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Characteristics of Islamic Civilization.

1. Introduction:

Islam - a complete code of life - provides multi-dimensional, universal and holistic teachings. Therefore, the Islamic civilization has distinct and profound characteristics. The characteristics of Islamic civilization include the concept of tawhid, tazkiyah-e-nafs (self-purification), hisbah (accountability), dignity and human right preservation.

Insan, rule of law, religious freedom, tolerance, social justice and equality. Moreover, the circulation of wealth establishes economic justice and the well-defined roles of every individual enables social cohesion.

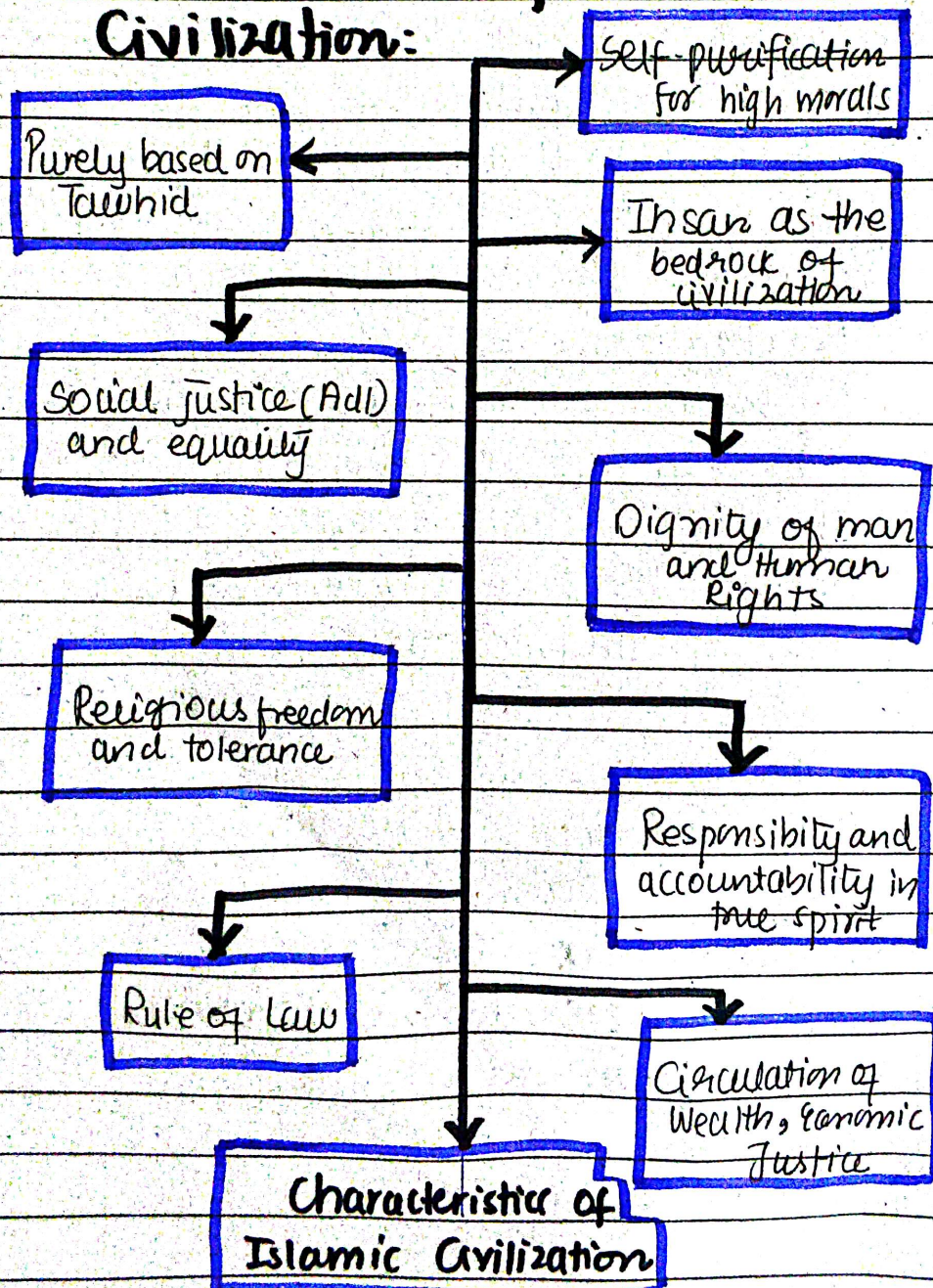
2. The Concept of Islamic Civilization - The Doctrine of Ummah:

Allah (S.W.T) says in the Holy Quran as:

— You are the best nation
ever produced, you enjoin
right and forbid evil,
and believe in Allah —

- Surah Aal-e-Imran

3. Characteristics Of Islamic Civilization:



a) Islamic Civilization, Purely Based on Tawhid And Unity of God:

Islamic belief of Tawhid and Islamic principles are main characteristics of Islamic civilization.

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم وافتقمت عليكم
نعمتي ورضيت لكم الاسلام ديناً .

—Today I have completed your religion and perfected my favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as religion.—

—Surah Maida

b) Ihsaan (Inner Dimension of Islam) as bedrock of Islamic Civilization:

Ihsaan is also among the characteristics of Islamic civilization.

Islam → Imaan → Ihsaan

highest degree of faith

Allah says in the Holy Quran as:

هل جزاء الايمان الا احسان

—And what is the reward of Ehsan except Ehsan—

—Susan Rehman

c. Sense Of Responsibility and Accountability In True Spirit - The main characteristic of Islamic Civilization:

Islam and Islamic civilization emphasizes on responsibility and accountability.

— Accountability is a *far-e. kifayah*; *Hisbah* & a collective obligation of Muslim Society —

— *Ahya-ul-Uloom*
— *Al-Gharali*

d. Social Justice And Equality as the main pillar of Islamic Civilization:

The main pillars of Islamic civilization also contain social justice and equality.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ بِالْعَمَلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ

— Indeed, Allah commands Justice and Grace —

— Surah Nahl: 90

e) Human Dignity and Multi-Dimensional Human Rights Preserved - Distinct Characteristic of Islamic Civilization:

Allah (s.w.t) in the Holy Quran says about human dignity as the following:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ

— Indeed, we've dignified the children of Adam —

— Surah Isra

f) Charity, Circulation of Wealth for the Establishment of Economic Civilizational Justice:

Islam is the only religion/deen which has strictly emphasized on circulation of wealth for establishment of Economic Justice.

— Verses of Surah

Tauba, Surah Baqara clearly mentions the laws related to it —

g) Religious Freedom, Tolerance and Respect for Diversity In Islamic Civilization:

Islamic civilization encourage religious tolerance as in Holy Quran, Allah says:

لَا كَرْهَ فِي الدِّينِ .

— There is no compulsion in religion. —

— Surah Baqara

h) The Concept of Self-Purification (Tazkiyah-e-Nafs) for High Moral Standards:

The characteristic of self-purification has high regard in Islamic civilization.

— The reflection of soul sets highest ethical and moral standards for a society —

— Imam Ghazali
[Ahya-ul-Uloom

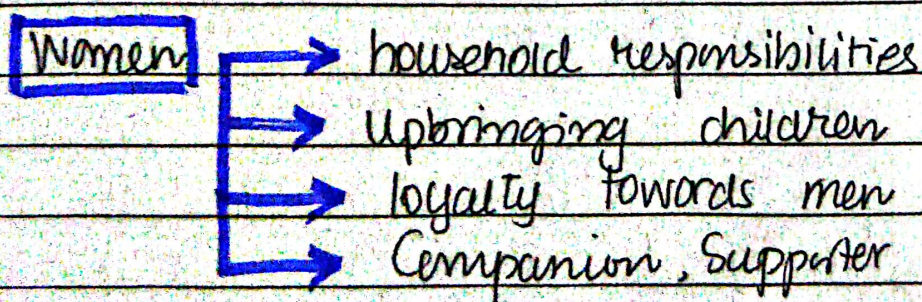
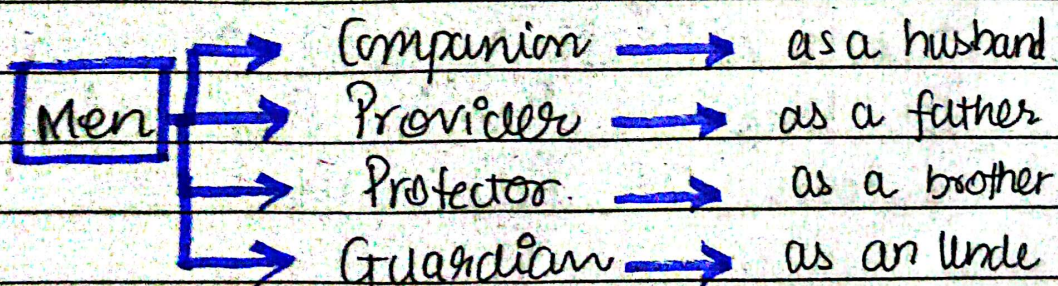
i) Rule of law - The Core Teaching of Islam and Characteristic of Islamic Civilization:

Rule of law and equality before law is another characteristic of Islamic Civilization.

— If Fatima Binte Mohammad (S.A.W) were to steal, I would cut her hands off —

— Holy Prophet (S.A.W)

ii) Well-Defined Roles, Duties and Responsibility of Every Individual in Islamic Civilization:



4. Concluding Analysis:

— The world was illuminated
with the light of Quran
and teachings of sunnah —
- Bossworth

Thus, it can be concluded that Islam as a religion and Islamic civilization possesses distinct characteristics including concept of tawhid, responsibility and accountability, self-purification, and the preservation of human rights and dignity.

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Islamic System of Public Administration and Measures To Improve Public Administration System of Pakistan.

1. Introduction:

Islamic system of public administration has emphasized on the rule of law, social equality, consultancy

accountability, responsibility and fair treatment of minorities.

However, Pakistan needs to overhaul its administrative system as it lacks meritocracy in appointments, leads in corruption, prevails in elite bureaucratic norms and follow unethical practices. Thus, all of these can be restored as per Islamic teachings by restoring status of public servant, reiterating Islamic teachings and by addressing public grievances.

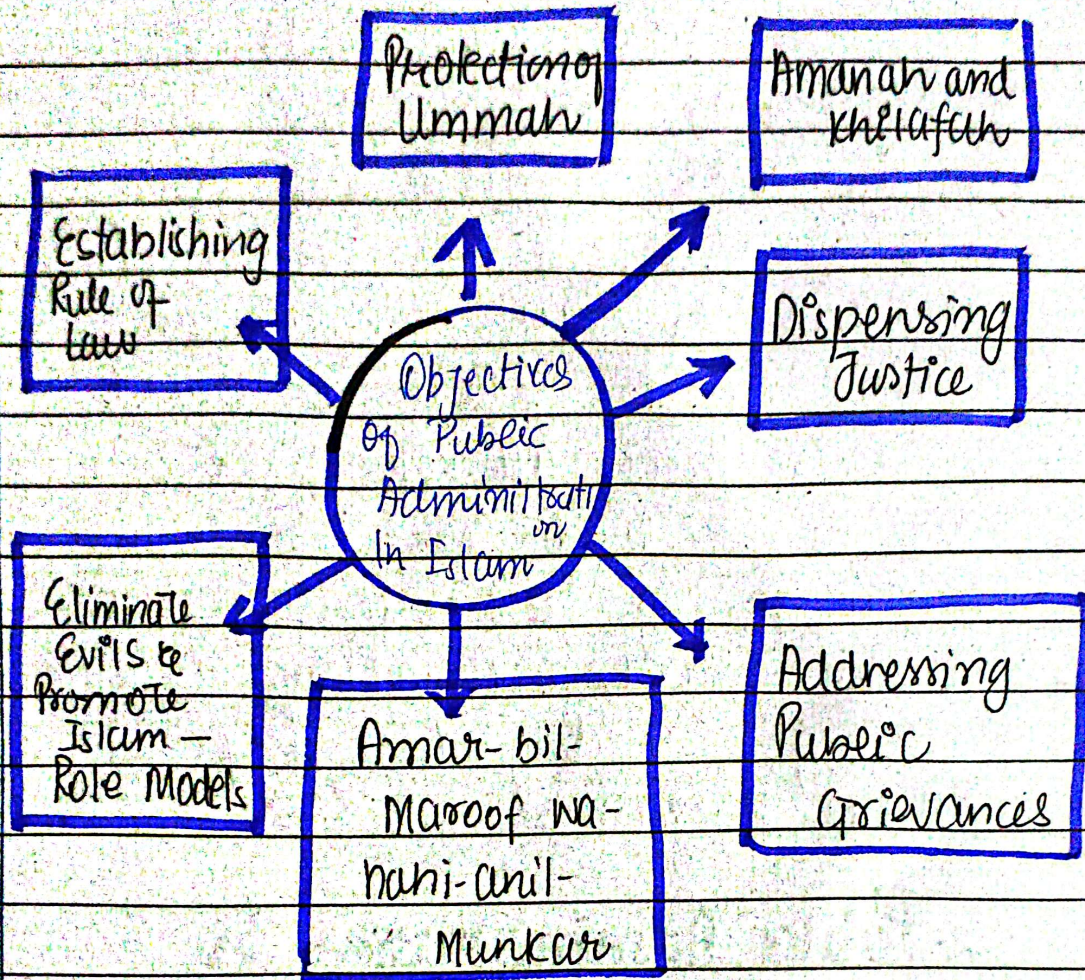
2. Public Administration In Islam:

An academic discipline to prepare public servants is generally known as Public Administration. In Islam,

—The Public Administration in Islam is a mission given to mankind to serve the demands of two sectors i.e Demands of Allah, and the Demands of human beings —

-Dr Israr Ahmed

3. Objectives of Public Administration in Islam:



4. Suggestions To Improve Public Administration System of Pakistan; In the light of Islam:

a) Elimination Of Corruption and Un-Ethical Financial Practices - By Reiterating Islamic Teachings:

The public administrative system currently

faces the menace of corruption and unethical financial practices as per IMF Report 2015. However, it can be resolved by reiterating Islamic teachings:

— Fear Allah, He is continuously watching you and your deeds —

[The First Pious Caliph
Hazrat Abu-Bakr (R.A)]

b) Restoring The Status Of Public Servant From the status of elite Bureaucrats; For Efficient Service Delivery:

The rise of Social Media Technology and Apps have witnessed, the highest bureaucratic presence. The elite culture has started to prevail as per Islamabad Policy Institute. However, Islam suggests the following for efficient service delivery:

سید القوم خادمت

— Chief of a nation, is the chief Servant-
-Al-hadees

c) Avoiding Preferential treatment for Equitable and United Society:

Public Administration

In Islam strongly emphasize on avoiding preferential treatment.

Historical incidences and reports reflect this message in Pakistan. However, for equitable society, Caliphs always emphasized on avoiding preferential treatment. As mentioned in

— The letters of Hazrat Umar (RA) to Hazrat Usman bin Ghatwan (RA) —

d) Fair Treatment of Minorities to address Public Grievances:

Islam,

Honour Prophet (SAW) and Pious Caliphs emphasize on fair treatment of minorities too. The misuse of Blasphemy laws towards minorities reflect compromised treatment in Pakistan as per HRCP report 2025. However, Pious Caliph mentioned in letters to avert this too.

— The letter of Hazrat Umar (RA) towards Hazrat Muawwiyah Ibn Sufyan —

e) Accountability and Responsibility in true and strict manner for preservation of national resources:

The accountability and responsibility crisis in Public Servants is visible in Pakistan. However, Allah says:

فَمَنْ لَّيْلٌ مِّثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ
وَمَنْ لَّيْلٌ مِّثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

— And whoever does a good deed,
weighing an atom shall see it, and
whoever does a bad deed would
see it too —

— Surah Alzaal

f) Reinforcing Democratic Norms for Smooth and Inclusive Public Administration:

Public administration in Pakistan had seen its lows too. However, the tag of Hybrid Regime by International organizations reflect loss of democratic norms.

وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ

— And consult them in affairs —

— Surah Aal-e-Imran.

This consultancy in affairs has become inevitable for smooth public administration in Pakistan.

g) Meritocracy In Appointments for Averting Brain Drain and National Decline:

As per reports from Ministry of Planning, Pakistan faces the crisis of brain drain. However, one of the causes of this is the crisis of merit-based appointments. However, Islamic teachings suggest otherwise.

— The appointment of Ambassadors were done purely on meritocracy in Prophet (S.A.W) era —

h) Personality Development And Efficient Training system of Public Administrators for Exceptional Civil Service:

Right man for the right job is essential for civil service. As, Allama Iqbal says:

و سبق لہ پڑھ صداقت کا، بدالت کا، نفاق کا
یا جانے گا کلام حق سے دنیا کی اصالت کا۔

— Allama Iqbal

for the training, knowledge of public servants as they would fulfill greater tasks.

5) Comparative Analysis:

Despite the shortcomings of public administrative system of Pakistan, it is still better than the western public administrative system. The absence of accountability of was criminals, the discriminatory and ruthless treatment of Muslims by Indian public administration and the ban on Hijab (religious freedom) in Sweden, France administration reflects better position of Pakistani administrative system. However, the room of improvement needs to be fulfilled.

6) Conclusion:

Thus, it can be concluded that Pakistani Administrative system can be improved by following Islamic teachings of rule of law, fair and equitable treatment, accountability and preservation of minority rights.