Q: Contemperory challenges of muslim ummah and their solution? :Q

Ans: "You are now the best people brought forth for (the guidance and reform of) mankind"

OR   (AL-Imran)

"You are the best nation produced (as an example) for mankind"

(AL-Imran)

Introduction :-

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had established the concept of ummah 1440 years ago consists of fifty-seven sovereign states. It comprises over 1.5 billion people i.e one fifth of the world population. It has vast territories and geographically rich in resources. However, in spite of its political and economic importance, the islamic ummah is divided and violating the verse of Quran.

"Hold fast together to the cable of Allah and be not divided"

(AL-Imran)

Muslim ummah is currently facing a number of internal and external challenges. External challenges include challenges caused by western colonialism

* globalization
* on going hostage

Internal challenges includes;

* extremism
* lacking in scientific advancement
* Lack of ijtihad
* moral decline
* Identity crises
* Issues in middle East.

Challenges

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| Internal challenges | External challenges |

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Internal Challenges :-

The following are internal challenges faced by muslim Ummah

* intellectual crisis and stagnation.
* Modernization and Ummah.
* political Disunity
* Rich in resources but poor in managment
* fundamentalism and rise of extremism
* middle Eastern crises
* prevalance of unbridled materialism
* moral decline.
* Lacking education
* failure to portray true image of islam
* spelling of islam

1: Intellectual Crisis and stagnation :-

Historical Factors :-

The muslim world was once at the forefront

scientific and intellectual innovation with ~~scholar~~ scholars such as Ibn Rushd (Averroes)

* Ibn Sina (Avicenna)

* AL - khwarizmi making significant contributions to fields like medicine , mathematics and philosphy.

However , after the falls of the Abbasid Caliphate and the rise of colonialism , neo- colonialism, poor goverance , economic undevelopment , authoritarianism some of which can be attributed to the real or imagined influence of increasing devotional religiosity of the masses.

Example :-

* ## Afghanistan :- Sunni Taliban turn secular schools into islamic madrassa , valuing religious studies over modern science.

* ## Saudi . ulema :- until the 1960's saudi sunni ulema opposed any attempts at modernisation considering it as innovation (bidah).

2: Modernization and Ummah :-

* The world is fast becoming a global village and "a ~~becomes~~ single place"

Attitude of muslim Countries :-

World is becoming a global village, adopting modern innovation and working in the field of science on the other hand some muslim countries rejected modern science as "Corrupt foreign thought"

* "Some consider it incompatible with islamic teachings"

Lack of funds :-

Due to above mentioned orthodox thoughts many muslim countries donot allocate sufficient funds to support scientific research and development.

Quran Support Modern Education.

"Behold in the creation of the heavens and the earth and see how he brings like alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding"

This verse is clearly call of the Quran

Observe and reflect upon natural phenomenon.

There is no contradiction between Islam and the discoveries that science allows humanity to make about nature and the universe.

(Abdus Salam)

3: Political Disunity :-

* The sectarian quarrel among the muslim nations is obvious

* They are unable to unite due to ideological differences. The muslim world is not a monolithic entity and there are ideological differences that have impeded cooperation and collaboration on intellectual projects.

Quran :-

"The believers are but a single brotherhood"

(Surah Al-Hujarat)

Result of disunity :-

* undeveloped
* poor/poverty
* unskilled
* uneducated

The muslim world must encourage collabration and cooperation among themselves.

4: Rich in Resources but Poor in Management :-

* many muslims countries are blessed with rich resources, yet they are unable to put such resources to ~~the~~ defend Islam and Muslims against those who conspicously conspire against the Muslims.

* Many muslims spending in education, science and social sector development is nagugible.

Fundamentalism Versus Extremism

Another internal challenge faced by Muslim in this contemporary world is fundamentalism and Extremism.

Fundamentalism:-
refers to a strict and literal interpretation of religious text, often involving a rejection of modern or secular ideas and practices. If islam appears rigid and doctrinaire, it is because the learned interpreters make it so.

* harsh
* intolerant
* muslim were exhorted to adhere to interpretation which are no longer adequate or relevant.

Extremism:-
refers to an extreme or radical interpretation of a particular ideology, which may or may not be religious in nature.

Note:-
They both promote

* intolerance
* divisiveness
* undermining democratic values and human rights.

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* It is important to promote dialogue, understanding across all cultures and religions.

6: Middle Eastern Crises :-

* After "Arab spring" in 2011
* The middle East has now teetering on the verge of collapse.

* Libya stands disintegrated.
* Syria is bleeding
* Iraq is under barbarous hegemony of the ISIS

* Egypt's secularists are pitted against the Islamists.

* Saudia Arab Attacking its fellow Yemen.

* Palestinians genocide.

7: Materialism and Moral Decline :-

* Islam stresses a balance between materialism and spiritualism, between life in this world.

* The loss of the spiritual values in modern societies has resulted in unbridled materialism.

* Money is literally worshipped as an end in itself, not as a mean to an end.

"THE MUSLIMS HAVE LOST THEIR COURAGE THEIR AMBITIONS ASLEEP, THEIR HEART DYING, BUT THE ONLY THING THAT IS PREVALENT AMONG THEM IS THE LUST AND INDULGENCE"

(Jamal al-Din al-Afghani)

8: Lacking Education, Science and Technology:-

* muslim world is badly lacking in scientific and technological advancement

* Dependant on the U.s. china, Germany, Japan etc for military and IT requirement.

* 8500 universities in india 5000 in America.

* more books anually translated in spanish are less than Arabic world combined.

9: Failure to Portray real Image of Islam :-

* muslim have become the subject of ridicule and humiliation.

Example :-

* 9/11 destroyed the muslim image ✓

* orientalists like Bernard Lewis and many had openly attacked muslims referring them as terrorists and violent people.

unfortunately, the muslims did not get the platform to release these allegation.

* intolerance, civility and fundamentalism by AL-Qaeda, Taliban, Daesh etc failed to portray the real image image of islam.

Arguments and presentation is good.

Work on structure, use short and crisp paragraphs instead of points.

And complete the answer on 8-10 sides of a loose sheet.

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