

1) ISLAMIC STUDIES x Questions

Qno3 What is the difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the Importances of Deen in Human Life with arguments. (2016) [2022]

attempt on lined loose sheets for better practice.....

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 God. On the other hand, Deen deals with both God and man's relation with 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 Khan and Religion. Also it will discuss the importance of Deen in

B) Religion

give the main heading first and relate your headings to the qs statement. 25 (ii)

Religion is an English word. It comes from Latin ²⁵ 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.

(i) Literal Meanings of Religion-

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

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(ii) Contextual Meaning of Religion

- (a) It is the way of life.
- b) To find one's own 'roots'

(iii) Definitions of Religion by scholars

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

(ii) According to Dr. ABD Al Ahmadi, the religion is made up of faith, worship and social functions

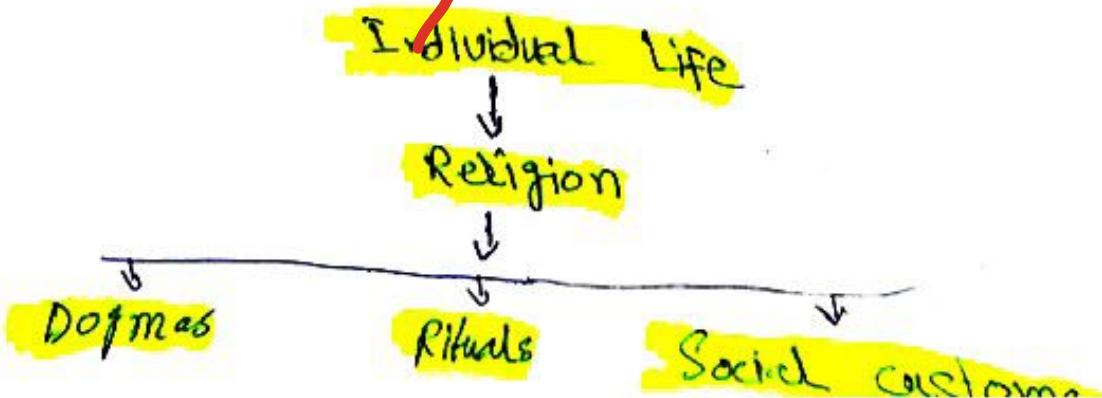
(iii) According to Sir E. B. Taylor, religion means the belief in spiritual beings

(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

To practice certain faith relate to God it is called Religion -

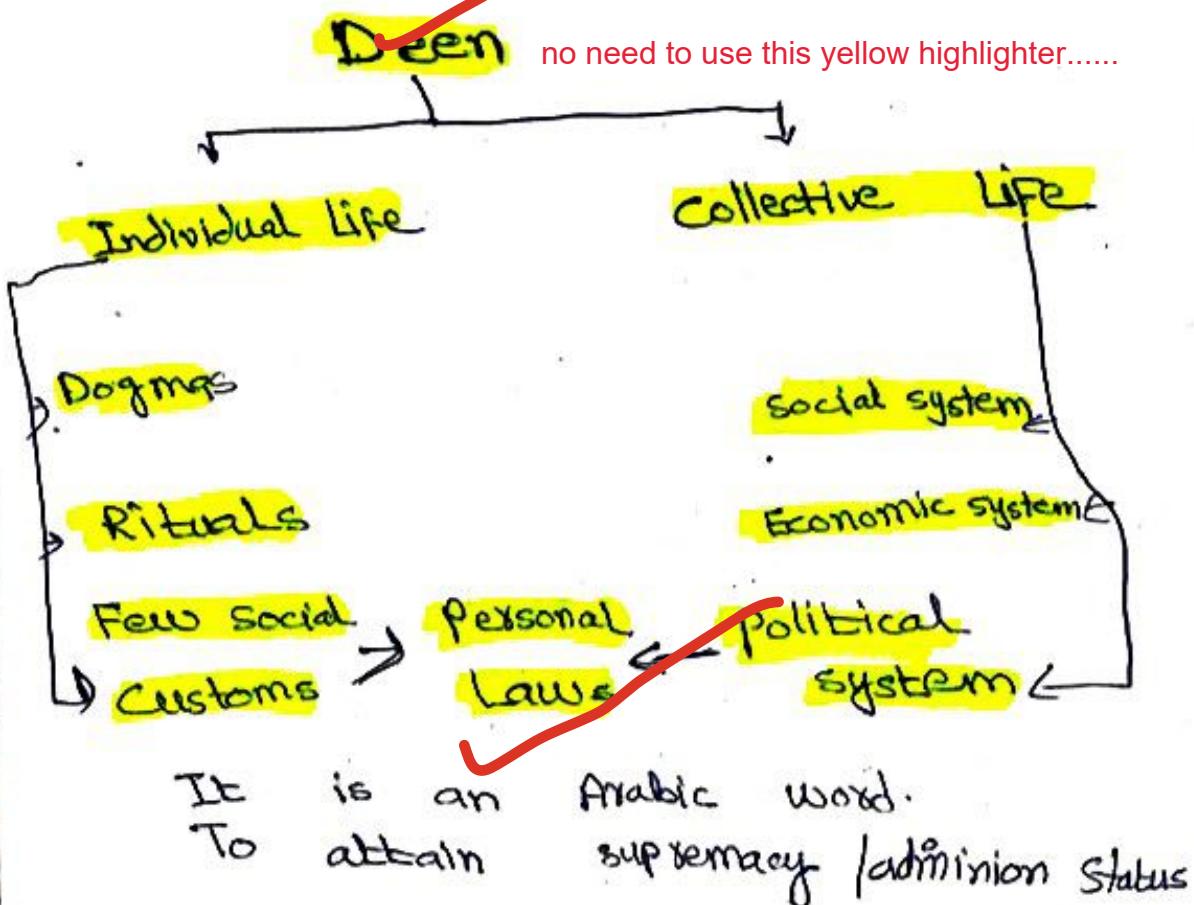
(v) According to Muhammad Mazhar-ud-Din Siddiqi, religion affects every step of life. It has impacts on political, economic, domain, philosophy and other spheres of life. It also glorifies the concept of Universe

→ 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;



(i) 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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4) (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) 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) الْيَوْمَ أَكْلَمْتُكُمْ مِّنْ يَمْنُكُمْ
 وَاتَّخَذْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَحْمَتِي
 لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامُ دِينُنَا (AL Maidaah 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 Maidaah 5:3)

(b) إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدِنِي إِلَّا إِسْلَامٌ
 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-

c) وَمَنْ يَبْتَغُ مِنْ دِينِنَا فَلَنْ يَقْبَلْ مِنْهُ - 91

"And whosoever seeks a Deen other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him" (Aal- Imran 3:85)

d) إِنَّمَا الْمُشْرِكُونَ لَا يُنْهَا نِعْمَاتُنَا وَفِي

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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 onto Him they will be returned." Aal-Imran 3:83 -

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هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْحَقِّ (e)

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"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)

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6) **D) Difference Between Deen and Religion**

RELIGION	DEEN
1) Individual + Personal Life	1) Individual + Collective Life
2) Subcontent (جواب)	2) Full-
3) Relations of man with God	3) Relations of man with God and his fellow beings-
4) Faith are man-made	4) Faith are revealed
5) Social Functions are man-made	5) Social Functions are revealed-
6) Religion is man-made	6) Properly divined-
7) Subjective Experiences	7) objective- reality-
8) Worships are man-made	8) Worships are revealed
9) Every follower of a religion is satisfied that he has the welfare and progress established a communion of all mankind, with the Almighty, and the objective of each individual is his own salvation	9) The Aim of Deen is

discuss this part in detail by giving headings and subheadings.....

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12) In every age Religion sets up new idols and numero-Jumbos in order to keep the attention of people away from real problems of life.

13) Religion induces man to flee from struggles of life.

14) Religion encourages belief in Fatalism, and this belief tends to dislodge man from active life.

15) Religion enjoins religious meditation in the name of worship and thus induces self-deception

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11) Deen helps in the advancement of collective and harmonious human reason and knowledge

12) Deen is rational and radical, it breaks all idols, old and new, and is never variable in its principles.

13) Deen calls upon man 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-development.

15) Deen exhorts men to assert themselves and struggle perpetually for the establishment of the

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E) IMPORTANCE OF Deen in HUMAN LIFE

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.

1) IMPORTANCE 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, spirituality, devotion, social interaction, and helps individuals navigate the complexities of life with wisdom and integrity.

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"Surely this Quran guides to
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and gives good news to the
believers who do good that they
shall have a great reward.
(Al-Isra 17:9)

b) Deen Provides a Clear Path

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provides a clear path for humans by
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10) If from the wrong path, it leads to harm. This is harmful. It fosters anger and aggression. In the Quran, it is mentioned that the right path leads to salvation, while the wrong path leads to destruction. This is emphasized in Surah Al-Taghabun:

فَمَنْ يَنْهَا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالنُّورِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْنَا وَاللَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ خَيْرٌ

"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)

C) 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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As Quran refers;

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رَبِّهِمْ إِلَيْكُمْ طَرَاطِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ -
(Ibrahim 14:1)

" ALI'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 Praised one).
(Ibrahim 14:1)

one reference is enough for a single argument.

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

هُوَ الَّذِي يَنْزَلُ عَلَيْكُمْ بِسْعًا
لِيُخْرِجُ مِنَ الظَّالِمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ (٢)

" He is it who sends down clear
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14) ⁽³⁾ 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;

وَلَا يَهُوَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَهُمْ
الْأَكْفَارُ مِنْهُمْ أَنْ يَهْلُكُوكُ وَمَا يَنْلَوْنَ إلَّا
أَنْفَسُهُمْ وَمَا يَجْرِيُونَكُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ (٤) وَإِنَّهُ عَلَيْكَ
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تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ (٥) وَكَانَ فَيْلُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ عَلَيْهِمَا -
(Surah Al-Nisa 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-Nisaa 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

سَهْرٌ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ
الْقُرْآنَ حِدِيَّ الْمُحَمَّدِ وَجِينَاتِ مِنْ

(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 manifested criterion between truth and falsehood.

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وَهُوَ لِكُلِّ أَنْزَلٍ بِرٌّ مُّبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا مَا تَرْمِيُونَ -

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

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Allah says;

وَتَزَكَّىٰ مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ مَا هُوَ شَفَاءٌ
وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُوْمِنِيْتِ (٤٤) وَلَا يُرِيدُ
الْمُكَافِرُوْنَ إِلَّا خَسَارًا (٤٥)

"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-Israa 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
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h) "Deen provides a clear message to mankind that evil is condemned and good is rewarded."

16) "by the 'I' of the Creator." The Quran develops fear of God and reverence and love for him. It guards those who guard against evil.

As Quran states

وَاللَّهُ لَمَّا يَرَى إِلَيْهِ لِمَنْ يَنْهَا
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"It is a Quran in Arabic without any crookedness therein in order that they may guard against evil" (Al-Zumar 31:28).

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

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

h) "Deen Provides a Clear Message to Mankind"

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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 (taqwah) and Remembrance (dhikr) of God.

Deen highlights its fundamental importance in human life. Through taqwah, individual cultivate a heightened awareness of God's presence, which fosters moral integrity, ethical behaviour, and a deep sense of accountability for their actions. Dhikr encourages continuous reflection and gratitude, allowing individuals to connect with the divine amidst of daily life. Dhikr refers to the inner peace fear 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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فِيهِنَّ أَوْعِيَةً لِعَلَمِهِمْ يَتَقَوَّلُونَ إِذْ
يَقْدِمُتِ الْأَمْرُ ذَكْرًا - (Taha 20:13)

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(Taha 20:113)

"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)

j) 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 guides in the establishment of balanced system of justice and equality. As Quran refers:

إذ أنزلنا إليك الكتاب بالحق لتهدي
بين الناس بما أراك (ن) ولا تكن
للحاذفين -
(AL-Nisa 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 treacherous (AL-Nisa 4:105) -

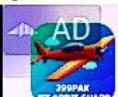
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F) Analysis

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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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G) Conclusion

Hence it is concluded that
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20) In the balance of deen, worship, faith and social functions are manmade. On the other hand, in deen worship, faith and social functions are revealed. Religion does not allow any scientific investigation. Deen allows all scientific investigations and advancements to make a better life for humans.

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