

# ISLAMIC STUDIES

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QUESTION : 2

ANSWER

Concept of Day of Judgement.

## Introduction

Day of Judgement or the resurrection day is one of the pivotal part of not only Islamic concept but also many other religions. However, Islam emphasizes on it more than any other religion and considers it part of muslim belief. The epitome is to make believers understand and inculcate its impact in life.

## Meaning

Day of Judgement can be defined as the resurrection of human beings

in the life hereafter who will be rewarded or punished on the basis of their deeds.

## Elaboration of meaning

It is an Islamic concept that every being born in this world will die and then they will be resurrected on the day of judgement that is the doomsday. It is called as day of judgement because on this day Allah Almighty will be the judge who will decide the matters that has happened in this world.

On the basis of deeds and actions, individuals would be rewarded or punished. Hence, Day of Judgement is the day of accountability of all those who have been born in this world since the very inception of the world. All those dead will be resurrected for accountability.

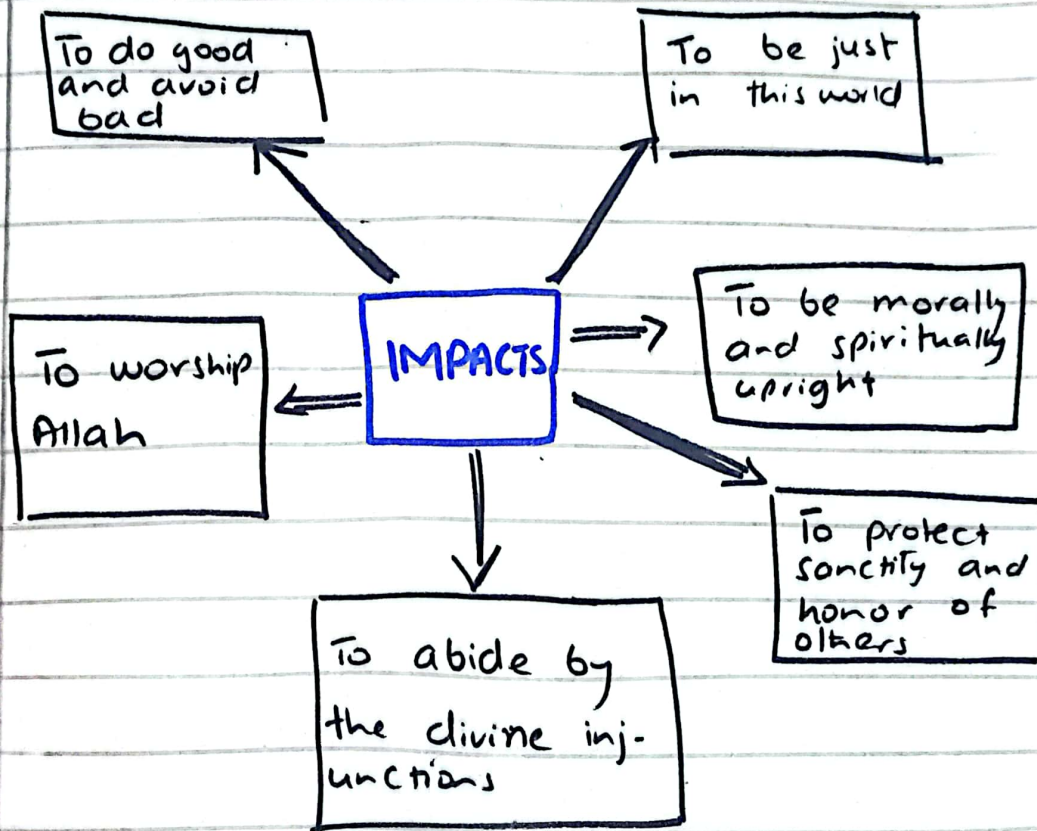
In Quran Allah says

**The trumpet shall be sounded,  
when behold! From their graves**

"They shall hasten"

Quran 36, verse 51

## Impacts



### 1- To do good and avoid bad

The major impact Day of Judgement has on life of individual is to do good deeds and to refrain from bad or evil conduct. This approach will be judged on dooms day. This influence every individual towards "Amr Bil-Maaruf", which has been considered



as characteristic of a muslim. In Quran Allah says,

امر بالعرف نبي عن المنكر

Enjoin good and forbid the wrong

## 2- Being just in this world

Every person who realizes that he would be held accountable for his unjust conduct would refrain from doing so, and would rather practice justice among matters. A person must know that being just is one of the orders by Allah. In Quran Allah say,

"Be just; that is nearer to righteousness."

Surah Maida

## 3- Moral and spiritual uprightness

One of the major impact is to become morally and spiritually upright. These are the characteristics of individuals which are mostly on personal level. In this world no one might punish moral evils

but Allah will address ones moral and spiritual righteousness.

#### 4. Protection of sanctity and honor of others.

Protection of sanctity and honor of others is an imperative impact of concept of Day of Judgement. It has been ordained by Allah and reiterated by Prophet PBUH to protect the sanctity and honor of other human beings. In final and Hajj sermon Prophet PBUH said that "the lives, property and honor of all people are sacred in the same way as Makkah."

The hadith is clear in its words that just like the sanctity of Makkah, every individual's honor and life is also sacred implying that Allah will hold human beings accountable for it on the Day of Judgement.

#### 5. To worship Allah and abide by injunctions of Islam



Allah in Quran has obligated upon man to worship him in the ways mentioned in Quran and practices of Holy Prophet P.B.U.T. The purpose is not superficial, its purpose is to keep one's self away from sin and bad deeds. Imam Gazali said, "fast does not mean only to control on food and water but to control oneself from evil thinking, evil looking, evil listening, and evil taking." Those who worship Allah will stay away from evil and eventually would be rewarded by Allah.

## Conclusion

Islam is a complete code of life. Every injunction has an underpinning purpose for the benefit of individual and the society as a whole. Day of Judgement has an important bearing in that it ensures accountability of every single individual whether muslims or non-muslims. Therefore, every individual must be careful in their dealings in public and private life.

QUESTION: 3

ANSWER

System of Zakat and Charity; impacts on social, moral and spiritual life.

### Introduction

Islam is a religion which provides a complete code of life. System of Zakat and Charity ~~and~~ is one of the venerated aspect of Islam which emphasize on the social, moral and spiritual impacts of the system. The impacts envisage to become aware of needs of people around us and to help them with what Allah has given to us.

### Meaning of Zakat

Zakat means to purify ie to clean ones money by giving portion of it to ones pointed by Allah in Quran.

### System of Zakat and charity

Zakat or Sadkat (charity) is an Islamic finance term which refers to



the obligation that an individual has to donate a certain proportion of wealth every year to the deserving people. In Quran, surah Al-Tawbah Allah has mentioned the beneficiaries of Zakat.

Zakat is not only for temporal benefits of purification of wealth rather it has ~~many~~ been regarded as a form of worship; hence, making it rewardable by Allah and He knows the intention behind donating money. In Quran, Allah orders

"And keep up with prayer and pay the poor alms and bow down with those who bow down!"

Al-Baqarah - 43

## Impacts of Zakat and Sadkat

Zakat and sadkat is one of the five pillars of Islam. In Quran Allah Pak has ordered to give Zakat Allah says, "

"واقبوا الصلوة والتواذكرون"



"And be steadfast in prayers; practice regular charity."

Furthermore, a Japanese scholar of comparative philosophy, Sachiko Murata said, "Just as ablution purifies body and Salat purifies soul, so Zakat purifies possession and makes them pleasing to God."

Zakat and charity has both temporal and spiritual benefits. Some of these impacts are as following:

## 1-Impact on social life

### i- Alleviation of poverty

The concept of system of Zakat is wholistic with major aim of circulation of wealth from those whom Allah has given to those who does not have enough. This pose tests for both classes which Allah will reward; for the wealth belongs to Allah.

Allah says in Quran, Surah Ath-Nur

"And bestow upon them from The wealth of God which He

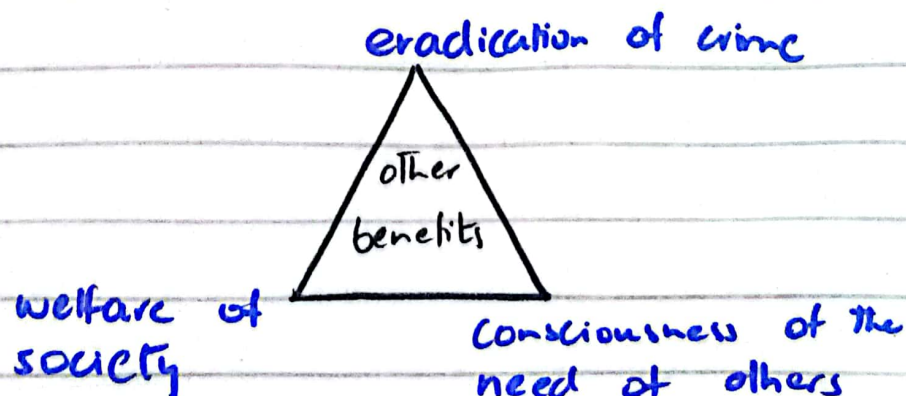
bestowed upon you."

Holy Prophet PBUH him emphasized on Zakat because he knows that poverty can be eradicated by Zakat. Prophet PBUH said that "poverty may lead to dis-belief. Hence, system of Zakat is necessary for alleviation of poverty."

## ii. Cooperation and harmony

A society that includes its needy by helping them and giving them their portion from one's wealth lead to cooperation and harmony in society. Circulation of wealth brings equality in society and feeling of brotherhood.

## iii. Other social benefits





## 2- Impacts on Moral and Spiritual life

### i- Conscience to make sacrifice

Zakat and Charity develops conscience to make sacrifice as it is not easy for some to share their wealth with others. This obligated sacrifice reward person with purification of wealth and eliminates the selfishness, making the individual more careful about the needs of people. However, those who hoard their wealth are devoid of the benefits and would eventually bear the burden of selfishness. In Surah Tawbah Allah says,

"They who hoard up gold and silver and spend it not in the way of God, unto them give tidings of a painful doom."

### ii. Satisfaction and content in life

Zakat and Charity has been mentioned 30 times in Quran considering it not a means to be generous, rather it is

something that Allah has ordained. Fulfilling this ordains of Allah is the major purpose of humans life especially muslims. The reason is quite simple, it is that helping others and sharing ones wealth with the beneficiaries of zakat gives an internal satisfaction and contentment which develops a sense of brotherhood. Hence, those who seek satisfaction in life shall share their possessions and wealth with the needy.

### iii. Earning pleasure of Allah

Every muslim wants to live a life in order to earn pleasure and blessings of Allah Almighty. No human being in this imperfect world is complete and he always seek for more which can only be provided by Allah Almighty. The blessings and pleasure of Allah would not only help in this world but would also be need in the life hereafter. It is said by Allah that what one spends on other is actually sent



forward and not what one hoards. Hence, it is better to send forward as much as one can in order to be successful in this world and also the life hereafter.

## Conclusion

System of Zakat and Charity has been obligated by Allah and emphasized by Holy Prophet PBUH. It is the third pillar of Islam, making it a compulsion for those who have been blessed by Allah with enough money to help others. Those who abide by the orders of Allah and injunctions of Islam would surely be rewarded with success and happiness in this world and the life hereafter. In Surah Falaq Allah says,

"The Believers, men and women, are protectors of one another: They enjoin what is just and forbid what is evil: They observe regular prayers, pay their Zakat and obey Allah and His messenger. On them will

Allah pour His mercy: for Allah is  
Exalted in power."

QUESTION . 4

ANSWER

Political system of Islam guarantees  
the prosperity of state and society

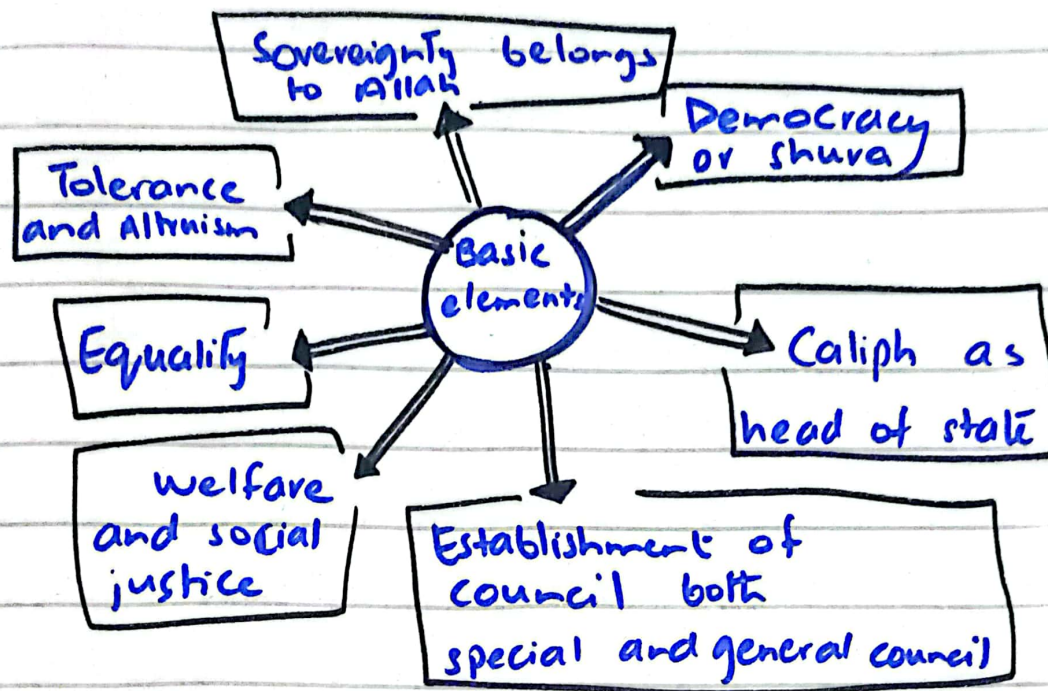
Introduction

Political system is a set of formal  
legal institutions that constitute a govern-  
ment or a state. The political system of  
Islam upholds Quran and Sunnah along  
with other injunctions of Islam. In overall  
view, Islamic political system is based on  
the concept of democracy which ensures  
prosperity of state and society. There  
are various elements of the political  
system of Islam which focus on the  
welfare of society. According to Imam Gh-  
azali, "Politics is to guide the people tow-  
ards right path through their rectification



for their welfare in worldly life and hereafter."

## Basic elements of Islamic political system



## Democracy concept in Islamic Political System

Islamic Political system is based on consultation, neither majority nor on contemporary concept of democracy nor on the dictatorship. In this regard Holy Prophet PBUH was advised by Allah Almighty to consult his companions in matter of state (Surah, Al-Inran).

It means that head of states are to consult top most knowledgeable consultants as Prophet PBUH did by consulting his companions. The matter

of consultation has been mentioned in Al-Shura that is,

"State matter are settled through consultation."

Ways in which Political system of Islam guarantees prosperity of state and society

### 1 - Accountability and justice

The political system of Islam emphasized on the importance of accountability and justice. Holy Prophet PBUH set example by accountability when he said, "By Him in whose hand is my life, even if Fatima daughter of Muhammad were to commit theft, I would have cut off her hand." Islamic political system did not favor selective justice. Hence, if this principle is applied in society then the accountability and justice would bring more prosperity.

### 2. Welfare of society



Political system of Islam provides principles for the welfare of people of state. It means that state would work efficiently to provide a peaceful environment in order to aid and support marginal sections of society. State is considered responsible for food, shelter and security of the deprived and poverty stricken people of society. Zakat system for this matter is well-integrated part of political system of Islam.

### 3- Inclusive society and equal rights

Political system of Islam ensures inclusive society. It stress upon equal rights and opportunities without discriminating on bases of gender, sect, caste, color, and even on religion. The Islamic system of governance ensures the protection of legal rights by declaring life and honor of every individual to be sacred. In last sermon of prophet PBUH said, "The life, property and honor of all people are sacred in the same way as



Makkah." This principle if fully implemented in a state and society would bring prosperity to the state.

#### 4. Cooperation and harmony

The political system of Islam requires cooperation and harmony among its various institutes. Once this principle is implemented on top tier, it will trickle down to society. As a result, the people of society would be more open to cooperation and harmony which would eventually bring peace and stability to the state guaranteeing prosperity of society.

#### Conclusion

Political system of Islam is a well-organized and integrated system. The elements which comprises of the Islamic political system aims at achieving a state with consultation among the head and other representative of people. This system guarantees a prosperous and happy society with welfare of its citizens.

QUESTION: 5

ANSWER

Concept and principles of modern civilization  
Effects on muslim Ummah

### Introduction

There are various civilizations which has evolved over period of time and influenced many people other than their own civilizations. Islamic civilization is one of the earliest civilization which influenced and impacted other civilizations.

Western culture and literature has been initially influence by Islamic civilizations.

Dwight D. Eisenhower referred to the impact and said, "Civilization owes to the Islamic

world some of its most important tools and achievements." However, muslims

Ummah, despite, of a rich civilization has been greatly influenced by the concept and principle of modern civilization, rendering significant effect on life.



## Definition of Civilization

An advanced state of intellectual, cultural, material development in human society marked by progress in art and sciences, including writing and appearance of complex political and social institutions.

Will Durant defined civilization as

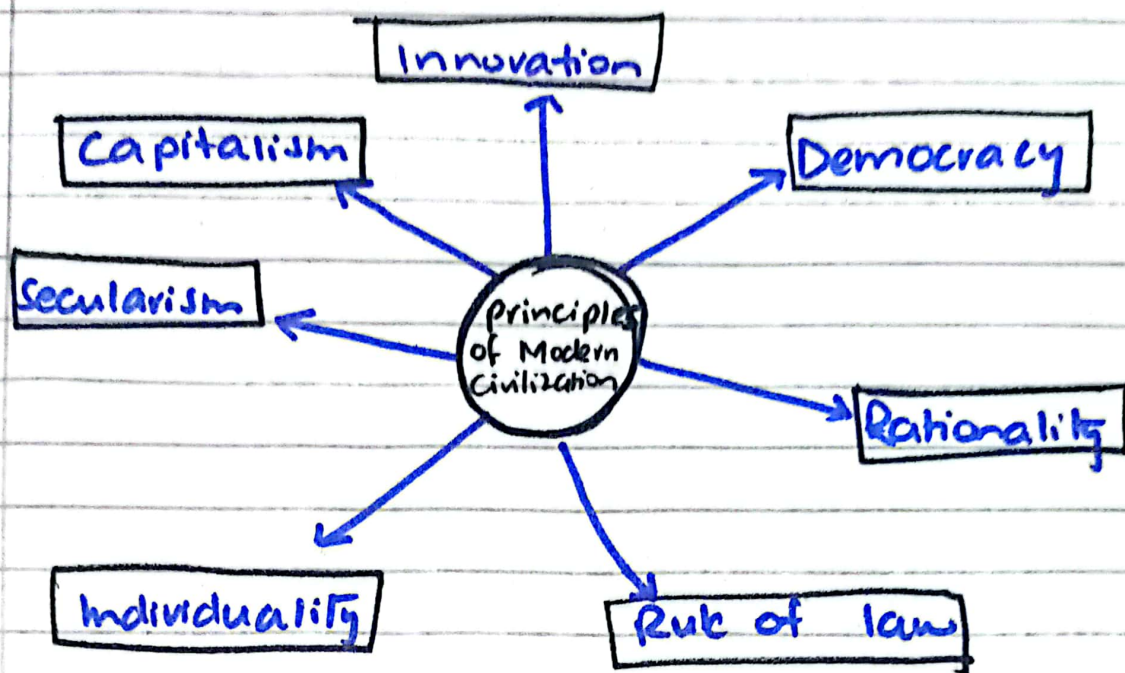
"Civilization is social order promoting cultural creation."

## Modern Civilization

Modern civilization also known as western civilization refers to the current era of human civilization, characterized by significant advancements in technology, science, industry, and societal structures. Modern civilization has taken various concepts and principles of Islamic civilization such as justice, equality, philosophy and many other. However, modern civilization is different in other ways from Muslim civilization, having effects on Muslim Ummah.

## ~~Effects~~ Principle of Modern Civilization





## Effects of Modern Civilization on Muslim Ummah

### 1- Materialistic Approach

Modern civilization has effected muslim Ummah by inculcating materialistic approach. Muslim Ummah has lost the vigour of spiritual gains and has become indulged in worldly gains. As a result, the ummah has gone astray - from the direction towards righteousness. The materialistic approach is quite evident amidst Gazan catastrophe, more than 20,000 Gazans have lost life with the building razed to ground whereas muslim Ummah, the torch bearer of courage, have not taken enough measures. Instead, they are engaged in more materialistic gains that are linked with western powers.

## 2- Individualism and selfishness

Individualism underscores importance of personal autonomy and protection of personal rights. It does not regard collective approach to be progressive. The concept of individualism leads to a selfish pursuit of success with personal growth and autonomy. This contradicts to Islamic civilization which emphasizes not only on individuality but also on collective benefits which is fundamental to the concept of muslim Ummah. Holy Prophet said, "Muslims are like a body, when one part aches the entire body is in unrest."

## 3- Minimizing role of family unit

Family unit plays an important role in muslim civilization as it lays down the foundation of muslim society. A strong family unit is vital for a healthy society. Modern civilization on contrary does not give regard to family unit. Dysfunctioning of family has a negative impact on the culture and generation. Despite, economic prowess and development, the social building is on a downward trajectory. This principle of less regard to family has been adopted by Muslim Ummah.

## 4. Economic disparities

Modern economic system based on capitalism has contributed to socioeconomic disparities with muslim Ummah. The capitalist economic



system has potentially led to inequalities in access to resources and opportunities.

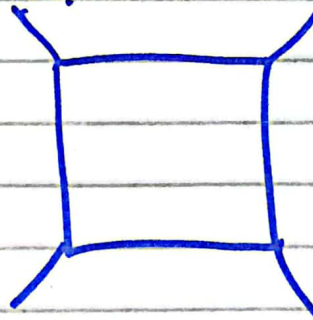
### 5- Identity crisis

The clash between Islamic values and modern ideologies have contributed to an identity crisis, especially amongst younger generation as they navigate conflicting cultural influences. Modern world has attracted and influenced muslim generations towards the glamorous world rendering an state of confusion and identity crisis.

### 6- Other effects

Educational shift

Cultural erosion



Social Disintegration

Moral challenges

### Conclusion

Modern civilization have contrasting concepts and principles as compared to Islamic civilization. The effects on muslim ummah are complex and multifaceted. While modernization has brought about technological advancements and opportunities, it has also introduced challenges. Navigating these dynamics requires thoughtful reflection and open dialogue to address challenges.