

Q8 Describe the importance of Deen (Doctrine of Life) - Differentiate between Deen and Religions.

Introduction - Start with the summary of the answer as introduction  
Definition of Deen:

The word Deen is an Arabic word which means "To attain supremacy or dominant status". It gives the content of complete code of life from birth rights and duties to international affairs maintaining. In every aspect of life Deen gives a comprehensive guideline to its followers.

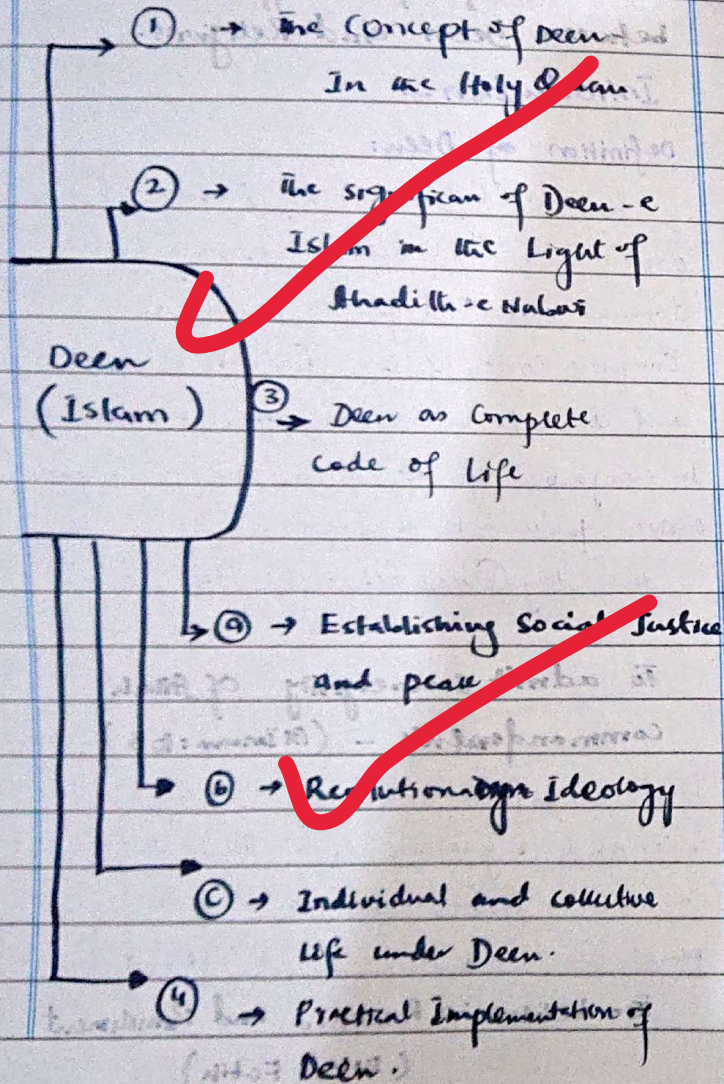
The Holy Quran defines the Deen (Islam) as

To admit sovereignty of Allah  
Commandments - (Al-Imran: 103)

Deen as Islam is basically a set up of rules and regulations of the Allah Almighty's Commands. But the ~~first~~ ~~is~~ ~~at~~ ~~another~~ place Quran mentions about the Deen as:

We believe in Reward and Punishment  
(Surah Fatih)

## Significance of Deen (Doctrine of Life):



## 1 - The Concept of Islam (Deen)

Holy Quran:

The significance of Deen can be authentically determined by its elaboration in the Divine Book of Allah.

This day - I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favors upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion -  
(Surah Maidah, 5:3)

This verse was revealed at the time of farewell pilgrimage of Holy Prophet (ﷺ), where he emphasized on Islam as a complete and comprehensive Code of Life.

Islam being characterized as the supreme Deen by Allah brought in the words of Holy Quran saying

Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam (Surah Al Imran 3:19)

Try to add the Arabic of quranic ayats

Imam Al Ghazali in his work  
"Ihya' ulumad - Din" (حياتى العلوم)  
described deen as a balance between  
spiritual elevation and worldly responsibility.

## 2- The significance of Deen in the light of Ahadith-e-Nabwi "عن رسول الله"

The Holy Prophet ﷺ  
explained the significance of Deen  
through his words and actions. He  
emphasized the pillars of Islam are  
the basic foundation of a comprehensive  
Deen.

**Islam is based on five pillars.  
(Sahih Bukhari)**

This shows that the Deen is  
comprised on fundamental aspects of an  
individual's conviction to Allah and  
society.

## 3- Deen as a Complete and Comprehensive System of Life :

Ibn Taymiyyah highlighted that  
Islam is not confined to rituals but is  
an inclusive code of life that governs  
all aspects of human activity.

Islamic scholar, Dr. Isma'el Ahmed, a well-known  
Islamic scholar, described the Deen  
is not limited to personal acts of worship  
(Ibadat) but it is an all-encompassing  
system governing every aspect of life -  
including spiritual, social, economic, and  
political.

The ayah will relevant to the  
scholar's viewpoint by saying:

**Say: Indeed, my prayer, my rites  
of sacrifice, my living and my dying  
are for Allah, Lord of the world -  
(Surah Al An'am 6:162)**

It serves to present that the nature of  
Deen is all-encompassing, covering individual's life  
on comprehensive level.



to manifest it over all religions, even if we polytheists dislike it - (9:33) Islamic justice and social system inspires people to a positive revolutionary change in the society.

### 7- Practical Implementation of Deen:

Deen plays a vital role in reshaping the societal norms, political and other major institutions like economy, etc. The practical implementation of Deen in the states could be a way to establish a harmonious and peaceful country.

According to Dr. Issar Ahmed, the implementation of Deen is a gradual process, requiring consistent efforts and adherence to the methodology of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

## Differentiating: Deen vs Religion

Aspect	Deen	Religion
<u>Definition</u>	A comprehensive system of life encompassing all aspects of human existence.	A set of beliefs to individuals and spiritual practices.
<u>Objective</u>	To establish a just and harmonious order in society and align life with Allah's will.	To guide individuals in attaining spiritual growth and moral uprightness.
<u>Application</u>	Society, state level, individual affairs.	Focuses on individual and communal worship practices.
<u>Authority</u>	Based on Divine Sovereignty and complete submission to Allah's guidance.	Often shaped by human interpretations, traditions and cultural practice.
<u>World-wide view</u>	Holistic, revolutionary, dynamic - aims to integrate faith into all aspect of life.	Individualistic and static - focused on personal faith and spiritual pursuit.

Attempt this part by giving subheadings. Also add references

Deen vs Religion

Concludingly, Deen is a comprehensive and transformative way of life, as emphasized in Islam - addressing personal and societal matters under divine guidance. While Religion is often reduced to a private or ritualist domain, disconnected from broader societal governance and collective justice.

Islam is a complete Deen as well religion of Muslim Ummah.

Indeed the religion (Deen) in the sight of Allah is Islam (Al-Imran 3:19)

