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Q; Despite the scientific and technological (48 min) advancement the present society is facing moral values decline and mental anarchy. In these circumstances elucidate the importance and effectiveness of religion. (20 marks)

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INTRODUCTION

“Religion is to practise certain faiths related to God.”

- Emile Durkheim

In the contemporary world where mental anarchy and moral decadence is everywhere, the religion is the significant and effective way to overcome these problems and build a harmonious society. The religion can build this society by giving everyone the purpose of life, guides them in every corner of life, teaches them humanity and so on.

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BACKGROUND; THE MENTAL ANARCHY AND MORAL DECLINE FACED BY PRESENT SOCIETY DESPITE THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

The contemporary has developed so much. The present age of AI Artificial intelligence has made everything possible within the smallest ever span of time.

However, the technological advancement has not successfully stopped the humanitarian crisis and mental anarchy of the age.

For instance, there has been a number of wars including Israel Palestine war, and recent Israel Iran war. The former one has killed over 56000 Palestinian people, and has caused mental problems and retardation. Besides, there are some estimates showing that over 47,000 people die suicidally in the European countries in the year 2021. This is probably due to the lack of purpose of life and motive to live.

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3) IMPORTANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF RELIGION TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS FACED BY CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

3.1) Religion Gives The Purpose Of Life;

"And do you think that
We have created you in
play."

(Quran)

The above verse of the Quran shows that humans have a purpose of life which they should fulfill, to live peacefully.

3.2) Religion Builds The Moral Character Of An Individual

Religion uplifts the humans morally by building their ethical values. In the following verse, for example, the Quran discourages pride in an individual.

"Do not walk on the earth
arrogantly"

(Surah Al-Isra 17; 37)

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3.3) Religion Provides Peace Of Heart And Mind

Religion gives peace of mind and heart which is scattered in the present time. The worship of God gives spiritual, moral, and mental peace.

"Indeed, the peace of heart and mind lies in the remembrance of Allah" (Quran).

3.4) Religion Guides An Individual In Every Aspect Of Life

The religion guides an individual, in individual, collective, social, moral, economic, political and other aspects of life. Therefore, it reduces the mental retardation of an individual. For example, the Islam gives economic principle while it says;

"Earning (Halal Rizq) is a worship."

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3.5) Religion Teacher An Individual the Humanity

Religion supports humanity as it gives utmost importance to each and every individual, animal, plant, and even environment. For example, Buddhism support humanity when it prohibits harsh behavior with any person, animal or other living beings.

3.6) RELIGION TEACHES THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL EQUALLY

Religion gives utmost importance to every human. This assists an individual not to harm others and his own self as well. Hence, this leads to a peaceful society. The Quran entails, in this regard, that;

"Whoever kills a person it is as if he has killed the whole humanity." (Surah Maidah)

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3.7) RELIGION ENCOURAGES A BALANCED MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Religion build the moral values of an individuals as it says to live a balanced life. Thus, it suggests not leave material life for the sake of spiritual one and vice versa. The Quran says;

"Do not forget your share of this world."

3.8) RELIGION ENCOURAGES AN INDIVIDUAL TO DO SOCIAL JUSTICE

"When you judge between the people judge with justice" (Surah Nisa)

I As stated above, the religion asks for social justice and therefore it encourages and builds the moral upliftness of an individual as well.

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CONCLUSION

To conclude, the religion is the practise of certain beliefs regarding God as entailed by Emile Durkheim. And it is very significant to reduce and overcome the mental anarchy and moral decline prevailing in the present society. Itence, it ultimately builds a peaceful, and harmonious society.
