

Q#4

SalatIntroduction:

Allah says in Quran, "The salat at its fixed times is enjoined on the believers". Salat is the basic pillar of Islam. It has emphasized by Allah Almighty to pray five times in Holy Quran. It has many moral, spiritual and individual impacts in human life.

Importance of prayer in Quran:

Quran has

Meaning of Salah/prayer:

Salah is an Arabic word which means "to bow, to worship and to prayer".

Importance of prayer in Quran and Hadith:

a) In Quran:

In Quran Allah has mentioned the word Salah at several places. Quran emphasized Muslim to offer prayers regularly.

Allah says in Quran,

"O you who believe! seek guidance through patience and prayer; surely Allah is with the patient." (Quran)

"And be steadfast in prayer, pay regular charity and bow down your heads with those who bow down." (Quran)

b) In Hadith:

Holy prophet (PBUH)

has also emphasized the importance of salah many times

Prophet (PBUH) said,

"Prayer is Mikaj for the believers."

At other point he said,

"Successful indeed are the believers who are in humble in their prayer."

Different categories of salah.

Fardh prayers

Wajib prayers

Sunnah prayers

Nafal prayers

Social, moral and spiritual effects of Salah

⇒ Spiritual impacts of Salah

a) Psychological stability and peace of mind:

Salah provides spiritual guidance to mankind. It provides psychological stability and peace of mind. Many disturbed hearts when return to Allah, they find peace. As Allah says:

الَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

"Indeed the peace of heart lies in Allah's remembrance."

b) It purifies the body and soul:

Namaz purifies body by ablution and Taharat. Moreover, it also purifies the man's soul.

As Allah says in Quran,

"Surely Allah loves those who turn much to Him, and He loves those who purify themselves."

c) Check against evil and indecency:

Salah is a check against evil and indecency.

It makes humanity more accountable and transparent in their deeds. As Allah says in Quran:

"Surely prayer keeps away from indecency and evil."

d) Reward in hereafter:

By praying salah, Allah promised Muslims to get their rewards in hereafter. Salah makes

a special connection of a person with Allah Almighty.

Moral impacts

a) Inculcation of patience and perseverance.

Salah inculcates patience and perseverance.

It teaches the lesson of humanity and tolerance. Allah says in Quran.

وَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ

"And seek God's help with patience and prayers."

b) Inculcate the sense of honour and independence.

Prayers inculcate the sense of honour and independence. Five times prayer in a day gives a sense of honour in the hearts of

Muslims As Allah says in Quran,
"In truth, all honour
belongs To Allah and His
Messengers and The believers"

c) Inculcates the value of
Time and punctuality:

Salah is fixed on a
proper time. It keeps individual
more punctual in their daily
life.

d) Character building:

Salah builds the
character of individuals. It
forbids them to do any wrong
thing and to follow the
preachings of Islam.

Social Impacts

a) Mutual cooperation among
Muslims:

Salah enhances the mutual cooperation among Muslims. In Jummah prayers, Eid prayers and Tarawah prayers, they feel the sense that they all are brothers.

As Allah says in Quran,
"And hold fast by the covenant of Allah and be not disunited."

b) Creates social responsibility.

Salah inculcates the sense of social responsibility when Muslims meet daily to offer prayers, they come to know that their Muslim brothers are hungry and cannot afford their basic necessities of life. It develops the sense of social responsibility.

Critical Analysis:

Muslim ummah are going towards its downfall. They have forgotten the teaching of Islam. They have ignored the solution which Allah gave in Quran to seek assistance from salah.

Conclusion:

Salah is the basic worship of Islam. It has given many importance in Quran and Hadith. It has many spiritual, moral and social impacts on individuals.

Q#6

Introduction:

Maulana Fazlur Rahman Ansari said, "Islam has raised the status of women from below the Earth to so high that paradise lies at her feet." Islam has raised the status of women. Islam ensures all their economic, political and social rights.

Status of women in Pre-Islamic era:

In Hindu scriptures, the good description of good wife is "a woman whose mind, speech and body is kept in subjugation". In pre-Islamic era, people killed

Their daughter right after their birth

Status and role of Women in Islam

a) Acknowledgement of a complete personhood of women in Islam:

Eleven centuries before the publication of "A vindication of the Rights of women" by Mary Wollstonecraft, Islam has accepted the complete personhood of women. In Islam, every soul is responsible for its deed and there is no distinction between males and females.

b) ^{Status} Rights of women as a child:

Islam forbids

the customs of infanticide.

Allah says in Quran,

"And when the female buried alive - is questioned for what crime he was killed."

Status of women as a mother:

Islam has raised the status of mother. As Holy Prophet (PBUH) said,

"Paradise is at the feet of mothers."

Allah says in Quran,

"And we have commanded people to honour their parents. Their mother love them to hardships upon hardships and their weaning takes two years."

So, be grateful to me
and your parents."

Status of women as a
wife:

Islam gave women
the right to propose for her
marriage to any man she
liked. It has raised the
status of women as a
wife. As Holy Prophet (PBUH)
said,

"The best amongst
you is the one who is
best to his family and
I'm best amongst you
to my family."

Provision of necessities:

Islam has encouraged
Muslims to provide basic
necessities to their daughters

and wife. As Allah says in Quran,

"If your wife refrain from impropriety and are faithful to you then clothe and feed them properly."

Economic rights of women:

Islam has granted all the economic rights to women. It has granted the rights of inheritance, property and to run a business.

For example, Hazrat Khadija (R.A) was a trader.

Political rights of women:

Islam has granted the right to be nominated as a political officer and.

To participate in public affairs. For example, during the caliphate of Umar, a woman proved her point in the mosque and he declared that, "a woman is right and Umar is wrong."

Right to get education:

Islam has granted the right to get education to every Muslim. There is no distinction based on the ground of gender.

As prophet (PBUH) said, "seeking knowledge is mandatory for every Muslim."

Right of privacy:

Islam has secured

The right of privacy for every Muslim. Women are more concerned about their privacy so, Allah says in Suran,

"O you who believe, enter not houses other than your own, without first announcing your presence and invoking peace upon the folk thereof."

Critical Analysis:

Islam has secured the rights of women. It has raised its status and role. However, in modern era, the son of Adam denied their status and role. Women are still raising their voices against injustices.

Situation in Muslim Countries Way Forward

Gender inequality → Ensure Equal Rights

Female illiteracy is high → Educate the women

Forced Marriage → Eradication of social norms

Weak in economic and political sphere → Acceptance of their economic and political rights

Violence against women → Policies against violence of women

Conclusion:

Islam has raised the status and role of women. It guarantees the rights of women as a child, mother and wife. It ensures the rights of women in all economic, political and social spheres of life.