

Q. No. 3.

"Verily I have been sent as a teacher" Discuss in detail.

## Prophet (PBUH) as a Teacher

### 1 Introduction:

The mentioned Hadith "Verily I have been sent as a teacher" refers to the fact that promoting knowledge was one of the primary duties of Prophet (PBUH). Prophet's admirable character is evident in Quran.

He was an excellent character for all the mankind. As an role model, Prophet (PBUH) was a greatest and noblest educator.

It's through the education and his knowledge that Prophet (PBUH) has promoted the message of God. He was mercy for all, possessed extraordinary qualities and traits which he used to spread the knowledge of Islam. Prophet (PBUH) successful taught and conveyed the message of Allah and transformed the pagans of entire Arabian Peninsula into staunch believers.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ  
لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ  
وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

There is indeed a good model for you in the Messenger of Allah: for those who have

hope in Allah, and in the last day and remembers Allah often." (Surah. Ahzab, 33: 91)

## 2 Education System under Prophet (PBUH)

Prophet (PBUH) was an excellent role model who possessed the most exalted characters. Though Prophet (PBUH) was not educated himself, yet he promoted the message of Quran in such a beautiful way that he transformed the people who belonged to the era of Jahiliya. Before Prophet (PBUH) there were only 17 people in Arab who knew the art of reading and writing. But after the demise of Prophet almost half of the Arabian peninsula tried to translate and write the Quran.

### i Education at Makkah

Although various educational institutions existed in pre-Islamic Arabia. However, they were mostly for poetical and rhetorical contests. Educational Institutions in the real sense were established by Prophet (PBUH). He preached the message of God in a true sense. Prophet even made the houses of his companions

the center of learning. For instance - In Makkah, **House of Al-Arqam A-S** was selected as the safest and initial place for the Muslims as their place of learning. It was named as - **Dar-e-Arqam.**

## ii Education in Madina

Educational institutions were established after the migration of Prophet (PBUH) to Madina. He established the schools in Mosques, and promoted the literacy. It was thus that **nine** mosque schools came into being. **Mosque School of Quba** was among them. It was both a place of worship as well as the centre of learning. **Masjid-e-Nabvi** was also a place where the knowledge was being imparted. Prophet (PBUH) used to teach his companions, hold the discussions and discourses with the pupils. This resulted in increased literacy during the reign of Prophet (PBUH). Women were also educated, in fact the Prophet (PBUH) used to say even the slave girls should be educated and set free.

“**تعلیم و ترویج علم واجب است بر همه مسلمانان**”

“**To acquire knowledge is obligatory upon all Muslims, men and women.**”

### iii Subjects of Study.

Early Islamic education by Prophet (PBUH) has the purposes for Muslims, upon them the imparted knowledge has positive impacts. First and foremost purpose of promoting the literacy was to impart the knowledge of Quran and Sunnah.

#### a To impart the knowledge of Quran and Sunnah

Primary purpose was clear, it was that to convey the message of Allah, to read the Quran to the people, preaching the message of Islam and imparting the knowledge of Sunnah to be followed by people. Purpose was to instruct the people in faith and believe them in the unity of Allah.

#### b To mould the habits and character.

Secondly, Islamic education, along with the message of Quran and Sunnah also aimed at spreading the knowledge about mantras, to impart the morality in the pupils, mould their character so that the message may impart them positively.

#### c To promote physical education:

Prophet (PBUH) not only gave the message of Quran and Sunnah but also made sure to train the pupils physically.

The pupils were taught archery, wrestling, horse riding and use of swords.

## Subjects of higher education

The students of higher educational institutions were instructed in Arithmetic, geography, medicine, and the principles of Islamic Law.

- ★ Hazrat Umar (A.S) was expert in knowledge of stars.
- ★ Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A) was expert in the family trees.
- ★ Hazrat Zaid Bin Tabit and Abdullah bin Zubair were expert in languages.

“اطلب العلم من المهد الى اللحد”

“Seek the knowledge from cradle to grave”

This Hadith of Prophet (PBUH) signifies the emphasis which prophet has laid shows the importance of education, that it has no limits. One can crave for the knowledge from the day she is born till his last breath. Knowledge is an ocean which can never end.

### 3 Techniques used by Prophet (PBUH) to impart knowledge

Prophet (PBUH) was the noble and greatest teacher of all the time. He (PBUH) possessed the amazing teaching qualities. As being merciful, Prophet (PBUH) used his mercy and blessing in educational aspect too.

“لَوْ أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ”

“We have sent you only as a blessing for the people”

(Surah Anbiya 91=107)

#### i Eloquence and Fluency

Prophet (PBUH) was an ~~amte~~ accurate and straight forward speaker. He (PBUH) has a mastery over the Arabic language. Prophet (PBUH) used the local dialect of the tribes used there, talked to the visitors in their accent and dialect for their

easiness. Messenger of Allah used to educate people in their local dialects.

## ii Used easy Methods

Prophet (PBUH) always used simple and accessible methods to educate people. He would break down complex concepts into easy-to-understand terms making it easier for everyone to grasp the teachings. This approach ensured that knowledge was accessible to people from all walks of life.

**Syeda Ayesha (R.A) said:**

“Whenever Allah's messenger was given an opportunity to choose b/w two affairs, he would always choose the easiest and most convenient path.”

## iii Spread of knowledge through

### References:

Prophet (PBUH) had amazing qualities of teachings. He (PBUH) used various methods to spread the knowledge that the pupils may retain it for longer time periods. Prophet (PBUH) always used references

By using relatable examples, stories he would always draw upon familiar concepts and situations to help people understand the situations complex ideas in a simple way. This made learning practices easy and accessible, also it became more engaging for his audiences.

As Prophet (PBUH) asked his companions;

What do you think, if there was a river by the door of anyone of you, and he bathed in it five times a day, would there be any trace of dirt left on him?

They said:

"No trace of dirt would be left on him."

Prophet (PBUH) said;

That is like the daily five time prayers which prevent you from sins."



#### iv Use of Gestures:

To make the things easy to understand for students, Prophet (PBUH) always used the gestures and made easy for the students to comprehend the concepts. For instance, Prophet (PBUH) employed the use of gesture to explain how Allah held heaven and Earth in his grip.

Prophet (PBUH) closed his fist and then opened it while his whole ~~wasted~~ body swayed from one side to the other and pulpit shook under him.

In fact, it was when Prophet (PBUH) wanted to demonstrate the dreadful sight of doomsday.

#### v Set an example of Kindness:

Prophet (PBUH) was indeed the Prophet of peace. He was most merciful and was sent as the blessing for entire humanity. Prophet (PBUH) set an example as He was even kind with children. He teach them with his kind action. Prophet (PBUH) smiled at children, play with them while passing through them. He (PBUH) even took the

children on his lap.

Prophet (PBUH) also treated to those who was serving him.

Anas Bin Malik narrated, Prophet (PBUH) never said uff to him when he served Prophet (PBUH) for ten years. (Bukhari and Muslim)

#### vi Prophet (PBUH); perfect speaker.

Prophet (PBUH) was a perfect speaker. with his words he delightfully explain the things easily. He never hurried in explaining the things wheather, Prophet (PBUH) repeat his words so that his words would never be misunderstood. Prophet (PBUH) used to repeat his words twice.

Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) said;

"Spoke in such a way that if one were to count his words they could be counted"

#### 4 Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Prophet (PBUH) was such a phenomenal teacher, that he inspired his pupils by his teaching methods. Through his teaching He (PBUH) has imparted the -

knowledge and spread the literacy rate at such an extent that the people who were once pagans converted into the believers and put their faith in Allah. ~~Strong~~ Though, it was a great victory for the Prophet (PBUH) that his efforts were fruitful and he spread the Islamic teachings in the Arabian Peninsula whose impacts one can witness even in the modern world.

"Allah will exalt up, to (suitable) ranks (and degrees), those of you who believe and who have been granted knowledge"

(Al-Mujadilah 58:11)