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Islamic Studies (T-1)

## Subjective

Q.No.2 Islam is considered a complete code of life. Discuss.

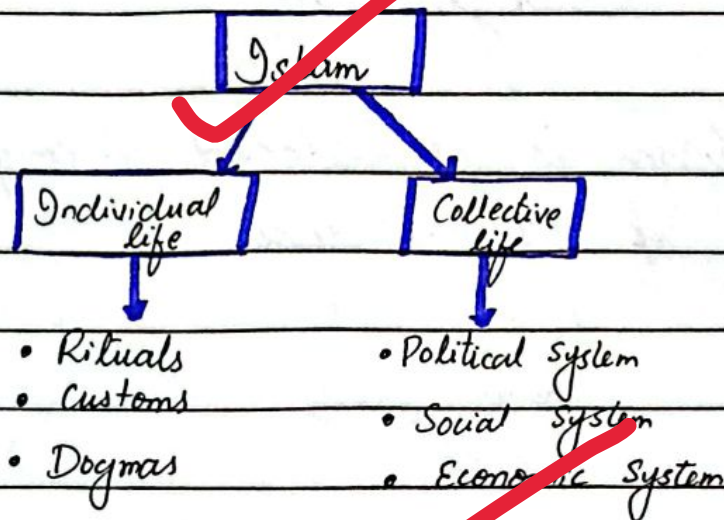
Religion plays a vital role in individual's life and human society. Islam is a divine deen bestowed upon humans from Allah to follow and get guidance in every sphere of life. Islam is not just a religion with sets of rules and worships but a complete code of life for its followers to succeed both in this world and the world hereafter.

"Undoubtedly, we have explained for people in this very Quran every kind of lesson."

(18 : 54)

## 1. Complete code of life:

Islam as mentioned in Quran is "Deen", that encompasses all individual aspects of human life as well as the matter of collective life.



Quran laid down all the divine principles of spending life, and Prophet (P.B.U.H) lived through all those principles to set an example for other to follow with no ambiguity and confusion.

## 2. Preaches Practicalism and best way to balance life:

Most of the religions of the world focuses on one of the two worlds. While Islam focuses on reaching practicalism. a

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way to balance this world and spending life in a way to succeed in the other world as well.

ان الذين امنوا وعملوا الصالحات اولئك هم خير البرية .

Those who have faith and do the righteous deeds, they are the best creatures. (القرآن)

### 3. Islam Provides Social System:

The western religions focus freedom and isolation. They are based on individualism, whiledeen-Islam promotes the concept of brotherhood providing a strong social system based on mutual rights and duties.

In his last sermon Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) said;

"Learn that every muslim is a brother to every other muslim and the muslims constitute brotherhood."

Islam through Quran and Sunnah laid down the foundation of a cordial society where people live according to the teachings

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of Islam in complete harmony.

#### 4. An efficient economic System.

Islam gives a complete guideline about an efficient economic system. From zakat system, to abolishing Ribah, business ethics to trade rules, taxes to profits; all aspects and constituents of a effective and efficient economic system are explained by Islam.

"God Permitteth trading  
and forbideth interest ---"

(Al-Bakarah: 275)

Use elaborate and self explanatory headings

#### 5. Political System:

Islam provides a complete framework for governance and public administration.

Constitution of Madinah (Mensaq-e-Madinah) is one such example, where the principles of equality, co-existence, justice and mutual rights were established. As a result an inclusive and equitable political system was established for generations to follow afterwards.

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## 6. Comprehensive Approach of Islam:

Islam is a divine deen, revealed by Allah almighty in its perfect form. Islam guides about every aspect of life comprehensively like no other religion did before. It is affirmed by Quran:

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم واتممت عليكم نعمتي ورضيت لكم الاسلام ديناً

"This day, we have perfected your deen for you, and completed our blessings upon you, and have chosen Islam for you as your religion."

(آل عمران: 3: 0)

## 7. Principles of Justice:

Islam has guided its followers in their individual, social, political, economic affairs with a comprehensive approach. It has also provided a complete guideline for the establishment of a balance justice system on the principle of equality.

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"It is Allah, who has sent down the book which is Truth, and is balance to judge between right and wrong."

(4:105)

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

8. **Conclusion:**

Islam's teachings address every aspect of human life, ensuring a balanced approach to individual spirituality, morality, social life, political dealings, economic system and all other world affairs. It is not limited to a specific time or place or any culture. It laid down the universal principles applicable to all humanity transcending all barriers.

وما ارسلناك الا رحمة للعالمين

"And we have not sent you, except as a mercy for worlds."

(21:107)

By following Islam we can achieve peace,

justice and prosperity.  
Improve the structure of the answer. Use headings and subheadings

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mistakes and then attempt the next answer

Q.3. Define the religion of Islam and explain its concept of humanity.

Islam derived from the Arabic word "Salam" or "S.L.M (سَلَام)" means peace, submission and obedience.

In the words of Imam Raghīb

"Islam means entering into

Salam, and Salam add:

Slm both signify peace."

According to the definition of Merriam

Webster:

"The religious faith of Muslims, including belief in Allah and sole deity and Muhammad as His prophet."

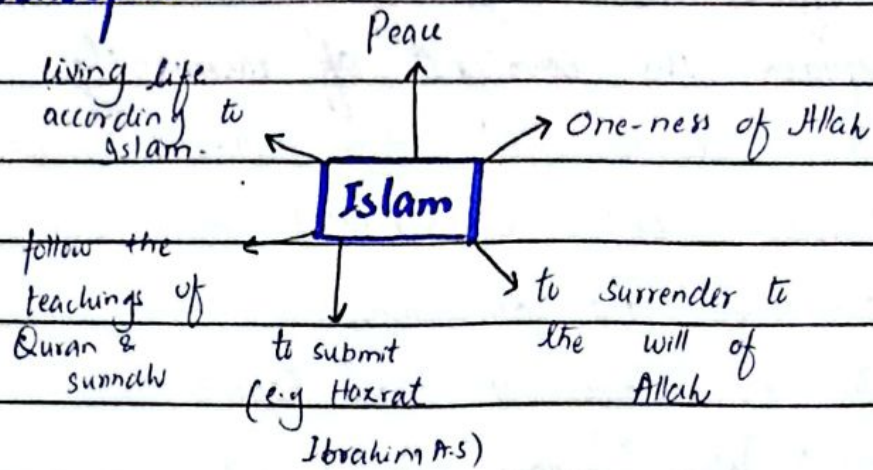
### 1. Literal Meaning:

→ Literal meaning of Islam is submission and obedience to the will of Allah.

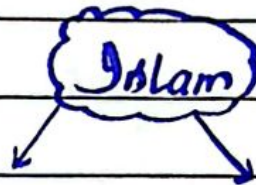
→ Peace can only be achieved through submission and obedience.

→ Thus, submission is Islam and peace is its outcome.

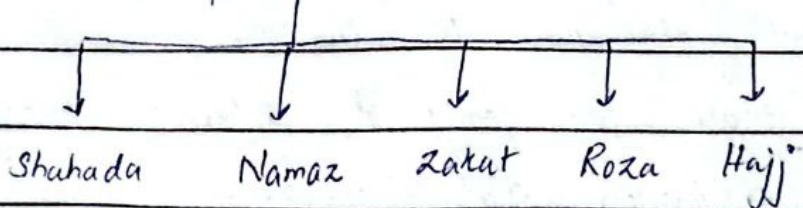
## 2. Concept:



Islam is not confined to rituals, it is a comprehensive way of life that encompasses all aspects of human life.



- | Principles and beliefs   | Actions  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tauheed</li><li>• Prophethood</li><li>• Belief in hereafter</li><li>• Five pillars</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• spiritual</li><li>• moral</li><li>• social</li><li>• Political</li></ul> |





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### 3. Concept of Humanity in Islam.

The concept of Islam is based on the principles of equality, justice, compassion and mutual rights. Islam recognizes the inherent dignity of man which is considered to be the foundation of human rights. Islam emphasizes on the equality of mankind irrespective of race, ethnicity and social status. The teaching of Qur'an and Sunnah signifies the unity of mankind, mutual care and collective responsibility as the major principles of humanity.

(17:70) **ولقد كرّمنا آدم**

"We have bestowed dignity on the Progeny of Adam"

#### 3.1. Compassion and Mercy:

Islam gives the lessons of mercy and compassion, which acts the foundation for humanity.

Allah Himself is the most merciful, he sent His messenger (S.A.W) as a

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sign of mercy and He ordered His creation to be kind and show mercy to others.

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"And we have not sent you [O Mohammad] except as a mercy for worlds."

### 3.2 No Discrimination:

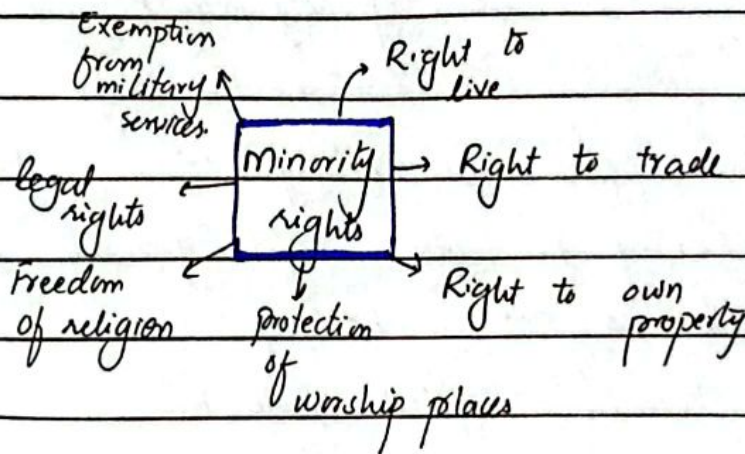
Islam asserts that all humans are created equal from a single soul. Islam has discouraged discrimination among humans on the basis of their race, ethnicity and social status.

In his last sermon, prophet (P.B.U.H) reinforced.

"There is no superiority of an Arab over a non Arab, or a non Arab over an Arab, and no superiority of white person over a black person or a black person over a white."

### 3.3. Minority rights

Islam is the first and only religion that ensured the rights of the minorities on humanitarian grounds. Islam granted all fundamental right to religious minorities and make it obligatory for Islamic state to abide by the laws of humanity and ensure minority protection.



### 3.4 Treatment of Women as equals:

Islam is the first religion, to grant basic human rights and dignity to women.

Before Islam women were treated like a commodity, girl child was buried alive.

Islam abolished all these practices and established the principle of equality between men and women. Specified their rights

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and duties, and women were given dignity in the society.

هن لباس لكم وانتم لباس لهم

They are your garments and you are their garments.

(2:187)

### 3.5 Care for Vulnerable:

Islam emphasizes greatly on helping the less fortunate. It teaches the rights of orphans, poor and needy. In Islam humanity is caring for others before yourself

"He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while his neighbour sleeps hungry"

(Bukhari).

### 4. Conclusion:

Islam's concept of humanity is evident in its core principles of equality, justice, compassion and unity. It teaches individuals to respect others dignity, helping others selflessly and living in harmony. By following these teaching a better and just society can be established.

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Q4. Explain the concept of human rights in Islamic thought, with specific reference to the "status of women" in Islam.

'Moral Principles or basic fundamental rights that everyone is entitled regardless of cast, creed, race, ethnicity, nationality and religion.'

(UDHR 1948)

### 1. Concept of human rights in Islamic Thought:

Islam is a complete code of life. All the fundamental rights are given by Allah S.W.T in Quran and practically implemented by Rasool in Sunnah. These rights are divine, while the west fought for these rights.

#### Types of Human Rights

Basic fundamental

Human rights

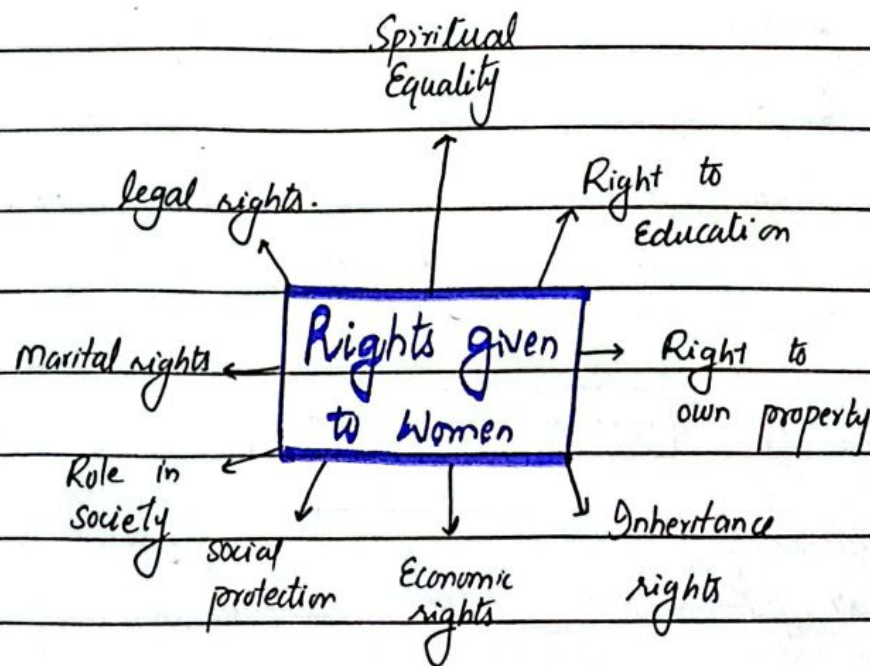
- Equality of all mankind
- Right to life
- freedom of religion
- Right to property
- Right to education
- Protection of honour
- Right to justice

Social rights and duties.

## 2. Status of Women in Islam:

Before Islam, there was no concept of women rights. Women were oppressed and denied their basic fundamental rights.

Islam revolutionized their status by granting them rights. Before Islam women were treated like a commodity, and an object of pleasure. Modern west fought a long battle of women rights, while these rights were divinely granted 1400 years ago by Islam.



### 2-1. Spiritual equality:

Islam does not differentiate between men and women in granting spiritual duties

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and rewards. Surah Nisa was revealed for women to affirm their spiritual equality. There are equal rewards and punishment of their deeds whether men or women.

## 2.2 Right to education:

Every muslim, irrespective of gender have equal rights to education. During the period of Prophet (P.B.U.H) women would learn Quran and Hadith as much as men did.

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim"

(Ibn Maja)

## 2.3 Right to Inheritance and own property:

Islam fixed the share of women in inheritance and gave women the right own property. Before Islam there was no such concept. Even after Islam, west fought for their right until the mid 20<sup>th</sup>

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Century. Islam granted the rights of inheritance as described in Surah Nisa.

"For men is a share of what parents and close relatives leave and for women is a share of what the parents and close relatives leave, be it little or much - an obligatory share"

[Al-Nisa - 07]

## 2.4. Marital Rights:

Islam gave protection to women in a marriage. Islam granted women the right of consent for the marriage, gave them the right of mahr and also the right of divorce that was previously an alienated concept.

لا يحل لكم ان ترثوا النساء كرجالهن

It is not lawful for you to inherit women against their will.

(4: 39)



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## 2.5. Social Protection:

Islam ensured the protection of women in society by granting them rights. A woman, whether a daughter, wife, sister or mother is treated with respect. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) emphasized on treating women with kindness.

"The best of you  
are those who are  
best to their wives."

(Hadith).

## 2.6. Political rights:

Islam has granted women to have opinion of their own and express it without any fear. During the period of Caliph Umar al-Khattab a woman argued with him on the matter of mehr, proved her point and caused him to admit, in front of people

"The woman is right & Umar  
is wrong."

This implies the complementary roles of both men and women.

## 2.7 Role in Society:

Women play a constructive role in society. Islamic history is replete with such prominent women who played vital role in preaching and implementing Islam.

Hazrat Khadija (R.A) and Hazrat Ayesha (R.A), the wives of Prophet (P.B.U.H) are the role models for muslim women to follow.

## 3. Conclusion:-

Human rights are the fundamental teachings of Islam that reflect the principles of equality, justice and compassion for all. Women rights, however, are in particular emphasized in teachings of Islam.

"Your women have rights over you" (Last Sermon).

Islam abolished the stigmas associated with women in days of ignorance and granted them with respect and dignity in all spheres of life.

Q6. What are key features of the Prophet Muhammad's (P.B.U.H) public administration?

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) ~~was~~ is the role model for every time and era. His character was everything described in Quran.

وما ينطق عن الهوى إنا هو إلا وحي يوحى

And he does not speak of desires, he speaks but revelation.

(Najam : 03)

The public administration, like all other attributes of Prophet (P.B.U.H) is a timeless model of governance. The Public administration of Mohammad (S.A.W) was based on the principles of justice, equality, and accountability. His administration aimed at following the principles of Islam in their true spirit and establishing a just, equitable, and harmonious society that act as a model for times to come.

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## 1. Justice and rule of law:

The administration of Prophet Mohammad (P.B.U.H) was established on the strong foundation of just. He (P.B.U.H) was known to be just even before he was bestowed with prophethood. People would come to him for deciding their matters and he would decide impartially with justice.

"... and when you judge between people, judge with fairness."

(Al-Quran).

He (P.B.U.H) upheld law, and ensured that no one was above law. For instance when Noble woman was caught stealing, the prophet said.

"By Allah, if Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad, were in her place (caught stealing), I would cut her hand off."

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## 2. Equality & Non-Discrimination:

The Prophet (S.A.W) abolished tribal superiority and racial discrimination. All individuals were equal before law; were equally rewarded and punished for their deed without any discrimination and biasedness.

In last sermon, he said,

"There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, nor of a non-Arab over an Arab, nor of a white over black, or a black over a white, except for piety."

## 3. Accountability:

One of the major challenges the world today faces is transparency. Prophet (S.A.W) established accountability mechanism to make officials answerable before law so that transparency is ensured in governance.

"Everyone of you is a shepherd, and every one of you will be asked about his flock".

(Hadith).

#### 4. Conflict resolution and Treaty:

Prophet (P.B.U.H) was adept in resolving conflicts and drafting treaties to make peaceful settlements. Meesaq-e-Madinah and Treaty of Hudaibiyah are such instances of his remarkable administration and peaceful resolution of problems.

#### 5. Moral Governance:

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) was known for his exceptional character. He led by example, embodying the highest moral and ethical standards.

وانك لعلی خلق عظیم

And, Indeed! you  
are of great moral  
character. (Al Qalam)

#### 6. Welfare of People:

One of the major objectives of His (P.B.U.H) administration was to ensure wellbeing of people, particularly marginalized

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people of society. Institution such as charity and Zakat ensured the equal and fair distribution of resources.

## 7. Economic Policies:

Free and fair trade, prohibition of exploitation and prohibition of Riba were the key feature of economic policies of Prophet's (P.B.U.H) administration. He also ensured labour rights even before the world thought about it.

"Give the labourer his wage before his sweat dries" (Hadith)

## 8. Conclusion:

The administration of Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) was the exemplary model of equity, justice and accountability. His emphasis on public welfare and accountability are the key features of Islamic governance that continue to inspire modern systems of administration.