

# ASSIGNMENT OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

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What is Islam? Elaborate the Sallent features of Islam

start with the summary of the answer as introduction.

Meaning of Islam :-

Literal / Basic Meaning :-

Islam is an Arabic word/derived from an Arabic word Salam which means peace, submission and obedience.

Contextually :-

It means acceptance and commitment to obey the / commands and guidance rules of God.

~~As Islam~~ The other name of God is As-Salam i.e. The peace. So in that way Islam also means to be peace with God (i.e. to submit oneself according to His will) and to be peace with His creations or creatures (i.e. to living in peace with His creatures).

The one who follows the Islam is Muslim.

Shariah :-

According to Shariah Islam means submitting one's desires to the will of God Voluntarily

As Allah says in the Quran (2: 256)

"Let there shall be no compulsion in religion, for the truth stands out clearly from the falsehood. So whoever renounces false gods and believes in Allah has certainly grasped the firmest, unfailing hand-hold and Allah is All Hearing and All Knowing"

try to add the arabic of quranic ayats.

Also in Surah kafiran verse no-6. (Explanation)

For you is your religion and for



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me is my religion.

Islam is an old / same religion which was taught by all prophets and then by Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in its ~~complete~~ comprehensive, complete and final form

As well as in  
~~According to the Holy Quran~~ (3:84) (Explanation)

It is the same religion which was revealed to Abraham and Ismail and Isaac and Yaqub and the tribes and which was given to Moses and Jesus and to other prophets of God.

According to Hadith Islam means / demand Will of Allah and His Messenger and Establish / practice of the <sup>five</sup> pillars (testifying the oneness of Allah and Prophethood of Muhammad (SAW), prayer, charity and pilgrimage).

Scholarly Definition :

Islam is the monotheistic deen which teaches oneness of Allah.

Maulana Sadoruddin Ishraqi in his book "Islam at Balance" describes Islam as religion of combination of faith and worship

According to Imam Ghazali

Includes  
Islam is the Rights of Allah and Rights of people



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## Sailent features of Islam / Speciality of Islam / Distinguish features of Islam.

The features or the characteristics which make the Islam unique or distinguish it from all other religions is believing in one God i.e. the Tawheed.

### 1) Unique Concept of Tawheed

Tawheed means identify Allah as the only One and True God in belief and in worship. According to the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) it is the first part of Kalima or Shahadah i.e.  $\text{لا اله الا الله}$  "There is no worthy of worship except Allah (alone). Singling out Allah as the only one and True God means believing in His Lordship (Hakimi) is only the Master, Creator and Provider of what is in the heavens and in the earth (including Humans, angels, plants and animals and the entire Universe) etc., Worship (Alone worthy to be obeyed and worship due to the only Creator, Sustainer and provider of creatures in the heavens and in the earth) and In His Names and Attributes which are unique in its qualities and possess by none other than Him alone.

As Allah says in the Quran (112:1-4)

"Say He is the one - Allah, the Eternal and Absolute. He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none comparable to Him."

According to the Book of Sirat-ul-Nawbi Tawheed is the first chapter of Islam as Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said. "Islam is like a fort and that fort is Tawheed" **one reference is enough for a single argument.**

### 2) Prophethood

The second part of Kalima or Shahada is  $\text{محمد رسول الله}$  "The Muhammad (SAW) is the prophet of Allah". Believing in the finality of Prophethood.

As Allah says in the Quran (33:40) Explanation

Muhammad (SAW) is not the father of your men. He is the Messenger of Allah and the Last Prophet and Allah is knowing of everything.



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Which depicts the teachings and actions of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as a way of life for (Sunnah) for all mankind.

He (SAW) act as a teacher

As He said (Explanation)

"I have sent down to Mankind as

a teacher."

He (SAW) also act as a source of Rule and laws of Allah. As Allah says in the Quran (162:3-4)

"Nor does he speaks from his inclination. it is not a but a revelation revealed"

which depicts that He (SAW) does not speak from his own desires and wishes but the commands which ~~was~~ ideas revealed to Him from above. This also implies that whoever follows the command of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) follow the command of Allah.

keep the description of a single argument brief and increase the no of arguments instead. and also

### 3) Honouring / Dignify Mankind

Islam honour and <sup>bring</sup> dignification to Mankind.

Historically humans ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> sacrificed on the basis of certain religious believes and <sup>hierarchy</sup> social structures, such as, the Ancient Greek sacrificed humans to make their ~~God~~ happy and in return guarantee the favourable conditions for battles and voyages. ~~and~~ the Ancient Egypt sacrificed humans in order to accompany the Pharaoh in the after life. In Hinduism the individuals with low status ~~are~~ <sup>treated</sup> declared Shudras were ~~treated~~ badly and killed on the basis of touching higher status individual belongings and religious books.

As Allah says in the Quran (2:30) Explanation:

Allah having conversation with angels says that Verily I have made Mankind/Human as a Messenger i.e.



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Kalifa on earth which <sup>human as</sup> The making of Kalifa on earth dignifies human or making human superior to all the creations. The word (الكافي) means perfect.

As Allah says in the Quran (17:70) Explanation

Certainly the children of Adam were honoured among all other creations and provided them with good things on land and sea.

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) <sup>address</sup> during his last sermon, also known as "Haj-tul-Wida" (Explanation)

No mankind is superior on the basis of colour, cast and race. The one who gain superiority / superior to others is on the basis of his / her love and fear of God.

depicts the end of discrimination among the humans on the basis of their class and creed.

Islam also honour man and woman by giving them their rights and duties, as previously women were killed, sacrificed and not given the right in property and honour trans gender as Allah mentioned in (3:26)

"It is He (Allah) honour whom He wills and dishonour whom He wills"

#### 4) Encourage Humanity:

Islam promotes humanity through Characterful Individual/ Accord the virtue of Characterful. According to the Quran and Sunnah the person with character possess the qualities of righteousness, justice and kindness in all aspect of life. Encourage humanity through charity

As Allah says in the Quran (2:177) Explanation

That Righteousness is not turning the faces towards East and west rather true righteousness is to give believe in Allah, Prophets



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angels, books and to give wealth to the relatives, orphans, the needy, travellers and those who ask for help:

By Providing Medical Services: As In Surah AlMaidah (5: 32) Explanation:  
The one who saves one life as it saves all humanity  
and the one who kill one life it is as it kills all of humanity

By Social Work:

The Scholar of Famous Egyptian University named  
Al Azhar University, Dr. Mubawwah Muhammad Abbas  
in his book "Key Features of Islam" states that the biggest service to Islam  
is the social work.

By fulfilling the Human Rights

by giving equal rights to all human being including  
both man and woman and eliminate discrimination on the basis of colour  
and race as mentioned in last sermon of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).  
The sermon declared/nulified the superiority of white over black and black  
over white and giving the rights to woman in food, clothing and respectful  
treatment by men.

By giving rights to Animals

i.e. by putting stress / laid great importance on  
the showing compassion and kindness towards Animals, as Prophet  
(SAW) emphasize over the provision of adequate water, food and  
shelter to the animals and prohibit the harming and killing of animals  
for sports and entertainment. In one of his (SAW) Hadees (Explanation)  
a woman entered into hell fire because of not giving  
the cat food and water led her imprisoned

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Promoting Environmental protection:-

Along with provision of rights to human and animals, Islam also laid great emphasis on the protecting of Environment. The prophet Muhammad (SAW) prohibits the cutting of trees during war, and promote plantation by encouraging on planting a trees, as well as laid great stress on ~~cleanliness~~ cleanliness by declaring ~~cleanliness~~ cleanliness as a half of faith.

6) Islam as a Universal Religion

One of the feature which makes Islam unique from all other religion is its universality i.e. it guides in all aspects (political, economical and social) of life. It is not confined to a specific space, <sup>and</sup> time, geography and ethnicity and most importantly it is protected by Allah (Almighty) as all other religion <sup>and their scholars</sup> laid change according to their desires and given circumstances.

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments.

end the answer with conclusion.