

**Q2:** Explain the doctrine of Akhrat. Discuss its importance in human life.

### INTRODUCTION:

The doctrine of Akhrat in the religion Islam is unique and has significant impact on every aspect of life. This doctrine affect from the daily life to the worldly affairs. It also influence one's behaviour towards other and conduct of humans.

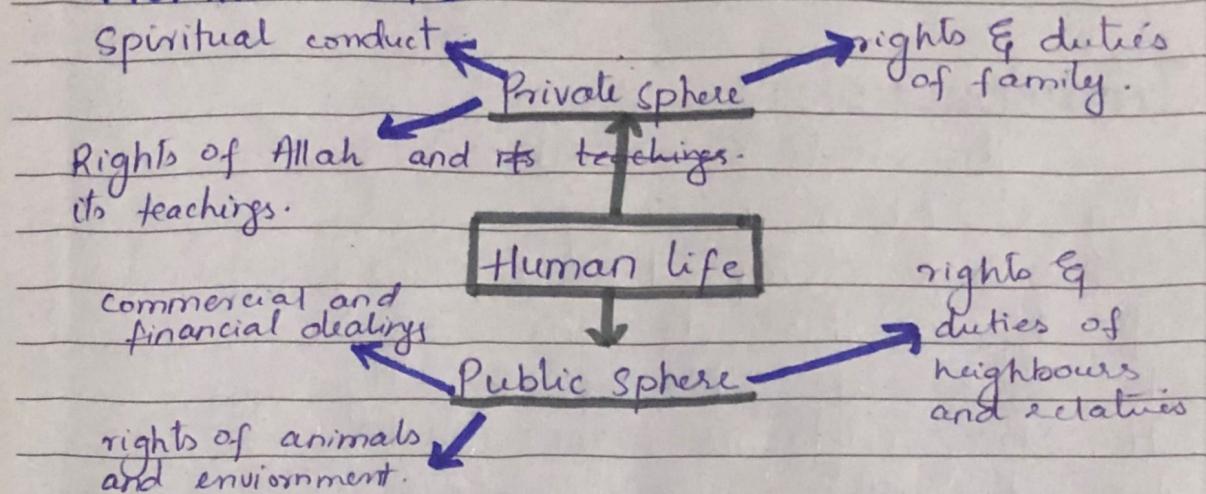
The doctrine of Akhrat defines as the "day of judgement" on which the rewards and sins will be judged and the souls will be sent to either jannah and or hell. Thus, in the light of this day of judgement, people consciously conduct fair acts to avoid sins and become one of those who will be rewarded Jannah.

### DOCTRINE OF AKHRAT - ITS EFFECT ON DAILY AND EVERY CONDUCT:

In Islam, it is perceived that every act is being surveillance by Allah and it is written by the angles assigned. This written document will be judged on the day of Akhrat.

Therefore, every act is being monitored and will be evaluated on akhrat accountable

## IMPACT AND SIGNIFICANCE ON HUMAN LIFE:



## PRIVATE SPHERE OF HUMAN LIFE AND IMPORTANCE OF AKHRAT:

It is narrated in Quran that "on the day of judgement the acts will be held accountable and will be told them (humans) openly". These acts the humans won't be able to deny and they will be held accountable. In private sphere of life, the role of akhrat can be:

Spiritual conduct:

As Allah has said in Quran that

"establish prayer and give Zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourself, you will find it with Allah"

- Surah-Baqarah

Allah says in this verse to establish the prayer and zakat. If any person fulfill this command of Allah, it will be rewarded. But any contrary action, will be held accountable. Thus, in this manner, people establish spiritual act and follow Allah's command to avoid punishment on Akhrat.

Rights and duties of family:

The rights and duties of family are defined and Quran and narrated by Allah's messenger Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). Similarly, any lack or violation of this command will be questioned on the day of akhrat. So, human conduct towards rights and duties of family is shaped by the fear of Akhrat.

Follow Allah and his Prophet  
- Surah Maida

## SIGNIFICANCE OF AKHRAT ON PUBLIC SPHERE OF HUMAN LIFE:

The importance of akhrat and its influence is beyond the private sphere of human life. Since, Islam is complete code of life, it also command to fair conduct in public life. For instance,

Rights and duties of neighbour, relatives and community.

Beyond the sphere of family, Islam also uphold transparency in relations with neighbours, family and community.

These Rights and code of conduct is defined in Surah-Nisa, Surah-Baqarah, Surah Imran and Surah-Maida.

Commercial and Financial dealings:

Allah has strictly restricted any misconduct in financial matters.

Additionally, the riba (interest) is said to be a matter of war and with him and his messenger. Allah has narrated the unlawful earning (haram) in Quran as,

"the unlawful earning is like they (people) are putting hellfire into the stomachs of their children".

These quoted words by Allah reflects the judgement of heaven or hell on the day of Akhirat. In this way, people avoid unlawful financial dealing to get not get punished on Akhirat.

Rights of animals and environment:

Even the rights of animals and environment is held accountable on the day of Akhirat. Prophet Muhammad

(P.B.U.H) says that "If you move stone out of the way, you will be Rewarded (in Akhlat). In this way, small acts will be rewarded on Akhlat. On the wider perspective, once Hazrat Umar (R.A) said,

"State is responsible even if any animal dies of hunger"

Hazrat Umar (R.A) illustrated the principle that every conscious and sometimes unconscious acts can also be questionable in front of Allah.

### CLOSING ARGUMENT:

All the above statements and examples convey the idea that human life is shaped by Akhlat. The doctrine of Akhlat is significant and have drastic impact on daily life. Allah also command to keep remembering Akhlat. So that, it will shape every act of human life. Akhlat prevents human to involve into any delinquent behaviour. Thus, the concept of Akhlat in Islam is one of the fundamental believes that are pre-requisite to adopt and follow being follower of religion Islam.

**Q5:** Describe the status of and rights of women in Islamic society. How Quran and Sunnah emphasized those. Explain.

## INTRODUCTION:

The rights of women were defined as early as the Islam arrived in Arabian peninsula. The status of women were explicitly illustrated in Quran and through Prophet (P.B.U.H) 1500 years ago. Islam was the first religion that gave women rights and status that the west demands and debates today. As perceived by west, women are not confined to household dynamics, but they are allowed to earn, involve in political discourse and even can work for the security (as Hazrat Khadija did) in Islam.

Khurshid Ahmad in his book "Islam - Its Meaning and Message" states; "... will surely find evidence ... women's rights to participate in political affairs". Similarly, there are several other evidence that shows that Islam has always given women equal role in society.

## EQUAL RIGHTS : SURAH BAQARAH.

Women are given equality in Islam. Allah has explicitly stated his command through the Holy Book "Qurah". He says,

| "And they (women) have rights similar

to those (of men) in a manner  
of responsibility. And Allah  
is might and wise"

- Surah Bagarah.

This verse shows that Allah has given equal rights to women and men. The role of women in society is ~~not~~ equal as others.

## PROHIBITS KILLING OF ANYONE:

Before Islam, killing the girl child at the time of birth was practiced commonly. But, Allah commanded to not eliminate the practice of unlawful killing. He states in Quran,

"Do not kill a soul which Allah has made sacred except through due process of law"

- Surah Anam

## DIGNITY OF WOMEN IN ISLAM AS DAUGHTER, WIFE AND MOTHER:

Allah has given dignity and respect to women as a daughter, wife and mother. According to "Islam by Dr. Hamidullah", Prophet said,

As a mother, the position of women is that paradise is beneath her feet.

As a daughter, she is mercy

As a wife, she completes half deen of his husband".

Allah dignified the status of women that she is respected throughout the roles of her life.

## **ALLAH OBLIGATED THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND THEIR RIGHTS:**

'fear Allah concerning women!

Verily you have taken them on the security of Allah and intercourse with them has been made lawful by the word of Allah'

- Surah - Nisa

Thus, Allah clearly defines that the rights of women shall not be undermined.

Additionally, Allah says to "fear" in fulfilment of the rights because these are essential part in Islam.

## **EARNING RIGHTS OF WOMEN:**

Women in Islam are allowed to earn their own money. There are

numerous examples that women at the time of advent of Islam had a great influence over the financial and economic matter of the region. For example, Hazrat Khadija (R.A) was an influential ~~and~~ businesswoman.

“A woman is owner of her wealth”  
- Sahih Bukhari.

## INHERITANCE RIGHTS OF WOMEN:

There is a share of men and share of women from what is left parents and those nearest related, whether the property be small or large - a legal share

- Surah - Nisa.

Allah has commanded in Surah - Nisa that the property must be divided as per the share legal share. But, Allah has clearly narrated the women. It is an obligation to give due right of women from inheritance. Islam also support the inheritance rights of women.

## WOMEN RIGHTS IN QURAN:

Besides all the command and obligations, Allah has sent down an entire Surah in the name of women

"Al-Nisa" in which all the matter related to the women are described. Similarly, the other matters are also defined in Surah Maida, Surah. Thus, this shows the importance and status of women in Islam.

## WOMEN RIGHTS IN HADITH:

"Observe your duty to Allah in respect to the women and recommend them to be well-treated"

Prophet says, the rights of women are obligatory to perform. Additionally, to treat women well is also a Sunnah. As Prophet (R.B.U.H) himself treated his wife wives and daughter with compassion.

## CONCLUSION:

In conclusion it is said that, the Islamic society has given a respectable status to women. Status along with the fulfilment of rights is also obligatory for everyone to obey. Allah in Quran and Prophet through his Sunnah conveyed the message to treat women with dignity and respect, also they are equal representation of the society.

**Q7:** Assess the causes of decay of the status of Muslim Ummah. Suggest the ways to address these causes.

### INTRODUCTION:

The Muslim society and Muslim ummah has been undergoing great decline since the evolution of Islam. Historically, Muslims were great leaders having great civilized empires. They were literate, wise and their cities were called as the "land of wisdom". Muslims had laid foundation of science and research. But, the current conditions of Muslim Ummah is decaying in economic, social, cultural and moral aspects. However, the Islam is complete code of life, with collective effort, Muslims can once again emerge as rich great wise civilization of the world.

### ANALYSING THE CAUSES OF DECAY: PESTEL ANALYSIS

**P** - political cultural decline

**E** - Economic decline despite <sup>having</sup> ~~being~~ resources.

**S** - Social decline: sectarian divide.

**T** - Lack technological integration

**E** - Environmental degradation & climate vulner <sup>able</sup>

**L** - Judicial reforms lack Islamic teachings.

## POLITICAL DECLINE OF MUSLIMS:

The Muslim Ummah have adopted contemporary political cultures and have completely neglected the Islamic political forms. However, the political culture of Islam also support democracy as a form of Government, but the welfare system of Islam is seems to be absent in current Muslim Ummah. This has led to decline of Muslim political ideology.

## ECONOMIC DECLINE OF MUSLIMS:

Despite having the natural resources in abundance, the economies under Muslim rule are tend to face decline except the few of them. There are primarily two reasons behind the economic decline of Muslims. One is absence of Islamic economic system that requires Zakat system etc. Second reason behind the decline is the interest system. Muslims firmly believe that interest system cannot be beneficial for them in any way. Additionally, Riba is like calling war with Allah and his messenger. How is it possible that the Muslim economies will sustain in an environment which

Allah has strictly forbidded.

## SOCIAL DECLINE OF MUSLIMS: SECTARIAN DIVIDE:

'And firmly hold to the rope of Allah all together and do not get divided.'

- Surah-Imran.

Allah has clearly commanded to not get divided. But, now-a-days, Muslim has divided into sect, also they have a hatred feelings towards the other sect. The division among Muslims is also a reason of the decay.

## LACK OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

Muslims that have laid foundations of science are now lack the technological advancement. The west and all the other world have dominant position in science and technology, but the absence of Muslims in this field ~~is~~ will further decay the status of Muslim Ummah.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION:

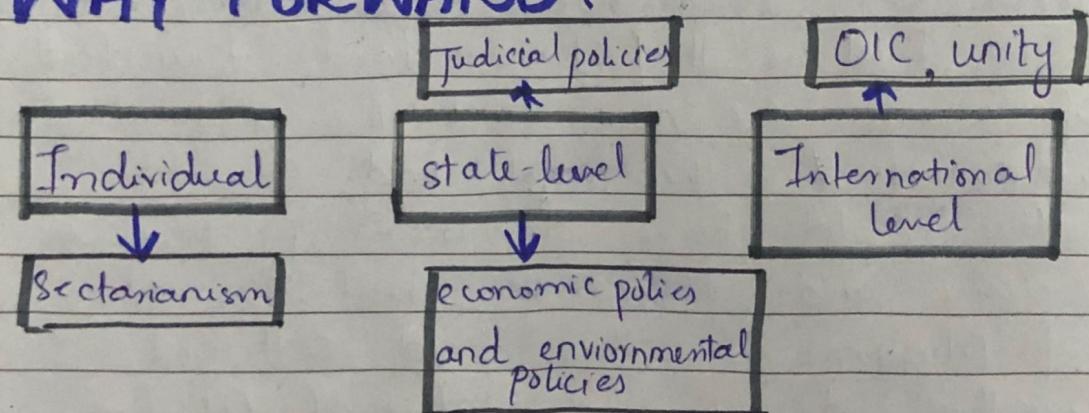
Muslims who are commanded to not use water above the adequate use. The wastage of food is not

considered a wise practice in Islam. Such teachings' countries are now suffering from water shortage & food insecurity. It was narrated through the examples of Hazrat Yusuf that he stored grains for the famine but now Muslim Ummah lack these strategies of sustainability.

## JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE:

Islam has given the judicial system of just and quick dispensation of justice. The current Muslim Ummah lack these core features of Islamic institutional structure. Due to this, the Muslim Ummah is declining in status.

## WAY FORWARD:



## INDIVIDUAL LEVEL:

At the individual level, Muslim Ummah must have to eliminate the sectarian hatred towards each other.

The Muslim Ummah constitute "one body". Thus this hatred must be ended to make the Muslim Ummah prosper.

### STATE LEVEL : POLITICAL, ECONOMICAL, JUDICIAL REFORMS:

The Muslim Ummah must adopt the political, economical and judicial reforms as per the Islamic teachings. This will uphold the political influence, economic prosperity and judicial swift deliverance.

In this way, the Muslim Ummah will once again take off on the path of their historical rich civilization.

### INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:

On International level, the Muslim must revive the core values of Organization of Islamic Community (OIC) to support the collective stance and unity. This will help Muslims to draw policies and plan of action against any possible threat or any prosperity plan. In this way, Muslim Ummah will regain its historic position as one Ummah, one community.

### CONCLUSION:

Muslim Ummah has been facing

decline but they can reemerge by adopting certain reforms. The Islam has given a complete system to operate individual life to the state and international level. The only task of Muslim Ummah is to complement those teachings aligning to the contemporary dynamics.

**Q8:** Write short notes on the following :

## (i) Ijtehad

## (ii) IMPORTANCE

## OF EDUCATION IN SERAH.

## ④ IJTEHAO :

Ijtihad is a methodology in which the Muslim scholars constitute a solution to a problem according to the teachings of Islam. Ijtihad can also be conducted by individuals on private matters; But, at collective level, it is mandatory for Muslim scholars with <sup>fitna</sup> knowledge of Islam to conduct ijtehad.

# MODERN DAY SIGNIFICANCE OF IJTEHAD:

The contemporary inventions like technology, AI, cryprocurrency require Islamic perspective. To obtain that,

ijtihad can be conducted by Muslim scholars. In this way, the modern infrastructure can be incorporated in Islam.

## PRINCIPLES OF IJTEHAD:

- ① Adherence to methodology: The person conducting ijtehad must be aware of the process.
- ② Sound reasoning: The reason behind any outcome of ijtehad must have potential reason.
- ③ Deep knowledge: The person conducting ijtehad must have fine and deep knowledge of Islamic teachings.
- ④ Recognized Authority: The Mujtahid must be recognized by all school of thoughts and Muslim community.

## IJTEHAD UNDER THE LIGHT OF HADITH:

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) once said,

“My community shall never agree on an error”

This shows that Quran and Hadith

has given clear and knowledge about every aspect that can be interpreted at in any century. Islam accepts modern changes.

### CONCLUSION:

Ijtehad is a way to build unity and single ideology over any matter. Ijtehad is imperative in contemporary problems faced by the Muslim Ummah.

## (ii) IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN SERAH:

### INTRODUCTION:

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the first teacher of Islam for Muslim. He himself emphasized upon the importance of education. For this purpose, Prophet established numerous institutions and disciplines to promote education.

## IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN SERAH:

In several Hadiths, it is prominent that Prophet obligated to attain education. Prophet said,

"Achieve knowledge even if you

"I have to go to China"

Similarly, Prophet also taught himself. He is the first door of education for Muslims. Besides this, Prophet also emphasized on education without any discrimination. He said,

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim men and women".

Prophet also prioritized the ~~next~~ education over the martyrs. In the Prophet's view that scholar and his knowledge is much powerful and superior than any other. Prophet stated,

"The ink of the scholar is more sacred than the blood of the martyrs".

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) for the uphold of education, establish various educational institution. Besides that, the mosque were also a place of education as well as worship. The institutes Prophet established were, the first school - Dar-e-Argam, ~~the~~ first women university - Suffa.

Prophet also encouraged to teach impart the disciplines other than Islamic teachings. The teachings that were taught during Prophet's time were: philosophy, mathematics, science, literature etc.

### **CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, it can be said that the teaching that education is important is conveyed through Sirah. Prophet even asked the educated prisoners of war to teach Muslim students to get free. This shows that Prophet considered education as a primary and necessary aspect of life.