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Q. No. Meaning of Ummah and its contemporary challenges. Eminent Solutions.

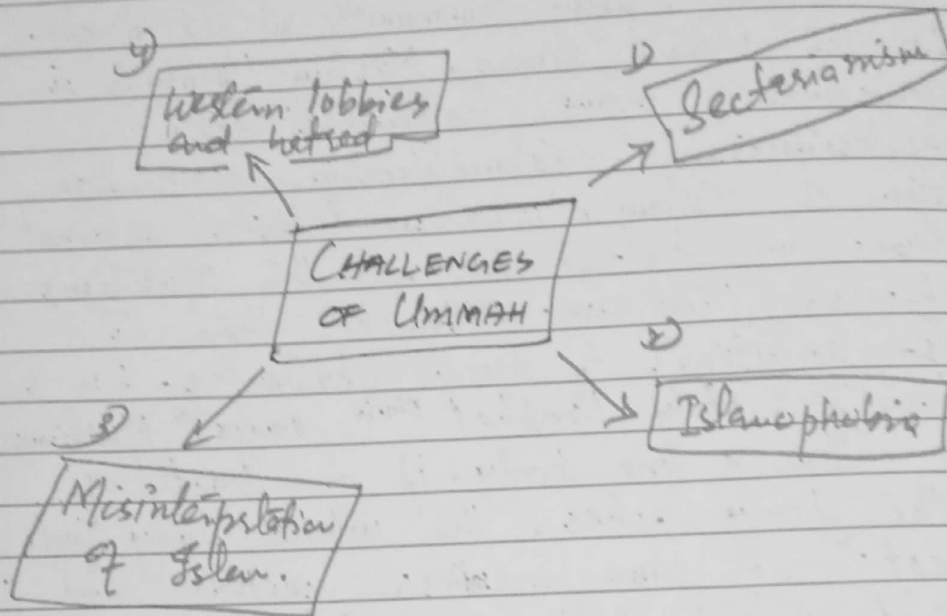
Ans. (1) Introduction:

The word Ummah refers to the whole Muslim community in the world. In the recent times, Muslim Ummah is confronting many challenges like sectarianism, Islamophobia, misinterpretation of Islam, western lobbies against Islam, and hatred towards the Muslims wherever they are. Although, there is also solutions to such challenges. In a Hadith, Holy Prophet <sup>pbuh</sup> says, "Muslims are like a one body, if one part of the body aches, the whole body feels unrest." In same manner, revival and right interpretation of Islam is also mandatory to resolve the issues of Ummah collectively.

(2) Meaning of Ummah:

The word Ummah means 'the community of Muslims who come under the same umbrella due to their shared beliefs.' The Muslims around the world are believers of Islam and Prophet Muhammad <sup>pbuh</sup> is the last messenger of Almighty Allah. So, the whole Muslim community is called Ummah.

### (3) Contemporary challenges to Muslim Ummah :-



#### (1) Sectarianism in Islam :-

Sectarianism is one of the issues of Islam Muslim Ummah. It has divided the entire Ummah from national to international level. Such as Shia-Sunni hatred prevails in Pakistan. Iran-Saudi Arabia rivalry's basis is sectarian ideology.

#### (2) Western lobbies and hatred against Islam :-

Since beginning, west always poses negative attitude towards the Muslims and Islamic ideology. So, the recent Palestine issue and genocide of Palestinian is one of

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example of it

(3) Misinterpretation of Islamic ideology :-

Most of the people are those who misinterpret the Islamic ideology. It only raises the extremism in Islamic societies and Ummah.

(4) Islamophobia is an other dilemma :-

Islamophobia is the term which refers the fear and hatred against Islam and its believers. The recent Quran ~~criticism~~ <sup>dishonor</sup> in Denmark is proof of it.

(4) Solutions of the challenges :-(1) Unity of Muslim Ummah :-

Unity of Muslim Ummah... is one of the essential element which plays major role to overcome the recent challenges of Muslim Ummah.

(2) Revival of true spirit of Islam :-

So many Muslims are there who has forgotten the true teachings of Islam. Hence, it is necessary to revive the Islamic spirit in Muslims of the contemporary.

(3) Right interpretation of Islam :-

It is the most significant to reinterpret the Islamic teachings because many enemies are trying to misinterpret



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it.

(4) Proper utilization of natural resources and choke points:

Most of the west is relying on the energy which is supplied by the Muslim countries like Middle East and Muslims are there on choke points like Suez Canal, Babul Mandeb and Strait of Malacca.

(5) Conclusion:

The word Ummah represent the whole Muslim community. Although, it is facing many challenges nonetheless Muslims have power to overcome the problems with unity and right interpretation of Islam.