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Q No: 2

Introduction: Islam is the religion of peace in which there are no obligations regardless there is equality to men and women. In Islam women has provided with various rights such as: Acknowledgement of personhood, Right to life, Dignity, Right to property, Right to choose her spouse, Special relaxations are provided to women, Right to Mehr, right to khulṭ, Right to maintainance, other rights which are provided to women are economic rights such as right to inheritance, right of independent ownership of a women. The political rights of women in Islam are: right to vote, right to become leader of Islamic state, right to participate in state affairs.

→ Concept of Human rights in Islamic thought in Specification of Status of women in Islam:

The concept of human rights in Islam especially women is Allah has created equality in between men and women. Both have provided with equal rights.

The major rights provided to women by Islam are:

(i) Acknowledgement of personhood of women in Islam:

Islam has acknowledged the personhood of women. This has been elaborated in the Surah of Quran, Surah Nisa, the context of that Surah is:

“O Mankind, be careful of your duty towards your lord (Rabb) who has created you from a single soul and then created its mate.”

[Surah Nisa]
1:4

This ayat elaborates the acknowledgement of women in Islam.

(iii) **Right to Life is provided to women in Islam:**

Islam has provided the right to life for women. It is elaborated in the context of Quran as:

“And Because of that, we decreed upon the children of Israel that whosoever kills a soul, unless for a soul or else did corruption in the land. It is as if he had slain the mankind entirely.”
[Quran]

This ayat of Quran elaborates the right given to women of life.

iii) **Dignity is provided to women in Islam:**

Allah has revealed the Dignity of women in Quran. It is written in the surah of Quran Bani Israel that:

"And we have certainly honoured the children of Adam and carried them on land and sea and provided them with good things."

[Bani Israel 17:70]

This ayat of Quran reveals the dignity of women in Islam.

(iv) Right to religion:

"There is no compulsion in religion. The right is revealed and the wrong is also distinct from the right."

**[Context of Surah Baqrah]
2:256**

This ayat is elaborating that there is no compulsion in religion means women are free to opt their religion; they have a right to choose religion. However, in Quran the right path is already elaborated that Islam is the religion of peace.

(iv) Right to Property:

Islam has provided with women all the rights of having her own property. It is written in the Surah 4:32 of holy Quran that "The man has a share of what they have earned and the woman has the share of what they have earned?" [Quran] [4:32]

This ayat of Quran is explaining the right of property of women in Islam.

(v) Right to chose her spouse:

Women in Islam has given the right to chose her spouse. Both virgin as well as widow has the right to chose the spouse of her own choice.

"No widow is to be married without consulting her, and no virgin is to be married without consulting her, and her silent is considered her assent."

[Sahih Bukhari]

(vii) Special Relaxation is given to women in Religious obligations

Islam has provided women with some special relaxations in religious obligations. For example: • When a woman is in her Menstrual cycle period, she has given this relaxation of not to perform any religious duty such as Namaz, fasting etc.

- When the woman is giving a birth to a child, till 40 days Islam has given relaxation to woman of not to perform any religious duty.

- Nursing mother to a baby is also prohibited of not to perform any religious duty if there is any harm to mother or a child.

This is how Islam has provided women with certain relaxations.

(viii) Right to Mehr: A marriage Gift to women by her Husband:

Islam has given the right to women to take Mehr (A marriage gift) from his husband. This gift of mehr is provided to woman after their contract of Nikkah in Islam.

~~ix~~ Right to Khula (Divorce) from Husband:

Islam has given the right to Khula (Divorce) to woman from his Husband.

In case if woman is not feeling safe, secure, or bearing tortures of husband and husband's family then Islam has fully supported women and given her this right to Khula (Divorce).

~~x~~ Right to maintenance and protection for women:

“The best of you is the best to his family and I am the best among you to my family.”

[Prophet Muhammad]

(ix) Women as a Mother:

"Paradise lies under the feet of Mother." [Holy prophet]

Holy prophet has said that paradise is under the feet of mother. This is how Islam has given this dignity of women as a mother.

→ Economic Rights to women in Islam:

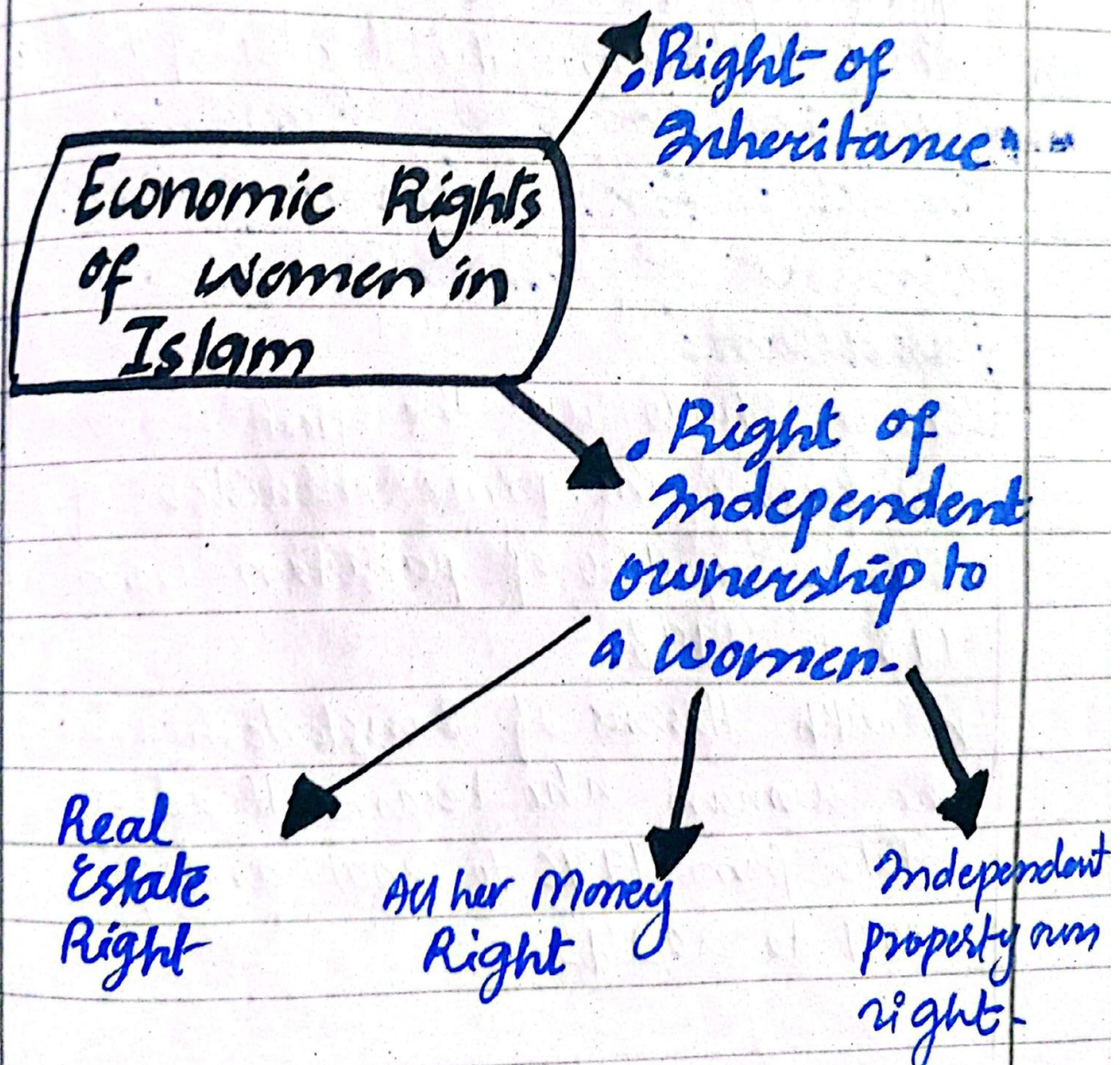
The Economic rights given to women in Islam are:

(i) Right of Inheritance:

Islam has provided the right of inheritance to women. Neither her husband nor his father can take away this right of inheritance to a woman.

(ii) Right of Independent ownership to a woman:

A woman in Islam has given the right of independent ownership. Women has the right to own independent property, women has the right of real estate, as well as the full right of her money.



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→ Political Rights ↑ to women in Islam:

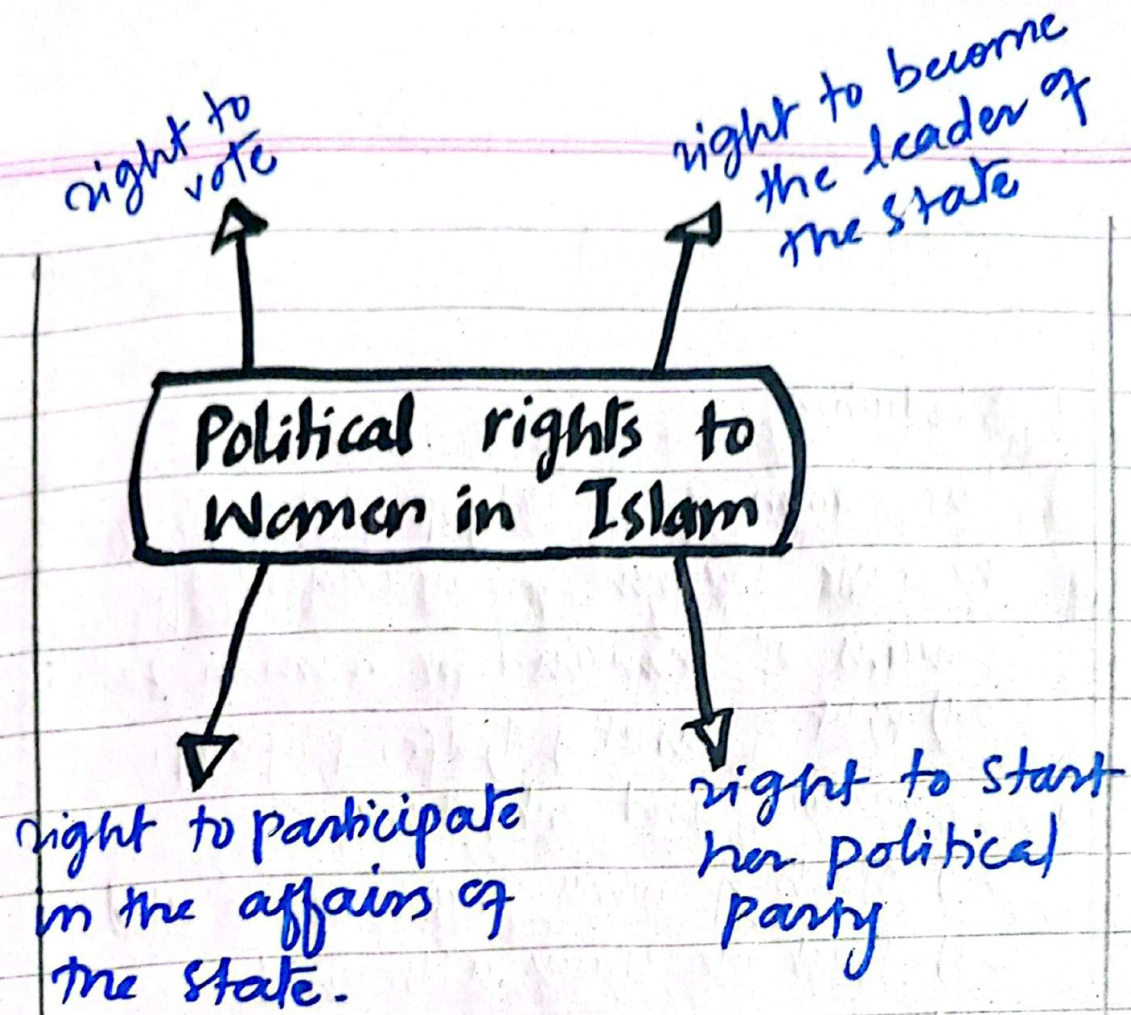
The political rights provided to women in Islam are:

- (i) Right to vote.
- (ii) Right to make her own political party.
- (iii) Right to participate in the active affairs of the state.
- (iv) Right to become the leader of the state.

→ Case in point of Benazir Bhutto: First woman prime minister of Islamic state Pakistan:

Benazir Bhutto was the first woman who became the prime minister of Islamic republic of Pakistan. From 1998 to 1998.

→ Sheikh Hossain of Bangladesh was the woman who became Head of State from 1996 to 2001 and from 2009 to 2024.



Conclusion: In Islam women is provided with all her basic rights including right of Acknowledgement, right of life, right of religion, right of property, right to chose her spouse, right of khuls, other rights provided by Islam to women are economic and political rights such as: right of inheritance, right of independent ownership and right to vote, right to participate in state affairs.

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Q No # 4 (outline)

1) Introduction

2) Last Sermon of the Holy prophet (PBUH) is the basic document for awakening of conscious of mankind for human rights:

2-1) Right of sanctity of life, property, wedlock and inheritance.

2-2) Rights of wives must be protected.

2-3) Treat the slaves with kind.

2-4) Observance of religious duties.

2-5) Abolishing of usury.

2-6) Do not kill each other

2-7) No Arab is superior to Ajamies.

2-8) Right of inheritance

2-9) Right of life safeguard

3) Conclusion: