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Q 2.

Describe the importance and philosophy of zakat, also explain its spiritual, moral and social benefits.

Ans: Zakat : Literal meaning:

The word zakat is an Arabic word which means "to purify", "growth", "nourishment" or increase.

Contextual: The contextual meaning of zakat is the purification of wealth and belonging. It also helps in purification of human souls from selfishness and greed, lust and the greed of wealth and thus paves the way for growth and development - nourishment.

The spending of wealth for the sake of Allah purifies the heart from the love of materials and worldly things.

Zakat is one of the fundamental pillars of Islam and it is made

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obligatory on Z.A.H.

Zakat According to Quran:

A. l. Baqarah: 43.

And keep up the prayers and pay the poor and bow down with those who bow.

Surah Tawba: 103

"Take alms of their wealth and make them pure and clean."

It is evident from these verses of Quran that Zakat is the process of purification of wealth and soul.

According to Hadith:

"Giving charity wipes away sins just as water extinguishes the fire"

So Allah removes the sins by giving Zakat.

Zakat has greater implications on human life and the society he lives in. These implications can be divided into

- ① Social
- ② Spiritual
- ③ moral

Spiritual benefits of zakat:

Zakat is the purifier of the soul. It removes all the sins and nourishes a positive impact on the soul. It puts the feelings of equality erasing the selfishness and feelings of superiority over poor.

As to the above mentioned saying of Holy prophet (PBUH). Charity wipes away all sins from the hearts of a person and purifies his heart and soul - and give them a way of spiritual development.

Moral benefits:

- ① It eliminates hate and Jealousy

between people. When the rich gives Zakaat to the poor, the poor does not envy the rich. Both of them know that Allah gives to those whom he pleases.

Through Zakaat some of the people are tested when by Allah who are given wealth.

② It eliminates the unfair means of earning.

Beside doing a crime like theft or robbery, people resort also resort to unfair means of earning if they are given charity.

③ It saves people from committing crimes.

Poverty as being the mother of all crimes will lead people to commit crimes. In a just and charity giving society such crimes can be prevented. A poor man will always end up eating the ~~part~~ ^{illegal things} of another.

Q6 write down a comprehensive Essay on women's right in Islam.

Ans: Human Rights and women Rights in Islam:

Islam had laid down some fundamental right for humanity as a whole which are to be observed and respected under all circumstances whether a person is resident within the territory of the Islamic state or outside it. Human rights are the fundamental rights. No one has the right to abrogate these rights or withdraw from them.

Women rights are also the basic human rights, which shows the status of women in Islam.

Status of women in other religions or Before Islam:

Before the advent of Islam, women were deprived of the basic fundamental rights like, the right to life and

and to live. Women were burned alive, and men would consider a daughter as a source of dishonour. Some religions and the status of women.

Hindu: women are considered as material goods, they have master-slave relation. They are put to death when their husbands die. Some time provided as prostitutes to priests (Hindu)

Chinese: Female child was considered as humiliation. It was source of dishonour. While male child was celebrated.

Greek: Greece would consider the women as embodiment of evil, and would be considered as evil.

Some time would be punished and

eniled. Evident from Plato's and Aristotle

Jewish society:

writes that women were only for households.

women were considered as mere objects and having no right of inheritance.

Status of women Before Advent of Islam

① women were not given any share

in Inheritance.

- ② They were treated as mortal objects.
- ③ They were not given any right to decide for their life.
- ④ They would be subjected to atrocities when a baby would born, she would be considered as a dishonor to the family.

Two Contrasting views

Western views

vs

Islamic views:

Judo-Christians
views

Islamic world
perspective

Western believe that women are only given ~~the~~ rights in western culture and recognizing due rights in western culture only.

on the other hand Islam proposes a system where there is liberty for everyone but certain safety measures are taken for women.

Islam is the first religion who give recognition and rights to women and women as humans.

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Rights of women in Islam

In Islam a woman has an honoured position, special respect, love, affection and gentle feelings along with her legal and civil rights.

Islam has granted unprecedented spiritual, social and economic rights to women. It has not only acknowledged complete personhood of a woman but also safeguarded her rights, and made equal to men in their rights.

Al-Baquran,

"He created you from a single being then of the same kind made its mate" (Al-Zumar: 6)

It shows the equality of men and women as created from one and same.

The list of Rights:

① Both men and women are created from same origin.

⑥ It eliminates the violation of rights of one another.

A hungry man is the most dangerous one and can be ready for violating any kind of rule and law. So Zakat ~~can~~ provides a great help to maintain a moral and just society.

Social Benefits

① Individual welfare lies in collective welfare.

Zakat infuses the spirit of social welfare into a man, and is considered as the best charity.

As Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH)

Says:

"The best charity is to pay Zakat on one's wealth"

So it is considered as the best act among the social frames

② Zakat is an Ibadat.

Zakat begins by giving wealth to people and expecting nothing in return except Allah's mercy

It is imposed on Muslims because it is equally important as other pillars of Islam like prayer and Hajj.

Surah Baqarah:

"Indeed those who believe and do righteous deed and establish prayer and give zakat will have their reward."

③ Elimination of inequality:

Indeed with the addition of zakat to the Islamic worship, Allah has eliminated the idea of social classes which existed in the era of Ignorance and even in modern capitalistic world. This makes the Muslims to be more thoughtful of their wealth as they would be held responsible on the day of Judgment.

④ Provide basic necessities to poor.

Zakat provides material assistance to the impoverished.

The Holy Quran says,

And on those wealth there is

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right acknowledge for the poor and destitute" (Al Maat: 24-25)

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⑤ Mutual care through wealth distribution:

Zakat is made obligatory for the purpose of mutual care in society.

A healthy society is the one where there is a proper distribution of zakat and people are contented with their lives.

Holy Quran says:

"And it should not be that wealth is accumulated in few hands" (Alnest 1).

Conclusion:

Islamic society is the best example of a just society when the matter of zakat is concerned. Zakat not only purifies the soul and moral values but also constructs a welfare and just society.

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② Right to property: Women has given the right to gain property. She inherits from father and husband's property.

Al Quran:

"Women share of that which parents and near kindred leave"

③ Right to Education:

women are equally considered for education. They have the right to be educated.

As the prophet (PBUH) says:

"Seeking knowledge is the duty of every man and woman"

④ Equal respect in Society:

women are given respect in Islam, she is recognised a mother, sister, wife and daughter and considered a great holder of respect in society.

The prophet says,

Whoever takes care of two girls until they reach puberty, he and

will come on the day of resurrection
like the two equal fingers"
Other rights are.

- ① Right to reject a proposal.
- ② right to khula.
- ③ Equal Justice in Society.
- ④ Right to Education

Conclusion.

The belief of the west that women are inferior to men in Islam is an utter ignorance of Quran and the teachings of Islam. Islam is the only system that ensures equality to both men and women, it is the only system which recognized woman as human since its advent in Arabic society. If the discrepancies that exist in the society are taken to be the Islamic views is a sheer negligence and ignorance.

Dr Amina Wadud says:

"The essence of Islamic teachings supports women's rights and traditional interpretation have sometime sidelined women roles and agency"

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Q: 4: Describe the economic contemporary world.

Ans:

The Role of Islamic state in Islamic Economy:

Islam considers economic relations and behaviour as ways of integrating society into a higher level of reality. The Islamic state considers economic attainment as a means not an end. The state in Islam is responsible for organizing a social life, creating a material and spiritual prosperity and spread of faith.

Islamic state is responsible for regulating, supporting and protecting economic growth and activity.

The state is the holder of the mandate of Allah and His messenger as well as the mandate of community to carry out collective tasks. It is creating welfare and for all people.

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In short the role of Islamic state is related to realizing an Islamic market ~~concept~~ concept and realizing the goals of Islamic economy.

Some responsibilities of Islamic State

- ① Ensure the equality in access to natural resources and ways of earning.
- ② To ensure the equal opportunity to individuals - Education, Jobs and positions
- ③ Ensure the market is properly monitored to confirm the fairness in exchanges. (inspections to market)
- ④ To ensure the transfer of wealth from the rich to the poor by sharia.
 - 'An Islamic state can collect the Zakat by force'
- ⑤ To ensure fair distribution through inheritance laws.

Contemporary Economic Issues and Solution: