

Islamic Studies Test 2

Q#01

Culture:

The rituals, acts and customs being followed in a specific demographic region is called the culture of that area. Culture consists of languages, foods, games and celebrations. Culture is an inheritance from the ancestors of that region. It is passed from generation to generation. Culture signifies a particular and specific region.

Civilization:

Civilization is a complex term, it includes culture and legacy. Civilizations take centuries to be built. It has the ability of spreading its demographics from one region to another. Its roots get spread and have the potentials of accepting multiple cultural regions in it. It includes the social, economical and infrastructural developments.

Mehrgarh 11000, Harappa 7000 and Mohenjo Daro are 5000 years old Indus civilizations.

History of Islamic Civilization:

Islam is 1400 year old religion. It completed in 612 AD. Holy Prophet (PBUH) ~~was~~ is the last prophet of Islam. Islam during his time was mostly accepted in Arab region but his teachings made the possibility of spreading of Islam. After Holy Prophet Islam has four (Khalifa's). During their 30 years tenure Islam spreaded in majority of the middle eastern countries. After them the Abbasi Dynasty starts from 7th century onward and it spreaded in whole world. All the three major continents that were already discovered at that time were under the rule of muslims till 11th century. After that muslims started to face defeat in multiple regions. In Europe the crusades killed the islamic civilization and in sub-continent the defeat of mughals left the power of muslims in 16th century.

Important features of Islamic Civilization:

Islamic civilization is unique in features, such as

↳ Islamic teachings and spread of religions was rapid.

↳ Unlike other religions Islam was newer religion but due to its significance it spreaded like fire.

↳ People accepted Islam by merit

"There is no compulsion in Islam" Al-Quran

↳ Islam is a complete deen which deals with all kinds of problems and situations.

"Allah chose Islam as only deen for its ummah" Al-Quran

↳ In social sector Islam followed/allowed its people to trade, educate and do politics.

"Seek knowledge from cradle to grave" Al-Hadith

↳ During the spread of Islamic civilization muslim made a library in Spain naming "House of Wisdom"

where muslim scholar translated all the books in Arabic, Persian and other regional languages of that time to spread wisdom in all of muslim ummah.

Conclusion:

Islamic Civilization was the most rapid spreader from the 7th to 11th century. It peaked its influence in whole world during the 11th century, then it began to decline gradually till 20th century when Ottoman Empire broke after WW1. Although in demographics Islamic civilization has 56 countries out of 198 at contemporary time but the growth rate of muslim conversion is highest as compared to other religions. This ^{is} was all because of the Holy Book Quran

"Allah will himself protect-

Quran till the day of judgement" Al-Quran and the teaching of our Holy Prophet (P. B. S. W. S.).

Islamic civilization is unique of all and deen islam is the most beautiful deen present in this world which could not be vanished from this earth like the other civilizations did.

Q#2

Islam gives unique dignity to mankind:

Islam religion starts from Prophet Adam (A.S) till Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). Before Prophet (P.B.U.H) Islam was a religion with lot of Prophets and messengers sent to this mankind, but were not able to become a deen till Prophet (P.B.U.H) arrived.

Background:

Prophet (P.B.U.H) came to the arab regions which was in jahaliyah at that time, he became the reason to pull out those people from jahaliyah.

Unique Dignity:

Islam gives rights to every human living on the earth. It allows them to choose

"Preach them about deen, but don't say bad to their gods, otherwise in return they will do the same"

Explanation of the Holy Verse

This allows the mankind to choose by their own mindfulness or heart. If they were able to understand they themselves will accept Islam.

Rights of individuals

Islam provided the rights to the individuals which contemporary people needed to deliver at this time period.

- ↳ It gives right of freedom of expression
- ↳ It gave right to women to participate in politics.

"Harat Ayesha (R.A) was used to advise Prophet (P.B.U.H) in his political or diplomatic dealings"

- ↳ It give right of inheritance to women.
- ↳ It allows every individual of different-religion to follow their religion

"In pact of madinah Prophet (P.B.U.H) allowed all the non-muslims of madinah to follow their religion"

- ↳ It is against autocratic and dynastic rulers
- ↳ It gives room for contemporary problems to be solved by consensus.
- ↳ It ensures not to do bad as harm animals.
- ↳ It encourages to treat both children equally.

↳ It gives right to girls to choose their partners.

"When Gibrael came to Prophet (P.B.U.H) to asky him about that .Ali has been chosen for Fatima (R.A). He still asked her daughter that is she agree"

This incident depicts the beauty of Islam, at that time when people used to bury their girl child but Islam gave unique dignity.

↳ Islam gives right to the war prisoners, that not to treat bad with them.

↳ Islam teaches mankind to treat well with your relatives and maintain brotherhood.

"If you want to make me happy treat well with my relatives"

Explanation of Al-Hadith.

↳ Islam gives right to neighbours.

↳ Islam gave mother a very high rank.

"You find jannah, beneath the feet of your mother"

Explanation of Al-Hadith.

↳ Islam teaches individual not to disheart your father

"Offending father is like offending Allah"

Al-Hadith

↳ Islam encourages a welfare society.

"If a dog dies due to starvation
on the corner of my realm,
I am answerable to Allah"

Hadrat Umar (R.A).

↳ Islam gives equal rights to each individual without any distinction.

"There is no right of white
on black, rich on poor
and powerful on weak"

Khutbatul Hajj-e-Udada

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, these above all points prove that Islam gives or grants unique dignity to the mankind. It is called complete deen because of its handling of each kind of problem and situations.

"Islam is not just a religion, its a complete way of life"

Intro to Islam by Dr Hamidullah

It gives rights to humans not only muslims, it teaches to take care of each aspects of life like our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) used to did.