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1. Give numbering to headings
2. Do not write lengthy paragraphs. Write medium sized paragraphs with headings.
3. Do not use table for comparison and contrast questions. Give small paragraphs with headings instead.
4. Draw figures/diagram/flowchart where needed.

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Introduction:

5. Start new question from fresh page
6. Give around 15 headings for 20 marks question.
7. Every question should have introduction and conclusion paragraphs.
8. Add Quran/Hadees references wherever possible.
9. Narrate incidents from the life of Holy Prophet (SAWW) and Khulafa-e-Rashideen.
10. Add one quotation of famous religious scholar in each question.

Islam places great emphasis on equal human rights. It disdains inequality and injustice on the basis of gender, ethnicity, color, creed and religion. With respect to Almighty, only piety is the factor that places one above the other and that too only for Allah. Narrate incidents from the life of Holy Prophet (SAWW) and Khulafa-e-Rashideen. Islam is the best creation and design, while all other things and universal systems are made to ease him. Moreover, Islam has not discriminated with respect to human rights on basis of gender. Both men and women have rights over one another. However, the western concept of feminism has drastically evolved into unethical emulations that have destroyed womanhood, feminist natural needs, family systems and motherhood. Islam is



a complete code of life and is practical and pragmatic. It is not an idealist utopian ideology, oblivious to natural constraints and inclination of both men and women. Thus, it preserves femininity and masculinity with divine enlightenment from Quranic and hadith's references. It helps men and women to lead a content and spiritual life while preserving their natural and hormonal limits.

Islamic emphasize on equal Human right:

What world formulated in 1948 as universal declaration of human rights, Holy Prophet (SAW) with this Sunnah and God's word, Quran, established 1400 years ago. Quran emphasizes on establishing justice and equality repeatedly; with examples, practical ones, available from prophet's life. The state of Medina was an unprecedented formulation of governance in Arabia. Its constitution established equality and justice. It did not discriminate on basis of religion and tribes, which was never heard in the history of Arabia before. Moreover, Prophet's last sermon summarized Islamic teachings on equality in following words (contextual):



"No Arab is superior than non-Arab and vice versa; No white is superior than black and vice versa"

It ceased what later on become racism and ethnic discrimination. Further in his sermon, he also implied discrimination on basis of gender with in context of:

".... (women) they have rights over you. treat your wives with kindness..."

Thus feminism that emerged in early 20th century in Europe over discrimination against women was ceased 1400 years ago by prophet (SAW).

Islamic teachings provide guidance for gender equality. Furthermore, following human rights are established with in Islamic culture:

- i) Right to life
- ii) Right to own property
- iii) Right to justice
- iv) Right to equality
- v) Right to worship
- vi) Right to earn (with lawful employment)
- vii) Right to education.

Conditions of Women in Pre-Islamic Arabis:

- i) Women were treated as property, with no legal rights
- ii) As slaves they can be transferred from one master to other; After master had died, they become property of his son.
- iii) Birth of a daughter was a reason of shame.
- iv) Infanticide of daughters (burying them alive) was a common practice.
- v) Wives were beaten; marriage system was not codified, and prostitution was rife.

Rights of Women in Islam:

After Islam was established, rights of women were enacted and codified. There were no more infanticides and birth of daughter was rather celebrated as Prophet (SAW) said in the context of:

"one who is patient ^{towards} and feed three daughters, they will protect him from the fire of hell in hereafter" (Al-hadith)

Moreover, in light of Quran and sunnah following rights were given to women:



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- i) Right to life
 - ii) Right to own property
 - iii) Equality before ~~Allah~~ Almighty
 - iv) Right of inheritance
 - v) Right of haq-e-mehar
 - vi) Right to divorce (Khula)
 - vii) Right to ^{be} protected, well treated with kindness
 - viii) Right to work
 - ix) Right to education
 - x) Right of wife
 - xi) Right to marry according to own will.
- As the prophet (SAW) said in the context of:

“ The best among you is the one who is best
to his wife ” (Al-hadith)



Status of Women in Western World:

Under the label of Gender equality and feminism, Western world has propagated several ills in the society, which has far-reaching consequences to the basic unit of community, family. It has nullified the concept of marriage, rendering several child-births without parents. Radical feminism, for instance in its academics blame the very motherhood, as the major reason for demise of women equality. The consequences of such divorce is already evident in the western world:

- i) Rampant adultery; Pornography; Prostitution.
- ii) Family system has been destabilized.
- iii) Inadequate nurturing of children
- iv) Rise in crime; as Freud points out; that without effective child rearing, the person inhibits several psychological disorders in adulthood.
- v) In the name of women empowerment, women have been enslaved in capitalist industries.
- vi) Objectification of women in beauty walks as a symbol of freedom in western world has degraded the femininity.



Islam as the last resort for true Gender equality:

Islam does not claim that men and women are completely equal as it would be naive to say. It is natural and biological differences, with different sexual organs and hormonal levels, that men and women have different potentials and limits. That is to say, that Islam does not legally, economically or politically discriminate between men and women, except where it is necessary due to different natural reasons (biological). Therefore, women have been given with the responsibility of managing household and rearing children. It is women, who give birth and produce subsequent nutritious milk for the child. It is natural that women are more better in nurturing, being emotionally stronger. While men are asked to help them, be nice to them, treat them with kindness. Islam has focused on division of work on basis of who can naturally do it best. While underlying rights are equal, Islam endeavours to protect family system and provide psychological relief to both men and women by producing clear understanding of each other's rights and obligations.

Conclusion:

Islam is a complete code of life. No system can work if so comprehensive as Islam, if in protecting individual rights, one compromises the structure of society. Islam emphasizes on equality and justice, but being pragmatic, it does not allow that 'men start to imitate women and women imitating men.' It protects individual rights until they do not compromise the collective rights of a society. Islam differentiates itself from western concept of status of women by dividing the work on basis of biological potentials and preserving femininity by not allowing her to imitate men. The western world is already facing the consequences of transgressing. Islam, summing up, emphasizes equal human rights, forbids discrimination, endorses the establishment of justice and at last provides equal rights to men and women until they do not break the natural boundaries.



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Introduction:

A civilization is defined as an apex level of any evolving culture. Culture, in itself, is defined as ideational core of any society. It includes beliefs, values, norms, customs and traditions. When this ideational core produces systems of economy, politics, society, law, and science around itself, it gives birth to a civilization. Thus Islamic civilization is defined as a complete system of life based upon Islamic values, beliefs, norms, customs, and traditions. Referred as deen, Islam has its distinctive political, economic, social, and legal systems. These systems are based upon its ideational elements of justice, equality, self-purification, morality, tolerance, Rule of law, and dignity of mankind. Moreover these cultural systems have unique role to play in the development



of human personality and Islamic community. At individual level, humanity becomes a best version of itself by practicing code of beliefs. He/she becomes courageous, pious, spiritual, patient, purposeful and inherits a moral character. On the macro level, a community becomes just, equal, moral, tolerant, virtuous, void of crimes, and growing. Thus an Islamic civilization on the basis of its vital elements plays a positive role in development of human personality and community.

The vital Elements of Islamic Civilizations:

(i) Dignity of Mankind:

Men, children of Adam, are God's best creature and design. Adam (R.A) was prostrated by all angels. Every thing on Earth is created for Men's ease.

(ii) Equality:

Before Almighty, all men and women are equal. There be no discrimination on basis of color, caste, creed, ethnicity, or gender.

(iii) Brotherhood:

Allah Almighty endorses Muslims to



treat others muslims as their brother. To like for themselves what they like for others and vice versa.

iv) Justice :

Islam detests an unjust ruler and unjust society. Law is equal for all and must be employed blindly. Justice is of the major pillars of Islamic system of law.

v) Self-purification and ~~ehsan~~:

When asked;

what is ~~ehsan~~ ~~is~~? Prophet replied in the context of the following

"Ehsan is when you worship Allah, you worship as you see him, and if not, then let it be known that he sees you"

(Al-hadith)

Self-purification means to purify one's soul, which is also a best kind of jihad as prophet said (contextual):

"The best jihad is to strive against own soul"

vi) Islamic systems of a state:

As a civilization

Islam sets its own distinctive systems:

- a) political system (shura; Khilafat; consultation)
- b) Economic system (prohibition of Riba; private ownership)
- c) social system (institution of Nikkah)
- d) legal system (Islamic law)

Role of Islamic Civilization in development of human personality:

On the basis of vital elements of Islamic culture/civilization a person at individual level develop into a higher self. following characteristics are infused within the human personality:

- i) One becomes courageous by fearing none but Allah.
- ii) One becomes psychologically content by believing in one God and worshipping him as he sees him.
- iii) Men becomes pious with Ihsan and tazkiyat-un-nafs' concept of civilization.



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iv) He/she builds a moral character.

v) Believes in justice and equality, a human personality becomes righteous

vi) One becomes purposeful in life, finds the reason for existence. As Quran says (contextual):

“verily, we created jin and men just to worship Allah”

(Al-Quran)

Development of community in a Islamic Civilization:

When individuals living in a society truly believe and act with accordance of what Allah Almighty orders, community at large becomes pious and righteous, following



are the characteristics embedded in a society/community created by Islamic civilization:

- (i) Community becomes just.
- (ii) It endorses equality.
- (iii) Community under Islamic civilization enjoys right and forbids evil.
- (iv) Community becomes tolerant.
- (v) It becomes moral.
- (vi) It builds character of its individuals.
- (vii) It is efficiently governed with efficient systems of Islamic governance.
- (viii) It establishes rule of law.
- (ix) Crimes start to back away from society.
- (x) Community becomes tightly united due to concept of Islamic brotherhood.
- (xi) Community takes responsibility of minorities, children, old, and women.
- (xii) As education is compulsory, a community under Islamic civilization grows in science and technology.
- (xiii) Community under Islamic civilization takes care of poor and deprived with zeal and sacrifice.
- (xiv) Community becomes accountable and answerable to its dependents.



Conclusion:

Islamic civilization is based upon Islamic cultural beliefs, ideals, values, customs and norms. All of which have roots in basic Islamic beliefs and values that are justice, morality, character building and equality. Once these vital elements are enacted, an Islamic civilization starts to play its role in developing human personality and community at large. Islam being a deen, a complete code of life provides all the required systems of polity, economy, administration, governance, law, and society. It fosters deeply a higher self in human personality, and within community paves its way towards growth and development.

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Introduction:

Today, Muslim world faces severe economic, political, and social decline. It has both internal and external causes. Within itself, Muslim world is suffering from extremism, sectarianism, nationalism, ethnic centrism, and poverty along with educational demise. From external world, Muslim world is suffering from discrimination due to Islamophobia, and Western influence and has fostered a sense of inferiority. Islam as a best system of life has remedies to resolve these issues. Given that Muslims do not merely ascent but act according to them, these challenges and problems could be resolved.

Contemporary challenges and problems of Muslim World:

(i) Extremism:

Islam had already warned of transgression in religion. Islam asks for balance and moderation. However, Muslims (though a minority) become ideologically and politically motivated to misuse Islamic



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teachings for own goals. For instance, Taliban-Pakistan, Al-Qaeda, 9/11 and Bulkoheram misinterpret Islamic principles for political and ideological gains. It further fuels Islamophobia in outside world.

ii) Sectarianism:

Today, Muslims propagate violence over different sectarian beliefs. Ummah is divided along birth and historical events. However Allah in Quran has asked Ummah to keep holding the rope of divine word and remain united.

iii) Nationalism:

Today, Muslims are divided and fight along national line. Allah and his prophet made a Muslim brother to other Muslim irrespective to what his national identity be.



iv) Ethnic-centrism:

Similar to nationalism, Muslims divide among each other on basis of ethnicity, caste, and creed; Even though, Prophet made it clear in his last sermon that neither ethnic-centrism nor racism have any space within Islamic principles.

v) Economic and Educational demise:

Today, Muslim world is facing poverty, even though Islam gives zealot as treatment. Muslims are behind in science and technology, even though Islam made it compulsory for every man and woman to attain education.

Environmental crisis

Role of Islam in addressing these challenges of Muslim world:

As already discussed beneath every section of challenges, Islam has ready made principles to fight against these issues. Only if Muslims follow and act upon divine guidance they can treat these ills of society. Following are

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the Islamic teachings, which if followed and enacted can treat the suffering muslim world:

- 1) Islam believes in moderation. The teachings of true Islam must be propagated to mitigate the damage that misinterpreted principles of Islam had caused. It would help in fight against extremism.
- 2) Islam asks Muslims to unify. It has made one as brother of other. Dividing ummah on basis of nationalism, ethnicity, and sectarianism is beyond Islamic way of life. By unifying ummah, Muslims can become economically and politically stronger.
- 3) Islam asks for compulsory education. If done Research in science and technology would boom the economy and fight unemployment, growth stagnation, and poverty.
- 4) with regards to poverty, Islam made it clear that within the wealth of haves there is a share of haves not (deprived). Thus

through zakat and balanced circulation of wealth becomes possible, and poverty would start to fade away.

5) with help of a unified ummah, moderate, and educated community, as prescribed by Islam as an ideal Islamic civilization, muslims can then fight against Islamophobia. With the help of diplomatic fronts like OIC, a unified take on this issue can alter the western thinking of Islam and muslims as an identity.

Conclusion:

Muslim world today faces diverse and severe challenges and problems. They have causes both within and without. To resolve these issues it is necessary that muslims adhere to true Islamic teachings. Islam have ready made answers to these ills. provided muslims follow the true Islamic spirit, these challenges could be dealt with ease.