

ISLAMIC STUDIES.

TEST: 3:

QUESTION: 1:

Contemporary challenges ...
.. solutions.

INTRODUCTION:

In the 21st century the Muslim Ummah is facing many challenges that require solutions grounded in the teachings of Islam. If Muslims all across the world start living their lives according to the teachings of Islam (Shariat), only then the Ummah can counter these contemporary challenges. Following are some of the major challenges that Muslims presently face.

2. IDENTITY CRISES:

In the modern world many Muslims struggle with maintaining their Islamic identity amid global cultural influence. The crises often result about religious practices and values.

SOLUTION:

Islam encourages muslim to hold firmly to their faith while engaging with the world.

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah and do not become divided"

Al-Quran.

The prophet (PBUH) also emphasized the importance of sticking to the teachings of Quran and Sunnah.

"I have left among you two things, you will never go astray if you hold onto them tightly, the book of Allah and my Sunnah"

Hadith - Sahih Muslim.

2. EXTREMISM AND SECTARIANISM:

Extremism and sectarianism are the two things that have led to the violence and instability within the Muslim world.

SOLUTION:

Islam promotes moderation and unity and gives the lesson of not being excessive. The Prophet (PBUH) utilized extremism in the following words:

"And do not become extremist, for it destroyed those who were before you".
Hadith.

This gives us the lesson that being an extremist could ever destroy the Muslim, thus one should become moderate in worldly affairs.

3. EDUCATION AND INTELLECTUAL STAGNATION

The Muslims in today's world are going away from gaining knowledge. History has witnessed that the Muslim Ummah have gifted the world many intellectual minds, that lay the foundation of modern mathematics, science, philosophy and arts. But in the present

world, muslims are facing intellectual stagnation.

SOLUTION:

Islam gives the makes it compulsory for an individual to gain knowledge. According to the Prophets saying.

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every muslim".
(Hadith)

Emphasizing education, gaining knowledge can restore the minds of muslim ummah

"Read in the name of the Lord who created you".
(Al-Quran 96:1)

4. ECONOMIC INEQUALITY AND POVERTY:

The muslim ummah is facing economical and financial issues in today's world. This is because of the lack of proper Islamic financial system.

SOLUTION:

Economic inequality is because of the love of wealth in today's world. People are running after wealth and saving in such a manner whether if this wealth is the gateway to heaven. Proper Islamic financial system should be implemented like zakat and other jizya should be made compulsory, in addition to this interest free system should be implemented. Prophet (PBUH) said:

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And in addition to this because of the exemplary character of Prophet (PBUH) he is a role model for the entire muslim ummah.

"And indeed you are of great moral character".

Al-Quran (SD:4)

This makes it compulsory every individual to follow the teachings of Prophet.

CONCLUSION

The challenges faced by the muslim ummah are multifaced, and but the teachings of the Quran and sunnah provide solution to these challenges, if muslims hold tightly the rope of Islam they could indeed thrive again in the muslim world.

QUESTION: 2:

How judicial . . . society?

INTRODUCTION:

Providing justice is the central theme of Islam. The judicial system of Islam is based on justice, accountability, and equality ensuring peace and prosperity in society. It aims to create a balance by addressing the rights of individuals, societies and state. Justice is provided by adhering to the basic principles of Quran, Sunnah, Ijma, and Ijtihad.

2. JUSTICE AS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE:

The Islamic judicial system ensures justice for all, despite and regardless of their caste, creed and religion.

"And when you judge between people judge with justice".

(in Nisa: 58)

Justice ~~reduces~~ oppression, builds trust and reduce grievances.

2. EQUALITY BEFORE LAW:

Every individual, whether a ruler or a common citizen, comes under the law (Shariat) and is equal. The Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Even if my daughter committed theft, she would face the same punishment."

The last sermon of Prophet (PBUH) also makes it very clear that every one is equal in front of God.

3. QUICK AND FAIR JUSTICE:

The Islamic judicial system provides swift justice and resolution to conflicts.

It is against prolonged disputes and enmity. In addition to this, the judges (Qazis) are bound to act impartially and resolve cases based on evidence and witness testimonies.

4. PROTECTION OF RIGHTS:

The system safeguards the rights of individuals, such as life, property,

and honor. In addition to this the prohibition of usury, theft and injustice ensures the well being of all the members of society.

5. INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY:

Judges in Islamic law operate independent from political interference. This leads to unbiased verdicts. This neutrality instills public confidence in the system, reducing social unrest.

6. ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION:

A transparent system ensures fairness, trust and stability. Islam strictly prohibits bribery and corruption in the judicial system. According to the Quran:

"Do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it in bribery to the rulers"
(Al-Baqarah: 188)

7. FOCUS ON SOCIAL WELFARE:

Islamic courts ensure that societal laws prioritize the well being

of individual and communities promoting peace and prosperity. Redistribution mechanisms like zakat (charity) and laws protecting the vulnerable strengthen social solidarity.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RULERS:

In Islamic society there is a specific court called ombudsman court. This court is specifically designed to hold the government officers also have to give answer.

"And we made them leaders guiding by one command"
(Al-Queen 173)

CONCLUSION:

The Islamic judicial system makes it compulsory for the rulers to implement justice, accountability, and fairness. According to Islam these are the pillars of peace and prosperity. Implementing Islamic judicial system ensures societal harmony, minimize oppression and promotes equality and trust.