

ISLAMIAI , TEST: 1 .

Q1. Elaborate the importance of zakat
... society?

Ans: INTRODUCTION:

Zakat is one of the five basic and obligatory worships of Islam. The literal meaning of zakat is to clean and to purify. The contextual meaning of zakat is, "the purification of wealth."

IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAT:

Zakat is an obligatory worship. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (RA) said to do jihad against those who don't give zakat, so it can be said that zakat should be taken by force by the government. In Quran Allah states that, - the summarisey of it can be;

"The thirst of wealth and money makes a person blind"

Surah Taqasud.

This ayat shed light on the importance of zakat, as zakat purifies one's wealth

and removes materialism.

CRITERIA OF ZAKAT:

Following are the conditions, if these conditions are fulfilled by a human it is obligatory for him to pay zakat.

1. Must be a Muslim. (Zakat is an obligatory worship which is made 'baed' only on Muslims).
2. Must be a sane person. (The person who is giving zakat should be a sane person and is not obligatory on an abnormal person).
3. Must be mature. (The person giving zakat must be mature and not a child).
4. Must be a free person. (The person should have freedom).
5. Should be financially capable. (Zakat is not obligatory for every one but is for those who have the financial capability).
6. Domestic and family needs should be fulfilled first. The person

giving zakat must fulfill his family needs first and then should pay zakat).

7. If a person is in debt, he must not pay zakat. (If an individual is in debt or in a financial burden, it is not obligatory for him to pay zakat. Zakat is paid on surplus amount of wealth).

<u>WEALTH</u>	2.5%	Yearly.
<u>PRECIOUS METALS</u>	7.5% for gold 52.5% for silver	Yearly
<u>TRADE IN STOCK</u>	2.5%	Yearly
<u>AGRI PRODUCTION</u>	Acid land (10%) Irrigated land (5%)	Every Year
<u>LIVE STOCK</u>	5 camels (1 goat) 30 cows (1 goat) 40 goats (1 goat)	
<u>BURIED WEALTH (MINERAL PRODUCTION)</u>	20%	Every Production

BENEFICIARIES / HEADS OF ZAKAT:

Following are those people to whom the amount of

zakat can be given. In "Sura Taubah; 9:60" the heads of zakat are stated.

1. The poor. (These are the people who are very poor in terms of wealth and asks for money).
2. The needy. (These are the people who don't ask for zakat but are in the need of it).
3. Administrators of zakat. (Those who are in the profession of collecting and distributing zakat).
4. Sympathisers. (These are the people who convert in ancient times when convert to Islam paid zakat to win peoples heart as others isolated and left them).
5. To free slaves. (In ancient times, zakat was paid to free slaves).
6. Causes of Allah. (This is a vast category. For making orphanage, Jihad bilmal, for food, water etc).
7. Way Daaee. (The amount of zakat can be giving to those who

are always travelling).

ZAKAT CANNOT BE GIVEN TO:

The amount of zakat cannot be given to the following people.

1. Cannot be paid to hospitals or mosques.
2. Prophet Muhammad and the descendants of prophet.
3. Zakat cannot be given to spouse.
4. Parents and grand parents.
5. Children and grand children.

IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAT:

The importance of zakat can be subdivided into 3 groups.

SPIRITUAL IMPORTANCE:

1. Purification of soul.
2. Zakat removes materialism.
3. Closeness to Allah Almighty.

MORAL IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAT:

1. Shields against vices.
2. Humility and humbleness.
3. Humanitarian spirit.

SOCIAL IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAT:

1. Helps the individual.
2. Collective welfare of the society.
3. Circulation of wealth.
4. Reduce class difference.
5. Reduce inflation.
6. Controls unemployment.
7. Controls social ills.

HOW IT CAN ALLEVIATE POVERTY:

As discussed above zakat have many important impacts on social life from collective welfare of the society to the reduction of inflation and unemployment. This will in return reduce decrease poverty. But because of some factors this is not working in Pakistan, like interest based economy and trade deficit, and difficulty in distribution and collection, if zakat is collected and distributed according to the rules of Islam, it will indeed and alleviate poverty.

Q2. Elucidate how ... individual?

Ans: INTRODUCTION:

The literal meaning of 'sirat' are way or path, the contextual meaning of 'sirat' are, life journey of a person. Sirat-un-nabi is the life journey of Prophet (PBUH). Sirat-un-nabi means the actions, the silent approvals and the sayings of prophet (PBUH).

According to Maulana

Shibli Naumanji Sirat-un-nabi is;

1. Prophets action.
2. Prophets saying.
3. Prophets character.

PROPHETS LIFE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL:

"Prophet is the perfect example".

At Quran 33:21

Following are the reasons why Prophet (PBUH) is the perfect example for an individual in every aspect of life.

1. CHARACTER BUILDING:

Prophet (PBUH) is the best character for an individual and role model for the entire humanity.

2. PRIVATE LIFE:

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is a role model for humans in every aspect of life from private to social. In private sector, prophet was an exemplary husband, he never differentiated among his wives and treated all of his wives equally. He was also an exemplary father, grandfather, friend, trader and neighbour.

3. PUBLIC OR PROFESSIONAL LIFE:

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was and is the most perfect human being till date and have left examples for individuals how to deal with their professional life. He was a perfect head of state, law giver, diplomat, and an educator. The justice of Prophet (PBUH) is an example even in the western society. (Lincoln's Inn university have named Prophet (PBUH) top of the list in terms of giving justice.

4. SOCIAL WORKER:

For an individual, Prophet (PBUH) is a role model in the world of social work. Prophet is known for how he transformed

The whole of Arabia. Prophet (PBUH) gave importance to human rights, animal rights and environment.

EXAMPLE:

1. Prophet (PBUH) used to take care of sick people.
2. Prophet (PBUH) said never to be cruel to animals.
3. Prophet (PBUH), ordered never to cut a tree that's giving fruit even in the state of war.

CONCLUSION:

Indeed prophet (PBUH) is the best example for an individual and role model for the entire humanity. Prophet's teachings, his actions and sayings makes us the best human if we follow it.

Michael Hart in his book "The 100" have named Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) no:1 in terms of being the most successful at religious and secular level.

For being successful in this world and hereafter we must follow Prophet in all aspects of life.