

Islamic Studies Test 4

QUESTION 1:-

INTRODUCTION:-

Islam is a complete code of life and has given very elaborate and thorough system of good governance in Islam. Managing of public affairs and utilization of fair resources in a fair and equitable manner is the of utmost importance in Islamic system of governance. Allah Almighty has ordained multiple criteria for good governance in Islamic state through Quran and Sunnah.

What is Good Governance?

Good governance means the upholding of all the essential principles and rules

to manage public affairs and state resources to the best of the abilities and for the utmost benefit of the citizens.

According to the definition of United Nations, Good governance means:

1) "Upholding eight basic rules of good governance i.e. rule of law, transparency, accountability, Consultation, Consensus oriented, Participatory, Responsive, Effective and Efficient, Equitable and Inclusive".

A decision making process that should have the above basic rules included in it.

2) Principles of Good Governance in Islam:

Islam has its own set of rules that public administration should follow to achieve good governance in the state. The main rules are as follows.

1) Amanah: Trust of God on men

It is the first principle of Islam and good governance to uphold the trust of Allah. The responsibility and duties assigned to a public administrator are the amanah of Allah that needs to be carefully practiced and followed.

2) Khilafat:

Man has been ordained as a Khalifa and vicegerent of God on Earth who is responsible for bearing fellow

humans and creation of God with equity and justice. As man is Allah's khalifa on earth, it is mandatory to follow his commands on Earth. Allah said in the Holy Quran

"We have sent man as a khalifa on Earth"
~ (al-Quran)

3) Shura: Consultation

Shura which means mutual consultation is another cornerstone of Islamic governance. Allah has ordered Muslims to indulge themselves in mutual consultation for decision making or when confronting a problem related to public affairs.

Allah said in Quran,

4)

"And those who we have established in land, offer prayer and seek counsel among themselves"

(al-Shura)

Similarly, one of the Prophet's companion said that

"I have not seen any person more prone to consultation than Prophet (PBUH) himself"

4) Adalah: Upholding Justice

Upholding Justice in land and among the public is one of the basis of creating a fair and equitable society following the basis of good governance in Islam. Following Social justice and economic justice is the basis of good Islamic governance.

5) Amr - Bil Ma'ruf Wa Nahi an al-Munkar

Forbidding evil and acknowledging is a very strong basis of a stable and just society where all matters of the affairs are performed fairly and evil is prohibited. Allah in Holy Quran said

"And those who we have established in hand, offer prayer, pay the poor rate Enjoin good and forbid evil,
(al-Quran)

6) Misbah: Accountability

Misbah meaning accountability is a very strong basis of good Islamic governance. It is of dual nature. Public administrators being

accountable to Allah and the public. The practice of accountability is mandatory to create good governance in a State.

In Quran:

"Lo, the hearing, and the sight and the heart - each of these will be asked"

Similarly,

"And we have recorded everything in a book"

(al-Quran)

7) Quality Assurance:

Lacking in quality is highly discouraged and the proper checks and balances are promoted in a state following the Islamic rules of good governance. In Quran Allah Almighty said:

"Fill the measure when you measure and weigh with a right balance. This is better with excellent consequences"
~ (al-Quran)

8) Transparency:

Transparency of information and decision making is a very essential rule for ^{creating} good governance in the society. It is essential that the public is aware of the utilization of their taxes and state resources so that no exploitation takes place.

9) Rule of Law:

Rule of law is one of the very basis of a good governance according to Islamic principles.

As Holy Prophet said that
and its content is

"The societies before you
got destroyed because they
practiced different rules for
the poor and the rich"

So, some rule needs to be
applied and followed for every
member of the society be it
rich, poor, leader, masses.

A good governance would be
ensured by practicing rule
for all.

Conclusion:

The Islamic law provides
us multiple rules and regulations
to follow to adopt good
governance in the society. Violating
any of the aforementioned
rules can lead to chaos and

anarchy in the state with exploitation of resources, corruption and violation of rights of citizens. Thus Islam aims to prevent this by providing basic principles of good Islamic governance.

QUESTION 2

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INTRODUCTION:-

Islamic state is based on the rules of good governance that are essential to follow. As civil servants are responsible to ensure good governance in a state, they have certain principles and duties to follow without which the management and efficient functioning of

the government and the public administration is not possible. Islam has ordained certain duties on civil servants and made them mandatory.

Responsibilities of Civil Servants

The very basic and fundamental responsibilities make the basis of a smooth, efficient public administration. Some of the responsibilities are as follows:

1) Upholding Equity and Justice in Society:

Upholding equity and dispensing justice in the society is the first and foremost

duty of a civil servant. Treating every individual with due respect and providing equitable ways and providing justice to every member of the society irrespective of his background.

2) Following merit and integrity
To create a system and a society based on true principles of Islam, promoting meritocracy and integrity are an essential step. Honesty and sincerity with work are very the basic responsibilities of a civil servant. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said.

"Public office is a trust and will be the cause of humiliation and regret for a person who is not

efficient in his responsibilities."

3) Upholding Rule of Law:

Rule of law is the basis of Islamic law and the core responsibility of a civil servant. Any kind of discrimination and favouritism is highly punishable in Islamic law. Holy Prophet was the truest example of a just and fair public administrator as he said

"If my daughter Fatimah, had committed the crime, I would cut off her hands"

4) Fair distribution of Resources.

As civil servants are responsible for the utilization of public

resources, they need to be fairly distributed among all the members and institutions of the state, as no one ^{remains} is underprivileged in an Islamic state.

5) Initiating Works for Public Welfare

The civil servants are responsible for the welfare of the masses and the public in his area. So initiating works that can prove beneficial for the people in the long run like building schools, mosques, play ground, healthcare facilities etc. All of these will improve the overall welfare of the society.

b) Eradicating violence and criminal activity:

By closely working with law and order enforcement agencies and institutions like police, courts and security forces, civil servants are responsible for decreasing criminal activity and violence from the society. ~~to~~ to uphold the truest principles of Islamic law.

Conclusion:-

Civil servants have a number of responsibilities in an Islamic state and will be held to very strictly under the Islamic law for underperforming or being inefficient. All the responsibilities ordained on civil servants are the welfare of the people and for creating fair, equitable and just society.

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