

Islam and World and Islamic Code of Life

Question 1

What are the basic challenges facing Muslim Ummah in today's day and age?

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1. Introduction:

Syed Amer Ali ascribes in his most prominent book "The Spirit of Islam" Islamic community is facing numerous challenges such as sectarian divide, poverty, terrorism, refugees flow, civil war, Islamophobia, illiteracy, economic crisis, foreign violence, gender inequality and westernization influence. Moreover, the Islamic ummah has been suffering from forced displacements, food insecurity and leadership crisis. Yashmin Mogheid an Islamic scholar is the west ascribes all the challenges upon the Islamic community is the provisions farness from Deen. Thus, following the true pathways of Deen will able the muslims to overcome the challenges.

2. Current challenges of muslims:

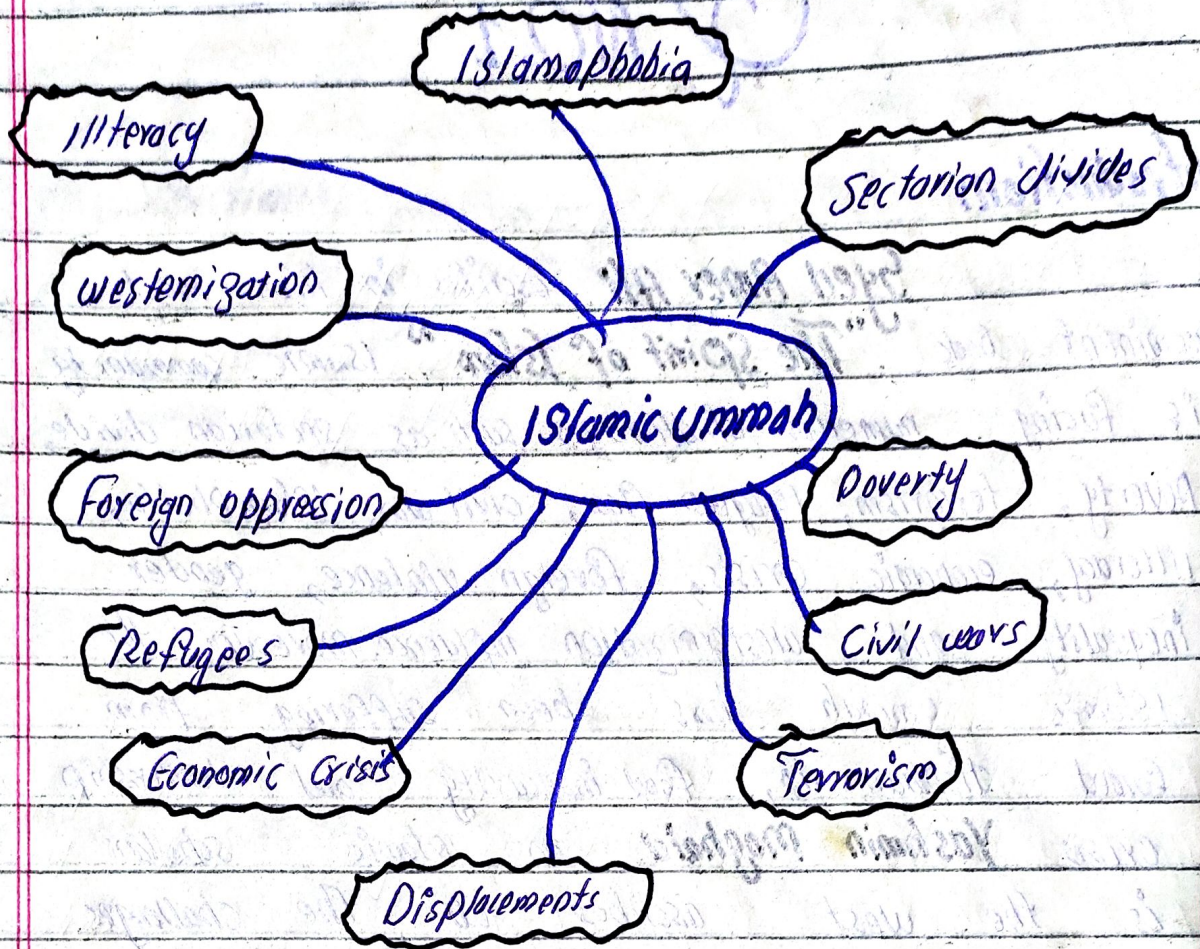


Figure 0.1 Challenges of muslims

1. Sectarian divides

Muslims have been facing sectarian divides by the name of Shia and Sunni. Sectarian conflicts resulted millions of casualties around the Islamic world. So, it is one of the challenges of Muslim Ummah although Quran says

“Certainly, muslims are brothers”

2. Foreign oppression and violence:

Muslim genocide has been existing in the middle East by the bloodthirsty pagans. The genocide of muslim has not only taken place in Palestine but also in Syria, Iraq, Africa, Afghanistan and Burma. Thus, the genocidal wars against Muslims is one of the serious challenges.

3. Terrorism is a challenge:

According to Global Terror Index 2023, muslim countries have been hit by terrorists badly. Terrorism has killed thousands of innocent individuals. The terror groups such as Boko Haram, ISIS and TTP posed serious challenge to Islamic Ummah.

4. Illiteracy among Muslims:

Muslim states have low literacy rates as compare to west. Providing proper education is one of the challenges of the Islamic community.

5. Civil wars among Muslims:

Civil wars among Muslims resulted billions of deaths. A case study of Sudan shows that Muslims have been killed by Muslims. Therefore, elimination of civil wars

from Islamic Ummah is a challenge.

6. Refugee crisis of Muslims:

Refugees of Sudan, Gaza, Syria and Afghanistan have been reminded a challenge for Muslims. This is one of the challenges, posing the Muslims to suffer more.

7. Islamophobia is a challenge:

Muslims have been stereotyped and killed. The misunderstanding of Islam in the West has always posed a serious threat to Muslims.

8. Influence of Westernization:

The Western cultures have influenced the Muslims. The Western cultures have always impacted the daily lives of Muslims. In easy words, Muslims have taken away from basic principles of Muslims and Islam.

9. Poverty and economic crisis:

Economic crisis with the influence of IMF and WB have posed serious threats to Islamic

economic system. Therefore, resulted poverty and interest etc.

10. Foreign Sanctions:

Muslim ummah has been experiencing sanctions of pagans economically like Iran and Afghanistan. Socially, removal of Hajj in the west.

3. Critical analysis:

Muslims have been facing every sort of challenge in the existing world. Economically, educationally, culturally, politically and religiously. These all can be eliminated through following the basic principles of Islam. Also, unity and collective response is needed to eliminate the challenges.

4. Conclusion:

In short, Muslims must join hands, against the economic, political, cultural and religious oppression rather than fighting internally. Muslims without the basic principles of Islam and unity will never counter the challenges. Hence, Muslim brotherhood is the only way to end the challenges.