

# Assignment

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(Q) What is meant by Islam and salient features of Islam.

## Introduction::

Islam contains meaning of Submissiveness and total surrender to Allah Swt and to His rules that have been revealed to his chosen Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

## Linguistic Meaning::

The word Islam is derived from Fil Ruba i (four letters)  $\sqrt{w}$  (weight) with various meaning Ahar bal said:

"Obedient, Submissive, Peaceful, prosperous, clean and free inner and outer impurities, sincerely cleaning in the religion and creedah because of religion Allah Swt"

All sahi revealed these three meanings  
Bow and follow, to enter something safe  
and doing something self ten.

Ibnu Mandzur said that Islam means  
al Inqiyad namely Surrender and  
Obedience. Furthermore in criteria  
Sharia Islam means:

"Expressing Submission to Allah, implementing  
Sharia and expressing commitment to  
the teachings brought by Prophet".

According to Quran:

Islam is a religion needed by  
humanity. There are number of signs  
that can be seen from words of  
Allah. Allah says in Surah Al-Nisa  
4:125

"And who is better in religion  
than one who submits himself to  
Allah while being a doer of good  
and follows the religion of Ibrahim,  
inclining toward truth? And Allah  
took Ibrahim as an intimate friend."



In this verse there are atleast two things to be understood. First is Surrender to Allah SWT, second is to do good to fellow human beings.

Islam is a religion that has been designed by Allah SWT in accordance with human nature. Allah says in Quran (QS. Al-Rum/30:30)

So direct your face toward the religion inclining to truth. (Adhere to) the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created (all) people. No change should be there in Allah's creation. That is the correct religion, but most of the people don't know.

### Salient features.

#### (i) The concept of Tauheed :-

Tauheed is the <sup>core</sup> ~~first~~ pillar of Islam. The first part of kalima is "There is no deity but Allah". Allah says in Surah Ikhlas "Say, "He is Allah, the one and only, Allah is eternal Absolute, He begets not, nor is he begotten And there is none like him,



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Holy Prophet (PBUH) guided is on importance of Tauheed. Allame Shibli Nomanji writes in Serat un Nabi that Holy Prophet (PBUH) said "Tauheed is first chapter of Islamic syllabus".

Holy Prophet (PBUH) also said

"Islam is like a fort and gate of that fort is tauheed".

### Prophet hood:

The 2nd part of the kalma is "And Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the messenger of Allah". A person cannot enter the circle of Islam without accepting the finality of Prophet hood.

Allah says in Surah Azaab (3:40) Muhammad is not father of any of your men, but (he is) the messenger of Allah and the Seal of Prophets; and Allah has knowledge of all things".

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) observed:  
"The tribe of Israel was guided by prophets. When a prophet passed away, another prophet succeeded



him. But no prophet will come after me; only caliphs will succeed me." (Bukhari, Kitab ul - Manaqib)

### Complete code of life :-

Islam is the religion of truth. It is the embodiment of the code of life which Allah the creator and the lord has revealed for the guidance of mankind.

"He has revealed you (O Muhammad) the scripture with truth, confirming that which was revealed before it even as He revealed the Torah and the Gospel before as a guide to mankind and has revealed the criterion (for judging between right and wrong) (3: 3-4).

Islam is a religion which organizes all aspects of life. Islam established a clear system of worship, laws about living a life, civil rights, political rights, social issues, laws of marriage, divorce, inheritance. and all other we deal in our daily life

Islam being complete code of life has defined such ways of life as:

### Moral life :-

Islam instructs the Muslims be honest, truthful, charity, modest, just, pure and abiding in promise on the other hand it prohibits envy, hypocrite and evil speaking.

### Intellectual life :-

The Quran clearly indicates that the Man must acquire knowledge through immense universe. Knowledge in Islam is not monopolized by Clerics or religious men, But every Muslim has to learn and apply them.

"Gaining education is obligatory for every man and woman".

### Personal life :-

Islam emphasizes on purity, cleanliness, dress, ornament and legal sexual relations through a valid marriage, It forbids alcohol, drugs, dead animal, meat of pork and animal sacrificed to the name of another that is not Allah.



### Family life:-

Islam considers family as group of people whose members are united by blood ties or conjugal relationship.

Allah has given much respect to mother.

Marriage is the religious duty of every muslim man fulfilling his responsibilities.

### Social life:-

Allah has ordered man to work closely with all members of his family, with relatives, servants and neighbours.

### Economical life:-

Islam urges the Muslims to earn a living through honest work, that is not only right but also a great virtue.

### Political life:-

Islam says, whatever the mode of government of an Islamic state is sovereignty belongs to Allah alone and authority should be delegated to the state through its people under the rules set by Allah.

### International life:-

Islam says all people are children of Adam, equal in human status.



and purpose. Islam rejects any kind of transgression. Muslim only resort to war when their safety is imperiled. Islam does not justify in states of war, the destruction of crops, killing of child and elders who do not fight.

### Character of a Person:-

Islam emphasises on building a good character. Good character is a major theme in teachings of Quran and traditions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: "I have been sent to perfect good character" (a (- Muatta 16/4)

Holy Prophet also said "The most beloved of you to Allah is the best of you in character" (Bukhari)

### Charity:-

Islam emphasises on giving charity to the poor. Allah says in Surah Baqara (177) "Muslims are those who give wealth in spite for love of Allah". Zakat is the only thing



Muslim leader Com imper societaly, Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A) fought Jihad against the people who refused to pay Zakat.

### The Right to safety of life:-

Immediately after the verse of the Holy Quran which has been mentioned in connection with the right to life Allah say's " And who ever saves a life it is as he had saved the life of all mankind (2:177)

A man may be ill or wounded, irrespective of his nationality race or color if you know he is need your help, then it is your duty that you should arrange for his treatment for disease or wound. Hadith Qudsi: ec Allah shows displeasure for a person who never visits a sick person'.

### Right of Animals.

Protecting animal welfare is highlighted in Islam as one of the qualities of a believer. Holy prophet represented a person just because his camel was thirsty.



Holy Prophet (PBUH) said " we should not consider their pain any less than ours; they deserve to be treated with gentleness.

### conclusion:

Islam is the only religion in the world that is a complete code of life for human beings. Allah says in Quran  
This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and approved for you Islam as religion.