

Question-1

Human rights in the context of farewell sermon of prophet (S.A.W).

Introduction:-

Human rights are the fundamental, instinctive and natural rights, given to all men by birth. They are non-violable and are equally given to all human beings of all the times without any discrimination of color, cast, creed or race. In all societies of the world, in all nations irrespective of geographical and territorial boundaries, men of the world, regardless of gender can enjoy these rights. Since Almighty is the creator of this universe, thus these rights are granted by Almighty. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) - the last messenger of Allah has conveyed these rights to humanity.

Historical Context:-

Since the time known, men are ill treated by some

conflicting, opposing or dominating people who maltreat other fellow human beings and devalued them of their rights. There are many instances in history where people were unable to enjoy their rights.

Violations

- Slavery of black people
- Cast system and discrimination
- Exploitation of the poor
- Oppression on low creed people
- Violation of women rights
- Burial of child girls

ﷺ As a Prophet of Peace :-

Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) came as a prophet of peace, love for humanity, affection and equality to all and gave the message of peace and equality to all.

End of discrimination:-

Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) ended the concept of discrimination and awarded the status of equality to all in the light of Surah and Sunnah.

Khutba Hajja-tul-Wida of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) :-

On his last pilgrimage to the house of Allah on 632 / 10 AH, Holy Prophet (S.A.W) delivered his farewell sermon and delivered the

“Foremost charter of
Human History”

He addressed a large gathering and instructed them about their religion

ایہا الناس! اسمعوا قولي، فاني لا ادرى

علي لا القاكم بعد عامي هذا ابعدا

لصوقف ابداه

O People! listen to me, what I say. I don't know whether I will ever meet you at this place after this year.

In his last sermon major area of focus of prophet was human rights in all aspects. Fundamental, equal and basic rights were discussed and instructed!

Human Rights:

(1) Right to sanctity of life and property, wedlock and parentage:

Right of life and property of every human being is valuable and should be protected by all in any condition.

ان دماءكم وامناتكم واولادكم حرامون
Your blood and your property are as sacred as mine this Day.

(2) Riba was abolished:

Riba in all of its forms and conditions was banned. Actually, the philosophy behind the abolishment of Riba is that it promotes exploitation and accumulation of wealth.

وربا الجاهل من اهل النار
Risky is forbidden

(3) Rights of wives is protected:

Women of ancient days of ignorance were maltreated. They were given honourable and respectable place.

فا اتقوا الله في حق النساء
O People! fear Allah concerning women

(4) Killing each other is prohibited:-

As life of each and every individual is prohibited and protected by Divinity, violation of this protection is will be a great sin and the killer will be punished on the Day of judgement.

فلا ترجعوا لعديتكم لا يفترب بعضكم بعضا
بقا بعض

So, do not turn into people who go astray and kill one another.

(5) Right to equality and brotherhood of Muslims:

Equality of human beings before law and in the face of Islam is ensured. No discriminatory treatment is allowed. and all muslims are just like

“امم واحدة اجسد واحدة”
like united ; “United Ummat
body”

At another place prophet said
“Every muslim is the brother
of another muslim and
that all muslims are brethren.”

(6) Equality of all races was proclaimed.

Prophet (S.A.W) elaborated the concept of Qur'an, which states that all human beings are equal and there is no any discrimination on the basis of cast, creed or race in the same way Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.N) mentioned in his farewell sermon as;

ارفض لعربي على عجمي ولا لاسود على احمر
الا بالانقوى

The Arabs are not superior to the Ajamis (non-Arabs) as the Ajamis to the Arabs.

(7) Right of slaves to kind treatment:

Slaves are human beings and they demand the just treatment by the owner. Maltreatment of slaves is prohibited and they are instructed to be equally on humanitarian grounds.

“And your slaves, see that you feed them with the same food as you eat yourselves,”

(8) Right to inheritance:

Inheritance is a due share from property, given to the individual justly as per his/her due right. Islam has fixed due share of every individual in the property rights and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) commanded all individuals to grant share of each in the property.

God has ordained to every man the share of his inheritance: a testament is not lawful to the prejudice of heirs.

(9) Burden of crime is onto the criminal:

It was customary in Arabs that, replecement was offered in place of crime. In this way, they used to save and protect the actual criminal by giving an alternate innocent person to be killed or women were given to the affected party. Prophet (S.A.W) abandoned this custom and affirmed that the penalty of crime will lie on the criminal and none else will be punished.

الا لا يعني بان الا على نفسه
Any wrongdoer does not
wrong another except
himself.

(10) Observance of religious duties was made mandatory:

Observance of duties was made
mandatory. Because, the fact is
obligation or duty of one
person is the right of some
other person. Thus if a man
fulfill his duty, rights of others
will be met.

Conclusion

Khuṭba Najja-tul-wida or the
farewell sermon of prophet
(P.B.UH) is the foremost and
perfect charter of human rights.
Many contracts regarding human
rights came later but none
of them was so perfect,
authentic and complete as
was this charter. It granted
human being an all encompassing
and complete rights that human
being gained its true grandeur
and peace forever.

Question - 2

Islamic Civilization has a unique identity. Elaborate its characteristics.

Introduction

Islamic civilization is the most ancient, complete and an all encompassing civilization of the world. It emerged with the birth and landing on earth of Adam and Eve. It is the most constant and persistent civilization. Due to its dynamic nature, it will be the last civilization on earth. Perfection, beauty and completeness of Islamic civilization lies in its Divine nature and natural basis. It provides an umbrella to the blooming Islamic thoughts and cultures and refines them by sprinkling waters of purity, flawless basis and completeness.

Islamic Civilization:

A civilization is a complex society, culture or group

having its unique political system of government, education system, moral beliefs, language and art and culture.

According to will Durant:

"Civilization is a social order promoting cultural creation"

Terminology of Civilization is derived from Latin word Civil which means a city or citizen.

Islamic civilization has all the characteristics of a superb civilization.

Difference between Islamic and western civilizations is that Islamic Civilization endorse Islamic and Divine perspective of culture, government, people, language, art and architecture.

Features of Islamic Civilization:

Islamic civilization is shaped by many prominent factors that influence its basis;

of Islamic religion:

Islam

Islam

Iman

Ehsan

Ezellence in Faith

Concept of Ehsan:

Concept of Ehsan is elaborated in the following verse:-

ان الله يريد ان يرى
كما ترونه

"That you worship Allah as if you are seeing him; and if you are not seeing Him, then He is seeing you."

Reward of Ehsan:

The idea of the reward of Ehsan is elaborated in the following verse:

هل جزاء الاحسان الا الاحسان
Is there any reward for Ehsan except Ehsan?

Commandment of Almighty:

ان الله يحب المتقين
Surely, Allah enjoins the
doing of justice and the
doing of good.

Being the fundamental pillar
of Islamic civilization, it
urges people to do their best to
maintain a unique and
perfect civilization.

(3) Tazkiyah al-Nafs is mandatory:-

Tazkiyah-al-Nafs is the
Purification of Soul. Residents
and people of Islamic
civilization are motivated
to attain

"Tazkiyah al-Nafs
Purification of soul"

Tazkiyah in human personality

"To beautify it, and
to remove from it
all evil traces and
spiritual diseases
that are obstacles in
experiencing Allah's
closeness."

Commandment of Almighty:

قَدْ اَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهُ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهُ
He who purifies it will indeed be successful, and he who corrupts it is sure to fail.

Tazkiyah is a source of forgiveness:

لَوْ اَنَّ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ جَبَلٌ مِّنَ الذَّهَبِ لَآتَىٰ مِنْهُ طَنًّا
On the Day of judgement, neither wealth nor children will be of any benefit, only he who comes with a sound heart before Allah.

Stages of Self-Purification -

There are 3-stages of self purification in the light of Holy Quran.

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| ① Nafs-al-Ammarah | نفس الامارة |
| ② Nafs-al-Lawwamah | نفس اللوامة |
| ③ Nafs-al-Mutmainnah | نفس المطمئنة |

Why Self-Purification is needed:

Self-purification and purification is very important to attain a sound place in heaven.

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) has reaffirmed this concept of self purification as;

حب الدنيا رأس كل خطيئة
The attachment to this world is the source of every wrong.

Tasbeeh in Islamic Civilization:
It is mandatory to live with a clean and purified soul in Islamic civilization so that its criteria may be met and harmony may sustain.

(4) Dignity of man is ensured in Islamic civilization:

Human being is the most important and valued creature of the universe as is mentioned in the Holy Quran:

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَن تَقْوِيمٍ
Verily, we made man in the best possible form.

It is the basic facet that in Islamic civilization, honour and dignity of man is ensured and their equality and grace is preserved in all cases. Human being is the

The viceregent of Almighty,

خليفة الله

Thus his dignity is preserved in Islamic civilization.

(5) Equality of all is ensured:

Islamic civilization provide equality to all men and women, regardless of color, creed and race. They are not discriminated on the ground of gender or social status. As Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said:

لا فضل لعربي على عجمي ولا لاسود على ابيض الا بالتقوى

The Arabs are not superior to the Ajamis, or the Ajamis to the Arabs nor the whites have any superiority over blacks but through piety.

(6) Social Justice is provided:

Oppression, tyranny and cruelty in any form is nevertheless allowed and social justice is provided to all people at all the times. As is the lesson of Holy Quran;

اعادوه اقرب للتقوى

Do justice, for justice is close to piety.

(7) Tolerance is promoted:

Extremism, impatience and violence have become the new normal of the world. But in Islamic Civilization, significant emphasis is laid upon the tolerance among the people of civilization. Several references are found in Quran:-

الْإِسْلَامُ فِي الْإِيمَانِ -

There is no compulsion in Islam.

وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ -
and argue with them in good manner.

(8) Rule of law is the order:

Dominance and superiority of the rule of law is appreciated in Islamic civilization. And this order is actually the order of Allah and his messenger.

وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُمْ إِلَى سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ -

And whosoever disobeys the commandments of Allah and His prophet, he has clearly wandered into error.

Conclusion

Islamic Civilization is the most superb, perfect and authentic civilization. Due to its distinctive and unique features, it is an all encompassing and all dominating one.

It is a place of growth of true and firm muslim ideals and serve the purpose of a true institution for the muslims of all domains in particular and other residents (non-muslim subjects) in general.

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Quote references

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