

Qn1. What is meant by Islam?

Describe the prominent characteristics of Islam.

Ans. The word Islam is derived from Arabic root (SLM), which means peace, surrender and submission. On the vertical level (man's relationship with God) its mean submission to the will of Allah almighty, and on the horizontal level (man's relationship with mans) its mean peace for the mankind. Islam is not just a religion but a complete code of life. It is a universal deen. The Holy prophet (PBUH) is the last messenger of Allah Almighty, and Allah established the Five pillars of Islam - Kalma, Namaz, Zakat, Haj, Fasting.

These pillars practised and taught by Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).



According to Dr. Hameedullah, Islam is a monotheist (deen) religion which ~~revealed~~ upon prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

⇒ Prominent characteristics of Islam.

1. Unique concept of Tauheed:

Tauheed is the core belief of Islam. It is the foundation of Faith and the first part of Kalma. Tauheed means belief in the oneness of Allah almighty and also belief in his Angels, ~~revealed~~ books and the day of judgment (Alakhirah). Islam is like a fort, and the gate of that fort is Tauheed. These words attributed to Hazrat Ali (RA).

2. Prophet hood:

It is second part



of Kalma, The Finality of  
Prophethood mentioned in surah  
Al-Ahzab verse number 40.

Ref.

ما كان محمد اباً احدهم رجالكم ولكن رسول الله وخاتم  
النبيين الله بك سبي عليهما

Muhammad is not the Father of any  
of your men, but the messenger  
of Allah and the seal knowledge  
of all things.

• Prophet taught way of life  
called sunnah

Ref: In surah An-Najam verse  
number 3-4

3. Complete code of life:

Islam  
guides human being in every  
aspect of life both individual  
and collective life. Islam teaches  
to character building. Prophet



Muhammad (PBUH) said seeking education is obligatory for every Muslim. In collective life, Islam the social system, political system, financial system, justice, Administration and Global affairs.

#### 4. Islam promotes Humanity:

Islam promotes humanity through love, care, welfare, sympathy and empathy toward all living beings. It also emphasizes animal rights, and human rights, and Environmental protection, encourages kindness to every creature of Allah.

not use one word headings. they should be elaborate and self explanatory.

#### 5. Worship:

Worship of Allah Almighty is obligatory on every muslim. Recite of the Creed (Kalima), Prayaz of God (Salat), paying legal alm (Zakat), Fasting in the month of Ramadan (Siyam), and performing



the pilgrimage (Haji) once in a lifetime if a person is financially capable are essential acts of worship.  ~~Jihad~~ (striving) for the defence of Islam is also included.

#### 6. Accountability and Reward or punishment:

Everyone will be judged for their deeds on the day of judgment.

• Good deeds like charity, honesty, prayer, helping others will help to enter paradise.

• Bad deeds like lying, backbiting, hurting others will lead a person to enter Hell.

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments and be on 7-9 pages.

end the answer with conclusion.