

General Instructions

Q:- Explain the Doctrine of Prophethood and its importance in Human life!

1. Give numbering to headings

Introduction:

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 expressly asked part/s of the question.

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

يا ايها النبي انا ارسلتك بشيخوتي

و نذير ان
O Prophet! verily we have appointed

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you a witness, harbinger of good and warner."

- Surah Ahzab

Doctrine of prophethood

• Concept of prophethood in Islam

The concept of prophethood in Islam is rooted in the Quranic teachings.

"We have sent to every community a messenger, saying, 'worship Allah and avoid false gods.'"

- (Al-Quran 16:36)

This verse teaches us the universality of prophethood or of prophetic missions. It considers prophet as an intermediary between Allah and mankind. The purpose of choosing intermediaries is to guide people in faith, morality, and righteous conduct.

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• Belief in all prophets:

Belief in all prophets is a fundamental tenet in Islam.

"Say, we believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the descendants, and what was given to Moses, Jesus, and the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to him we submit."

— (Al-Quran 3:84)

Muslim must affirm the prophet hood of all messengers mentioned in the Quran, acknowledging the continuity of divine guidance throughout history. This belief fosters a sense of unity among believers, recognising the interconnectedness of the messages conveyed by various prophets in upholding the oneness of God and moral conduct.

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• Finality of Prophethood:

The finality of prophethood is the distinct feature of Islamic belief.

The concept of finality of prophethood underscores the completeness and universality of the message brought by the Muhammad (PBUH). His religion Islam is the only source of guidance for all of humanity.

“O people, Muhammad^(P) has no sons among you men, but verily, he is the Apostle of God and the last in the line of prophets. And God is aware of everything. Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the messenger of Allah, and the seal of the prophets: and Allah has full knowledge of all things.”

(- Al-Ahzab 33:40)

• Revelation as Divine Guidance:

Revelation as divine guidance is a central concept in Islam, and the Quran is the ultimate source of divine guidance.

“Indeed, the Quran guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.”

(- Quran 17:9)

All the revelations are available in the Holy Books which are sent to the respective prophets.

Infallibility of Prophets:

The infallibility of prophets is a crucial tenet in Islamic doctrine. It highlights their protection from error or sin when conveying divine messages. While humans are inherently fallible, prophets, as

messengers of Allah. Prophets are divinely guarded from making mistakes in matters related to their prophetic mission.

“Nor does he speak from (his own) inclination. It is not but a revelation revealed.”

Qur'an 53: 3-4

→ The infallibility of prophets ensures the purity and authenticity of the divine message. It implies their role as exemplars of virtuous conduct and unwavering dedication to Allah's guidance.

“Indeed, in the messenger of Allah, you an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.” Qur'an 33:21

The prophet was man of good conduct, integrity, compassion and devotion to God.

"Mission of prophets for Monotheism"

Throughout their (the prophets) life they guided people only worship the one God. Do not worship and obey idols. Prophets were mainly focusing to establish a clear understanding of Tawhid.

"Importance of the Doctrine of Prophethood"

① Ethical guidance and Role Models

The exemplary character of prophets are a source of guide and ethical principles for mankind. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a man of good conduct and manner. Many non-muslims accepted Islam just because of his character.

② Divine Revelation for spiritual Enlightenment

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“Indeed, these has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book.”

(- Quran 5:15)

The messages conveyed by prophets provide spiritual clarity and guidance. The prophet Muhammed (P) describe his a "lamp spreading light". He illuminated hearts and mind with divine wisdom.

(3) Advocacy for social justice and equity:

Prophets played a significant role by advocating for social justice and equality to bring peace in the world.

“We sent our messengers with clear signs and sent down with them the Book and the Balance, so that people may stand forth in justice.”

- Al - Quran 57:25

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The prophet Muhammed (PBUH) last sermon at hujatul-ul-wadah was mainly about social justice and equality.

Faith strengthening through acceptance of the finality of prophethood

Acceptance of the finality of prophethood strengthens faith and it is a foundational belief. The prophet Muhammed (PBUH) unequivocally declared;

"There is no prophet after me!"

Finality of prophethood emphasize the completion of divine guidance. Accepting this principle solidifies one's faith.

6b Muhammed is not the father of any of your man, but he is the messenger of Allah and the seal

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of the prophets."

A) Comfort in Adversity and Inspiration

Believing in one God and the finality of prophethood gives a clear direction and a source of inspiration in times of trials and difficulties.

So be patient. Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth." (- Quran 30:60)

Conclusion:

The doctrine of prophethood solidifies our beliefs about the divine guidance and moral illumination. The finality of prophethood eradicates all misconception and us spiritual enlightenment, good conducts and ethical guidance. It clarifies the concept of monotheism and gives us the complete code of life (Islam).

Q NO 3:-

Introduction: The purpose of Islamic polity to ensure a welfare state and a just society is to eradicate all types of discrimination and provide basic necessities to the citizen of the state. Islamic social system introduced the concept of zakat. The objective of zakat is to ensure a Islamic welfare state. Ensuring justice to the people of Islamic state is the basic principle of Islamic polity. Prohibition of interest is real example of valuing justice and efforts of the people in Islamic state.

a) Purpose of zakat is to ensure welfare state :-

In this modern era, the world is facing extreme form of discrimination in every aspect of life due to capitalism and autocratic system. Islamic political

System merely focus on equality, justice and rule of law. It disregard the class system where the poor become poorer and the rich become more rich. To counter/challenge class system Islam provides the concept of zakat. The taxes collected through zakat is invested in poor, needy and underprivileged class of society. So that they can also live a better life in this world.

ذٰلِكَ مِنْ اَحْوالِهِمْ سَلَفًا
وَمَا يَدْعُوْنَ عَلَيْهِمْ اِنْ سَلَفًا

سَلَفًا وَاُولٰٓئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ

Take charity (zakat) from their wealth by which you purify them and cause them increase and invoke Allah's blessing upon them. Indeed! your invocation are reasonance for them. And Allah is hearing and knowing."

- Al-Quran 9:103

Hasrat Abu Bakar (R.S) even fought for Zakat and made it mandatory to collect Zakat from every citizen of the state to promote welfare state.

Concept of social justice in Islam:

Social justice means giving each individual their due share which they deserve.

"Whoever obey their lord and establish prayer; who conduct their affairs by consultation, and spend out ^{upon} of what we have bestowed them."

- Surah Ash-shura 42:38

The Holy Quran clearly demonstrate and promote Islamic welfare state in which justice must be prevailed.

Islamic Rule of Law:-

The Islamic Rule of Law is equally practiced, irrespective of caste, race and religion. Islam disregard

Superiority of any caste and class.

"Evers, if Fatim (R.A) the daughter of muhammed had committed theft. I swear, I would have cut off her hand." - Hadith

The Teachings of the last sermon of prophet Muhammed (PBUH):-

In the last sermon the holy prophet (PBUH) main points were ensuring equality and justice. He said that all humans are equal regardless of their race and ethnicity and Zakat is obligatory on every citizen of the Islamic state.

Concept of Bait-ul-mal:

In Islam Bait-ul-maal was established to ensure welfare state and help the poor by

providing them basic necessities.

Citizens' well-being in Islamic political system:

Citizen's well-being, equality and non-discrimination are the chief purpose of the state. It is the utmost job of the head of state is to eradicate differences between men and women. Ensure equality and justice to every gender and class of the society.

Conclusion:-

Overall Islamic political, social and economic system is based on equality and justice. Islamic state is a welfare state. Shah-wali-ullah was the real advocate of Islamic welfare state. His economic policies were mainly based on according to Quran and Sunnah and regulation of ^{circulation} wealth.

Q No 6:-

Introduction: Islamic judicial system offers simple, just and equitable practice of judiciary. In Islam this world is considered temporary. Every individual will have to the next world where he/she is responsible and accountable for every act. In Islam, head of state is actually the servant of people. He is accountable to God for every act he does in this world.

Components of Accountability:

① The concept of Shura (consultation):

Shura is the right of all Muslims against the caliph. People have the every right to take caliph accountable, whenever they face any kind of injustice and discrimination.

They can even directly consult to caliph to express their will.

(2) Separation of power:-

Islam offers separation of power among institutional bodies. It helps to ensure transparency and accountability. It strengthens the credit of the state and eradicate corruption and bribery.

(3) Man is vicegerent of Allah:-

Man is not the supreme authority. He is accountable to God. He is the one who delegates the powers on behalf of Allah almighty who is the supreme authority.

Allah takes careful account of everything.

-(Surah Nisa verse 86)

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c) Principles of accountability in Islam:

a) Production of witness:

In Islam punishment is given on basis of clear transparency and accountability. No one can be condemned unheard. The Qazi will be accountable for every mishap and injustice if done to the people. That's why, Islam offers production of witness and let other people to participate, evaluate and give feedback about the issue. It clearly emphasizes the accountability and transparency in Islamic system.

b) The concept of the day of day of judgment:

Man is accountable to God clearly emphasizes on the belief of the day of judgment. People in the fear of God do not commit

any injustice with the people of God, because accountable to God ~~mean~~ implies accountable to society, which emphasis on the rights of others.

Conclusion:

Transparency and accountability are the fundamental principles of Islamic values and norms.

Islamic council is mainly focused on the rights of the people by directly consulting them and asking their will. Man is the vicegerent of God clearly emphasis

the accountability in Islam. Similarly

The day of the judgment is sign that everyone is accountable in the next world in the front of God.

Q No 5:-

Introduction:-

Islam firmly establish the principle of gender equality. Islam takes both the genders accountable for their actions in the next world. It is essential for both the genders to get knowledge and enjoy their every fundamental rights equally. Islam teaches to treat women with honor and respect and disregard objectification of women. Islam treats women equally and rejects any kind of discrimination, injustice and mistreatment based on gender.

Role of women in Islam:

Islam treats women with dignity and honor, and value their contribution in society.

a) Spiritual role of women in Islam:
Women is equally accountable as

men in front of God. That's why, it is obligatory for women too to get knowledge to worship God and participate in other religious activities. Islam encourages independency and empowerment of women. It helps to please Allah by spending money for Allah. It ensures credibility of women in the society. Women is free to practice their faith and practice Islamic rituals to get reward from Allah.

b) Family Role of women in Islam:-

Women play a fundamental role in the family unit. She has the power to promote harmonious society and eradicate un-Islamic practices from society, because she raises the children which ultimately contribute in the society. That's why, it is necessary to educate women.

c) Intellectual role of women in Islam :-

Islam allows women to participate in the shura to ~~pro~~ exercise her intellectual capability. Islam encourages women to help women in every field of life and guide them ~~is~~ when needed.

The Holy prophet (PBUH) used to take decision from their wives. During the conflict between jews and muslims of madina, it was the decision ~~to~~ of Bibi Hafsa (R.A) that Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) should take off his haram to implement the treaty of hudaibiya and make muslims happy.

d) Active participation of women in society:

Islam urges women to actively participate in their communities.

They must make meaningful contribution to promote a welfare state. Women have the full right to express their right/opinion.

Leadership role of women in Islam

Islam recognized leadership role of women. She can serve as teacher, scholar, Qazi, counsellor and mentors to inspire others with their knowledge and wisdom.

Importance of women in Islam

Importance of mothers in Islam:

It was asked from the holy prophet (PBUH) who is ~~any~~ most deserving of good champion; He replied "your mother". He was asked again, he repeated the same reply three times, then he mentioned the "your father", this hadith clearly emphasizes the importance of mother.

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b) **Importance of women as wives:**
The holy prophet (PBUH) said the best among you is the one who treats his wife with the utmost kindness. This Hadith clearly emphasizes the importance of women as wife.

c) **Importance of women as daughters:**
The holy prophet (PBUH) said the one who raises two daughters with kindness he will be with me together as like the two fingers are and then he showed his fingers. It emphasizes raising daughters have special rewards in the next world.

Women Rights in Islam:

a) **Equal Right to education** -
The holy prophet said, "seeking knowledge is obligatory upon

every muslim.

b) Right to inheritance:

للرجال نصيب مما ترك الوالدان والأقربون
واللبنات نصيب مما ترك الوالدان
والأقربون مما قل منه أو كثر نصيباً
مفروضاً

For men there is share in what
their parents and close relatives
leave, and for women there is
a share in what their parents
and close relatives leave -
whether it is little or much.

'These all' are obligatory shares.

- Surah - al-Nisab 4:7

Islam clearly ensure right of
property to women. It is mentioned
in Quran.