



Q What is Islamic perspective on crime and punishment. Explain your answer with the help of proper examples.

Answer- Introduction

"Islam is a complete code of life."

Islam is a complete code of life. In fact, Islamic teachings are guiding every step of life. Moreover, Islam has described certain forms of punishment to deter crimes. Therefore, Islam is a complete code of life.

2 - An overview of Islamic perspective on crime and punishment

"Islam has defined certain forms of punishment to deter crimes in society."

(- Dr. Israr Ahmad)

Islam is a religion of 'peace'. In fact, Islam advocates peace in the world. For this, Islam has described some rules of punishment to maintain peace.

"Every disease has cure, and every crime has punishment."
(- Hussain Saleem)

Thus, Islam has rules to deal with crimes.

3- Forms of punishment in Islam
Following are forms:

Prescribed
Hudood-u-Allah

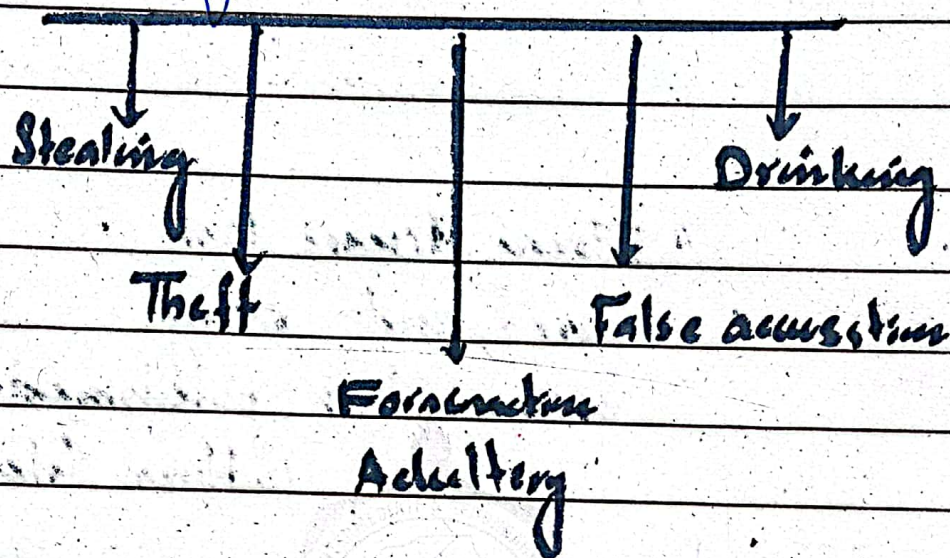
Forms

Discretionary

Retribution
Qisas-Diyat

a) Prescribed: Hudood-u-Allah

Following are forms of 'Hudood-u-Allah':



i) Punishment in case of stealing

Islam is a good example in punishment of stealing.

|| Fatima bint Muhammad

(P.B.U.H) commits crime

of stealing, her hand will also be cut.

(Prophet P.B.U.H)

Islam has described punishment in case of stealing as below:

Number	Stealing-punishment
first	cut of hand
second	cut of left leg/foot
third	the imprisonment

Thus, above is punishment of stealing.

ii) Punishment in case of theft

Islam has also described punishment in case of theft.

"A person accusing of theft must be announced to capital punishment."

(-Hadith, Sunan Abu Dawood)

Thus, Islam has explained punishment in case of theft.

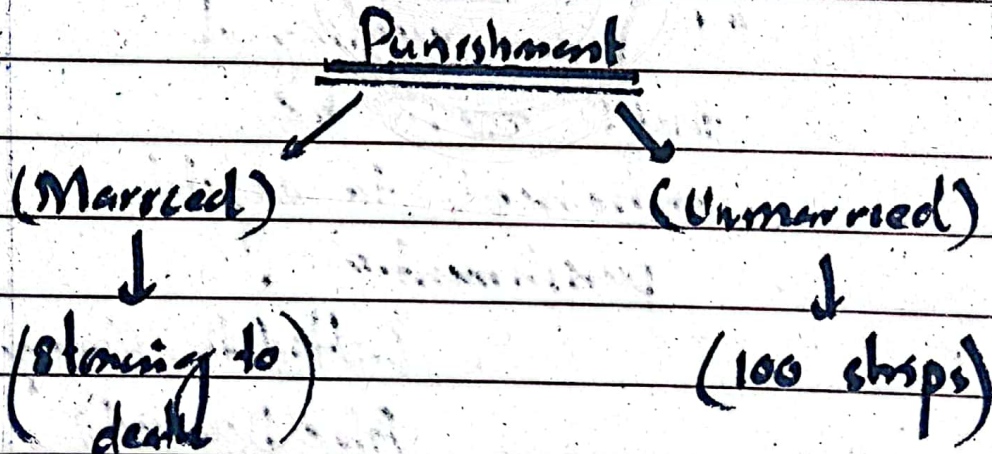
iii) Punishment in case of fornication, Adultery

Islam has called fornication the most shameful sin.

"Adultery is the most shameful sin in Islam."

(Al-Quran: 80:84)

Punishment of fornication is as below:



Thus, Islam has described punishment in case of adultery as above.

iv) Punishment in case of false accusation

Punishment in case of false accusation is as below:

"A person who is accused of false accusation would be punished by 80 strips."

(Prophet P.B.U.H)

Hence, Islam has specific punishment in case of false accusation.

v) Punishment in case of drinking

Islam has forbidden drinking and has describe punishment for it.

"80 strips is a punishment for a person who drinks alcohol."

(Prophet P.B.U.H)

Thus, Islam has described punishment in case of drinking.

b) **Retribution: Qisas and Diyat**

Moreover, Islam has given concept of Qisas and Diyat.

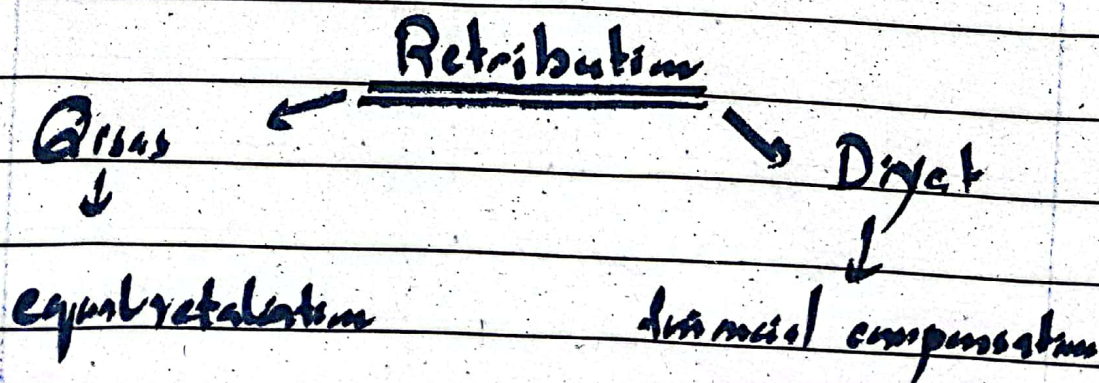
"Qisas is an equal retaliation in Islam in case of the same law."

(- Dr. Israr Ahmad)

Along with Qisas, Diyat is also one of forms of punishment.

Diyat is paying on the return of loss in Islam."

(- Dr. Israr Ahmad)



Therefore, Islam has also given right to punishment.

c) **Discretionary:** State's response
Islam has also given right to punishment to the state.

" In 2021, Sabunka manager was burnt on the
accuse of blasphemy
and

State announced life imprisonment
to 9 offenders, and
6 were sentenced to
death in Pakistan.

(- Al-Tazara, 2023)

Further, forms of discretionary are
as below:

rebellion	→	exile
violation of law	→	court

Thus, state can respond against crimes.

4- Conclusion

"Islam is a religion of peace to protect society from crimes."

(Amir al-Salam)

Islam has guided in every step of life. In fact, Islam has broken roots of crimes with certain forms of punishment. Thus, Islam has certain forms of punishment to protect norms of society.