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Q. No. 1

Who are entitled to receive zakat?
How poverty can be alleviated with
its distribution in Islamic
society?

Ans: (1) INTRODUCTION :-

Zakat is one of the five pillars of Islam. In the Holy Quran, Almighty Allah has mentioned it along with salah several times. Basically, there are eight heads of zakat which are mentioned in the chapter Tauba in the Holy Quran. Zakat is obligatory on Muslims who come in the given criteria. The basic essence of zakat is to root out the poverty from Islamic society and its distribution can reduce many evils from society. In the times of Hazrat Abu Bakr, zakat was taken officially for the betterment of the state.

(2) HEADS OF THE ZAKAT :-

In Surah Tauba, Almighty Allah has described those who are entitled for zakat. They are eight in number.

(1) The poor is entitled for zakat; it includes relatives, neighbours, family members.

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(2) The needy persons :-

Those who are professional beggars.

(3) Administrator of Zakat :-

Those who facilitate zakat distribution.

(4) Sympathisers

(5) Free slaves are the entitled for Zakat :-

(6) Way fares are also heads of the Zakat

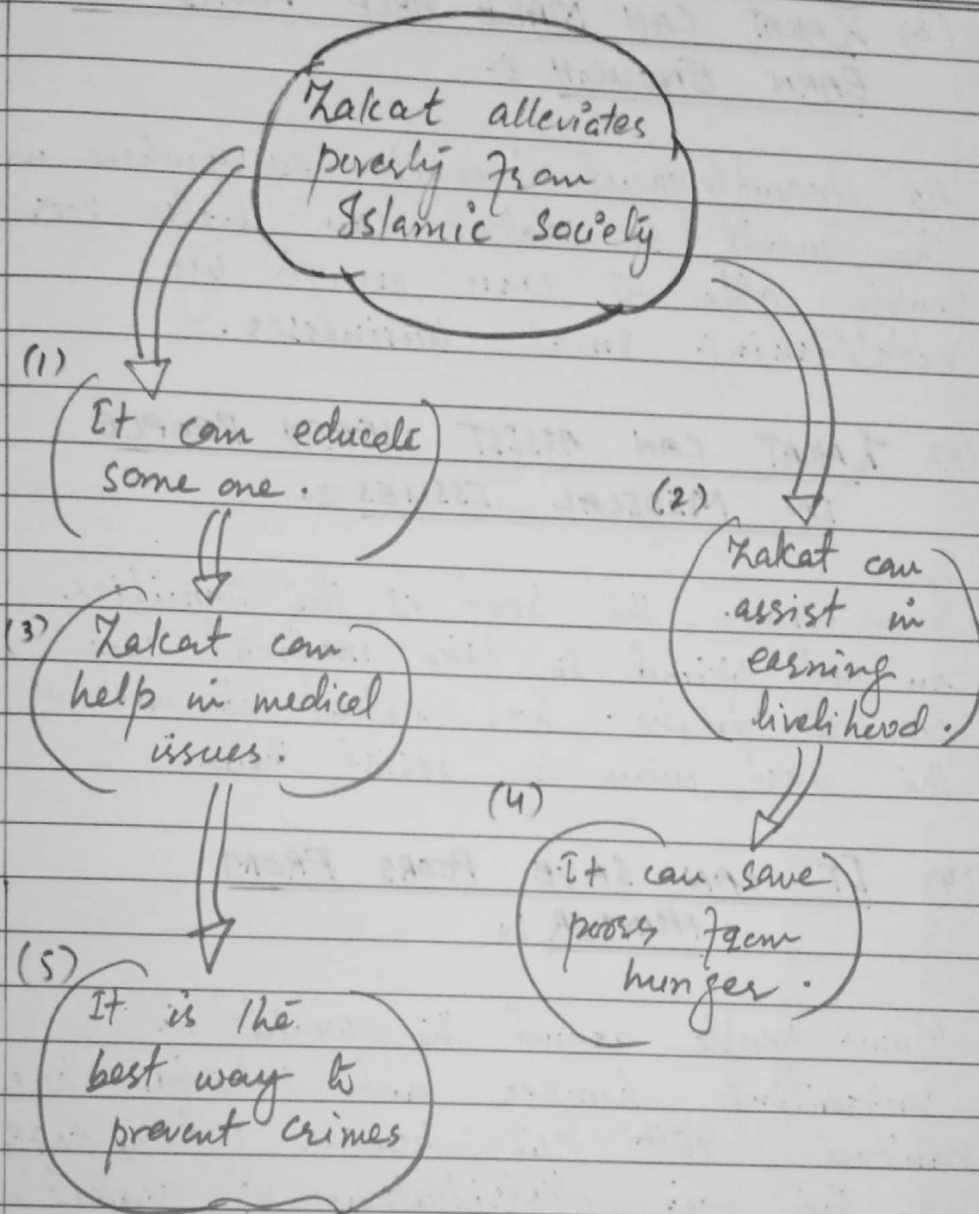
(7) In debt persons :-

(8) For the sake of Allah :-

If someone is poor and he needs of resources for medical purpose or for Jihad; etc.

(3) ZAKAT CAN ALLEVIATED POVERTY FROM ISLAMIC SOCIETY :-

Zakat is one of the essential pillar of the Islam which mainly aims to reduce poverty from the Islamic society which is cause of many other evils.



(1) ZAKAT CAN EDUCATE POORS

The financial assistance for the poor people in educating them can assist people to pursue their study because poor people can not even afford the basic necessities of life.

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(2) ZAKAT CAN MAKE ABLE POORS TO EARN ENOUGH ?

As unemployment prevails everywhere in the world so zakat can make poor people able to earn enough by establishing small businesses.

(3) ZAKAT CAN ASSIST NEEDY PEOPLE IN MEDICAL ISSUES ?

Sometimes, the head of the families can not afford to take medical care due to poverty. So, zakat is one of the best way to assist them.

(4) IT CAN SAVE POORS FROM HUNGER ?

Many people around the world is confronting hunger and Pakistan has ranked 98th in hunger index, 2023. So, the fair distribution of zakat can save people from hunger.

(5) ZAKAT IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT CRIME ?

There are many crimes which comes from "poverty", such as child murder, suicides, robbery, theft and gender based violence and many more. So, zakat can prevent such all crimes.

"And do not starve your children due to poverty. We will also give them (riq) for their survival"

(Al-Baqar)

Conclusions:

Zakat is one of the essential and mandatory pillars of Islam. Its main objective is to eradicate poverty from the Islamic society. In Quran, Surah Tauba, Amiruliyah has mentioned eight heads of the Zakat. It can be said that the fair distribution of Zakat can absolutely eradicate the poverty from society in many ways.

Q.10 Difference between Religion and Deen. Importance of Deen in human life.

Ans: (1) Introduction:

According to the Edwin Tylor that if you believe in the supernatural power and spirituality, it is called religion. Basically, religion is latin word which comes from Zahed which means to make followers. Where as Deen is the divine revealed and its contextual meaning is to attain superman or demigod status.

(2) Difference Between Religion And Deen:

(a) Explanation of Religion:

(1) It only talks about the "individuality".

There are so many religions in the world which only talks about the individuality of mankind.

(2) Religion possess man-made rituals.

Many rituals of religions are man-made such as in Hinduism

'Holi celebrations' are man-made.

(3) Explanation of Deen :-

(1) Deen always talks about the collectivism :-

It is clear in the Holy Quran that whole humanity is concern of Deen.

"If someone save an innocent life, it means, he/she saves the whole humanity, if someone kills an innocent, it means he/she kills the whole humanity".

(Surah Al-Maids)

(2) Deen is Divine Revealed :-

Deen is basically revealed by the prophets of Allah and it is the message of God not man-made.

(3) The Rituals of Deen are also revealed :-

The rituals of deen are revealed not man-made. Such as Eid celebrations or Nikkah.

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(4) Deen gives entire guidance of life.

It is beauty of Deen that it gives complete code of life. For instance, political, economic, social, judicial and family systems of life.

Conclusion :-

Deen is the revealed from Almighty Allah whereas the religion is man-made. Religion talks about the individuality but Deen talks about the collectivism. So, it can be said that Deen is necessary for the humankind as it satisfy the soul whereas religion only gives the materialistic satisfaction and West is one of the best example of it.