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What is Islam. Elaborate the silent features of Islam:-

Meanings:-

A- Linguistic meaning:-

Islam comes from the Arabic root (S+L+M) meaning

1- Peace
2- Submission
3- Obedience
4- Safety

→ To enter in Peace by submitting to the will of Allah.

→ To submit oneself completely and willingly to the will of Allah, leading to peace and safety in this life and the Hereafter.

→ Submission of desires to the will of Allah.

B- Scholarly Definitions of Islam

1) Ibn Taymiyyah

Majmu'al fatwa

Ibn-Taymiyyah in his book define Islam, "Islam is submission to Allah alone, worshiping Him sincerely and following His commands as revealed to the Prophet (P.B.U.H).

(2) Abul A'la Maududi

Abul A'la Maududi in his book Towards Understanding Islam define Islam,

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Islam is the way of life prescribed by Allah, covering belief, worship, morality & law."

(3) Dr. Bilal Philips

Dr. Bilal Philips in his book, The Fundamentals of Tawheed, he define Islam, "Islam is the religion that Allah has chosen for humanity, based on tawheed (oneness of God) and obidience of His Messenger.

C⇒ QURANIC VERSES DEFINING ISLAM.

→ Submission to Allah

ان الدين عند الله الاسلام

Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam.

لا اكراه في الدين

There is no compulsion in religion

لكم دينكم ولي دين

For you is your religion, and for me is my religion.

ومن يبتغ غير الاسلام دينا فلن يقبل منه وهو في الاخرة من الخسرين.

And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers

يا ايها الذين امنوا ادخلوا في السلم كافة ولا تتبعوا خطوت الشيطن انه لكم عدو مبين.

O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely and don't follow the

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footstep of Saitan.

D: **Hadith Reference:-**

→ Prophet P.B.U.H said, "A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe." Sahih Bukhari

→ Indeed, the religion (Islam) is easy.

→ The best among you are those who learn the Quran and teach it.

→ Islam erases what came before it - Sahih Muslim.

E:- **ISLAM IS A UNIVERSAL DEEN**

Islam is a universal Deen bc it guidance encompasses to every aspect of human existence, spiritual, moral, social, political, economic and legal. It is not restricted to a specific period in history but remains relevant and applicable until the end of time, Islam is not confined to any particular geographical region; rather it is a message for all of mankind. Likewise, it is not limited to any specific race, tribe or ethnicity, but unites people under the oneness of Allah, and brotherhood among all.

The Quran says, We have not sent you, O Muhammad, except to give good news and to warn all people. This means that the message of Islam is for everyone in the world.

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Silent Features Of Islam

Islam is a complete, universal and eternal way of life revealed by Allah for the guidance of all mankind. It is not limited by time, place race rather it addresses every aspect of individual & collective life. Following are its major features:-

1:- Unique Concept of Tawheed:-

Belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah the Creator, Sustainer and Sovereign of the universe. All acts of worship are directed to Him alone, without associating any partner. He alone is eternal.

QURAN:-

قل هو الله احد . الله الصمد

→ Say, He is Allah, One; Allah, the Eternal Refuge

→ Bring your collective wisdom, you can't make a fly. " Hajj)

Significance of Tawheed:-

→ Builds equality, all people are servants of the same creator.

→ Shapes Islamic system, Political (no ruler above Allah's law) Social (all are equal), Ethical (honesty & justice).

→ Allama Shibli Nomani wrote in Sirat-un-Nabi that Tawheed is the first chapter of the Islamic syllabus.

→ Islam is like a fort, and the gate of that fort is Tawheed, without it, there is

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entry into Islam.

2: **Prophethood (Risalat)**

The second part of the Shahdah declares Muhammad P.B.U.H as the final messenger of Allah. This confirms the finality of Prophethood.

QURAN and Hadith:-

=> Muhammad P.B.U.H is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the messenger of Allah and the seal of the Prophets. (33:40)

=> Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example. (33:21)

=> Prophet P.B.U.H said, I have been sent only as a teacher to mankind.

=> He does not speak from his own desire, it is only revelation revealed.

3: **Dignity of the Mankind**

Islam honors every muslim-non muslim human being regardless of race, gender, or status.

Example:-

In the farewell Sermon, P.B.U.H declared that all people are equal, and no Arab is superior to a Non-Arab except by piety.

QURAN:-

=> We have certainly honored the children of Adam. (17:70)

=> We created man in the best form (95:4).

=> Indeed, I will place upon the earth a khalifah. (2:30)

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Dignity is a human right in Islam, not just for men but for all humanity.

4: **Universality of the Islamic Message:-**

Islam is not bound by time, place, ethnicity, or nationality. It is a divine message for all of the humanity and all generations until the Day of judgement.

e.g:- Islam's universal appeal is visible today as people from every continent and culture from Indonesia to Nigeria to Canada, follow the same Quran and Sunnah, Pray in the same way, and face the same Qibla.

Hajj itself is a living example of universality where millions from diverse backgrounds gather in Makkah wearing simple white clothes.

QURAN:-

"We have not sent you (O Muhammad), except as a bringer of good news and a warner of all mankind". 34:28.

5:- **Completeness and Comprehensiveness of Islamic Teaching:-**

Islam is not only a set of rituals but a complete code of life covering both personal and collective matters.

Individual Life:-

Islam provides guidance from birth to death, from how to name a newborn, educate them, earn a lawful livelihood, marry, raise children and even how to prepare

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for the hereafter.

Collective Life:-

Islam outlines ethical governance, economic fairness (like Prohibition of Interest), IR, Judical systems & Principles of Social justice. e.g:- Zakat, one of the Pillars of Islam, is a personal act of worship & also a socio-economic Policy to reduce Poverty.

QURAN:-

Today I have Perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as your religion.

6- **Commitment to Humanity and Social Welfare:-**

Islam commands compassion, and service to all creation. QURAN:- Saving one life is like saving all the mankind (5:32).

Charity is a duty for those able to give (2:254)

Practical Examples:-

Charity and Service:-

Removing harmful objects from Pathways, feeding the hungry, and helping orphans.

Human Rights Protection:-

In the farewell Sermon, PBUH emphasized equality, the sanctity of life and the protection of Property.

Animal Welfare:-

The P.B.U.H told of a man forgiven by Allah for quenching a dog's thirst, and he rebuked those who overworked or starved their animals.

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Environmental care:- Planting the Seeds tree is the best charity.
Even during war, Islam forbids cutting down trees without necessity.

07) Preservation and Protection of Divine Revelation:-
Allah Promise in Quran that he will Protect Quran. For over 1400 years, Quran has been preserved in its original language & written form. e.g:- Muslim across the world, regardless of country/ culture, recite the Quran in same word.

QURAN:-
Indeed, it is we Who sent down the Quran and indeed we will be its Guardian. 15:9

08) Balance Between Material Need & Spiritual Goals:-
Islam encourages fulfilling worldly duties while keeping the hereafter in mind. The P.B.U.H said, Your body has a right over you, your eye have a right over you, and your wife has a right over you.

09) Simplicity and Clarity:-
Islam's core beliefs and Practices are straightforward, belief in one God, following the P.B.U.H and what is right.

QURAN:-
"We have certainly made the QURAN easy to remember."