

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 man) 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 (Akhira). 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.

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مَا كَانُوا مُهَاجِرِينَ إِلَّا هُدِيَ رَجُلٌ كَمَنْ رَجَلٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
الْجَبَرُونَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ بَكْلَ سَبَبَ

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 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:

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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), Prayers of God (Salat), paying legal alms (Zakat), Fasting in the month of Ramadan (Siyam), and performing

the pilgrimage (Hajj) 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.