

QUESTION No 1

Rights of Minorities

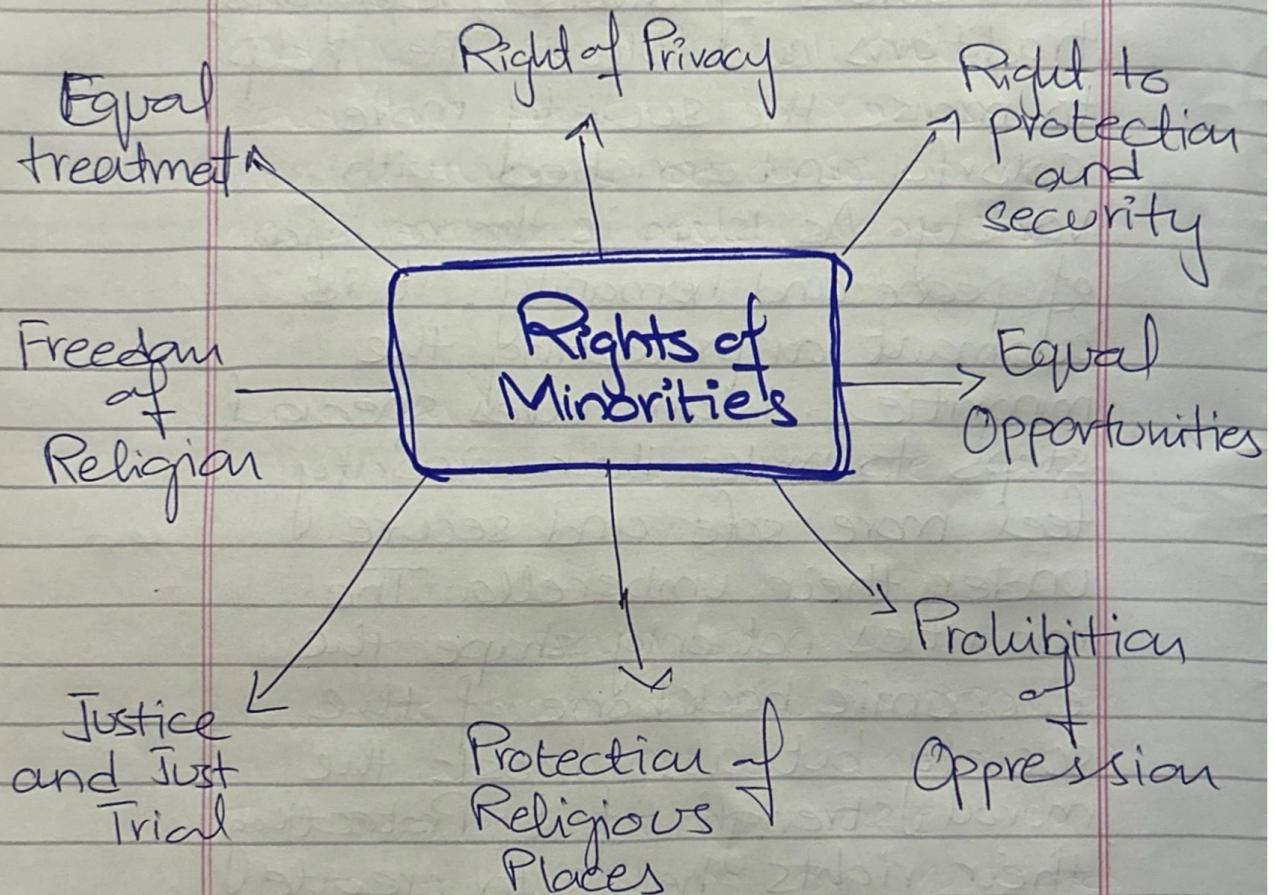
1. Introduction:

Minorities play a vital role in the society as they are contributors of diverse religions, traditions and culture. They help to make the society more colorful and enriched with variety. As Islam is the religion of peace and humanity, it is adamant on protecting the minorities. Islam takes special steps to make their minority feel more safe and secure under their umbrella. The minorities not only shape the economic backbone of the society but also boosts the moral strength of it. Protecting their rights helps to create a more united society that encourages brotherhood at every step.

2. Rights of Minorities In Islam

Islam, being the religion of peace, lays emphasis on protection of all human beings regardless of caste,

color, creed and religion.
Islam encourages and
promotes pluralistic society
safe from all kinds of unfairness
and injustices.



2.1 ~~Protection of Religious Places from Destruction and Violence~~

As minorities are an important part of the society, their sentiments and religious places must be safeguarded from all kinds of evil and

widely / harmful actions.

لا إكراه في الدين
(القرآن)

There is no compulsion in religion.

2.2 Right to Protection and Security

The minorities of the society have an equal right to protection and security as the Muslims.

Example:

Hazrat Umar (RA) abolished Jizya for the old and poor when he saw a non Muslim begging because he had to pay jizya.

2.3 Prohibition of Oppression:

Allah and His rasool are strictly against oppressing anyone weak and in minority. It is directly against the principles of Islam to take advantage of someone's weakness.

(Surah
Anfal)

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا

Obey Allah and his rasool and do not dispute with each other.

2.4 Right to Equal Opportunities in All Spheres of Life:

The message of Allah is to provide everyone with equal opportunities and possibilities towards improvements and progress. This will only lead the society towards greater things because more help means better results.

ان الله يحب المقسطين

(Surah hujiat)

Allah loves those who are fair.

2.5 Freedom of Religion

Islam strictly prohibits from forcefully imposing one's religion on to others.

The prophet did not force any one to follow Islam but instead through his remarkable personality spread his religion while respecting the religion of others. Freedom of religion is an important of justice and humanity.

يجعل السرجيس على الذين لا يعقلون

(القران)

He will bring his wrath upon those who do not think (unmindful).

2.6 Equal Treatment of Minorities to the Muslims of the Society

Allah and his rasool emphasize that there is no space for discrimination in Islam. Every person irrespective of their religion and beliefs is to be treated fairly and equally. The concept of superiority has been time and again discouraged heavily.

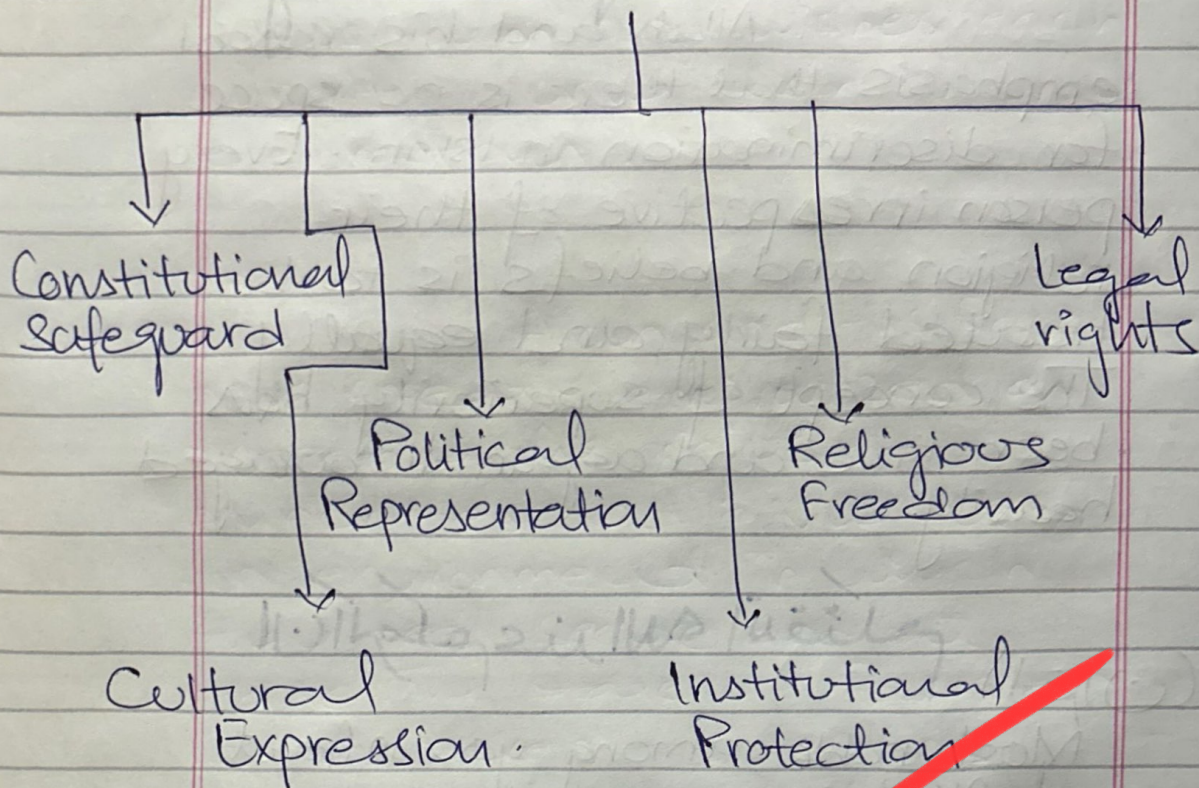
ان اكرم عند الله اتقاكم
(القرآن)

Most noble among you in front of Allah is the most righteous one.

3. Status of Minorities In Pakistan

Pakistan was founded on the principle of justice and equality, hence, it recognizes the importance of giving each citizen their due rights and protecting them properly. The constitution of Pakistan lays the framework for protection and safeguard of minorities and ensuring their dignity.

Status of Minorities



تعاونوا على البر والتقوى (القرآن)
Cooperate with one another in
goodness and righteousness.

3.1 Constitutional Safeguard:

The constitution of Pakistan has provided minorities with multiple provisions that safeguards their religion, guarantees equality. It also ensures that state state protects the rights and interests of minorities.

3.2 Religious Freedom:

The principle of Islam is freedom and peace. It allows everyone to be free and encourages the minorities to practice their religion. Islam is not the religion of force and oppression. Hence it allows everyone to live their life according to their belief.

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ
(القرآن)
There is no compulsion in religion.

3.3 Political Freedom:

Pakistan has put in a special quota for minorities in the political field. Special reserved seats are maintained for minorities. Both houses of parliament includes seats for minorities.

3.4 Cultural Expression:

The minorities can freely celebrate their

religious and cultural festivals. . .
The state of Pakistan even
allows them and wishes each
minority during their cultural
celebrations.

Conclusion:

Allah and His Rasool
have greatly emphasized on
protecting the rights of
minorities and giving them
an environment in which
they feel secure and at
ease. The state of Pakistan
has also taken many steps in
this regard so that the whole
society remains united and
free from any kind of
discrimination and violence.
Protecting their rights not only
safeguards and preserves
many cultures but also maintains
the unity that holds the
society together.

QUESTION No 2

Status of mankind in Islam

1. Introduction:

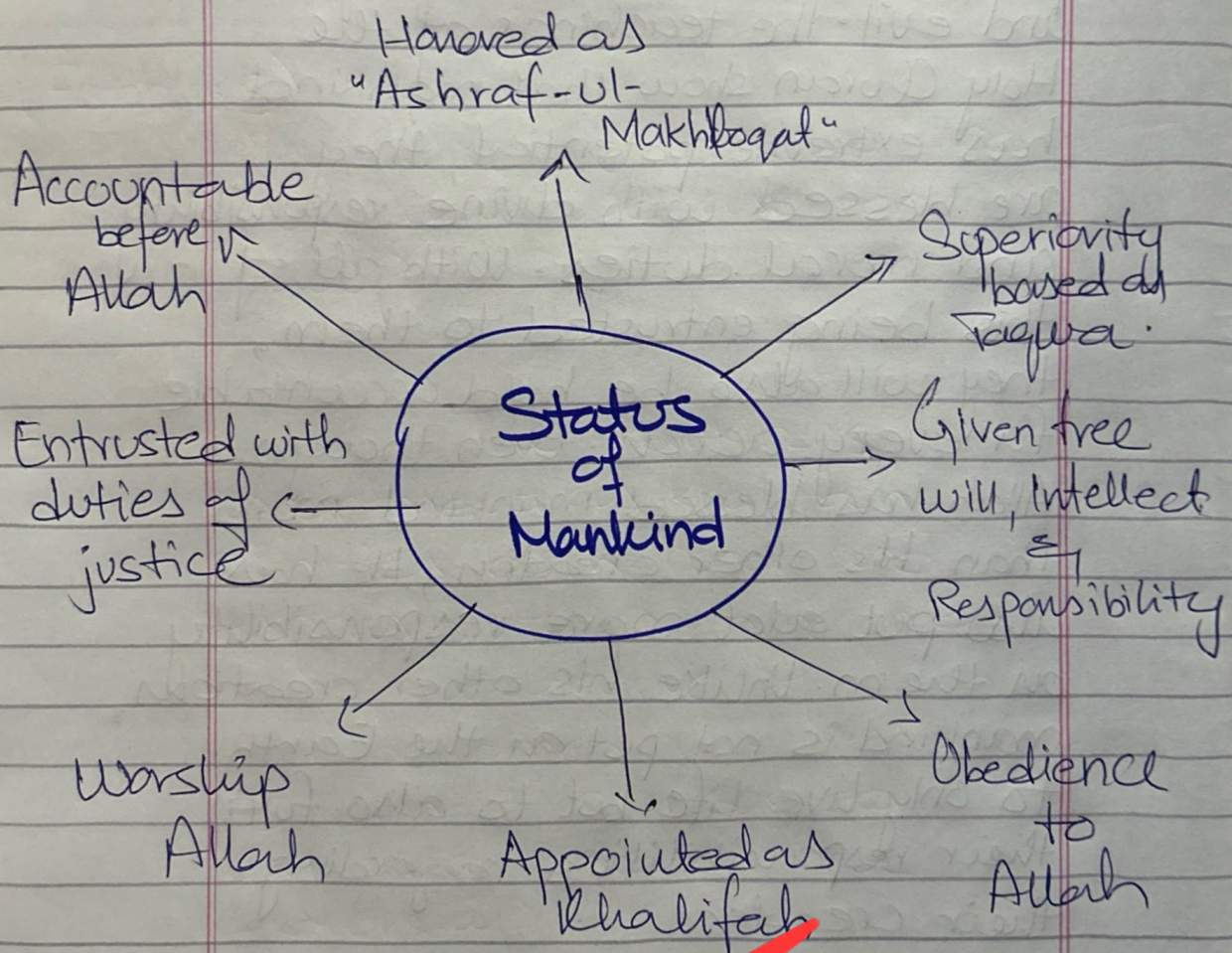
Islam has placed mankind at the highest pedestal among his creation. They are bestowed with multiple qualities, free will and the power to choose between good and evil. The teachings of the Holy Quran show that mankind has extreme potential, they are blessed with divine responsibility and moral duties. With all of this being entrusted to them, they will also be held accountable for every action. Even though Allah has blessed mankind more than his other creation, He has also put a lot more responsibility on them. Unlike his other creations, mankind is not put on the Earth to only live life but to also fulfil their responsibilities regarding their creator.

2. Status and Position of Mankind in Islam

Islam views mankind as the crown of creations as they are blessed with intellect,

moral sense and purpose. These qualities are a proof of how close this creation is to Allah Almighty

~~من اوفى بعهدہ و اآقى فان الله~~
~~يحب الفتقین~~ (القرآن)
Whoever fulfils his commitments



~~اقیموا الصلاه ولا تكونوا من~~
~~المشرکین~~

Establish Salah and do not be among non believers.

2.1 Honored as "Ashraf-ul-Makhlooqat"

Islam has awarded mankind with the highest of honors. Mankind is known as superior to all beings because of the qualities they possess leading to their closeness to the Lord.

2.2 Accountable Towards the Allah Almighty

As mankind is given the discretionary power to choose right from wrong, this choice holds them accountable to all their actions. Allah will question them and hold them accountable to each of their choices.

اذا حكمتم بين الناس ان
تكونوا بالعدل. (القصص)

When you judge between people, judge with fairness

2.3 Purpose of Life: Obedience and worship to Allah

Allah has placed the mankind on this Earth

so that they stay obedient to him and worship him. Worship is one of the ways in which mankind remains safe from evil and stays on the path of success in this life and the life hereafter.

اِيَّاكَ اعْبُدْ وَ اِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِيْنُ
(Fatihah 3:5)

You alone we worship and you alone we ask for help.

2.4 Appointed as Khalifah

The mankind's appointment as Khalifah signifies both honor and responsibility. Man becomes the representative of Allah and becomes only answerable to him. It is a sacred duty that teaches true leadership.

الحمد لله رب العالمين
(Fatihah)
All praise for Allah, Lord for all worlds

Conclusion:

Islam honors mankind with a position of high intellect, intellect and responsibility. Mankind is among the finest of creations. This high status comes with a lot of responsibility and accountability. Mankind is destined to rise both in this world and the hereafter.