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What is meant by culture and civilization? Describe the characteristics of Islamic culture

A Prelude to the Discussion:

Culture and civilization are two distinct concepts. ~~Many~~ ~~many~~ Many cultures and civilizations have emerged and declined over the course of human history. Culture upholds its unique characteristics, for instance language, symbols, food and other. On the contrary, innovation, art, knowledge, advanced cities are characteristics of civilization. Islamic culture emerged in the world with the emergence of Islam. Its characteristics like simplicity, equity, honesty is copied by western culture. Unlike other religious cultures, Islam teaches on mutual responsibility, brother-

hood, respect for women.

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UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT "CULTURE"

Culture:

Culture is set of traditions, values and norms practiced by a society.

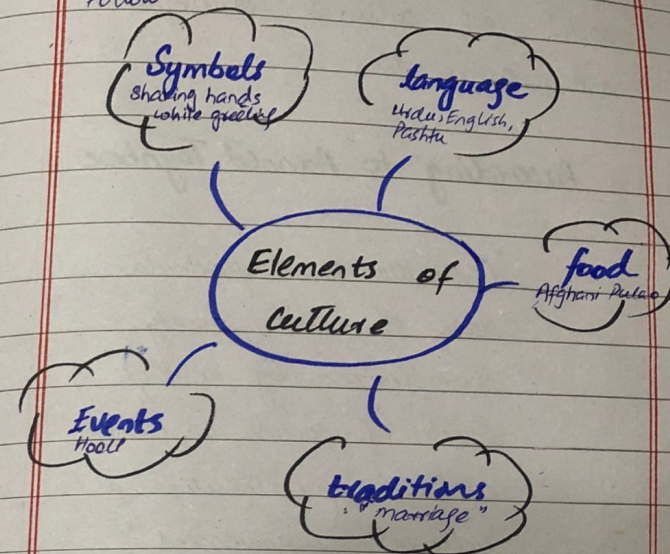
According to Lenin:

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"Culture is inheritance which is transferred from one to the other generation"

Elements of Culture

Culture is a representation of lifestyle of specific group of people. Elements of culture are

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UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT "CIVILISATION"

Civilization is the process of in which a society or place reaches an advanced level of

Social and cultural development
and organization.

According to Arnold Toynbee

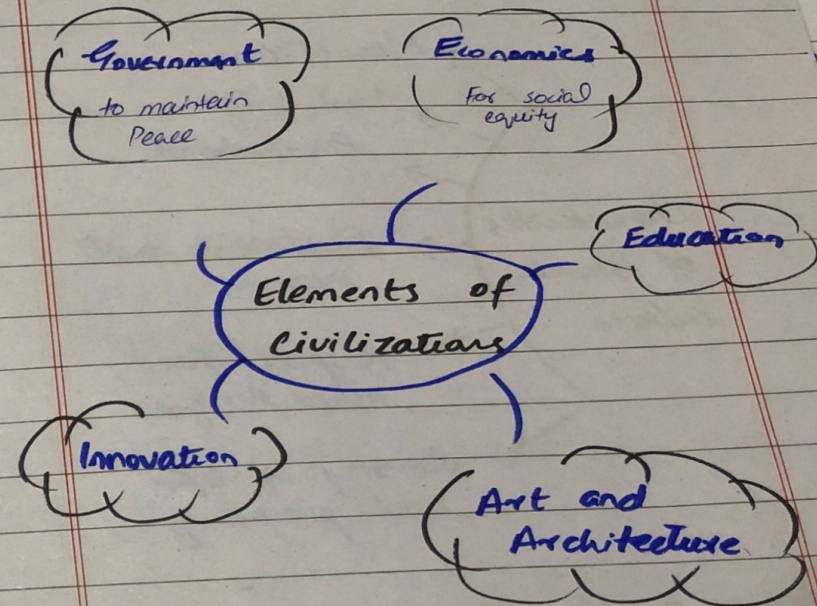
"Civilization is a particular
stage of human society,
characterized by a high
level of social complexity,
economic specialization, and
cultural achievement"

Famous World Civilizations:

Following are the
major world civilizations.

- ↳ Persian Civilization
- ↳ Greek Civilization
- ↳ Arabic / Ishaliyah Civilization
- ↳ Islamic Civilization
- ↳ Western Civilization

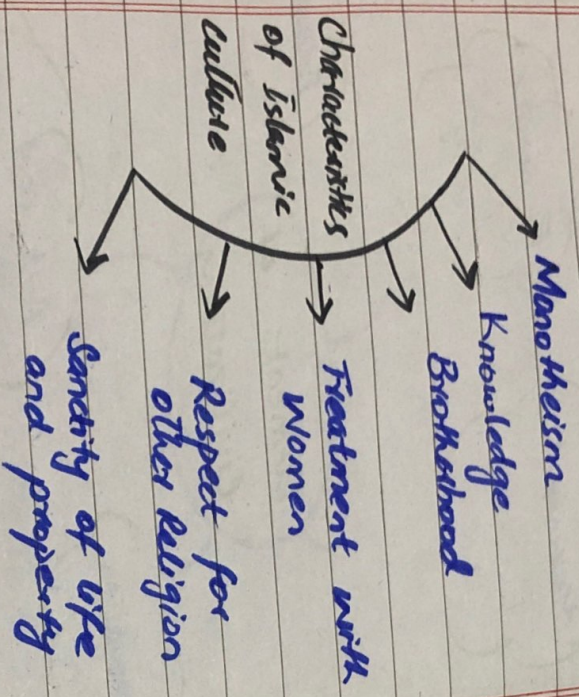
Elements of Civilization:



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CHARACTERISTICS
OF ISLAMIC CULTURE.

Islamic culture consist of the following characteristics



a. Monotheism:

Muslims uphold paramount belief in oneness of their creator. This is one of the fundamental belief of muslim which make them obedient and united.

وَلَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ
"And say he is
Allah the one"

(Surah Al-Ikhlās)

b. Knowledge:

Islamic make the knowledge compulsory on every muslim men and women. The teachings of the last prophet (PBUH) stated with this

اقْرَأْ
"Read"

c. Brotherhood:

The culture of Islamic spread the wave mutual respect. It promote

coordination and coordination, not
only among muslims but also
among ^{followers of} other religion

انما المؤمنون اخوة
All muslims are
brothers

- Hadith -

d- Treatment with women:

Womens were treated
like a property. Islamic give
all rights to women, ~~the~~ which
were being enjoyed by men
at that time. For instance,
right to ^{hold} property, Right to
get education etc.

"O People! Fear Allah
concerning women:-"

— last sermon of
Holy Prophet (PBUH) —

e- Respect for other religion:

Islamic culture always
supports the peace and
harmony. It's teaching and
following and not limited
for the muslim but also for
the non-muslims.

There is no compulsion
in religion

- Hadith -

f. Sanctity of life and Property:

Islamic culture ensures
individual liberty. As Muslims are
vicegerents of Their god on earth,
so they are suppose to spread
his messagess and promote peace.

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"Your life and Property
is as sacred as this
day and this month"

— Last Sermon of
Holy Prophet (PBUH) —

Conclusion:

Culture and civilization are
intertwined, but many scholars have
distinguished these two concepts very
beautifully. The Islamic culture uphold
extraordinary characteristics and