

Question. 3

The main purpose of Islamic polity is to establish a just society. Elucidate.

Regarding the Prophetic tradition, it is evident that the Madinah Charter, also known as the first written constitution of the world and Hudaibiyah Peace Pact were historically significant examples of a multicultural society where peaceful co-existence, freedom of all religions, and women's participation had been ensured. Polity is a global phenomenon that refers to the political system, structures, and processes for shaping and governing society. Islam, as a code of life, addresses all issues of polity. essentially Originated from Holy Quran, Practiced by the Prophet (SAW) and the Khulafa-e-Rashidun as well.

Social justice of Islam comprises three elements i.e. equitable distribution of wealth, provision of social security and protection of the weak against the strong.

No doubt Islam being religion of peace is against class conflict. It establishes fraternity and brotherhood in the ranks of the members of Islamic Community.

Positive measures taken by Islam are Zakat and Sadakat, laws of inheritance and bequest, monetary attonements, Voluntary charities and compulsory Contributions in the form of taxes and various levies. To prevent concentration of wealth in few hands, Islam has taken some prohibitive measures also. These include abolition of interest, prohibition of acquisition of wealth through illegal and unfair means, prohibition of hoarding of wealth, etc.

Islam enjoins upon the well-to-do to fulfil the needs of poor and destitute. According to Ibn Hazm a ~~some~~ Muslim jurists, the Islamic state shall provide Social Security cover to all its citizens and undertake allegiance from its citizens, if necessary by force.

Elimination of economic exploitation of the weak by the strong & include Riba or usury, bribery, gambling, prostitution. Islam restored women status and gave them right to own property, to acquire property to dispose it off at their discretion.

They are given rights of inheritance from their parents, their husbands, their children and near relatives. They are allowed to work to earn their livelihood through any dignified profession or vocation of their choice. Islam has declared

devouring the property of the orphans a major sin. The Quran has made emancipation of slaves an expiation of some kinds of sins of the believers.

Islamic state is obliged to financially assist the slaves in their manumission out of its Zakat revenues. Islam has protected labourer's right by providing that fair wages should be fixed and paid before their sweat dries up.

To eliminate exploitation of tenants by landlords, Islam almost abolished Jagirdari system.

Thus social justice also referred as economic justice or distributive justice is evident from the verses of

Holy Quran and Ahadith of Prophet (PBUH). As was clarified by Dr. Sayed Qotb, in Social justice in Islam, there are three basic elements of social justice in Islam. These are absolute

freedom of conscience, the complete equality of all men, ~~and~~ ^{and the women} and the social interdependence among members of the society. First, free human conscience ^{that signifies} ^{one} that purely believes that there is no superior ^{authority} over any individual except God. ^{secondly,} the unity of human race ^{exists} in origin and in history, in life and in death, in privileges and in responsibilities, before law and before Allah, in this world and in the world to come. and third is the social interdependence by taking pragmatic actions to help the need in society through paying zakat respectively.

Q. NO. 2.

Rightful earning and piety are the essential elements for the evolution of society. Describe the Islamic economic system. The Islamic economic system is a theoretical construct of an economy whose members follow the Islamic faith and heavy emphasis is placed on faithful obedience to Allah. All physically and mentally competent Muslims are required to work for their livelihoods, and those with a sufficient level of assets are obliged to pay taxes to fund welfare and other social programs. The fundamental concept of Islamic economics is that in order to benefit from the treasures bestowed upon us ~~and~~ by nature, man needs to strive hard but to make the distribution of resources completely dependent on it would be cruel, inhuman and lead to oppression. Muslims believe ~~that~~ wealth is one of the innumerable blessings of Allah that is referred to as Khair meaning goodness in some verses of Holy Quran (2:215, 2:180). Hazrat PBUH says: "seeking lawful earnings is compulsory"



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for every Muslim." It is stated in the Islamic narrations that Allah does not like a person who prays for income while he has quit earning and does not try for it. According to Prophet PBUH, one should not fault the product he/she is selling, deceive anyone, swear to God while trading. Some benefits of earning income through halal/fair means are receiving protection from God, acceptance of prayer, receiving God's glory and honor on day of judgement and strengthening one's faith.

As pointed by Imam Sadiq (AS) "Never give up striving for lawful livelihood as it reinforces your faith." Piety (Taqwa) is the association of with people, which is observed in social relations and lead to firm and independent society. A pious man has to perform duties in relation to the religion that God has determined and the Holy Prophet (SAW) i.e. self-restraint



as ~~the~~ Quran Says,
whoever fulfills his promise
and guards (against evils), then
Surely Allah loves those who
guards (against evil).