

# Test 5 - 95

## QUESTION 2

### Introduction:-

Allah talaah in His Holy Book Quran has ordered mankind to undergo five basic Ibadah.

The first and the most basic is the keeping up prayer (salat). Performing five obligatory prayers is the basic Ibadah. Performing these prayers have multiple positive impact on the humans spiritually, morally and socially.

### Salat (Prayer)

Prayer in Arabic is called Salat and Quran Pak has mentioned the word Salat multiple times to describe the importance of prayers and its obligation.

## Meaning of Salat:

The word "Salat" literal means "to offer, to perform"

It means to perform an act of prayer in front of God.

Submitting yourself and bowing down in front of the Allah Almighty. Paying homage to Allah five times a day.

(Salat)  
"Prayer has been ordained a timely prayer."  
(al-Quran)

It is mandatory for every Muslim to offer Salat five times a day on specific hours of the day. These are the essential prayers and can not be ignored.



## Multiple Categories of Salat:

Allah Almighty has made Salat into multiple categories. Some of being mandatory and others voluntarily. All of the types of prayers (pay) are ways to submit to Allah and pay homage to His oneness and ultimate authority. The types of Salat are as follows.

### 1) Fard Prayers:

There a total of five fard prayers in Islam. Fard means mandatory prayers that cannot be left.

Prophet (PBUH) said:-

"And one who leaves prayers voluntarily, Allah is absolved on him".

(at-~~Quran~~)

This saying of Holy Prophet (PBUH) signifies the importance of farz prayers.

### 2) Wajib Prayers:

These are the non-obligatory prayers that are not mandatory but should be performed. They include the prayers of Nawaaz-e-Janazah and the Eid prayers.

### 3) Sunnah Prayers:

The prayers that Holy Prophet (PBUH) offered. Performing them and following them is a source of peace and eternal blessings along with rewards in hereafter.

Holy Prophet (PBUH) said

"Pray like you see me pray"



#### 4) Nafil Prayers :

These are the ~~non~~ voluntary prayers and can be performed on one's personal will and choice. Offering them leads to blessings from Allah and ease in one's life and difficulties. These can be performed any time.

### Importance of Salat.

Prayers have very positive spiritual, moral and social impact on the lives of the devotees. Allah <sup>T</sup>allah has ordered to pray because they leave beneficial impacts on the human body and soul.

"Seek help from Allah through patience, prayer and perseverance"  
(al-Qur'an)

Allah has ordered muslims to seek help from Allah in their daily lives through prayers. Some of the impacts of prayers are as follows:

### Spiritual Impacts:

The prayers leave a very peaceful and serene impact on the body of and soul of the one performing it.

### 2) Tawkah and Pieti:-

By performing ~~and~~ prayers and following the principles laid down by Allah.

It makes one pious and muttaqi. Allah tallah said in Quran:

"Keep up prayer and pay the poor rate and bow down your head with those who bow down" ~ (al-Quran)



## 2) Purification

Prayers purifies one's soul and also allows to maintain personal and body hygiene. By undergoing ablutions five times a day, it allows self hygiene and standing in front of Allah purifies one soul."

## 3) Key to Paradise :-

Prayers allows one to spiritually grow and reach the highest level of Ibadat. Allah Talaah has made prayers the key to paradise and saad

"Prayer is the miraj of man"

Similarly

"Prayer is key to Paradise"

This giving exalted spiritual growth and importance for mankind

## 4) Peace of mind:

By undergoing prayers, Muslims feel released from the burdens of the world and get into tranquility and peace of mind. It creates patience and perseverance and brings harmony in human life.

"Keep up prayer with patience and perseverance. Allah is with the patient"  
(al-Quran)

## Moral Impacts:

### 1) Check on Evil activities:

Prayer makes a person refrain from evil activities and immoral behaviours. It promotes the feelings of goodness and forbids from evil.



"Prayers keeps you from  
evilness and lewdness"  
(al-Quran)

## 2) Value of Time and discipline

Prayers force a person to be disciplined in all matters of life due to being time bound and promotes the value of time. So a person values his and other time and becomes punctual.

## 3) Character Building:

It promotes great character building and promotes goodness in the society. All Muslims performing prayer on a daily basis keep up and maintain high morals and values.

"The best ones among you who are humble in their prayer"

# Social Impacts

## 1) Unity and Brotherhood:

Prayers promote feelings of brotherhood among fellow muslims. Praying five times a day in a mutual place like mosque creates social solidarity and unity among the nation. The prayer is a great source of upholding mutual moral grounds and positive attitudes towards society.

## 2) Acts of Consultation:

Prayers allows fellow muslims to take part in mutual consultation over matters pertaining to the society. Thus after mosque khutbas and gatherings are a good source of maintaining Shura.



Holy Prophet (PBUH) said ..

"My Ummah should solve matters through mutual consultation"

Conclusion ..

Performing all sorts of prayers either fard, wajib or nafil have positive impacts on the life of an individual and the overall society. The beneficial impacts range from spiritual growth to purification, abstaining from evil and social solidarity and unity among muslim communities.

## QUESTION 3

### Introduction :-

Islam has thoroughly maintained the concept of human dignity and rights. Holy Quran has mentioned the exalted status of man and has ordained both to respect status and duties upon mankind.

Every individual in Islam has been given their basic human rights in Islam. Holy Prophet dejected the old norms and cultures of the Arab world and gave equal status to all men, women and previously deprived classes.

### Status of Human beings in Islam :-



Allah tallah sent human beings on earth as his vicegerent and give exalted status or compared to his other creations. Allah tallah said

"We have sent man as Khalifa on Earth"  
(al-Quran)

So, Quran maintained the status of human and respectively gave the duties and responsibilities to perform on Earth.

## Human Rights in Islam:

Islam gave humans exalted status and provided every individual with equal rights in Islam. In the eyes of Allah, every individual is equal. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:

"All are equal in the eyes of Allah, only those of you will be superior who are pious"

As Takwah and piety were the basis of superiority, Prophet (PBUH) removed all sorts of discrimination based on caste, colour and gender in the Arab world granting male and female equal rights in Islam.

## Status of Women in Islam:-

Islam has given women equal status as men in the Holy Quran. Women were considered second-degree citizens and were killed on birth.



Allah talaah removed all sorts of discrimination and oppression against women and brought high status upon muslims. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said and it's content is

"The new born girls were buried alive and for what sin did they committ"

Allah talaah brought status for women by removing all sorts of injustice, cruelty and stereotypes against them

### 1) Exalted Status of Women:

Allah talaah has brought exalted status on women and have ordered to be respected and treated well and with kindness. Allah talaah said that

"Jannat is under the feet  
of your mother!"

Similarly, Allah <sup>tعالى</sup> said

"Be respectful to your  
parents, especially your  
mother she bears you  
in weakness upon  
weakness" (al-Quoran)

## 2) Respect and Kindness:

It is mandatory for every  
muslim to treat women with  
respect and kindness. Holy  
Prophet (PBUH)

"Superior among you is  
the one who is kind  
to women"

Holy Prophet (PBUH) also ordered  
to maintain a low gaze when  
addressing a woman to show  
virtue, piety and respect.



### 3) Right to Private Property :-

Allah talaah gave women a right to private property and a right in inheritance. Every women has a right of inheritance and should receive it. Holy Quran improved the status of women by giving them the right to own personal property.

### 4) Equal human rights:

Allah talaah has given equal human rights to women contrary to what happened in pre-Islamic civilizations. It is the responsibility of every individual to grant the basic human rights to women of education, safety, respect and freedom of choice.

Holy Quran mentions the

status of women and its  
content is

"Allah has given equal  
status to both men and  
women and men are a  
degree higher than them"  
(al-Quran)

5) Equal citizenship in Islam:

Holy Quran has made  
women equal citizens in the  
eyes of Allah. The Muslim  
Ummah comprising of both  
men and women are worthy  
of praise and respect in  
the eyes of Holy Prophet (PBUH)  
Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that and  
its content is:

"Allah tallah made you  
in pairs, so that you may  
be at ease".



## Conclusion:-

Women have been give the status of equal citizens in both worldly and religious domains and so are deserving of all human rights of education, freedom of choice and expression, respect and generosity. So women in ~~the~~ Islam enjoy great status and exalted position in the Muslim world.

## QUESTION 4

### Introduction:-

Ijtihad is a practice of interpreting the religious texts to come up with new adaptations with the changing times. It holds great significance as the

World is evolving continuously, so Islamic teachings need to be interpreted to help Muslims to adapt to the changing times. Though Islamic world has stopped undergoing *Jihad*, there are significant benefits in adopting *Jihad* in its truest sense.

## Concept of *Jihad*:-

The concept of *Jihad* is not new and used to be performed by Muslim jurists in the early years of Islam and even during the time of Holy Prophet (PBUH). It is the striving and finding out the truest meaning and interpretation of religious texts. It is an intellectual



activity performed by Muslim jurists to better understand the text with change in time.

## Meaning of Ijtihad:

The literal meaning of ijtihad is striving, seeking truth. and it is the interpretation of text both individually and collectively by a group of Muslim scholars.

## Mujtahideen:-

The people and groups of people undergoing ijtihad are called Mujtahideen.

These are individuals having profound understanding of religion and qualifications to interpret them accordingly.

## Scope of Ijtihad:

There are two opportunities for undergoing Ijtihad which are as follows

1) When Qur'an and Sunnah have not discussed about a specific matter and no ijma has taken place with mutual decisions.

2) Understanding the wording and meaning of religious text to find the generalities and particularities to find the application of text restricted or unrestricted and finding different meaning of the text.

Ijtihad can take place in the above two main situations and is open to various



intellectual interpretations from qualified jurists and scholars.

## Principle of Ijtihad:-

The principle of Ijtihad is that it can be adopted when the scope of Ijtihad is present and by the qualified scholars having profound knowledge of Islamic teachings and Holy Quran and Sunnah's text.

## \* In case of Ibadat:-

Ijtihad cannot be adopted in cases of Ibadat and religious obligations. No new interpretations is allowed as Allah Almighty has made it very clear in Holy Quran and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has practically implemented

it through his Sunnah.

## 1. In case of Muamalat:-

Jihad is allowed in case of matters related to worldly affairs, which are called muamalat. Matters that would require interpretations and new understandings and adaptations due to change in time.

For example

- Cutting of hands in case of theft
- Killing by stone in case of adultery

## Importance in light of Hadith:-

Holy Prophet (PBUH) allowed Jihad during his life and has promoted Muslims to



undergo it to keep up  
with the changing world.

Holy Prophet (PBUH) said

"My community will never  
agree on something error"  
error

Similarly:

"Devil can have his hand  
on one individual but  
cannot have his hold  
on an entire community"

Thus it is advisable and  
almost essential to undergo  
Jihad by a group and  
not on individual basis  
and opinion.

## Challenges in Adopting Jihad:

There are a number of challenges when adopting *qiyas* ~~with~~ some of which are as follows

### 1) Various Schools of Thoughts:

The presence of multiple schools of thoughts make it extremely difficult to come up a single, all-adopting interpretation of a text.

### 2) Lack of Qualified Jurists:

With the absence of religious knowledge and no focus on religious education -

There is a lack of qualified jurists who can undergo *qiyas* in its truest essence

### 3) Clash about authority and



## reliability of texts:

Some of the references and traditions are not acknowledged by all and creates different views about their authenticity. So the authority and reliability of these <sup>texts</sup> gets challenged.

## 4) Multiple Interpretations of legal texts

The legal texts in Islam can be interpreted in multiple ways and would make it extremely difficult to agree on one of the interpretations and adopt them in legal practices.

## 5) Different Analogical reasoning:

Different jurists use different kinds of analogical reasoning and makes it difficult to come

up with interpretations that the entire muslim community can agree on.

## Conclusion:

The intellectual activity of Jihād to better understand religious text has its own sets of benefits and challenge. But complete absence of Jihād has left the Muslim Ummah stagnant as compared to the world with change in technology and time. Careful adoption of Jihād is needed to keep the balance of permanence and change in Islamic teachings.



## QUESTION 1

### Introduction:-

Deen is the doctrine of life that has been bestowed on mankind from the creator, the Lord Allah. It is a complete code of life and holds great importance for the salvation of mankind. It is different religion as it encompasses both the individual life and the social life in light of Allah's commandments where a religion only deals with man's affair with God. So deen is all-encompassing as compared to religion.

### Meaning of Deen:-

The literal meaning of

deen is subordination, servitude to Allah Almighty. It is a complete code of life and provides elaborate ways to perform religious duties and spend human life.

### Importance of Deen:-

Deen holds utmost importance in the life of a muslim as it shows the path to lead a peaceful and successful life without troubles.

### 1) Complete Guideline:-

Deen provides complete guidance to muslims and is the exact manuscript to follow to follow and lead a prosperous life on the commandments of Allah.



Holy Prophet (PBUH) on the occasion of his last pilgrimage said .

"Today, I have bestowed my favour upon you, completed your religion and have chosen Islam as your deen"

## 2) Guard against Evil:

Deen promotes a man to undergo positive and beneficial activities rather than engaging in evil activities. By following Allah's commandments it absters one from adopting evil activities. So it promotes good in society and guard against evils.

### 3) Induces Piety and remembrance of God:-

Deen and its religious obligations allows a person to remain close to Allah and be pious. Allah in Holy Quran said 'and it's content is

- "Keep up prayer and pay the poor rate and remember your lord much"

### 4) Establishment of Justice:

Deen promotes justice and equality in mankind and denounces oppression, aggression and cruelty among fellow human beings in any and all sorts of matters.

In Holy Quran, Allah talaah et cetera has clearly mentioned:



"And when you act as  
a witness, act just and  
do not let the hatred  
of people deviate you.  
Act just and it is the  
way of Allah"  
(al-Baqara)

### 5) Sense of Brotherhood and Community:-

Deen creates a sense of  
brotherhood and community  
among the it's followers. It  
promotes unity and allows  
muslims to take care, respect  
and perform their duties towards  
each other.

Allah ta'ala said and its  
content is

"Muslims are brothers and  
seek reconciliation with

each other as it is the  
way of Allah"  
(at-Quran)

## Difference between Religion and Deen

Religion	Deen
(1) It deals with individual's personal relationship with Allah	(1) It is a complete code of life for Muslims to follow
(2) It is based on fatalistic attitudes and abstains from worldly affairs	(2) It is based on personal activities and intentions and challenges fate
(3) It only talks about religious matters	(3) It encompasses both religious and worldly affairs.
(4) It does not challenge world's evil and negative attitudes	(4) It promotes goodness and resists oppression and aggression.



(5) It does not challenge person's fears and desires

(5) It challenges man's fears and immoral desires

(6) It does <sup>only</sup> not talk about discipline in religious matters.

(6) It promotes self-discipline and social order.

(7) It is about personal salvation and relation with Allah

(7) It is about the salvation of human kind through moral practices

## Conclusion:-

Deen is the profound understanding of human life that encompasses both religious affairs and worldly matters. It is a complete guidance for any individual who seeks salvation in both world and life after