

(Islamic Studies)  
Test - 3

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## QUESTION#01

Islamophobia is the major threat of Muslim World. How it can be countered? Suggest Proposals.

## Answer

### INTRODUCTION:

The term Islamophobia is coined by Runnymede Trust, UK-based Think Tank referring towards religious and cultural identities. It is later backed by Western Political Scientist Samuel P. Huntington's Clash of Civilization. This theory warns west that Islam poses a great danger to west. Islamophobia is referred to as fear of, hatred of

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and prejudices against muslims, their culture and even dress codes. The west exercises anti-muslim sentiments under the cloak of freedom of speech. There is no denying of the fact that this anti-muslim rhetoric is a great threat to muslim community. However, dancing around the fire is not a solution. There is a need to act effectively and efficiently in order to plug the loopholes of Islamophobia. For this purpose, OIC and UNO need to play their role. Additionally, the need of hour is to aloft the banner of Islam through Interfaith harmony summits.

There is a fine line between freedom of speech and reckless freedom of speech. (Newton Lee)

## Islamophobia - Anti Muslim Rhetoric

Diving deep into the

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term Islamophobia, it is unfolded that at the time of crusades, the notion of Islam as sensualism and brutal violence was entered into the minds of Europe. . . though this concept is not naive, yet it gained momentum after America's 9/11 and London's 7/7 attack. Thus, a fear of muslims penetrated across the globe.

People's cultural and religious identities will be primary source of clash of civilization in post-cold war era.

(Samuel P. Huntington - Clash of Civilization)

## Islamophobia - a major

### Threat To Muslim World:

In an era of constructivism, west has generated a narrative that muslims and

Islam is a great danger to western states. This self-fulfilling prophecy has tarnished muslims image at international level. This derogatory and discriminatory behaviour is denting muslims cause and interests. Burning of Holy Book Quran in Newzealand, the issue of caricatures in France, attack on mosque in Switzerland and ban on veil all present glaring examples of Islamophobia. Moreover, muslims are labelled as terrorists and Frankstein monsters. Trump's policy to ban muslim countries portrays nightmarish picture of Islamophobia.

The faultlines of civilization will be battlelines for future. (Samuel P. Huntington)

Nonetheless, India's exclusionist Hindutva agenda, Indian Citizenship Amendment Act and National Register Citizens are posing a

major threat to muslim world. In addition to it, to malign muslims, west has published a novel Heart of Darkness on muslim African continent and released a movie Innocence of Muslims.

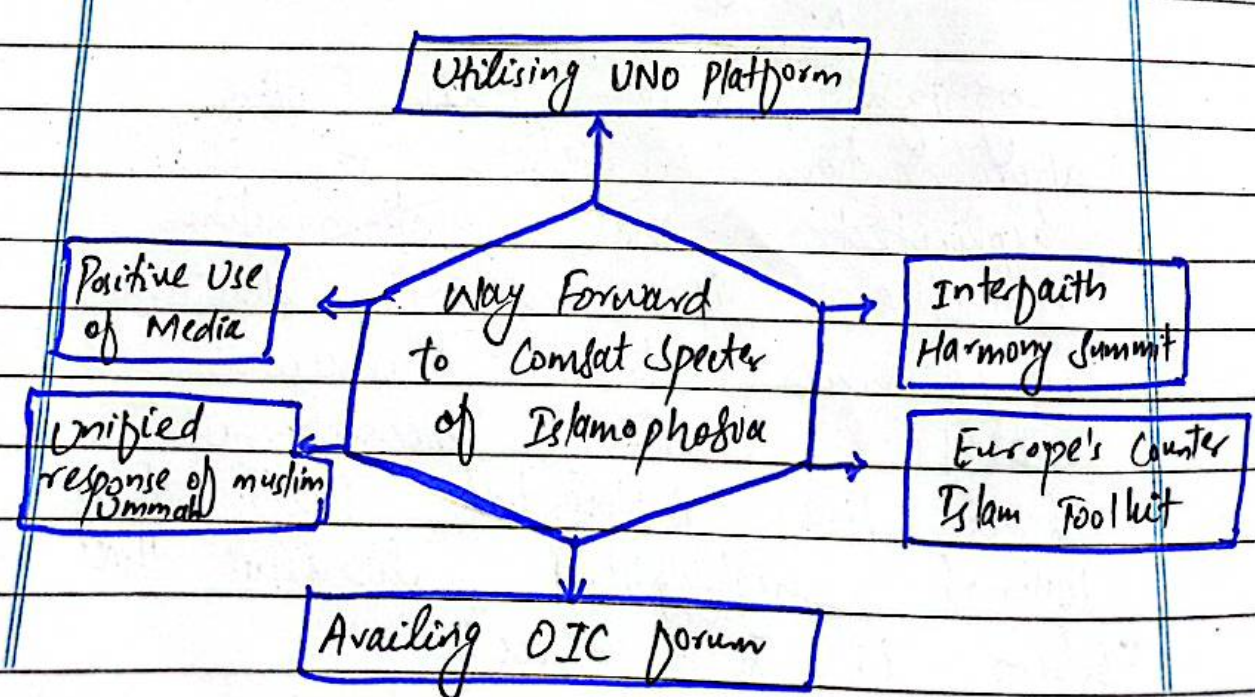
Islamophobia - a major threat to Muslim World

- Ban on veil and caricatures in France
- Desecration of Holy Quran in New Zealand
- Trump's ban on muslim countries
- Indian Citizenship Amendment Act
- Heart of Darkness novel by west to malign muslims

Cognizant to all the aforementioned statistics, it is explicit that anti-muslim narrative is causing deleterious consequences to muslim world at international level. The influential Wall Street Journal highlighted headline that "Islam is a cancer"

# Holistic And Prudent Measures To counter the Pernicious Islamophobia

In order to eradicate the pernicious implications of Islamophobia, there is a need of multipronged strategy. The time clamours for unified response of muslim Ummah to spread peaceful notion of Islam. Additionally, OIC and UNO must play their role and do not act as toothless tigers.



## (1) United Nations Organisation -

### Largest World Organisation:

UNO is an organization of 193 member states. It should play its active role to eliminate the pessimistic view of west for muslims. The agenda of 75th conference of UNGA was "Multilateralism." UN must play its role to foster multilateralism in an age of globalization.

Future must not belong to those who slander

Prophet (SAW). (Barack Obama)

It is a good omen that UNGA has declared 15th March as an International Day to Combat Islamophobia.

## (2) Role of OIC:

OIC is the second largest world organization comprising of 57 muslim states.

It is a platform which unifies muslim community

for a single cause - OIC must  
step forward to preserve  
the identity of muslims  
and to serve the cause  
of Islam in international  
arena.

Islam is not spread by  
sword. It is spread  
through peaceful means.  
(Karen Armstrong)

### (3) Conduct Interfaith Harmony

#### Summits

Interfaith Harmony Summit was  
conducted in Turkey in  
which leaders of muslim  
countries collaborated together  
to spread Islam as a  
peaceful religion. The summits  
of such kind must be  
held to revitalize muslims  
and Islam. It is an open  
corridor is a constructive approach  
by Pakistan to uplift soft  
image of Islam.



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#### (4) Counter Islam Toolkit by Europe

Muslims should avail opportunities such as Counter Islam Toolkit by Europe to edify Islam. Europe has established this toolkit in order to checkmate Islamophobia - Canada has become first country to appoint ministry on countering Islamophobia. This is a silver lining for muslim world.

#### (5) Unified Response of Muslim

##### Ummah:

There is a dire need that muslims should rectify themselves and make a unified response to counter anti-Islamic sentiments.

To revive Islamic narrative, muslims world needs to join hands and fight against the terror of Islamophobia - In this regard,

muslim clerics can play  
 their active role to  
 revitalize peaceful purpose  
 of Islam.

### (6) Use of Media:

In the digital generation era,  
 the optimistic use of  
 media can be enhanced  
 to propagate Islamic cause.  
 As media is considered  
 fourth pillar of state so  
 avail this platform to  
 counter Islamophobia. Tripartite agreement  
 between Pakistan, Turkey and Malaysia  
 to open a BBC like channel  
 in order to combat Islamophobia  
 is a right step in the right  
 direction.

### Conclusion:

Cutting the long debate  
 short, Islamophobia is a  
 derogatory behaviour against  
 muslims. Anti-muslim rhetoric  
 is a major threat to  
 muslim world as it  
 tarnishes soft image of  
 Islam and muslims at

international level. Cognisance to all this, there is a need of vigilant and prudent measures to combat the menace of Islamophobia otherwise any dereliction will result into a massive disaster.

“The right to swing my fist ends where other man's nose begins.” (Oliver Holmes)

## QUESTION #02

Write a comprehensive note about social system of Islam.

## Answer

### INTRODUCTION:

Islam is a complete code of life. It provides injunctions regarding socio-

economic, political and judicial realms of life - It covers all aspects of a society and teaches how to lead a life. It tells us how to conduct at home and outside, in war and peacetime. It provides basic foundation of a just and fair society. Islam stresses upon equality and brotherhood. In a society, Islam preserves the rights of minorities and women. It emphasizes upon importance of education in order to build a sound society on the basis of Islamic provisions.

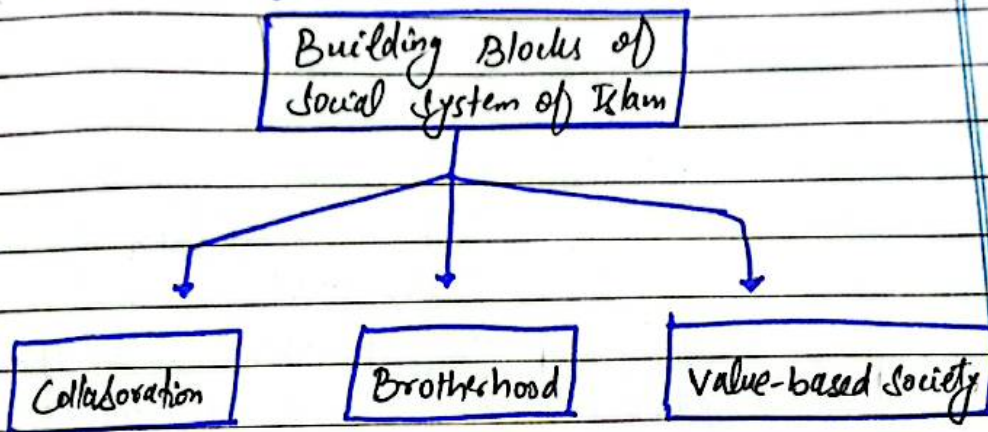
Islam provides a complete charter. It covers social and political aspects and talks about consultation democracy, not monarchy.

(Dr. Israr Ahmad)

## Building Blocks of Islamic Social System

There is no bifurcation

between matter and spirit.  
 Islamic social system is  
 based upon collaboration  
 between individual and society.  
 The prosperity of individual  
 is linked with the progress  
 of society and vice versa.



Moreover, brotherhood is the  
 fundamental pillar of social  
 system of Islam.

“All muslims are  
 brethren.” (Sahih Bukhari)

Over and above that  
 Islam stresses upon to  
 acquire useful knowledge  
 in order to establish  
 a harmonized society.

هل يستوي الذين يعلمون والذين لا يعلمون.

“Are those equal who know  
 and who does not know?”

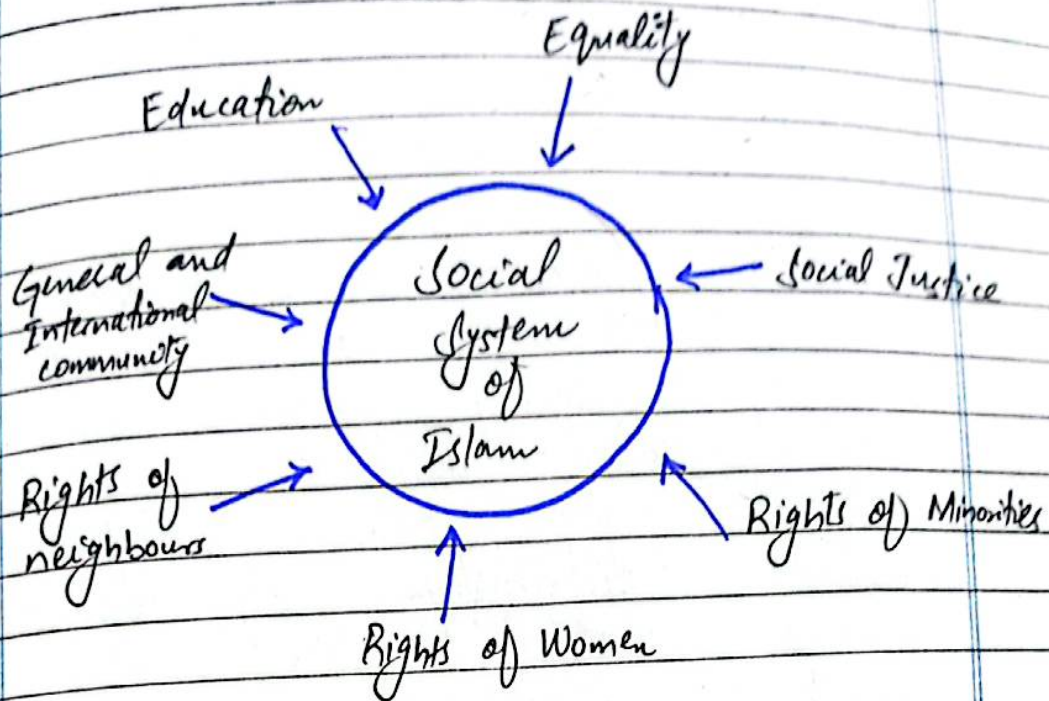
(Al-Quran)

## Dive Deep into Social System of Islam:

Taking an appraisal of social system of Islam, it is elucidated that social system is based upon equality, solidarity and freedom. A system where human's inalienable rights are preserved and everyone enjoys his status of personhood. The dignity of man is preserved in social system of Islam. Thus, Islam emphasizes upon the unity of people to build an intact social fabric.

The social system is just like human body. If a limb suffers pain, the whole body responds with sleeplessness and fever.

(Sahih Muslim)



## (1) Equality - Foundation of

### Social System of Islam:

In a just and fair society where Islamic fundamentals prevails, everyone is considered equal either men or women. Islam snubs the concept of superiority and inferiority. As well illustrated by Holy Prophet (SAW) in His last sermon that "The Arabs are not superior to Ajams or Ajams to Arabs."

## (2) Dispensation of Social Justice

### Keystone of Social System:

Social justice is imperative to build a sound and healthy society. Islam curbs monopolistic attitude of life and teaches about equal distribution of resources among all factions of society leaving no one behind.

“Allah has sent this Quran in order that you may judge as guided by Allah.”

(Al-Quran)

## (3) Rights of Minorities Preserved:

In an Islamic society, the rights of minorities are preserved. The fundamental right to life, liberty and property are well served to non-muslims in an Islamic society. Their right to worship is also



rendered to them.

“The Jews of Bani Auf  
are equal to Muslims  
of Madinah.”

(Hadith)

Thus, the Sunnah of Prophet (SAW)  
teaches us to preserve the  
rights of minorities to build an  
unscarred society.

#### (4) Rights of Women - Cornerstone of Islamic Social Systems

Before the advent of Islam,  
women were considered as  
frail and weak - They were  
subjugated and subordinated  
to men. Islam preserves the  
personhood of women and gives  
them their fundamental rights.  
Holy Prophet (SAW) commanded  
that “Fear Allah concerning  
women.” Islam provides women  
their economic, political and  
spiritual rights.

#### (5) Rights of Neighbours - Imperative For Islamic Social System Allah Almighty in His

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Holy Book ordains about the rights of neighbours - The Holy Prophet (SAW) said that the angel Gabriel emphasized so much about the rights of neighbours that I fear that they might have share in the inheritance.

Treat your neighbours well,  
be a good muslim.

(Al-Quran)

## (6) Institution of Marriage - Basis of Social System:

A society is based upon family which in turn has its roots in the institution of marriage. It is referred as social structure of Islam where husband and wife are considered as two wheels of a cycle and they rear and bear their children to raise a family.

When a muslim marries, he perfects half of his religion.  
To protect remaining half,

he must practice righteousness.  
(Hadith)

## (7) General And International Community - Prerequisite of Islamic Social System:

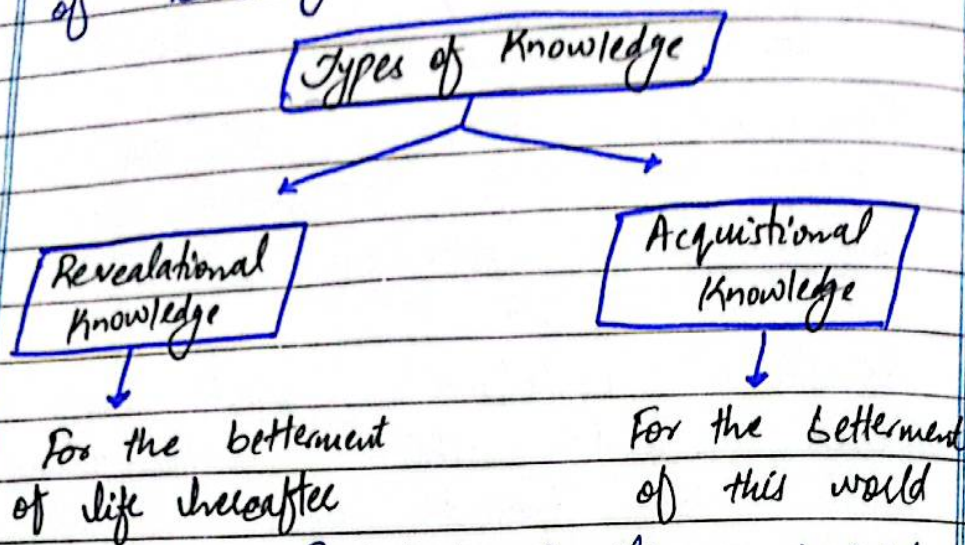
Muslims collaborate with each other and this collaboration must be based upon Islamic teachings. Muslim community should take care of its muslim brothers and should fulfill their pacts and agreements.

Respect your pacts  
and fulfill your  
promises. (Al-Quran)

## (8) Education - Lynchpin of Islamic Social System:

In pre-Islamic Arabia, the pagans were slumbering in deep sleep. On the advent of Islam, an educational society was built and hence, Islam

gave birth to an enlightened society. Islam has stressed upon acquisition of knowledge.



For the betterment of life hereafter

For the betterment of this world

The Holy Prophet (SAW) also emphasized to acquire knowledge in these words:

طلب العلم كل فریضة

It is an obligation for every muslim to seek knowledge.

### Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Islamic social system is based upon prosperity of individual as well as society. The former works for the later and later serves the former. In a sound social system, fundamental human rights are preserved and everyone enjoys the status of equality and brotherhood. Thus, social system of Islam resides upon Islamic injunctions and followings of Prophet (SAW).