

Q No: What is meant by culture and civilization? Describe the characteristics of Islamic culture.

Ans: ① Introduction

Culture and civilization are related with the daily practices of human beings. Thus, in simple words, these are the traits which are frequently associated with sociology. Moreover as Islam is a complete code of life - the characteristics of Islamic culture also fulfills all demands of humans.

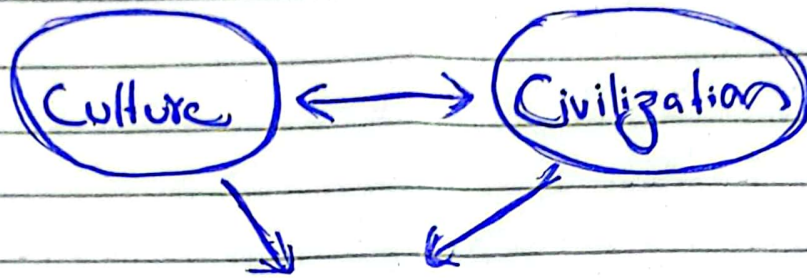
② Definition of Culture

There are multiple definitions by different sociologists and anthropologists, however the most famous one by Emile Durkheim is it is the general belief of masses in a specific society.

③ Definition of Civilization

Similarly, the definition of civilization can easily be quoted as the advancement in the general culture of people of an area is called as civilization.

④ Attributes of Culture and Civilization:
A representation through flow chart



⇒ Daily of activities in a specific area of its residents

⇒ General belief of the masses of an area

⇒ Political system a society

⇒ Economic system of a society

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→ are called as civilization

⑤ General Characteristics of Culture and Civilization

5.1 General belief of masses

The religious, social, political or any belief of masses in a specific society is called as culture. Such as, in India worshipping cow is considered as their culture.

5.2 General practices of public of an area

Similarly the general practices of masses, such as method of doing business, way of handling the social relations are also among the characteristics of culture.

5.3 Life style habits and overall attitude

The procedure of maintaining the family relations, environmental concerns and political systems, these all are considered as the characteristics of culture and civilization.

⑥ Describing the characteristics of Islamic culture

6.1 Tawheed: Highlighting trail of Islamic culture

There is only one God (Al Quran) To worship only one God is the main and first characteristic of the Islamic culture.

6.2 Finality of Prophethood

Muhammad is not the father of any of you (Al Quran). Thus, the finality of prophethood is also a main characteristics of Islamic culture.

6.3 Equality of humanity

No Arab is above a non Arab and vice versa (Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H) In last sermon, the Prophet (P.B.U.H) removed all the differences among the humanity.

6.4 Rationality and Simplicity

In Islam, like other religion there is no any concept of class hierarchy, or worshipping man or any living thing. Thus,

simplicity and rationality is part of culture.

6.5 Universalism: A prominent trait

We have created you blessing for whole mankind (Al Quran). Unlike other religions Islam is for every one.

6.6 Gender Equity

All the men and women are equal (Al Quran). Thus, the equality is a main theme of Islamic culture.

6.7 Ease of Business

God has created the earth so that humans can avail benefit from it. Unlike other religions Islam emphasises its followers to go and earn the Halal earnings.

7 Conclusion

The culture and civilization are mostly associated with the daily activities of human beings in a specific geographic area. Moreover, the main characteristics

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ties of Islamic culture and civilization are the monotheism, primacy of prophethood and universalism. Including this, the human equality is also the prominent character of the Islamic culture and civilization.