

ISLAMIC STUDIES:

Q Minorities has significant importance and contribution in every society. Describe the rights of minorities in Islam and highlight the status of minorities in Pakistan.

INTRODUCTION:

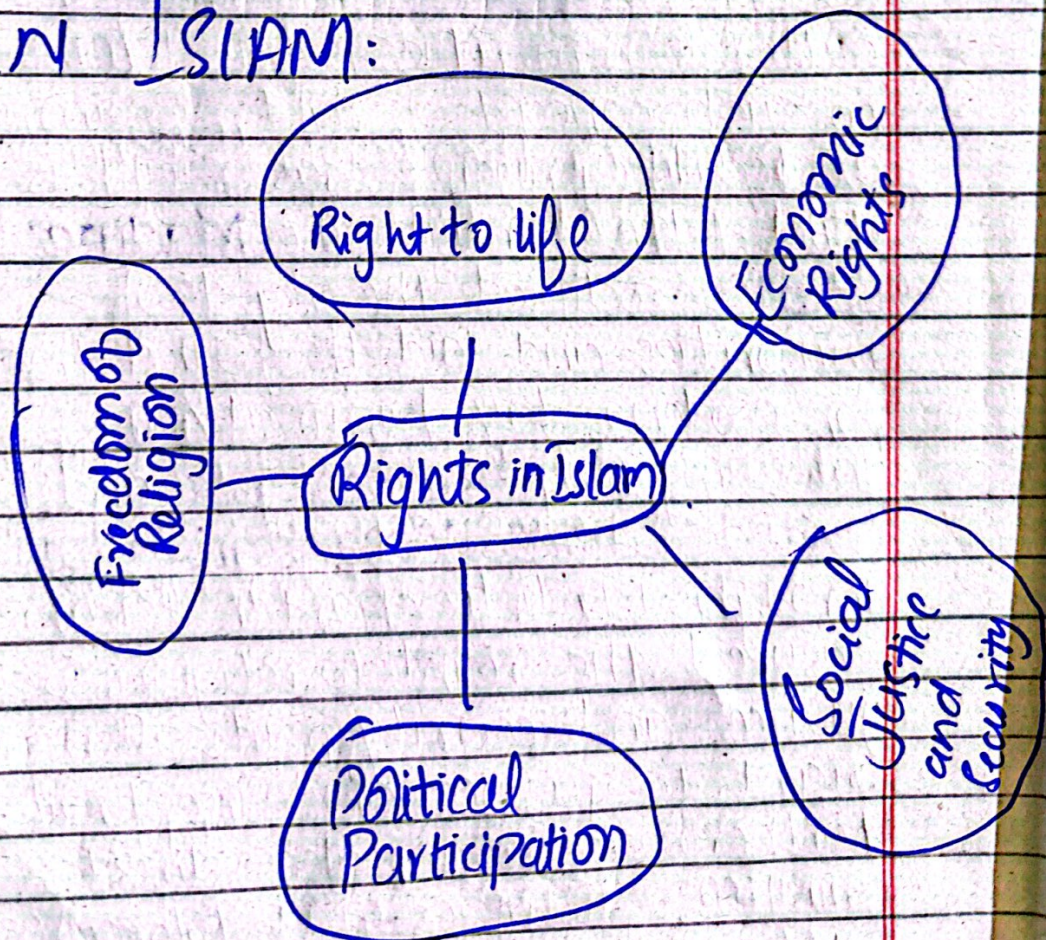
Minorities plays a vital role in shaping a progressive society, that be religious, ethnic or cultural minorities. Before Islam no such concept of rights of minorities existed; ^{but only} the principle was right is right. Islam through the **Madina Charter** codified the rights of minorities and laid the foundation for modern day humanitarian laws inspiring "Magna carta" and "United Nations Humanitarian law". Through Madina charter Islam ensured the right to religion, social justice and security, political inclusion, right to justice and free trial. Furthermore, Quran also directs muslims to peace and tolerance. In Quran it is said:

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"There is no Compulsion
in Religion" Surah al-Baqarah

At another occasion Quran
also directs muslims for the protection
of place of worship. (Surah al-Hajj 22:30).
Based on the principles of Islam, Pakistan's
constitution in Objective Resolution
article 2A also ensures the equality
of All citizens.

1) RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN ISLAM:



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(a) RIGHT TO LIFE:

Racism, Ethnocentrism, Gender bias and social injustice are not just the problems of the present but are deeply rooted in history. Islam ensured the right to life to all humans equally irrespective of their cast creed and religion.

"Allah does not forbid you from being kind and just to those who do not fight you because of religion." (60: 8)

Moreover, in the Farewell sermon the prophet (SAW) also said,

"Arabs and non Arabs are all equal."

Allah and his Messenger (S.A.W) preached peace, equality and right to life to all humans equally.

(b) RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:

Islam ensures religious freedom to all humans alike. Religious freedom

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in the post-modern world where everything and everyone has a law, is still not practiced in some states. For instance, France and Italy banning hijab, India's intolerance towards Muslims and massacre of Muslims in Burma. Allah in Quran ensures religious rights to all. "There is no compulsion in Religion." Surah al Baqarah. Moreover in the Madina charter the prophet (S.A.W) ensured codified religious freedom for all Christians, Jews, pagans and Muslims alike, promoting diversity and inclusivity in the state of Madina.

c) SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY:

"Do not let hatred of others cause you to be unjust. Be just, that is nearer to righteousness."
/ Surah al Maidah

Minorities contribute a lot to the society in the modern globalised era. Quran ~~emphasises~~ promotes justice and protection of minorities across all eras.

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The prophet on the occasion of the last sermon said "No Arab is superior to Non Arab", which is a direct manifesto of universal social equality and justice. These principles were not only followed during Prophet (S.A.W) era but also in Post Prophetic era, where social justice and security were ensured by the Ottoman empire and the Mughal empire.

ECONOMIC RIGHTS:

Islam provides minorities with economic rights fostering inclusivity and diversity in the society. In Islam minorities are allowed to own property, do trade, and run businesses which was vivid in the state of Madina and later Muslim empires.

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION:

The Madina charter was not only about social justice and peaceful co-existence but also about political participation. Islam ensures political participation

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For all irrespective of their religion, cast or creed. The inclusion of Jews, Christians and pagans in political dialogue is a vivid example of this act.

STATUS OF MINORITIES IN PAK

"Muslims are free to go to their mosques, Hindus to their temples and Christians to their churches in the state of Pakistan."
(Jinnah 1947)

Pakistan being a state made in the name of Islam; follows the fundamental teachings of Islam. The constitution of Pakistan ensures equal rights to all as a pluralistic state for all.

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(Sawera prakash in 2023)

minority quota

political participation

Minorities in Pak

voting rights

Religious Freedom

Right to
education

Minority
Schools

Bureaucratic inclusion

minority
Data

Recent inclusion
in Bureaucracy

CHALLENGES FACED BY
MINORITIES:

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Mob lynching of Sri Lankan
Hindu national in Srilankot

Missuse Blasphemy
laws

Social discrimination

Challenges

Representation
Gap

LOW LITERACY
RATE

only low
level jobs
like sweeper
etc for
the minorities

CONCLUSION:

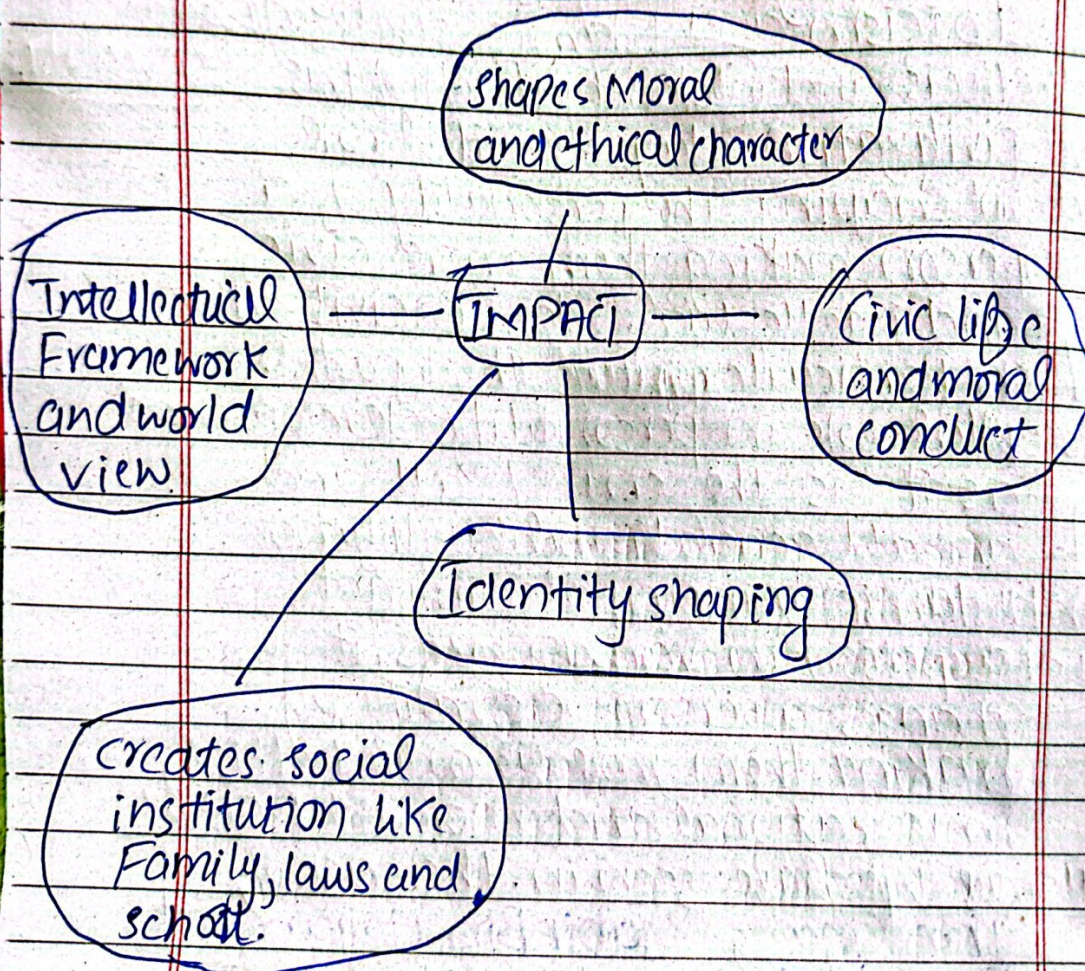
Islam and modernism goes hand in hand, things that modern society is adopting now has already been adopted by islam 1400 years ago. Rights of minorities or Humanitarian law or women rights, the teachings of islam acts as a beacon of light for all generations.

Q2 Describe the role of civilization in personality development.

INTRODUCTION:

From antiquity to modernism civilization plays a vital role in personality development. The Greek civilization taught us rationality, Confucius China the stoicism and Islamic civilization ethics and morality. Each of this civilization plays a vital role in shaping the personality of a person making them more civic, and intellectual. Islamic civilization in particular plays the most vital role in personality development as it is the crux of all and an all generational civilization. Islamic principles impact a person in various ways, it changes a person personality by making them more civic and ethical, more rational and more educated as we have seen in the case of Ibn Sina, Jabir Bin Hayan and Ibn Haytam making Islam a more distinct and more advance civilization of all.

1) IMPACT OF CIVILIZATION ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT:

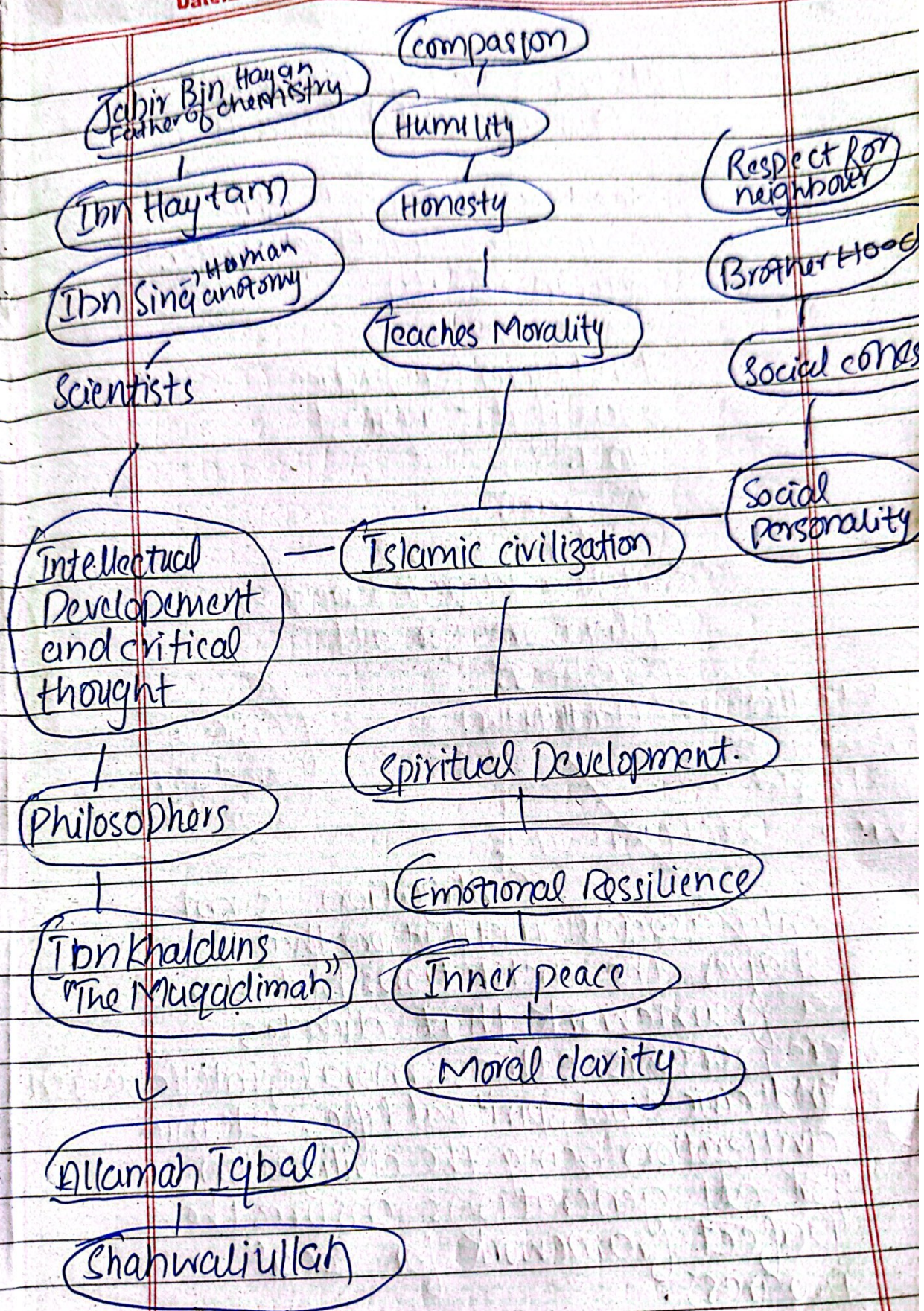


2) ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION: AS ROLE MODEL FOR PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT:

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3) QURAN AND HADITH:

"Believers are But Brothers"
(Quran (49:10))

"Indeed, you (Prophet S.A.W)
are upon the Highest character."
(Quran (68:4))

"Stand firm for Justice
even if it is against
you."
(Quran)

"Seeking knowledge is
obligatory for all
muslims."
(Hadith.)

CONCLUSION:

Civilization is not only a social institution that shapes the institutions but also a framework that dictates a person's ethics, morals, intellectual and civic and spiritual life. Islamic civilization being the civilization for all generations ensures the perfect framework for social progress.