

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

### A Prelude to the Discussion:

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

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hood, respect for women.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT "CULTURE"

### Culture:

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

### According to Lenin:

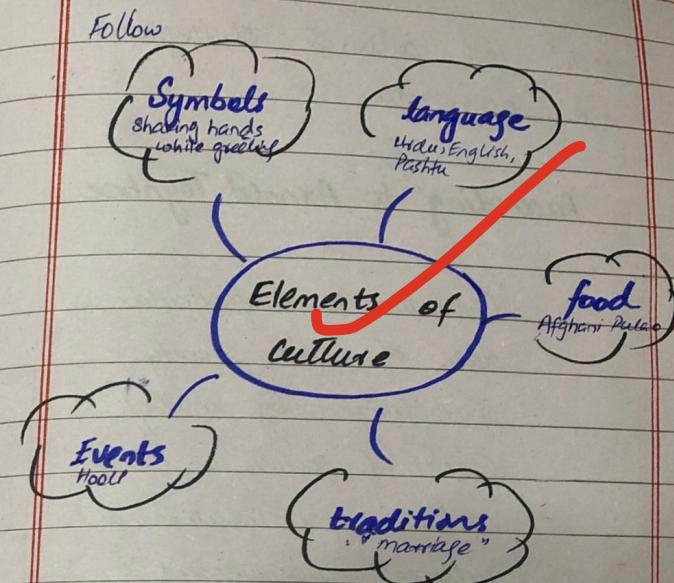
"Culture is <sup>asocial</sup> inheritance which is transferred from one to the other generation"

### 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 by which a society or place reaches an advanced level of

social and cultural development and organization.

### According to Arnold Toynbee

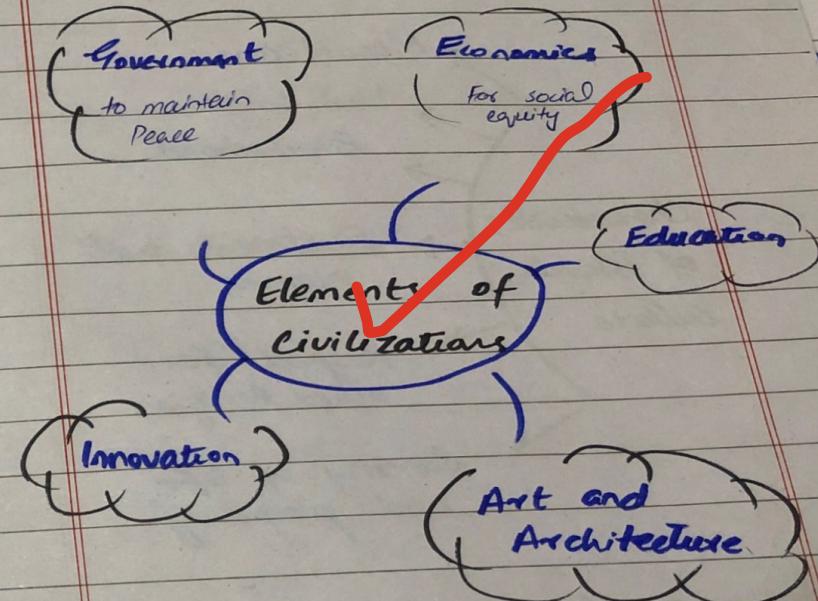
Civilization is a particular stage of human society, characterized by a high level of social complexity, economic specialization, and cultural achievement.

### Famous world civilizations:

Following are the major world civilizations.

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

### Elements of Civilization:



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### CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAMIC CULTURE.

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Islamic culture consist of the following characteristics

وَلَمْ يَلْمِدْهُمْ  
”And say he is  
Allah, the one.”

(Surah Al-Ikhlas)

## **k - Knowledge:**

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

أولاً  
"Read"

### a- Monotheism:

Muslims uphold

~~meant to be~~ a belief in oneness of

fundamental ~~very~~ of religion  
which make them obedient and

united

coordination and coordination, not only among muslims but also among <sup>followers of</sup> other religion

أَلْيَسْ إِيمَانُكُمْ أَنَّكُمْ أَخْوَانٌ  
All muslims are brothers

- Hadith -

#### d- Treatment with women:

Womens were treated like a property. Islamic gave all rights to women, the which were being enjoyed by men at that time. For instance, right to <sup>hold</sup> property, Right to get education etc.

"O People! Fear Allah concerning women--"

- last sermon of Holy Prophet (PBUH) -

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#### 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 message and promote peace.

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

— Last Sermon of  
Holy Prophet (PBUH) —

add more arguments.

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

### Conclusion:

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