

Question no: 1

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INTRODUCTION :

Good governance in Islam is certainly based upon divine injunctions.

Allah Almighty through Quran instructed all the humanity to implement and follow the ethics and morals in the domain of your government.

Allah Almighty has advised to be just, tolerant and maintain some principles like Consultation, ideologies in order to have the good governance. In the governance of Islam all the sovereignty belongs to Allah Almighty. It means that while governing no one is supreme except Allah Almighty. One must follow and

adopt the principles according to the teachings of Holy Quran. Certainly, Quran message was to have welfare state where all the people can enjoy equal rights and it is the duty of the rulers to implement system according to the teachings of Allah Almighty.

II Good Governance in the light of Quran

-i Governance

Before discussing the Quran's message about good governance, let's first discuss what is Governance

According to the Oxford dictionary,

"Governance is the way the rules, norms and actions are structured, regulated and held accountable."

and good governance would be,

"Effective and efficient implementation of government policies for the welfare of the people".

-ii Governance in the light of Quran

Allah says in the Holy Quran,

"Indeed, we offered the trust to the heavens and earth, and the mountains, they all ignored and feared it; but man took it and bore it."

So, authority given by Allah to man is the trust of the Allah Almighty. It is not an easy task of those who take it will be responsible for every thing. Similarly Allah has entrusted

men as His vicegerent. The basic duty of this vicegerent is to establish peace and to have a welfare state. Allah says in the Holy Quran,

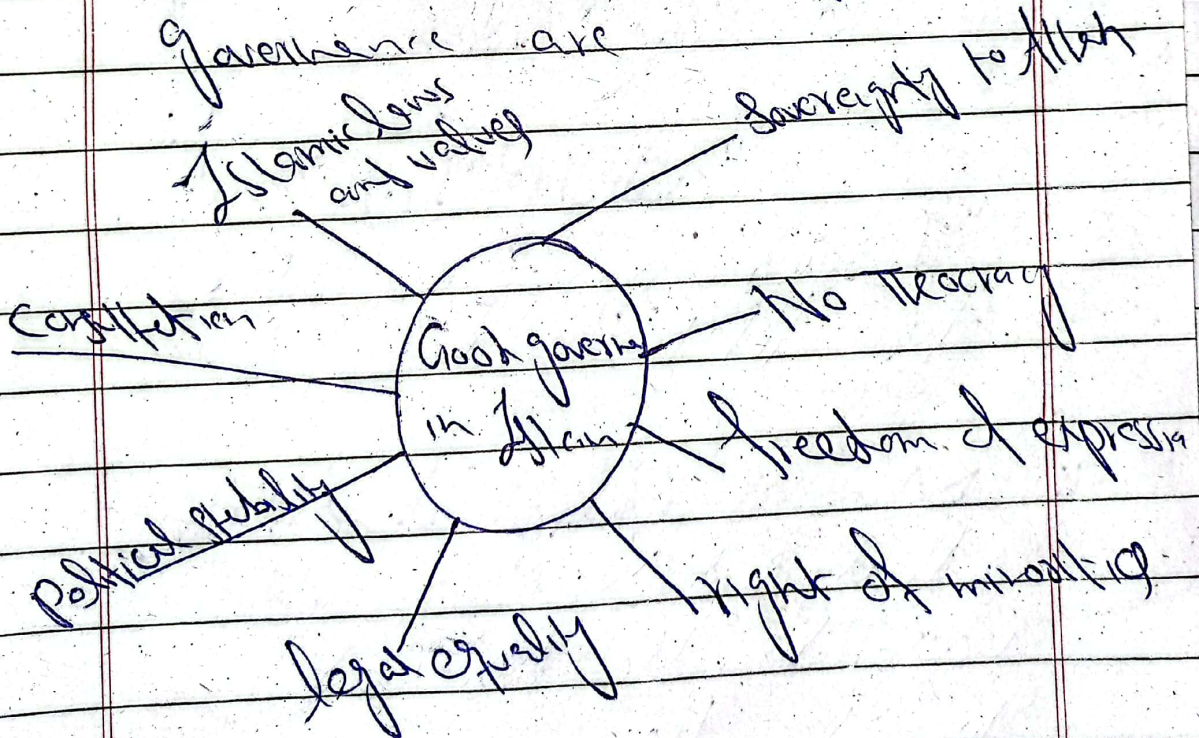
"O believers, obey Allah, obey messenger and obey the rulers whom we have given authority among you!"
(S. 24: 59)

So by appointing messengers, Allah Almighty wants to have peace where everyone can enjoy equal rights. In short, good governance provides peace and a state where everyone is satisfied and everyone is getting equal opportunities regardless of other entities.

III FEATURES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE IN ISLAM

Islamic model of good governance ensures that sovereignty belongs to Allah Almighty with a consultation based government and where all the necessities of the people are fulfilled it should be a welfare state. In short, features of good

governance are



Let's discuss them one by one

-i Sovereignty belong to Allah

In the Islamic governance system, sovereignty belongs to Allah Almighty meaning that no decision or policy can be made superior to that of him and no one is superior than him. Authority is vested in the hands of Allah Almighty. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"ان الحكم الا لله"

"Indeed, Ruling is only for Allah."

-ii Man of Caliph of Allah

Allah sent man as His vicegerent. He has sent man to rule the world to establish peace and to deliver his message. Caliph

would be the heart of the executive in the Islamic governance.

His government must be according to Shariat and he should make sure that everything he does, everything to ensure welfare of the state. He must be accountable. Allah has promised that in the Holy Quran that

"Allah has promised those who have believe among you ~~that~~ and those who do righteous deeds, He will surely grant them authority". (Al-Nbaw)

-iii Constitution (Shura)

Islamic governance is based on the consultation. Consultation is the key in order to solve complex matter. The Holy prophet has said

"And my ummah will never agree on wrong doing."

Allah said in the Holy Quran that

"Consult them in the matters".

-iv Role of Law

In Islamic governance the role of law has a special place. Islam says that the role of law is equal for everyone. No one has the superiority over other. It is moral duty of the ruler to ensure that everyone is treated equally and everyone must be held accountable for his wrong doing.

"ان الله ياكل بالعدل والائمان"

"Indeed Allah orders just and good conduct."

-v Freedom of expression

The good governance also ensures one

one have free expression of thoughts
 Islam allows everyone to
 have his say regardless of
 the caste, creed or colour. Good
 governance ensures that people have
 the freedom to express their
 thoughts on the right and wrong
 deeds of the government. Ruler
 must ensure that no ~~strict~~
 strict restrictions are applied
 to the people because these
 people are the creation of
 Allah Almighty. The Holy
 Prophet has said,

"The people are the
 family of Allah Almighty"

.vi Promotion of Merit and Integrity

The good governance ensures
 promotion of merit for all.

In Islam there is no theocracy.
 Everyone can join ~~to~~ the
 government who has certain
 abilities and skills. We have

The examples from the caliphate period that people were elected in the Council based on their intellect and skills.

- vii **Accountability:**

Accountability is the backbone of good governance because without accountability system of good governance cannot prevail. All the rulers, the people and even the government people are accountable for their deeds. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"And whatever wrong any human being commits, let it be upon himself alone."

- viii **Transparency**

Transparency is the backbone of good governance. Allah says in

The Holy Quran

'O believers! when you contract any debt for a fixed period, commit it to writing.'

-ix Public welfare

It is the duty of the state to ensure that everything they do must be for the welfare of the people. In all the departments like education, health, construction, municipalities there should be investments. Government must ensure that all dealings whether social or political must be done according to the needs of the people.

x Quality Assurance

Quality must be ensured in all the domains. The government must make sure that the things they are providing are according to the international standards.

Question no. 02

Responsibilities of Civil Servants

Introduction:

Civil servants are part and parcel for an effective administration.

They must possess some qualities of high ^{ethical} standards and moral values. The major responsibilities include promotion of peace and trust, working for the welfare of the society, enjoining good and forbidding evils and so on. If these responsibilities are fulfilled by the public servants there will be effective public administration.

Quranic Guidance on Responsibilities of Civil Servants

Allah has advised all the civil

servants to establish high ethical and moral standards

Allah said in the Quran

"And these are the people whom we gave authority so that they can establish (a system) of Salah and Zakat, and do the right deeds and forbid the evils."

Quran has emphasized the civil servants to be just in every matter. Allah says in the Holy Quran

وَلَا يَرْفَعُ وِجْهَهُ فَوْقَ سَائِرِ النَّاسِ

And be 'just, it is nearer to "Picky".

Similarly the Holy Prophet has said "The Ruler of the people is the servant of the people!"

III Responsibilities of Civil Servants for effective public administration

-i Fairness in dealing

It is among the basic and fundamental responsibility of the civil servant that he must be honest. He must implement and observe high standards of fairness in all his affairs. In the hereafter he will be responsible for all his dealings. Allah says in the Holy Quran that

"Indeed, we will inquire about eyes, ear and heart."

-ii Avoiding Cryonism

Cryonism means favoritism extended to friends and relatives.

A civil servant must avoid Cryonism. He should not favour

his relatives or ~~it~~ ^{friends} rather he should treat everyone equally and must conduct ethics and morals in the same way as to others. Hazrat Umar bin Abdul Aziz (R.K), one of the greatest Muslim rulers even asked his wife to return to her father that he had received from her father, as he feared the source of the earned money.

iii Safeguarding National Resources

Natural resources are the assets of Islamic State, these resources must be safeguarded without keeping your personal interests. These resources must be utilized for the betterment of the people.

iv Providing Justice

It is the responsibility of

of the civil servant to provide justice to everyone regardless of the colour, creed or cast. He must ensure that speedy and quiet justice is to be given to everyone.

Allah says in the Holy Quran,
 اعدوا صواب للفقير
 "Be just it is nearer to piety."

And
 "ان الله يامر بالعدل والاحسان"

"Indeed Allah order just and good conduct"

v Enjoining good and forbidding evil

A civil servant must ensure that all the wrong things are forbidden and He must observe those things which are useful for the society.

Allah says in the Holy Quran

that
"And do good deeds and
forbid the evils."

-vi Loyalty to State

A civil servant must
swear his loyalty to the
State. This oath is like a
pledge that an officer
had given to the State.

وہ جو بالہ۔ ان کے کان سے۔

And fulfill every commitment
and indeed every commitment
will be questioned.

viii Protection of National Interest

A civil servant must
pursue national interest
rather than the personal
interest. He must not
pass state secrets to the
enemy of the state.

ix Helping the weaker against the strongest

A civil servant must ensure that he helps the weaker against the strongest. If a strong man had captured the resources of weak, he then must help the weaker.

x Strive for the welfare of the people

He must strive for the welfare of the people. They are paid lucrative salaries, and it is their responsibility of providing maximum facilities for the welfare of the people.

iv How all these Responsibilities ensure better public administration

When all of these responsibilities are rightly fulfilled by the

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civil servants, it creates better
public administration because
public administration is
all about serving people
According to Woodrow

Wilson
"System of application
of law is public
administration."

When a
civil servant works for the
betterment of the people
then the purpose of public
administration is fulfilled
because if he is fulfilling
his duty perfectly, then there
will be a welfare state
and a good system of
administration demands
welfare of the people.

In short
the responsibilities of public
servant are directly linked
with the public administration work.