

Q1. What is the Concept of Islam?

Introduction:-

Islam is the religion of truth. It is the embodiment of the code of the which God, the Creator and the Lord of this universe, has revealed for the guidance of the whole mankind. The Lord has provided nature with all kinds of resources, which lie at the disposal of man. He raised His Prophets from among men and revealed to them a code of life which can guide man's step to the Right Path.

Meaning of Islam:-

Islam is an Arabic word and denotes submission, Surrender and obedience.

As a religion, Islam stands for complete submission and obedience to none but Allah only, that is why it is called Islam. As in holy book Quran say that, Those who believe and whose hearts find rest in the

Remembrance of Allah-(13:28).

Tauhid (Oneness of Allah):-

The basic foundation of Islam is the unity or oneness of Allah is known as Tauhid. This unity expressed in the kalima i.e. 'La ilah ill' Allah'.

Tauhid means that there is one, Supreme Lord of the Universe, who is the creator, cherisher and sustainer of heaven and earth, man and animal.

In Quran it's mentioned 'He is the one (Allah)-(112:1)

Believe in the Prophethood:-

One of the fundamentals of Islam is to believe in the Prophethood. This is supported by the second kalima which states that to believe in a Prophet means to believe in his message, to accept the Law which he gave and to follow the code of Conduct which he taught us. That is Sunnah. According to Quran, Muhammad (SAW) is not the

father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the last Prophet - (33:40).

Life after death:-

Belief in life after death which means to the judgement, bodily resurrection, heaven and hell, is the basic principle of the Islam. According to Quran, whoever believes in Allah and the last day and does right and good deeds shall have their reward with their lord, on the day of judgement - (2:62)

Islam is a Complete way of life:-

Islam is not a religion in the common, distorted meaning of the word, confining its scope to the private life of man.

It is a complete way of life, catering for all the fields of human existence.

Islam provide guidance throughout the life. Its impact on individual and social, material, moral, economic, political, legal, cultural, national and international.

Unity of Matter and Spirit:

A unique feature of Islam is that it does not divided life into water-tight situation which compartments of matter and spirit. It holds that Spiritual elevation is to be done by living to believe in God in every situation. As Quran says, Our Lord Gave us the good in this world and the good in the hereafter -(2:201).

Fundamentals of Islam:

There are many fundamentals of Islam but the most important are Tauhid, prayer, zakat, fasting and Hajj are the important one. Every muslim should practizes those fundamentals of Islam. These fundamental are to bring more equality in this human life. Bring more prosperous to others life too. For example, in zakat, if you give zakat to a needy. It means you are gooding a good act and help the poor or needy.

Create a balance between Individual and Society:

Another unique feature of Islam is that it establishes a balance between individualism and collectivism.

It makes the proper development of the personality of man one of the prime objectives of the educational policy. As Quran say: Man shall have nothing but what he strives for- (53:39)

Conclusion:-

Islam is not just a religion but it is a complete code of life. Islam teaches us or the human kind the whole concept of living in this earth. Islam which promotes equality, social justice, humanity and spiritualism. Islam also upheld the fundamentals of the human rights. Islam which teaches us on individual and collective capacity on human life. Islam discourage all kind of negativity and promotes and bring positivism in life.

Q10 Discuss the moral and social effects of collective worship, such as Friday prayers and the haj, on the muslim community?

Introduction:

In Islam, one of the fundamental and basic principle is to do worship of Allah. The worship has moral as well as social effect is individual as well as in the daily life. As Prophet Muhammad states that, one with good manners and noble qualities of mind and character and avoiding evil will have a better place in heaven. As for as the social effect one concern it promotes more equality, and discourage any kind of discrimination.

Place of morality in Islam:

A person with good morals will not only lead a happy and peaceful life himself, but his existence will be a source of comfort to other as well.

It keeps away from indecency and evil and helps the people or individual to remember Allah, which

makes him attain the highest degree of moral perfection.

Worships in Islam:

Worship in Islam denotes act a person performs solely with the object of paying his humble homage to the glory and majesty helplessness, humility, and of gain acts which are called *kurubat*. The worship, not limit to Namaz but includes, fasting, Hajj and even sacrificing of animals. As Quran says, Seek your livelihood from God, and worship Him, and thank Him - 29:17.

Namaz in Islam:

This is the chief pillar of the Islam. The Namaz distinguishing feature between a Muslim and a Non-Muslim. The Namaz, is a kind of worship which is made obligatory upon Muslim by Allah. As Quran says, they will say, we were not those used to offer the

Salat (prayer), will have a place in hell.

Salat is collective worship:

The Salat is collective worship is to promote moral and spiritual perfection in mankind. This purifies all the mankind, physically and Spiritually. prayer is also means of seeking help and guidance from Allah. As Quran Says, guide us to the straight way - 1:6. This can guide the muslim of the world.

Importance of Friday prayer:

The Friday prayer is the most important prayer in the whole week. Its mostly occurs in Friday as in the collective way. In Friday prayer the people prayer for the world and seek help from the Allah. Not only this rich and poor standing together and where all follow the imam, teaches the lessons of equality and discipline. The meaning of this that levelling all differences

of status, colour and nationality. As Quran says, when you have finished Salat, remember Allah is standing, sitting down, and lying down on your sides, but when you are free from danger, performs the salat — 4:103.

Significant of Haj prayer:

The Haj or pilgrimage to Makkah in the month of zil haj is the fifth and the last of the acts of worship prescribed by Islam. It means the pilgrimage that is made to Kabba, which is the first house, built on earth of the worship of one Allah. Pilgrims from all over the world, belonging to different races and nationalities and speaking different languages, assembly on the occasion of haj. Haj is an exhibition of brotherhood, equality and discipline. It affords an opportunity to Muslims from various countries of the world to become acquainted with one another and of discussing common problems facing the Muslim community.

Islam is not just a religion but Deen.

Islam has broader level. It has a spiritual and moral values. The Islam has a collective life, secularism, social-system. Islam provides complete guidance at individual level, as well as at collective level. It created a sense of Muslim Ummah or brotherhood to support each other.

Conclusion:

In Islam the worship one has many types but the most important one are Salat and Hajj. The impact of moral and spiritual effect are most important in Islam. The Islam uphold the moral values to all mankind. The respect of each other and promoting the brotherhood in collective form. In Muslim community the Friday and Hajj or collective prayer are have important values. Because Allah is the only ^{one who give} guidance in this world.

Q9. In what ways do Islamic beliefs influence the formation of ethical and legal systems in Muslim societies?

Introduction:-

The Islamic beliefs which are belief in Oneness of Allah, Angels, Prophet, Day of Judgement and Holy Books. In Islamic these principles are very important to shape the ethical and legal system in Muslim societies. The Muslim all over the world upholds the knowledge of the principles of individual and social behaviour to enable man to have self-fulfilment and to maintain justice and tranquility in human life.

Islamic beliefs shapes the Ethical System:-

Islam is a religion of peace and ethical values. The Allah revealed a code of life which can guide man's step to the right path. The saying of Holy Prophet relating to the Moral (ethical) reforms are of two kinds.

- i) One in which he has total emphasis on moral goodness, as a principle, this means importance of good and virtuous habits.
- ii) The other one is very important, which the human to get a unique reward in the Hereafter. This principles are uphelds by the individual and by the social community to go for the righteous things.

Belief in Hereafter:-

One of the basic beliefs are that belief in the life of Hereafter. This belief means, do the righteous or good deed in the present life to save the life of Hereafter. As Quran says, He sent down the criterion of judgement between right and wrong. Truly, those who believe in the Ayats of Allah, for them there is a sever tournament, as Allah is All-knower - 3:4.

Following the Sunnah:-

The action of Holy Prophet are also contributing to the ethical system.

The Prophet of Islam said, He who leaves his home in search of knowledge walks in the path of God. It says that faith is not a mere profession of beliefs but it is the very mainspring of life. Righteous conduct must follow belief in Allah. As Quran says, Those who believe and act righteously, joy is for them, and yet a blissful home to return to - B:29.

Relationship Between Belief and ethics:

He who has a perfect belief will definitely has very good manners and viceversa. It must be understood that without belief, a person's manner which he perform are become meaningless.

Belief is the spirit and driving force for every deed. As Quran says, Muhammad (SAW) is the Messenger of Allah, and those who are with him are severe against disbelievers, and merciful among themselves - 48:16

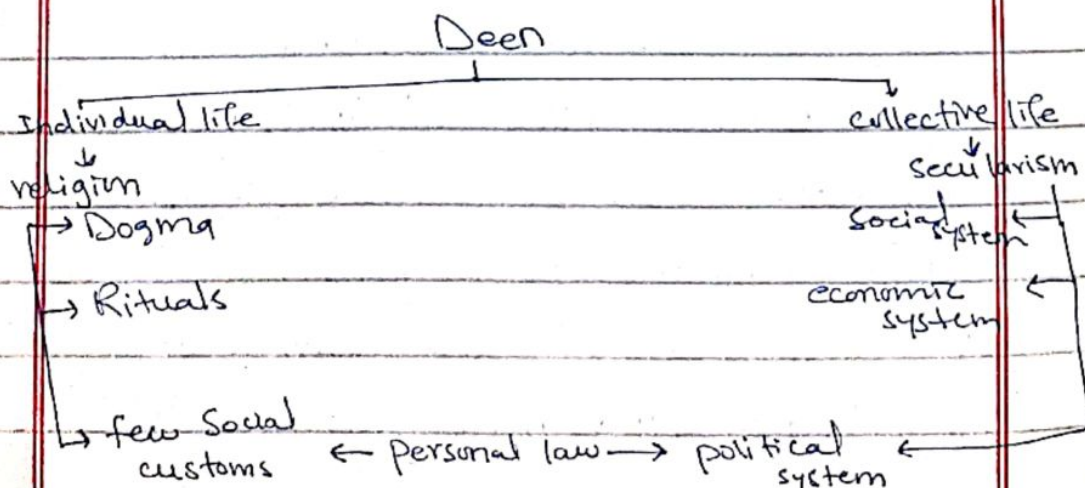
Islamic belief and legal system:

The Islamic belief also influence the Islamic legal system. As Islam is a complete code of life. As Imam Raghīb says, Islam is law of two kinds;

- i) one is a simple confession with the tongue and other is;
- ii) that along with confession, there is belief in the heart and fulfilment in practice, and resignation to God in whatever He brings to pass or decrees.

Islam Cover all Aspects of Life:

As Islam is a Deen covers entire life, from individual level to collective level, from personal life to collective life.



Laws are to be in-lined with Islamic Injunctions:.

The Muslim states like Pakistan has inlined all legal system according to the Islamic injunctions. Moreover, even a law which is against the Islamic injunctions cannot be passed by the Parliament. For example, the concept of *diyat* is a Islamic concept but it is a part of Pakistani legal system.

Sharia in Islam:

The sharia means the correct path in Arabic. In Islam, it refers to the divine counsel that Muslims follow to live moral lives and grow close to God.

The sharia is derived from two sources; one is Quran, which is considered the direct word of God and Hadith, thousands of sayings and practices attributed to the Prophet Muhammad that collectively form the Sunna. The process of interpreting sharia, known as *Fiqh*. This really help in the Islamic

Legal System.

Conclusion:-

In Islam all the ethics and legal system are driven by belief. If the belief is not present the task will be in-complete even if it is completed.

The ethics shaped ^{by} the Islamic belief system, Because if the good deeds in the good direct is done then it will be count to be done. Same as belief contributes in the legal system of Islam. As Islam is a complete code of life and also guide the human to the legal system.

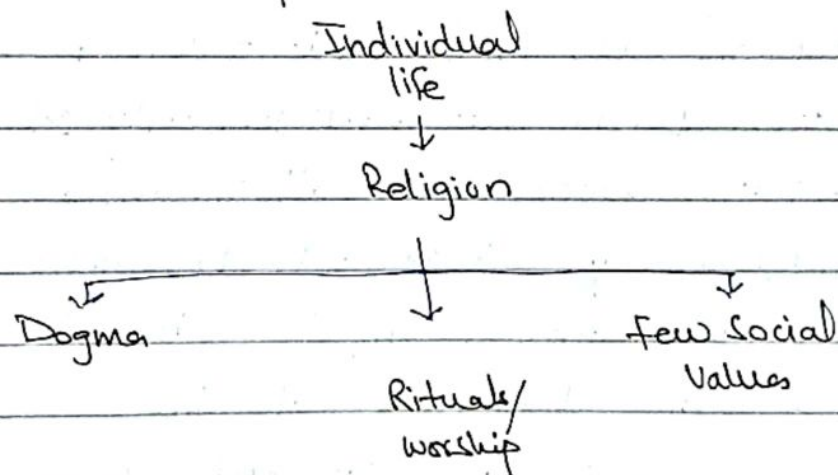
Q2. Explain the term "Din" in the context of Islam and describe its scope in comparison to the concept of religion in western thought?

Introduction:-

Islam is characterized as a religion. It seems as if it just one of the other religions of the world. In this 21st century the modern educated Muslims also think that Islam is not a Deen but a religion only. Moreover, it is incorrect to call Islam a religion only. It is a Deen which simply means a complete code of life. Islam deals with all the matters. For instance, it guide the human, in individual and social capacity, Moral, ethics and material knowledge. Not only this but it covers, the legal, economic and legal matters. As Quran states, and kill not your children due to poverty. We shall provide for them as for you. Surely, the killing of them is greatest sin — 17:31.

Islam as a Religion:-

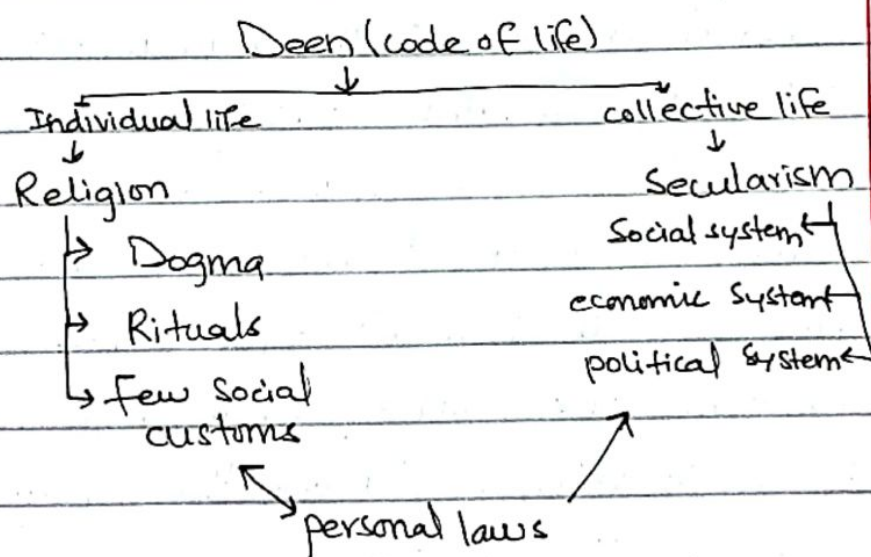
Islam as a religion will narrow down the sense of Islam. The word religion scope is only limited to a set of dogmas, ritual for worship, and a several number of social values to be celebrated in the life. Further, the religion only deals with individual life only.



Islam as a Deen:-

Islam as a Deen covers all aspects of the human life. It includes all religio-socio-economic-political system. It also highlights upon the material as well as spiritual parameters of human life. It also includes all the

deed are to be done in right way in the name of Allah. The Quran and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad is obligatory upon all members of the Muslim Ummah. The aim is to achieve true way of life. Islam as a social justice, which covers human freedom, equality and fraternity. As Quran state that, And you see that the people enter Allah's Deen in crowds - 110:3.



Islam and Secularism:-

The Secularism means, it is the belief that state, morals, education and politics should be separated from religion. Moreover, there is no guidance

provide in Secular System. While Islam provides guidance in Individual level as well as collective level. As Quran state that, This day, I have perfected your Deen for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your Deen — 5:10.

Religion in West :-

In the Western Country the religion is separated from the life. It is a personal matter of the human being. It only contains worship in there and some moral only. Apart from this, the west do not have any kind of involvement of socio-economic, nor Socio-political attachment to their religion. However, they may have a little influence over the political party. In west the human rights are associated with the state. But in the Islam all Human rights are associated with Islam. And Islam provided all basic human right to

men and women, without any distinction.

Deen is better than west concept of Religion:-

In Islam, Deen covers all the matters. from individual capacity to collective level. It also covers from political, economic and social principles. For example in Islam the women have right to own a business. While in west the women still not received the equal pay as men do. For example in Iceland, men have higher pay than women.

Conclusion:-

Islam is better in all way. It is a complete code of life. It covers all aspect of life. Islam is a guide for a human being in entire life. It guides us from all kinds of situation. Not only this but also connect with the God. It guides us morally, social and politically. It give all types of fundament human rights

which were providing it in this 20 and
21st century. Thus, Islam is not just
merely a religion but a Deen.