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ISLAMICAT

Q. It is the period of basic human rights - an what is meant by human rights and what is a western concept of human rights, discuss human rights of Islam in the light of the sermon of Hajjatul Wida'ah.
(20 marks)

Ans
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INTRODUCTION

Universal Nations

As per United Declaration of Human rights, Human rights are the basic fundamental right which are inherent in every human without any discrimination of race, color, nationality, etc. Human rights are the main and important concept in the modern period. The human rights in Islam, however, are as old as the Islam itself, and it has stressed much on these rights and their preservation.

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DEFINING HUMAN RIGHTS

"Human rights are the fundamental rights inherited upon each and every person without racial, national, sexual or other discrimination."

- UNOR UDHR

In modern times, human rights are very paramount and their violation by an individual or a state is met with sanctions and penalties.

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WESTERN CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

In western societies, the philosophy of human rights is that these are achieved by man through a long period of struggle, and different

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movements. Moreover, they consider these rights as inherent, universal, inalienable, indivisible,

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ISLAMIC CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

In Islamic shariah, which is the source of islamic law, the human rights are not man-made but these rights are gifted to humans by Allah since the foundation of Islam. Besides, the principles of inheritance, universality, inalienability and indivisibility of human rights are also entailed by Islam. Furthermore, the main characteristic of human rights given by Islam is that they are accompanied with the duties as well.

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HUMAN RIGHTS OF ISLAM IN THE LIGHT OF THE SERMON OF HAJJATUL WIDAH

5.1)

Equality Of All Humankind

Islam does not support discrimination based on race, color, nationality. But it says all humans are equal

"There is only one thing that makes one person superior to others and that is piety and goodness."

(Prophet Muhammad p.b.u.h at the last sermon)

5.2)

Islam gives dual Concept of Right and Duties

Islam gives concept of right and duties for the social harmony. The same concept is supported by the following words of prophet Muhammad

during the last sermon of his life.

"You have certain rights over your women, but they also have certain rights over you."

5.3) Right to life is guaranteed by Islam

Islam stresses on the importance of a man's life and gives every human the right to life and security. The prophet Muhammad p.b.u.h had also addressed the same in his last sermon, as he said

"You have the right regarding your person."

5.4) Islam has provided the right to Property and economic wellbeing

"Do not illicitly try to acquire the property of fellow muslim"

- The last Sermon of prophet p.b.u.h
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As it can be seen from the above words of prophet that Islam has given the right to acquire property and economic wellbeing through legal means to each and every individual.

5.5) Islam has given the Right to humans to preserve their honour

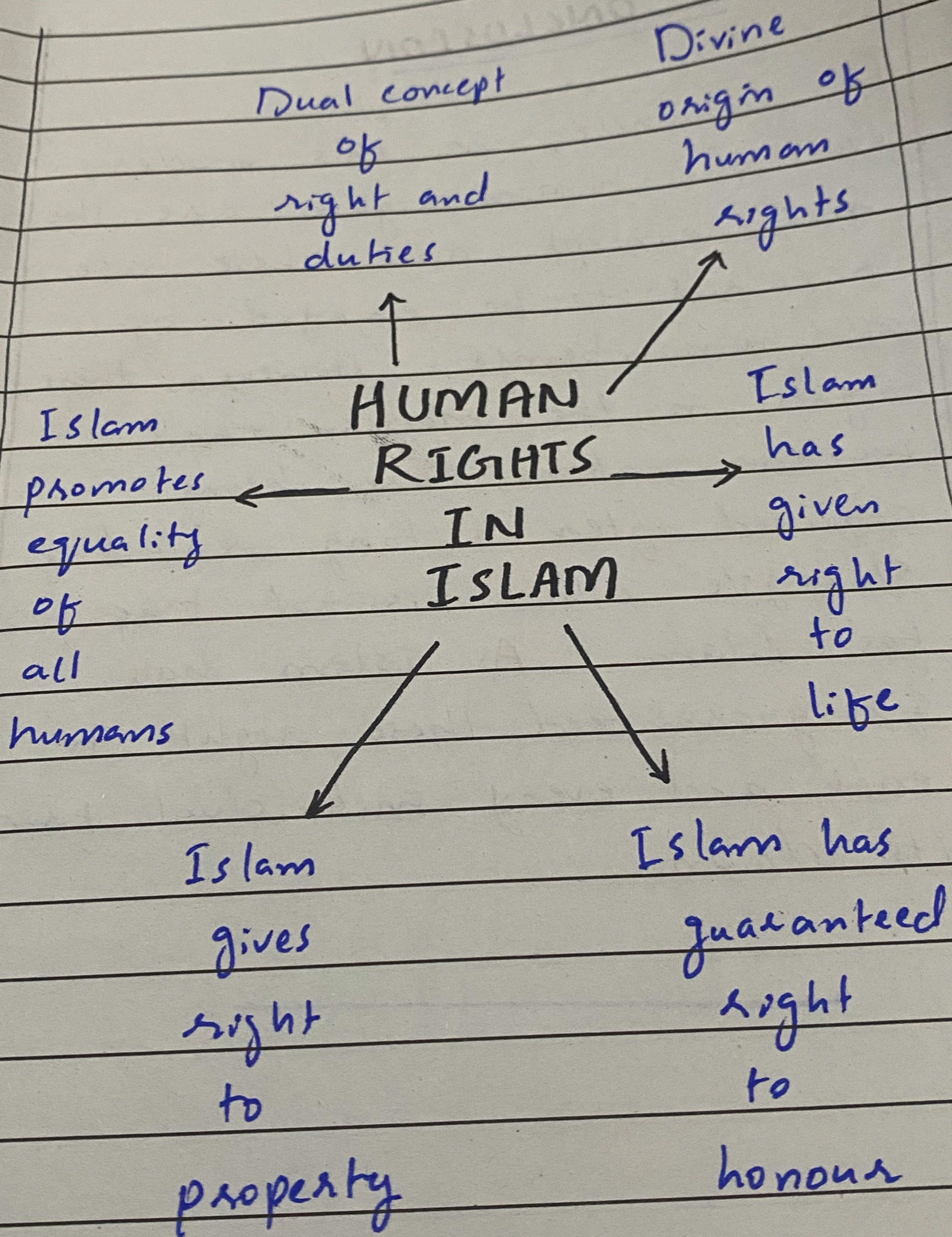
Islam has stressed most on the human dignity. And therefore it has guaranteed the right to preserve their honour to all humans.

“You have been entitled with three fundamental rights, regarding your person, your property, and your honour.”

(Prophet Muhammad p.b.u.h)

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CONCLUSION

To conclude, in this modern era the human rights are the main concept and these are required to be enjoyed by all human beings. However, these rights, in the modern and western nations, are being acquired after a long period of struggle which is not true for Islam. As Islam has guaranteed these rights to each and every individual from its dawn.
