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Islamic Studies Assignment 1.

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Q - what is Islam? Elaborate the salient features of Islam.

Islam means to achieve peace, peace with oneself, peace with Allah. The word Islam is taken from three Arabic root letter, S(س), L(ل), M(م) which refer to surrender, submission and commitment.

Islam is an Arabic word which means to submit your desires to the will of God. It is monotheistic deen.

Followers of Islam believes in the Oneness of God "Allah", His last prophet "Hazrat Muhammad P.B.U.H", and His Holy Book "Quran". Followers of Islam are called "Muslims".

Anyone voluntarily can accept Islam. Allah says in Quran:-
"Let there be no compulsion in religion".
(Surah 2:256).

Holy Prophet preaches Islam by his good character. He never forces any non-Muslim to become Muslim and follow the teaching of Islam. Quran says:-

~~"For you is your path [religion], for us mine"~~

"To you is your religion, and to me, my religion?"
(Surah 109:6)

This simply means Holy Prophet said I am not worshipper of your God ~~and~~ you are not worshipper of my God.

According to Hadees Jabraeel, Messenger of Allah said:

"Islam is to testify that there is no deity worthy but Allah, Muhammad is ~~the~~ ~~last~~ messenger of Allah, to perform prayer, to give zakat, to fast in the month of Ramadam, and to perform pilgrimage to the house if you are able to go there".

Start with the summary of the answer as introduction

Try to add the Arabic of quranic ayats

Attempt by giving subheadings

Islam in the light of few famous scholars.

Imam Ghazali said: "Islam is the composition of right of Allah and rights of human".

Another famous scholar Dr Hameedullah said:

"Islam is a monotheistic deen ~~that~~ revealed upon the Prophet".

Sadarudin Islahi said: "Islam is the composition of faith and worship".

Islam is a complete code of life, It guides us in every aspect of life: individual, social, material, moral, ethical, legal, cultural, political, economic and global. It is a universal deen. It ~~doesn't~~ is for whole humanity that's why Allah ~~used~~ uses the word in Quran:

"O humanity! Indeed we have created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another"

(Surah 49:13)

Allah has used words like O Mankind, Human Being in Quran. This clarify that Islam is not for Muslims only. Anyone, anytime, anywhere can follow the teaching of Islam. It is not limited to specific geography, and also not limited to specific groups or people or ethnicity.

Thus we can say Islam is an ideal system of living for all mankind.

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Following are the salient features of Islam.

1. Tauheed:

Tauheed is an Arabic term which means monotheism, the belief in one God. Tauheed means unification or union. It is core pillar of Islam.

According to first kalma of Muslims, its first part points out Tauheed "There is no God except Allah".

Allah is the creator of all mankind. He has ~~certain~~ some unique quality. The Merciful, The Forgiver, The Beneficent etc.

Allah says in Quran:

"He is Allah, one and unique. Allah, the sustainer, needed by all. He has never had offspring nor was He born. And there is none comparable to Him".
(Surah 112; 1-4).

A famous writer Allama Shabli Nomani writes a hadees in his book "Sirat un Nabi", He says: "Tauheed is the first chapter of Islamic ~~syllabus~~ ^{syllabus}. He further describe the importance of Tauheed and says:- "Islam is like a fort and the gate of the fort is Tauheed".

One reference is enough for a single argument

2. Prophethood:

Allah has sent 125000 prophets, for the guidances of humans. Among them Hazrat Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) is the last messenger of Allah. The life of Holy Prophet is a perfect example for all mankind.

"Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the last Day, and remembers Allah often".

(al Quran 33:21)

All the actions of Holy Prophet are not his own will and desire rather it is command of Almighty Allah.

"Nor does he speak of his own whims. It is only a revelation sent down".

③ Dignity to mankind:

Humans are the best and perfect creation of Allah. ~~Allah~~ He has blessed humans with intelligence, He loves humans ~~more than~~ 70 times than a mother.

"I am going to place a successive human authority on earth".

(Alquran 2:30)

In another surah Allah says:

"Indeed, we created humans in the best form".

(Alquran 95:4)

To ~~comp~~ enhance the dignity of man Allah ordered his creation, angels to give sajdah to Hazrat Adam (A.S).

"Indeed, we have dignified the children of Adam, carried them on land and sea, granted them good and lawful provisions, and privileged them far above many of Our creatures".

(Alquran 17:70)

④ Islam is complete code of life:-

A baby birth till its death Islam gives ^{guidance} in every aspect of life. Not only in individual life, but it also explain how to spend family life and collective life. It tells about political system, financial system, system of justice and global affairs.

End with conclusion

⑤ Islam promote humanity:

Islam emphasizes to fulfill the rights of humans, ⁿrights of animals, environmental protection, It talks about justice, equality. It gives importance to every individual without any discrimination. Islam promotes charity. Zakat is consider as financial worship. It also command to provision of medical services and social work. It order not to cut trees and plants.

There is a famous hadees:-

"Do not cut green trees ^{even} if in case of war".

Add more arguments. A 20 marks answer should have around 15 subheadings and be on 7-9 pages