

ISLAMIAT MOCK

1. Give numbering to headings

2. Do not write lengthy paragraphs. Write medium sized paragraphs with headings.

3. Do not use table for comparison and contrast questions.

4. Draw figures/diagram/flowchart where needed.

5. Start new question from fresh page.

6. Give around 15 headings for 20 marks question.

7. Every question should have introduction and conclusion paragraphs.

8. Add Quran/Hadees references wherever possible.

9. Narrate incidents from the life of Holy Prophet (SAWW) and Khulafa-e-Rashideen.

10. Add one quotation of famous religious scholar in each question.

11. Change colour scheme for references to give them more visibility.

12. Manage time

13. Wide page borders are discouraged. Should be reasonable.

14. Avoid writing wrong references.

15. Give more weightage to expressedly asked part/s of the question.

16. Avoid writing wrong Quran/Hadith references. It puts extremely negative impression.

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Q2.
DOCTRINE OF AKHIRAH
AND
ITS IMPACT

Islam is a din and a complete code of life. One of the five basic fundamentals of Islam is the belief in the Last Day. Without this belief that indeed one day everything in the face of the universe will perish and would be once again gathered by the word of Allah, one of the six articles of faith. Without the acceptance of this truth, one cannot become a Muslim. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said regarding this doctrine of Islam that, "No one but Allah knows when the last hour will come." The belief in this doctrine impacts the lives of individuals and the society in a such a way, that only positive

aspects are yielded.

Belief in Akhrot:

This very belief that one when dies will be given another life as per the will of Allah Almighty is both fearful and rewarding. On one hand it makes man accountable for his deeds and on the other hand, ensures him that this life is temporary. According to the Islamic belief, life is not the end but it in fact opens a portal to an eternal life. This eternal life is either a reward for being the best version of man that Allah prescribes; or is a punishment wherein one reaps what he sows. Allah says in Surah Zalzal,

“So whoever did an atom of good will see it, and whoever did an atom of evil will see it.”

→ Definition:

(a) literal meaning: the end of something

(b) contextual meaning: the day of judgement

• IMPACT OF BELIEF IN AKHIRAH:-

The belief in the Akhirah or the life after death has a crucial role in shaping one's individual life and collective life as a society. It not only moulds the personality of each person but also impacts the overall makeup of the society. The Quran describes the events of the day of judgement in a very clear manner and awe-inspiring language. Thus, it imparts such characteristics that change the life of a Muslim for good.

(A) Impact on Individuals:

It has many life altering impacts when one has faith. That whatever he is doing has been recorded and would be showed to him on the Final Day - The day where no one will be excused for the illc they have done and will be rewarded for all the good deeds. The following are a few such impacts that this

belief has on individuals.

(a) Sense of Accountability:

Belief in Akhirah keeps one safe from committing sins both privately as well as publicly. The fact that no one can escape his actions, ensures that one not only keeps himself safe but also not harm anyone else. Allah says,

'And He is All-knowing and capable to do all things'

Therefore, it prevents one from committing crime of self (nafs) as well as those that would hurt others.

(b) Belief makes a man Muslim:

without the firm belief that it is indeed Allah who gave life once and can surely do it again, one cannot become a Muslim. In Quran Allah describes the ~~of~~ disbelievers in the following words,

• And those who deny the last Day will be punished with hell.

This belief keeps man on track and saves him from a lot of wrong and evil acts.

(4) Creates fear in one's heart:

According to this belief, Allah ensures man that this life is nothing but a test. It inculcates fear in one's heart that no actions will go unseen and unheard.

The Holy Prophet (pwh) said:

on that day, ^{even} the fingers of one's hands will give witness.

And Allah says in the Holy Quran,

'Does man imagine that we will not be able to bring his bones together? No, we are capable of fashioning proportions of fingerprints.'

Thus, a sense of fear is created that

prevents one committing crimes.

(d) Ensures that this life is temporary:

According to this belief, man will be in this world for a short period of time and so should not imagine himself as the one who will live forever. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) is reported to have said,

'The example of man is that of a traveller, who stops under the shade of a tree and carries forward.'

Thus, this belief makes one realize that no one should get attached to this dunya as it is temporary. It is a hadis-e-qudsi in which the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said:

'Allah says, the worth of this dunya is not even worth the wing of a fly.'

Thus, it creates a sense among Muslims to not get attached to worldly life and focus on the ultimate goal i.e. the Akhirah.

(e) Brings Muslims peace and hope:

When one believes that this life is temporary and that for every trial one faces, he shall be rewarded, a sense of peace and hope remains. It is a very famous quote of an Imam-e-din that, 'we cannot imagine how many Muslim brothers we would have lost if Allah did not prohibit suicide? Allah ensured it to His believers that He does not test His servants more than they can bear. Allah has said in the Holy Quran that

* The Day of Judgement is the day when a person will be rewarded for his good deeds and the evil doers will see hell.*

Thus, it satisfies Muslims that their trials and hardships would not go unrewarded. →

(f) Saves one from negativity:

It saves one from negative thoughts and actions. It keeps man humble in a sense that he accepts Allah's decree, and therefore, patiently waits for his rewards with his Lord for all the patience and endurance. Allah says,

'Do not grieve and do not lose hope. Surely! Allah's help is near.'

Thus, this belief keeps man away from negativity and on the right path.

(B) Impact on Collective Life:

As it positively impacts the individual life, it sets the basis for an overall change in the society. Not only this creates a collective sense of sincerity but also saves one from a lot of social evils. A few examples of this are,

(a) Sense of Brotherhood:

It makes people considerate for ~~each~~ ^{one} other and thus revives the sense of brotherhood and fraternity. As it said,

'Muslims are but by a single brotherhood.' (Hadith)

Allah says,

'Muslims are a single body, if one part is hurt all of the body is hurt.'

Thus, it creates a sense of love among the Muslim community and provides a collective platform for the brothers in religion to thrive.

(b) Curbs Social Evils:

As one believes that it will be the day that the book of deeds would be given in the hands of all people, he ensures that he doesn't commit crimes and saves himself from the torment of hell fire. It keeps one in check so that he doesn't commit crimes of any nature.

(c) Sense of Dual concept of Accountability:

This belief keeps man in check that not only will he get what he does in the form of fit for fit but would also receive his punishment on the day of judgement. Therefore, one is satisfied that stopping himself from evil thoughts and actions is the only salvation and thus, does not commit any act that would impact the society negatively.

(d) National Uplift:

If we look at the example of Pakistan, this belief will have the greatest impact on our country. With the fear of accountability, the social evils such as corruption, theft, burglary, hate crime, murder and many more can be prevented. Thus, it would result in the national uplift and recreate the image of Pakistan.

• Conclusion:

Belief in life after death has wondrous impacts on the lives of individuals as well as the society as whole. The Quran describes the events of the Akhirah with such clarity and in such an awe inspiring language that believers ought to follow and fear this belief. Fear and sense of accountability together can, therefore, have such positive impacts on the Muslims as whole that it can transform the face of earth.

Q6.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

• Introduction:

The term good governance can be defined as, efficient and effective public administration is known as good governance. It represents the features of a Muslim state of socio-political nature. As Islam is a deen and a

complete code of life, it highlights the governance system and its importance. The governance can be termed 'good' when it is according to

- (a) The will of Allah
- (b) In the favour of subjects.

As Islam gives information on every aspect of life, it also throws light on ^{good} governance and its principles.

• Principles of Good Governance:

There are several principles of good governance as given by the Islamic Faith. Allah has entrusted this duty of being authoritative over people as a responsibility to be their care-takers of people. Allah says,

'Authority is the trust of Allah.'

The following are a few principles of good governance that are given by Allah for Muslims to follow:

(a) Authority as trust of Allah:
Allah has ~~not~~ given the responsibility to the rulers and yet is the most sovereign of all. Allah says that

A just ruler is a shadow of Allah.

Therefore, it should be kept in mind that a ruler is answerable before God for his actions towards the state.

(b) Sovereignty belongs to Allah:

Allah is the one who is the ~~most~~ only sovereign. This duty, in fact, is delegated by Allah to man. In the Holy Quran, Allah says,

‘All sovereignty belongs to Allah’

Thus, to ensure good governance, the ruler must remain humble before God and do not consider himself superior to the people in any way.

(c) Caliph as Allah's representative:

The ~~ret~~deen of Islam has introduced the concept of caliphate system. Allah says in the Quran,

'... and we have made you successors upon earth.'

The institute of caliphate ensures that the basic principles of governance laid down by the Supreme Authority are followed. The caliphate system ensures that all socio-political and economic aspects of Islam are genuinely followed for the betterment of state.

(d) Role as caretakers:

It is essential to note that just because one has the authority or power, does not mean that he is above the subject. As the famous quote says 'with great power comes great responsibility.'

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) is reported to have said,

'The chief caliph is the chief servant of the nation'

This completely and clearly explains the rank of a person charged with authority.

(e) Government by consultation:

Allah has made the concept of consultation an integral part of governance. Allah says,

'Obey Allah and obey the messenger and those charged with authority (among you)'

And also,

'And whose affairs are determined by consultation.'

Thus, it is evident that good governance is not possible without consulting the people who will face the impact of these decisions.

(f) Transparency:

It is essential that all the matters of governance should be based on merit. For that, transparency in all matters is of utmost importance. No hidden actions should be taken lest one can defend it.

(g) Accountability:

The truth about the concept of good governance lies in the concept of accountability. If a ruler is certain that he will be held accountable for all his actions, he will avoid taking rash decisions that will impact people negatively. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) is reported to have said,

‘Everyone of you is a guardian and will be held accountable for what you guard.’

Thus, it can be seen that no good governance can be ensured

without accountability. Hazrat Umar formed a court called **ombudsman** to hold government officials accountable.

(h) Rule of Law:

The supreme law given by Allah and His messenger is the only rule of law. The Law should be same for the rich and poor alike. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) is reported to have said (in response to a theft incident) that,

'Even if my daughter steals, I will cut her hand'

This shows that no one is above the law and everyone needs to be held accountable according to it.

These were the few basic principles that are essential to good governance and ensure that the law would be properly followed for the welfare of people.

• BENEFITS TO MODERN STATE:

These principles of good governance ~~are~~ can be implemented for the welfare of modern state.

Despite being such an old deen, Islam provides rules and laws that can be used aptly in the modern times as well.

(a) Check Corruption:

Once the leaders will duly realize that the real and absolute authority lies with Allah and they are answerable before God and law, the evil of corruption can be rid off. This would ensure that no one is acting out of their place as the authority given to them is in fact the trust of Allah.

(b) Ensure Security:

As the rule of law will prevail, it will automatically

result in security of people and their interests. Not only will they be safe but also will thrive under such consequences-conditions.

(c) Justice will prevail:

As a result of establishment of good governance, justice will prevail. Under the laws set by Allah and the people who will follow it will ensure that everyone will get their due rights in time. As per a famous quote,

Justice delayed is justice denied.

As per the principles of good governance, the justice can be ensured in the most proper way. Allah says that He is just and loves the one who does justice. Therefore, it can be said that ⁱⁿ under a society where people are given their due rights, people are ought to thrive.

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• Conclusion:

It can be concluded that good governance can ensure that the people are being governed properly. Not only would this result in rights of individuals being fulfilled but would also mean that the society on whole will get better. No doubt Islam is the only religion that clearly talks about all the issues in all the spheres of life. Thus, it can be said that these principles can still be applied today and ensure success of a nation.
