

## TEST # 4

### QUESTION NO: 1:-

#### INTRODUCTION:

Good governance is the efficient and just implementation of administrative policies ensuring public service delivery. Islam is a complete religion and provided guidance in all aspects of life. The principles of governance are based on Islamic values. Good governance in Islam is based on the sovereignty of Allah. The provision of justice, equality, rule of law and a welfare state are the principles of governance preached by Islam. Consultation in affairs of public importance, meritocracy and transparency are the divine principles forming basis for good governance.

#### GOOD GOVERNANCE IN ISLAM:

Islam laid divine principles for the establishment of state ensuring good governance. The principles of Good Governance have been discussed for a long time. But the consensus

- on the principles defining governance given by UN include:
- 1) Efficient delivery.
  - 2) Transparency
  - 3) Citizen participation
  - 4) Rule of Law
  - 5) Equality
  - 6) Justice and fairness

Dr Abdullah in his book Public Administration: An Islamic Perspective enlisted principles of good governance. The principles included Planning, Organizing, Implementing, Executing, Evaluation and monitoring.

## THE BASIS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE:

### 1- The Concept of Amanah:

The right to govern a state is considered as a trust enshrined upon from Allah. The authority and all powers rest with the Almighty. Man just incorporates the principles of Islam to bring peace and good governance.

"Surely, We offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused it and were afraid of doing so, but a man accepted it. Surely he was unjust and ignorant."

(Surah Al-Ahzab)

## 2- THE CONCEPT OF KHILAFAT:

The rule of this world is given to man by Allah.

The Almighty appointed man as his Khalifa. So the authority rests with Almighty Allah for every decision. - As the Holy Quran states  
(context)

And We have appointed Khalifa on earth.  
(Al-Quran)

The entire world and its governance is the responsibility given by Allah to his followers. He selected Adam (AS) to be his vicegerent -

# THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE BASED ON DIVINE INJUNCTIONS:

## 1- SOVEREIGNTY OF ALLAH:

The sovereignty and authority belongs to Allah Almighty alone. He has all authority, man is His subordinate and vicegerant on earth, following and implementing his divine injunctions.

## 2. THE IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL CONSULTATION:

Islam guides its followers to opt for mutual consultation for solving affairs of a state. When they face any situation, consultation must be done.

"They conduct their affairs by mutual consultation"

(Al-Quran)

## 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF RULE OF LAW:

Islam guides its followers to fear Allah and establish rule of law in their vicinity. The establishment of rule of law ensures good governance.

Holy Prophet (SAWW) said:

"Those before you were destroyed, because if someone from higher rank committed a sin, he was not punished. While if someone from lower rank committed a sin punishment was inflicted upon them. I swear If daughter of Muhammad (SAWW), Fatima (RA) were to commit theft, I would have her hands cut off"

#### 4- INCLUSION OF EQUALITY FOR ALL:

Another basis for good governance is ensuring the inclusion of equality among citizens. Equality is important as it ensures stability and progress of a state.

We have created you from a male and a female, and made you races and tribes, so that you may know each other, the best among you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you.

(Al-Quran)

## 5. PREVALANCE OF JUSTICE:

Good governance can be achieved by the prevalence of justice in society.

O you who believe, be righteous to God, witnessing in justice and do not let the hatred of certain people prevent you from being just. Be just, that is nearer to righteousness.

(Al - Quran)

## 6- ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL:

The concept of accountability in Islam ensures good governance. The sense of being accountable ensures the rightful behavior and the Muslims are accountable to Allah Almighty in the hereafter as well.

Whoever has committed an atom's of good will see it and whoever has committed an atom's weight of evil will see it.

(Al - Quran)

## 7. THE PRESERVANCE OF MERITOCRACY:

The appointment of officials must be made on merit. Islam prohibits unfair means of success and promotes meritocracy. Hazrat Zaid bin Sabit (RA) headed the compilation of Holy Quran being on merit. Similarly other incidents from life of Holy Prophet (SAWW) guide towards good governance and the preservice of meritocracy.

Usama bin Zaid (RA) was appointed as commander for an important battle, though he was just 18 years old and senior companions were also available at that time.

## 8. TRANSPARENCY IN DEALING:

Islam guides its followers to be transparent in their dealings. Transparency ensures the curb of illegal activities. All governors during the Caliphate were asked to declare their assets before and after their rule, to ensure transparency. Inclusion of this golden principle ensures good governance.

9. Administrative division to ensure public service delivery:

Islam promoted the division of area into smaller division for better and efficient administration. The smaller divisions make it easier for public servants to fulfil their duty.

## CONCLUSION:

It can be concluded from the above points that Islam has given golden principles which form basis for good governance. Equality, justice and rule of law ensure the development of a state and advocate the public service delivery. The divine laws of Islam mentioned in Holy Quran ensure the presentation of good governance and betterment of human life.



## QUESTION NO: 3

### INTRODUCTION:

The set of virtues and goals inculcated by Islam for daily life are the most golden and unique principles. Islam has given a complete code of life for the believers to follow. Accountability is one of the systems proposed by Islam for establishment of peaceful and stable society. The divine teachings of Islam are filled with instructions regarding accountability. The sense of being accountable guarantees social control and prosperous society. The prosperity of society is measured by the level of peace and stability in society.

### ACCOUNTABILITY IN ISLAM:

There is dual accountability in Islam - As a Muslim is answerable to law of a state and secondly to Almighty Allah in the world hereafter. The sense of being accountable on the day of Judgement prevents the illegal and sinful.

acts from happening.

## 1. SOCIAL CONTROL AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY:

Social control refers to the control of illegal and sinful activities in society. The control of social evils like drinking, abusing, killing a human being, stealing or other such problems. Islam provides a complete system of accountability to counter the spread of these social evils. The eradication of evil from society leads to the establishment of prosperous society marked by the economic, social and political stability.

## 2. ACCOUNTABILITY IN ISLAM ENSURING SOCIAL CONTROL:

The accountability system of Islam ensures the control of social vices and sins thereby

Promoting the establishment of just society.

### 3. ACCOUNTABILITY OF OFFICIALS :

Islam holds all the appointed officials accountable for their deeds. The concept of accountability was introduced by Holy Prophet (SAWW). The practice of accountability of officials can be witnessed from the rule of pious Caliphate.

Hazrat Umer (RA) said, during his tenure, if a dog dies from thirst, at the bank of river Euphrates, I will be accountable to God.

### 4. THE VISION OF HOLY PROPHET (SAWW) :

Holy Prophet (SAWW) advised his followers to fear God and eradicate social evils from society. As Muslims are accountable to the Almighty.

Advocating the establishment of just society free of social evils like theft etc. Holy Prophet (SAWW) said:

The Ones before you were destroyed as they did not punish the people from higher ranks when they committed theft. Whenever someone from lower ranks committed theft he was punished. I swear to God, if Muhammad's (SAWW) daughter Fatima were to steal, I would have had her hands cut off.

## 5- ERADICATION OF SOCIAL EVILS DURING CALIPHATE:

The system of accountability introduced by Holy Prophet (SAWW) was strictly followed by the pious Caliphate. The application of accountability ensured the eradication of social evils like drinking, hoarding, theft and backbiting.

## 6- EQUAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL:

The concept of accountability for every inhabitant ensured the eradication of social evils.

Hazrat Ali (RA) faced trial for his zarra. The incident happened between him and a Jew. The case was heard and the even the decision was given in favor of the Jew, when the evidence provided was not sufficient. Hazrat Ali (RA) accepted the judgement respectfully setting an example for whole mankind.

Hazrat Umer (RA) faced accountability and trial for wearing 2 sheets. He then clarified that he recieved one sheet as per rules of wae, the second one was gifted by his son.

During the reign of Hazrat Umer (RA) in an incident, the judge was hesitating to call the Caliph for attestation.

Hazrat Umar (RA) discouraged this and asked the judge to deal fairly not based on the position of clients.

## 7- ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS :

Islam holds the government officials responsible for their deeds.

During the reign of Hazrat Umar (RA) strict scrutiny of selected governors was done. The declaration of assets was another major principle.

The sense of accountability for all and government officials ensures the eradication of corruption, white collar crimes and black money. All forms of crimes are accountable and hence ensure the establishment of prosperous society.

## 8. ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT:

The concept of being accountable on the day of judgement in the court of Allah is another factor promoting social control and prosperous society. A prosperous society is the one in which the inhabitants fear Allah alone and all social vices are absent.

"Allah is well aware of all your doings" (Al-Quran context only)

The fear from Allah Almighty ensures prosperous society.

### CONCLUSION:

It can be concluded that equal implementation of accountability on all individuals regardless of wealth and health ensures eradication of all social evils. The eradication of social evils depicts social control and leads to the establishment of a prosperous society. The accountability dual in nature adds up to the fear of citizens and inhibits them from illegal acts and social instability.