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Question no: 1

- What is the difference between Religion and Deen? Importance of Deen in human life?

I Introduction:

For the proper guidance of the people, Allah sent many messengers and through them people came to know about different beliefs, rituals and books. These things encompassed 'Religion and Deen'. These two words are often mixed by the people in terms of their actual meanings and contexts. Both are different set of things.

(a) What is Religion?

Religion is derived from the Latin word 'religio or religare', meaning to subjugate or if we

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say it in simple words is to
make follower. In **Oxford dictionary**
religion is defined as the combination
~~combination~~ of beliefs and customs.

According to **Emile Durkheim**,
the religion is to practice
certain faiths related to

God. According to **Dr. Israr
Ahmed**, religion comprises of
three things and these are
faith, rituals and social
functions of life.

(b) What is Deen?

Deen comes from an arabic
which means to attain spermay.
In contextual terms Deen
is a complete code of life
and according to **Shariah**,
Deen is to admit the
soverignty of Allah, to
follow his commandments
and to follow the Islamic
rites. According to **Dr
Israr Ahmed**, Deen comprises

of six things and these are
 faith, ritual, social order,
 political, financial and
 justice system.

II Difference between Deen and Religion

The differences are many
 but Deen covers almost all
 the aspects of human life
 whereas the religion only
 covers few aspects.

(a) Individual and collective life

Religion only focuses on the
 individual life. It does not
 give extensive details about the
 other aspects of life. It only
 describes the relation between
 Man and God. It only
 covers faith and rituals of
 a certain person. But Deen
 covers almost all aspects of
 human being. It not only
 covers faith and rituals
 but it also covers rights and

duties of a certain human beings. By right and duties; it means two things: Rights of God meaning the duties fulfilled by the human beings and the rights of human beings which are to be fulfilled by the human beings themselves.

(b) Religion is man made but Deen is God gifted

Religion is a man made thing meaning people have made changes according to their own will. They have mixed or invented their own logos in the religion. For example the preaching of Sun and stars these are man made. But Deen is gifted from God. It is a divine revelation. God sent many messengers to convey his message.

to the people. So no changes can be made in it. For example the prayer, nikkah, funerals and festivals like Eid all came to us through Deen.

(c) Different perspectives of both regarding the difficulties of life

Religion does not focus on facing the difficulties of life. It urges people to just live the way it is and on the other hand Deen advised his followers to face difficulties with bravery and patience. Allah says in the Quran,

ان الله مع الصابرين

Indeed Allah is with those who keep patience.

So Deen motivates human beings and encourages them to have faith.

III Importance of Deen in human life

(a) Deen is a complete code of life

Deen covers almost all aspects of human life. It covers faith, rituals, social system, political system, justice system, and economic system. These all aspects help human beings to live their lives according to standard principles. Deen teaches them almost everything. That is the reason why Allah has said in the Quran that

(Al-Imran) **إِن دِينَنَا كَمَا تَدِينُوا**

Indeed, the ~~religion~~^{deen} in the sight of Allah is Islam.

(b) Deen provides satisfaction
As deen is the complete code of life and it almost covers all aspects of life. It gives his

followed a sense of satisfaction. It means the problems which they are facing can be solved or atleast they have the satisfaction that these are temporary and one day ~~they~~ ^{these} all will be vanished. These satisfactions came from remembrance of Allah. Allah says in the Quran;

“إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ”

Indeed there lies satisfaction in the heart by remembering Allah.

Similarly Allah says in the Quran that

“Indeed for every problem there lies a solution or easiness”.

(c) Ethics and Morality

As Deen covers almost every aspects of human life and it is for the collective

herald of all it promotes
 the high standards of ethics
 and morality. People feel
 for other persons and whole
 society lives as a unit and
 no one tries to harm other
 because every set of instructions
 have been given by Deen
 to how to live a life.

d) Purpose of life.

Deen teaches us the
 purpose of life. It teaches
 us that the world is
 temporary and there is
 an another world and this
 world is "Akherat" so it
 urges all people to do
 good things for the Akherat
 and leave all the perks
 of this world.

Allah says in Quran

لَسْنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَتَّىٰ نَمُوتَ وَلَا نَحْيَا

حَتَّىٰ نَمُوتَ وَلَا نَحْيَا إِلَّا لَدُنَّ

Our God give us good in

this world and good in the Hereafter, and defend us from the punishment of fire."

(e) Guidance in Political System

As Deen covers all aspects of life. It gives his followers a standard political and administrative system which will be for the welfare of the people.

(f) Guidance in Judicial System

Deen also gives his followers a complete set of justice system to ensure justice can be prevailed. Allah says in the Holy Quran

” اِيْلَهُ هُوَ اقْرَبُ لِلْعَدْلِ ”

"Be just it is near to piety".

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Prophet Mohammed PBUH is the perfect example for all mankind.

Introduction:

Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H) is the perfect example for all the mankind. The life of our prophet is a complete set of code for the entire universe.

His teachings, behaviour, dealings and his way of life is a role model for every human being on Earth. All the people benefited from his life. Even his non-followers were impressed by his way of life.

Michael Hart the famous historian says, "Mohammed (P.B.U.H) is perhaps the greatest leader of all-time."

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In short he is the prime example for all humanity. Some of the important lessons that can be taken from the life of Holy prophet that describes him as the perfect role model for all the humanity are discussed below.

II **Honesty is the best solution**
Even before the prophethood Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was considered 'Sadiq and Ameen'. He never lied to anyone about anything. He advised all his followers to be honest because an honest person is liked by the God. So by following the life of Holy prophet one can make high standards of honesty as part and parcel of his life.

III **Compassion and Empathy**
Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is

known for compassion and empathy towards all human beings. He showed kindness to orphans, widows, elders, kids, his companions and to the poor.

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Ali in his book "The Spirit of Islam" says, "The prophet was modest in all his habits. He treated everyone with kindness and generosity."

Allah says in the Holy Quran

"**لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ**"

"Indeed, in the messenger of Allah you have an excellent example."

IV Tolerance and Patience

Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H) showed high standards of tolerance and patience. After the prophethood, people challenged him with his patience but he stood firm.

During the journey to Taif people throw stones at him but he did not utter a single word that could even ~~bother~~ bother them. Instead he said that they knew nothing and I am hoping that their children might follow me instead of their forefathers. He was a perfect example of forgiveness. He even forgave his brutal enemies on the day of conquest of Makkah.

Justice and Equality

Hazrat Mohammed (P.B.U.H) showed and observed high standards of justice. He always advised his followers to be just. He emphasized that all human beings are equal and all the people whether they are rich or poor are all equal. He urged that

Justice should be given to everyone regardless of the color, cast or creed. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"اعلوهوا قلوبا سوية"
Be just it is near to piety.

So prophet (P.B.U.H) showed great character to ensure justice to be given to everyone. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"انتم على خلق عظيم"
Indeed you (Muhammad) are of a great moral character.

VI As a peacemaker

Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) was of the view that peace is necessary for the well being of the society, so he always tried to maintain peace with everyone. He even tried to have peace

with his non-favored. **Charter of Madinah** is the perfect example where he established peace among Muslims, Jews and Christians. Similarly, **Treaty of Hudaibiyah**, "showed greater character of PBUH. Although the clauses of the treaty ~~was~~ were against him, he still accepted it. Allah then said it in the Holy Quran

(ALFateh) " **قَدْ** انزلناك مع يس"

Indeed we gave you the greatest victory.

VII. Simplicity and Modesty

PBUH lived a simple and modest life. He ~~is~~ the perfect example for all those who ^{are} always in need of some new and modern entities.

He dressed modestly, ate frugally and often helped

with household chores.

VIII ~~Love for animals~~

Leadership and Statesmanship

Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)

exhibited exceptional

leadership skills. Due to

his skills, Muslim won

many major battles. People

can succeed in battlefield

if they opt the strategies

that were opted by PBUH.

IX As a teacher

He was also a great teacher.

He conveyed his lectures

and talks in very simplest

manner. PBUH said

"Ushiriki"

"I have been sent as a

teacher."

Conclusion:

Indeed, He was a perfect

example for all

humankind. Allah

says in the Holy Quran

"وما أرسلنا الا رسلنا بالبين"

And we have sent you of
a blessing for all the
universe.