

1) ISLAMIC STUDIES x Questions

Ques What is the Difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the Importances of Deen in Human Life with arguments. (2016) (2012)

Answer

A) Introduction

Islam is not only a religion but also a Deen. That means a complete code of Life. On the one hand, religion deals with only ~~relations~~ man's relations with God. On the other hand, a Deen deals with both ~~the~~ with man's relation God and his fellow beings. Moreover, religion deals with private affairs of Life, whereas Deen deals with all aspects of Life. Moving forward, Deen has many importance in human life. It provides guidance to mankind. It also provides a clear path for life. It is a source of knowledge and wisdom. In short, it will discuss the difference between Deen and religion, and also it will discuss the importance of Deen in

B) Religion

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Religion is an English word. It comes from Latin Italian Religare, which mean religa. Religa means tie back or bind to. According to the Philosopher Max Muller, religion mean only reverence for God, careful pondering of divine things and Piety. It is used in narrow sense. Its scopes are limited. It deals with only individual life.

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(i) Literal Meanings of Religion-

- a) To Follow, to subjugate
- b) To follow the commandments of a supernatural power deity of God.

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(ii) Contextual Meaning of Religion

- (a) It is the way of life.
- b) To Find ones own roots.

(iii) Definitions of Religion by scholars

(a) Edward Taylor defined religion as "If you believe in spiritualism it is called Religion-

(ii) ³ According to Dr. Asad Ahmed, the religion is made up of Faith, worship and Social Functions

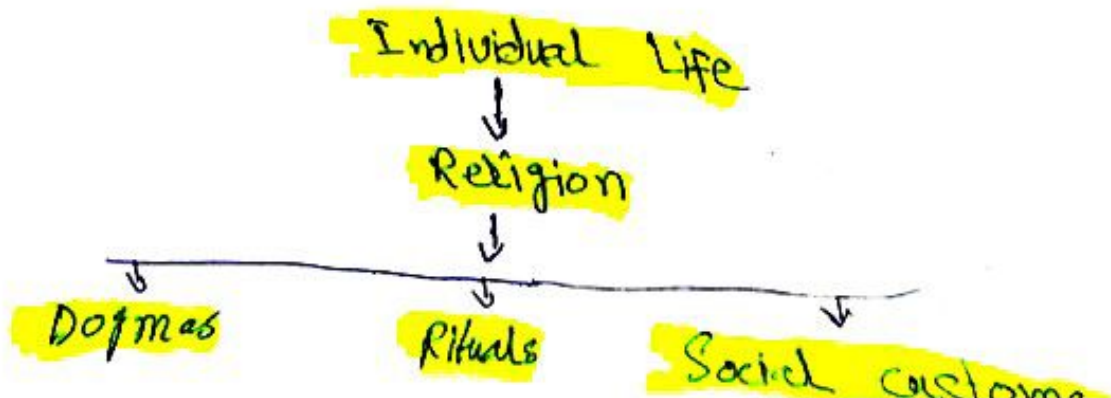
(iii) According to Sir E.B. Taylor, religion means the belief in spiritual beings

(iv) The Socialist Emil Durkheim, in his book 'The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life', Religion defined as a unified system of beliefs and Practices relative to sacred things

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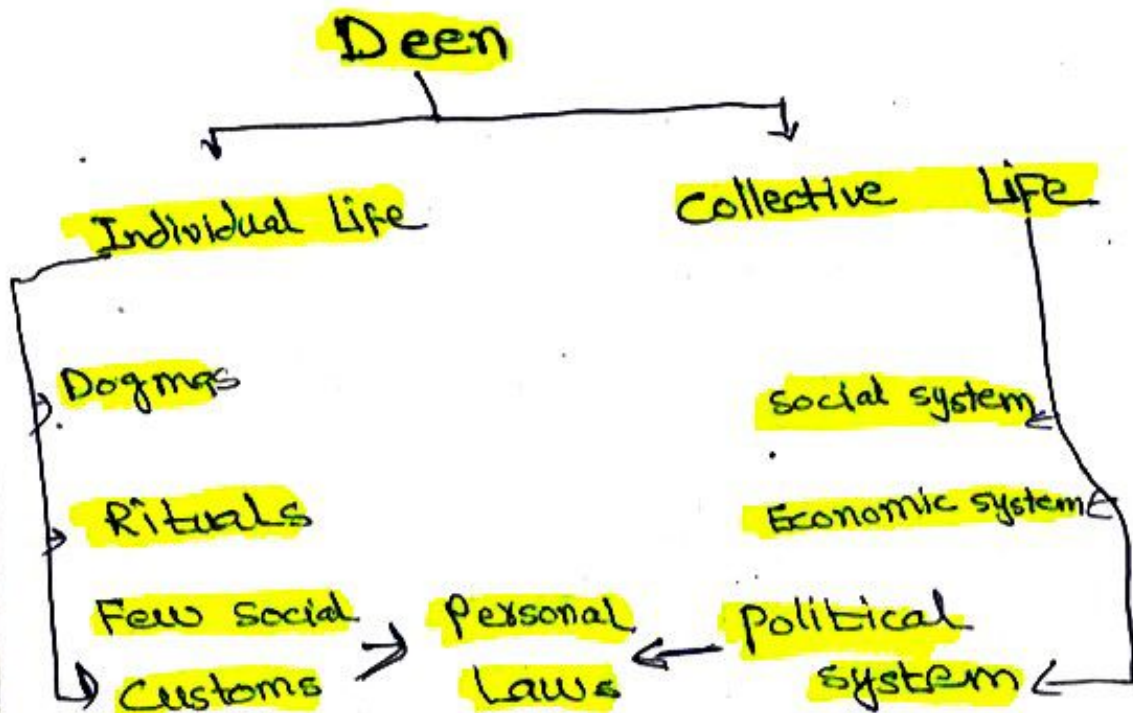
(v) According to Muhammad Mazhar-ud-Din Siddiqi, religion affects every step of life. It has impacts on Political, economic, domain, philosophy and other spheres of life. It also glorifies the concept of Universe

→ Religion deals with only Individual Life as detailed below;



C) DEEN

Deen refers complete code of life. It covers all aspects of life. Deen covers sacred and secular aspects of man. Deen covers entire life as depicted in the following Diagram;



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(ii) Contextual Meaning of Deen.

It is a complete code of Life.

- Islam →
- a) To admit the sovereignty of Allah
 - b) To follow the commandments
 - c) Follow divine Rules
 - d) Reward and Punishments—

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- (ii) According to Dr. Israr Ahmed Deen is component of the following:
 a) worship b) social Justice c) Faiths
 d) social system e) Political and Financial System
 f) Justice system-

(iii) ~~Info~~ Importance of Deen In Quran:
 The word Deen has been used in the Quran in three meanings. The word Deen appears 92 times in the Quran.

(a) $\text{اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم}$
 $\text{واتممت عليكم نعمتي ورضيت}$
 لكم الاسلام ديناً
 (Al Maida 5:3)

"This day, I have Perfected your Deen for you, completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your Deen" (Al Maida 5:3)

b) $\text{ان الدين عند الله الاسلام}$

Surely the (true) religion with is Islam (Aal-Imran 3:19)

→ This means that with Allah, Deen is only which makes man recognize Allah alone as Possessor of Pignity-

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d) $\text{ان لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له}$

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"Speak they other than the Deen of Allah when onto Him submits whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly, or unwillingly, and unto Him they will be returned." Aal-Imran 3:83-

e) هو الذي ارسل رسوله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله ولو كره المشركون - (Al-Tawbah 9:33)

"He it is who sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Deen of Truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all Deens, however, much the idolaters may be averse." (Al-Tawbah 9:33)

f) قاتلوهم حتى لا تكون فتنة ويكون الدين للهِ -

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	2) Subcontent	2) Full-
	3) Relations of man with God	3) Relations of man with God and his fellow beings-
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	5) Social Functions are manmade	5) Social Functions are revealed-
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	7) Subjective Experiences	7) objective-reality-
	8) Worships are man made	8) Worships are revealed
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13) Religion induces man
to flee from struggles
of life.

14) Religion encourages belief
in fatalism, and this
belief tends to dissuade
man from active
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15) Religion enjoin religious
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name of worship and thus
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12) Deen is rational
and logical, it
breaks all idols, old
and new, and is
never variable in
its principles.

13) Deen calls upon
him to face the
realities of life,
whatever the hazards.

14) Deen gives man
power to challenge
fate, and provides
energy for a life of
activity and self-
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Deen plays a vital role in individual and collective life of human beings. Deen deals with man relations with God and his fellow beings. It tells humans ways of life and means for living a virtuous life. It deals with domestic challenges and foreign relations. Moreover, it has several importance in human life. They are include guidances to mankind, a clear path for life and source for wisdom and knowledge. In short, it is the complete code of life and furnishing adequate guidance in all human life. Following are the importances of Deen in human life.

a) Deen provides guidance to mankind

Deen provides essential guidance to mankind, offering a comprehensive framework for living a meaningful and purposeful life. It sets clear principles of moral behaviour, spiritual devotion, social interaction helped individuals navigate the complexities of life with wisdom and integrity.

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اقوم ويبشّر المؤمنين الذين
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"Surely this Quran guides to what which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward. (Al-Isaaq 17:9)

b) Deen Provides a clear Path

Deen, the comprehensive system of life based on faith and guidance, provides a clear path for humans by offering moral and spiritual directions.

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فَأَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالنُّورِ الَّذِي
أَنْزَلْنَاهُ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ -

"Therefore believe in Allah and His Messenger and the light which we have revealed, and Allah is aware of what you do" (Al-Taghabun 62:8)

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Deen Leads Mankind From Darkness to Light

Deen leads mankind from darkness to light by providing divine guidance that illuminates the path of righteousness, morality and purpose. It offers clarity in a world filled with confusion and misguidance, helping individuals to distinguish between right and wrong. Through the teachings of Deen, people are encouraged to rise above ignorance, selfish desires and materialism.

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Spiritual growth and ethical living. This (2)
transformation fosters inner peace, social harmony,
and a deeper connection with the creator.
As Quran refers;

الكتاب انزلناه اليك لتخرج
الناس من الظلمات الى النور
ربهم الى طراط العزيز الحميد -
(Ibrahim 14:1)

"Alif Lam Ra (This is) a book which we
have revealed to you that you may
bring forth men. By their Lord's permission
from utter darkness into light - to the
way of the mighty, the Praiseworthy."
(Ibrahim 14:1)

→ This divine light offers a ray
of hope to those who have lost
their way in the wilderness of darkness.
As Quran states;

هو الذي ينزل على عبده آيات بينات
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(4) ⁽¹³⁾ Deen is a Source of Wisdom and Knowledge.

Deen serves as a profound source of wisdom and knowledge offering guidance for individuals in all aspects of life. It provides moral and ethical frameworks that help to navigate personal and societal challenges. The book of Deen contains unsurpassable wisdom and knowledge "Yasin", by the Quran, full of wisdom 36:12. The wisdom of Quran is really insightful and provides guidance. As Quran states;

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تكن تعلم (١٣) وكان فيل الله عليك عظيما -
(Surah AL Niss 4:113)

"And were it not for Allah's grace upon you and His mercy a party of them had certainly designed to bring you to Perdition and they do not bring (ought) to Perdition but their own souls and they shall not harm you in any way, and Allah has revealed to you the book and the Wisdom and he has taught you what you did know, and Allah's grace on you is very great" (AL-Niss 4:113).

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e) Deen sets the criterion For Right and WRONG

Deen establishes the Fundamental criteria for distinguishing between right and wrong, offering a clear moral compass for individual and societies. The Quran provides on judgement and justice - As Quran states

شهر رمضان الذي انزل
القرآن هدي للناس وبيانات من
الهدى والفرقان (Al-Baqarah 2:285)

"The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was revealed, a guidance to ^{men} mankind and clear proofs of the guidance and the distinction (Al-Baqarah 2:285)"

Undoubtedly, The Quran is ~~undoubtedly~~ a manifest criterion between truth and falsehood.

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وهذا كتاب انزلناه مبارك فاتنر
وانتقوا لعلم ترمون -

"And this is a book we have revealed, blessed; therefore follow it and guard (against evil) that mercy may be shown to you (Aal ~~Anaam~~ 6:155).

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Allah says:

وتنزل من القرآن ما هو شفاء
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الظالمين الا خسارا

(Al-Isa 17:82)

"And we reveal of the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy to the believers, and it add only to the prediction of the unjust." (AL- Isa 17:82).

8) Teachings of Deen are Guard against evil-

The teachings of deen serve as a powerful safeguard against evil by providing clear moral guidelines and principles that help individuals to resist temptation and harmful behaviour. By emphasizing virtues like honesty, humility, compassion and self discipline. It empowers believers to remain steadfast in the face of negative influence. It encourages constant remembrance of Allah, fostering a sense of accountability and awareness that all actions are seen and judged.

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The Quran develops fear of God and reverence and love for him. It guards those who against evil.
As Quran states

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"It is a Quran in Arabic without any crookedness therein, in order that they may guard against evil" (Al-Zumr 39:28).

A true believer is shielded by the powerful cover of the Quran against evil and wicked ways. As Allah Almighty says in Quran;

كَذَلِكَ يبين الله آياته للناس لَعَلَّكُمْ يَتَّقُونَ.

"Thus does Allah makes His signs clear to men that they learn self-restraint (and guard themselves against evil)" (Al-Baqarah 2:187).

h)" **Deen Provides a Clear Message to Mankind**

Deen provides a clear and comprehensive message, guiding individuals how to live a life of purpose, morality and spiritual fulfillments.

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"Alif Lam Ra (This book) a book, whose verses are made decisive, then are they made plain from the wise, all aware".
(Surah Hud 11:1)

i) Deen induces in man Piety (Tawah) and Remembrance (Dhikr) of God -

Deen highlights its fundamental importance in human life. Through Tawah, individuals cultivate a heightened awareness of God's presence, which fosters moral integrity, ethical behaviour, and a deep sense of accountability for their actions. Dhikr encourage continuous reflection and gratitude, allowing individuals to connect with the divine amidst of daily life. Piety refers to the inner peace and deference man should have for his creator. This profound fear centralizes the concept of God and His remembrance in the mind of believers.

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كذلك أنزلنا قرآنًا عربيًا وهرقنا فيه من الوحي لعلهم يتقون أو
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"And thus have we sent it down an Arabic
 Quran, and have distinctly set forth therein
 of threats that they may guard (against evil)
 or that it may produce a reminder for
 them." (Taha 20:113).

Deen Provides Principles For Establishment of Justice;

Deen plays a crucial role in establishing
 Principles of justice. Deen provides
 guidelines that promote social equality
 and protect the rights of all individuals.
 It guide in the establishment of
 balanced system of justice and equality.
 As Quran refers;

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 بين الناس بما اراك (ع) ولا تكن
 للخاصين - (AL-Nissr 4:103)

"Surely we have revealed the Book
 to you with the truth that you may
 judge between people by means of that
 which Allah has taught you and/be
 not an adequate on behalf of the
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الله الذي انزل الكتاب بالحق
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"It is God who has sent down the
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F) Analysis

It means that Deen is a
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all aspects of life from personal to
external life. Moving forward, it is covered
that there is a huge difference
between deen and religion. Moreover
Deen covers all importances of in
human life. It is proved that
Islam is not only a religion
but also a deen. It is also
analyzed that Islam is the
only one deen in the world
which guides men in every
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E) Conclusion

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