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Assignment # 1.

Subject: Islamic Studies

Q1: What is Islam?

start with the summary of the answer as introduction.

Ans: Literal meaning of Islam:

The word 'Islam' is derived from Arabic word 'slm' which means peace.

The other meaning of Islam is Surrender or Submit.

Contextual Meaning:

The contextual meanings of Islam are:

"To enter in peace by submitting all desires to the Almighty, Allah".

"To surrender in front of our creator or submit all the desires to the will of Allah".

Concept according to Shariah/Islam:-

According to Islam, It is a true religion and one who follows or believes in Islam is called Muslim.

Allah says in Quran 2: 21-22

and the explanation of this ayah is:

"There O Mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you so that you may ward off evils; who has made Earth a testing place for you and sky a canopy, who provides you fruits so that you get food, he pours down water from heaven, so donot associate any one with Allah, when you know better".

try to add the arabic of quranic ayats. also, use marker for references.....

In surah Baqarah, Ayah 256
Allah says about Islam and the explanation is :

"There be no compulsion in religion. Truth will stand out clear from Error | False. Who ever rejects evils and believes in Allah and grasped the handhold strongly. Allah is Knoweth all things."

In Surah Kafirun. Allah says)

Explanation:

"For you is your religion and for me is my religion (109:106).

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

According to Islam, the one who believes in oneness of Allah and the Prophethood is the believer of Islam and he has entered in the boundaries of Islam and he should follow the rules of Islam, practicing all the pillars and follow the guidance of Allah and the Messenger.

The First Kalma also describes the meaning of Islam and it is called Tawheed which means "oneness".

The First Kalma has two parts. It means if anyone believes in these parts will entered in Islam.

First part of 'Kalma' is believe in oneness that explains: "There is no God except Allah".

Second part is of Prophethood that Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) is the Prophet of Allah.

Tawheed is a basic requirement for Islam but believe in finality of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) is also a main/fundamental part of Islam.

attempt by giving subheadings.

Definition of Islam according to different Scholars :-

• Prophet Muhammad (n.b) defined Islam as:

"Islam is comprising of two things. first one is the witness of oneness of Allah and His Messenger and second is practicing its Pillars".

Dr Hamidullah defined Islam as "a monotheist deen based upon the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W)". Many scholars defined Islam according to its literal meaning but the bases of all those definitions are depending on the oneness of Allah.

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments and be on 7-9 pages.

Ibn al-Qayyim defined Islam as:
"Islam is the oneness of Allah, serving Him alone, not associating any one with Him. He is the only one/only creator of this world. It is to believe in oneness of Allah and His Messenger and follow its traditions. One who does not fulfil these requirements will not be a Muslim".

The sixth century theologian Baghawi defined Islam as:

"Islam means surrender and submission".

improve the structure, references and the paper presentation part.

Conclusion:

Islam is the religion of Peace.

One who surrenders himself in front of Allah or submit all the desires to the will of Allah is the believer of Islam.

In Islam, there is no compulsion in religion to anyone. Truth and false both are clear to everyone and anyone who wants to follow truth or evils that is his will and the guidance is clearly given in the Holy book of Quran 10 and

also Allah sent Messenger to guide the Mankind. Islam is not only believe by tongue but by practicing the pillars and follow the orders of Allah.