

Question #01.

The state or political community which is the highest of all, and which embraces all the rest, aims at good in a greater degree than any other, and at the highest good. Discuss the functions and responsibility of the state in the light of the statement of Aristotle.

Introduction:

Aristotle's theory "Theory of Ends and functions of state" states that the state is highest among the all. The state aims the safeguarding the interests of the public. He gave the concept of different types of states. These include both the good and bad form. The main function and responsibility of the state is protect the rights and means of the people. Aristotle consider the state as the upper most superiority among the all. Thus, state functions accordingly.

State or political community highest of all in the concept of Aristotle:

Aristotle believed that;

“State is an end, not just a mean.”

This depicts that state should not serve only for own means. Rather, the state is an end for the rights of the people. He also emphasizes that **Constitution** in the state is superior to all and this give people rights according to law.

If the constitution is in bad form, then interests of people will be neglected and if it is in good form, then people will enjoy their proper rights provided by the state. The end depicts the virtues that are only applicable to the state to fulfil them. He also states that it is the fundamental right of people living in the state, that their interests should be served.

Aristotle's classification of state : depicting the state as highest form :

By considering the different forms of the go state, Aristotle defines the different state's form.

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		Good	Bad
No. of People	1	Monarchy	Tyranny
	Few	Aristocracy	Oligarchy
	Many	Polity	Democracy

According to Aristotle

“ A stable state is that in which all people are equal before the law.”

He considers, **monarchy** as the best form of government if one person is ruling. If majority of the

people are ruling, polity was the best form of government according to him.

He considers democracy as the worst form of the state. He was in a view that it makes people corrupt.

Function and Responsibility of the state according to Aristotle:

- The main and basic function of the state according to Aristotle is safeguarding the interests of public.
- There should be justice ~~concept of~~ the state among the people.
- According to Aristotle, the state should emphasize on the rule of law.
- State should provide education and wisdom to public. Aristotle was on the concept of public education.
- Aristotle point out the state is responsible for the welfare of the public.
- State must preserve the constitution

Discuss this in detail by giving subheadings

as it ensures rights of people

- He gave different forms of government in a state that can lead to the political instability.

⇒ These points highlights the fact that why Aristotle gave state the highest rank among all.

Criticism:-

→ Aristotle gave too much importance to the state that ^{can} lead it towards the authoritarianism.

→ Aristotle's concept that state should shape the moral character of citizens will undermine ~~the~~ personal autonomy.

→ Aristotle gave the concept of justice in the state to give people what they deserve can lead to inequality.

Conclusion:-

In a nutshell, Aristotle ranked the state as the highest in fulfilling the interests of the public. This is applicable on some stances,

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as the superiority of the state can lead towards the different unjust concept. We also show some bad form of the state that are still applicable in the contemporary world.

Question #03:

Al-Mawardi's core ideas of his political philosophy emphasize on the caliphate, justice and public welfare continues to influence the discourse on governance and the role of religion in politics. Elaborate.

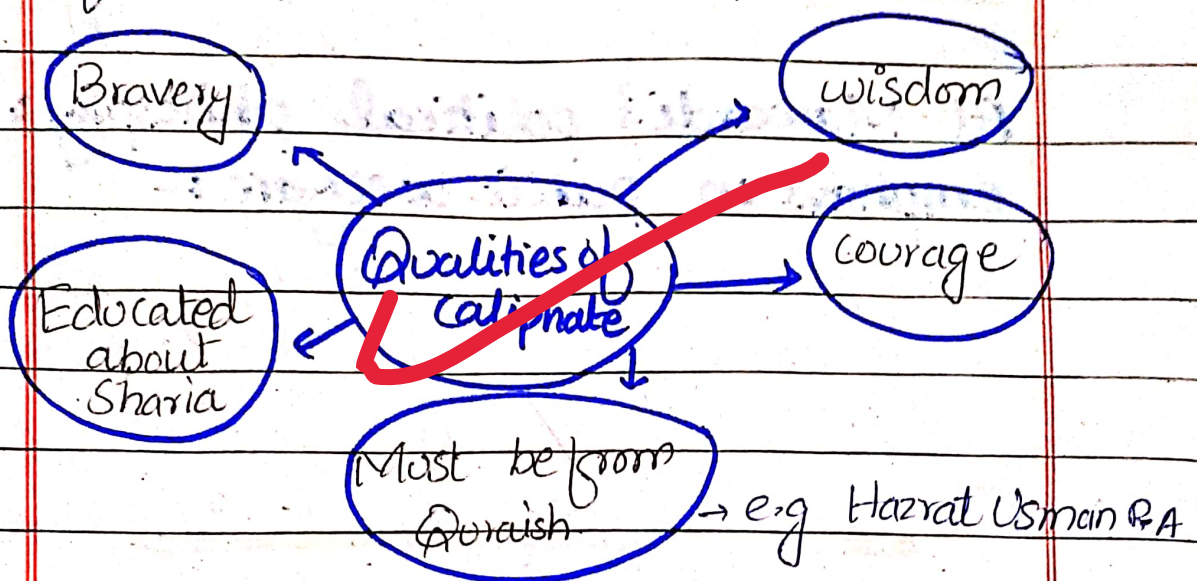
Introduction:

The political philosophy of Al-Mawardi emphasize on the role of caliphate, the concept of justice in Islamic state and the welfare of public. The all things influence the governance and the religion has a proper and particular role in the politics. Basically Al-Mawardi gave the concept of caliphate in Islamic state that ensures

all these things in state. "Theory of
Imamat" given by Al-Mawardi gave
the concept of Islamic state, caliph
and how he is responsible for his duties.

Al-Mawardi's political philosophy: emphasis on caliphate:-

Al-Mawardi gave the concept of the
caliphate. He gave some qualities of
ideal caliphate that must be present.



⇒ The caliphate must be nominated by
the previous caliphate as **Hazrat
Umer R.A** or must be elected by
the electoral college consensus as
Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique R.A.

Al-Mawardi's political philosophy : emphasis on justice :-

Al-Mawardi gave the concept of justice in his theory. He suggest that the appointed Imam should be just and should follow the rule of justice in the state. He emphasize the justice as the primary foundation of the government. It is also a key element in the Islamic political thought.

Al-Mawardi's political philosophy : emphasis on public welfare :-

The public welfare (Maslah) is also important part in the Al-Mawardi's philosophy. He was in a concern that the state's primary duty is the welfare of the public. These includes all the facilities like education, health, law, in the context of Islamic law. These should be prescribed by the Caliphate in accordance to principles of Islam.

Al-Mawardi's political philosophy: discourse on governance:-

Al-Mawardi gave the concept of the governance in an Islamic state in accordance with Islamic laws and orders. The governance is mainly on consultation and accountability. Consultation is basically a form of the collective decision making. On controversy, accountability refers not only to Allah Almighty but also to the public according to the Islamic laws.

The Role of Religion in politics according to Al-Mawardi:

For Al-Mawardi, the caliphate must operate in accordance with the laws and Islamic principles. He must hold the Islamic principles in state affairs. The religion shapes the governance in Islamic state according to Al-Mawardi.

Conclusion:

To sum up, Al-Mawardi's

political philosophy emphasize on the caliphate, justice and public welfare in accordance with the Islamic principles

The governance principle is also in accordance with Islamic laws. The religion shapes

the governance in Islamic state in accordance with the law of Islam.

Question #04:

↳ The philosophy and functioning of the