

"Discuss the Multifaceted Role of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) with special reference to his role as a diplomat and military Commander. How do you think these roles provide guidance for conflict resolution in the modern world."

Answer

1) Introduction

The Holy Prophet (Peace and blessing upon Him) upholds moral, ethical and divine rules of law during his journey. As Sir William Muir stated in Life of Muhammad (SAW) "No reformer in history influenced the human conduct so comprehensively as the Holy Prophet (Pbuh). Unlike philosophers whose ideas remained theoretical, Muhammad (SAW) translated divine guidance into living civilization. His Seerah is not confined to worship only, but extended to law, Justice, Civilization, economic, diplomacy and international relations".

2) Prophet (SAW): End of Prophethood and divine revelation

The Holy Prophet (Pbuh) is the last prophet of Allah. As evident in Divine Scripture (The Holy Quran) :-

Quran:-

ماكان ما محمد ابا احد
من رجالكم ولكن رسول
الله وخاتم النبيين

"Muhammad (SAW) is the messenger of Allah and Seal of the prophets"
(Surah Al-Ahzab)

Allah (The Almighty Creator and Sustainer) proclaimed in the Holy Book that Prophet (PBUH) is the last his prophet and messenger

Hadith:-

لا نبى بعدى

"There will be no prophet after me"
(Al-Bukhari)

The Seal of the Prophet hood

Both Hadith and Holy Quran ensures that the Divine revelation and the structure of messengers ends at the proclamation of The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as the last prophet of Allah. This evidence reflects a stop on modern and historical crises over claiming of prophet hood.

Character of Holy Prophet as Diplomat

During the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), The prophet itself promotes peace, dignity, unity and integrity without discrimination, forceful expansion and model of treachery.

- a) Conquest of Makkah a clear Diplomatic triumph

انا فتحنا لك فتحا مبينا

"Indeed, We have Granted you a clear triumph" "O prophet". — (Al-Fath: 1:48)

The Victory of Makkah without bloodshed and war insights a clear victory of Islamic state under leadership of Holy prophet (Pbuh).

- b) Mithaq-e-Madinah: Social Contract of Unity

After Migration, 622 CE, The Holy prophet Pbuh Contracted a social treaty with the tribes of medinah, including ansars, and jews. This treaty reflects to Social integrity, collective

Security and diplomatic advancement in the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Prophet (SAW) as Military Commander

"Muhammad SAW introduced moral limitations in warfare centuries before modern international law"

(Montgomery Watt: Muhammad (SAW) at Medinah)

The character of Prophet (SAW) was a product of Morality and amnesty without force and betrayal.

Prophet SAW as strategic brilliant in warfare techniques

Prophet (SAW) waged war beyond purpose and self defence instead of forceful expansion. The strategic brilliance is clearly visible during the war scenarios fought between Muslims and opponents as

Strategic location at Battle of Badr

Holy Prophet P.b.u.h Commanded military to hold a strong position over water resources in battle of badr, which later helped muslims in clear and easy victory over three number of opponents.

Concept of trench: Battle of Khandaq

Strategic and brilliant move of trenches beside Medina held enemies away from direct confrontation. Later this sign^{was} appreciated highly.

Consultative Command Structure (Shura)

Prophet (Pbuh) consults in every event happened or happens with majority of (Ashaab) companions or with the most right guided Caliphs.

Treaty of Hudaibiyyah: Prophet SAW signed 10 years truce with Quraysh along with four right guided Caliphs

Hazrat Ali A.S.

Hazrat Umar Farooq R.A

Hazrat Usman Gohar R.A

Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique R.A

The availability of right guided Caliphs in true sign a consultative command structure in events.

Comparing Characters of Prophet (SAW) with modern issue for resolution

Social Distrust → Methaq-e-Madineh

Force-ful Expansion →

Purposeful and
Self-Defensive

Discrimination → Human Right
Protection

Burgeoning Wealth → Zakat

Warfares → Social peace and
harmony

Punishment → Amensity

The Root Causes of modern world is
profit, wealth and status driven objects
while the Islamic structure is the face
of Prophet (SAW) totally opposites.

"No Arab is Superior to Non Arab,
No white over black"

Last Sermon of Prophet
(SAW)

This phrase highlights equality in Race,

classes and social disorders.

Conclusion

Prophet (Pbuh) is complete role model for every mankind not merely muslims only because Islam is complete code of life as the national poet of Pakistan stated that "Islam is not merely Creed but it is Complete Civilization" - Allama Iqbal. This gives insight the morality, and social body framework of Islam in the vision of Holy Prophet Pbuh. The Holy Prophet is not a messenger of Muslims but the Messenger of whole world as described in Quran.

وما ارسلناك الا رحمة
للعالمين

we have sent you not but Mercy
for all worlds. (Al Anbiya)