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Explain the concept of Human rights in Islamic thought in the specification of "Status of Women in Islam".

Introduction

The issue of human rights is crucial in the contemporary world as it is related to several areas like political, social and economic concept. Islam has given the utmost importance to the rights of women through Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), and made them to the higher status. The instant write-up is aimed at exploring women rights which have been enshrined in the Holy Quran.

This part is not required so no need to discuss it in detail

HUMAN RIGHTS IN WEST

What distinguishes the concept of human rights in West from that of the Islam is the element of divinity. Human rights in West have passed through the several stages.

Example: Roe Versus Wade

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In 1973, US Supreme Court ruled that state laws restricting abortions were unconstitutional. Whereas in June 2022, Supreme Court over-ruled its earlier decision and deemed the right of the unborn baby.

Evolutionary Phases

The following are the important stages or documents in accordance with the West.

- ① The Magna Carta of 1215.
- ② The Bill of Rights of 1639.
- ③ The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948).
- ④ The Convention on the Protection of Women Rights (1952).

This is a typical example to demonstrate that the parameters of women collective human wisdom on which the foundation of women

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rights stands, may change. But, the beauty of women rights in Islam is, that, these were granted by Allah Almighty and are permanent.

WOMEN RIGHTS IN ISLAM

Islam has given the utmost importance to the women rights through Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet (PBUH). Following are the important documents:

- ① The Medina charter
- ② The Holy Prophet's speech on the Conquest of Makkah.
- ③ Farewell Sermon

WOMEN RIGHTS THROUGH QURANIC INJUNCTIONS

(a) Right to life

Filicide was a common practice among Arabs before Islam. Allah Almighty granted them right through Quranic verses mentioned:

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“That is why, We ordained for the children of Israel that whoever takes a life - unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the world, will be as if they killed all of humanity, and whoever saves a life, will be as if they saved all of humanity.”

Try to add the Arabic of quranic ayats

Surah Al-Ma'idah (5:32)

(b) Right of Women to Chastity

In the list of women rights granted by Islam, one important right is that the chastity of women is to be protected.

“Do not go near adultery; it is truly a shameful deed and an evil eye.”

Surah Al-Isra (17:32)

(c) Right to Equality

Through Quran, Allah Almighty has given equality to all human beings which is mentioned in the following verse.

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“ O humanity! Indeed We have created you from male and a female and made you into peoples and tribes, so that you may get to know one another. Surely, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is all knowing and All-Aware.”

Surah Al-Hijurat (49:13)

(d) Right to own Property

Moreover, Islam has given women the right to own property.

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“ And for women are rights over men similar to those of men over women.”

Surah Al-Baqarah (2:228)

(e) Right to divorce

One such verse implies that a women can initiate divorce proceedings

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if she is willing to compensate her husband.

“So if you fear they will not be able to keep within the limits of Allah, there is no blame if the wife compensates the husband to obtain divorce.”

Surah Al-Baqarah (2:230)

“A Woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.”

- Diane Mariechild;
Mother Wit: A Feminist Guide
to Psychic Development.

Add more arguments. A 20 marks
answer should have around 15
subheadings

Conclusion

“This is a declaration for mankind, a guidance and instruction to those who fear God.”

(Surah Al-e-Imran 3:138)

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Islam gave an ideal code of life comprising women rights around fourteen and a half centuries ago. Allah Almighty is the lawgiver, and hence the rights granted by Him can neither be curtailed nor suspended. Hence, the concept of human rights in Islam has the divine origin and is universal and inviolable.

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