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Islamiyat Test - 3

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Question no 1

Answer:

Ummah

Ummah is a Arabic word often refers to a "Nation". In literal its mean a community of believers of their shared belief in Islam. In other words all muslim world, or the community of believers are known as ummah. We all are the ummah of prophet Muhammad PBUH, prophet was very concerned about his ummah and their lives in afterworld. The ummah symbolized the shared belief in Allah, Muhammad's PBUH teachings and the community of Islam. Ummah contains sentiments for each other, if one get hurts all the ummah feels pain. Ummah is interdependent, with having strong sentiments for each other. Equality is also a significant feature of Muslim ummah, no one is favorable than any other, regardless of color, race, class or gender. In Quran ummah is mentioned "64 times". Quran's teaching is for the muslim ummah that the reason why Allah SWT has called ummah several time to make them attention toward unity. In Today's world, Ummah of prophet PBUH is facing several challenges

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and hardships for unifying. The Western world do not want to see muslims unite because muslims are threat for their culture and religion. The western world planted several hurdles like Islamophobia, and Terrorism which effects the image of the Islamic Ummah.

Contemporary Challenges faced by Ummah

- The Ummah is Tattered

The muslim ummah is in poor condition now-a-days due to dis-unifying. The Sectarian divide has cause ummah to dis-unified and the western world have chance to suppress muslim ummah and influence over world. The main reason for divide between ummah is the lack of education, lack of belief in Islamic education. The ullma's now-a-days are not teaching ummah for unifying infact they promote Sectarianism which ultimately causes hatred toward each other.

- Religious Extremism

Religious extremism is an ideology of certain movements, groups, and individuals in which they tries to influence the existing religion with fundamental reforms. There are some groups and organisations

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that are trying to promote religion extremism for influencing Islam.

- Terrorism in the name of Religion

Some muslims with weak faith are under influence of terrorist groups and organisation, those organisation wrongly interpret the Quran and Hadith and make them commit suicide bombing and other several terrorist attacks. In other words they use "brain washing" techniques and make them commit terrorist attacks in the name of religion. Some terrorist groups like ISIS and TTP are involved in these activities.

- The Rise of Islamophobia

Islamophobia is a combination of hate, Fear and prejudice against Islam and muslims as well as anything that is associated with the religion, such as mosques, Islamic Centers, Holy Quran, Hijab etc. In Western world Islamophobia is a common thing, anyone with long beard or in hijab they use to call them terrorist. In workplaces and media there are several incidents abouts the character assassination of muslims. Islamophobia is a challenge for all the muslims to fight against and get our reputation.

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- Sectarian Divide within Countries

Sectarianism is spreaded between countries of middle East like Saudia Iran rift. Rivalary between Saudia and Iran is caused due to Shia and Sumi divide and further it expanded over other reasons when two muslim powers are against each other this cause ummah in great trouble.

- Ummah behind in Education

The muslim ummah is far behind in religious as well as contemporary education. This is the biggest challenge for muslim ummah that stops us to compete with western world in political and Economic forum.

- Ummah behind in Science & Technology

Muslim ummah is far behind in tecthonology of western world. These science and technology is an essential element for development of any nation. The world is switch toward AI and Science, if we need to compete them we first need to know the significance of Science and technology.

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- Ummah behind in Trade

The Muslim ummah is facing the trade deficit. Ummah is far behind in competing the muslim global powers in trade. This is due to the lack of resources and education. Day to Day we are getting behind from global economic powers due to the several problems that muslim ummah is facing.

Remedies and Solutions for these challenges

- Reforming Religious Education

These challenges that muslims are facing today can be resolved using education of religion and of contemporary world.

At schools and colleges the Seerah of Prophet PBUH should be taught. Some practical lessons from Prophets PBUH Seerah should be highlighted.

- Madrassah Reforms

Seerah should be incorporated as a compulsory course in madrassahs. Students should also be provided with contemporary education.

A suitable criteria for admitting students.

A complete ban should be imposed on sectarian violence and student to be taught to co-exist peacefully.

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- **Government Policies to Promote True Image of Islam**
Government should have to make such policies to promote the true image of Islam, in front of western world. Also Government should have to impose strict ban of sectarianism, The mosques should be monitored by Government and Imam should be recruited by government officials. For instance, Malaysia is an example of where state take strict action against religious ideologies.

- **Positive Role of Media**

Media should play positive role to promote Islam in its true sense, Media is an effective tool to promote Islamic education and its true image that can be helpful for promoting positive side of Islam.

- **Role of International Muslim Communities.**

International forums like OIC needs to play their role in promoting the positive Islam. Muslim scholars to discuss the matter of unification of the ummah. They should also condemn acts of extremism.

Conclusion

Muslim communities today are in tattered condition, They suppressed due to several challenges like Islamophobia, sectarianism

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and Religious extremism. Most of the Terrorist organisations are using the Islam in the name terrorism. All the muslim world need to play effective role to end this hate toward Islam, effective policies and several reforms in education system can be useful for promoting true sense of Islam.

Question no 2

Answer

Ijtihad

Ijtihad is a arabic word which mean to Strive for something. In terminology, Ijtihad refers to reasoning or a muslim jurist exercising his own judgement regarding a Sharia ruling. It is refers to the practice of formulating a Shariah ruling pertaining to an issue, the ruling of which is not found in two primary sources i.e Quran and Sunnah.

The process through which jurist reaches to a conclusion or a ruling is termed as "Ijtihad".

Ijtihad in Prophet Era & Logical Ground of Ijtihad.

The Prophet SAW has encouraged his

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companions to apply logical reasoning to problems not directly found in Quran and Sunna.

Even though Quran is a complete code of life and provides guidance in all spheres of life. It is not necessary that it addresses each and every issue or problem. Ijtihad provides principle for jurists to base their laws upon.

Muslims are facing new issues after the death of Prophet PBUH and any directly ruling is not found in Quran & Sunnah. So Ijtihad is used ^{by} jurist for judgement.

- Who can Perform Ijtihad?

Shah Waliullah in his book prescribed 33 branches of knowledge for a jurist to acquire ~~to~~ before he can be allowed to perform Ijtihad. 15 of them pertain to Arabic language alone.

- Must be practicing Muslim
- Mature & of sane mind.
- Knowledge of hadith, hadith science, Islamic laws & jurisprudence etc.