

ISLAMIC STUDIES

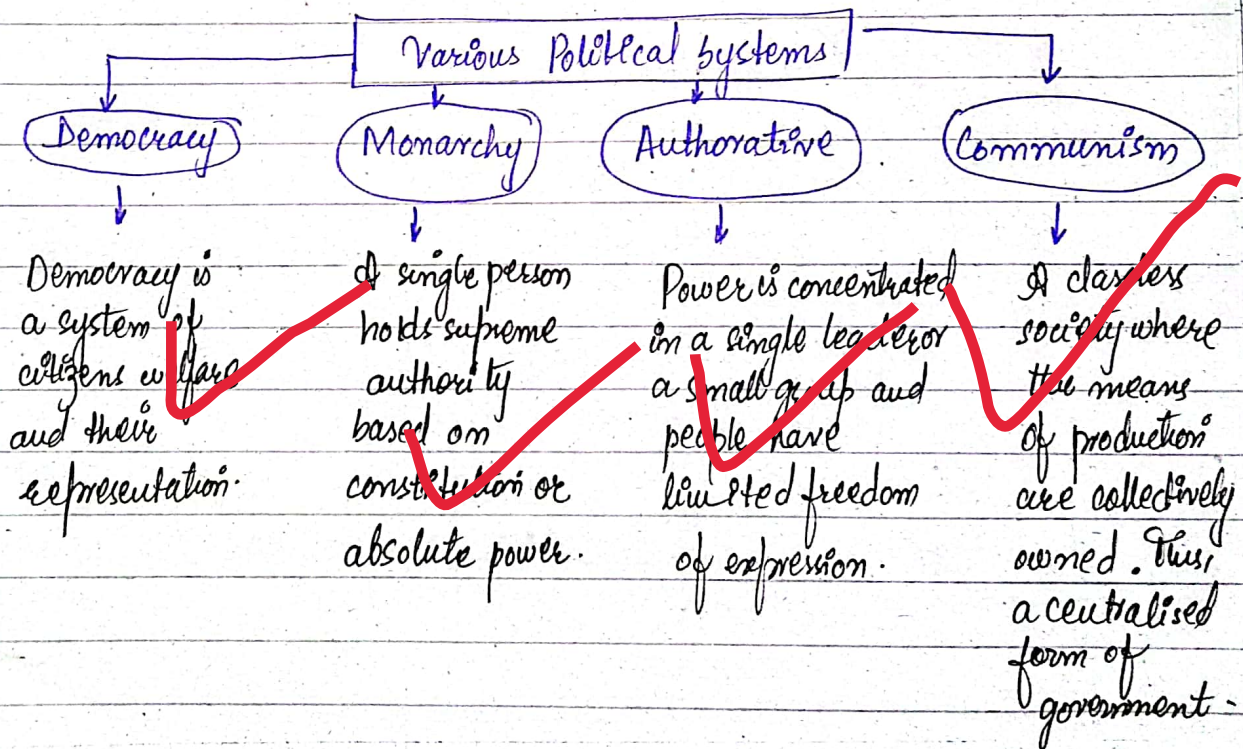
PART-II

QUESTION No: 04

The political system of Islam guarantees the prosperity of state and society. Discuss.

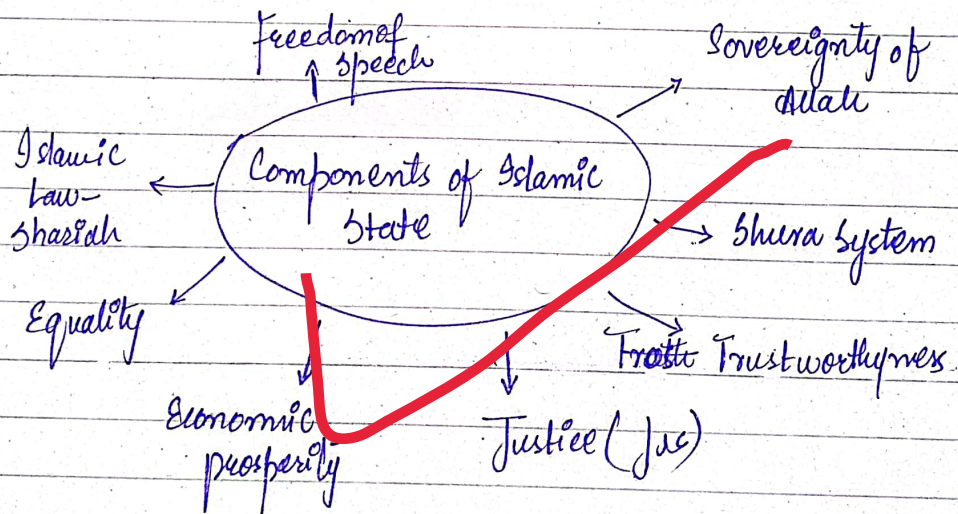
UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL SYSTEMS

A political system refers to the structure and processes through which a government operates, makes decisions and exercises authority over a society. There are various political systems across the world depends on their conscience about the ruling and welfare of the states. They are illustrated below:



CONCEPT OF ISLAMIC POLITICAL SYSTEM:

The concept of Islamic political system is deeply rooted in the principles of Islam and teachings of shariah and Sunnah. The governance based on Islamic law (Shariah). In an Islamic political system the ultimate source of authority is considered to be Allah (God) and governance is expected to align with Islamic values and ethical principles. The aim of Islamic political system is the welfare of the society, citizens and the state by using the guidance provided by Allah (SWT) in the Holy Book - Quran.



PRINCIPLES OF ISLAMIC POLITICAL SYSTEM:

Islamic political system is unique and focused on the prosperity and peace in the society. A few principle of this system are

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highlighted below:

01) Sovereignty Belongs to Allah:

Islam is a deen which provides complete guidance to mankind by making Allah (SWT) a sole authority to worship and obey His commands and guidance. In the Islamic political system, all the authority belongs to Him, as, Quran says:

Allah (He) is a King of Heavens
and the Earth...

(Surah Al-Hadid - verse 02)

02) Man is Viceroy of Allah on the Earth:

Islamic political system is relied on the commands and teachings of the Holy Quran. All these teachings in Quran are revealed by Allah (SWT) and mankind have to follow them because they are viceroy of Allah on the Earth. As Quran says:

Obey Allah and the Messengers and those
in the authority...

(Surah Nisa - verse 39)

03) Shura system ~ Back Bone of Islamic Political system ~

Shura is a collective body of ulema's and intellectuals to make a combine ~~body~~ decision on any matter. Therefore, it is a primary and backbone of Islamic political system to bring prosperity and inclusivity in the society.

04) Rule of Law ~ A corner stone of Political system ~

Rule of law refers to the principle that establishes that all individuals and institutions, including government, are subject to and accountable under the law. Therefore, it brings transparency and prosperity in the political system. As Quran says:

... Allah is all hearing and seeing... follow His commands and be render your trust...
~ Surah Nisa - verse 58 ~

05) Political Equality:

Islamic political system emphasized on equal treatment of every individual in the society. Also, it emphasized on providing political equality to every person who is trustworthy and has capabilities to run the state according to the Islamic principles and guidance.

06) Accountability of Rulers :~ Primary focus of Islamic political system~

The primary focus of Islamic political system is, the rulers are accountable for their actions and deeds to the public. It is exemplified by the Hazrat Umar (R.A) accountability on the clothes.

POLITICAL SYSTEM OF ISLAM GUARANTEES

PROSPERITY OF STATE & SOCIETY:

01) To make Rulers Accountable:

Islamic political system guarantees prosperity of the state by making a system of rulers accountability. In Islam, Ombudsman Courts are established to question rulers about their deeds and make them accountable.

02) Justice and Fairness :~ Crown Jewel of the Islamic Political system~

Islamic political system emphasize the importance of justice and fairness in all aspect of governance. This includes application of the law and the protection of individual rights and fundamental rights of human beings.

03) Welfare of the State :- Zakat and Sadqat

Islamic political system guarantees prosperity of the society. In Islamic governance, there is a well-developed system of taxation and Zakat system. This money helps in enhancing the society and reducing the menace of poverty and unemployment.

04) Shura System Brings Inclusivity in the Society:

Shura system is based on a group of diverse ethnic and linguistic communities. All of them are working collectively to make any decision. Therefore, it will help in bringing inclusivity in the society and guaranteeing prosperity of the society.

05) Sharia Compliance :- Foundation of an Islamic Political System

The foundation of Islamic political system is often rooted in the adherence to Sharia, Islamic law, which is seen as providing a moral and just framework for governance. Hence, Islamic teachings bring prosperity in the society.

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06) Religious freedom to all in Islamic State:

In Surah Baqrah, verse 256, Allah says there is no compulsion in religion. Therefore, in Islamic political system, every individual has right to obey the religion he wanted to and has freedom of expression.

07) Independent Judiciary in To Treat Everyone Equally

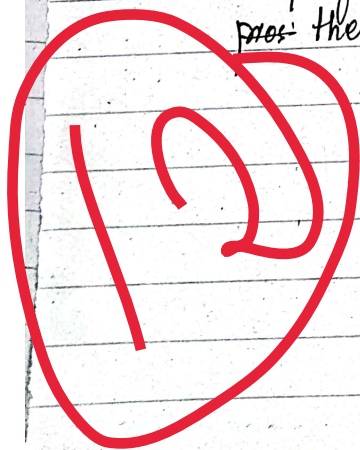
In Islamic political system, judiciary is independent from the state and is responsible for the correct implementation or interpretation of Islamic law. Therefore, it brings equality and treats everyone equal and just.

08) Treaties with Non-Muslims:

Islamic political system is a whole governance system provided by Allah. It commands to make state prosperous and allows to make treaties with non-muslims, such as in charter of Medina explained, for peaceful co-existence.

09) Empower Citizens of the Society:

Islamic political system guarantees welfare and prosperity of the society as it provides and emphasizes on providing equality and works for the empowerment of citizens to make them prosperous and well-educated.



Case Studies

QUESTION NO:06

Human rights in Islam in the light of last sermon. Also, principles mentioned in this regarding dignity and rights of women.

SERMON OF HAJJATUL WIDA: A

COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW

Hajjatul wida was a last sermon of Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) during his first Hajj in 10th Hijri. It was occurred in the house of Allah at Makkah. It is famously called as a charter of human rights in the history of mankind. This charter was wholly based on guaranteeing the rights to women, men, labor, Masakeen and regarding dignity of men and women. Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) said:

① people! Listen to what I say, I do not know whether I will ever meet you at this place after this year...

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE LIGHT OF SERMON:

01) Right To Live:

In the sermon of Hijjatul Widal, Prophet emphasized on the welfare of an individual person and commanded that: Your blood is as sacred as this month of Zul-Hajj, therefore, do not kill unjustly to your opponents and companions.

02) Equality and Justice:

The sermon underscores the principles of justice and equality. It emphasized on providing justice and equality to every individual in the society. Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) said, do not oppress and do not be oppressed.

03) Freedom of speech:

In the last Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) emphasized on the freedom of speech and commanded to do not suppress it or limit it. He said, "Best Jihad is a word of justice against oppressor".

04) Property Rights of Every Individual:

The last sermon was a whole guidelines for human rights. It underscores the significance of property right of every individual.

As, Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) said,

"I have told you, property belonging to another should deliver his trust to whom it belongs."

05) Freedom of Religion:

The prophet emphasized the freedom of religion and stated that All those who listen to me shall pass my words to those who do not. that I conveyed my message to you people that Allah has commanded me. Therefore, he never forced any individual to accept Islam.

06) Brotherhood among Muslims:

Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) emphasized on unity and brotherhood among muslims. He said,

Every Muslim is the brother of another Muslim and that all Muslims are a community of one.

07) Equality of All Races Proclaimed:

Prophet deny the ethnic divide and racism and commanded every individual to treat another with love and

respect. He said;

No freeb has superiority over non-freeb and no non-freeb has superiority or authority to freebs.

PRINCIPLES MENTIONED IN LAST SERMON REGARDING DIGNITY & RIGHTS OF WOMEN:

The principles explained regarding the dignity and rights of women are explained below:

01) Right of Inheritance to Women

Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) commanded that treat women with respect and love and provide them their due shares.

Allah has ordained to every man and women the share of their inheritance...

02) Right of Wives to be Protected:

Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) in his last sermon of Hijaatul Wida

emphasized on giving rights and love to the wives of Muslims men. ~~Don't~~ Not be the man as the men in Jahiliya period. He commanded:

① people's fear Allah concerning women...
Also, feed and clothes your wifewives and provide security to them.

03) Right of Education to Women:

In the last sermon, Prophet encouraged the education of both men and women. Even his wife Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) was well-educated and had contributed to Islamic knowledge.

Seek knowledge, it is mandatory for every Muslims regardless of their gender.

or Prophet ^{صلى الله عليه وسلم} _ﷺ

04) Protection from Harm:

The Prophet condemn any form of harm or injustice towards women. He emphasized on the importance of treating women with kindness and compassion. He said;

"The best among you is the one who is best to his wife"

05) Right to Choose a spouse:

In Islamic teachings, women have right to choose their spouse according to their will and wish. The prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) himself asked his daughter before saying Yes to the male family.

06) Right to work:

Islam encourages a woman's right to work and engage in economic activities. The prophet's first wife, Hazrat Khadija (R.O.A) was a successful business woman and the Prophet himself supported her in her endeavour.

07) Dignity of Women:

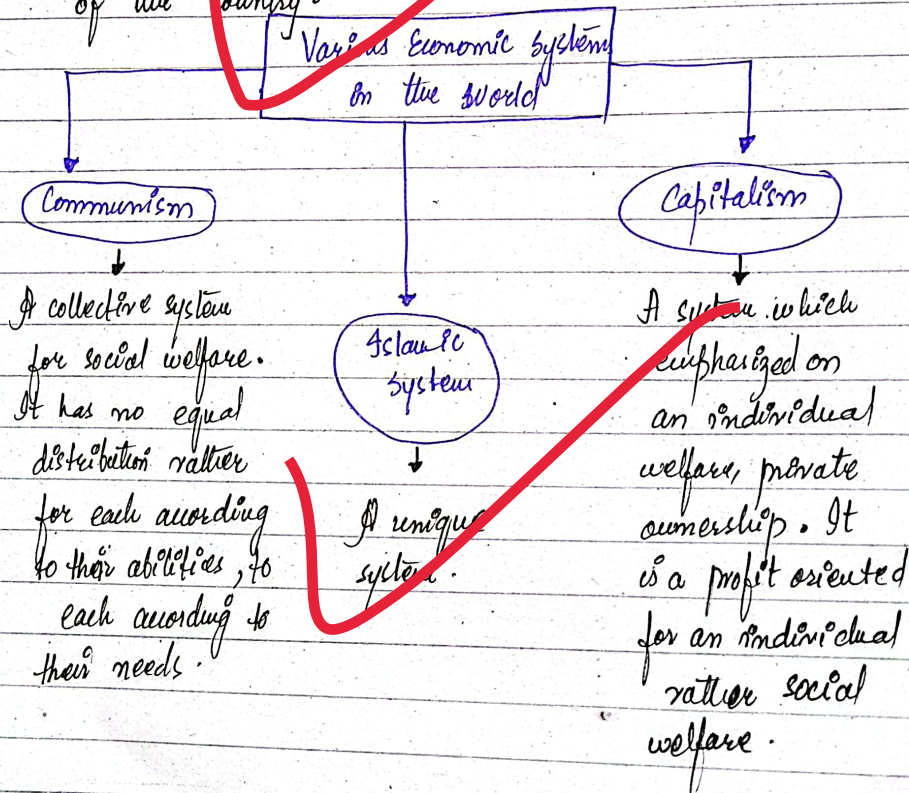
The last sermon stressed and emphasized on the dignity of both genders, especially about women. Prophet (ﷺ) himself commanded respect for women and modesty towards women.

QUESTION NO: 07

Economic principles of Islam in the light of social justice. How this concept is applicable in modern time? Discuss?

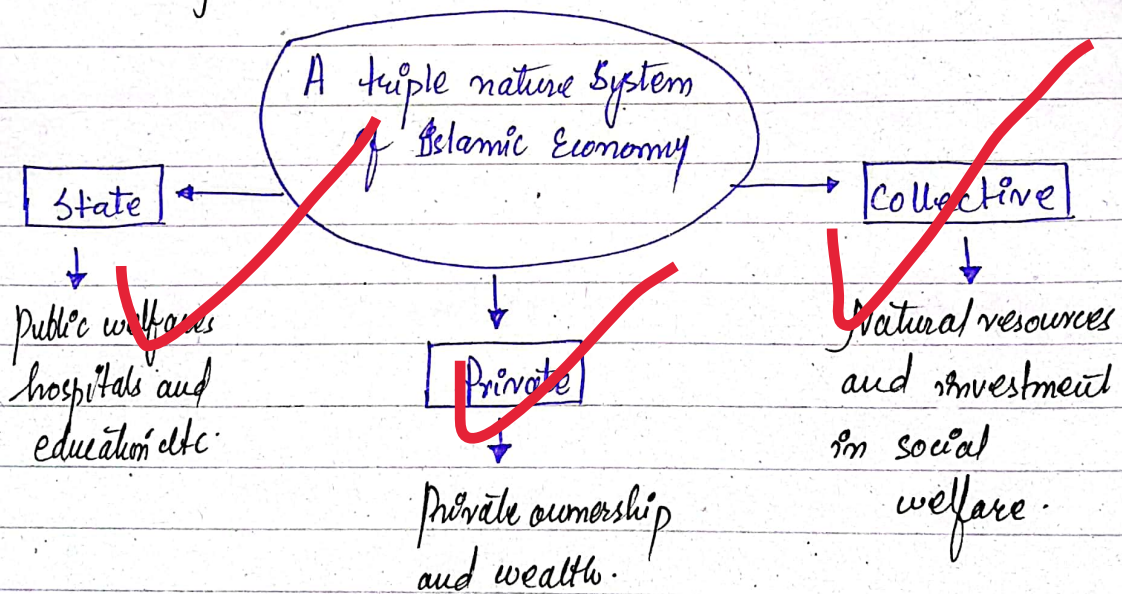
UNDERSTANDING ECONOMIC SYSTEM:

An economic system is the method used by a society to produce and distribute goods and services. It is a system which is used to produce byproducts, provide essential commodities and enhance the financial system of the country.



CONCEPT OF ISLAMIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM:

An Islamic economic system is based on the principles, guidelines and teachings of the Islam, Quran and Sunnah. It aims for social welfare, well-being of every individual in the society and provides a just and equal economic environment to every individual. Moreover, Islamic economic system emphasized on Zakat and Sadqat system to enhance the social status and remove the menace of poverty and unemployment from the society.



ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES OF ISLAM:

Following are a few Islamic economic principles:

01) Economic Well-Being of Every Individual in the Society:

Islamic economic system is based on an individual well-being and prosperity in the society. As Quran says:

Do not forget your share to the world and do good.

~ Surah Al-Qasas

Therefore, the above verse emphasized on social justice by contributing into the society.

02) Prohibit Begging from the Society:

Social justice is a necessary step and fundamental principle of Islamic economic system. It emphasized on prohibition of begging by contributing and enhancing the financial condition of the Islamic society.

03) Say No To Interest: Riba (ربوون)

Islam is against the taking and giving interest to each other. The

Islamic Economic System stressed and emphasized on prohibition of riba system and conduct economic affairs collectively with welfare of each other. Even in Quran Allah says:

Charity is fruitful and Interest is fruitless

~ Surah-Al-Baqrah ~

04) Ethical Conducts in Economic Transaction:

Islamic economic system emphasized on conducting ethics and moral economic transaction. It refrains every individual in the society to do unjust to other person and immoral economic transactions. Allah says in Quran:

Do not consume unjustly the others share and bring it to worthy one

~ Al-Quran ~

05) Distinction in Halal and Haram:

Islamic economic system distinguishes between halal and haram. It stressed on conducting economic affairs on the basis of Islamic halal teachings and guidance and refrained from unethical means to earn.

06) Prohibition of Extravagance:

The teachings of Islam also emphasized on the prohibition of extravagance. As Allah says in Quran:

O people! Eat and consume but do not waste...

~ Surah Arafat

07) Support Small-scale Businesses:

Islamic economic system is based on the welfare of every individual to bring social justice and equality. It supports small-scale businesses and stresses the masses to support them in order to bring prosperity and peace in the society.

08) Equity in Distribution of Wealth:

Islamic economic system also stressed on the equal distribution of wealth in the society. It brings social justice and refrain an individual person to exploit and manipulate the others.

09) Social Welfare: ~ Zakat and Sadqat

Moreover, the Islamic economic system is also emphasized on social welfare

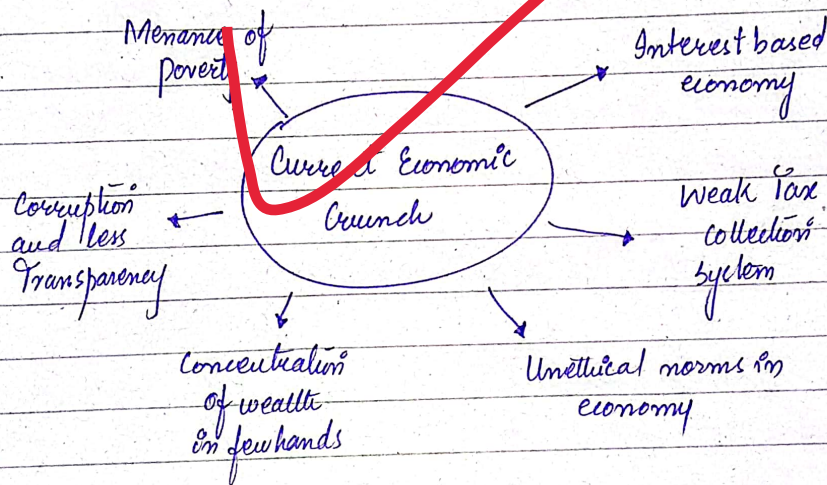
by providing the poor and needy zakat and sadaqah.
Allah says:

"Offer five time prayers, give charity (zakat)
and be steadfast in your actions"

~ Pt- Qur'an

Hence, this act will bring social justice and equality
in the socio masses.

APPLICABLE IN MODERN TIMES:



01) Islamic Banking Systems in Many Muslim Countries:

In modern times,
there are numerous Islamic countries which are
running their financial system based on Islamic
banking system, such as, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
and Islamic Emirate of Iran and Afghanistan.

02) Islamic Norms and values in Islamic Financial Conduction:

Islamic financial system runs on ethical means and values, therefore, in contemporary times, Muslim states are still following this system which is 1400 years old but still relevant with current economic well-being.

03) Micro-finance ~ Interest free finance ~

Muslim states are following and advancing their financial system to micro-finance, which means they are moving towards interest-free financial model to empower marginalised communities and promote entrepreneurship.

04) Progressive Taxation systems

Muslim states are rigorously working to enhance and empower their taxation system. It helps in spreading equality and self-reliance of the state by addressing unequal wealth distribution.

05) Zakat (or Sadaqah) System:

Poverty is prevailing in many states, however, the Zakat and Sadaqah system can have ability to address the menace of poverty and beggaring and empower an individual status.

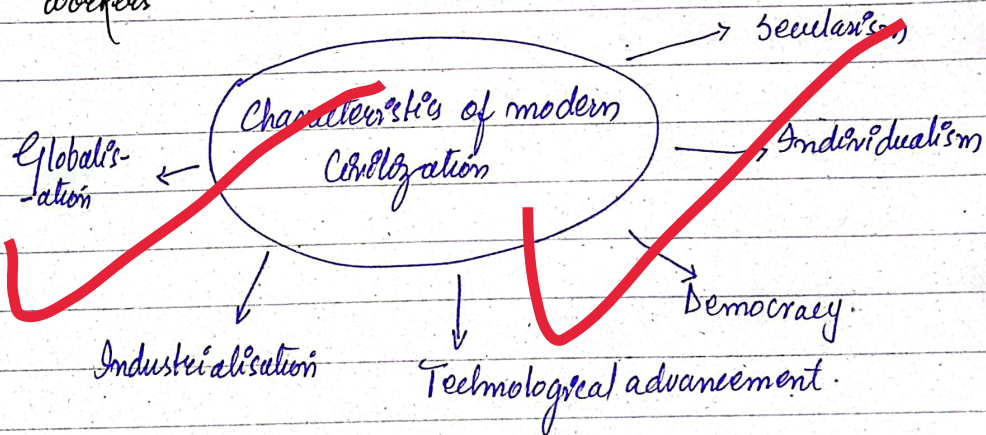
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QUESTION NO: 05

Concept and principles of modern civilization. Its effect on Muslim Ummah.

CONCEPT OF MODERN CIVILIZATION:

Civilization is the process by which a society or place reaches to advance stages of socio-cultural and organisational development. It is a complex form of culture. Also, modern civilization refers to a broad set of interconnected advancement and ideologies shaping societies since roughly the 18th century. They are based on complex institutions, advanced culture and technologies and specialised workers.



PRINCIPLES OF MODERN CIVILIZATION:

The principles of modern civilization are highlighted below:

01) Logical Reasoning and Knowledge:

Modern civilization

emphasized on taking advance education which is reason and logical based to enhance critical thinking in the mass for better advancement of the society.

02) Progress of an Individual Person:

Modern civilization aims for the progress and prosperity of an individual person. It focuses on the improvement of a person because societal growth comes when mankind is developed and advanced.

03) Advanced Infrastructural Development:

It also aims for infrastructural development because it focuses on making human race sophisticated and advanced. They continuously work on improvement of the societal system.

04) Acute Interconnectedness Economically:

Modern civilizations are acutely inter connected with each other. The economic interdependency has prevailed everywhere and masses are enjoying economic freedom.

05) Technological Advancement:

Modern civilization is advanced in every sphere whether politics, economy or

technology. They made progress in technology at an unprecedented speed, created robots and machines which mimic human beings.

06) Respect for Fundamental Rights:

Modern civilizations are sophisticated enough and strong enough. They are giving respect to every gender in the society. They adhere to international charters and respect the rights of men and women.

07) Material Wealth Acquisition:

They are focused on accumulation of wealth, material wealth such as, sophisticated commodities, paintings and luxurious houses and gadgets.

08) Consumeristic Market: ~ A driver of Modern Civilization ~

Modern civilization is made with the hues of consumerism. It is accepted norm in modern society that consumption is a driver of individual success and societal progress.

IMPACTS ON MUSLIM UMMAH:

The impacts are highlighted below:

A) POSITIVE IMPACTS:

01) Improved Access To Education:

Modern civilization improved the access of education in muslim countries. It helps in enhancing high literacy rate and life expectancy for societal progress and prosperity.

02) Integration into Global Economy:

Modern civilizations are integrated with each other, economically. Hence, it helps muslim ummah to integrate into global economy which lead them towards economic growth and opportunities.

03) Flow of Technologies into Muslim States:

As, globalisation is a primary force of modern civilization, therefore, it helps in spreading technology to Muslim states which empowers them and align them with the modern world.

04) Growing Awareness of Individual Rights:

Muslim Ummah is also educated enough that they are making themselves aware about their rights that Allah commanded and live accordingly.

Instructions to Get Good Marks in Islamiat Paper

1- Try adding at least 2-3 Arabic version of ayah

B) NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

2- Go for diversification of resources e.g. From Hadith, Quran, Islamic Philosophers etc.

3- Add Surah name for the Relatable Question e.g. you can add name of Surah Ahzab and Nisa in women related question

4- The sermon of Prophet PBUH can be added in any of the question as a reference as it encompasses points of all aspects

02) Identity Crisis in Secularism

5- Use the verdicts or incidents and case studies of Khilafat Era in Political, Economic and Social system of Islam

6- Balance all parts, if the question has 2 or 3 parts give equal weightage

03) Anti-Western Sentiments and Instability

7- Focus more the asked part than to write irrelevant material... read question 2-3 times so that you cannot deviated

8- Write 10-11 headings for each question

9- Go for 7-8 sides answer

Good luck