

Q₁ Define the characteristics of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) as a peacemaker?

① Introduction:-

Islam is the religion of peace and it promotes peace and harmony in the world. The apostle of Allah is an epitome of peacemaker as his qualities are widely acknowledged by the Muslims and non-Muslims. Today, the peacemaking strategies of the prophet (P.B.U.H) needs to be implemented for contemporary world issues. He prefer reconciliation over waging war and treaty of Hudaibiya is the great example of it. 1400 years ago he successfully promoted the mutual coexistence and cooperation for the greater benefit. Along with it his nature of forgiveness and humility turn many oppressors into the fold of Islam. Community building, social cohesion, and humanitarian purposes illustrate him being the best of the peacemakers world has ever witness.

② Importance of peace for the Contemporary World:-

The importance of peace for the contemporary world is can not be overestimated, as it serves as the cornerstone of well being, progress and sustainable development. Peace is fundamental for ensuring safety, security, societal balance

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and international cooperation. Resources should be utilised properly for economic development social well being rather than over expenditure on military. A calculated approach is necessary for peaceful co-existence.

③ Significance of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) teachings for peace:-

Prophet (P.B.U.H) is the prophet of every generations to come, and Islam being the code of life covers every aspect of human life. His teachings encourage societies to establish justice and fair legal systems, and he discourage the superiority by saying "All mankind is from Adam and Eve; An Arab has no superiority over non-Arab neither a white has over other skinned." This clearly states that he established the just and equal world. Together with his diplomatic efforts by sending letters and sending and receiving envoys were the part of creating a global peace and prosperity.

④ Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) as a peacemaker:-

The prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) strategies for devoting peace are comprehensive and foster stability and cooperation. As a prophet of peace left a rich legacy of teachings encompassing various aspects relevant to the

contemporary International relations. The few of his qualities and strategies are discussed below.

4.1 Teaching of peace:

The teachings of the apostle of Allah emphasizes on the Islam's fundamental core (peace). Muslims greet each other with *Asalam-o-Alaikum* that means peace be upon you. Prophet of Allah always inclined towards resolving ~~conflict~~ with dialogue and his peaceful strategies. Allah says in holy Quran "Those who forgive the injury and make reconciliation will be rewarded by God" (42:40)

4.2 Diplomacy and Conflict resolution:-

Soft diplomacy is a tool for peaceful diplomatic relations for the nations. conflicts are based resolved by the negotiations through talks and dialogues. The prophet (P.B.U.H) life is a filled with diplomatic efforts and peaceful reconciliation. One notable instance is the Treaty of Hudaibiya, where prophet (P.B.U.H) negotiated peacefully with Quraysh even though some of the companions were not happy with the harsh conditions of the Quraysh. However, latter this effort proved to be the milestone in liberation of Mecca.

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Social Justice and Equality:-

The apostle of Allah's life and teachings emphasizes on establishing social justice and equality. He advocated for the fair treatment of everyone regardless of their status, color and creed. One of the examples is in the battle of Badr prophet distributed the captive to his companions and strongly advised; Provide them with food, while you remain hungry and clothe with them with what you prefer for yourself and strictly prohibited of the harsh treatment as they are also humans.

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Multiculturalism; Charter of Medina:-

Globalization connects countries and continents. It promotes multi-culturalism and multi-ethnicism. It also connects the different religions and culture of the different people. Islam and prophet (P.B.U.H) established the societies on peaceful coexistence without affecting any religion or culture. The Charter of Medina established by the prophet (P.B.U.H) upon his migration to the city exemplifies the unity and promoting multiculturalism. The principle and clauses embedded in the charter of Medina clearly illustrates that a Jew and Christian have liberty of doing and living under the fold of Islam.

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Preservation of the Environment:-

The 21st century is witnessing climate crises. Climate change today need a collective and comprehensive approach to mitigate its effects. 1400 years ago prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) educated and advised us to protect and care for the nature. He emphasises the interconnectedness of all the creatures and urging respect for animals and plants. He highlight the importance by saying: "Do not waste water if you are at the bank of a flowing river."

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Education and Cultural Exchange:-

Education breaks borders and opens mind for international communities. It promotes harmony and positive cultural exchange that connects communities of different societies together. The prophet (P.B.U.H) strongly emphasises the importance of knowledge by saying: "Seek knowledge from the cradle to grave". On the other place he also said: "Seeking knowledge is obligatory for all mankind"

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Economic Development:-

Economic development are vital for any countries prosperity and stability. The prophet (P.B.U.H) condemned exploitation and advocated for fair financial practices. He

encouraged hardwork and charity by stating: "The best charity is given by a wealthy person when they are in economic hardship." These principles instill the sense of belonging and equitable distribution. For the better economic development prophet (P.B.U.H) stresses the Ummah to pay their due for the social prosperity because Zakat was the potential to eradicate poverty and mischief (fitna).

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Humanitarian principles and forgiveness

The core concept of establishing peace lies on the just and fair humanitarian principles. The prophet (P.B.U.H) shows us the ways of treating of families, friends, relatives and even foes. One of the incident when prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) visited Ta'if the people of Ta'if treated harshly even his head was injured so the companion of prophet asked to curse them on which prophet (P.B.U.H) said "I have not been sent to curse, but to be a mercy and blessing to mankind." Later on he received the huge delegation from the Ta'if who respected and embraced Islam.

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Rules of War:-

The prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) reshape the purpose and ways of waging war. He changed the philosophy by waging in the way of Allah to eradicate fitna and protect muslims in holy land. Along with it the wars of Takbiyah used to be happen for looting, Unviolating and raping women. The prophet of Allah shift the rules by saying: "Do not kill a woman, elderly, fleeing or captive and an infant neither cut a tree and do not plunder the corpse".

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Conclusion:-

Islam is the religion of peace (Salaam) that strongly emphasizes on the establishing of peace and stability through reconciliation. The Prophet (P.B.U.H) through his teachings provide the ways of establishing social cohesion through diplomatic means and social justice. He also changes the philosophy of wars and building a community in Medina where multi-religious and multi-culturalism existed. The prophet of Allah (S.W.T) was the epitome of instituting the ways on which the nations can resolve the disputes and establish international cooperation.