

Question 02

Introduction:

Islam comprises of certain set of rules and belief. The most important and fundamental is Tauheed - Unity of God. For a believer, it is a must belief. By testing believing in the doctrine of Tauheed one can get benefits in his individual and collective life. This study will focus on these aspects

Doctrine of Tauheed - in Islam:

One of the basic pillar of Islam is Tauheed.

In Quran the concept of Tauheed is referred in following words:

"To him belongs the sovereignty of heavens and earth" (Al-Quran)

Tauheed is derived from arabic word شهد which means testifying that Allah is one and no deity is worthy of worship except him.

Types of Tauheed

To consider Allah (SWT) one that is Tauheed is in three famous categories

Unity in Name:

One of the fundamental belief is to consider Allah (SWT) one in his name

Unity in Attributes:

It refers to not associating any of attributes of Allah (SWT) to anyone except him.

Unity in Actions:

It refers to refrain from having a belief that someone is assisting Allah (SWT) in carrying out any actions.

Associating anyone with Him (SWT) disqualifies a ~~believer~~ person to be believe

Importance of Tauheed in Individual Life:

Tauheed provides many benefit to a believer and is considered to be of great importance for a muslim to success in this life and hereafter.

Below are some of aspects highlighting its importance.

1- Gives Motive of Life:

If a person believes in the unity of Allah, he will understand that there must be some purpose behind his creation. Hence, he will continue to strive for fulfilling his life according to what Allah commands.

"We have not created Jins and human except for the purpose that they worship me" (Al-Quran)

2- Inculcates Self Respect:

If a person will know that Allah (SWT) is always there to support him in any matter, he will not ask anything from others. This will lead to the creation of a self respect in the believer as he has left his matters to the divine control.

3- Success in Worldly Life:

By believing in Allah (SWT) and

Spending life according to his will there are high chances that person gets contentment and success in this life.

4- Bliss in Eternal Life:

Not only in worldly but person gets salvation in the life hereafter, undoubtedly. By believing in Allah SWT and his commands one can get success in his hereafter.

5- Creates Responsiveness in Person:

If person considers the Tauheed's importance and implication he became serious for his actions consequences and shows responsibility towards every single step one take.

Importance of Tauheed in Collective Life

1- Everyone Fulfill Their Duty

Everyone in the society fulfill their duty because they believe in the God. This believe drives them to be responsive towards their actions.

2- Tolerance Towards Eachother:

People show tolerance towards eachother in a society. This can lead towards creation of a harmonious environment within community

Conclusion:

Thus, Tauheed brings up many positive affects in the life of individuals. Be it their individual life or collective life having firm faith in one Almighty beings up multiple advantages and provides a path for state and individual to progress.

Question 03

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Islam is one of the most distinctive religion of world. It is because it is deen which means it provides complete code of life. Not only it provides knowledge about belief but about all systems of life.

Today, human society is under many problems primarily economic and social but Islam provides the perfect solution to all of them.

This study will examine the Islamic social and economic system in detail to better understand how it provides with a path to solve the contemporary issues, including poverty.

Socio-Economic Systems

Socio economic system refers to the social and economic

Postulates of Socio-Economic System of Islam:

Socio-economic system of Islam has certain postulates that set it apart from other societies and systems.

(1) High emphasis on System of Family:

Family is the building block of any society. Therefore, Islam had put special emphasis on the family system. Within family from blood relatives to others all are emphasized as important.

Parents:

According to Quran and Sunnah, a person is most entitled to be in good conduct with their parents.

A man came to Prophet (PBUH) and asked who is to be entitled to be treated best by me. Prophet (PBUH) replied your mother. He asked who else after her. Prophet (PBUH) replied your mother. He again asked and Prophet (PBUH) replied your mother.

He asked again and then Prophet

(PBUH) replied your father.

In Islam it is highly and repeatedly
asked to have good conduct towards
parents.

Children:

It is emphasized to take care of
children and to feed them. Furthermore,
it is restrained to kill them

"Do not kill them because of fear of
poverty. It is Allah that provides for them."
(Quran)

Paternal and Maternal Relatives

It is highly emphasized in Islam to
have good relations with relatives.

Especially, uncle and aunt. Prophet
(PBUH) said to Hazrat Ali

"Paternal uncle is like father"

"Maternal aunt is like mother." (Al-Hades)

Even after demise of parents it is
advised to have good relations with
relatives.

Islam provides with two ways to earn money. The first one is providing some with goods and secondly providing with services.

→ Prohibition of Riba:

Islam forbade a believer to earn any money due to interest and therefore strictly prohibits this practice.

→ Making No Money out of Money:

It is not allowed in Islam to make money out of the money. One can earn a profit on money through investments only.

→ System of Zakat

Those who have the specific amount (75 ounces of gold and 52 ounces of silver) are entitled to give the obligatory

"Whoever of you can marry should marry" (Hadees)

Thus, Islam encourages believers to get marry.

Status of Minority:

An Islamic state minorities are given a respectable name referred as *dhimmi*.

They are allowed to continue their religious practices within Islamic state

and live a respectable life. "There is no compulsion in religion" Hadees

Status of Woman:

Before Islam woman were treated as lower or inferior but Islam recognized them and give them equal importance as a male is given.

→ Islam Recognizes Economic Inequality:

Islam recognizes economic inequality but it also emphasize to distribute the money. It is explained in Quran

Charity - Zakat

"Establish the prayer and give Zakat" (Quom)

Functioning of Socio-economic Systems:

In an Islamic society the socio-economic system functions at every level. However, such true practices were witnessed in the time of ~~the~~ pious caliphs.

Eradication of Poverty through Implementing Islamic Socio-economic systems:

① The concept of Redistribution of Money:

According to the system of Zakat, it is said that there is inequality in wealth distribution, so it is said that money does not circulate only within hands of few and it is circulated within all. This can help poor people to get contentment too.

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② The Concept of Brotherhood:

In Islam, the concept of brotherhood is of high importance. This concept leads one muslim to feel the grieences of the other one.

This can contribute the rich to help poor. Case study of Muhajraan and Ansaan are best to elucidate this concept.

'Every Muslim is brother to the other'. (Hades)

Conclusion:

To pen off the discussion, it is concluded that Islam provides the best ceterion of spending life in economic and social sphere. This will help in curing many of social problems including the poverty.

Question 05

Introduction:

Governance refers to the act of conducting affairs of state. According to Islamic governance

It is a system that refers to following the conducts of state affairs according to the principles of Islam. Islamic governance undoubtedly fulfills all the requirements that modern day governance needs to have which include Competitiveness, responsibility, transparency, accountability and others.

Concept of Good governance:

The concept of good governance in Islam has its roots in the teachings of Quran and Sunnah. It was the ideal state of Medina under Prophet (PBUH) that all the elements of good governance were seen.

Principles of Good governance in Islam in light of Pious Caliphate's era

→ Upholding Rule of Law:

An Islamic state under the pious caliphate the rule of law was

strongly upheld and practiced.

As according to famous narration of Prophet (PBUH)

'O people! Those before you were destroyed ~~because~~ because if someone of high ranks commit theft they spare him and if person of lower rank commit crime they inflict prescribed punishment on them. "By God, if my daughter Fatima (R.A) were to steal I would cut her hands off?"

This shows that how perfectly in Islam Rule of law is applicable on all under peod of pious calphs for this cause systems were made to uphold rule of law and proper judicial system was present.

Accountability:

Another distinctive feature of Islamic judicial system is upholding and ensuring accountability.

"Each of you is shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock."

(Al-Hadood)

This was one of the most practiced aspect during time of Caliph even the system of **Hisabah** was made for the purpose. Umer (R.A) even made the governor of province that he appointed to be accountable for his acts as people asked about it

"If I am wrong help me" ~ Hazrat
Abubakr (R.A)
1st Caliph

Meritocracy:

Islam strongly advocates for the system of meritocracy which refers to the system of right job for the right people. This can be illustrated through the concept that Prophet (PBUH) appointed ~~Umer (R.A)~~ Khalid Bin Walid as leader of an important military expedition despite seniors.

Similarly at time of Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A) it was idea of Hazrat Umer (R.A) to compile the Quran but Hazrat Zaid Bin Hauthar was made in charge of the committee due to expertise

No Space for Nepotism:

Islam strongly discourages the act of nepotism. As it is mentioned

“Fight for the justice even if it is against yourself, your parents or your relatives”

Furthermore, Hazrat Umar (R.A) had not nominated his son Abdullah to be next caliph, which shows how he had not favored nepotism.

Conclusion:

To pen off the discussion Islam offers the best system of governance which is illustrated through the time periods and governance of Caliphs.