

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

33639- Najiha Choudhry-005  
PMS Punjab  
Islamic Studies

Q. How the rights of women in Islam are different from the rights of women in West?

The comparative analysis of the rights of women in Islam and West is the following to understand the differences of rights;

### • Legal Rights

Islam: Islamic Shariah, provides women with various legal rights, including the right to own property, conduct business, and seek education. However, implementations of Shariah can vary across different cultures and regions.

West: Women in the Western world typically enjoy legal rights that guarantee equality in areas such as education, employment, property, ownership, and participation in political processes.

### • Dress Codes

Islam: Islamic teachings encourage modesty in dress for both men

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

and women. In some Islamic societies, women may be required to wear the hijab, niqab, or burqa as a form of modest attire.

West: Women in the Western world have the freedom to dress as they choose. There are no legal requirements regarding this.

### • Marriage and Family Laws:-

Islam: Islamic marriage and family laws can vary based on cultural and regional interpretations of Sharia. In some cases, men may have the privileges, such as the ability to unilaterally divorce their wives. But for a woman, Islam gives the

West: Western legal systems generally prioritize equality in marriage and divorce proceedings. Western law aims to ensure fair outcomes for both parties.

### • Education and Employment:-

Islam: Islamic teachings emphasize the importance of education for both men and women. As Holy Prophet (PBUH) mentioned;

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim."

In some Islamic societies, cultural practices and societal norms ~~may~~ limit women's access to educational and employment opportunities.

West: Western culture promotes gender equality in education and workforce. Women have equal access to education and employment opportunities, although challenges such as the gender pay gap and underrepresentation in certain fields persist.

### Societal roles and Expectations:-

Islam: Traditional gender roles may be more strictly defined in some Islamic societies, with women primarily expected to fulfill duties and care for the family.

West: There is generally more acceptance of diverse roles and lifestyles for women in the Western world, including those outside the home.

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Conclusion:-

Overall, while there are differences in the rights and roles of women in Islam and the West, it's important to recognize that these are general comparisons and that there is considerable diversity within both Islamic and Western societies.