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stated:

"I am ordered to collect wealth from rich amongst you and distribute it in poor amongst you"

(Hadith)

### → RECEIVERS OF ZAKAT:

Allah Almighty has ordained the deserving receivers of Zakat in 8 categories

- 1: The poor.
- 2: The needy
- 3: Zakat collectors
- 4: Wayfarers
- 5: Freeing slaves
- 6: Feesablilah
- 7: Debtors
- 8: For new converts.

### → PHILOSOPHY OF ZAKAT:

Allah took the responsibility of economic distribution to Himself and made Zakat obligatory for following reasons:

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Question number 2

Describe the importance and philosophy of Zakat .....

→ Introduction:

Islam is a complete code of life that encompasses all spheres of life including economic sphere. Zakat is one of pillars of Islam. The idea of zakat is circulation of wealth among masses.

Islam strictly prohibits accumulation of wealth in few hands. Quran reveals about zakat in following terms:

"And it should not be that wealth is accumulated in few hands"

Health and deprivation is a mean of test for human kind. Zakat was made obligatory to protect the poor and the needy and ensure smooth distribution of wealth. O Holy prophet PBUH

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(4) Women were granted political rights.

(5) They secured marital rights.

(6) Women and religious relaxation.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Follow shariah

(2) Ijtihad to meet with new problems.

(3) Legislation to protect women's right.

(4) An inclusive sphere of participation.

### CONCLUSION:

"The best among you are those who are best to their wives and I am the best among you"

(Hadith)

## Question number 6:

Write down a comprehensive essay on Women's Rights in Islam

### → INTRODUCTION:

Thesis statement: Islam secured all the rights for women in economic, political, social and private matters which were ignored before the advent of Islam.

→ HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

→ CURRENT HAPPENINGS TO WOMEN

→ SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS

① Islam assured personhood of women

② Econom Rights secured

③ Right to education

## MORAL IMPACTS:

1: Charity to poor: Individuals sense the importance of charity because it is instructed to him through Quran and Sunnah.

"And the person will be kept away from fire who is mutaqi and gives money to make it clear"

(Ankaboot)

2: Extripation of greed: Prophet Muhammad PBUH

says: "~~the love of~~ Wealth is the mother of all evil"

when a person performs charity he becomes free from the greed of wealth.

## SOCIAL IMPACT:

1: End to poverty: Circulation of wealth assures the balance of economic activities. The are provided their due share and these needs are met. Resultantly, poverty is eliminated

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Islam, in deed is a religion of peace. It has assured equal right to woman and man alike. However, we have drifted from path making woman more suppressed and oppressed. Shari'ah must be followed and ijthad must be revised. Legislative actions must be taken for welfare of women. Besides an inclusive platform must be assured for the participation of woman in economic, political and social spheres.

CONCLUSION:

There is no lacune in religious security to women.

The real problem lies in cultural norms and values. The patriarchal culture has become a real obstacle in the way of welfare and equality of women.

Domestic abuse, honour killing, child marriage and rape are menace inculcated in our cultural domain. As per Dr Salim, I

moved to west and saw Islam but no muslims. When I moved to middle East, I saw muslims but no Islam.

## 2: Brotherhood: Zakat

ignites the sense of responsibility and brotherhood. Each person strives to secure the blessings of Allah through extensive charity. This sense of responsibility anticipates brotherhood among muslims.

## 3: End of beggary: The

growing number of beggars is a reflection of hindrance of wealth circulation. Zakat can hinder this by allocating the due share of poor.

## 4: Societal harmony: Wealth is

the root of all. Circulation of wealth eliminates the sense of deprivation which establishes class differences. When Zakat is regularly paid, no such class distinction penetrates and social harmony is kept intact.

## CONCLUSION:

The current economic crisis of Pakistan is due to accumulation of wealth in few hands. Zakat can boost economic activities and ensure economic equity. Therefore, the government must revise Zakat collection.

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were first to have female leaders like Benazir Bhutto and Sheikh Hasena. They can run election, vote and secure public offices for public administration.

Islam grants marital rights marital rights to women. Women have freedom to choose spouse in Islam. In fact, parents are emphasized to ask for girls will before conforming to a proposal. They also have right to gift, maintenance and divorce. All the measures are for the security and well being of women. Islam also ordains husbands to deal patiently and affectionately with their wives.

Women and religious relaxation. Women, on many occasions, are exempted from religious duties. For instance, they are exempted from the prayer during menstrual cycle. They are also ordained relaxation after 40 days of giving birth. Congregational prayer is also not incumbent upon women. They do not have to pray during their cycle in Ramadan, yet the missed fast is to be taken during other days.



## Question number 7:

Describe the social paradox that humanity .....

### INTRODUCTION:

Islam is the name of peace and submission.

Submission before Allah and peace with fellow beings. The revelation was based on humanity. In fact, humanity is the main subject of Islam. It accounts complete detail on how to deal with fellow being and maintain equality, dignity, security and brotherhood. However, the current dynamics of world does not fall on the dynamic of humanity. Inhumanity is in constant threat, poor are humiliated and public office are corrupt. Women are suppressed and justice system is not reliable. In the midst of social problem, only Islamic society teachings of Islam can prove to be a abode of salvation.

Prophet PBUH stated

"I am leaving two things among you, Quran and my teachings. As long as you hold strong grip on these two, you would not be misled"

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Civil Rights movement and the establishment of UN declaration of human rights helped secure fundamental rights for all without any discrimination. A wave also emerged for women empowerment and gender equality. However, women suppression and oppression still persists. The cause of all the menace against women is ignorance of women rights and sharia. In fact, Pakistan being an Islamic country is the worst in matters of gender equality as reported by Gender Gap Index 2023 in which we ranked 142/146.

Islam assured complete personhood of women. Allah Pak revealed, "And I have not created the Jns and men except that they should worship me" This verse in Surah Al-Zariyat is a clear indication and men and women are equal before the blessing of Allah. They are full responsible and accountable to their deeds. They are not treated as sub-ordinate or second class citizen, but a person.

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However, the incident of Jaranwala church incident echoes ignorance of Islamic teachings and moral bidings. Forced conversion of minorities and blasphemy cases have become so evident that no sign of belief is shown.

### SOLUTION IN THE LIGHT OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND SOCIAL SYSTEM

#### 1: Implementation of zakat:

° The people that hinder zakat will be afflicted by God with drought"

The growing inequality lies behind the accumulation of wealth at few hands. Prophet PBUH states that God will afflict those who hinder zakat with drought. This system can be applied for the whole of world to eliminate poverty and wealth inequality.

2: Revival of Ijtihad: The current subjugation of women is due to absence of ijtihad. The

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#### 4: Extremism and radicalism:

Believers are followers of peace. However, few extremists have placed the image of Islam as an oppressive religion. These factors are present and surpassed following the incidents of down fall of Ottoman Empire and 1979 war accompanied by emergence of statehood.

#### 5: Lack of muslim unity:

Introduction of nation-state system encapsulated the spirit of muslim unity. Current muslim states are concerned with individual interest than a blow struck to the influence of muslims.

#### 6: Violation of Human Rights

Poor people around the world is facing violation of rights at the hands of fascist leaders. Examples of Afghanistan, Palestine and Kashmir are worth mentioning.

#### 7: Rights of religious

minorities: Throughout Islamic history, Islam accounts for religious freedom and protection of minorities.

5: Securing the rights of minority. <sup>Message</sup>

Madina is an exemplary projection of how much Islam secures the rights of minorities. The ongoing incidence are caused due to our ignorance of Islamic teaching. We must turn towards Deen for true understanding of right of minorities.

6: Muslim unity. The west is in silent war to break the unity of Muslims. The leaders of Islamic country must realize the need of unity to secure the security of Muslim Ummah.

### CONCLUSION:

The world is encapsulated in myriad of problems. Muslims have become the most backward and suppressed one. How the most powerful and progressive Ummah fell the shackles of backwardness is not a mystery. There is a need to revive the Islamic teaching and promote Islamic social system to drive the Ummah out of suppression.

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Man kind is the vicegerent of Allah on earth. God Almighty ordained equal rights to all beings. Islam secured all the rights for women in economic, political, social and private matters which were ignored before the advent of Islam.

There is no suppression in Islam. Women have all the rights to men while men are one degree above. However, until recent, women did not have rights in other religion.

Women suppression was a norm in pre-Islamic era and even after the advent of Islam in other religion. For instance, women were dead as inheritance in Arabian peninsula. They were killed after they born. They did not have any right or any say. In Hindu community, women were burned alive after the death of husband. In western culture they were brutally killed by identifying as witch. Even they did not have economic and political right till the start of twentieth century.

## CURRENT SOCIAL PARADOX OF HUMANITY:

1: Economic inequality: The world has become separated in two spheres the rich and the poor. The poor countries further split in two classes. The rich and the poor. Under this distribution, economic inequality has led to extreme poverty, malnutrition, food scarcity and suicide.

2: Suppression of women: Throughout the world, women are deprived of one rights or the other. South Asian cultures are even worst when it comes to women's right. According to Economic Survey of 2023 3902 incidents of rape 102 honour killing and 77 acid attack were reported.

3: Individualism: Islam teaches the lesson of unity. However, the current culture adopted western trend of individualism that promotes individualism, selfishness and lewdness. The social fabric of family has been completely ignored.

strictly instructed to pay the poor rate so that wealth may circulate.

### → SPIRITUAL IMPACT:

1: Sense of duty: Believers deem it its responsibility and duty to pay the poor rate. He seeks guidance by following the commands of God.

"Keep up prayers and pay the poor rate and bow down with those who bow down"

(Al-Baqarah)

2: Accountability: Those who are blessed with resources, they are aware that the wealth he seeks is property of Allah assigned to him as a test. He becomes accountable to all his deeds and pays charity.

3: Closeness to Allah: By fulfilling the duty of paying Zakat, he feels closeness to Allah and the wealth greed vanishes. These duties are means of getting closer to Allah.



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Muslim scholars must come on a single platform to review the culture of ijtihad to secure women's right as assured in Islam

### 3: Sense of Brotherhood

Quran terms all Muslims to be brothers in following terms  
"Certainly, all Muslims are brothers."

(Al-Hujurat)

The adoption of western culture has induced individualism which must be excluded by heading towards Islamic teaching of brotherhood.

### 4: True teachings of Islam:

"There is no compulsion in Deen"

(Al-Baqarah)

The wave of extremism is the deviation from the path of Islam. Islam does not force religion. This culture of extremism and radicalism can be undone by reviving true meaning of Islam. The world must be taught that Islam is not an oppressive but peaceful religion

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7: Level playing field for economic activities: States must ensure an inclusive area in Islam for economic activities for everyone without any discrimination. Even women should have equal opportunity for business and employment.

## CURRENT ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ISLAMIC SOLUTIONS

1: Inclusive economic sphere: Capitalism and Communism are two evils of economic development. Islam opts for moderate path including the benefit of both. Inclusivity of all masses and check and balance of state for quality assurance and equity could do wonders.

2: Social Security net: Each state must opt for assurance of social security for poor masses. Poverty is the evil of all and could impact well-being. To avoid any difficulty, social security must be prioritized.

1: Cleaning wealth: Quranic  
status

"And take a portion of  
their wealth in order to make  
it clean

(Al-Ankaboot)

It is to clean the wealth  
accumulated through mischiefs.

2: Re-distribution of wealth

"And there is due portion  
from their wealth for the  
poor and the deserving"

(Al-Quran)

The philosophy of re-distributing  
the wealth so that economic  
flow is balanced

3: Prevent the evil of  
poverty: Prophet Muhammad  
PBUH asked to keep him safe  
from the evil of poverty as  
it is the evil for faith.

4: Circulation of wealth

Islam has determined due  
portions for the needy and poor  
and the wealth holders are

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Islam granted economic rights to women. The religion of Islam is the religion of peace. It secured economic rights in all spheres. Women have the right to hold inheritance, perform economic activities, run business and even sell or buy properties. They have no responsibility to spend their amount for any purpose coersively. Even her father and husband cannot force her to grant them money.

Women have all the rights to pursue education. Education in Islam is incumbent on all women and women. The prophet PBUH emphasised on acquisition of knowledge on all. Quran states, "Are those who know and those who do not alike?" This ayah determines how much it is cardinal to pursue education. However, in western religion, women could not education until recent past

Women were granted political rights. Islam gives complete freedom to women to participate in political activities. In fact, muslim countries

### 3: Wealth circulation:

Zakat is a system of taxation obligated on rich. By taxing the top richer and redistributing it accordingly to deserving, wealth circulation could deal with most of economic issues.

### 4: Accountability: Haram is

strict in terms of accountability. In the era of Prophet Umar, even the death of dog was termed as a mean of accountability. In matters of economic spheres, accountability would ensure spending of scarce resources for the welfare of masses.

### CONCLUSION:

The world has become unjust where the populace are exploited for the interest of few. Neither Communism nor capitalism proved to be promising. Islam is the only solution. Islamic economic system is panacea to all economic turmoil world wide. Therefore, an economic system under the teaching of Islam must be followed.

4: Eliminate poverty: States are responsible to allocate social security to the poor and deserving so that they can meet their basic requirements. It also must take all necessary measures to eliminate poverty through circulation of wealth.

#### 5: Provision of employment

In Islam, state is responsible to generate employment for masses so that they can have decent earning. It also ensures that they are paid duly. In fact, Prophet PBUH stated "Pay the labourer their due before their sweat dries"

6: Social security: In times of hardship which can impact even the well off ones, states are required to provide social security. In the era of Caliphs, canals were constructed to provide relief to masses during the time of draughts.

with great care and responsibility.

STATE'S ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1: Collection of Zakat:

Zakat must be collected by state and not individuals. The Hikmah behind is state can better spend the collected amount on deserving rather than individuals.

2: Collection of Jizyah:

Jizyah is a poll tax on non-muslims as a mean of their protection as they are exempted from military participation. Currently, states imposed no poll tax as minorities now fully participate in defence of country.

3: Revenue imposition and collection: State also

imposes taxes on multiple areas to meet the amount to run state. These revenues are collected and stored in state's treasury to be spent accordingly.

Question number 4

Describe the economic responsibility of state in Islam.....

INTRODUCTION:

Islam has established a hierarchical structure of responsibilities and authorities. The supreme authority is the authority of the Omni Potent, most exalted Being. The authority then falls at the hands of state. State is accountable for all institutions including economic. It is responsible of collecting and redistributing revenues to the needy. Islam guides the holder of authority to dispense justice and welfare according to guidance of Quran and teachings of Prophet. ~~PRUL~~

STATE LEADER:

State leaders are accountable on two folds. Accountability before Allah Almighty and before populace. Thus, the burden of state is amanah of Allah which must be dispensed