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Ans

General Instructions

1. Give numbering to headings
2. Do not write lengthy paragraphs. Write medium sized paragraphs with headings.
3. Do not use table for comparison and contrast questions.
4. Draw figures/diagram/flowchart where needed.
5. Start new question from fresh page.
6. Give around 15 headings for 20 marks question.
7. Every question should have introduction and conclusion paragraphs.
8. Add Quran/Hadees references wherever possible.
9. Narrate incidents from the life of Holy Prophet (SAWW) and Khulafa-e-Rashideen.
10. Add one quotation of famous religious scholar in each question.
11. Change colour scheme for references to give them more visibility.
12. Manage time
13. Wide page borders are discouraged. Should be reasonable.
14. Avoid writing wrong references.
15. Give more weightage to expressedly asked part/s of the question.

"And I have perfected your Deen for you and completed my favour upon you by choosing Islam as your Deen."

2. Importance of Deen in Human Life:

Deen has the significant role in human life in many ways. This can be described as follows:

a) Filling Ideological vacuum -

Humans are in search of an ideology upon which they adhere to fulfill ideological vacuum and lead progressive life.

For this, they are inclined to religion as well. Religion, strictly, Islam has fulfilled ideological vacuum.

For instance various Islamic teachings called the Holy Quran as divine guide and emphasize to adhere it like catching the rope so that you will never be misguided.

b) Providing hope in times of despondency:

Islam provides a hope to individuals when they confronts hardship. Consequently,

it removes dependency.

Imam Shabi say, "A true believer never commit suicide."

c) Giving solutions to questions relating to existence of humans:

Some humans find it hard while facing questions regarding existence of universe. For this, they turn to science, philosophy and religion. However, Islam has answered all unanswered questions.

On one occasion, the Holy Quran says, "I have created Jinn (Demon) and human ^{for} nothing but worship...."

d) Providing accountability for transgressors:

Those who commit sins or transgress upon other rights are made accountable by Islam. Even rulers are made accountable for their actions.

"You are all shepherds; you will

be questioned about well-being
of your gold. Even rulers will
be questioned about their ruling.
(Hadith-e-Nabvi)

3. Factors making Islam a distinct religion of the world:

There are various
factors which make Islam
a distinguished religion. These may
include:

a) Uniqueness and Universality of Islam:

Unlike other religions
based on either region or name
of their boundaries, Islam has
acted as unique religion. For
example, Christianity is based
on Jesus Christ. Hinduism derived
its name from land "Hindustan"
Sikhism was based on the

its founder Guru Baba Nanak.

However, Islam has not any such connotation.

b) Moderation:

Islam ^{has} emphasized moderation in every action. In this way, it discourages extremism and violence. It also reflects its uniqueness.

"Moderation in every action is the best way."

(Hadith-e-Nabvi)

c) Giving complete code of life:

Islamic sharia has been a complete code of life. It has covered social and economic, cultural and political, individual and collective, and spiritual and material life.

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"True religion in sight of Allah

is Islam." (Al-Imran)

d) Religious freedom:

Islam has granted religious freedom to individuals. It has never enforced individuals to enter into its fold. It gives purely independence in choice of religion.

"There is no compulsion in religion." (Al-Baqarah)

e) Tolerance:

Islam has also been unique religion when it comes to tolerance. It has gives a clear message of peace rather than violence.

"Tolerance is the defining characteristic of Islam," Tony Blair said.

F) Emphasis on Equality:

Islam has never discriminated people on the basis of race, caste, color, creed and gender. It has stressed on egalitarianism in a society.

During Hujat al-Wada, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "Neither Ajmi (Non-Arab) is superior to Arabi nor Arabi superior to Ajmi; no any white is superior to black nor is black superior to white..."

4. Conclusion:

To conclude, Islam as a Deen has given hope to despondents, a religious ideology to its followers and answered metaphysical questions. It has occupied a distinguished position among all religions in the world through its unique features.

Q: 8:

Ans:

1. Introduction:

Economic system of Islam has been based on social welfare. It has provided alternative model to communism and capitalism by keeping itself balancing between the two. It discards the notion of interest in trade. It has emphasized only Halal (lawful) earning. In short, it is central to the welfare of society.

2. Governing Principles of Economic system of Islam:

Following are various governing principles of economic system of Islam:

a) Moderate economic system:

Unlike communism and capitalism, Islamic economic system has been moderate.

It has not given full independence to own property privately without limitation. On the other hand, it discourages full-state intervention in the domain of economy. Therefore, it has led moderate economic system.

b) Discouraging interest in trade:

Islam has barred individuals to ^{have} trade with others with involving interest. It has allowed muslims to carry out trade without interest.

"Trade without usury is allowed..." (Holy Quran)

c) Emphasis on social welfare through Zakat:

Islam has called social welfare. It has introduced zakat system to

its economic domain. In this way, it wants to do welfare of the poor and the needy.

"Take Alms of their wealth and make them pure and clean." (Al-Quran)

3. Salient Features of Economic System of Islam:

Following are salient features of economic system of Islam:

a) Discouraging Concentration of Wealth:

Islam has discouraged concentration of wealth. It has denounced practices of hoarding in its various teachings.

"Those who bury gold and silver and not spend in the way of Allah will sea fire of hell burning the wealth..." (Holy Quran)

b) Discarding Corruption:

Islam has also taught believers to earn lawful livelihood to discard corruption. It has stressed individuals through various teachings.

“A truthful merchant will be with me in the paradise.”

(Hadith-e-Nabvi)

c) Ensuring circulation of wealth:

In order to discourage hoarding and ensure circulation of wealth, Islam has enforced zakat system.

In this way, it wants individuals who are wealthy to pay some share so that wealth does not concentrate in a few hands of a few.

d) Granting Labor Rights

Moreover, Islamic economic system is also a unique in a way that it grants labour rights.

On many instances, labourers are facing over time and low wages. However, Islam has called for their rights.

"Give labourer his wage before his sweat dries." (Ibn-e-Majah)

e) Ensuring inheritance rights to men and women:

Islamic economic system does not lag behind when it comes to ensuring inheritance rights. Islam has emphasized believers for inheritance rights.

"For men, there is a share of what their parents and relatives leave; for women, there is a share..." (Al-Nisa)

f) Levy taxation of Muslims and non-Muslims:

Like other states, Islamic state has also imposed taxation on all citizens. This is ensured through payment of Zakat by Muslims and Jizya by Non-Muslims.

Hence, tax imposition is also among its features.

4. Conclusion:

To conclude, Economic system of Islam has been based on principles of moderation, social welfare and interest-free trade activities. Among its economic features, some include: discouraging concentration of wealth, ensuring circulation of wealth and assuring inheritance rights to individuals.

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Ans:

1. Introduction:

Islamic civilization has been unique in various aspects from others.

It rests its pillars on the foundation of belief system, stable political system, moderate economic system and social system.

Islamic civilization has a range of distinguished features, these include: Belief in Tauheed, Moral system and rule of law

2. Basic Pillars of Islamic Civilization:

Following are some basic pillars of Islamic civilization:

a) Belief system:

Firstly, Islamic of system is based on belief

system. From Tauheed to Hajj,

these are five pillars of Islam. Moreover, it calls for belief in Allah, his messenger, angels, his book, his day of judgement as well.

b) Political system:

Islamic political system is based on "vicegerency". It is based on khilafat. For example, Majlis-e-shura (consultation council) is established to choose Islamic leader to govern the Islamic state.

c) Economic system:

Another pillar of Islamic system is its economic system. According to economic system, Islamic state is financially managed. During his appointment as Governor to Yemen, Holy Prophet (PBUH) asked Muaz bin Jabal to enforce Zakat there.

d) Social system:

Social system is created in Islamic state, which is another key pillar of Islamic civilization. It is based on family system.

Through family, system extends to tribe then to nations. This is the same feature of today's modern civilization.

3. Characteristics of Islamic Civilization:

Following are key characteristics of Islamic civilization:

a) Tauheed:

Tauheed is the name of belief in oneness of Allah. Islamic civilization has stressed much emphasis on Tauheed. The

Holy Qur'an says,
"There is nothing like

him; he is all-hearer
and all-seer." (Al-Qur'an)

b) Tazkayat - al-Nabs:

Tazkayat al Nabs means "self-purification," Islamic civilization has called believers to observe Tazkayat al Nabs to avoid self-indulgence, illis and moral degeneration.

There are three stages of Nabs upon passing, one can achieve self-purification.

These may include:

- a) Nabs al Ammah
- b) Nabs al Lawamma
- c) Nabs al Mutaminah

In this regard there is ^{verse} ~~ayat~~ of Holy Qur'an.

"Those who saved from their avarice are successful." (Al-Hajj)

c) Dignity of Mankind:

Dignity of mankind has been stressed many times in Holy Qur'an. Indeed, the title of Qur'an is itself "Human". Islam has called humans as noblest

of all creatures. "أشرف المخلوقات"

The Holy Qur'an says;

"And Allah is saying to the angel, I am going to create on earth a khalifa (vicegerent)"

d) Moral System:

Moreover, Islamic civilization has also emphasis on moral system. It

may include observance of honesty, piety, well-being to others and kindness.

In sight of Allah, the best among is one who is best in deeds.

e) Rule of law:

According to Islam, rule of law is basic pillar of justice. Islamic civilization is based on equality of law without discrimination between the weak and the strong.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that even Fatima (AS) had stolen, I would have cut her hands."

4. Conclusion

To conclude, Islam has rested its civilization on the foundation of basic belief system, economic system and stable political system. Among various features of Islamic civilization, some are Tauheed, self-purification and rule of law.

Q.6

Ans:

1. Introduction

Islam, has never supported violence against innocents. It has discarded terrorism and extremism and proved itself as peaceful and moderate. Despite that it has been ill-conceived ideas of the west, which has portrayed it violence. Islamophobia has deteriorated world peace as well as marginalized Muslims.

2. Islamophobia, driven by discrimination, social, cultural and economic marginalization in west creating an acute risk of violence and extremism in the world:

Islamophobia is on the rise in the west. This

can explained as follows:

a) Portrayal of negative image of Islam in the Western media

Western media has portrayed Islamic image negative. As a result social and political marginalization of Muslims is on the horizon.

Mahdi Hassan, Journalist working in Al-Jazeera says, "Western media portrayed terror attacks conducted in Muslim countries with much coverage unlike incidents in the West."

b) Xenophobic attitude from Muslim migrants leading economic exclusion:

Xenophobic attitude has also threatened Muslims in the West. Some western

Leaders have engaged in raising tough policy measures on professional working in the west.

For example, during its tenure as President, Donald Trump banned ^{the} travel of muslims of six countries

C) Distorting image of Islam by equating with terrorism:

The Islamophobic attitude has gone to a new level that an act of one individual is associated to Islam. This is making discrimination based on religion across the globe.

For example,
During 9/11 attacks on American soil, the west had portrayed every muslim as a terrorist.

d) Populism causing political marginalization of Muslims in the West:

Some populists leaders have indulged in political campaign to marginalize Muslims in the West.

To exemplify, French President Emmanuel Macron called Islam as a religion in crisis in 2019 to gain support of right wing to win reelection.

e) Western poorly design notion of free speech violating religious freedom:

The West has called violation of freedom of expression when muslim countries across the globe called for banning the burning copies of the Holy Quran.

Way forward?

For example, in recent times, Sweden and Denmark allowed some groups to burn the Holy Quran.

f) Rising white supremacism in the west and violence against muslims:

Rising whitesupremacism in the west gives impetus to Islamophobia. The whitesupremacists have conducted various attacks over muslims too. For example, in 2019, the Christ church mosque was attacked and many muslims got martyrdom.

3. Conclusion

To conclude, Islamophobia is increasing with a greater pace in the west. It has created social and political dilemma

for the majority of muslim
in the western. From media
to politicians, the west has
sparked a fire of Islamophobic