

Islamic Studies

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Ans:

What is Zakat?

Zakat is an arabic word which means "purification", "growth" and "giving better part" of a thing.

Zakat is considered a way to purify ones income and wealth from sometimes worldly, impure ways of acquisition. Muslim is concerned that his wealth is purified by Zakat as this will increase his wealth in this world and increase his reward in the hereafter.

"Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase Allah's blessings upon them". (Al-Tawbah 9:103)

Importance of Zakat in Quran and Hadith:

At several places in the Quran Zakat has been enjoined on Muslims along with Salat.

"And keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate and bow with those who bow down". (Al-Balakah)

Quran asks Muslims to establish prayer and collect regular charity.

Holy prophet (PBUH) said that "Allah has made Zakat obligatory on you for this very reason that the remaining wealth of yours may become

pure for you."

Impacts of Zakat on Humans:

→ Zakat Removes Greed and Inculcate Piety.

The first and important purpose of Zakat is to remove the greed from the hearts of the believers; it aims at creating the love of God in the hearts of the believers. It create taqwa (fear of God) among believers.

Zakat Brings man closer to God.

Zakat brings one closer to God as it is a source of great reward.

Moral Impacts:

Zakat creates Generosity.

Zakat creates the sense of generosity among believers. They know that the wealth they give in the way of God is not wasted but it is the best investment.

Zakat purify Heart and Property:

Zakat not only purify the property but it also purifies the heart.

Social impacts:

Defense of Religion:

Another important purpose and benefit of Zakāh is that it is utilized for the defense of the religion. At Quxan, there are many orders to utilize Zakāh for welfare of humans and society.

Circulation of Wealth:

One of the important benefits of Zakāh is that it helps in the free distribution of wealth. It prevents the accumulation of the wealth in few hands. It aims at equal distribution of wealth in the society. The Holy Quxan

says:

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

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Ans: Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Women in Ancient Civilization
3. Status of Woman in Islam
4. Rights of Women in Islam
5. Conclusion.

Islam has granted due rights to women. Which are spiritual, social, political, economical, and cultural rights.

It has not only acknowledged complete personhood of woman but also safeguarded her rights keeping in view her vulnerabilities.

The Holy Quran emphasizes that God in his perfect wisdom has created all species in pairs, and so men and women have been created of the same species.

He created you from a single being: then of the same kind made its

(As-Zumar 39:6)

The status of women in Islam is far better than other religion. In women were considered very devious character in ancient times; but in Islam women

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got spiritual and social rights. Islam gave freedom to women in many cases.

In Islam, in Ancient times

In Hindu scriptures, the description of a good wife is as follows: "a woman, whose mind, speech and body is kept in subjection, acquires high renown in this world, and in the next, she same abode with her husband."

In Athens, women were not better off than either the Indians or the Roman women.

They considered women as devil and such kind of status is not tolerable for any woman.

Status of Women in Islam:

Islam gave due rights to women. Women were treated very badly before Islam. Islam engendered the dignity of women. Even ~~the~~ western introduced the rights of women in the 20th century; Islam told us the glory of women 1400 before.

Quran defines the qualities of women in various chapters such as: Surah Nisah, Surah Tahweex, Surah Rumm and in

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many places of the Quran. Before Islam Arabs killed their new born women in the name of honor. Islam prohibited this practice and gave beautiful message regarding women.

Rights of women:

The position of Islam regarding the status of woman in society from its various ^{aspects:} ~~aspects~~, ~~depths~~ and Spiritually, Socially, economically, ~~politically~~ and culturally.

Special Relaxation to women:

In terms of religious obligations, such as the daily prayers, fasting, poor-due and pilgrimage. Women have certain advantages over men. Example: the woman is exempted from daily prayers and from fasting during her ~~menstrual~~ menstrual periods.

As a child and an adolescent, Despite the social acceptance of female infanticide among some Arabian tribes, the Quran forbade this custom, and

Considered it a crime like any other murder.
"And when the female buried alive - is questioned, for what crime she was killed."
(Al-Takweer 81-8-9)

As a wife:

The Quran clearly indicates that marriage is sharing between the two halves of the society, and that its objectives besides perpetuating human life, are emotional well-being and spiritual harmony. its bases are love and mercy.

As a Mother:

Islam considered kindness to parents next to the worship of God.

Economic Aspects:

Islam occupies a unique position in that it recognized an independent economic status of women and gave her the right to own, use and enjoy it in her own right without any intermediary trustee or mediator.

Islam is also giving right to independent ownership to women.

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Thus, Islam granted unprecedented status to women. She was conferred spiritual equality and her complete personhood

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Ans: The supremacy of God is the basis of everything in Islam, no matter of what nature, whether spiritual, economical, political or cultural.

God is the creator and owner of everything on the earth. He has created all things for whole of mankind. Thus, it is the bright birthright of every individual to make efforts to get his share of divine providence.

Economic system in Islam

There are two major economic systems exist in the world which are Capitalism and Socialism (Communism). In Capitalism the main focus on only owner of the company. All the profits go to the pocket of owner. In ~~that~~ this system rich gets more richer and poor becomes more poorer.

In Socialism, the main focus on equally distribution of wealth ~~among~~ ^{between} labours and owners. But state would also interfere with this system. due to this interference this kind of model is failed in the world.

However, in Islam ~~there~~ ~~is~~ the main focus

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on ownership and also flows on equality as well. Islam introduced the zakat system where capitalism also introduced the tax systems.

Individual and Social Nature:

The individual is given freedom to enterprise and work so that he may freely exercise his right to earn his living and organize his activities in a manner conducive to the development of a spirit of cooperation and help in place of unhealthy competition and rivalry.

Obligation of Lawful Earnings:

Islam has its own philosophy. According to Islam the life of Muslims in the world is a ~~temporary~~ temporary. He must use every moment of his life to improve permanent life. Islam prohibits the illegal way of earning and it is not only individual's duty but it is also obligatory for state to make sure of not earning in.

illegal way.

In Quran Allah says:

"O believers! gambling, idols, intoxicants and ~~drawing lots~~ diving arrows are but defilement from the work of satan, so avoid it that you may be successful"

Al-Maida (5:90)

Duty of Employer and Employee:

The duty of employee within work is to work with honesty and sincerity. The duty of employer to give remittance before employees sweat dries.

Once prophet said, that give the labourer his wages before his sweat dries

(Ibn-Majah)

Characteristics of Islamic Economic System:

① Individual liberty:

The individual enjoys complete liberty to do anything or adopt any profession or use his (or her) wealth in any manner he/she likes within the law and let the land,

② Right to property:

Islam gives permission to buy ^{own} property within the society.

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③ Social Security:

The Islamic state is legally and morally responsible for the provision of basic needs to its members. It is the distinctive feature of the state that, along with social utility services, it takes the responsibility of public maintenance pervades the whole fabric of Muslim Society.