

Q NO1:

Analyze the Medina Accord as a 'Social Contract' in detail.

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INTRODUCTION:

Hazrat Muhammad has proved in various ways that

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Mercy for the world

Al-Quran.

Hazrat Muhammad not only guided human being in spiritual way.

However, he guided the human beings community in all aspects of life, including **social and political way**. The prime example was the constitution of Medina. Hazrat Muhammad has given the first written constitution to the world which covered all aspects, including foreign relation, diplomacy, freedom of speech, and human rights.

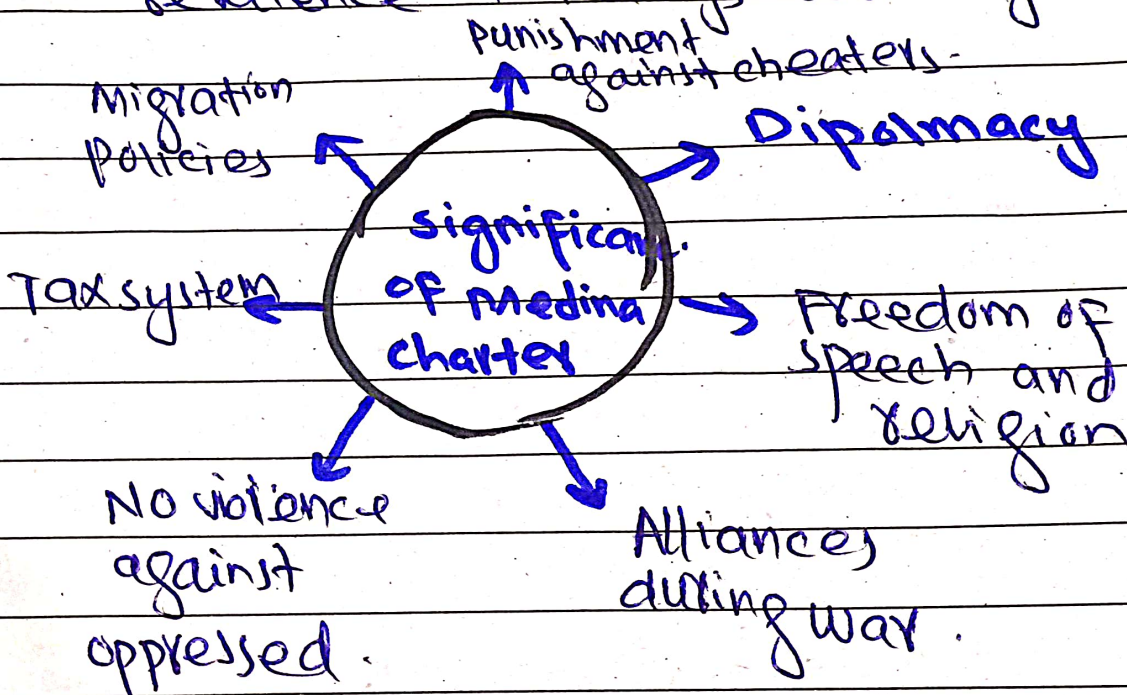
Background before

Constitution of Medina:

Various battle were fought between pagans and Jewish. Therefore they need a neutral and wise person to create a peace preamble between both of communities. Therefore, they found Hazrat Muhammad as a best and trustworthy individual to perform this task.

Basic Clauses of the Medina charter: its significance in current world

Various such clauses were added in this constitution, which has a complete roadmap for the current world to follow and govern in sophisticated way. Following clauses have great relevance in today's world geo-politics.



F. E. Peter in his book *Muhammad and the origin of Islam*

The muhammad has given a great roadmap for dipolmowey and peace via Medina of consitution.

Medina Accord as a Social Contract and its Importance:

Medina accord or Medina consitution provided a complete roadmap to a country or state to maintain its geo-political relations and internal and external security.

Dr Hamid Allah intrepert the Medina accord in following way:

(i)

Community Brotherhood:

In Medina consitution all tribes were obliged to live in a community form and act as a one force against outsiders.

(ii)

Mutual Collaboration

The tribes were supposed to resolve their problems like bloodshed or ransom through mutual collaboration and diplomacy.

(iii)

Helping believer in financial way:

Any member of community was entangled in loan or debt, the other member of community needs to assist him through financial ^{help}. It fulfills the definition of muslims brotherhood.

انما المؤمنون اوتة

And, muslims are brother

(iv)

Protection of Religion and freedom of practice

The important clause of the constitution was the freedom of religion. There was no force for conversion into any religion.

F. E. Peter highlights this in his book, Muhammad the origin of Islam,

that the constitution significance can be observe through this clause that there was no force conversion. Also, force conversion was discouraged.

(v)

Mutual Alliances during war

A mutual alliances was encourage between signatory tribes during war. Any attack would be considered a attack on whole community.

(vi)

Tax imposition to support war expenses.

Tax was imposed to support the expenses of war and prepare themselves against their enemies in better way.

(vii)

Resolve the internal conflicts between tribes

The charter emphasized on cooperation and mutual assistance. Meantime, it resolved the long lasting conflict between Banu Aws and Banu Khazraj

(viii)

Any problem in charter will be resolved by Muhammad:

In future, if there would any problem the last party would

be Hazrat Muhammad to resolve it.

(ix)

**NO Alliance with
-the enemies community:**

There would be no alliance
with enemies tribe in any case.

Also, those who involved in
an alliances with enemies against
-the Medina community would
be considered enemies.

(x)

**Equality for all
members:**

All signatory tribes will
be treated equally.

Only those would be treated
more gallantly whose
conducted would be more
ideal.

(xi)

Right to Refuge
and respect for treaties.

As Islam emphasized,

"Fulfill your commitments"

In this charter it made obligatory

to follow and respect the
clause of the constitution in

every possible mean. Additionally,

a specific rule was set ^{for} those
who comes to Medina as a
migrants.

(x)

Medina as a protected

Sanctuary:

Medina was declared as

a protected sanctuary. And

emphasized to avoid conflicts
and violences.

(xi)

Responsibility for mutual and personal conduct:

Each individual is responsible for his action. During any wrong doing. He would be responsible alone without involving complete community.

(xii)

Unity in Retribution.

The community is supposed to make accountable the individual who would engage to damage either the constitution clause or any other activity, which might affect the peace of Medina.

(xiii)

Non-Muslim Responsibility

As all are equal treated and all clauses are signed on the

consent of all communities, therefore, it is obligatory on muslim and non-muslim to stay loyal and implement the clauses of constitution in good bona fides.

(xiii)

**Exemplary pious
Believers**

"The most beloved person to Allah is the one who is good for others!"

Al Quran

In this constitution it was clear that only the person would be idealize who would be pious and good moral values of character.

Critical analysis and its
relevance to the current world:

(i)
Peace oriented diplomacy:

Scholar B. Macdonald
wrote in Welch Encyclopedia

The constitution reflects the
skill of Muhammad diplomacy
that how he engaged
different tribes as community.

(ii)

Social - : contract:

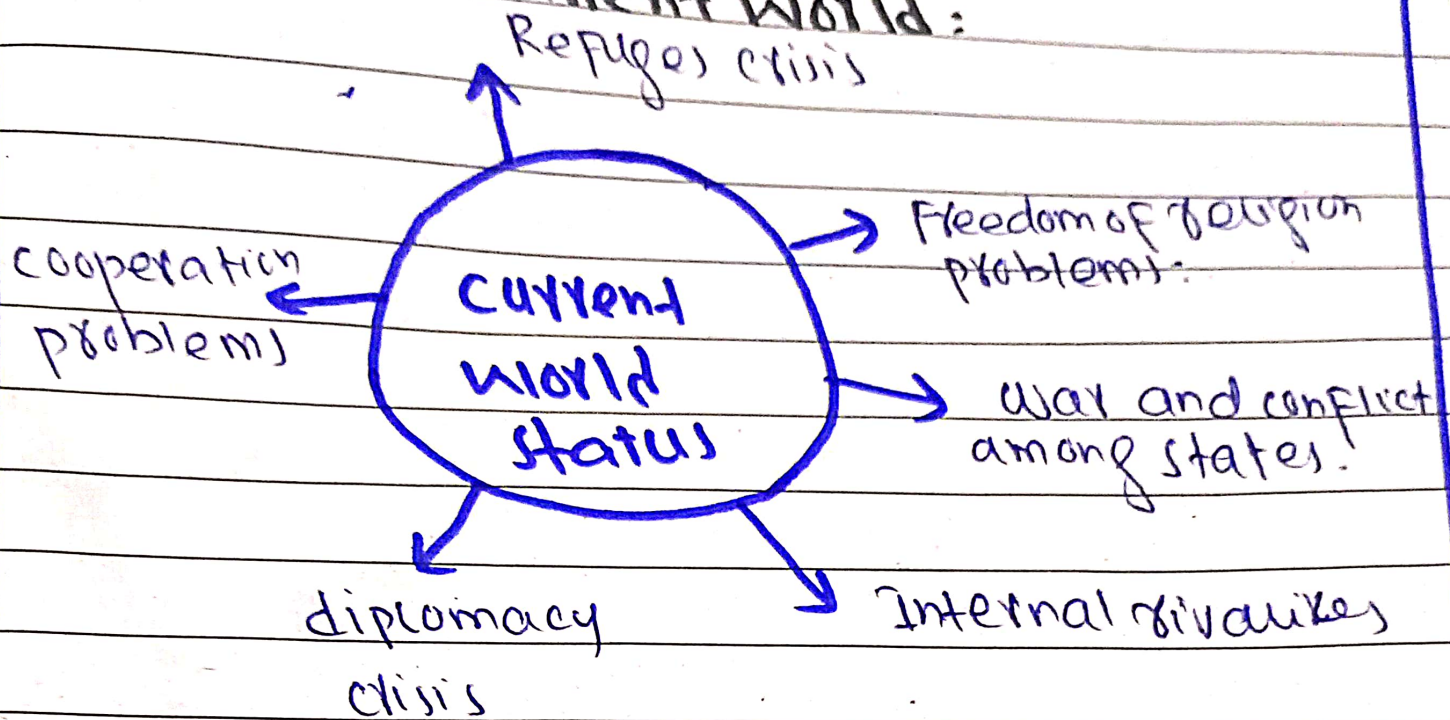
The constitution not only
safeguard the rights of
non-muslims, but also foster
a brotherhood among different
tribes, through various clauses.

(iii)

Political Gains

- a) → Sovereign Nation state
- b) → Religious Pluralism
- c) → Federal structure

Medina Constitution and Relevance to the current world:



These all problems solution was given in Medina constitution.

Conclusion:

Medina constitution has not only resolved the problem of Medina tribes. However, meantime it has given a complete roadmap to the world order, how to govern? How to build alliances. These all areas were successfully covered in Medina constitution.