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Contemporary Challenges to Muslim Ummah and their Solutions according to Islamic Teachings

Introduction :-

The fifty seven Muslim countries with approximately 2.05 billion of the world's population. According to the Dr. Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman (1936-2021), the crises in the Muslim Ummah was best described as internal weakness. The crises in Muslim world are - backwardness and frustration from the internal conflicts, dependence and controlled by the foreign / Western powers and putting all the blame over these Western powers without recognizing their own internal ills/problems. the Muslim countries, contribute significantly to the world population stretches from North Africa (Morocco) to the South East Asia (Indonesia), surrounded by the Mediterranean sea and estimate to produce two third (2/3) of world's oil and align with the production of agricultural and mineral products, and face the challenges of diversity, weak economies/economics, political instability, social issues of extremism and sectarianism, Western influence and Islamophobia. The topic will include the /address the current challenges/ within the Muslim world and their solutions according to the teachings of Islam.

Current challenges of the Muslim Ummah:-

1- ~~Disunity~~ do not use one word headings; they should be elaborate and self explanatory.

~~Disunity~~ is the major cause of the disunity among Muslim Ummah, as there are three major sects such as Sunnis such as Shias, Sunnis and Shias, according to the survey of Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life. Forty percent (40%) of the Sunnis in North Africa and Middle do not accept/recognize Shia as their fellow Muslims except in Gray and Lebanon where both sects live side by side and recognize/accept their different practices as part of Islam. In Pakistan the militant group such as LeJ (Laskar-e-Jahangiri) and ASWJ (Al-Walid Sunnat Wal Jammiat) along with the group of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) conducted attacks such as targeting religious sites, civilians/ordinary people like doctors, lawyers and business men such as participated in the sectarian violence between Deobandi Sunnis and Shia Muslims.

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In Punjab from 2007 to 2011 and then targeted the Sri Lankan team in 2009. Saudi Arabia, representative of Salafism or Sunni Islam and considered themselves as Muslim. Leader with the territory ~~named~~ called as birthplace of Islam, Iran and Iraq, the representative of Shia Islam especially after the 1979 revolution aimed to expand the ideology to the outside world. ~~the major players in the conflict of in~~ ~~Middle East. This difference in ideology and ideologies led towards the~~ ~~response to the claims of Saudi-Iranian conflict in May 2011 backed by the Iranian Shia political~~ ~~division marked by the state boundaries among Muslim countries with continual~~ ~~party named Majlis Watan-e-Muslimeen (Watan)~~ ~~and tension and confrontation among them. Ultimately leads towards disharmony,~~ ~~lack of freedom and stability in the ummah.~~

Weak Economies:

This sectarian conflict divided the Muslim Ummah, caused continuous confrontation, non-co-operation, lack of freedom in individual expression, cultural and industrial development, through Muslim their contribution of about $\frac{2}{3}$ in world's Oil along with other agricultural and mineral products, lead towards weak economic system. The weak economics is related to the weak Human development, according to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) the Human Development is the process of increasing/expanding human choices including long and healthy life and high education and access to the appropriate resources for the good standard of living, which is measured by the Human Development Index (HDI). According to the Human Development Report of 2009 thirty-nine Muslim countries among all other Muslim countries ranked at the low-Development countries as compare to the 25 high-ranked non-Muslim countries in HDI, (Human Development Index) categorized the countries on the basis of Human Development as high, medium and low development countries, except tiny oil rich countries of ^{Brunel as 30th nation} Brunei, Kuwait, Qatar and UAE in the list of 38 very high HDI countries. The low ranking in the Human Development Index of the Muslim countries depicts/indicates that despite the access of basic these basic opportunities, the Muslim World due to conflict and confrontation ^{are absence of freedom of individual free expression and illiteracy} lag behind the technological and industrial development ^{which are advancement} indicators to the economic development.

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Political Instability

The most World particularly the Gulf states are dominated and ruled by authoritarian or authoritarian form of government. This pregence of authoritarianism alking and lack of democracy and absence of freedom of expressions cause aggression toward the political entities such as in the wake of Arab Spring in 2011, a series of anti government protests, uprisings and armed rebellions, that begin in Tunisia with the self immolation act of Muhammad Bouazizi against corruption and economic deprivation and spread across the other Arab countries of Egypt, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain and North Magrib state of Libya resulted into ousted of authoritarians and establishment of democratic government. Contemporarily the dictatorship and kingship still prevails in the Arab World making the people to neglect them in their rights of expression, caused aggression against the ruling elite and which results into civil disobedience and war distorts the peace and stability in the country.

Western Influence

The division due to Secrtarianism, weak economies and political disturbance ^{in the muslim ummah} Leads towards ~~opposed~~ or paved a way for the external Western power interference, dependency for the economic resources and political manipulation or exploitation through proxy ways ^{and support and backed for the} such as in the Syrian War authoritarian regime ^{of} a civil war against ^{Sunni} government of Bashar ul- Assad ^{Shia} supported ~~by~~ backed by the Russia by the people with the mass series of protests and pro-democracy rallies across ~~and~~ ^{backed} ~~by~~ ⁱⁿ the conflict by Americans in ⁱⁿ March 2011, resulted into the ousted or overthrow of Bashar ul- Assad ^{after twenty four years} dictatorship. The establishment of ^{after the war} pro-American and puppet regime of Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan in 2001 of war on terrorisn with the overthrow of ^{after} Taliban government and establishment of textile mills in Egypt for the purposes of cotton and US military bases ⁱⁿ in Gulf countries not just for the sake of industrial / economic development and security but rather more their own interests and

mainly establishing their hegemony
and benefits, by making them dependent and non-competitors in the world. The establishment and political exploitation and also stem and spread the Western influence of ideology, life style and modern agenda and propaganda of feminism within the Islamic Western influenced and modernized Islamic World.

Islamophobia

Islamophobia is illogical fear, hostility and hatred towards Islam and particularly /generally towards Muslims. A widespread or extensive challenge of hate, fear and misconception against Muslims and Islam due to misinformation, stereotypes and bigotry or discrimination effect impacted/affected social, political and economic well-being of Muslims around the world. The term gained more attention or became significant after the event of 9/11 posing and portraying the Islam as religion of terrorism and hate towards other religion and muslims as terrorists. This act of hate also includes the ^{sense of bigotry} harm and destruction or another word Vandalisation of mosques, religious and historical muslim places and graveyard, for instance the damage to 85 graves of babies and children in Hertfordshire, ^{in North London} UK ~~in April 2025~~ and ~~the increase of~~ Vandalization of mosques in USA during holy month of ramzan and the increased increase of one hundred and fifty percent in person and two hundred and fifty percent online anti-Muslim incidents in Australia depicts the serious threat to the security of the muslims globally. ^{and hate} add more arguments in this part.

Solutions : Solutions or possible solutions of the above mentioned problem

Stickiness to the Core Islamic Principles:-

includes and emphasized upon the ^{includes belief} stickiness and resorting to the basic teaching of Quran and Sunnah which in the oneness of Allah, angles, finality of Prophet hood, pillars of Islam, righteousness, dignity, morality and justice.

Collectively promotes peace, harmony and unity among all Muslim communities regardless of their sects in the world.

As Allah says in the Quran in Surah Al-Imran verse 103 (3: 103)

Also in Surah Al-Hujrat verse 13 (49:13).

بِإِيمَانِ النَّاسِ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ ذَرَّةٍ وَالَّتِي وَجَهْنَمَ

وَإِنَّا لَهُمْ بِالْقُوَّةِ لَهُمْ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّهِمْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ

"O mankind! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another".

Promoting /encouraging Tolerance and Unity :-

Encouraging the sense of tolerance, acceptance and patience among the different sects and Islamic schools and branches of Islam while discouraging the malice of Sectarianism causes conflict, hate, conflicts, killings and disturbance and deterioration to regional and global peace and security.

Emphasize on the Education and Training of Scholars.

On the education / educating and training of scholars
In order to lay / make the extensive efforts
the correct and authentic principles, teachings and values of
the Islamic scholars. → in order to
~~Islam~~

address and provide guidance to the contemporary ~~and~~ issues that required consensus such as Ijtihad such as issues regarding Women's rights of marriage, inheritance and divorce and issues of political and economic in nature in certain circumstances of confusion and accessibility on the basis of Islamic values and principles. All this is done with the establishment

Scholarly
Islamic Council and School.

Participation / Taking Benefits of Globalization:

Along with the addressing and confronting the issues of extremism and islamophobia with the establishment of observatory council consists of all the muslim government. The muslim Ummah should participate and contribute in the process of resolutions to combat islamophobia and bigotry in all parts of the world. ~~to make efforts to compel United Nations to adopt and enforce~~ by making political and economic ties with other non-muslim countries in order to mutually resolve the issues, misconception, mistrust and to promote intellectual, technological, advancement and mutual benefits which in return promote co-operation, understanding and reduction in holistic behaviour.

Build up Islamic Organizations:

restructure and strengthen the Islamic organizations such as Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), inter-governmental organization consisting of fifty seven (57) Muslim countries, help which assist to create the strategies, making efforts and ~~for~~ contributions in empowering and strengthening Ummah and addressing and solving the confronting challenges such as OIC General Secretariate to collaborate with other international and regional organizations to secure the rights and protection of Muslim minorities and communities in non-OIC or non-Muslim states of the world. add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments.

Conclusion:

So in the nutshell the current issues of muslim Ummah of disunity, intolerance, economic and political disparity and social issues of extremism and islamophobia causing chaos, confusion and conflictual circumstances of situation ^{and will} within the Ummah. The possible / enforcing of possible solutions of attributing to unity, peace, tolerance, combating and strengthening of ties will lead towards the emergence of strong and unified and developed Ummah and muslim community in the

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World with defined goals, paths and prosperity/position

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