

TEST SERIES TEST 1

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ISLAMIYAT:

QUESTION 1:

Describe Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) as a prophet of peace, tolerance and mercy for contemporary world.

INTRODUCTION:

In this contemporary world where morals, values and peace and tolerance are a thing of the past, Prophet (SAW) seerah acts as a beacon of light towards a harmonious and better future. In contemporary world where human rights are violated, the Prophet advocated for equal rights of all humans, that be Arab or non Arab all are equal (last sermon). In this contemporary world where peace and building measures are a myth, the prophet advocated for peace and tolerance (The Madina

charter) which upheld to a long time. These character and reformer traits not only guides us to a better future but also exemplifies prophet as the prophet for all generations.

i) THE PROPHET AS PROPHET OF PEACE:

a) THE MADINA CHARTER:

The Madina charter was the first written constitution of Islamic history guaranteeing equal rights and peaceful coexistence for muslims, jews and other tribes promoting peaceful coexistence and religious tolerance before it was even a thing. This constitutional genius and foresight not only portray Prophet as a prophet of peace but also as a statesman.

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TREATY OF HUBEIYA:

The treaty of Hubeiya was one of the earliest treaties among the people of Makkah and Madina. Makkah imposed a ban on pilgrims of Madina, provoking an act of war. The Prophet (SAW) swallowing his pride and tolerated the injustice of the people of Makkah. The treaty appeared as a disadvantage at first later came out as a win for Muslims in Dawah. In those two years more people became Muslims than it had in past 18 years showcasing the prophet's abilities as a **diplomat** and as a prophet of peace.

CONQUEST OF MAKKAH.

The conquest of Makkah was a turning point in the Muslims history as they had conquered the religious capital of Islam. After the conquest of Makkah Muslims

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were in the strong hold and could have turned the tables with vengeance for the atrocities the people of Makkah committed. Prophet being the prophet of peace and tolerance forgave the people of Makkah even Hinda who disrespected the dead body of the prophet's uncle **Hamza**. Such high morals and tolerance are only to be found in the prophet setting an examples for the future generations to come.

d THE TAIF INCIDENT:

The taif incidents also exemplifies the prophet's tolerance and his high morals. During the Prophet's visit to Taif for dawah, the people of taif ^{not only} rejected the prophet's dawah but ^{also} disrespected him.

Eventually this situation turned into a mob, hurting and injuring the prophet. Soon after the prophet came back from taif **Jibraiel A.S** appeared with message of Allah, Asking the prophet to

Signal for the demolition of the people of taif. The prophet S.A.W gracefully declined by saying "If their first generation is barbarian, their second generation might help the cause of Islam," which appeared to be true later on. Exemplifying the prophet of peace, tolerance and mercy.

2 THE PROPHET AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD:

a TREATY OF HUDEBIYA AS MODEL FOR I.R. AND DIPLOMACY:

Contemporary era which is driven by power politics, pseudo diplomacy, the treaty of hudebiya sets an example for the negotiations, compromise and peace building.

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MADINA CHARTER AS MODEL FOR PLURALISM AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE:

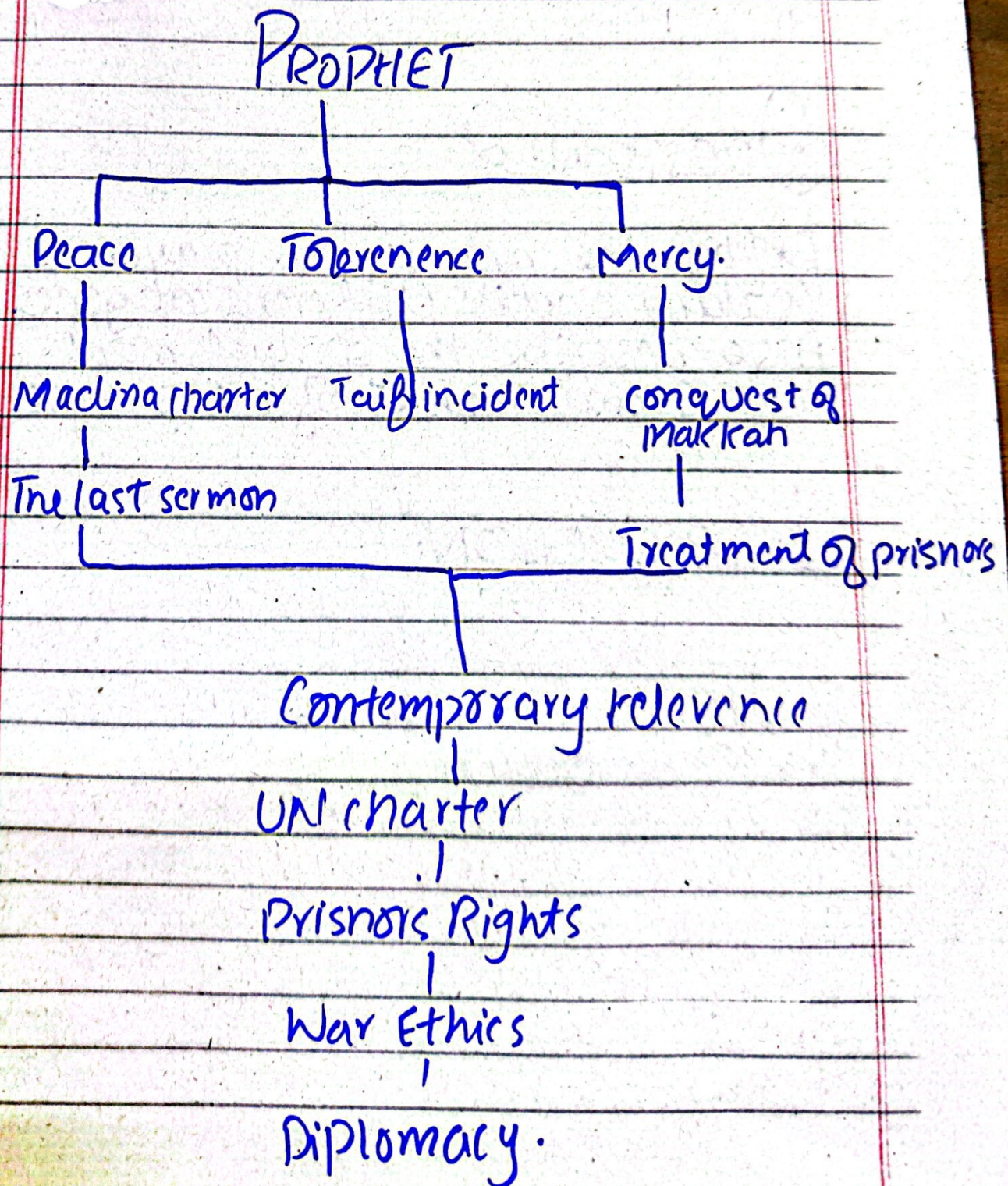
The Madina charter demonstrates Muslims and Islam not as an expansionist but as a community based on constitutional precepts of Allah and his Prophet (S.A.W) who promotes peace, religious tolerance and peace for all.

THE LAST SERMON AS FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENT FOR UN CHARTER:

Prophetic peace work framework ~~is~~ during Conquest of Makkah, Madina charter and the last sermon acts as the foundational element for UN charter. The prophetic model not only promotes peace, tolerance and mercy

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but also diplomacy, equal rights and statesmanship as the prophet said during the last sermon. "Arabs and non Arabs are all equal."



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CONCLUSION:

The ~~ecerah~~ ^{teerah} of the prophet not only guides us through akhirah but also in our daily aspects of life. From morals, ethics to war general and diplomat the prophet acts as a beacon of light for all generations.

QUESTION: 2

Define the meaning of prayer (salah) and its different categories. Also describe the spiritual, moral and social impact of the prayer.

INTRODUCTION:

Salah or Namaz is one of the five pillars of Islam which are fundamental building blocks of Islam. Salah unlike other pillars of Islam which are exercised occasionally it is offered five times a day weaving spirituality into very fabric of muslims.

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a) DEFINITION:

"Salah is the central act of worship of Allah, It is not just a ritual but a constant relation of man with Allah."

b) QURAN MENTIONS:

"Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrong doings and the remembrance of Allah is greater." 29:45

"Quran 20:14 establish prayer for my remembrance."

a) SALAH AS SPIRITUAL PURIFICATION CATALYST:

Spirituality plays a major role in a person's psychology and his mental well-being. The prophet narrates.

"The five daily prayers are like a river flowing by your door step; if you bathe in it five times a day, no dirt will remain."

Salah acts as a purification catalyst for the soul as described in the hadith earlier. Salah cleanses sins, refreshes faith and purifies the soul.

2) SALAH AS MORAL SHIELD:

Salah five times a day deters evil and acts as a shield against immorality. Salah internalizes moral consciousness through imbedding discipline, and spirituality.

"Quran 29:45 highlights salah as shield against immorality!"

3) SALAH AS SOCIAL BINDER:

Salah promotes tawheed oneness of Allah. and everyone is equal in front of Allah, during salah there is rich or poor, white or black, arab or non arab just muslim ~~is~~ exemplifying salah as social binder of equality and brotherhood.

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^b NIMAZ AS COMMUNAL DISCIPLINE AND PUNCTUALITY.

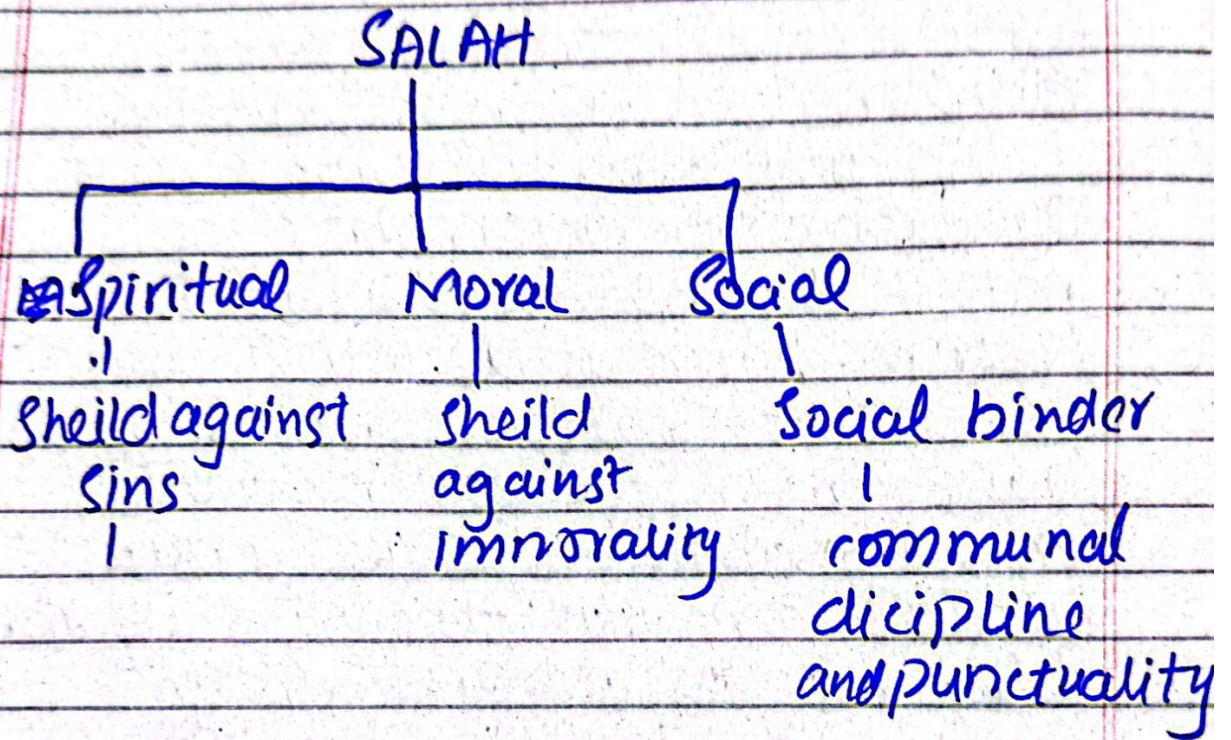
Nimaz
fosters in a community ~~and~~
discipline, and punctuality.
Communal discipline and
punctuality determines a
nation's dealings, nature and
future. Without discipline and
punctuality nations fail as we
have seen in this contemporary
era. So, Salah five times a day
fosters communal discipline working
their way towards prosperity.

CRITICAL ANALYSIS:

Islam being
a religion for all generations
works on every aspect of life, that
be spiritual, moral, social or
ethical. There are more than 3000
religions practiced around the world
but none of them works on all
aspects of human life. Islam
through ~~the~~ salah as a pillar of
Islam guides us towards
spiritual cleansing, moral safeguard,

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and discipline and punctuality, completing all aspects and institutions of human life.



CONCLUSION:

Salah works on a person's spiritual, moral, and social aspects of life completely safeguarding him from sins and guides him towards a better human being and a better community as a whole.
