

Write down a comprehensive essay on the women's rights in Islam.

### INTRODUCTION:

In the midst of the darkness that engulfed the world, the divine revelation echoed in the wide desert of Arabia with a fresh, noble, and universal message to humanity:

"O Mankind! keep your duty to your Lord, who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate, and through both He spread countless men and women."

In historical perspective, before Islam, women had no rights. Women were treated in an inhumane manner. They neither had a right of property nor divorce. However Islam give all human rights to women. In spiritual aspects, Islam give a right of respect, equal status of men and women and religious obligations. In social perspective, Islam give a right to woman in form of daughter, mother and wife. In economic aspect she has a right of independent ownership and right of inheritance. She also has a political right.

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

### (i) WOMEN IN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION:

In Athens, women were not better off than either the Indian or the Roman women.

### (ii) ACCORDING TO ENGLISH COMMON LAW:

... all property which a wife held at the time of a marriage became a possession of her husband.

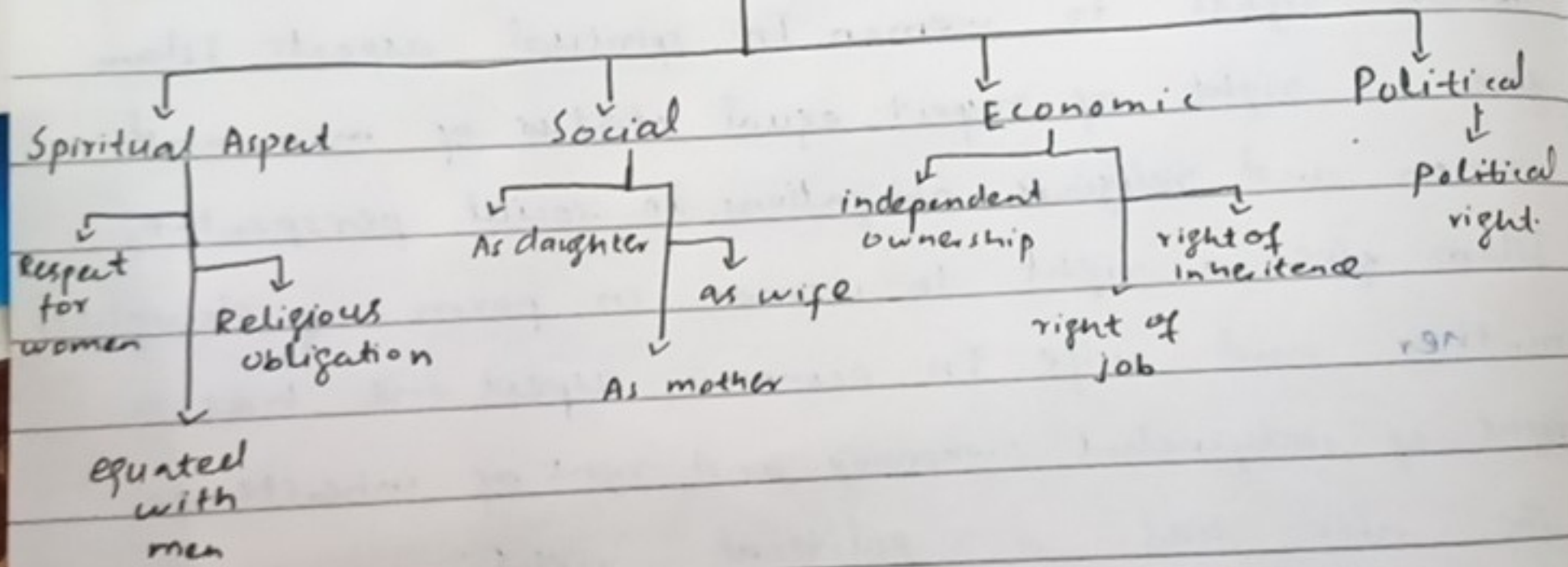
### (iii) RIGHT OF DIVORCE:

a. According to Encyclopedia Biblical:  
"The woman being man's property, his right to divorce her follows as a matter of course."

↳ According to Mosaic Law:

Divorce was a privilege of the husband only.

# WOMEN RIGHTS IN ISLAM:



## I. THE SPIRITUAL ASPECT :-

### (i) RESPECT FOR WOMEN :

"He created you from a single soul and there from did create his mate, that he might love her." (Noble Quran, 7: 189)

### (ii) WOMAN IS EQUATED WITH MAN :

In Islam, woman is completely equated with man :

"Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has faith, verity to him will we give a new life that is good and pure, and we will bestow on such their reward according to their actions." (16: 97)

### (iii) RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS :

In some cases, woman has a certain advantages over man.

She is exempted from prayer during periods.

The Islamic teachings, also take into account the physiological changes associated with her natural female functions.

## 2. THE SOCIAL ASPECT:

### a. AS A CHILD:

#### (i) RIGHT TO LIVE:

"And when the infant buried alive - is questioned, for what crime she was killed."

#### (ii) RIGHT TO EDUCATION:

Seeking knowledge is mandatory for every Muslim.

### b. AS A WIFE:

#### (i) RIGHT OF MAHR:

Woman has the full right to her Mahr, a marriage gift.

#### (ii) BEST MANNER WITH WIVES:

"The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I'm the best of you to my wives." (Ibn Maajah)

#### (iii) RIGHT TO KHUL'A:

Khula is the right given to Muslim women by the Quran itself and the permission or consent of the husband is not necessary for the dissolution of marriage through Khula.

## c. AS A MOTHER:

### (i) KINDNESS TO PARENTS:

"And we have enjoined upon man to his parents. His mother bears him in weakness upon weakness"

(Al-Quran; 31:14)

### (ii) Paradise beneath mother's feet.

## 3. THE ECONOMIC ASPECT:

### (i) RIGHT OF INDEPENDENT OWNERSHIP:

According to Islamic law; women's right to her money, real estate, or other property is fully acknowledged.

### (ii) RIGHT TO JOB:

Islam regards her role in society as a mother and a wife as the most sacred and essential one, however, no decree in Islam which forbids women to do job

### (iii) RIGHT OF INHERITENCE:

A wife is entitled to a quarter share of her deceased husband's

estate if she has no children. If she had children, she is entitled to one eighth.

#### 4. THE POLITICAL ASPECT:

During the Caliphate of Omar Ibn al-Khattab, a woman argued with him in the masjid, proved her point, and caused him to declare in the presence of people: "The woman is right and Omar is wrong."

#### CONCLUSION:

In the light of evidences, it is undeniable that Islam provides every right of life to women. Islam always provides a shelter to women. Islam provides respect to women in every relation. As a mother she is a Jannah, as a wife she is a peace and as a daughter she is a blessing.