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Islamic Studies (Quiz)

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Question 1

Definition of Tauheed - The Bedrock of Islam

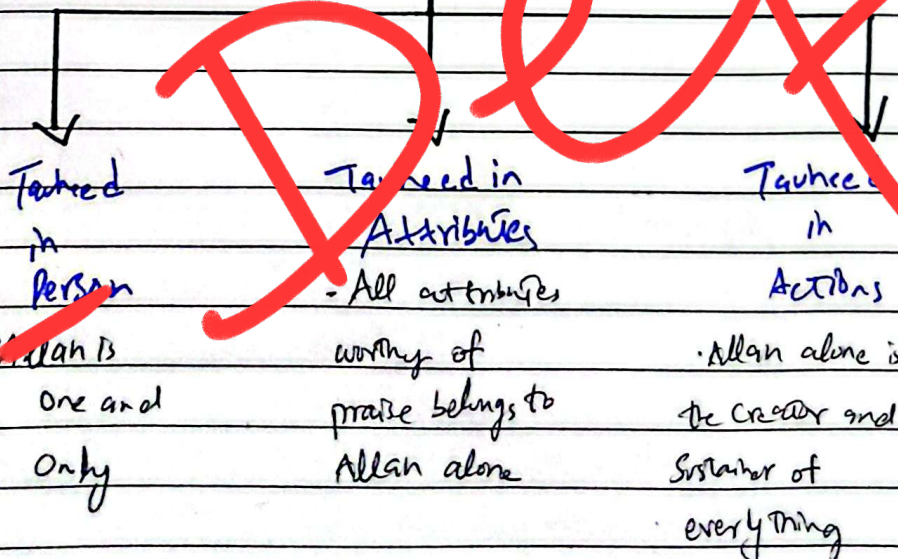
Tauheed means to believe in the Oneness of Allah, that there is no deity worthy of worship except Him. He alone deserves all praise, has no partner, no beginning and no end.

Allah is the sole Creator and a source of sustenance for all living beings.

Tauheed forms the basic foundation of Islam.

Tauheed can be categorized into three types.

Types of Tauheed



Significance and Impact on Individual Life

1- Gives Purpose to Life

The realization that Allah created humans to worship Him and put Him above all other living beings, gives purpose to life.

"I did not create the Jinns and the humans except for the purpose that they should worship Me."

(Al-Quran)

2- Inculcates Self-Respect

Tawheed makes a person realize Allah's blessings that he is the creation of Allah and honored above other beings.

"We have honored the Children of Adam, and carried them... and greatly favoured them over many of those we created."

(Al-Quran)

3- Instills Humility and Modesty

Recognition of Allah's greatness makes one humble and prevents arrogance.

"Pride is My cloak and greatness My robe and whoever competes with Me

with regard to either of them,
I shall throw him into Hell."

(Al-Hadith)

4- Develops Self-Accountability

Belief in The Day of Judgment, make
believer act righteously.

"We will set up the scales
of justice for the Day of
Resurrection, so that no soul
will suffer the least injustice.
And even if it is the weight
of a mustard seed, we will
bring it up. Sufficient are
we as Reckoners."

(Al-Quran)

5- Instills Trust and Hope in Allah

Faith in Allah makes believer
reliant on Allah. However, a sinful
person is, ^{one} should never lose hope in
Allah's mercy.

"Do not despair of Allah's
mercy, for Allah forgives
all sins. He is indeed
the Forgiver, the Clement."

(Al-Quran)

6- Instills Peace and Contentment

Belief in one God is granted, peace,
contentment and focus.

"Surely, it is in The

remembrance of Allah
that heart finds comfort."

(Al-Quran)

7- Ensures Eternal Success

Only those who believe in one God will attain salvation.

"And whoever associates others with Allah has indeed committed a grave sin."

(Al-Quran)

Significance and Impact on the Society

1- Promotes Equality

Tawheed eliminate all kinds of discrimination reminding believers that all humans are equal before Allah; Superiority is only through piety.

"Surely, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you."

(Al-Quran)

2- Strengthens the Concept of Brotherhood

Belief in one God unites Muslims into one brotherhood.

"Certainly all Muslims are brothers."

(Al-Quran)

3- Creates a Purposeful Society

A society that believes in one Allah lives with a shared purpose, to worship Him.

"I did not create the Jinn and the humans except for the purpose that they should worship Me."

(Al-Quran)

4- Builds a Humble and Modest Society

When people realise that all power and greatness belong to Allah alone, arrogance and pride vanish.

"He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter paradise."

(Al-Hadith)

5- Brings Peace and Order

With justice, equality, and unity, a Tauheed-based society enjoys harmony and order.

"Indeed, Allah commands justice, loving good and generosity towards relatives; ..."

(Al-Quran)

Conclusion

Tauheed is the cure of Islamic belief. It shapes the individual's faith,

behaviour, and mindset while nurturing a just and peaceful society. Tawheed is the bedrock of Islam, that establishes a system of equality, morality, and unity.

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1. Meaning of Prayer (Salaat)

Literal meaning — supplication or dua.
In Terminology, prayer (Salaat) refers to the five daily obligatory prayers.

Prayer (Salaat) is one of the important pillar of Islam, and the only act of worship that was made obligatory by Allah during the Mawraj in the 10th year of Prophethood, making it the first and only worship to be obligated during the Makki era.

2. Categories of Prayer

a- Fard (Obligatory):

- Prayers that are compulsory for every Muslim.
- Missing them without valid reason is sinful.
- Includes the five daily prayers.

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b. Sunnah:

- Prayers regularly performed by the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)
- Includes two rak'at before Fajr, four ~~to~~ rak'at before Zuhr and two after, two after Maghrib, and two after 'Isha.

b- Nafl (Optional):

- Optional prayers that bring immense reward but are not obligatory.
- Examples include Tahajjud, Ashraeq, and Awakeen.

3- Spiritual Impact of Prayer

a- Brings one closer to Allah

Prayer connects the believer directly with the Allah and creates a sense of nearness and love for Him.

"The most beloved thing, with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming close to Me through performing Nawafil till I love him."

(Al-Hadiq)

b Purification from Sins

Prayer is a source of atonement of sins.

"Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, 'A

Muslim observes prayer for
Allah's sake and his sins
fall from him as these
leaves fall from this tree."

(Al-Hadith)

c- Source of Peace and Contentment

Prayer provides spiritual calmness and
strengthens faith through remembrance
of Allah.

"Surely, it is in the remembrance
of Allah that hearts find
comfort."

(Al-Quran)

d- Helps Stay Away from Evil

Prayer helps a person by restraining
from immoral and sinful acts.

"Surely, salaat restrains
one from shameful and
evil acts."

(Al-Quran)

4- Moral Impact of Prayer

a- Instills Punctuality

Performing five daily prayers at prescribed
times will instill punctuality in
other affairs.

"Prayer is enjoined upon believers
at a stated time."

(Al-Quran)

b- Promote Purity and Cleanliness

Through ablution (wudu), a believer ensures cleanliness and purity of his body and clothes.

"When you rise to pray, wash your faces, your hands and arms to the elbows and wipe your heads, and your feet to the ankles."

(Al-Duran)

c- A Means to Seek Help and Patience

Whenever the Prophet (P.B.U.W) faced difficulty, he turned to prayer.

"Seek help through patience and Salaat"

(Al-Duran)

"When anything distressed the Prophet, he prayed."

(Al-Hadith)

d- Social Impact of Prayera- Strengthens The Social Fabric

Shared worship develops harmony and cooperation within the Muslim community.

"Prayer in congregation is 27 times more superior to prayer offered by a person alone."

(Al-Hadith)

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Strengthens Unity

Regular gathering at fixed times brings a sense of order and responsibility in society.

"Indeed the Ummah of yours
is one Ummah, and I am
your Lord, so worship Me."

(Al-Quran)

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Promotes Humility and Equality

The rich, poor, leader and servant —
all are before one Allah. It
creates Modesty and humility.

"Successful are indeed are
the believers. Those who
humble themselves in their
prayers."

(Al-Quran)

Conclusion

Salat is not merely a ritual but
a comprehensive system of spiritual, moral,
and social reform. It connects a
believer to Allah, purifies the heart, and
builds unity among people.

Thus, prayer truly shapes a righteous
individual and a harmonious community.

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