

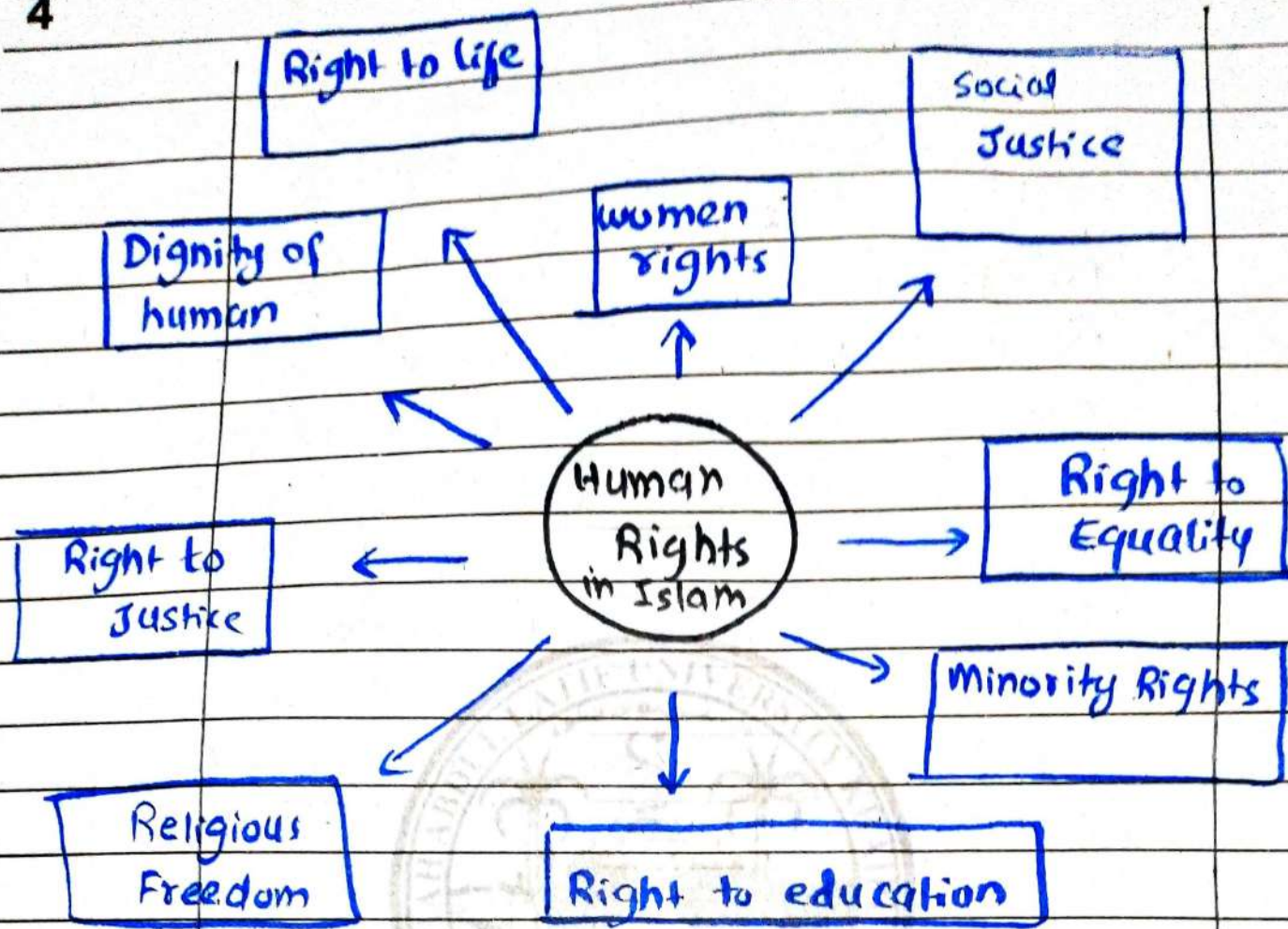
Question No: 6

(1) Introduction : Human Rights in Islam

Human rights are essential for human dignity, protection of his life and peace and prosperity. Islam gives crucial importance to human rights that is evident in Holy Quran, Sunnah, and acts of companions of Holy Prophet (PBUH). Islam gives protection of life, property and dignity. It ensures equality, justice and right of women as well. Additionally, Islam has made it compulsory to acquire knowledge and develop intellect. It has reinforced on moderate behavior, and fulfilment of rights and responsibilities to promote collective progress of society.

(2) Importance of Human rights in Islam

Islam has ensured protection of rights of everyone without discrimination of colour, ethnicity, religion, and status. Everyone is entitled with their rights equally. Following are enlisted some of the rights of human



(a) Protection of life and property

Islam gives importance to human life and strictly forbidden to kill anyone. In an Islamic state, everyone has right to ~~to~~ live freely. Additionally, Islam has ensured protection of property of individual. Allah mentions in Surah ^(Bani Isreal) that Al Maidah that

And we have ordained for children of Adam except for punishment

of murder or mischief in land -
 whoever kills a human kills
 whole humanity and whoever
 saves a man saves humanity...

(Surah Al-Maidah)

(b) Islam ensures high status and dignity of man from all His creations

Almighty Allah gives status of man as compared to all of His creations. This is evident from example that when Allah created man, He ordered all of his angels to prostrate before man and the one who refused, He called him "Iblees". Allah says in Surah Isra that

And we have certainly
 honoured children of Adam
 and provided them with land
 and sea and preferred them
 over all of our creations

(Surah Al-Isra)

(c) Religious freedom

Islam considers religion as
 spiritual connection between man and

his faith. Hence, Islam has given right to choose religion freely. Allah has ordered to ~~per~~ avoid violence and coercion and says in Holy Quran that

There is no compulsion
in choice of religion

(Surah Al-Baqarah)

(d) Right to education

Education is significant for intellectual well-being and enlightenment. Islam advocates for education as a necessity for all including women. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that

Seeking knowledge is
compulsory over every
human

(Sunnah)

(e) Right to equality

Allah mentions clearly in Holy Quran that every human being on this earth is children of Adam and everyone is equal. Islam gives everyone equal status irrespective of their colour,

religion, status, and background. Prophet Muhammad clearly said during Pilgrimage sermon that

No Arab has superiority over non-Arab, nor a non-Arab has superiority over Arab, similarly white has no superiority over black and black has no superiority over white, except by piety (Pilgrimage sermon)

(f) Women rights in islam;

Islam came during Jahaliyya rule in Madina and Makkah, women were degraded and low in status. Islam raised their status as equal beings. Islam gives property rights, right to inheritance, own property and independent earning. Hence, women have special status in Islam.

(g) Rights of wife;

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that

The best of you are those who are best to their wives (Sunnah)

(b) Minority Rights in Islam

In Islam, minorities are called zimmi (responsibility). They are considered as responsibility to protect their lives, property, religious sites, and dignity. Islam has never coerced minorities on any aspect.

(i) Right to Justice (Adl)

Justice is important for a prosperous nation to survive. Islam has reiterated on justice several times. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) himself adopted justice to give lesson to his Ummah. Allah says in Holy Quran that

ان الله يامر بالعدل والاحسان

Allah commands justice the doing of good
(Surah Al-Nahl)

(ii) Rights of elders, ill, neighbours

Islam ensures fulfilment of rights of everyone especially elders, ill and neighbours. In Islam,

it is right of ^{an} ill to be taken care of. Allah says that a believer he is not a believer who sleeps well while his neighbour is hungry. Similarly, elders have special status and respect in Islam.

(ii) Islam ensures social justice in society

Allah and His prophet (PBUH) have reiterated on social justice. It is said that

pay a labourer his wages
before his sweat dries

(3) Conclusion

To conclude, the above discussion proves that Islam gives paramount importance to human rights. It advocates for protection of life, liberty, property, minority and women rights. Additionally, Islam reinforces equality, justice, social justice as well, which are essential to ensure peace in the society.

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Question - 4

(1) Introduction :

Pakistan faces ^{frequent} political turbulence since its inception with instances of stability for transient intervals. Pakistan's political system remains in chaos due to political polarization, lack of accountability mechanisms, rampant corruption, delayed justice system, and weak institutions. They can be reformed when Islamic political factors are inculcated. For instance, strengthening of institutions like that of Khalifa, prioritizing justice and accountability system of Islam. Leaders should be pious and honest, and they should be trustee of Allah. Additionally, moderation is important in religious and political decisions to prevent extremism and political polarization among leaders. So, political reforms in accordance with Islam can transform it into dynamic one like that of established by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

(2) Understanding current condition of

political system of Pakistan

challenges in political system of Pakistan

(1) Leadership^{is} weak

(2) Politicized accountability

(3) Rampant corruption (According to corruption perception index, Pakistan ranked 135/180 countries

(4) Manipulated Elections | in 2024

(Allegations of rigging of elections arise after

(5) Delayed Justice system | every election)

(6) Weak Judiciary

(7) Lack of Transparency

(8) Political polarization

(9) Weak civilian institutions

(3) Suggestions to reform Pakistani politics in accordance with political system of Islam

Islamic political system is not democratic or autocratic, but it is a blend of both with some unique features. By inculcating some features of Islamic political system, the government can reform political system of Pakistan. Some suggestions are discussed below:

(a) Consultation (Shura) in decision making to restore people's trust in the government

Shura (consultation) is important feature of Islamic political system. Pakistan must adopt this system and avoid exclusion of its stakeholders in decision making. It will ensure coordinated system and restore trust of public as well. Allah says that,

And consult them in the matter

(Surah Ash Shura)

(b) Responsible leadership and trustee (khalifa) of Allah;

Pakistan faces lack of true leadership to reform its long-unstable system. According to Islam, leader must be wise, virtuous, honest, having fear of Allah. Without these qualities, he should not be followed. As Hazrat Abu Bakr, second caliph of Islam clearly said that Follow me as long as as follow Allah's command, whenever I deviate you have right to deny on my commands.

(c) Prioritize rule of law and justice:

According to Islam, everyone should be held accountable for their acts before law. Islam doesn't give immunity to anyone even supreme leader is as responsible as a beggar in Islam. So, Pakistan must ensure rule of law and justice in the state to reform its political system.

Allah commands Justice, the doing of good
(Surah Al-Nahl)

(d) Accountability of all

In Islam, accountability is beyond accountability before law.

Islam holds dual accountability i.e both before Allah and in this world. Pakistan should instill this 'system' belief. In Islamic state Leader who is responsible for his personal and public life. He must ensure justice and public welfare. Through this belief, political system of Pakistan can be reformed. Prophet (PBUH) reinforced this belief and said

Everyone of you is shepherd
and everyone is responsible
for his flock

(supnah)

(e) Religious freedom in the State of Pakistan

Islamic political system emphasizes on religious freedom. Therefore, Pakistan should control on forced conversions. Laws must be strengthened and authorities should raise awareness about Islamic teachings in this regard. It is mentioned in Holy Quran that

There is no compulsion in
the choice of religion

(Surah Al-Baqarah)

(f) Ensure sharia law and teachings of islam in Pakistan

In Islamic political system, leader is bound to implement teachings of Allah. He has no other authority but to serve people according to sharia law. He is not supreme but a servant to work for public welfare. This belief must be inculcated in leaders of Pakistan. When leaders start to serve as Allah's trustee and work for welfare of people, prosperity is guaranteed.

(g) Transparency in political affairs

It is evident from caliphate system that transparency is essential for progress of whole society. The second caliph, Hazrat Umar established public treasury fund (Bait-ul-Maal) and ensured transparent spending of each penny. It not only eradicated corruption and poverty but also established welfare. Therefore, Pakistani institutions must ensure transparency

(4) Conclusion

To sum up the above discussion, Pakistani politics faces serious challenges, such as corruption, power misuse, weak accountability, delayed justice, and politicized oversight. Due to these weaknesses, chaos and instability perpetuates. The government should integrate Islamic principles such as consultation (shura), Leadership should be virtuous and honest. He must act as Khalifah from Allah. Leader must consider himself accountable for all state and promote welfare. Additionally, religious freedom, justice and equality are also important to enhance stability in politics of Pakistan.

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Question No: 05

(1) Introduction: Rights of Women in Islam in the context of current wave of feminism

Islam^{has} provided those right of women 1400 years ago that feminist waves demand for. In islam, women has special status. Women have right to life, liberty, property and inheritance. Additionally she can own independence business as well. Current wave of feminism also demand similar rights of equality, property and inheritance. However, the difference lies in some aspects, such as feminist demand bodily autonomy, extra freedom regarding their attire which contrasts with that of rights of women in islam.

(2) Rights of women in Islam

(a) Basic Fundamental rights of women in Islam

Fundamental rights of women are enlisted below:

(i) Right to life ; Allah says in Holy Quran that,

And we have ordained for
children of Adam except
for punishment of murder or
mischief in land - whoever kills
a man kills humanity and
whoever saves a man saves
humanity

(Surah Al-Maidah)

(ii) Right to education

Islam emphasizes education
for both man and woman without
any discrimination.

Seeking knowledge is
obligatory over every
muslim

(Sunnah)

(iii) Right to equality:

In Islam, both man and
woman have equal status. Allah says
in Holy Quran that

Indeed the most noble of
you in the sight of
Allah is most pious of
you

(Surah Al-Hujrat)

(iv) Religious freedom: Islam provides religious freedom to everyone without biasness of gender.

There is no compulsion in the choice of religion (Surah Al-Baqarah)

(v) Right to justice: Islam emphasizes justice for both men and women

And conduct justice even if it is against your kins
(Al-Quran)

(vi) Right to inheritance of property:

Islamic system has given inheritance right to women. She has right to inherit property. In Islam, it is unique that property given to sisters, mother, daughter and wife.

(vii) Right to independent earning

Women can earn and do business independently in Islam. She is not bound to spend that earning in home. However, she can spend if she willingly wants to.

(3) Rights of women in Islam in context of current wave of feminism

The current wave of feminism's demand share some similarities while distinct in some aspects.

Similarities

(i) Right of inheritance and property

Both of them advocate for equal rights in inheritance, property and earning.

(ii) Right to Equality and justice

Current wave of feminism also demand for equal status like man in society and demand for justice.

(iii) Right to inclusivity in social sphere

Similar to Islamic views, current wave for feminism demand for inclusivity of women in social decision-making.

(b) Difference between rights of woman in Islam and demands of current wave of feminism

(i) Demand for body autonomy:

Current wave of feminism demands body autonomy to women which is rejected in Islam to ensure women's protection in this world.

(ii) Demands for freedom in clothes and attire

Feminists demand for freedom in clothes and appearance whereas Islam emphasizes on modesty and veil for woman to protect her from evil sights.

(4) Conclusion

To conclude, Feminist demand some of the similar principles such as right to own property, inherit property, do trade independently.

However, the difference lies in demands for autonomy in body and attire which are restricted in Islam to protect them from evil affects of the world.

Question No 1

(1) Introduction: Deen vs Religion

Religion is and deen differentiates on the basis of integration of their aspects in practical life. Religion is limited on rituals, beliefs, and deen is a comprehensive way of life that impacts both spiritual and temporal life from individual to community level. Islam is not a religion but it is a deen - it is important in human life as it covers all aspects such as ethical teachings, political, and economic, social system. In addition to daily prayers, Islam as a deen ensures rights and responsibilities of all human beings. Hence, Religion is limited to rituals, and deen transcends mere rituals into all aspects of a muslim.

(2) Religion vs Deen

- (a) Religion is limited to rituals and Deen reforms all aspects of practical life

Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism,

Christianity are examples of religion. Whereas Islam is a deen. The hindu priest, christian father and budha; they leave worldly life completely and advocate themselves completely in service of god. Islam is a moderate deen that emphasizes balancing between temporal and spiritual life. Hence, religion is limited to rituals and deen impacts all aspects of life and emphasize on balance between both.

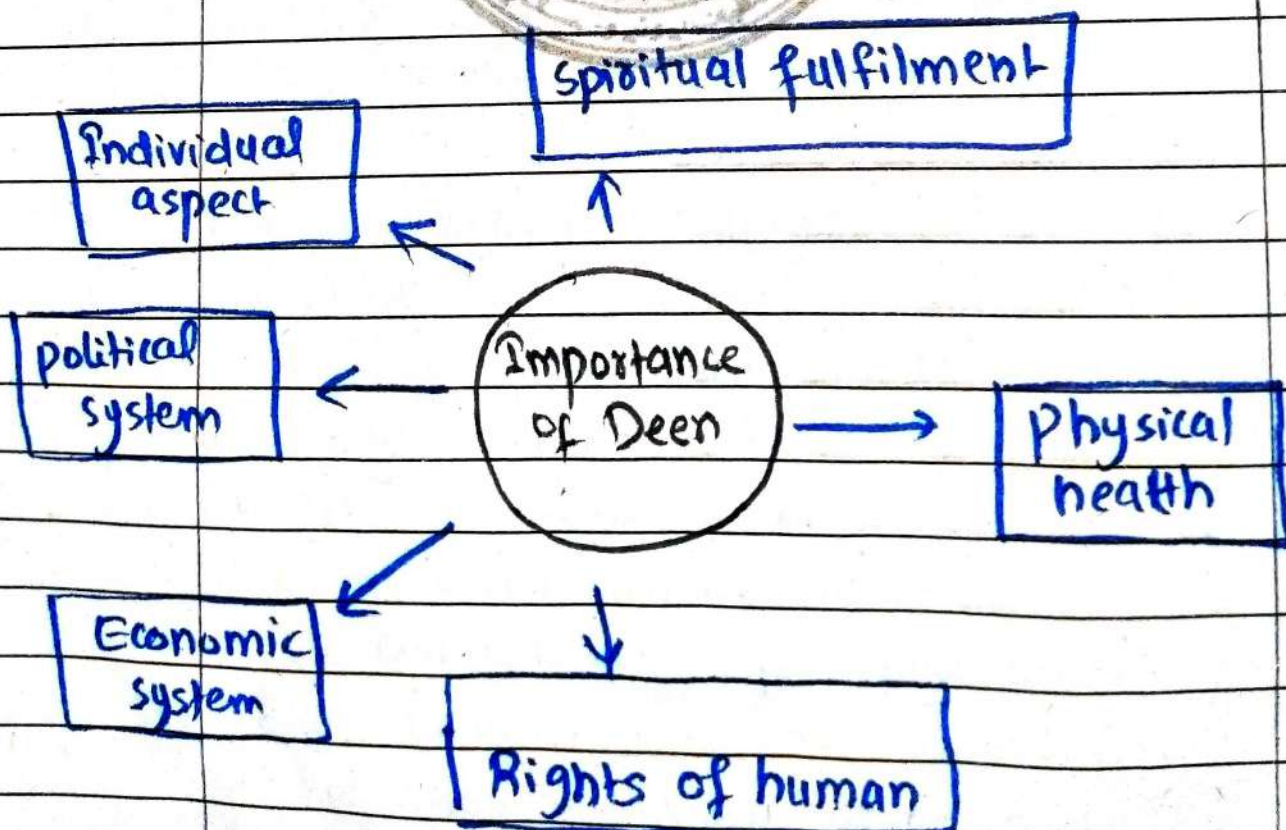
(b) Religion fulfills rights of god whereas Deen fulfils both rights of God and Rights of Mankind

Religion is man-made and advocates for rights of god only, to gain high status. On the other hand, Deen is spiritual, revealed by God through Quranic teachings and prophets. Deen emphasizes both rights of God and rights of mankind including poor, orphans, parents and neighbours. Hence, deen has wider lens as compared to religion.

(c) Religion is man made and Deen is revealed divinely

Religions in the world are man-made. Historically, people started to worship fire, sun, idols, and even animals. These all are humanly created rituals to gain satisfaction. On the other hand, deen is divine that is revealed from Allah through Quranic guidance and prophets.

(3) Important of Deen in Human life



(a) Individual level

(i) Spiritual Fulfilment

When man worship Allah in prayer, give zakat, keep fast or perform Hajj, these acts provide him inner satisfaction to face challenges of life.

... And whose hearts
are assured
(Al-Quran)

(ii) Deen ensures discipline in individual life:

Islam emphasizes on prayer (Namaz) as compulsory pillar. So when an individual perform five times daily prayer, it organizes his life and ensure discipline.

(iii) Deen emphasizes on physical health of individual

Through prayer, fasting physical health improves alongwith inner satisfaction. Hence, deen is important for physical health of man as well.

(b) Importance of deen at collective level

- (i) Deen reiterates on Rights of man (Haqq-ul-Ibad) along with rights of Allah (Haqq-ul-Allah)

Rights of man and humanity are important in Islam. As a man works for welfare of poor, arrange clean water, give sadqat, fulfil rights and responsibilities, it accomplishes objective of his life. Hence, along with rituals, deen guides for humanitarian acts.

- (ii) Deen provides unique political system

As Islam is a deen and a comprehensive way of life. It provides a unique system, intermediate between democratic and authoritarian rule.

- (iii) Deen guides in economic system of man

Similar to political system,

Islam (deen) provide a unique economic system free of interest (usury) for welfare of all.

(4) Conclusion

To sum up the above discussion, religion has a narrow lens as compared to deen. Religion is man-made that focuses on rituals only. On the other hand, deen is a holistic way of life that focuses on spiritual life, physical health, and collective life. Hence, Islam is a deen that guides humanity for balanced life.