

Question 2

Describe, in detail, the basic characteristics of Islamic Culture.

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1. Introduction:

Sociologist, Maclver ascribes that "Culture is what we are?" Around the world billions of muslims have own respective cultures of the countries but they all follow the features of Islamic culture. The features of Islamic culture are faith based culture, moralistic, balanced and moderate, open culture, equality among individuals and proponent of good and opponent of evils. Moreover, hospitality based culture, has festivals and celebration, sense of accountability, justice, brotherhood and art and articheries are the elements of Islam culture. Islamic culture is considered one of the most tremendous cultures of the world. This includes religious tolerance. Therefore, Islamic culture has massive values in the world.

2. Characteristics of Islamic culture:

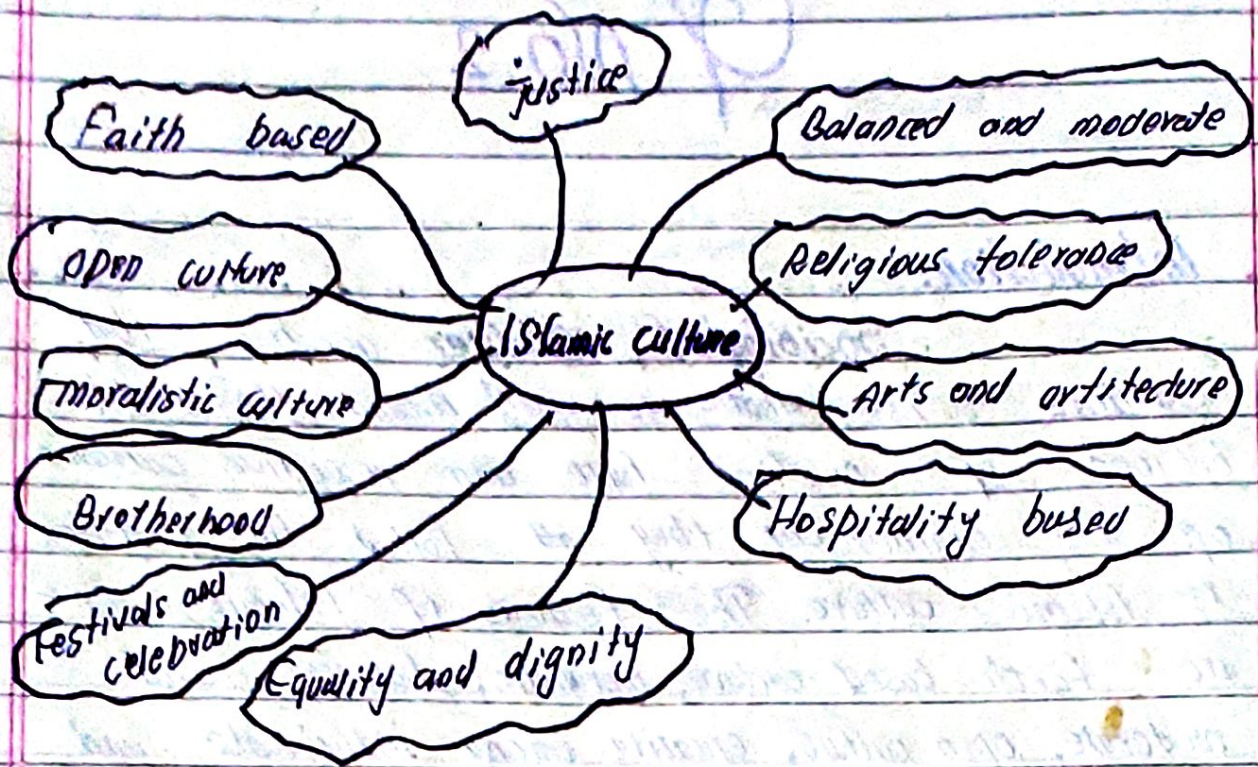


Figure 0.1 Features of Islamic Culture

1. Faith based culture:

Islamic culture is based on faith. Things forbidden by Islamic law such as music, interest, dance parties are fully avoided.

2. Open culture:

Islamic culture is an open culture. It does not shy of opting tremendous qualities of other cultures such as

technology, theories of science so on and so forth.

3. Equality and dignity of humans:

In the Islamic culture all individuals are equal without discrimination on any base. Women, men, black, white, rich and poor all are equal.

"He is nearer to Allah who is pious"

(Quran)

4. Moralistic based culture:

Islamic culture is based on tremendous morals. The culture values morality and avoids the individuals to fall into immorality such as sexual intercourse and drinking wine.

5. Sense of accountability:

Islamic culture is based on the sense of accountability. Every follower thinks about the life hereafter. In the hereafter everyone will be asked about the deeds.

"Whoever has done an atom's of good will see it,
whoever has done an atom's of evil will see it"

(Al-Quran)

6. moderate and Balanced culture:

Islamic culture is moderate. In the Islamic culture every act is performed in the limitations such as worships and earning.

"We have made you one of moderate communities"

(Al-Quran)

7. Religious tolerance based culture:

Islamic culture is based on religious tolerance and freedom. Jews, Buddhists and Christians have allowed to practice their faiths in Islamic countries. Examples are the state of Madina 622 A.D.

8. Justice based culture:

Syed Amer Ali describes in his book "The Spirit of Islam" that Muslims are known for justice. Therefore, justice is ensured in every era of Muslims such as Prophet era and Khulfa era.

9. Festivals and celebration:

Muslims every year celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha. These are the most enormous features of Islamic culture. Thus, these festivals make Islamic culture prominent.

10. Arts and Architecture:

Arts like Arabic calligraphy and architecture of Muslim Spain such as Cordova Masjid, Grand Masjid of Syria and Dome of Al-Aqsa are prominent.

3. Conclusion:

In short, Islamic culture is one of the best cultures in the world. It has not only influenced the hearts of Muslims but also pagans said Amer Ali in "The Spirit of Islam" book.
