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Islam: Meaning, Definitions, and Salient Features

1. Introduction:

Islam is more than a religion; it is a comprehensive way of life encompassing, faith, worship, moral conduct, social justice and governance. It is derived from the Arabic word

ISLAM which means peace, submission and security. The essence of Islam is entering into peace by submitting to the will of Allah.

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

try to add the arabic of quranic ayats.

(Quran 3:19)

2. Meaning of Islam

a. Literal Meaning

i- Peace - attaining peace by submitting to the will of Allah.

"Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort."

(Quran 13:28)

ii) Submission — Surrendering to the commands of Allah.

"There is no compulsion in Islam. Verily the right path has distinct itself from the wrong path. Whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold, that will never break. And

Allah is All-hearer, All-knower."

(Quran: 2:256)

b) Meaning of Islam

According to Islamic Shariah Scholars

According to Imam Ibn Taymiyyah:

"Islam is to submit to Allah

with tawhid (oneness), to yield

to Him in obedience, and to

disassociate oneself from

shirk (polytheism) and its people"

(majmu-al-Fatawa Vol. 3)

According to Al-Tabari:

"Islam means obeying Allah

in what He has commanded,

believing in what He has

informed and avoiding what

He has forbidden"

(Tafsir al-Tabari verse 3:19)

3: Definitions of Islam

According to shariah:

a) Al-Quran

"But whoever submits his face
to Allah while being a doer
of good - he has grasped the
most trustworthy handheld"
(Quran: 31: 22)

b) Hadith

"Islam is to testify that there
is no deity except Allah and
Muhammad (PBUH) is the Messenger
of Allah, to establish prayer,
to pay zakat, to fast ramadan
and to perform pilgrimage to
the House if able"

(Sahih Muslim, Hadith 8)

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c) Maulana Maududi

"Islam is the name of the complete submission of man before Allah which results in an orderly society but upon justice, morality and peace."

Book: (Towards understanding Islam)

d) Dr. Hamidullah

"Islam is a divine system of life aiming to harmonize the individual and society with the moral will of God"

(Introduction to Islam)

Salient Features of Islam

(1)

Tawhid

(Oneness of Allah)

Believing in the Oneness of Allah

(Tawhid) is the first part of the Kalma and it is the

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core pillar of Islam.

" Say, "He is Allah (whom) none,
Allah, the Eternal Refuge.

He neither begets nor is

born. Nor is there to

Him any equivalent"

(Quran: 112)

one reference is enough for a single argument.

According to Imama Shibli
Normani.

" Tawhid is the first
chapter of Islamic syllabus."

and,

" Islam is like a fort and
the door of that fort is
Tawhid"

(Seerah-un-Nabi)

In Makkah Prophet PBUH refused to
worship idols and due to this
faced years of persecution, but

keep the description of a single argument brief.

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inspired the courage of early muslims like Bilal R.A, who endured torture for proclaiming "Ahad, Ahad" (One God).

do not use one word headings. they should be elaborate and self explanatory.

2- Prophethood

The second part of Kalma declares Prophet PBUH is the messenger of Allah, affirming the belief of all prophets and the finality of Prophethood.

"Muhammad is not the father of any one of your men, but he is the messenger of Allah and the seal of the Prophets"

(Quran 33:40)

Prophet's (PBUH) life is the practical interpretation of the Quran. His sunnah guides personal, social, political and economic conduct.

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His (PBUH) mission was to enlighten hearts and mind establishing a literate and morally upright society.

Prophet (PBUH) said,

"Verily, I have been sent as a teacher to mankind"

3) Universality

Islam's message is for all humanity. It is not limited to a race, religion or era.

The constitution of Madinah

guaranteed Jews and Muslims equal rights and safety.

Albanian Muslims protected Jews during WWII guided by Islamic ethics.

4) Complete Code of Life

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Islam provides guidance for every part and aspect of life encompassing spiritual, social, political and legal. Prophet PBUH established Zakat as a welfare system, court structure for justice and rules for trade to prevent exploitation.

5) Balance Between Spiritual and Material Life

Islam avoids extremes of monasticism and materialism. It encourages earning lawfully while remembering Allah. The Prophet PBUH discouraged abandoning family for worship, teaching that balanced living is part of faith.

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6. Equality and Social Justice

In Islam, All humans are equal in dignity and superiority is only in piety.

"the most noble of you in the

sight of Allah is the most

righteous of you"

(Qur'an : 49:13)

Islamic charities serve both

muslims and non muslims in

disaster relief worldwide.

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments.

end the answer with conclusion