

Question 05

Role, Rights and Status of women in Islam

1- Introduction

Islam provides a valuable status to women as mother, daughter, and wife. There are various personal and economic rights of women in Islam that are not provided by any other religion or a political system.

2. Role and Status of Women Islam

i) Women as Mothers

Islam grant a huge respect to mothers in comparison to other religions of the world. An man come to Prophet SAW and asked, "who is respectable for him. He repeated the question thrice and the Prophet SAW answered, "your mother".

In this way, Islam has granted a status. Moreover, women also perform the role of mothers

ii) Women as Wives

Islam grants unlimited respect to wives in comparison to other religions. The Holy Prophet SAW has

mentioned:

"The best among you is the one who is best with his wife, and I am best with my wives"

(abstract from Hadiths)

Thus, women also play the role of mothers and wives.

iii) Women as daughters

The status of daughter is very great. The Holy Prophet SAW has said:

"Whoever has daughters feeds them and cloths them well, they will be a shield for him against fire"

(Abstract from Hadiths)

iv) Women are not inferior to Men

Unlike other religions, Islam grants equal status to women. Allah SWT has described beautifully:

"Allah (SWT) will not waste the work of any worker among you, whether male or female?"

(Abstract from Quran)

3. Rights of Women in Islam

i) Right of inheritance

In Hinduism, women are deprived of right of inheritance. However, Islam provides a right of inheritance to Islam.

Two part → Son

1 part → daughter

ii) Right of consent before marriage

The right of consent is of great importance. The Holy Prophet SAW has clarified that

"A virgin must not be married until her consent is asked"

(abstract from Hadiths)

this right is solely provided by Islam.

iii) Right to do work

Women are not bound by Islam to do only household work. Rather, they can work. Hazrat Khadeeja (R.A) was a business woman. This means that Islam provide a right to work to women.

iv) Right to Life

Before the advent of Islam, daughters were killed. Hazrat Dhayia Kalbi (before accepting) Islam killed his own daughter. But Islam granted a right to life to woman.

v) Right to Khula

If a woman does not want to live with her husband due to genuine issue, she can take a khula from him. This right is provided by Islam only.

4. Islamic rights to woman

Could end women marginalisation

Women are marginalised in conservative cultures they are not provided their rights.

Right to work: end injustices with women

Right to khula: end violence against women

Right to consent: end marital problems.

Rafia Zakria, an advocate of women rights in Pakistan, has argued that Islamic teachings of women right could end injustice with women.

5- Conclusion

Islam provides all rights to women. Moreover, it exalts their status, eradicating gender inequality. Therefore, Islam has uniqueness regarding providing rights to women. Islamic rights to women could end violence against women.

Question 07

Religious and political extremism an outcome of Muslim marginalisation

1- Introduction

The religious and political extremism emerge due marginalisation of muslim in the world. The factors include hate against west among muslim due to marginalisation and desire to revive muslim rule of glory.

2- Grounds where Muslim are facing marginalisation

- ★ Palestine → Israeli brutality
- ★ India → Modi, anti-muslim policy
- ★ Western countries → Islamophobia
- ★ Rohingya → Chinese

3- Marginalisation of Muslims give rise to political and Religious extremism

i) Taliban marginalisation after USSR defeat produced hate against USA

After using Mujahideen, America began to marginalise Afghan Mujahideen. Mujahideen became inferior. This forced them to wage war against USA

EX# 9/11 attack

ii) Hate against Western dominance
 West dominates the world.



This hegemony of west enrages the muslim. As a result, they

Start attacking west

Ex # London attacks carried by
extremist

iii) Heinous treatment of Muslim
by USA after 9/11

USA captured
many innocent Muslims after
9/11 and tortured them. This
created a wave of anger among
Muslims. At Guantanamo jail, Muslims
were treated like animals.

iv) Palestinian Issue enrages Muslim
to fight

This marginalisation
of Muslim has infuriated whole
of the Muslim Ummah. Hezbollah
fires American and Israeli ship
in Red Sea owing to Palestinian
Cause

v) Reaction to Islamophobic killing of Muslims

In western countries, Muslims are killed due to Islam

Canada: A Muslim family was killed

New Zealand: A mosque was attacked

These incidents encourage Muslims to initiate their extremism against western countries

vi) International marginalisation of Muslim motivate Muslim to snatch authority

In international scenario, Muslims have been marginalised. Their voice is not listened by International institutions.

Afia Siddique faced imprisonment without evidence. This encourages the Muslim to initiate violence.

vii) Biasness of International institutions

The international institutions such UNO, ICJ and Human Right watch have remained fail to stop Israel from committing crime in palestine. This motivates muslims to take a stand for their own authority.

viii) Desire of Reviving Muslim glory.

The marginalisation engages muslims extremists for bringing lost glory of the muslims. "Caliph System" slogan by extremist parties are a manifestation of this

4- Other causes of political and Religious extremism

- Misinterpretation of religion
- Extremist literature
- Lack of education
- Extremist narratives

All these factors also contribute to enhancing political and religious extremism but these causes also stem from marginalisation of muslim.

Misinterpretation of religion and extremist narrative and literature are a direct result of marginalisation of muslims. The purpose of extremists is to establish their hegemony.

Extremists motive:

To establish Shariah system

To establish hegemony of muslim

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These are the direct

consequence of marginalisation.

5- Conclusion

The political and religious extremism is a direct result of marginalisation of muslims across the world. If this marginalisation is solved, the political and religious extremism could also be mitigated.

Question 03

Purpose of Islamic polity is to establish just and welfare Society/State

1- Introduction

The purpose of Islamic polity is to establish a just and welfare state. This can be done by following the principles of Islamic polity. These principles include equality, religious freedom and unity.

2- Understanding Islamic polity

Islamic polity refers to Islamic economic political system that is superior from other political system. This has been

by many scholars. Khurshheed Ahmad in his book "Islami Nazriya Hayat" has mentioned that Islamic political system is far superior than other political systems of the world.

3- Establishing just Society Under Islamic polity

i) Equality among all

Equality is a fundamental principle of establishing a just Islamic society. The Holy Prophet SAW has mentioned in his Last Sermon:

"An Arab has no superiority over non-Arab, a non-Arab has no superiority over an Arab"

(Abstract from Last sermon)

In this way, just society could be established.

ii) Absence of Gender Inequality
Gender equality
is also necessary for establishing a
just society. Allah SWT has mentioned:

"Allah does not waste
the work of any
worker, whether male
or female"

(Abstract from Quran)

this leads to a just society.

iii) Religious Freedom

Freedom of a
religion is also necessary in a
just society. The Holy Quran has
mentioned:

لَا كُفْرًا فِي الدِّينِ

This verse denotes the religious
tolerance in a just society.

iv) Rule of law

A just society could only be created if a rule of law is present in the society. Islamic polity emphasizes on it.

The Holy Quran mentions:

"If anyone has done an atom's weight of good, he will see it, If anyone has done an atom's weight of evil, he will see it"

(Abstract from Al-Quran)

v) Fair Treatment of Minorities

In a just society, minorities enjoy their rights without discrimination. Islamic polity also emphasizes on this.

Zimmi concept is used for them. The Holy Prophet SAW used to decide according to Jewish Law in Medina in the matters of Jews.

4- Establishing welfare state Under Islamic polity

i) Protection of Human rights
This protection

is emphasized in Islamic state

Allah SWT mentions in Qur'an:

Whoever kills a person,
except for corruption on

Earth, it is as if he has

killed whole of the humanity

This makes a welfare Islamic
State

ii) Representation of people

In Islamic state

people get also their voice listened

An Areef: appointed over 10 people

A Nageeb: appointed over 10 nageebs

In this way, a welfare Islamic
State is established.

iii) Providing Education

This is a necessary part of an Islamic state. The Holy Prophet SAW has mentioned "To seek knowledge, is obligatory for every muslim man and woman" (abstract from Al-Hadith)

This principle also make a welfare state.

iv) Fulfilling Economic needs of people

This is also a necessary principle of an Islamic state. Hazrat Umar (R.A) used to walk at night in order to inquire whether everyone has basic necessities of food. This a distinctive factor of an Islamic state.

v) Example of welfare Islamic State

The state created by Pious Caliphs was a pure Islamic welfare state. This was based on the principles of Islamic political principles.

5- Conclusion

The basic purpose of Islamic polity is to establish a welfare state. Moreover, it aims at establishing a just society without any discrimination. The countries could establish just societies by following the examples of a state created by Pious Caliphate.

Question 04

Doctrine of Risalat and its importance in Human life

1- Introduction

The doctrine of Risalat holds a significant importance in human life. It has not only guided humans but also saved them from hell. Therefore, it has a huge importance in human life.

2- Understanding the doctrine of Risalat

Risalat refers to the pious persons sent by Allah for the welfare of humanity. Approximately, 1 lac 24 thousand prophets were sent down by

for guiding humanity.

i) Difference between "Nabi" and "Rasool"

Rasool	Nabi
Literal meaning: "Sent down by someone"	Literal meaning: To ^{a news} circulate or to inform
"has its own Shari'ah"	"may follow already existing Shari'ah"
. have revealed book	may not have revealed book

iii) Four Famous Prophets

These four prophets also have their revealed books

* Hazrat Musa (A.S) → Torat

* Hazrat ^{Dawood} ~~Zuboor~~ (A.S) → Zuboor

* Hazrat Eisa (A.S) → Bible (Injeel)

* Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) → Holy Qur'an

3- Importance of Risalat in human life

i) Provide guidance to humanity
The prophets provide guidance to people, abstaining them from evil deeds.

Hazrat Ibrahim (A-S) restricted people from worshipping idols.

ii) Save people from the wrath of Allah SWT

The prophet guided people from saving them the wrath but some people did not follow their advice. As a result, they faced the wrath of Allah

Example

"Quome Samood"

"Tufan Noah"

iii) Educate people

The prophets educate people for their welfare. The Holy Prophet (saw) has mentioned

“ I have been sent as a teacher ”

(Abstract from AL-Hadith)

iv) Connect people with Allah

The prophets create a connection between Allah and people. They circulate the message of Allah towards humans

Prophets] → provided Allah's message to humans

v) Establish peace in among humans

When the people of Arab were fighting each other, their society has been

has been degenerated, The Holy Prophet SAW was sent to guide them and establish a peace.

وَمَا سَأَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

This verse defines the purpose of prophethood.

vi) Taught manners of living in this world

The example of Holy Prophet SAW is very prominent in this regard.

- Familial Relations
 - Business Affairs
 - Political Affairs
 - Social Affairs
- } Taught by the Holy Prophet SAW

vii) Conveys them message of Allah to people

The prophets convey the message of Allah Almighty

to humans

All prophets } conveyed Allah's message

The Holy Prophet SAW has inquired about his duty from people at the occasion of the Last Sermon

viii) Informed people about the life - hereafter

The prophets convey this message of life hereafter to people. In The Holy Quran States this:

Whoever has done an atom's weight of good will see it"

Basically, this verse points out the Akhirah where actions of people will be judged.

4- Conclusion

The doctrine of Akhiraah holds a paramount importance in the life of humans. It informs them about the message of Allah and guides them. All prophets have effectively conveyed the message of Allah Almighty.

Will Durant in his book "The History of civilization" has praised the Holy Prophet SAW.
