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## Part - II

Q<sup>380</sup> Islam is designated as the pioneer of human rights ensuring the dignity of human. Discuss the basic human rights granted by Islam. Compare the rights with modern international humanitarian rights?

Ans:

### Human rights in Islam:

Islam is the pioneer of human rights. It gave rules

and principles 600 years before  
the Magna Carta in 1215 in England.

**(1) Right to life:**

Islam gives the right to life to every human being regardless of religion.

**(2) Right to liberty and freedom:**

Islam gives the right of liberty and freedom equally to all human being. Everyone has the right to choose and navigate his life.

**(3) Equality of all human beings:**

Islam considers all human beings equal irrespective of caste, colour, creed and sex.

The holy prophet PBUH said,

“No Arab has superiority over a non Arab, nor a white has over a black and vice versa, except the pious.”

#### (4) Right to education :

Islam give the right to education to all human being and, even, promote it on basis of equality between men and women.

#### (5) Right to dignity and honour

Right to dignity and honour in Islam is a birth right. It is based on concept that all human beings are created by Allah and he has assigned respect to all humans.

"Allah give respect to whoever he wants and take respect from whoever he wants" **Quran**

#### (6) protection of children, elderly and women in war:

Islam prohibits the harming of children, women and elderly during war and, thus, ensure

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the protection of vulnerable class during war.

### (7) Right to food, water and property:

Islam has both the concept of individual ~~rights~~ private rights Huqooq al Ibad, and collective rights as Huqooq Allah. It gives food and water as collective right to human being and property as private right which are inalienable rights.

## Comparison of Islamic human rights with International human right.

The international human rights are ensured in Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) 1948. Whereas, Islamic fundamental human right are enshrined

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in Quran, sunnah and the last sermon of holy prophet (Pbuh).

### (1) Right to life :

The right to life was given 1400 years ago to humans ~~be~~ by Islam before its embedment in UDHR 1948.

### (2) Dignity and Honour :

This concept came to the forefront after the French revolution 1787. Whereas, Islam has proscribed it in Quran way before.

### (3) Equality of all human beings :

The west was involved in atlanta slave Trade until 19<sup>th</sup> century. On the contrary, Islam has long established equality among humanity. Whereas, the UDHR has given this right in mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### (4) Dignity, honour of human beings!

The UDHR protect the dignity and honour of human being as inborn and inalienable right. Islamic concept is based on humans have been created by Allah and he has granted them respect.

#### (5) Food, air, water:

The UDHR protect the collective and basic fundamental rights irrespective of any other aspect. Islam hold the same belief about the collective rights of food, air and water.

#### (6) Liberty and freedom:

The international concept of freedom and liberty is vague, the limits of which are confused. They are based on the philosophical ideas of Locke, Rousseau and Montesquieu. Islam's concept about liberty and freedom is clear. It is around the <sup>limits</sup> rights which Allah has proscribed.

in Quran.

### Conclusion:

Islamic concept of human rights and international human rights resemble in many aspect. Yet, they are different in timelines. Islam has given these right 1400 ago and international concepts are new.

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**Q48** Critically examines the causes of extremism in muslim world. How can Islamic teachings be applied to promote peace, tolerance and moderation in Islamic society?

**Ans:**

### Causes of Extremism in Muslim world:

Islam is a religion of peace indicated from the meaning of

Islam as "peace". There is no place of extremism which has, now, taken place in the Islamic world.

### 1- Sectarian divide among muslims:

Sectarian divide is a major reason for extremism in the muslim world. Islam is majority dissected into Shia and sunni sect. It further divide among other political ~~idea~~ and theological ideologies as Wahabis, Salafis, deobandi's, Jaffari, Baralvi etc. This sectarian divide provide a ~~dash~~ among muslims and the flourishing of Extremism.

### 2- Geopolitical rivalries:

The geopolitical rivalries particularly among Saudi and Iran have promoted, armed, ideologised and supported their respective faction against each other. Their political conflict has culminated into extremism.

expanded to the entire Islamic world.

### 3- Western intelligence influence to involve extremism in Islamic world.

Western intelligence agencies have caused extremism ~~among~~ in muslim countries wherever they want to regime change eg Libya 2011 and Iraq in 2003. This led to civil wars in these countries and eruptions of rival factions killing each other.

### 4- Lack of strong muslim identity:

The lack of strong muslim identities have strengthened ethnic identities which has enhanced extremism due to conflicting identities. eg such as in Syria, Iraq and Pakistan: Kurd, Arab, Persians, Turk, Smolhi, Punjabi, Pashtoon. These identities have caused interstate and

intrastate identity enbrenism.

5- lack of Islamic teaching of the Quran about brotherhood and the fight against evility.

Muslims are now a days riddled in unislamic practices such as drugs, alcohol, conflicts and lunaries. Thus, the forgetting of Islamic teachings of brotherhood and "Jihad bin nafs" and "jihad Billah" have weakened. These concepts are no more taken as sentimental. ~~eg~~ While the Yemenis were dying due to malnutrition, in their neighbourhood, the Saudis hold luxury football leagues and held concerts of Ariana Grande. This reflects the loss of sentiments towards the teachings of Islam among muslims.

### 6) Hybrid political systems in conflict with Islamic system:

~~Islam~~ Islam has strong and fully established political system and is very respected by Muslims. ~~but~~ Despite this, the imposition of hybrid political system such as that of western presidential and parliamentary system have given an excuse for the radical Islamist groups such as Al Qaeda, Tehrik Taliban Pakistan and Islamic State (ISIS) to wage war against the status quo.

This has led to the spread of extremism. If there was Islamic political system there would have been no reason for such groups to flourish in the first place.

Promotion of Peace,  
tolerance and moderation

## in the Islamic world

### 1- Reinforcing the Islamic teachings of peace and tolerance:

Islamic world needs to reinforce the Islamic principle teaching for peace and tolerance in theory and practice. It should be part of state policy to curb extremism.

### 2- A universal agreement among Islamic Ulama:

The muslim Ulama from all around the world should gather in Mecca, the birth place of Islam, and set the path to "agreeing to disagree" on topics of theological debate. Debates should not culminate into extremism. By doing so, the shia - sunni political divide would be reduced and so do the extremism that has spread in consequence.

- 3- The concept of muslim's as one body should be endorsed to prevent geopolitical rivalries:

The prophet PBUH said that muslims are akin to a body. When part of the body is in pain, the whole body gets discomforted. The endorsement of this principle could strengthen the ties among muslims and could reduce geopolitical rivalries such as ~~eg~~ Saudi-Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan now.

- 4- Strengthening Islamic identity to supercede that of ethnic ones:

The strengthening of Islamic identities and its promotion in the light of Quran and sunnah, not for political objectives, could reduce ethnic extremism among muslim world ~~eg~~ kurds and

Arabs and Turks in Syria.

5- Protection of minority rights and its promotion according to Islamic law:

The protection and promotion of minority right must be done through Islamic law and morality to promote peace, tolerance and moderation.

For instance, as Sir syed did by writing Ahkam-e-Islam to promote tolerance towards non Muslims.

6- Promotion of Sunnah

Sunnah of prophet (PBUH) is the hallmark of tolerance, peace and moderation. It should be emphasised in action at school, colleges and universities. Freedom of individuality should be preserved but not at the expense of collective

good. And promotion of sunnah is for the collective good of society.

### Conclusion

Islam is a religion of peace which has inspired the world. Part of the reason, it is the fastest growing religion in the world. It has no place for extremism.

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### Zakat:

Zakat is a tax in Islam for the purification of wealth, individual and the collective good of society. It is given in 2.5 of the wealth of an individual.

### Sadaqat:

Sadaqat refers to

giving of charity for social welfare

## Zakat and Sadkat in Promoting an egalitarian society:

### 1) Prevent the concentration of wealth

Islam refers to concentration of wealth as misery because it deprives the majority and concentrates wealth among the few. Thus the giving of Zakat would keep the flow of wealth in society and thus promote egalitarianism.

### 2- Promotion of equity:

Islam unlike capitalism and communism promotes equity through Zakat. It allows for individual growth and giving of Zakat for social benefits, thus promoting equity for an egalitarian society.

### 3- Reduce class struggle and enmity:

Zakat reduced class struggle.

by keeping the circulation of wealth and in this way, promote egalitarianism. Because, it would reduce the jealousy of poor for the rich.

#### 4- Uplift the poor class:

Zakat uplift the poor class by providing for the poor a loan which can help establish a way of earning. It could promote egalitarianism by reducing poverty.

#### 5- Reduce evils of Drugs, Alcohol and money wasting:

Zakat and Sadaqat would prevent the wastage of money on evil things such as drugs and alcohol. Thus it will divert wealth from evil to good works of welfare and promote egalitarianism.

#### 6- Establish a sense of collective

### responsibility:

Zakat and Sadaqat would induce in the society a sense of collective responsibility and respecting individual privacy. Unlike capitalism which surrounds around individual benefits and happiness.

### 8- Increase unity among the muslims.

Zakat and Sadaqat could increase unity among muslims by promoting love and sharing which is the essence for an egalitarian society.

### 9- Reduce the individual's love of wealth which cause the accumulation of wealth illegally:

By giving Zakat and Sadaqat the individual would loose the extreme love for wealth and materials which cause him indulge in corruption, prostitution, gambling etc. According psychological studies

### 3.1) Primary sources of sharia:

The primary sources include Quran and the sunnah of prophet PBUH. They are binding are non legistable and amendable.

### 3.2) secondary sources of sharia.

following of are the secondary sources of sharia -

3.2.1) Qias refers to analogical reasoning based on Quran and Sunnah.

3.2.2) Ijtihad It refers to the mutual consultation of judges on Islamic principles based on Quran and sunnah.

3.2.3) Ijma Ijma refers to independent reasoning of the reasoning of jurists on a matter which is not explicitly laid down in the Quran and sunnah.

→ There are also other sources such Istidlal and Istahsan.

Shura, Ichilafat and shan'a  
aligns to modern  
democracy:

Shura and democratic  
parliament.

Democracy is based on  
universal suffrage. Whereas  
the Islamic system of shura  
also reflect suffrage view  
for political decision making.

However, it is conditioned  
to being well versed  
and of good character. While  
in democracy everyone can  
vote for choosing candidate  
of governance.

Ichilafat and democratic  
system of chosen governments

Ichilafat is not an inherited  
form of government and is  
elected by shura like democratic  
by

System where people choose their government.

### Sharia and Democratic sys legal system:

Sharia is a code of law and legal principles governing the lives of muslim. Like the common law and Roman law, it also regulate day to day life and ensure the protection of human rights.

### Conclusion:

The Islamic political system is based on the sovereignty and supremacy of Allah. He has given the tools for establishing a just and fair political system binding upon all muslims.