

## ASSIGNMENT: 01

What is Islam - Elaborate its features

**ISLAM :**

Islam is the religion of truth. It is the embodiment of code of life of which God, Lord of universe has revealed the guidance for mankind.

**MEANING :**

Islam is an Arabic word, means act of resignation to Allah. It denotes peace, submission, surrender and obedience.

Quran 13: 28

Those who believe and whose hearts find rest in remembrance of Allah - indeed it is in the hearts the thought of Him alone.

**CONTEXTUAL :**

Islam means entering in peace by submitting to the will of Allah. Peace signifies that one can achieve real peace of mind and body only through submission and obedience to Allah.

## SHARIAH :

Shariah is the code of behaviour given by Allah to his Prophets. In Islamic Shariah, there is no compulsion in the choice of deen. Islam is the combination of to bear the witnesses of Allah and His messengers, ... then to practice the pillars of Islam. Acc. to Imam Ghazali; It is the combination of rights of Allah and rights of people.

## BASIC BELIEFS :

A man joins the fold of Islam by believing in and professing faith in the unity of God and Prophethood of PBUH.

لا اله الا الله محمد الرسول الله ﷺ

'There is no God except Allah;

Muhammad is His Prophet.'

## TAUHEED :

The core principle and pillar of Islam is Tauheed, and a bed-rock of Islam. Acc.

Allama Shibli 'Sirat Nabi' Tauheed is

the first chapter of Islamic syllabus



Tawhid is a revolutionary concept constituting the essence of teachings of Islam, signifying that the only supreme Lord is omnipotent, omnipresent and sustainer of world and mankind.

The whole chapter is named on this surah Ikhlas / Tawhid - the 112<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Say, He is Allah, One Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born. Nor is there to him any equivalent.

**PROPHETHOOD :**

The second major part / postulate of Islam is to believe in Prophethood of Muhammad (PBUH), to accept the religion he preached and to follow his commands.

Quran 4:69

Every messenger who was sent by us was for the purpose that he should be obeyed under the sanction of Allah.

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Thus, belief in Oneness of God and His prophets signifies the commitment to obey and to live a life (individual, collective) in the light of laws and guidance provided.

### **BELIEF IN HEREAFTER :**

The worldly life is only a place of test and trials where we have to give account of what is done herein. Earthly life has an end, after which new world be resurrected and will be rewarded or punished according to deeds. (17:13) Quran

We fastened your deeds around his neck, on day of Resurrection, we will bring forth a book which shall be proffered to him wide open.

Thus, the basics and essentials of religion can be concluded by: 33:21

Indeed, in Messenger of Allah you've an excellent exam for whoever has hope in Allah, Last Day and remembers Allah often.



## SALIENT FEATURES / UNIQUENESS :

### 1. Complete Code of Life

Islam provides complete code of life governing all aspects of human existence: from personal conduct to social justice, economical regulations, and the political governance. Al-Maidah 5:3

This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion?

### 2. Personal Life

Islam emphasizes upon the personal life and whole. He calls the cleanliness as half of deen. 87:14.

He certainly succeeded who purifies himself.

### 3. Family Life

A human social group whose members are bound by blood / marital ties

He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them.

#### 4. Emphasis on Knowledge

Islam places strong emphasis on the pursuit of knowledge. The very first revelation to Prophet (PBUH) was command to read and seek knowledge. 96:1

Read in the name of your Lord  
who created.

The Prophet said: Sunan Ibn Majah

Seeking knowledge is an  
obligation upon every Muslim.

#### 5. Brotherhood

Islam proclaims the idea of 'brotherhood',

where Holy Prophet said:

O Lord! Lord of my life and

of everything in the universe! I

affirm that all human beings are

brothers to one another.

#### 6. Universality Equality

Islam emphasizes equality of all humans regardless

of race, color, wealth, status promoting sense of  
brotherhood.

Musnad Ahmad



There is no superiority of an Arab over non-Arab, or non-Arab over an Arab; a white person or black over white.

Superiority is only ~~on~~ by piety and good action.

## 7. Justice Fairness

Justice is the central theme in Islam.

Be aware of injustice, for injustice will be darkness on

the Day of Resurrection. Sahih Muslim

Muslims are commanded to uphold justice, even if it goes against their interests.

O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in

justice, witnessing<sup>es</sup> for Allah,

even if it be against yourselves,

or parents and relatives. (Nisa, 4:135)

## 8. Permanence Change

The Quran and Sunnah contain the eternal guidance given by ~~Islam~~ Lord of Universe, from the One who is free from the

limitations of 'space' and 'time'. The principles of Islam are for people of every age through Ijtihad relating to problems of their times. Thus, the basic guidance is of permanent nature while method of application changes. Islam always remains as fresh and modern as tomorrow's morn.

### 9. Record of Teachings Preserved

The teachings of Islam have been preserved in original form and His guidance is available without any adulteration. The life of Prophet of Islam and his teachings are there in pristine purity and there hasn't been an iota of change in unique historic record.

### 10. Complete Way of Life

Thus, Islam provides guidance for all walks of life - individual, social, moral, material, legal, political, cultural, national, international. The Quran enjoins man



to enter fold of Islam. who any reservation and follow God's guidance in all fields of life. Holy Prophet:

Everyone of you is a keeper and will be questioned about well-being of his fold. So, Head of State will be questioned about well-being of people of State.

Every man is a sphered to his family and will be answerable about every member. Every woman is shepherd to family of her husband and accountable for every member of it. And every servant is shepherd to his master and will be questioned about property of his master.

Thus, Islam shows that it is an all-embracing way of life and does not leave out any field of human existence to become a playground for satanic forces.