Question: Describe the importance of Deen (Doctrine of Life) in human life. Differentiate between Deen and Religion.

Answer:

Deen is an Arabic word. In literal sense, Deen refers to Obedience, judgement, honor while terminologically the term Deen means a complete code of life. It covers both spiritual and worldly affairs. Maududi in his book, "Four Basic Quranic Terms", explains deen as, "a complete system encompassing all dimensions of human life, including personal life, social norms, and governance."

Importance of Deen in Human Life:

Deen provides guidance to humans

about each and every aspect of life and helps humans in navigating the complexities of modern world. Following are the importance of Deen in human life:

(1) Provides Guidance

Deen guides people towards the right path, spiritualizes them, and leads them towards everlasting peace. As per the Quran:

"Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers, that they shall have a great reward" (Al-Quran)

(2) Source of Wisdom, knowledge,

Deen provides divine direction and is a beacon of hope

amid the challenges of the world. Deen keep humans on straight path and human believes that Allah is sufficient for him to help him overcome life challenges As per the Quran:

"And Allah has revealed to you the Book and the wisdom, and He has taught you what you did not know, and Allah's grace on you is very great." (Al-Quran)

try to add the arabic of quranic ayats.

(3) Defines the Primary Motive of this life:

Deen clearly tells humans that the primary motive of their life is to worship and obey Allah, follow His guidance, and live in a way that aligns with His commands in every aspect of life. Deen tells

human, why they are in this world and their central goal should be. According to the Quran:

"I did not create the Jinns and the humans except for the purpose that they should worship me". (Al-Quran)

(4) Provides a complete code of life:

Deen not only provides a set of rituals and beliefs, but also provides guides about each and every aspect of life, including social, political, economic guidance. This guidance enables humans to live a happy and productive life.

(5) Sets the Criterion of Justice:

Deen contains a comprehensive framework for establishing justice

in society through adherence to the laws Allah gave the Prophet (PBUH) to execute. Deen, thus, establishes a groundwork for justice in a society.

⑥ Helps Humans to differentiate between Right And wrong:

Deen helps humans to distinguish between right and wrong by providing lessons about each and every aspect of life. Islamic laws which are given to humans through Quran, are the ultimate source of the divine guidance.

According to the Quran:

"Ramadhan is the month in which the Quran was sent down as a guide to mankind, also clear signs for

guidance and judgement between right and wrong." (Al-Quran)

⑦ Deen leads Mankind from darkness to light:

The teachings of Quran lead people out of the ignorance of darkness and evil into the light of goodness and piety. According to the Quran.

"Alif Lam Ra (This is) a Book which we have revealed to you that you may bring faith men, by their Lord's permission from utter darkness into light.... to the way of the Mighty, the Praised One." (Al-Quran)

Thus, Deen provides guidance to men in each and every

aspect of life and the guidance of Quran takes men away from life of darkness towards the life of blessings.

⑧ A Spiritual Care:

Allah promises mercy to those who follow the guidance of the Quran. As per the Quran:

"And we reveal of the Quran that which is healing and mercy to the believers and it adds only to the partition of the just." (Al-Quran)

Thus, Deen is the ultimate source of guidance in human life. By following the teachings of Quran, man can serve the purpose of this life and will be awarded by Allah in the life afterwards.

Along with the teachings of Quran and Islamic scholars, the importance of Deen (Islam) is also highlighted by Western scholars. For example, Will Durant in his book "The History of Civilization", considered the rise and fall of Islamic Civilization a great event in history and maintained that during five centuries, Islam was the world precursor of power, discipline and expansion of its realm, good manners, improvement of the standard of the living, fair human laws, religious leniency, literature and scientific research in medicine, philosophy etc.

In a nutshell, no one can neglect the importance of deen in human life as it provides complete code of life.

keep the description of a single argument brief.

The Concept of Deen:

The literal meaning of Deen is honor, judgement, obedience while in terminological sense, the term Deen refers to a complete cycle of life. Deen provides guidance about both aspects of human life; Man's relation with God and Man's relations with his fellow beings. Deen offers a belief system, concept of worship to fulfill the spiritual and metaphysical needs of individual life, and provides social, political, economic, legal codes and cultural norms for the betterment of society.-taken as one community.

The Concept of Religion:

In literal sense, the term Religion (Mazhab) means road or path while terminologically

Mazhab refers to a set of beliefs, rituals, and social customs. The scope of religion is being limited to a set of dogmas, some rituals for worship, and a number of social customs to celebrate important life events.
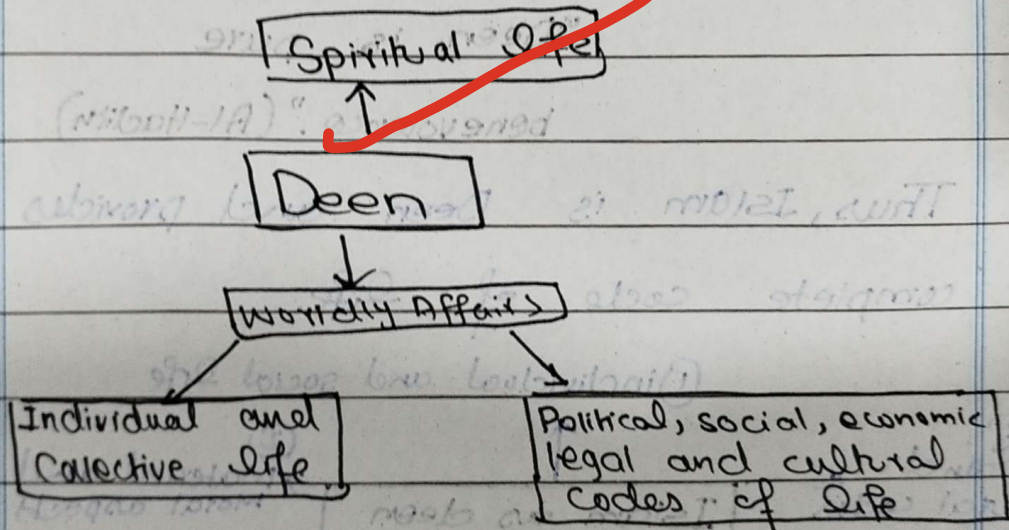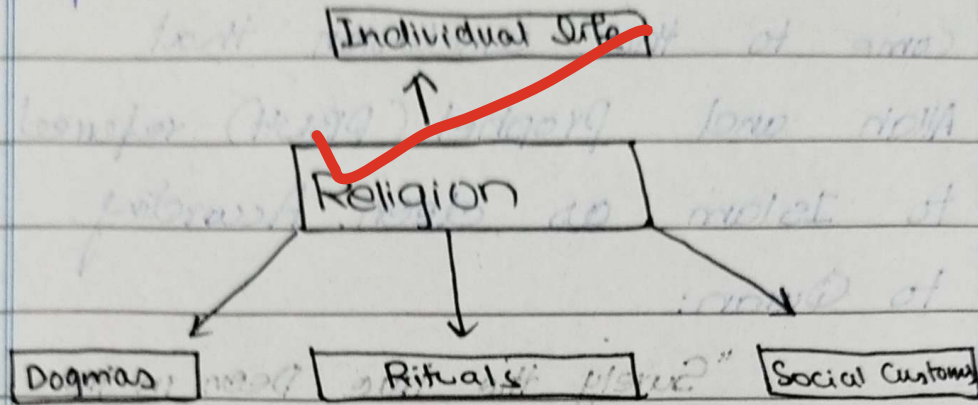
Difference between Deen and Religion:

(i) The scope of religion is limited while that of Deen is comprehensive.

(ii) Religion is about spiritual domain while Deen covers both spiritual and worldly domains.

(iii) Religion mainly provides guidance about private relationship between individual and God while Deen is a complete code of life and

provides guidance about each and every aspect of human life.

Individual Life
↑
Religion

Dogmas | Rituals | Social Customs

Spiritual Life
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Deen
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Worldly Affairs

Individual and Collective life

Political, social, economic legal and cultural Codes of life

Is Islam Deen or Religion?

After distinguishing between the terms Deen and Religion, a common question arises in the minds of individuals that whether
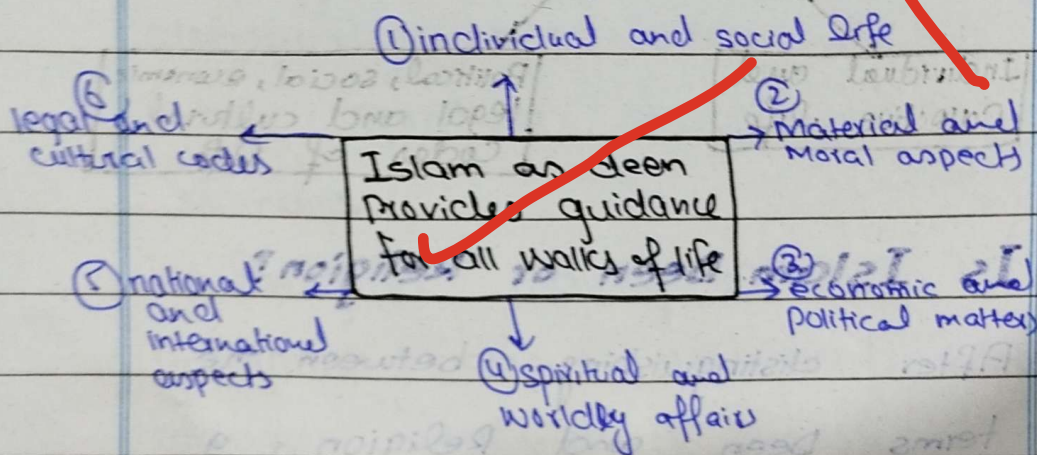
Islam is deen or religion. So if we analyze the teachings of Quran and Hadith, then we come to the conclusion that Allah and Prophet (PBUH) referred to Islam as "deen". According to Quran:

"Surely the true Deen in the sight of Allah is Islam". (Al Quran)

As per the Hadith:

"Deen is pure benevolence." (Al-Hadith)

Thus, Islam is Deen and provides complete code of life.

① individual and social life

② Material and Moral aspects

③ Economic and political matters

④ spiritual and worldly affairs

⑤ national and international aspects

⑥ legal and cultural codes

Islam as deen provides guidance for all walks of life

end the answer with conclusion.