

Q 1

What is the difference between Culture and Civilization? Highlight important features of Islamic civilization?

CULTURE IN ISLAM BY ANTHROPOLOGIST

“Complete whole of a society which has arts, political organization, sets of beliefs, rituals, moral social and spiritual values and norms followed by a member of a society is called Culture and integrating Islamic values and norms in such a cultural system is named as Islamic Culture.”

EDWARD TAYLOR
British anthropologist.

According to Edward Taylor, culture

is a system made by a members of a society, followed by everyone

CIVILIZATION In ISLAM By WILL DURANT

“ Cultural when followed by generations after generation, becomes a Civilization. ”

WILL DURANT
Book “ Civilization and Culture ”

According to Will Durant, Civilizations promotes cultural society. For instance, Gandhara, Civilization, Aryans, Harrapa, Mohenjo Daro etc are all civilizations of Past.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

Culture is defined differently among different persons and scholars. One of the famous saying by Edward says that a complex structure of knowledge and belief systems combines to form culture which followed by people and generations after generations becomes a civilization, as quoted by Will Durant.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ISLAMIC CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION AND WESTERN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION.

Islamic civilization and culture is preserved from hundreds of year and will remain eternal till qayamah. Whereas western culture and civilization has lost its essence over time. It diminish from Earth and is no more practiced by any person or tribe like Gandhara, Aryans, Harappa etc.

Maintenance of Balance In world by Islamic Culture and Civilization

Islamic culture has been existed in its pure form since 2nd Hijri. Beliefs and values added in it and made it universal. Every person follows same Islamic culture which is followed by the other muslim at any place, city, country or state. And this makes civilization.

For Example

At Hajj, Muslims around the world comes at Makkah and Madina and follow the steps of Hajj, no matter what their language is in their state.

IMPORTANT FEATURES OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION

TAWHEED IS FUNDAMENTAL IN ISLAM

Believing in oneness of Allah
is the basic and foremost
step to enter into Islamic Civilization

"
شَهِدُوا لَآ إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
"

Translation

Say: He is Allah,
the One.

Surah-Ishad.

2 Moral System in Islamic Civilization.

Islamic Civilization ensures that
muslims must follow the morality
guided by Quran and Hadith
to its people. Moral system
includes Peace with other human
beings, love with Allah's creatures,
justice with mankind and animals,
preserving honesty and truthfulness
in relations and business.

"
The Believers are but
Brothers "

Al-Quran

3) Tolerance with Minorities and Mankind in Islam.

Islam teaches us tolerance within our Nature and with others, as it is said that

"Tolerance is the defining characteristics of Islam"

TONY BLAIR
PRIME MINISTER OF U.K.

4) Legal System of Islamic Civilization.

Islamic Civilization has a very strong legal system which is compulsory to ensure peace and disrupt violence for future generations. Islam through its hard legal systems set examples for criminals and victims.

For example

Hazrat Muhammad (SAW)

Had happened to punish a lady named Ayesha, to cut his hands after pick pocketing. On request of her tribe for forgiveness, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) said, contentually,

“By the sake of Allah, if my daughter Fatima would do this, she will be punished same.”

HADITH.

5 Social System of Islamic Civilization

Islam promotes humanity, and brotherhood ~~for~~ among its people irrespective of their color, class, race and ethnicity.

“We have made you from dust and dispersed everywhere.”

Al-Quran

6) Political Organization in Islamic Civil.

Islam organizes a very balanced and hierarchical system of politics. It assigns different duties to its people and give rights to them to vote, represent and participate in politics either male or female. It keeps no difference in minorities like said in Quran

“We all are child of Adam and Eve, No one is superior to other, but by the Piety and fear of Allah.”

Al-Quran

CONCLUSION:-

Bringing the above discussion to an end, Islamic civilisation has a strong

system of law and order to
peace within its individual. It
is the most elaborated civilization
in the world and will remain as
it is till the end.

“Islamic Culture and
Civilization maintains
a balance in every
aspect of life which
led them to rule
from Caliph to the
Ottoman Empire.”

WILL DURRANT
Book “The History of Islamic Civilization”

Q 2

Write about rights and Status of minorities in an Islamic State.

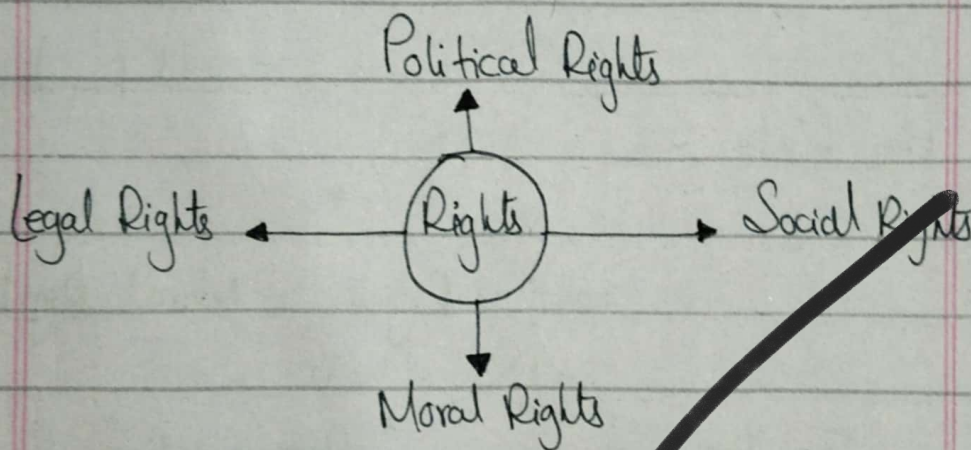
MINORITIES IN ISLAMIC STATE:-

Islamic State is a perfect of everything. Islamic States provides its individuals with all the rights to live in a peaceful and brotherly state with own systems of beliefs, values and norms. Islam does not impose its rules and beliefs on any individual to admit it by force of sword. Minorities in the similar fashion have been given all the rights and status to live freely following their culture and belief system. Islam also allows them full freedom to practice their values and norms in the society without fear and interruption.

"And for you is your deen and for me is mine"

Al Quran

RIGHTS AND STATUS OF MINORITIES GIVEN IN ISLAM.



POLITICAL RIGHTS TO MINORITIES IN ISLAMIC STATE

Right to Vote:-

Minorities are given complete right to vote their representatives

just following the age limit of 18 years.
They can choose individuals of their
choice

2 Right to Property: Sale and Purchase

Minorities are given all rights to make property in the state they live and any other state or country. They can also purchase and sell and do business.

3 Right to Education

In Islamic state, minorities do not have any separate educational institute. They can take education in the existing institutions and also build new institutions.

SOCIAL RIGHTS ASSIGNED BY ISLAMIC STATE

1) Equality and Brotherhood:

Islamic state ensures the equality within its people and promotes brotherhood among individuals.

Brotherhood between Mahajireen-e-Makkah and Ansar was ensured by Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) and when Hazrat Ali (RA) was left alone, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) made Hazrat Ali (RA) his companion.

2) Peace within People

Allah guide us to make peace in land and avoid violence with anyone.

وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ
الْمُحْسِنِينَ

”وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ
الْمُحْسِنِينَ”

God Abhors disturbance of
Peace.

Surats, Al-Maidah.

MORAL Values Promoted In Islamic STATE FOR MINORITIES

1) Tolerance with Non-Muslims

Islam incubates the value of tolerance while living with non-muslims. It plays a vital role in providing the rights to minorities by enjoying their status without disturbance.

The incident of Taif with Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was tolerated with great patience, when he bled till shoes but made a supplication before Allah,

“O Allah! Forgive them as they do not know anything.”

HADITH

Promotes Generosity with minorities

Islam calls for generosity among Muslims and non-Muslims to live in ~~hara~~ harmony with each other.

“And we have created you and breathed upon you our soul, and gave you sight, hear, smell, taste and tongue, less are you grateful.”

Al-Quran.

MORAL VALUES EXISTED FOR MINORITIES IN ISLAMIC STATE

Unity among individuals

Islam says there is no difference between any class, colour, race, ethnicity and citizenship, and says

only one is beloved in Allah's eyes, who has piety.

"^{neither} You have superiority over Arab nor Arab has any superiority over non-arab. Neither white have any superiority over black nor black has any superiority over white, except the one with Piety and the one with peace."

Al-Quran.

LEGAL RIGHTS IN ISLAMIC STATE TO MINORITIES.

Rights to Marriage.

Islam has given rights to non-believers to marryⁱⁿ their caste system and culture according to their norms and values.

Christians are married in Church following their rituals and customs in Islamic State.

Rights to Travel

Unbelievers are allowed to travel across the country and world without any prohibition

Jews were allowed by Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) to come and visit him in the holy place and so where Christians allowed.

CONCLUSION:-

Non-Muslims have given all the rights as given to Muslims in Islamic state. It does not forbid anyone from their beliefs and rituals

nor allows to violate their privacy
Non-Religious enjoys all the
freedom and access to political,
social, legal and moral rights in
the Islamic State. It only forbids
evil practices and bad deeds that
could harm any other creature.

“And Allah Bids good
and forbids evil.”

Al Quran