsibility towards society. It incalcal
• Moreover, zakat system in Islam plays a significant role in the welfare of a society. Allah has made zakat a compulsory act " Be steadyfast in your prayers and pay zakat" (Al-Baqqarah). In short, Tauheed ensures social development of a community.

6.2) Promotes Brotherhood:

Tauheed also promotes brotherhood in a society. It is because Holy Prophet (PBUH) emphasized on Islamic unity. He made Ansars and Muhajir brother with another. He also said that Muslim is a like a building bloc structure if one is affected, it will affect another. Thus, Tauheed promotes brotherhood in the society.

6.3) Equality in a society :-

Tauheed also promotes equality in a society. Islam discouraged inequality on the basis of the racism, case, social status and religion. Holy Prophet (PBUH) in his last sermon said that " No Arab is superior than non-Arab". In this regard, Islam is the only religion which (emphasizes)ˣ on promotes equality in a society.

6.4) Promotes knowledge ↑in a society.

Tauheed a promotes knowledge and education in a society. Islam supports education in all aspheres of life. Holy Prophet (PBUH) promoted women education in the Arabian Peninsula. He said "seeking education is mandatory ᵘᵖ on every Muslim" (Holy Prophet PBUH). So, Islam promotes rationality and reason in a society.

7) conclusion:-

To conclude, Tauheed is a basic fundamental block of Islam. No person can enter in the fold of Islam, without accepting the concept of Tauheed. Thereby, it ~~has~~ plays significant ~~imports~~ role in an individual and collective life. It assists in spritual and wordly affairs of mankind. It develops a society on the basis of equality, justice, and cooperation. So, Tauheed is an essential part of an individual beliefs.