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ISLAMIC STUDIES

PART-II.

Q. Explain Islamic Concept of Day of Judgement.....?

INTRODUCTION

The Islam is a religion which provides a complete code of life to its followers. It introduced the concept of Day of Judgement and dual concept of Accountability. These concepts have a profound effect on the social, moral and religious activities of Muslims. It created a sense of consciousness in Muslims, due to which they try to act in a manner so that they can please their creator. A Muslim's sole purpose of creation is to satisfy its creator and to achieve prosperity in both this life and life hereafter.

ISLAM- A COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE

Islam is a religion which was revealed on Holy Prophet SAW 1400 years ago. The purpose of Islam was to provide a complete code

of life involving instructions for individual and its social, economic, political and educational system. Allah himself said in Quran in Surah maidah that Islam has been selected as a religion for Muslims:-

"This day I have completed my favour upon you. And I have selected Islam as a religion for you"
(05: 03).

BELIEFS IN ISLAM.

Islam is a religion which is based on some essential beliefs.

A muslim is required to have faith in Allah, finality of Prophet SAW, Allah's apostles, day of judgement, books and angels.

One day a man asked Prophet SAW that what is Islam Prophet SAW replied:

"Islam is to have belief in Allah, his messengers, his apostles, angels, books and finality of the day of judgement."
(Hadees).

• DAY OF JUDGEMENT- AN ISLAMIC CONCEPT

The Day of Judgement has been told by Allah to all the mankind. The day of Judgement is known as Youm-e-Zaka and Youm-e-Jaza. It means that on this day all people will be asked about their actions. They will be rewarded accordingly. Allah says in Quran that:

"One day you all will be answerable for your deeds".

(Al-Quran)

The day of Judgement is the concept which gives the message that whatever humans do in this world, it is all being recorded by angels. Allah has assigned the duty of recording deeds of every individual to angels known as "Karaman Katiben". The purpose of them is to record each and every action, word and trivial details of humans. Then after all mankind dies, a trumpet will be blown by Hazrat Israfeel AS. The purpose of trumpet would be to destroy the world and universe. And then the ground would be set for the day of Judgement on the ground of Arafat. The purpose of the all.

This would be to do accountability of humans. All human beings would be made accountable by measuring their deeds. Those who have good deeds would be sent to Paradise and find eternal happiness. Those who have bad deeds would be sent to hell and would be punished forever. The concept of day of judgement creates a sense of vigilance in Muslims. As Muslims believing in day of Judgement is part of faith of Muslims. So as a result they act in a manner to avoid bad deeds and do good deeds. The purpose of practicing muslim is to do maximum good deeds like charity, speaking truth, refrain from evil acts, injustice and many other evils. Prophet SAW said that:-

"World is like a seed, the kind of seed we sow will determine our yield in Akhirah"

(H Adeel)

IMPACTS OF DAY OF

JUDGEMENT ON LIFE OF HUMANS:

The day of Judgement has significant impact on ~~soer~~ individual, moral and social life of human, which are discussed below:

• Impacts on Individual life:

a. IT REFRAINS AN INDIVIDUAL FROM DOING BAD DEEDS:

Islam has declared backbiting, injustice, lie, robbery, theft as bad deeds and have imposed severe punishment for it ~~also~~ in the life after death. So practicing Muslims try to prevent these bad deeds.

b. CREATES A SENSE OF EMPATHY IN AN INDIVIDUAL TOWARDS OTHER PEOPLE:

A Muslim is encouraged to do good deeds like charity, helping others, fulfilling rights of neighbour, family members. So a Muslim tries to do good deeds. He develops a feeling of love towards others.

e. CREATING IMPACTS ON SOCIAL LIFE:

a. IT CREATES A SOCIAL EQUALITY IN SOCIETY:

Islam is a religion which advocates the concept of equality. During the last farewell sermon PBUH had said it time and again that all human beings are equal. Any human has no superiority over another human on the basis of caste, color and creed.

b. IT CREATES HARMONY IN A SOCIETY:

When all human beings will consider everyone equal. They will treat each other with respect and give due rights to others, then it will lead to a creation of social and interfaith harmony in a society. Now a days the problem of social caste system and religious intolerance is prevalent in some parts of ^{muslim} world. So if Islamic teachings are employed in their true sense, then they would lead to creation of social harmony.

CONCLUSION

Islam is a perfect religion which introduced the concept of day of Judgement and dual concept of accountability. This concept allows the Muslims to act in a manner so that they can do maximum good deeds, so that they can achieve fruitful results on day of Judgement. It has found to have significant impact on the individual and social life of Muslims.

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Answer

Q7. Explain economic principles of Islam in light of Social Justice. How this concept is applicable in modern time? Discuss.

• INTRODUCTION:

Islam was revealed on our Prophet SAW 1400 years ago. The purpose of its revelation was to provide guidance to mankind till the day of judgement. Islam is a religion which not only teaches a human about religious obligation, but it focuses on all aspects of human life including economic, political and social systems. The economic ^{system} principle of Islam is based on equality and social Justice. The concept of Zakat in Islam ensures that the poor segments and vulnerable people of society benefit from the money of the wealthy. The social justice of Islam applies to the welfare state. This concept is applicable to the modern state.

• ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF ISLAM

Islamic economic system is a distinct system which is based on the guidance provided by Allah to our Prophet (P.B.U.H) in the form of revelations.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAMIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Islamic economic system is similar to the mixed economic system of current times. It includes the minimal state intervention, and allows people to do their business but within the limits provided by teachings of Islam.

1. It ensures economic well being
The economic system of Islam allows people to do their business and earn money. Islam encourages people to do ~~more~~ business and earn money, according to the ^{following} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~of~~ ^{of} principals, halal and haram.

2. It encourages following of moral norms:

Islamic economic system asks the Muslims to observe transparency and lawful means of earning money. It forbids Muslims from doing bribery, corruption and theft.

3. It provided a means of circulation of wealth

The concept of ^{Sadaqa}, charity and ^{Waqaf} allows the circulation of wealth. Like for example, if people transfer their wealth to their offspring,

then the issue of feudalism would be finished in our state.

4. Interest free economy

Islam has discouraged the riba i.e. interest. Mostly people give money to others on the basis of interest. The interest is a means of injustice. It can be exploited by the rich to exploit the vulnerable. Islam considers it as forbidden and has announced punishment for those who take interest.

5. Ensures Social Justice:

Social Justice means to help the needy segments of society. Islam has delineated the need of social justice in an Islamic state. Zakat can be used by the rich and state to help those who cannot fulfil their responsibilities. Furthermore, an Islamic state will have a public account - Bait al maal, which will pay the expenses of social services of needy. The social services include health, food and basic necessities of life.

COMPARISON OF ISLAM WITH MODERN ECONOMIC SYSTEMS:

• CAPITALISM:

Capitalism is the economic system of liberal democratic capital economy - USA. This system was introduced after the industrial revolution of Europe. It is based on the model of Adam Smith's concept *laissez faire*. It has been criticized by many philosophers including Karl Marx. It leads to the exploitation of the poor i.e. the Proletariat section of the community.

• COMMUNISM

Communism ^{lies} on the other ~~trans~~ extreme end of capitalism. It allows the social services to be people but it doesn't allow ^{private ownership of} free business. So this system is criticized because it denies humans of one their basic rights i.e. the right to do business and earn their livelihood. Furthermore, it is criticized because it has lack of innovation and people competition.

• ISLAMIC SYSTEM AND ITS RELEVANCE IN TODAY'S WORLD:

The economic system of Islam has

an advantage over both of these systems that it has positive aspects of both systems. On one hand it allows social services to needy people and on other hand it allows people to do their private businesses. But the best thing about Islamic system is that it protects the right of the poor and vulnerable by considering interest as forbidden. Secondly it lays down the guiding principles for Muslims who are doing businesses.

Islamic economic system is a mixed economic system which is very much applicable in today's world. The Scandinavian countries have a system of progressive taxation, in which they introduce impose taxes on rich segment of the community. Similarly the concept of Zakaat in Islam is similar to the progressive taxation of the Scandinavian countries like Norway employ this system and they have one of the best economic models. So it makes it evident that if Islamic states adopt the true Islamic economic model, they can have an ideal and just economic system.

CONCLUSION:

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Islamic ^{economic system} is very much relevant with the fast paced world of today. The world is facing a number of economic challenges including growing inequalities and class differences. So Islamic system based on principles of social justice can be applied to address these issues.

Q8 Write a note on any TWO of the following:-

a. SHARIAH AND ITS DIFFERENT SOURCES.

• SHARIAH:

According to Islam Shariah is the basic way or law. It is an abstract immutable divine or religious law that forms part of the Islamic traditions based on scriptures of Islam, particularly Quran and Hadith.

• SOURCES OF SHARIAH

Following are basic sources of Shariah:

• Primary sources of Shariah.

1. QURAN:

Quran literally means to read. It has been revealed on our last Prophet SAW. The purpose

of its revelation is to provide the guidance to mankind regarding all aspects of life including individual and social life. God has ~~him~~ declared himself as the guardian of Holy Quran. Allah says in Quran:

"We ourselves have sent this holy book and we ~~are~~ have taken the responsibility of its protection"

(Al-Quran).

2. Sunnah:

Sunnah also known as ~~seerah~~. It literally means the life journey. The ~~seerah~~ means the life and practices adopted by Prophet SAW. Our Prophet SAW had adopted the practices and teachings which were delivered in Quran. Our Prophet's life can be a source of shariah. One day someone asked Ummul Momineen Hazrat Ayesha RA about the life of Prophet Muhammad SAW. So she replied:

"Do you not read Quran. Our Prophet SAW life was what is mentioned in Quran".

• Secondary sources of Shariah:

1. Ijma: means consensus. It means that if any problem arises and all scholars have a consensus on a solution, then it is known as Ijma.
2. Ijtihad: means individual reasoning. If a problem arises to the Muslims, then the scholars can resolve it through individual reasoning. Various Muslim philosophers have explained the characteristics of those who can do Ijtihad. A person should be Muslim, sane and should have religious knowledge, so that he can do Ijtihad.

CONCLUSION:

Shariah is an Islamic law.

It sets the guidelines for the basis on which issues and matters are resolved in an Islamic society and state. It has two ^{i.e} sources primary and secondary sources which provides guidance regarding all matters of daily life.