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## Islamic Studies Assignment (02)

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### Contemporary Issues in Islam

Islam is the second largest growing religion in the world but in today's world islam and muslims have been facing a lot of Problems which are now became crisis for muslim ummah. We can divide those Challenges or issues into two domains which are:

- (i) Internal Issues
- (ii) External Issues

#### \* Internal Issues in Islam

There have been a lot of Problems which have destroyed the true essence of islam like sectarian divide, Extermism, Lack of tolerance, different beliefs and Practices, lack of Education and knowledge Absence of Ijtihad to solve the Contemporary

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Issues arising with the modern world.

## (i) Extremism

This is the most important reason for the downfall of muslims specially the muslims of Subcontinent. Extremist views which have no relation with Islam have been propagated to young minds and by corrupting their soul some people at the top achieve their political agenda by using common public as an instrument to subdue their opponents. Mob mentality in countries like Pakistan is the reason of mass murders by mobs against the allegations of Blasphemy. People have been using these laws wrongly to achieve their ulterior motives without being Punished or Apprehended for Illegal crimes.

## (ii) Terrorism

After Afghan Jihad and 9/11 the face of Islam and muslims were closely related with terrorism even though with a lot of efforts it's

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still the same. Terrorist organizations like Daesh, ISIS, Al Qaeda, TTP or afgani Taliban which have been using islam as their ideology and religion but they all are not even able to understand the basic principles of Islam. Islam is a religion of Peace. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said: "There is No

### Compulsion in Islam."

So how could a religion of Peace allow someone to kill any living creature on this earth. These terrorist organizations have been evoding the true message of Islam.

### (iii) Middle Eastern Crisis

After the Arab spring there have been a lot of events which changed the course of history for the muslim world and Islam. Arab Spring 2011 onwards was the time when the political elites of the Arab countries got a huge backlash from their public. A bigger

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issue between Iran and Saudi Arabia made this crisis even more worse the Shia government of Iran expands its ideology by supporting its proxies in Libya, Syria, Iraq and other countries while Saudi Arabia is attacking its own muslim brethren in Yemen. This is a chaotic situation to be solved diplomatically because at the end people are being killed and thousands are displaced like in the case of Israel and Palestine. While the Arab Nations are busy pleasing their masters Israel is forcing people of Palestine to leave their country or die. This is a genocide and muslim Nations are silent on this matter.

### (iv) Extravagance of Arabs and Mismangement of Resources

Arab Nations have been blessed with Natural gas and oil. Islam is the only religion which admire and encourage simplicity and modesty but

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What we have seen in the case of Arabs is Extremely condemnable. Their lavish lifestyle extravagant financial mismanagement and lack of accountability has destroyed the Islamic culture and unity among muslims. Islamic Countries have been blessed with the biggest salt ranges, Jute, Natural oil, gas, minerals, Jewels everything but because of the mismanagement of these nations muslims are lagging behind.

### (v) Lack of Education

The most common factor among the failure of Nations is Illiteracy and lack of educational facilities. Education is a fundamental part of one's life at several occasions Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Seek Knowledge and Education even if one have to go to china for it."

This is a metaphorical statement because of china being the farthest country known to Arabs where traveling was quite

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impossible so the Prophet (PBUH) highlighted the value of education by referring to China. Now looking at the present situation of Muslims we can see clearly that how this lack of education affected the nation. Lesser employments mean low GDP and minimal growth. With the rapid increase in population this uneducated population is more prone to criminal activities.

#### iv) Moral Decline and UnIslamic Practices

Islam is a pure and peaceful religion which has been corrupted by the explicit media literature and influence of the western culture. Muslims have deviated from the teachings of Islam and they are indulged in illegal and immoral activities which are now considered a symbol of status for example gambling, adultery, Riba, bribe and a lot of other activities prohibited by

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Islam now became common practices. The Ulema are fighting with each other rather teaching people the true spirit of Islam. There are a lot of people openly doing all these things in Islamic states and they have been appreciated by our people because our priorities have changed. Muslims have become materialistic and they started worshipping money rather than using it just to sustain a simple peaceful life. Islamic Practices have been mocked if someone is a practicing muslim people punish him mock him for being too idealistic and booring. People don't fear the hell anymore they are just following the examples of western idols. Muslim believes are weak their faith is weakened and hearts are far far away from their creator.

### (vii) Need for Ijtehad

In this modern world muslims have been facing new kind of problems on

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those old solutions are not working anymore there is a dire need of new interpretations of Islamic rules laws regulations to cope with contemporary challenges. scholars should make new problems into the consideration and by lihtad with a solution oriented Approach make new systems and options for muslims to survive in accordance with their religion.

### (viii) Lack of Innovation and Technology

All the muslim Countries are directly or indirectly dependent on other western countries for technology like war craft , ammunition or automobiles to communication devices. We have not been able to be self sufficient in any aspect of industry due to the lack of skill based research oriented universities and Innovation. that's why the western media always Portrays muslims as backward illiterate and extremist people. And still we have not been

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able to achieve anything successfully in any domain.

## \* EXTERNAL ISSUES IN ISLAM

### (i) Post Colonial mindset

Muslims fascination with western culture is a deep rooted issue which was caused by the insecurity instilled in the minds of those elders and older generations by their colonial masters. After a few hundred years under the suppression of foreign master muslims slowly but gradually inclined towards their culture to be accepted in the Eyes of their masters. These people were considered filthy and barbaric mocked on their simplicity so they learned foreign language joined their offices and services and later became their instrument to oppress their own brethren in this the lost their islamic Identity.

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(ii)

## Regional Conflicts and Influence of Super Powers

The ongoing conflicts between different nation whether be it a full fledged war (russia-ukraine) or a genocide (gaza-israel) or a cold war of economy (USA-china) their main target are always muslims and Islamic countries which have been used as a open market for them to earn maximum profits so these inclinations of some countries towards specific blocks created a disintegration among the muslim ummah which in result gave birth to new conflicts between nations. Muslims countries should have friendly relations with each other free trade agreements for economic prosperity and peace and stability which will show the true spirit of islam.

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### (iii) Role of OIC

OIC or Organization of Islamic Cooperation have not been able to work as it is expected to do. Due to a lot of internal and external conflicts between islamic countries OIC is not been performing according to it's due capacity. Muslim Nations should use OIC as a tool for the better unilateral and multilateral relations between different states and organizations. Becaus united as one, our voice can reach upto the sky so we should raise our voices against the atrocities on ~~over~~ muslim brothers and sister and to diplomatically spread the soft image of islam washing off all the stains left behind Islamst terrorist organization on the face of islam. We support peace and prosperity for all as the universal message of islam.

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## Conclusion

With all these issues and crisis islam is still standing and it will be untill the day of Judgment arrive.

Muslim Nations should use introspection to identify their own shortcomings and amend them for better future.

And by applying the golden rules of islam we can achieve greatness individually and globally. with the advent of this globalization we muslims are in an identity crisis we must find our roots which dates back to islam which is the only source of true peace and spirituality. we should eliminate social injustice and Immoral unislamic practices prevailing in our society. And only by following true spirit of islam we can progress in this world and hereafter.