

## Question:

What is Islam? Write down its features.

## Answer:

### Literal meaning:

→ Literally, the word "Islam" is originated from the Arabic word "salm" which means peace.

### Contextual meaning:

→ Islam has contextual meaning of submission, submission to the will of Allah.

Contextually, it refers to the bringing of peace by submitting himself to Allah. The submission includes the submission of desires, will and complete submission.

In context of Quran, Allah almighty says "The ones whose hearts find peace in his obedience shall wait for a reward."

### Islam according to Sharia:

The importance of Islam can be highlighted through the authentic and primarily source i.e. Quran. In Quran Allah



almighty says "I take the responsibility of Quran till doomsday".

In context of Hadith Allah chose Islam as the best religion. And in various verses Allah almighty highlighted the unique features of Islam, being a complete code of life and a universal deen.

According to scholars:

Islam in the view of religious scholar possess a broad view of having combination of rights of Allah and rights of people and combination of worships and faiths being revealed upon prophet.

In order to attain the Islam, one must have to take care of others' rights by being humble to them and fulfill the rights of Allah through worship.

"According to Hadith Jibrael, "Islam means to bear witness of Allah and his prophets and perform the pillars of Islam."



## Features of Islam:

→ Islam is the only religion to contain uniqueness among other religions because of its features. Some of them are discussed below:

### Tauheed:

→ Tauheed being a key pillar of Islam is one of its important and unique feature.

→ In other religions there are goddesses and deities to be worshiped but Islam is the only religion relies upon the oneness of Allah.

→ In context of Quran, Allah Almighty says that there is no one to be said as equal to Allah and no one to be his relative.

→ The one of great sin in Islam is to consider someone equal to Allah or to his Qualities (shirk).

→ To accept Islam one must have to recite the kalma tayyaba, which states that all worships belong to Allah.

→ So, its the unique.



ness of Islam that the believers even without seeing having their faith on one God.

### Prophethood:

→ In Islam having faith on the prophethood is the key element for a true believer.

→ In the context of Quran, Allah almighty says that "Be obedient to Allah and his prophet, they do not say anything by themselves but say what they are ordered by Allah.

→ In another verse Allah almighty reminds the duty of prophet by mentioning that you must put people in the light from dark.

### Finality of prophethood

→ When we talk about the prophethood, we must keep in mind that to have faith on the finality of prophethood is also necessary, means to accept that Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet for entire mankind.  
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gnty says that there is no  
descendent of Muhammad (PBUH)  
to take charge of prophethood.  
He is the last prophet and  
no other one to come till  
doomsday.

→ The need of prophet  
can be highlighted through their  
character where they set themselves  
as a role model for mankind  
by presenting them the ways of  
life.

### Islam a Universal Deen:

→ Unlike other  
religions, Islam is a universal  
Deen. It is not confined to  
a specific ethnicity (No one has  
superiority over another), specific  
geography (Islam is for entire  
mankind (Ummah)) and to specific  
time period as Allah Almighty  
says that the responsibility  
of protection of Quran is on  
him till the doomsday.

→ Islam  
is the only religion being  
applicable to anytime of life  
in any century. It guides everyone



in every aspect of life in every century.

Islam, a complete code of life:

→ Islam guides everyone in their every aspect of life whether its individual or collective life.

→ It guides the mankind from birth to global issues.

→ It reminds an individual about its duties and responsibility regarding having rights upon his family, their upbringing and financial aspects, the crystal ways to earn and spend.

Islam also guides the people in their collective life of taking care of their neighbours, the diplomacy of healthy relations and so many of global aspects.

→ Islam builds the character of a person by putting its emphasizes on getting education.

obligatory/  
"Its necessary for both men and women to have education".



## Islam for entire Mankind:

→ Most of the subjects of Holy Quran are about the human "انسانیت", highlights its uniqueness of being concerned for the well being of human.

→ In context of Holy Quran Allah almighty says that "Someone who saved a human, saved the whole humanity."

→ It also highlights its concerns for the other living organisms as well as the prophet on highlighting its feelings for environment says that "I like the green plants more".

→ It also sheds light on the rights of animal. In context of Holy Quran, Allah almighty says that "The one who shows mercy on the earth will be shown mercy by Allah".

→ In many narrated incidents where Allah almighty punished those who hurt the animals.



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The major pillar of Islam "Charity" gives sense of humanity to the people. It where they develop sense of feelings for their fellow humans by purifying their wealth to the needy and worried souls.

Overall, Islam possess its uniqueness and beauty etc of a religion for everyone, where one must have to obey the oneness of Allah, his messengers and take care of his fellow humans.