

**Question 1**

Define Public Administration in Islam. Explain the fundamentals & features of Islamic system of Public Administration.

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### 1. Introduction:

According to the father of public administration **Woodrow Wilson**, public administration is one of the disciplines that prepare civil servants for public offices. The servants are being prepared to serve in the public offices without discrimination, exploitation and favour in the offices. **Dr. Muhammad Abdussah** in his book "**Islamic Public Administration**" ascribed Islamic administration's fundamentals and features differently. These are the concept of Amanah, Surha, equality, justice, rule of law, tax and Zakat collection, equality among citizens, promotion of welfare, transparency, accountability, public participation, ethanical and moral, merit and peace. Therefore, these above are the most tremendous fundamentals and features of Islamic administration.



## 2. Public Administration in Islam:

According to Syed Amer Ali, Islamic Public administration refers to the administration which keeps the superiority of Allah, Sunnah of Prophet (PBUH) at the top before serving public. The leaders give supremacy to the divine rules and accordingly serve the public.

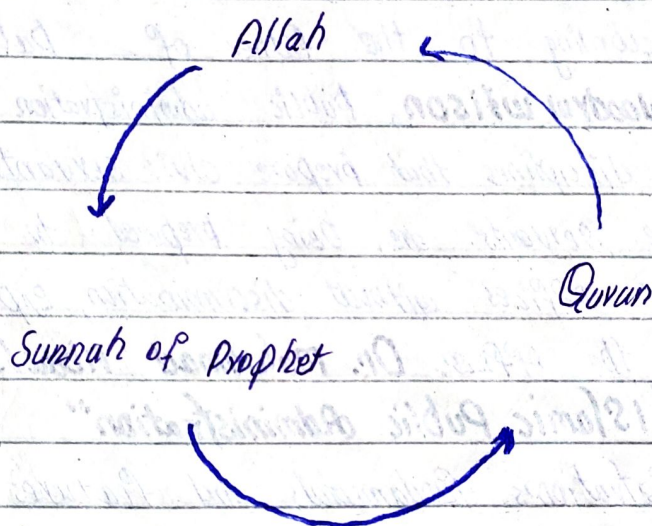


Figure 0.1 main features of Islamic administration



### 3. The fundamentals and features of Islamic system administration:

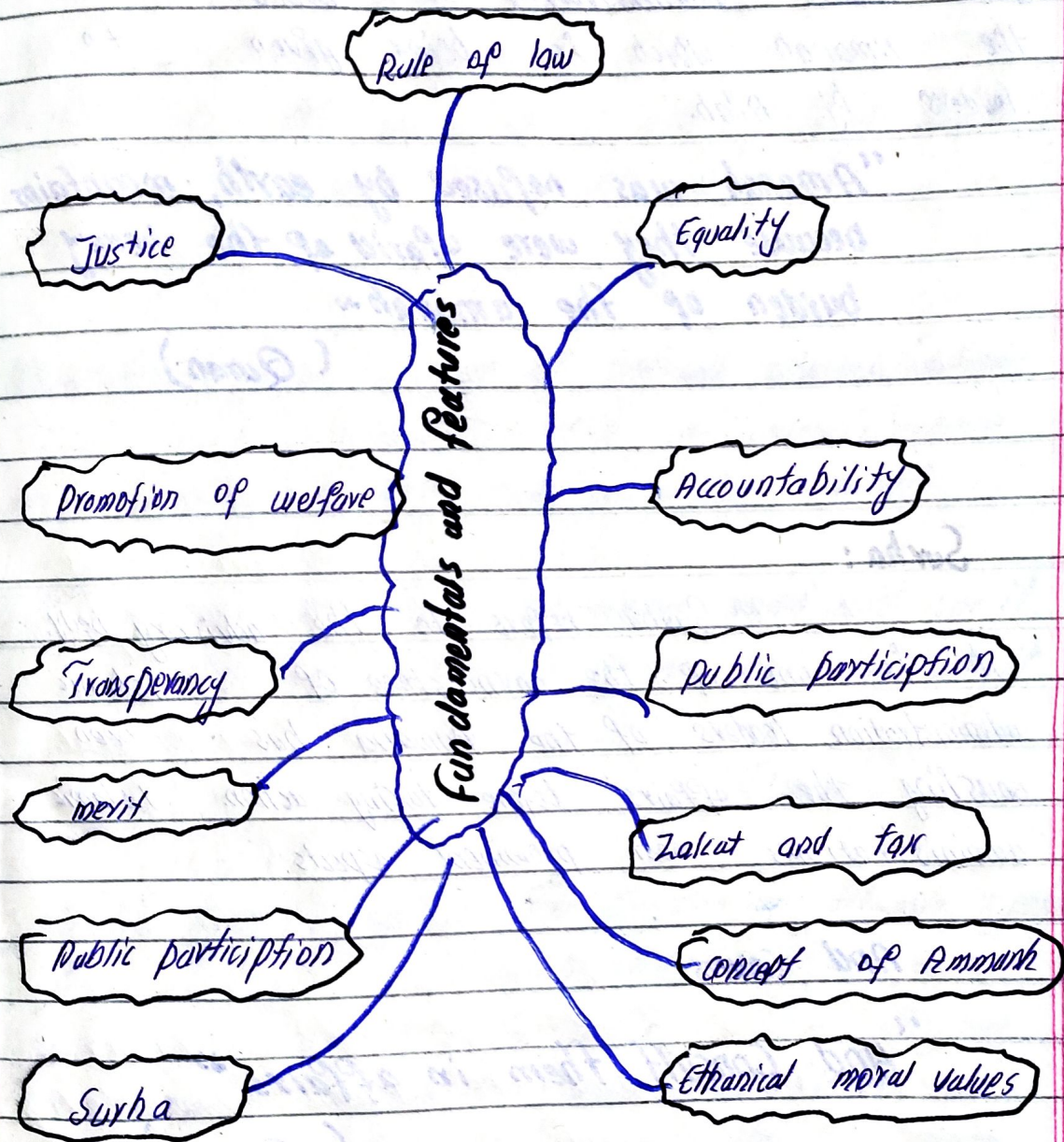


Figure 0.2 Fundamentals and features of Islamic administration



### 1. The concept of Amanah:

Amanah refers to free will. Islamic administration is based on the Amanah which is being given to leaders by Allah.

"Amanah was refused by earth, mountains because they were afraid of the heavy burden of the amanah"

(Quran)

### 2. Surha:

Surha refers to the advisory body. It is one of the cornerstone of Islamic administration. Leaders of the Amanah has been consulting the affairs before taking action. Islamic administration's most prominent aspects.

"And Consult them in affairs"

(Quran)

### 3. Equality is one the features of Islamic administration:

under the Islamic public administration all people are treated equally without color, language and religion.

"Judge between them equally, Allah loves equality"

(Quran)



#### 4. Justice as the fundamental of Islamic administration:

Islamic administration ensures the level of justice among humans. This is one of the fundamental aspects of Islamic administration.

Syed Amer Ali says, in "The Spirit of Islam" "Muslims are well known for justice"

#### 5. Accountability as a part of Islamic administration:

Muslim leaders and administrators are accountable to Allah as well as public.

"Whoever has done an atom's good will see it.  
Whoever has done an atom's evil will see it"

(Quran)

#### 6. Public participation as the feature of Islamic system:

Islamic administration provides chance to public to participate in the decision making and government. Hazrat Umar (R.A) was the one who encourage the people to participate in the decision making.

#### 7. Ensures merit:

Islamic system's one of the most tremendous features is to ensure the merit on



the basis of ability.  
Hazrat Khalid (R.A) was appointed as the commander of muslim troops although he was a newly accepted Islam. Hazrat Usama was appointed a commander of the "Usama Expedition to Syria" although he was 18 years old. These all appointments happened on the basis of abilities.

## 8. Transparency as the feature of Islamic system:

The public offices are open to the people to collect information. Corruption is freely prohibited and check and balance has been influenced.

## 9. Zakat and tax collection:

Zakat and tax collections are the part of Islamic administration. Zakat is being collected from muslims. Moreover, according to Syed Amer Ali non-muslims were free from Zakat but used to pay Jazyia. Thus, it is one of the features of Islamic administrations.



## 10. Rule of Law's

Islamic public administration ensures the rule of law. For instance, in the State of Madina "Charter of Madina 622 AD" Rule of law was given to Muslims, Jews and others. It is one of the responsibilities of Islamic State to give security, maintain law and curb crimes.

## 11. Maintenance of morals:

Islamic public administration has the responsibility to maintain every aspect according to Islamic law. Thus, Islamic public administration always curb evils such as rape, drinking and interest.

## 4. Critical analysis:

Islamic public administration is a moderate system. The system not only ensure the basic rights of Muslims but also non-Muslims. It provides services to every individual without the sights of discrimination on the basis of color, linguistic variation and status. Therefore, it is one of the most accepted systems.



## 5. Conclusion:

In short, Islamic public administration has the most tremendous features. The fundamentals and features are clear aspects for the humans. Hence, the Islamic public administration values everyone.

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