

(PART-II)

Q.2

What is the concept and Importance of Fasting in Islam? Moreover, explain the impacts it has on an individual and society at large.

INTRODUCTION:

Fasting is one of the most significant prayers in Islam. Fasting is such a prayer in which one keeps oneself away from drinking and eating in whole day for the pleasure of Allah Almighty. It impacts individual's life by installing patience, punctuality and sympathy towards poor. It also impacts society by implementation of Quranic teachings in month of Ramadan and affection towards poor and needy. Allah Almighty said in Quran:

وَأَقِمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ

"And offer prayer and keep fasting"

CONCEPT OF FASTING :

The Arabic word for Fasting is Saum. It was made obligatory in Islam in 2nd Hijrah.

LITERAL MEANING:

Literal meaning of saum or fasting is to prevent or abstain oneself.

CONTEXTUAL MEANING:

CONTEXTUAL meaning of fasting is given by Dr. Hameedullah in his book

An Introduction to Islam ;

Fasting is to prevent and abstain oneself from eating, drinking, wrong doing and physical intercourse in the month of Ramadan for the pleasure of Allah.

IMPORTANCE OF FASTING

IN ISLAM :

Allah Almighty has mentioned the word saum for eight times.

ALLAH ALMIGHTY SAYS:

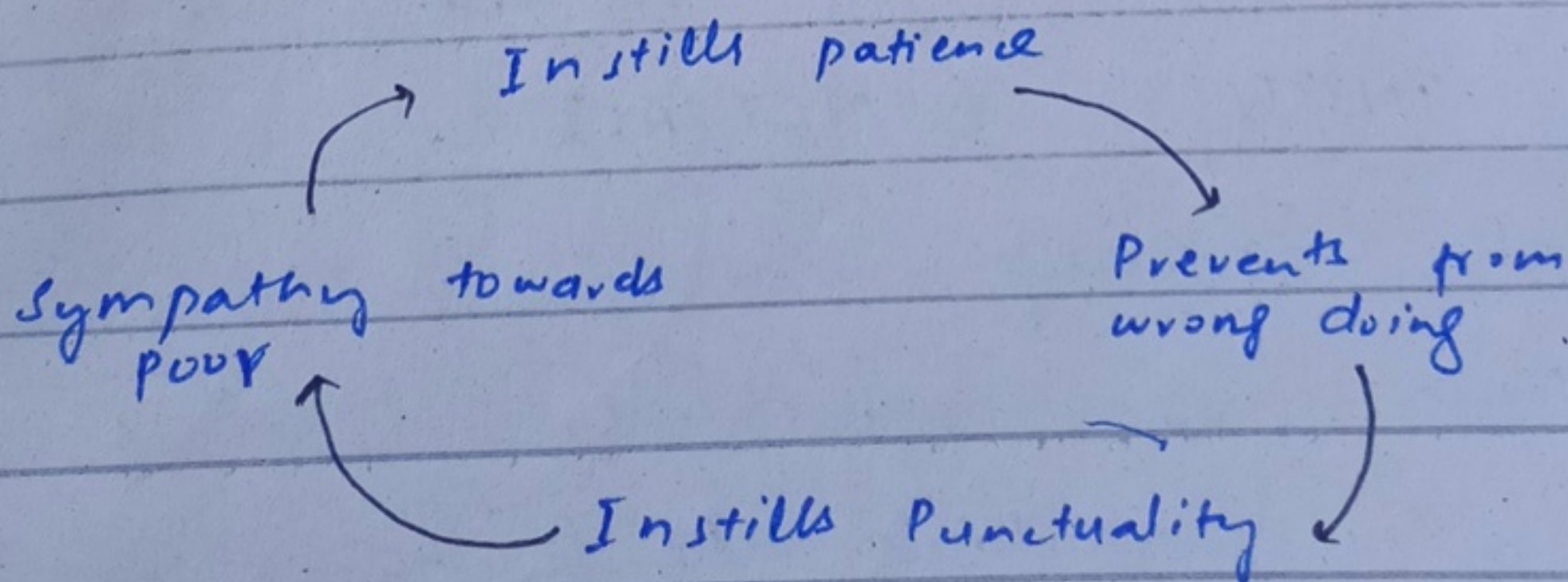
"Fasting is for me,
and I will reward for
it."

FASTING IN THE LIGHT
OF HADITH:

Holy Prophet (SAW) used
to say:

"O Allah made us
good in Rajab and
Shaban and blessed
us in the days
of Ramadan."

IMPACTS OF FASTING ON
INDIVIDUAL:



1. INSTILLS PATIENCE:

Fasting instills patience in an individual. Prevent oneself from eating, drinking and wrong doings in the whole month of Ramadan instills the patience in individuals. It gives the sense that Allah will reward for it.

2. PREVENTS FROM WRONG DOING:

Fasting in the month of Ramadan prevents oneself from wrong doings. It creates a sense that Allah is looking us.

Holy Prophet (SAW) said:

“If you don't sent good deeds then Allah will not sent you reward.”

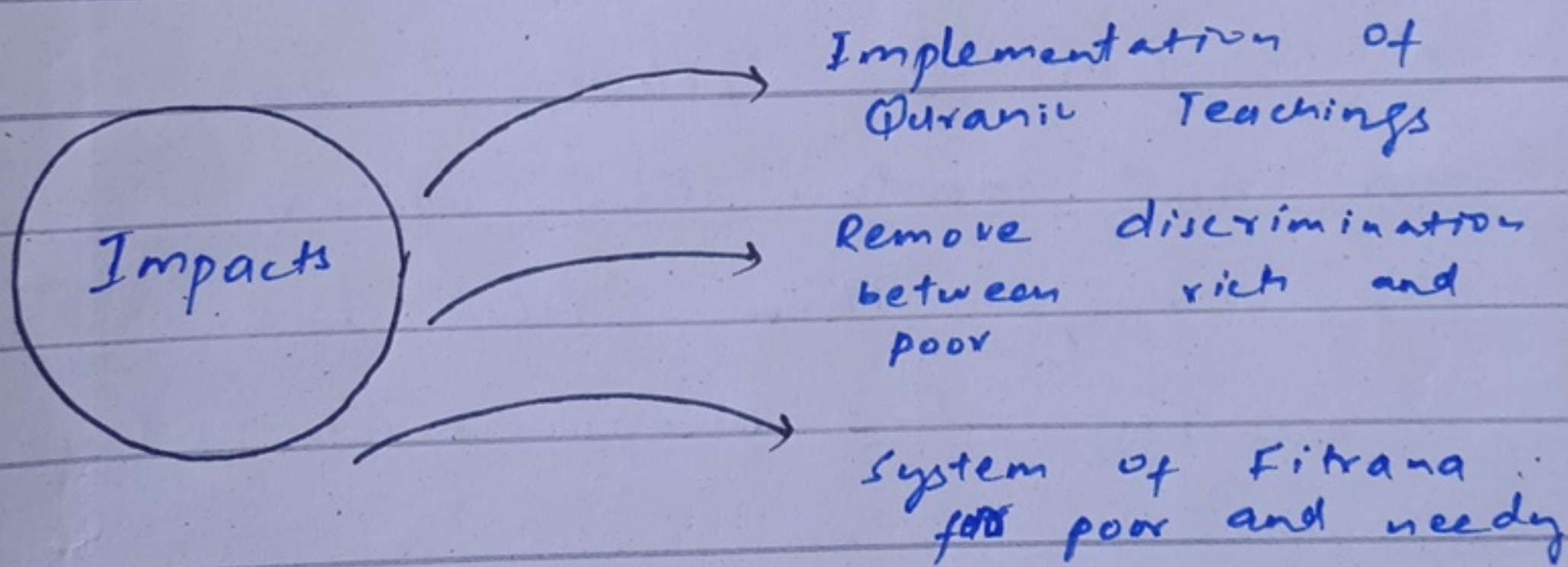
3. INSTILLS PUNCTUALITY:

Fasting instills the sense of punctuality in an individual. As there is a fix time for fasting, so individual becomes punctual in days of Ramadan.

4. SYMPATHY TOWARDS POOR:

Fasting creates sympathy towards poor. As individual remain hungry whole day then a sense of sympathy towards poor arises that they also remain hungry not only one day but also the whole life.

IMPACTS OF FASTING ON SOCIETY:



1. IMPLEMENTATION OF QURANIC TEACHINGS:

In the days of Ramadan, Muslims arrange of Travels. It creates love towards Quranic teachings and affects positively on society.

2. REMOVE DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR:

Ramadan is a month in which both rich and poor (Muslims) keep fasting. Both remain hungry for the pleasure of Allah. So it remove discrimination between rich and poor.

3. FITRANA SYSTEM FOR POOR AND NEEDY:

In the days of Ramadan, Muslims arrange the system of fitrana for poor and needy in which they help them with food or money. This brings brotherhood in society.

CONCLUSION:

Fasting is a significant prayer which brings people close to Allah. It has positive impacts on both individuals and society.

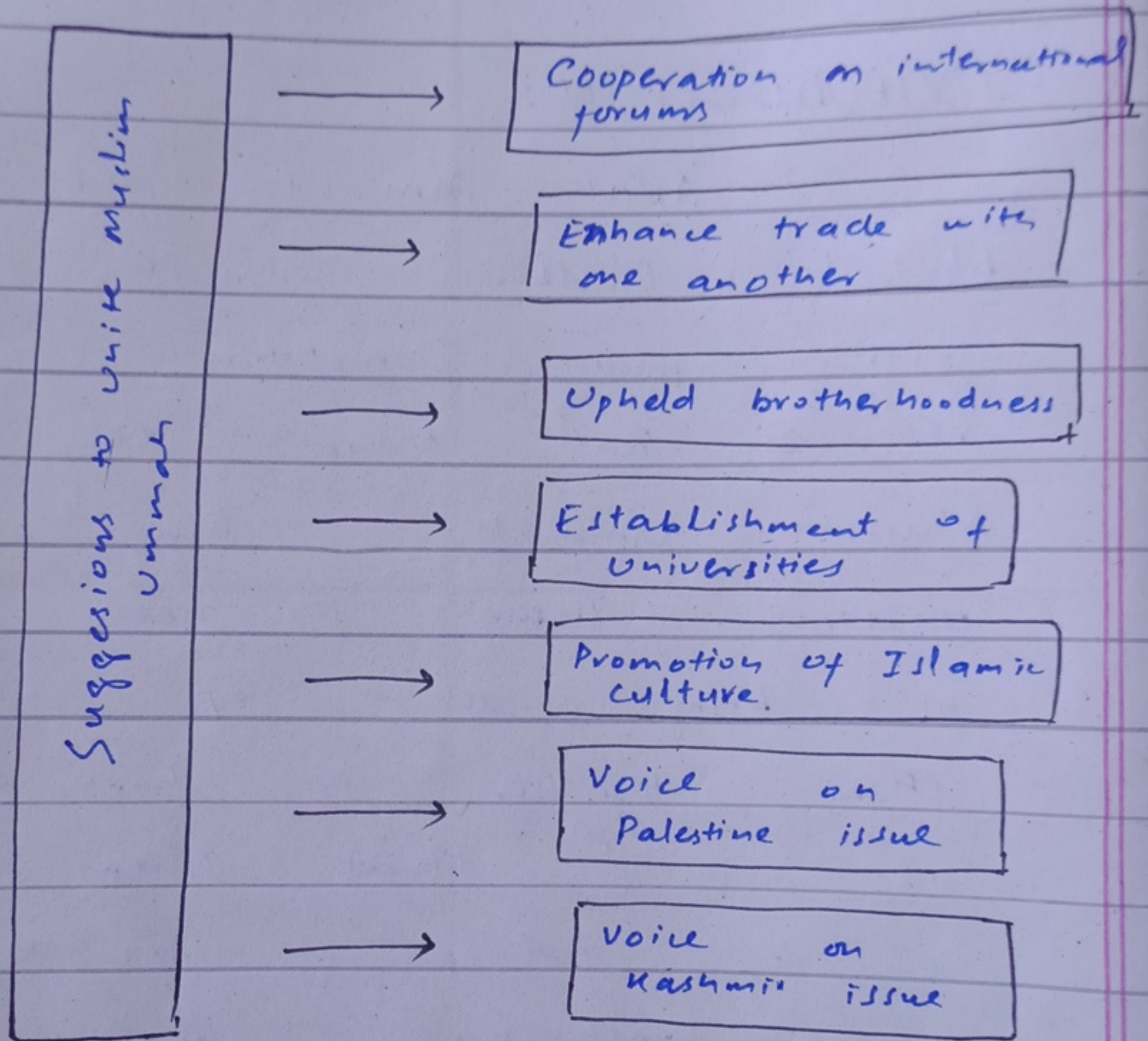
Q.5

What measures would you suggest to unite the extremely disunited Muslim Ummah today?

INTRODUCTION:

Allah Almighty has blessed Muslim Ummah with many natural resources. But today the Muslim Ummah has scattered. There is need to bring all of them together to show the world that Islam is a religion of peace, brotherhood and harmony. Muslim countries should cooperate with one another on regional and global forum. They should promote Islamic culture, promote justice, make universities to promote education. They should raise voices for Palestinians and Kashmiris.

SUGGESTIONS TO UNITE THE EXTREMELY DISUNITED MUSLIM UMMAH :



1. COOPERATION* ON INTERNATIONAL FORUMS :

Muslim Ummah should cooperate with one another on international forums.

They should make alliances in order to fight against

enemies of Islam. They should come together to remove terrorism from Muslim countries.

2. ENHANCE TRADE WITH ONE ANOTHER:

Muslim Ummah should enhance trade with one another. They should make rules of trade in own currencies rather than dollar. This will bring Muslim Ummah.

3. UPHOLD BROTHERHOODNESS:

Muslim Ummah should uphold brotherhoodness among themselves in order to inform the world that Islam is the religion of peace and brotherhoodness.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITIES:

Muslim Ummah should establish universities to promote education in the region. Cooperation with

one another on educational institutions will bring them together.

5. PROMOTION OF ISLAMIC CULTURE :

To unite the Muslim Ummah for the promotion of Islamic culture is very necessary. Muslim countries should unite and promote Islamic culture and prevent the Ummah from western culture.

6. VOICE ON PALESTINE ISSUE :

Muslim countries should raise voices on Palestine issue. As Palestine is the land of Prophets so it is necessary for all Muslim countries to make alliances against Israel and protect the Palestinians Muslim brothers.

7. VOICE ON KASHMIR

ISSUE :

Muslim countries should unite and make voice on Kashmir issue. The Kashmiries are facing challenges of India from many years. Muslim countries should unite and cutoff with India until India free the Kashmir.

CONCLUSION :

Muslim Ummah is extremely disunified today. This disunification is due to many reasons such as competition among Middle Eastern countries to acquire more resources and rule on Middle East.

However, there are many areas of cooperation through which it is possible to unite the Muslim Ummah.

Q.6

Explain how the Pakistani judicial system can be reformed in the light of Islamic teachings.

INTRODUCTION:

In Islamic teachings, judiciary is considered to be independent. It should make decisions, abstain from favouritism and ~~entire~~ discrimination. Pakistan judicial system can be reformed in the light of Islamic teachings.

There should be independence of judiciary. It should be non-discriminatory. Decisions should be made according to teachings of Islam.

Judicial system of Pakistan should uphold rule of law and equality.

REMEDIES TO REFORM JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PAKISTAN IN LIGHT OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS.

1. INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY:

Islamic Republic of Pakistan should make amendments in its constitution regarding the independence of judiciary. If judiciary will be independent and according to teachings of Islam then every institution will be transparent.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY IN JUDICIARY:

Accountability is a significant part of Islam. Judicial system of Pakistan should be made accountable of its decision and work as per Islamic teachings.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COURTS AT LOCAL LEVELS:

There should be local level courts in judicial system of Pakistan. Holy Prophet (SAW) made Anstab courts at local levels for family decisions. Hazrat Umar (R.A) made Maralim courts for the complaint of caliph or government for not giving quick decisions.

4. NON-DISCRIMINATORY JUDICIAL SYSTEM:

Judicial system of Pakistan should be non-discriminatory. High and level level judges should act justily. As Allah ordered to act justily.

والا قسطو

And Act Justily.

of prophet

5. RULE OF LAW

Judicial System of Pakistan should ensure rule of law. It should act according to Islamic teachings on rule of law.

As it is prominent incident in the history of Islam

that a woman from Quraysh act theft and

she brought to Holy Prophet (SAW) for punishment.

Holy Prophet (SAW) cut her hand and said if she was

my daughter Fatima then I would also cut her hand.

6. EQUALITY :

Equality should be the basic component in judicial system of Pakistan.

As Allah Almighty and Holy Prophet (SAW) always stressed over equality.

Holy Prophet (SAW) said:

“Neither Arab has

supriority over Ajam, nor
Ajam have supriority
over Arab." Al-Hadith

CONCLUSION :

Judicial system of
Pakistan should ensure
Islamic teachings in
judiciary and act
according to rules of
Islam. There should be
no discrimination or
favouritism in decisions
of judiciary. It
should act justly
and transparently.
Judicial Commission of
Pakistan should ensure
that there is rule
of law in the
institutions of judiciary
As Allah Almighty said:

"Allah loves those
who act justly."

(Al-Quran)

Q.8

ii. The importance of Rule of Law:

Rule of law is the basic component of Islamic teachings. Rule of law means government officials should be honest in their decisions.

They should be transparent and responsible. Public should also uphold Rule of Law.

EXAMPLES OF RULE OF LAW IN THE ERAS OF PIOUS CALIPHATE:

The pious caliphate are the perfect example of holding rule of law. All of their decisions were made according to teachings of Allah Almighty and Holy Prophet (SAW).

1. HAZRAT ABU BAKR

SIDDIQUE (R.A):

Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A) was one of the beloved companions of Holy Prophet (SAW). Siddique was the title given by Holy Prophet (SAW) which means true friend.

The era of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A) is very significant in the history of Islam. He worked a lot for preservation of Islamic teaching.

He (R.A) made all decisions by equality and rule of law. Once he said:

"Fix my salary ~~area~~ equal to the salary of a worker. If I can't manage in that salary then increase the salary of worker."

He also said:

"If I don't follow the teachings of Islam, then remove me from the power."

2. HAZRAT USMAN (R.A):

Hazrat Usman (R.A) was well known for his generosity. He was given the title of 'Ghani'.

Hazrat Usman (R.A) also made decisions according to rule of law.

3. HAZRAT UMAR (R.A):

Hazrat Umar (R.A) was well known for his equality and bravery.

He also acted on rule of law. Once he

said:

"If a dog died hungry on the bank of river, then the ruler of time will be responsible for it."

4. HAZRAT ALI (R.A),

Hazrat Ali (R.A) was also well known for his honesty and bravery. He was given the title of "Sher-e-Khuda". He (R.A) also act according to rule of law given by Islam. Once he said:

"A ruler should be the one who made country free from corruption."

CONCLUSION:

Rule of law is an important factor for any institution or country to work properly. As all the pious caliphs worked according to rule of law, granted by Allah Almighty and Holy Prophet (SAW)

iii. The Beauty of Islamic Culture :

Islam is the most peaceful religion due to beauty of its culture. Islam granted human rights, that no other religion grants. Allah Almighty has put enjoyment and peace in all worships of Islam.

BEAUTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS GRANTED BY ISLAM:

Islam has granted human rights to all humans, regardless of name, color, gender, race or nation. All humans enjoy equal rights in Islam. Other religions don't granted rights to women. But Islam has special calm and peaceful corner for the rights of women.

BEAUTY OF WORSHIP IN ISLAMIC CULTURE:

a. PRAYER:

Islam has put ^{tasks} in its worship. Prayer is such a worship in which everyone regardless of colour or race bow before Allah in masjid.

b. ~~FASTING~~ FASTING:

Fasting is a beautiful worship in which muslims do not eat or drink the whole day for the pleasure of Allah. At the time of Iftar Allah grants them with tasty food.

c. HAJJ:

Hajj is performed in the house of Allah Almighty. Every muslim (who has ability) go for Hajj, there they met with other muslims all over the world and share their feeling of enjoyment.
