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Q2) Concept of Tawheed in Islam and its influence on the individual and collective life.

Introduction:

Islam is a religion that covers each and every aspect of life.

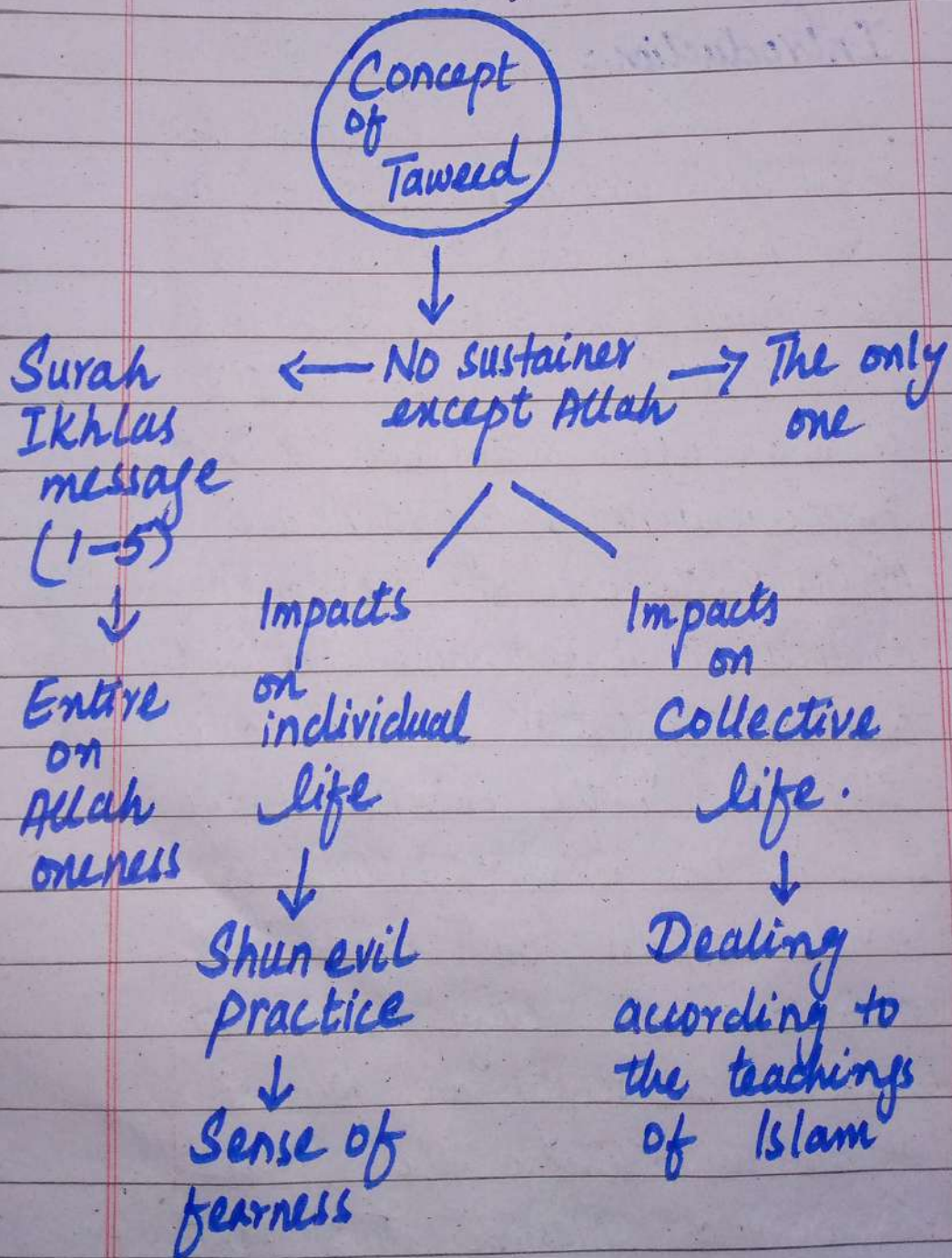
From birth to death, the first and the foremost prerequisite of Islam is to believe in Tawheed (Unity of Allah which means that everything in the universe belongs to Allah Almighty, the one and the only enalted. He is responsible for each and everything that occurs in our life and in the universe. Every thing in the universe is the sign of his oneness and unity. So it compulsory upon every Muslim to believe in the unity and oneness of Allah, otherwise he will not be a Muslim. The first

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 2. Do not write lengthy paragraphs. Write medium sized paragraphs with headings.
 3. Do not use table for comparison and contrast questions
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 6. Give around 15 headings for 20 marks question
 7. Every question should have introduction and conclusion paragraphs.
 8. Add Quran/Hadees references wherever possible.
 9. Narrate incidents from the life of Holy Prophet (SAWW) and Khulafa-e-Rashideen
 10. Add one quotation of famous religious scholar in each question.
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part of the Kalma لا اله الا الله
also implies that there is no
good but Allah. So tawheed
means oneness of Allah.



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Sense of
holding
oneself
accountable

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All patterns
from talking
walking to
sleeping based
on
the principles
of Islam
(Surah: Luqman)

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From birth
to death

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Economic,
political,
social and
judicial system
based on
Islamic injunction

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Marriage instead
of adulteration.
(Surah Hujrat
verse: 10)

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Peaceful coexistence
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Interfaith harmony.

Cover every aspect
of life

Concept of Tawheed:-

The word
"Tawheed" is derived from Arabic

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word "wahad" "واحد" which means one. So the word tauheed means "Oneness of Allah". Tauheed is the first and the most essential pillar of Islam. If the first pillar is fallen down then all the pillars will fall down. With Tauheed a person cannot call himself a true Muslim or even a Muslim. So the word Tauheed means to believe that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah.

Message of Quran: (112: 1-5)

In the Holy Quran in Surah Ikhlas Allah Almighty Himself says:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Say, O who you believe, Allah is one (112:1)

This verse implies that Allah Almighty is one in his attributes, in character his qualities and no one can match him. So it means that Muslims

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will always worship the one and the only Lord Allah Almighty.

In the third verse of Surah of Surah Ikhlas Allah Almighty says:

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ هُوَ لَمْ يَلِنْ لَهُ لَفْوَ
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Nor he begot neither was begotten. These verses also gives stress on the concept of Tawheed. Almighty Allah has clearly said in these verse that He is one, neither He was born nor are His children and he will remain the one, the supreme.

Impact of Tawheed on Individual life:

Tawheed have various impacts on the individual life. Some important are:

1) Sense of worship of Allah:

Tawheed inheret the seed of sense of worship

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towards Allah. When a person belief in Allah Almighty, so only worship^{Him}, neither he worships some one else nor idols. The sense of realization comes in a person, he starts understanding himself and establish a direct relation with his lord. He only seeks help from his lord not from anyone and only obeys Allah Almighty. Just as in the Quran Allah Almighty say:

O, you believe, obey Allah and his messenger. (Al Quran)

2) Sense of fearness:

A person who only obey in Allah doesnot afraid from anyone nor the tyrant people. Because he knows that everything in the universe belong to Allah Almighty so he only fears Allah. A person who beliefs in Tawheed knows

that everything wheather good or bad is from Allah Almighty so he stops fearing from an ordinary person.

* Sense of patience:

A person who only obeys Allah develop a sense of patience during the worst or severe condition in his life. Because he knew that all these things are from his Lord side so he seek forgiveness and refuge from him and remain patient.

As Allah Almighty in the Quran says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

Indeed, Allah is with the patient (Al Quran)

So this implies the Allah Almighty advices individuals to remain patient during the worst condition and says that He is with them. So Tawheed introduce the sense of

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patience in the individual
→ **Introduce ethics and morality:**

The concept of tawheed makes the man morally well informed. The person who belief in one Allah ^{isn't} unIslamic practices, avoid bad habits and adopt different ethics and morals. He introduces lower pace, ponder in the world of Allah and respect everyone. Because he knew that all are the creatures of Allah Almighty. In Surah Luqman Allah say: "Walk with moderate pace neither you can torn the earth apart nor you can reach the height of mountain." A person who belief in the oneness of Allah, ponder in the creations of Allah Almighty and thing think about it and learn from them. Just as the Allah

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Almighty says; "We have created for you the day and the night and made the stars and the moon your subservient so there are signs for those who understand."
(Al Quran)

Impact on collection:

*** Peaceful co-existence:**

Tawheed has several impacts on the collective life but the important one is the peaceful co-existence. People who believe in oneness of Allah fear the Allah and live peacefully with one another. Though, the differences between them are present but they know that they are for their identity or in order to test them in this world.

Indeed, we have created you in male and female, and make some people superior over you in the rank, so that we may

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test them. Surely, the most superior in Allah's eye is the one who is more grateful. (Al Quran)

* Equality and equal rights:

Tawheed leads to the equal rights.

A person who belief in oneness of Allah only fears Allah and he knew that Allah Almighty had send them in this world in order to test them, so they never discard each other right and as a result equal rights are promoted in the society and peaceful system get established.

→ Equality of rights for both men and women:-

Seeking of knowledge is compulsory for both men and women (Sahih Bukhari). The Holy Prophet PBUH had also stressed on the equality. So due to equality the harmony established in the society.

→ Tawheed remove the social evils from the society and Islamic

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economic and political system get establish.

→ Tawheed eradicate social evils from the society by introducing the concept of Zakat and Hajj.

Conclusion:-

Thus it can be concluded the tawheed covers each and every aspect of life and it is the first pillar and the basic root of Islam. In the absence of which, a person cannot be called a true Muslim.

Q3) Islam as pioneer of human rights ensuring human dignity. Basic human rights granted by Islam and its comparison with modern international human rights:

Introduction:

Islam is not just a religion. It is a complete code of life.

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It provide guidance on every aspect of life. Islam is the only religion of the world that granted rights to women and protect and safeguard them. Islam is referred as pioneer of human rights because it

granted every right that a human deserved. The human declaration of human right were adopted in October 1948 which include the right to life, to property, safety and many more. But Islam has granted these rights 1400 years ago. These rights are visible from several Holy injunctions and the last farewell sermon of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W).

Islam even granted the rights to the minorities which the UN claimed in 1948. So that's why Islam is called the pioneer of human right dignity.

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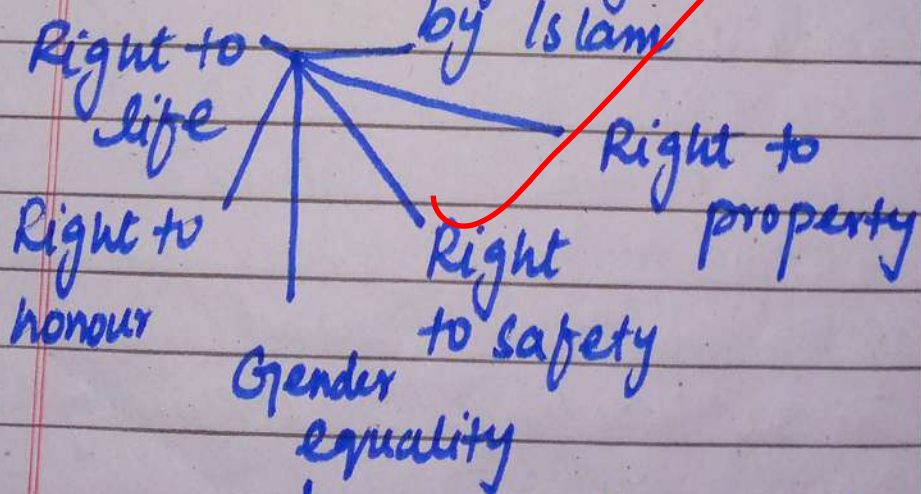
Why Islam is called
pioneer of human rights

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Last Sermon of
Prophet (S.A.W)

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Quranic verses

"Those who killed one
person, killed entire
humanity"

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Rights granted
by Islam



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All such granted
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Charter of Madina



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Granted rights for minorities
(Jews)



Charter of Hudaibiya



Rights for slaves



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Human dignity.

* Why Islam is called pioneer of
human dignity:-

Islam is called pioneer of Human
dignity because Islam granted
each and every right for the protection
of the dignity of the Humans.

In the Holy Quran Allah Almighty
says:

"You have right over your women,
and your women have right over
you, so treat them fairly."

"Whoever killed one person, killed the entire humanity." (Al Quran)

Last Sermon of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W): "Your life and properties are sacred trust."

None ^{Neither} ~~one~~ an arab has superiority over the non arab, nor a non-Arab has superiority over the Arab, except in case of piety."

→ Even advocated the rights for slaves:-

"Feed your slaves with the same food as you eat yourself and with the same clothes as you wear yourself."

* Rights granted by Islam:

Right to Life:-

"Your lives and properties are sacred trust" (Last Sermon of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W))

Right to life was granted by Islam 1400 years ago while UN has granted such right now.

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* Protection of honour:-

Islam has provided the right of the protection of honour. The Prophet of Islam said that your honour are sacred trust. Islam has setup special punishment in case of ruining someone honour or chastity. (Order of had). For fornication there are 80, for murder there is murder and many more.

* Protection of wealth:

According to Holy Prophet (S.A.W); "I swear by God, if the daughter of Muhammad is caught in theft, so it will amputate her hand." This clearly shows that Islam had granted equal rights for all and had provided them with safety and protection.

* Equal rights for women:-

"Seeking of knowledge is compulsory for both men

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and women" (Al-Hadith).
It Hadith that Islam grant
equal rights to both men and
women.

* Freedom of speech:

The freedom of speech is also
granted by the Islam. The Holy
Prophet (S.A.W) establish a
Shura and consulted the
Companions and asked for their
opinion regarding special and
important issue. His notable
Caliphs also followed his pattern.
Hazrat Umar (R.A) was asked
by another Caliph about the new
shawl he wore. He (R.A) provided
him the explanation, instead of
punishing him.

* Rights to minority:-

Even the Islam had granted the
rights to minorities. The charter
of Madina is one of the evident
example of minority rights.

The 2nd clause of the charter of madina granted safety and ameneety to the jews.

Its claims that: "Any attack on them will be ~~att~~ considered as an attack on Mullims and we will combinely respond to that attack."

Thus, it can be clearly said that the Islamic rights are hence more progressed than the modern democratic rights. The UN charter just claims of the right to life and property but didnot defend it properly.

As evident from the ~~Palestine~~ issue. While Islam is complete code of life. It covers every aspect of life. That Allah Almighty has said in the Holy Quran:

"I have completed my bounty upon you, and choosen for you Islam as a deen". (Al Quran)

Q4) Causes of extremism in the Muslim world. How Islamic teaching be implied to promote peace and harmony in Islamic society.

Introduction:-

Islam is a universal religion. It is a complete code of life. Islam stresses on the peaceful co-existence of the society. The message of Islam is based on peace and harmony. According to the Holy Quran: "There is no compulsion in deen" (Surah Baqarah). The message of the Holy Quran is peace. But unfortunately, the Muslims nowadays had misinterpreted the concept and the teachings of the Holy Quran and are following extremist practices. In order to ~~can~~ show unIslamic practices promotion of Islamic teaching and true concept of Islam is necessary.

* Causes of extremism:-

There are several causes of extremism:-

- 1) Misinterpretation of Islamic and Quranic teachings:-

One of

the major reason for extremism is the misinterpretation of the Quran teaching and verses. The Quran itself states that "there is no compulsion in deen". The Islam was not spread with the power of sword but it was spread with the ~~all~~ humble morals and etiquettes of the Holy Prophet (SAW). The Quran itself says in Surah Qalam verse 8 that,

"Indeed you were on the high standard of morality." But unfortunately they had misinterpreted Islamic teaching, due to which extremism is on the rise and Islam is considered as the extremist religion.

* Negative role of the clerics:-

The other major cause of the rise of the extremism is the negative roles played by the clerics and the madrasas.

After 1990 several madrasas were established and are still unregistered; they misinterpret Islamic teachings and change the mentality of the youth. As the youth being energetic

and talented; not truly guided convey their religion in a negative sense and leads toward terrorism and extremism.

→ Lack of awareness regarding true injunctions of Islam:-

Another major reason is the lack of awareness among the general. They don't know the true teachings of Islam and are wrongly guided.

→ Islamophobia also leads toward extremism:-

The consider their wrong path as right and undergoes terrorism.

Islamophobia is also one of the major reason behind ~~the~~ extremism. The west misinterpret Islam. The torture Muslims, attack their religious places and even their holy books. Such Islamophobic activities are evident in the Europe, where new case is recorded every few days. The example of Palestine and Kashmir is very common. The Islamophobic activities inherit the seed of frustration in the Muslim, they behave furiously and violently. Their

violent activities adopt the structure of extremism in the end.

Promotion of Islamic teachings to establish peace, harmony and unity in the society:-

- * Positive Role of the Cleric and Translation of religious scripture in different languages:-
The cleric has a great role in shaping the mentality of the nations and especially the youth. If the cleric holds seminars, gives sermons and criticizes extremism in their sermons, so there are greater changes of peace and harmony in the society.

→ The Islamic scripture should be translated in every language so that the Muslim know the exact meaning of the divine messages and did not get misled by the extremist groups.

- * Establish chapters and study regarding The Seerah of Holy Prophet (S.A.W):-
Separate lesson should be taught at the schools and at different levels of

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- teachings to make Muslims aware about the search of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W). That the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) him dislike extremism and say "The better path is of the moderation"
- Establish courts and tribunals according to Islamic teachings to Punish the extremist groups and organizations.
 - Various online portals must be established on which the true interpretation of Islam should ~~be~~ be presented and the violent and extremist portals should be banned.
 - Through writing: Various books and writings must be published, in order to awake the consciousness of Muslims. In these writings various instances of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) should be presented, in which the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) prefer peace instead of extremism such as Hudaibiya truce, Conquest of ~~Makkah~~ Makkah, Charter of Madina.

Conclusion:-

Thus, ~~It~~ It can be said that Islam is a religion of

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moderation and its various injunctions stresses on moderation instead of extremism and terrorism. By adopting the above mentioned strategies, extremism can be mitigated.

Q7 * Vital principles of Islamic political system :-

Introduction:-

Islam is a complete code of life. It not only guide individual life but provide guidance on every aspect of life. Islam, even provide guidance on the economic life, social life, political life and judicial life. Islam provides several principles for the establishment of Islamic political system. The Islamic political system is wholly dependent on the principles of Islam and the teaching of the Quran and Sunnah. Though majority of the principle of Islamic political system is align with modern democratic system but still

the difference remains. The Islamic political system is well progressed and developed than the modern democratic system.

* Basic Principles of Islamic political system:-

1) Sovereignty belong to Allah Almighty.

The first essential principle of the Islamic political system is that sovereignty belong to Allah Almighty. No one is above the actual sovereign "the Allah". According to Holy Quran "Every thing that is on the land and in the heaven belongs to your Lord".

2) Khilafat:-

The other basic principle of the Islamic political system is the Khilafat. The Khilafat is God gifted and the Khalif is appointed by the Lord.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) was appointed by Allah Almighty.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) did not elect anyone by himself, though leave few hints.

→ The first Khalif; Abu Bakar (R.A)

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himself appointed the second Caliph Hazrat Umar (R.A) so it was a selection not election. While Hazrat Umar nominated Hazrat Usman (R.A) ~~and~~ after consultation with few persons, so it was limited election.

~~Though~~ The concept of election or selection both are present in Islam while the modern democracy shows the practice of selection and focuses on the election.

According to "Shafi" the great Scholar three things are necessary for Islamic political system:

- 1) Sovereignty of Allah.
 - 2) Khilafat
 - 3) The person to run the Khilafat.
- * Mutual consultation:-

The other important principle of Islamic political system is consultation (Shura). During the time of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) Shura was present and Hazrat Umar (R.A) also consulted with the wise companions. During various instances Holy

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- Prophet (S.A.W) consulted with his companions.
- Battle of Badr:- Whether to fight or not.
 - Battle of Uhud:- Where to fight
 - Battle of Ahzab:- Consulted for the strategy and Hazrat Salman (R.A) gave the idea of trenches.

So consultation is the mutual idea or discussion with the people to know their ideas and also represent your idea. Although, in modern democratic system no proper system of consultation is present.

An American psychanalyst says about the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) That:

For well established political system following things are necessary.

- A loyal leader.
- A leader that combine people under one common belief.
- A territory in which people live peacefully. So Muhammad had all these so it can be said that Islamic political system is more better than the

present democratic system.

→ Transparency and accountability:-
Another important aspect of Islamic political system is transparency and accountability. According to the Holy Prophet (SAW); "If the daughter of Muhammad will commit theft her hand will also be cut down".

→ Islamic law and Shariah:-
Shariah means way of life path. So the Islamic political system should be ~~be~~ based on the teachings of Quran and Sunnah which are the primary sources and also on the secondary sources that opens the door for Ijtihad and Qiyas. So the Shariah should be the important and essential law of Islamic political system. Thus it can be concluded that Islamic political system is more developed than modern democratic system.

