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Mock Exam CSS 25

Islamic Studies

Part - II

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Q2. Elucidate the doctrine of Tauheed (unity of God) in Islam. Describe its importance in individual and collective life.

Tauheed تعهد:

The doctrine of Tawhid affirms the belief in absolute unity and oneness of the Almighty, most beneficent and most merciful God.

Tawhid is the very essence of Islam. All Abrahamic religions, Islam, Christianity and Judaism preaches monotheism.

The definition of Monotheism could be understood as defined by Quran itself

is Surah Hajj (22: 73) states that

" O humanity! A lesson is set forth, so listen carefully, those you invoke besides Allah can never create a fly, even if they all were to come together for that.... "

characteristics of تعهد Tauheed:

Since oneness of God is the belief that the absolute authority lies with with Almighty Alone, because

→ he's the sole creator

→ All powerful

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- Only sustainer of this universe.
- Allah alone is Eternal, and everything else is bound to an end.

Thus the belief in doctrine of Tawhid refers to these four Qualities that can only be associated with Allah Almighty and nobody else should be made^a partner with the God in these Qualities is called as Tawheed.

Tawheed in Islam:

Tawheed in Islam is described by the first basic pillar of Islam i.e Kalma. The first part of the Kalma, La ilaha illa refers to 'there is no one but Allah' is the core pillar of Islamic belief. The rest of the foundation lies on it. This belief tells us that there is no one but Allah that is worthy of worship. This belief absolutely defies all other concepts, ideas, understanding and illusions of divinity other than the One and the only Divine. 'La ilaha illa' negates the existence of every false God and condemns false devotion, worship and ideas of dependence upon such gods.

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Types of Tauheed:

1) unity in Person

توحيد الذات

Unity in person is the belief as defined by Surah Ikhlas (عزب)

112: 1-4.

'Say there is no God but Allah, He is the absolute, None is borne of him nor was He born And there is none like him.'

Professor John Glover of physics in his book The Evidence of God in an expanding Universe has also debated and Scientifically proven that this ever expanding universe is the evidence of Oneness of God.

2) Unity in Attribute:

توحيد الصفات

The unity in Attributes is defined in Surah Al Baqarah, the Ayat ul Kursi verse defining that 'he neither sleeps nor yawn'.

Similarly in Surah Al-sajdah verse 6-7 Allah defines his perfection in Quran 'He who perfected everything He created. And He originated the creation of humankind from clay.'

Similarly in Surah Al-Mulk 67: 3-4 Allah mentions his perfection and called human to look and try to find any flaw, but his gaze will

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return to him tired.

3. Unity in Actions: (توحيد في الاعمال)

Allah say 'Kun (كن)' and it happens Fa'ya Kun (فان). Thus attributing someone partner with Allah in these attributes besides Allah is Shirk (شرك).
Ibne Taymiyah has defined that pride and Arrogance is also a symbol of Shirk, because he say that Pride could be associated with someone only that is absolute and eternal.

Impacts of Tawheed:

Individual life:

→ Self Respect & Dignity

Tawheed preserves self-respect and dignity. Iqbal says

بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
مَنْ حَقَّقَ ذَلِكَ فِي نَفْسِهِ
وَأَقْبَلَ بِهَا حَقِيقَةَ تَوْحِيدِهِ
وَأَعْتَمَدَ عَلَيْهَا فِي عَمَلِهِ
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→ fosters sense of Accountability

Tawheed encourages the sense that Allah Almighty is observing and recording all of our deeds creates a sense of Accountability

→ Makes one virtuous and Upright

→ Gives Hope

→ Remove narrow mindedness

no. 4 Salat (Prayer) is the basic pillar of worship in Islam. analyze its social, moral and spiritual effects.

Salat:

Literal Meaning: Salat literally means to 'pray', 'bowing', 'homage', 'worship' and 'prayer'.
→ It means to humbly ask or beg for something.
→ It is a sort of communication between a man and its creator.

Salat is the second pillar of faith.

The Quran says,
'The Salat at its fixed (five) times is enjoined on the believers.'

It was made obligatory on the 10th of Nabawi. Islam lies greatest stress on prayers because it makes man closer to his creator.

In Surah Al-Mudassir, Allah says 74:42

'What landed you in Hell?, They will reply, "we were not of those who prayed,"'

In a hadith Allah Prophet saw says,

'Prayer (Salat) is the only thing that distinguishes between a Muslim and Non-Muslim.'

Philosophy of Salah:

In Surah Ankaboot 29:45

Allah says,
'Indeed prayer saves from

immodesty and evilness'.

Thus Salah saves a person from every kind of sin related to soul, for

example pride, arrogance, backbiting, jealousy etc. and all

physical evils like prostitution, theft etc.

In Quran Allah has repeatedly stressed

'والقوام الصلاة'
'and establish prayers'

and establish yourself that we will protect from every evil and wrongdoing. Salat also create sincerity in a person, when a person engages in five daily prayers, it creates a punctuality and a sense of responsibility and accountability before the Almighty which saves from not only bodily evils but all other spiritual wrongdoings.

Impacts of Salat:

2. Spiritual Impacts :

→ Psychological Stability & Peace of mind:

Allah stress on his Remembrance, in Surah Taha 20 Verse 14 Allah says

'... and establish prayer for My Remembrance'

Al-Ghazali defines this as

'God distinguishes Himself from the sultan insofar as He opened the "door", removed the veil and permitted man to communicate with Him through prayer.'

Thus this communication gives a peace of mind to the believer, that he can pour out all his worries to Allah swt, who's always there to listen and help when asked.

→ closeness to God:

Salat brings people closer to God, which not only brings peace but also establish good deeds and saves from wrong doing.

'اللَّهُ يَبْغِي الْغَيْبَ وَيَنْزِلُ السَّمَاءَ فِي سُبْحَانَكَ وَاللَّهُ يَرْفَعُ الْغَيْبَ وَيَنْزِلُ السَّمَاءَ فِي سُبْحَانَكَ'

This makes a person enjoin good and forbids him from evil.

→ Cleanliness & Purification:

Doing five times prayers a daily not only creates a habit of cleanliness through Wudu, because Prophet saw regarded cleanliness as an inseparable part of faith.

In Surah Al-Baqarah Allah says 2:222

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

Taharat (purification طهارة) refers to bodily as well as spiritual purification

→ Patience and Perseverance:

Salat brings patience and perseverance in a person. Engaging in five daily prayer creates a connection to God that establishes a sense of selflessness bringing patience and perseverance. In Surah Al-Baqarah 2, verse 45

"Nay, seek God's help with patience, perseverance and prayer."

Moral Impacts:

→ It creates an intention, defines goals and formulates the will.

→ The obligation in prayer inculcates watchfulness and seriousness, as in a

Hadith ~~the~~ Prophet pbuh says

'Many are those who obtains nothing from their prayers except exhaustion and fatigue.'

→ Creates sensitivity to the value of time

Prophet pbuh declared the best who

offers Salat on time, because it brings punctuality and discipline in life.

→ encourages a sense of brotherhood and unity and among Muslim ummah. As said, by Iqbal

ایمان میں جبر، سب سے پہلے ہے نماز
نہ توڑے نماز، نہ بے نماز

→ Prayer and sense of Honour and Independence

Iqbal says

وہ ایک سب سے پہلے آگے سے آگے
نہ توڑے نماز، نہ بے نماز

Thus bowing before one God, preserves the honor and dignity of a human being and gives independence from everything else because he believe that Allah this the sole provider and sustainer.

→ Prayer also helps bringing morality and character-building. As establishing five daily prayers forbids one from all evils during the time in between

Social Impacts:

→ A Righteous Society is formed.

→ Increased social strength, mutual cooperation and consultation.

→ Brings greater social Responsibility.

→ In Surah Aal-Imran verse 110, 'Ye are the best community brought forth for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.'

28 write short note on

i- Peace in Islam

Islam is a word derived from Arabic word Salam, literally meaning 'peace'. Islam is a religion of peace, tranquility and harmony.

The contextual meaning of Islam means to enter in peace by submitting to the will of Allah. In Quran, Surah Al Maida 5 verse 16 Allah says Islam as

'The path of Peace'

The ideal society according to Quran is defined as 'Dar-us-Salam' Surah Yunus; 25.

One of the Attributive name of Allah swt is

'As-Salaam' (the source of peace). Islam

encourages peaceful co-existence with all communities regardless of their faith. In Quran Surah Al Baqarah verse 256, Allah says

'There is no compulsion in Deen'

Peace is such an essential concept in Islam that even greeting someone is pronounced as

'may there be peace upon you'. In the life of prophet Muhammad saw, there were several instances where he prioritized peace over conflict such as 'Treaty of Hudaibiyah' for societal harmony.

Thus Islam sees peace as pivotal foundation of one's individual and collective life.

ii- Self Purification in Islam:

Self-Purification known as the 'Tazkiyah Nafs' is a central concept in Islam, a behaviour that brings one closer to Allah.

The Quran has highlighted the importance of self-purification, stating "He has succeeded who purifies it (the soul) 91: 9. This involves eliminating all negative energies like greed, curse, arrogance and hatred and nurturing positive values like humility, patience and sincerity.

How self Purification could be achieved?

✦ Faith and Worship: Strong belief in Allah and consistent acts of worship such as Salah, fasting and recitation of Quran cleanse the soul and strengthen one's connection to Allah.

✦ Repentance: Seeking repentance is a spiritual renewal. Allah SWT says that "And turn to Allah in repentance, all of you, O believers, that you might succeed" Quran 24: 31

✦ Zikr (Remembrance of Allah): In Quran Allah says
'In His Remembrance hearts find peace.'

✦ Charity: Sadaqa is another way of not only purifying your soul by negating the negative energies like greed but also a purification of wealth as it wards off all kinds of evils. In Quran Allah has repeatedly asked for giving away Zakat

~~وآتوا زكوة~~
'وآتوا زكوة'

'and give Zakat'

Self Purification is an ongoing journey of self-improvement and spiritual growth. By aligning one's heart and action to the will of Allah, self-purification enables to attain inner peace and fulfillment, creating a path to success in this world as well as the hereafter.

Q.No. 3 Discuss in Detail the Socio-Economic....

The Socio-Economic System of Islam:

→ Islam is a complete code of life.

→ It not only teaches Belief and Prayers but provides guidance in all spheres of life.

→ Islam's Economic System is a revolutionary Economic system.

→ Revolutionary because it has the potential to take out maximum number of people out of poverty in a limited amount of time.

→ The time period of the four pious Caliphs of Islam was the Golden period in Islamic history where there were people who would give away zakat but there were almost none who would take it.

→ The main feature of an Islamic economic system is that it is a balanced system.

→ As in the west, the economy is either entirely capitalist or socialist as in China and Russia separately but Islam provides a midway.

→ The system of Islamic economy is capitalist plus even though it is 1400 year old.

Principles of Islamic Economic System:

1. Economic Struggle:

Islam encourages one to use his all mental and physical capabilities to earn a lawful earning. In Quran, Surah Al Baqarah verse 275 Allah says 'Allah has permitted trade and has forbidden interest.'

On the other hand, Allah has also encouraged earning good wealth. In Surah Al Ara'fa Allah says in verse 32,

'~~Allah~~ --- made for you therein ways of livelihood.'

But has also encouraged to earn wealth through lawful way only. Prophet saw say 'The trustworthy honest Muslim merchant will be with the martyrs on the Day of Judgement'

2. Lawful Means:

Allah has strongly rejected beggary, theft, bribery, corruption and all other illegal means of earning. Prophet saw say 'The one who takes bribery and gives bribe, both would go into hell fire.'

3) Ethics of Trade:

→ Islam has also encourage a fair and just trade with mutual interests of both parties. Islam strongly discourages all types of business involved in monopoly and oligopoly that exploits its customers through unfair profit earning.

→ Islam also discourages Deceit and embezzlement in trade. The nation of

of Hazrat Shoaib as his incident is quoted in Quran who were involved in embassament in trade. In Surah Al-Nisa, Allah says "there is no deceit in trade." (Surah Nisa: 29)

4) Prohibition of Hoarding:

Hoarding is seen as a big wrongdoing in Islam and is strongly discouraged. Prophet Muhammad says

"whoever hoards food away from Muslims, Allah will afflict him with leprosy and poverty."

5) Prohibition of Gambling

6) Prohibition of Extravagance:

In Quran verse 31, chapter 7 Allah says

"Eat and drink and don't ~~at~~ exceed your limit!"

7) Sources of Revenue

* Taxation

Islam promotes direct taxes only; indirect taxes and double taxes are perceived unlawful in Islam

* Spoils of war

* Mal-e-Fay (Fay Income)

The income from land won other than by war.

* New Taxes

8) Ensure Social Justice

the social system of Islam encourages social justice, an attribute of communism/socialism. This is achieved by the concept of Bait-ul-Mal in Islam. State is responsible to provide food, cloth and shelter to its citizens.

7) Abolishment of Slavery in the name of livelihood in order to ensure human dignity. Prophet ^ص say that 'the labour must be given his wage before his sweat dry.' just as happen in today's corporate culture, employees are exploited by the companies.

8) Ensure circulation of wealth

→ to reduce class difference

→ control inflation

→ Create an interest free economy

→ Riba is a major sin as in Quran;

2: 275-279 Allah has clearly declared Riba

as unlawful and forbidden it. In Surah

Aale Imran 3 verse 130 Allah has declared

that who ever takes Riba is like

declaring war against Allah and his messenger.

Reasons:

1) Interest (Riba) is Injustice.

2) Accumulation of wealth.