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Q- Evaluate the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) role as a peacemaker and state builder in Madinah.

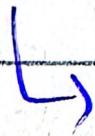
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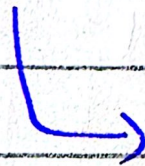
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Fragmented
Society



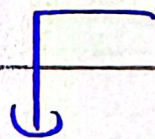
Peace Building
& Reconciliation



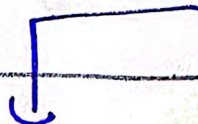
Constitution of
Madinah



Justice, Welfare
& Social Order



Inclusive Governance
& Diplomacy



Sustainable
Ethical state

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Introduction

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Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) emerged as the foremost peacemaker and state builder in Madinah, transforming a fragmented tribal society into a cohesive polity. His leadership integrated moral authority, social justice, and political foresight. Governance under him was grounded in ethical principles and divine guidance rather than coercion. Through treaties, consultation, and moral persuasion, he established lasting peace and social order.

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Establishing Peace in a Fractured Society :-

Madinah was home to diverse tribes with deep-seated rivalries, including Ansar and Muhajirun. The

Prophet prioritized reconciliation, mediating disputes with fairness and impartiality. Peace became the foundation for collective development and security. Khurshid Ahmad emphasizes that the Prophet's moral credibility enabled the acceptance of his peace initiatives.

Ayat

وَالْقَيْدَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْخُودَةَ

"And he has cast affection into their hearts"

(9:103)

→ Constitution of Madinah:
A Political Breakthrough

The Constitution of Madinah institutionalized coexistence among Muslims, Jews, and other tribes.

It outlined rights, responsibilities, and mutual defense while respecting religious diversity. This legal framework prevented internal conflicts and ensured collective security. Dr. Hamidullah notes it as a pioneering model of constitutional governance in human history.

Hadith

« أَشْرَفُ النَّاسِ أَهْلُ الْمَدِينَةِ »

"The most among people are those of Madinah."

→ Upholding Justice and Rule of Law :-

Justice was central to the Prophet's governance, ensuring fairness across tribal and religious

lines. Courts and arbiters
were appointed to resolve disputes
transparently. legal equity enhanced
trust and reduced conflict.

Muhammad Al-Buraey highlights
that moral legitimacy underpinned
political authority in Madinah.

→ Promoting Interfaith Harmony

The Prophet cultivated interfaith
tolerance, safeguarding minority rights
and ensuring freedom of
religion. Agreements with Jewish
tribes guaranteed protection while

encouraging cooperation. Religious
harmony strengthened societal
cohesion and minimized sectarian
strife. Muhammad Asad asserts

that Islam's political spirit
integrates spiritual and
social inclusivity.

Ayat

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

"There is no compulsion
in religion." (2:256)

→ Tribal Reconciliation and
Conflict ~~Trustworthiness~~ Resolution

The Prophet (P.B.U.H) mediated
tribal feuds through negotiation,
symbolic acts, and oath-taking.
Disputes over blood feuds, land,
and leadership were resolved
without violence. Tribal unity
was strengthened, preventing cycles
of revenge. Shibli Naumani
emphasizes that such reconciliations
were pivotal in nation-building.

→ Ethical Leadership and Trustworthiness :-

His personal integrity earned unwavering loyalty from the community. Decisions were made transparently and with accountability. Ethical leadership reduced corruption and maintained public confidence.

Dr. Hamidullah observes that trust was the cornerstone of the Prophet's political influence.

Hadith :-

7 > كَأَنِّي أُرِيدُ بِكُمْ الْخَيْرَ

" I intend good for you "

→ Social welfare and Public Interest :-

Public welfare was prioritized

through distribution of resources, feeding the needy, and protecting orphans. Social programs were coupled with moral education. Equity and compassion reinforced loyalty and obedience. Umar Chapra underscores that economic justice is inseparable from political stability in Islam.

→ Inclusive Governance and Consultation (Shura)

Decisions were made through consultation (Shura) involving key leaders and representatives. This participatory approach ensured transparency and community buy-in. Consultation fostered consensus and reduced resistance. Mustafa Sahali notes that Shura institutionalized moral accountability in governance.

→ Diplomacy and External Relations

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The Prophet (P.B.U.H) maintained diplomacy with neighbouring tribes and states through treaties and letters. Relations with Quraysh, Abyssinia, and Persia were conducted with fairness and strategic foresight. Negotiations minimized warfare and encouraged trade and alliances. Muhammad Qutub emphasizes diplomacy as an ethical extension of ~~state~~ statecraft.

Ayat

ۚ اَرْفَعْ بِاَيْتِيْهِ اَيْتًا

"Repel evil with that which is better."

(41:34).

→ Integration of Migrants and Ansar :-

Madinah successfully integrated Muhajirin and Ansar, creating a unified society. Mutual support, housing arrangements, and joint ventures fostered solidarity. Cultural and tribal differences were harmonized through shared responsibility. Dr. Khalid Alvi highlights ~~that~~ this as a key model of social cohesion.

→ Defense without Aggression :-

Military strategy prioritized defense and deterrence, avoiding unnecessary aggression. Ghazwat were conducted under strict ethical guidelines, protecting civilians and property. Discipline and restraint were enforced among soldiers. Shibli

Naumani underscores that ethical warfare reinforced the Prophet's peacemaker role.

Hadith

لَا تَقْتُلُوا أَهْلَ الدِّينِ
وَلَا تَحْرِقُوا

"Do not kill non-combatants
or destroy property."

→ Economic Stabilization and
Zakat System

Economic policy ensured equitable resource distribution through Zakat and welfare initiatives. Stability reduced social tensions and supported governance legitimacy. Public trust grew as citizens observed justice in economic matters. Umar Chapra emphasizes that financial ethics underpin

durable state structures.

→ Moral Education and Social Responsibility :-

Prophetic governance integrated civic education emphasizing honesty, patience, and mutual respect. Ethical awareness guided personal and communal conduct. Citizens were trained to participate responsibly in social and political life.

Muhammad Al-Bukhari asserts that moral education is indispensable for sustainable governance.

→ Institutionalizing Social Order :-

Institutions such as courts, police (Amir al-Harb), and advisory councils enforced laws with fairness. Social norms

and religious principles were codified into practical governance. Stability resulted from consistent ethical enforcement rather than fear. ~~Dr~~ Afzal Rahman notes that institutionalized ethics ensured long-term order.

-> Contemporary Lessons
from Madinah Model

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Modern states can learn from Madinah's integration of ethics, consultation, and social welfare. Interfaith cooperation, conflict resolution, and participatory governance remain relevant. Ethical statecraft builds legitimacy and societal trust. Dr. Hamidullah emphasizes that Madinah's governance model transcends historical context.

→ Conclusion

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) exemplified ~~that~~ the dual roles of peacemaker and state builder.

Through ethical leadership, consultation, social justice, and diplomacy, he created a stable and cohesive society. His governance combined moral authority with practical administration. The Madinah model remains a timeless example of principled, effective leadership.

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