

Q.1) What is meant by Culture and Civilization? Describe the characteristics of Islamic Culture?

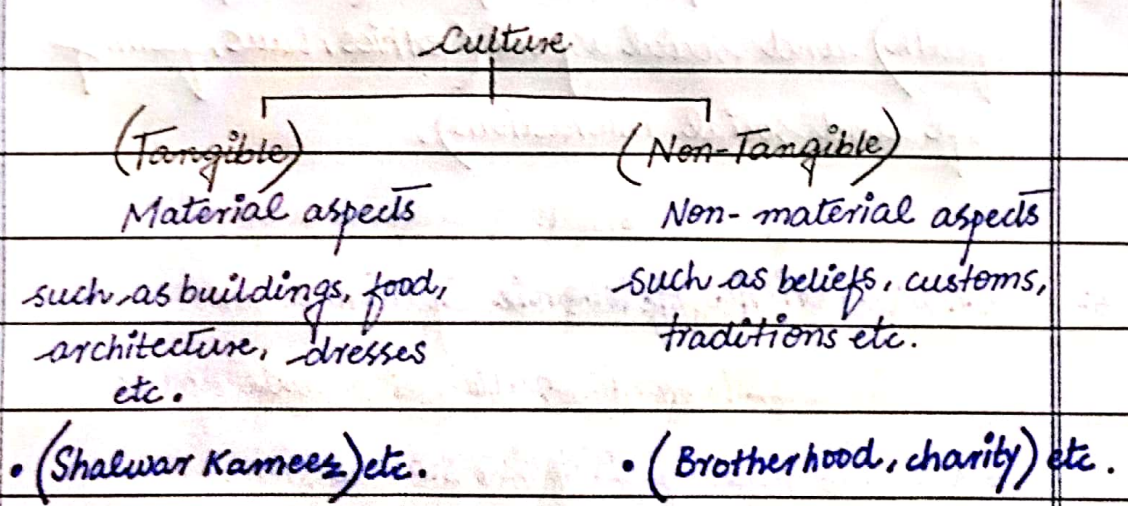
1- Culture :-

" Culture is the complex whole which includes knowledge, beliefs, customs, laws and any other capabilities acquired by a man as a member of a society."

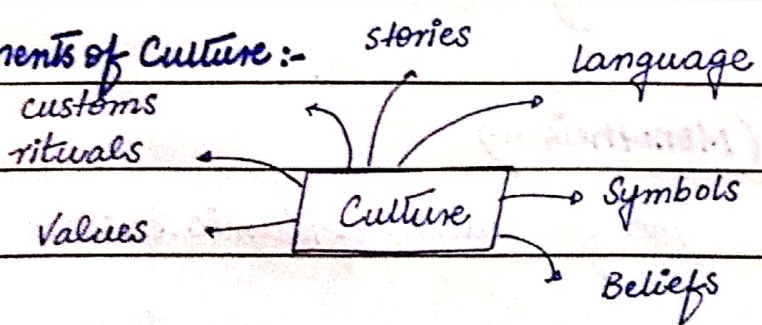
( Sociologist : Taylor )

2- Types of Culture :-

Any culture has two types i-e Material and Non-material.



3- Elements of Culture :-





4- **Islamic Culture :-**

: According to Ibn Khaldun:

" Islamic culture is the sum total of knowledge, customs, beliefs, and traditions that have been transmitted by Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) and his companions, which have been further comprehended by Muslim scholars throughout history."

( Muqaddimah - Ibn Khaldun )

Islamic culture in the way of life which is based on principles such as oneness of Allah, prophet hood and the day of judgement. It includes both spiritual aspects ( worship and faith) and social aspects ( ethics, laws, family life and social interactions).

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5- **Characteristics of Islamic Culture :-**

Islamic culture is made up of several key characteristics that define and shape it.

5.1 **Tawhid (Monotheism)**

The foundation of Islamic culture is the



belief in oneness of God (Tawhid). This element is the core belief that shapes the other aspects of Islamic culture. In Quran Allah says :

" He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; And there is none like unto Him. " ( Surah I Khlas )

5.2 Quran and Sunnah as Source of Guidance :-

Quran (The Holy Book) of Islam and Sunnah refers to the sayings and teachings of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). Together these provide the fundamental guidance for all aspects of Muslims life. Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said :

" I am leaving among you two things, you will never go astray as long as you hold fast to them : the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet. "

( Sahih Bukhari )



3- Ethical and Moral Values :

Islamic culture promotes set of moral values such as honesty, humility, generosity, patience and justice. Islam culture emphasize the equal treatment of all men and women. In quran Allah says and its essence is as follow :

" O believers ! Be mindful of Allah and be with the truthful ." ( Surah Faubah ) .

4- Respect for diversity and Tolerance :-

Islam encourages respect for diversity of people, cultures and languages. In the forewell sermon Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said :

" All mankind is from Adam and Eve ... An Arab has no superiority over a ~~non~~ non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab have superiority over an Arab ."

5- <sup>exclusivist</sup> Non - ~~exclusivist~~ and Dawah oriented :

Islamic culture is non-exclusivist. Islam emphasizes promotion of good things with patience .



Islam is not a dominating and colonizing culture.

Muslims believe in inviting people to Islam without coercion. In Quran Allah says and its essence is as follow :

" There is no compulsion in religion."

### 6- Education and Knowledge-Seeking :-

Islamic culture places a high value on the pursuit of knowledge and education. Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said :

" Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim."

(Hadees) Ibn Majah

Historically muslims have achieved many recognitions because of the emphasis on education. Ibn Sina, Al kindi, Al Ghazali and Imam Bukhari are few prominent scholars and an asset of Islamic civilization and culture.

### Conclusion :-

In summary, Islamic culture is a comprehensive way of life based on teachings of Islam.