

Question # 1

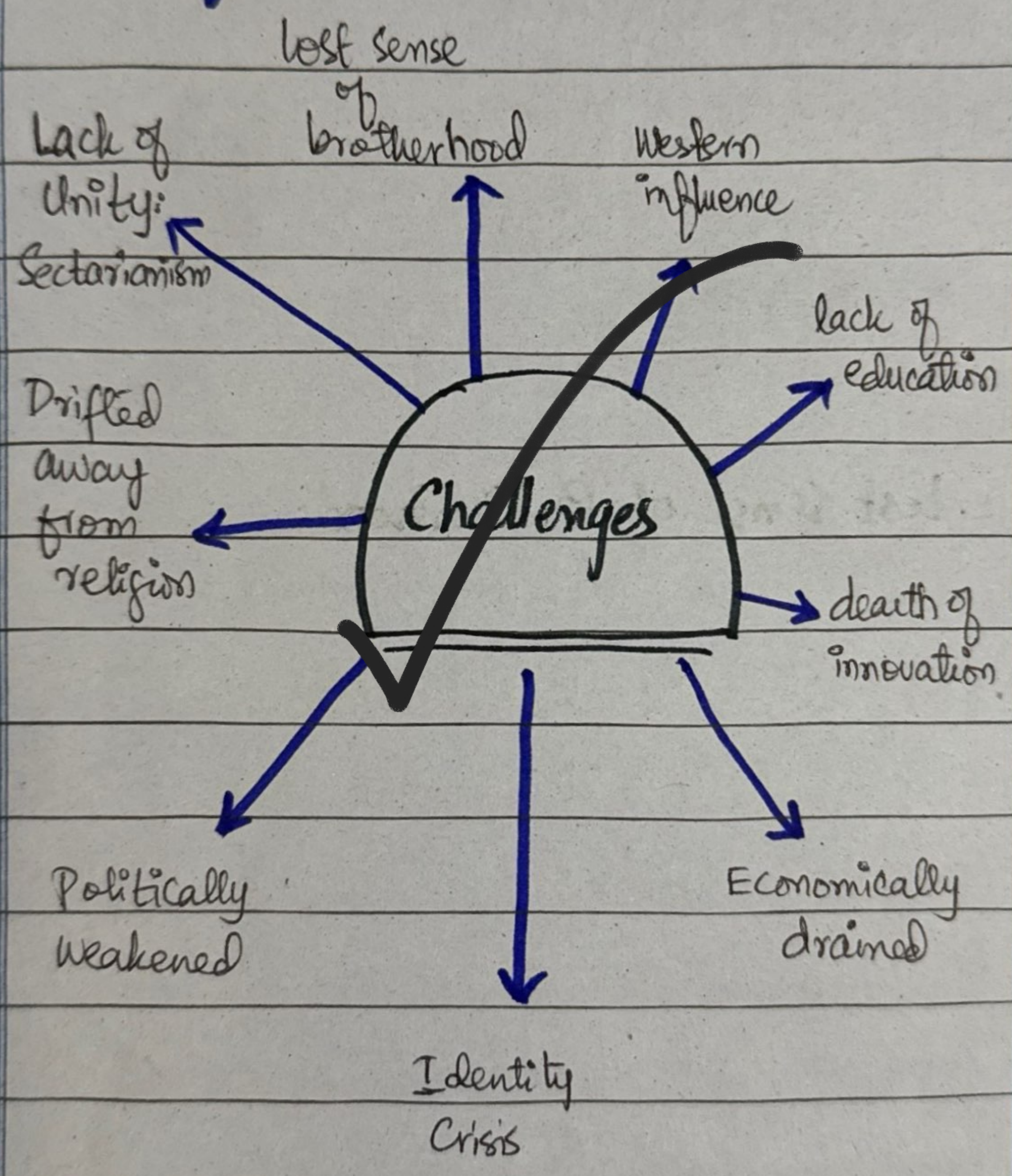
A. Contemporary Challenges of Muslim

Ummah and its Solutions

Islam is a complete code of life. It has taught its followers everything from life till death. Therefore, they must not face any problems, but that is not the case. Muslims in the 21st century are facing multifaceted problems at every level of life. Be that is social, political or economic, muslims are drenched in problems. These issues are due to divisions among Ummah and their lack of education. During the early days of Islam Muslims had prospered at every level, but with increasing distance from religion muslims have been grappled by problems.

Thus, solutions are mandatory and they can come from reforms at every level according to Quran and sunnah.

8. Challenges Faced by Ummah :



1. Lack of Unity: Sectarianism

Muslims are divided. Islam is one religion, but it has been divided into sects such as Shia, Sunni, Wahabi and Deobandi. Prophet is reported to have said that:

"Muslims are like one body if its eye is affected its whole body is affected."

2. Lost Sense of Brotherhood:

The Prophet said that Muslims are like bricks where one brick help to make a strong foundation, by being entacted to another brick. The manifestation of this lost sense of brotherhood can be seen from Palestine and Gaza war. Thus, the who ummah is fractioned.

3- Western Influence Corrupted Societies

Muslims are influenced from western societies. Social media has further aggravated the crisis. Thus, they have lost their culture and identity.

It can be seen from the fact that children want to become like a Superman or Batman not like Hazrat Ali or Umar.

4- Lack of Education Pulled the Societies Backwards

The Ummah has lost its interest in education. The importance of education can be seen from the first revelation of Islam, where in Surah Alaq Allah commands us:

"Read in the name of your Lord"

Muslim Ummah has stopped producing great people like Hazrat Ali,

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Hazrat Ayesha, Ibn-e-Khuldoom, ~~Jal~~ and many more.

5. Drifted Away from Religion

Muslims have lost their connectivity to their Deen. Quran understanding has become a difficult task. Islamic history has become boring to Muslims. Thus, they have drifted away from religion.

6. Identity Crisis Exacerbated

Due to western influence and lack of connectivity with Islam, Muslims have identity crisis. They want to be someone that they are not. They feel ashamed in Pardah and have lost connection with Mosques.

7. Muslims are Politically Weakened

Democracy is not a western concept. Muslims knew from start that the best way to govern people is through their consent. However, Muslims are struggling politically, for instance take example of Syria, Libya and Afghanistan.

8. Economic Crisis

Though muslim countries have abundance of natural resources yet they follow the western economic model which is Haram. About interest it is said that:

"It is Haram" yet muslims follow and face economic challenges.

9. Death of Innovation

In the golden era of Islam it was muslims who gave Algebra, optics, literature and many

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more to Western world. However, now muslims have lost their innovativeness. The fact can be seen from the number of muslim nobel winners compared to non-muslims.

C. Solutions to Contemporary Challenges

1. Unity of Ummah

As one body the Ummah must unite. Together they represent a super power. The platform of OIC can be used effectively.

2. Resolve Regional Conflicts

Muslims must resolve their regional conflicts. The crisis of sectarianism or Palestine must end. Peace must be ensured in Middle East. As it's said in Quran:

"If they incline to peace then you must also incline to peace"

3. Make Islamic Banking system

Muslims can start their own banking system that does not work on interest. Then they can also trade in their own currencies to reduce the supremacy of dollarisation.

4. Promote Education and Innovation

Scholarships and funds must be given to give quality education to its people. Moreover, investments must be made for innovation and technology to decrease dependence on West.

5. Share Military Might: To Curb Western Invasions

Agreements like NATO must be made where all muslim states stand with each other. To prevent western invasion and create

their deference.

D. Conclusion

Muslims have an ideal political, economic and social systems that they can use to curb their contemporary challenges. The Ummah has been grappled by multiple crisis whose roots lies in their identity crisis, their drifting away from religion and from their disunity. Thus, to end these problems muslims must unite, ensure peace and work upon reforming their social, educational, economical and political systems.

A. Social System of Islam

Islam has drafted a complete social system. Through this system Islam teaches its followers how to interact and behave in a society. Through this system a bond of brotherhood is fostered and every individual is made responsible for its acts. Though through lack of practice the social fabric of Islam has weakened, but through vigorous acts it can be reformed. Muslims are to acquire knowledge of their deen and practice it at grassroot level. Thus, only then can the social system of Islam be restored.

B. The Social System of Islam

For an individual to live in society according to Islam the following practices must be observed:

1) Foster bond of Brotherhood

Muslims must live like brothers in a society. This bond of brotherhood creates a sense of unity and ensures peace and prosperity. The Prophet said

"Muslims are like a body

if one part is affected

the whole body is

affected."

2) Rights of Family Ensured

In a society the rights of family must first be fulfilled. After all the society is made from multiple families. Moreover, children learn from their home the code of conduct.

Prophet said:

"Spending on family is like charity".

3) Rights of Neighbours are Observed

In an Islamic society neighbours are of paramount importance. Prophet said that rights of neighbours are so much in Islam that I thought maybe they will be given rights in property as well. At another place it is said in Islam: such as:

~~From~~ If your neighbours are affected by you then you not a muslim.

4) ~~Ensure~~ Peace and Security in Society

~~In an Islamic society~~ peace and security must prevail. It can only be done through strong judicial system and through mercy. One must forgive and if can not then one must not take things into their own hands.

Quran says:

"If they incline to peace, you should also

incline to peace. 3

Thus, supporting forgiving.

5) Freedom of Religion is Practiced

In an Islamic society freedom of religion is facilitated. Thus, all muslims and non-muslims must live together. The Quran says:

"For them is their religion and for you is yours."

6) Education is Ensured

Education is made compulsory for all irrespective of religion and gender. Prophet said:

"Education is mandatory for all men and women"

Therefore, an Islamic society is an educated society.

C Conclusion

Islamic society is a balanced and just society. Where everyone has the freedom to practice their religion. They all live in unity and peacefully. They invest in education and thus, a prospering society comes into form.

