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1. Introduction to Political System of Islam:

Islam is a complete code of life. It encompasses social, political, and economic affairs of life along with personal matters of an individual such as dogma, traditions and culture. As far as Islamic Political and governance system is concerned Islam has a comprehensive political structure to run a state. However, it is different in its nature, scope, and implementation to the western led system of democratic political system. Islam provides with equitable resource and power distribution, economic security, social welfare, women empowerment, and protection of zimmi. It is based on the Quran, Sunnah, Maqasid al-Shariah and consideration of maslah. Islam has a unique political structure.

2. Concept of Islamic Political System:

Islamic Political System hinges on absoluteness of Allah and its basis are endorsed by Shariah based laws. Islamic political system is human friendly system.

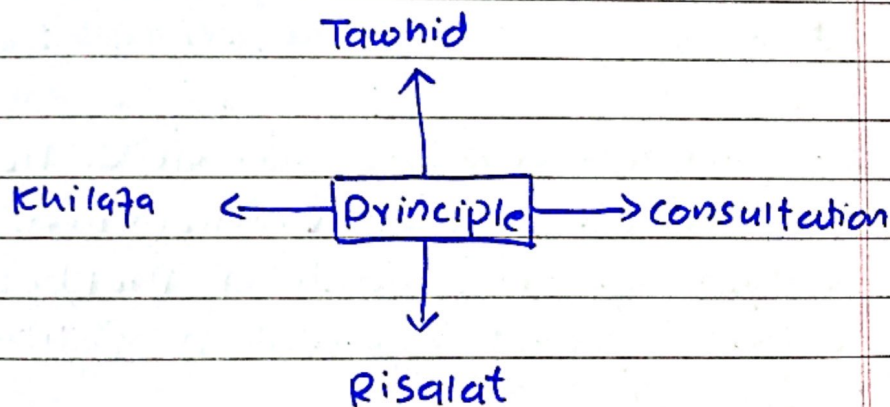
Umer Chapra:

A renowned author has asserted that:

"Islam had devised a system 1400 years ago to streamline Politics, economics, and social well-being of humanity."

3. Demonstrating Fundamental Principles of the Islamic Political System:

Dr. Abdul Hakim eloquently described following principles in his Scripts:



(3.1) Fundamental Principles of Islamic Political system:

(a) Tawhid: A Bed Rock of Islamic Political System:

Allah (swt) has utmost authority over all affairs of an Islamic Political system. Belief in one Allah actually

gives a sense of system. Allah is the sovereign and lord of all worlds.

Al-Quran:

"قُلْ أَنِي لِلَّهِ، نَسِيٍّ وَمُحْيِيٍّ وَمَمِيتٍ
لِّلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ"

"my prayer, my rites, my life,
and my death are for Allah.
The Lord of all worlds."

This demonstrates authority is only
belongs to God.

(b) Risalat: A Guiding Principle:

Prophets or messengers guide human
race to the way of righteousness.
without the true guide of prophets
human cannot establish a political
community.

Example:

Khulfa-e-Rashdin learnt political
consciousness to run a state from prophet
Muhammad. Otherwise, Arab was a war
torn area.

Al-Quran:

"وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ"

"And you are revealed as a
mercy of the worlds"

(c) Khilafah: A model for Political system:

Khulaf-e-Rashidin closely watched and understood prophet Muhammad's style and discernment to run the state of Madinah. After that, they, Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Abu Bakar, Hazrat Umar, and Hazrat Usman, established an inclusive state and expanded to the East and West.

Example:

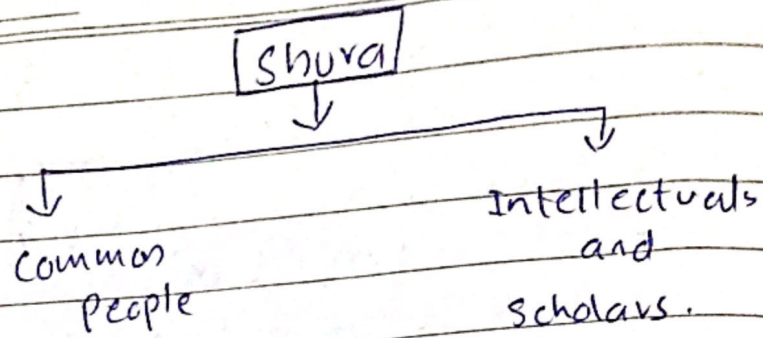
Hazrat Umar Farooq (R.A) established a department of Police and Prison system that is being implemented in Dubai (UAE).

(d) Consultation: Lesson for co-operation

Islamic Political System focuses more on cooperation, consensus, and consultation to settle the affairs of a state amicably.

Example:

In the age of Hazrat Umar (R.A) there was a two tier system of consultation to ensure the equal and fair representation of all sections of society in state's affairs.



Al-Quran: (Shura: 38)

”وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ
وَأَنفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَظِيمًا

”And those who have responded to their Lord. They have established prayer and their affair is determined through consultation.”

This Quranic verse suggests the very nature of Islamic political system.

(c) Economic independence:

Islamic Political system ensures economic freedom to elevate the well-being of citizens. Unlike the western exploitative mode of governance

Example: (Riba)

Islam strongly denies the menace of Riba in an Islamic state. However, encourage other ways to enhance economic independence

Al-Quran:

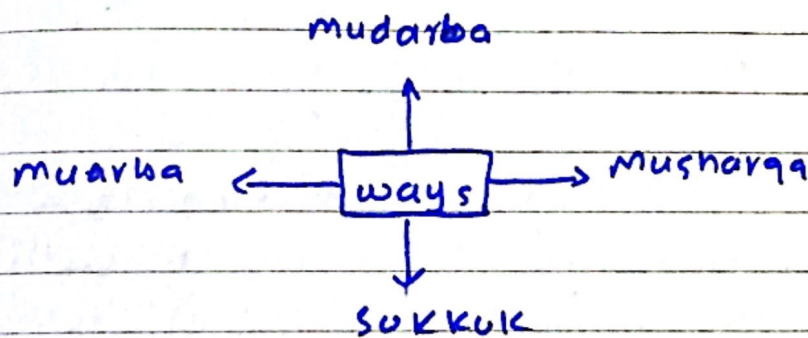
"واحل البيع وحرّم الربيع"

"And Allah has prohibited
riba and encouraged trade."

(f) Halal way of earnings:

Islamic Political System endorses
halal way of economic sustainability.

Example: "Trade"



(g) Social Justice and Adl:

Islam discourages exploitation but
encourages social justice and adl. to
avoid suppression and oppression.

Example: "Zakat"

In Islamic state zakat plays
an important role in justice in economic
stability. This ensures to uphold the
fairness of wealth and avoid hoarding.

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Al-Qur'an

"إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ"

"Indeed, Allah commands Justice and excellence."

Islamic Political system is open to equality and fairness

n. Protection of fundamental Rights of human:

(i) women Rights:

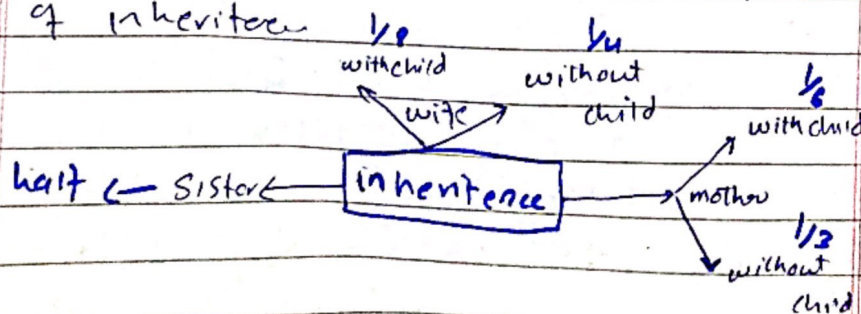
Islam ensures women legal & economic well being and elevates the Status equal to human.

"For women is the wealth Parents and other relatives leave."

(Surah-Nisa)

Example: (inheritance)

Islam ensures rights in the form of inheritance.



iii) Rights of slaves:

Islamic political system discourages slavery and ensures fair treatment with subordinates.

Example: Last Sermon

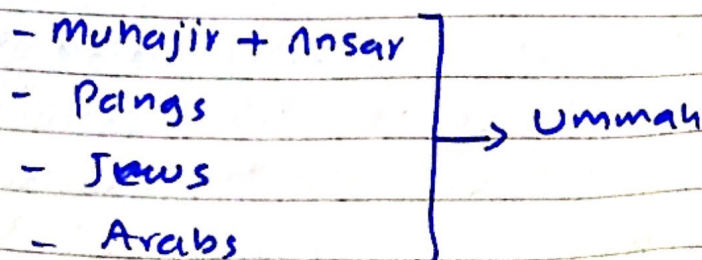
Prophet Muhammad in his Farewell Sermon openly described that slaves had to be treated as part of society.

iv) Zimmis (Non-Muslims) in a Political Structure:

Islamic political system pays proper heed to the rights of the non-muslim minorities. Those who ignore Islamic teachings may face consequences.

Example:

Prophet Muhammad joined all the tribes to form one Ummah during the formation of Madina's constitution.



(J) Accountability and rule of law

Islamic Political system gives paramount importance to accountability and rule of law to protect the population from discrimination

Al-Quran:

"الذين ملّهم في الارض واما سوا اللّون
والنّوا الزّنة واما بالبحر ودف ونفى من النّكر"

"when we give them authority over earth, they establish Prayers, pay Zakat. And they enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong."

(Al-Hajj :40)

4. Conclusion:

"Islamic Political System is dynamic in its nature to that extent where western governance has to reach yet."

(Karen Armstrong)

Islamic Political system is an inclusive and sustainable system that is based on Allah's sovereignty, rule of law, equality, and consultation

This shows that Islamic system is human-centric and fulfills all the demands of modern society.

However, muslim states have alienated from these golden principles. Therefore, muslim states have to adopt these valuable principles to make the nature of state comprehensive and robust.

The state like USA and the UK should study this system to understand the essence of the Islamic Political system. Before that, muslim majority states have to implement Islamic Political system.

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1. Introduction to Islamic System:

Islam has given a robust and inclusive economic system that is panacea to all financial and economic insecurities of humans. Because Islamic economic system is based on Tawhid, fair distribution of resources, social justice, and legal principles of trade. However, interest driven economic system of west has curtailed the Islamic economic system through loans, aids, and assistance to the vulnerable states. Therefore, in order to end financial problems of human Islamic economic system is inevitable.

2. Understanding the essence of Islamic Economic system:

In words of renowned economist Umer Chapra:

"Islamic economic system is inclusive and sustainable improve the economic stature through zakat, inheritance, and other economic principles"

Islamic economic system is based on: Zakat system, riba free economic transaction and fair means of trade. Unlike tax and loans, Islamic economic system uplift all fraction of a state.

3. Quranic and Sunnah's Guidance:

Al-Quran:

"وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ"
 "And establish prayer and
 pay the zakat."

Al-Quran:

"And in their wealth
 there is a right share,
 of beggars and deprived."

These verses show the protection of human economically.

Hadith:

"Do not eat wealth of
 orphans among you."

"The better among you are
 those who are better to
 others."

This shows the social security of people.

4. Demonstrating how Islamic Economic System is the Paralel to All human problems:

(a) Zakat: Social Justice and Poverty alleviation:

Islam ensures zakat system to protect eight deprived section of society. This, consequently, resolves numerous social issues of humanity.

Al-Quran:

”إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَاتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَامِلِينَ
وَعَلَيْهَا وَالْمَسْكُونَةُ الْفَتْرَةُ الْكَلْبُوبُ وَالرَّقَابُ وَالْفَارِسِينَ
وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ دَابِلُ بْنُ أَبِي سَلَمَةَ”

This suggests the resolution of social evils through zakat.

(b) Nullifying exploitation:

Islamic economic system upholds human survival through fair economic opportunities and nullifying exploitation. Riba free transaction is a unique and prominent feature of Islamic economic system.

Example: Riba free

Islam has declared riba as

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curse for human. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) in his Farewell Sermon clearly declared that Shari'ah.

Al-Quran:

"وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ ابْعَدَ رِيبَ الْبَيْعِ"

"And Allah has prohibited Riba and encouraged trade"

(c) Trade and Business in Islam:

Islam allows halal ways to earn money. For example,

Example:

Type

- i) Mudaraba : Profit sharing
- ii) Musharaka : loss and profit sharing
- iii) Sukuk : Islamic bonds

(e) Discourage Corruption and illicit means to earn money:

Islam discourages corruption, Scams and wrongful way to earn money.

Example:

For instance, Islam does not legalize gambling and money laundering.

15) Women Economic Security:

Women face the brunt of biases, discrimination and exploitation. Islamic economic system provides full-fledged economic security for women.

Al-Quran:

For women is the right what parents or relatives leave."

(Al-Nisa)

Hadith: (Farewell sermon)

"Fear Allah concerning women."

Example: Law of inheritance:

Women's inheritance rights in Islam are enough to ensure equality and independence.

9) Non-muslim Population:-

Islam not only safeguards the economic stability of muslims but also the non-muslims.

Example: Jizya

Non-muslims get rights by

contributing through Tithya

5. comparative analysis with the western economic system: (Islamic)

- Islamic economic system is divinely ordained and guided.
- Quran and Shariah guide it.
- Zakat is only for those who have a specific amount of wealth for a specific time being.
- Muslims and non-muslims get equal cover.
- Riba free and halal trade

western

- Exploitative in nature.
- Tax system applies on all poor and rich
- Capitalistic in nature.
- Only Rich gets benefits
- Guided by man.

6. Conclusion:

Islamic Economic system is more inclusive and wide. It allows trade, social welfare and women security. However, it is against hoarding, and exploitation of poor. Therefore, it is important for muslim states

to adopt Islamic economic
system

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