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Question no. 1

Describe the basic beliefs of Islam in general...

I. Introduction:

Islam has five basic beliefs in its boundaries. Every belief system is the testimony of Oneness of Allah, belief in Angels, belief in Qur'an the Holy and last book of Allah, and finality of Prophet of Muhammad (S.A.W), last but not least belief in Akhirah the (Day of Resurrection).

Islam is a religion of peace and complete submission to Allah's will.

Whoever submitted to the will of Allah will be rewarded with paradise and, whoever do not submit to the will of Allah will be punished by hell fire. The doctrine of Akhirah is also one of the beliefs in Islam, which emphasize on good deeds in this life and wait for reward hereafter.

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Allah has certain code of life, in which man has to follow them for reward. Whosoever will not obey them Allah will hold accountable to all the mankind and, reward and punish them accordingly. Belief in Akhirah has certain benefits on Individual as well as societies' life. Man needs to be faithful and obey Allah's commandments blindly.

II. Basic belief of Islam

- Belief in Tawheed
- Belief in the Finality of Prophethood
- Belief in the Holy Book of Allah
- Belief in the Day of Resurrection
- Belief in the Angels of Allah

The faith of a Muslim is incomplete until and unless he/she accept Islamic believes from one's heart and tongue.

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Say, Allah is one, and Prophet
(P.B.U.H) is his last Prophet
Al-Quran

III. The doctrine of Akhirah

Introduction:

The Day of Resurrection is one of the fundamental beliefs of Islam in which a Muslim believes that one day all the habitants of this Universe will be destroyed and Allah will recreate them and held accountable in front of them. On this day the Nama-e-Amal (records) of all Muslims and Non-Muslims will be handed over to them. Then Allah will held His Court for judgement, at that time the sinner will be punished and doer of good deeds will be rewarded perfectly.

Meaning of Akhirah

The world is mortal and

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everything in this world will be vanish or destroyed by Allah. The life after death is the Last Day of Judgment. The Muslims know that when they die they will go to graves, then Allah recreate them, judge them, and held accountable. This is the process to belief in the Day of Judgment. Allah has saved all the records of sinner and pious man for day of Judgement.

Summary of the belief in Akhirah

One day the whole universe will be destroyed and all inhabitants in it.

Allah will recreate all the dead Jinns and humankind

Nama-e-Amal (records) of all the mankind will be preserved for the Day of Judgement.

Allah will hold His court of Justice to reward and punish

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people for their good and bad deeds accordingly.

Logical reasoning behind the 'day of judgment'

Allah will destroy all the mankind and inhabitants in this Universe. According to the science of entropy of thermodynamics the material or atoms of the Earth and Universe is in the process of self destruction and the world will also be destroyed one day.

Next, Allah will recreate the living things after their death. The process of generation is difficult than recreation of anything. Similarly, if Allah can create man and destroy the man He can easily recreate them from ashes. And recreation is merely the joining of existing particles of the mass.

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Also, Nama-e-Amal the records of all people will be preserved for the day of Judgment. Today's science explored that the energy of anything can be restored scientifically, and one example is sound waves. The sound waves in this universe are the form of energy and scientifically energy can neither be created nor be destroyed. It needs a medium to be restored perfectly. Similarly, the records of human bad or good deeds are preserved and Allah will hold them accountable.

Further, Jaza and Saza process of Allah Almighty is Supreme. The logical answer to this question is, if a person committed crime on this Earth and killed 30 people, how can he be punished with his one single life? The answer to this question is the Day of Akhirah. In last day of

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Judgment the person will be held accountable for his sin and he will be punished 30 times for manslaughter in the present life on Earth.

Last, the arrival of the Prophets of Allah will be useless if there is no concept of Akhirah.

Qur'anic reference of Akhirah

"Allah has created the days and nights (for rest) and the Hell and Paradise (for reward) And whosoever, denied the fact that Allah cannot punish or reward them, woe to those as hell fire."

Al-Quran

Hadees reference of Akhirah

O believers, Allah has a perfect plan for all the people in the Day of Akhirah

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Impact of Akhirah in individual life

Pious and righteousness in morals of individual

The one who believes in the day of judgment is pious and do good deeds as he knows that Allah is seeing him.

Sense of satisfaction for the day of reward

The oppressed one has the sense of satisfaction in him as he knows that the day of judgment will be the day of his rewards from Allah alone.

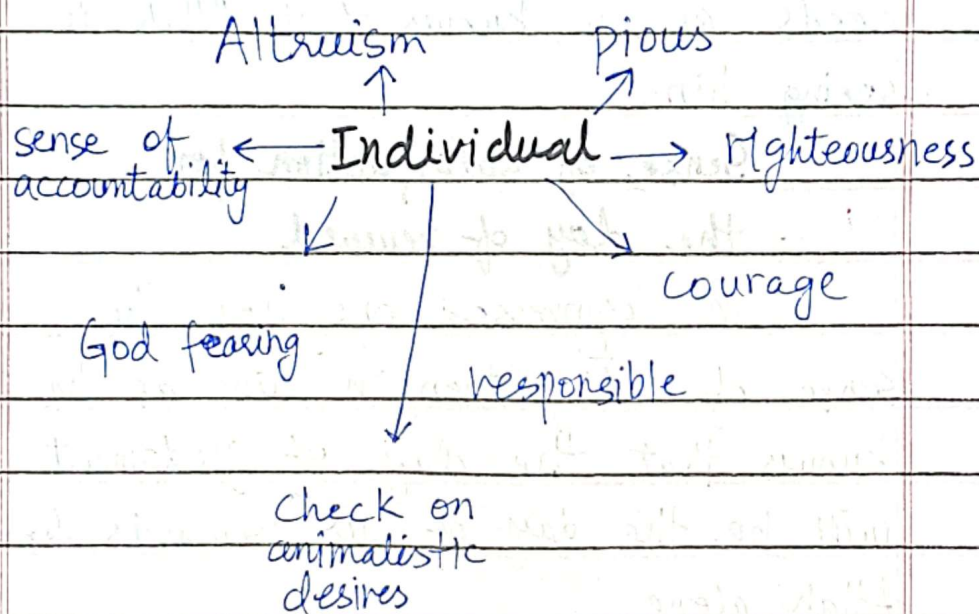
Courage in individual to face the judgement of Allah

The believer knows that Allah is All knowing and all wise, he have no fear of the worldly affairs. Allah will punish those who suppress the oppressed. The courage in man is the reward of believing in the

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day of Judgment

More benefits of believing
in the day of Judgment



Impact of Akhirah on society

Responsibility of society towards
other fellow beings

The people in a society are
pious who believe in the day of
Judgment, and they try their level

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best to comfort their fellow beings! The virtuous society will be responsible for other fellow beings for their rights on them. People will help each other in this sense of responsibility.

Sense of brotherhood and charity

Akhirah belief holds accountable everyone. This sense make mankind free from the clutches of lust of wealth and property. People do charity for good 'Nama-e-Amal' in the day of Judgment, and Allah knows the intentions of people from their hearts and minds.

Allah is closer to human's jugular veins. He is all-knowing all-Wise

Al-Quran

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Conclusion:

Belief system is Islam is purely based on the sense of peace. If a person belief in the Tawheed he feels accountable to Allah, if he belief in the finality of Prophet-hood he follows Sunnah of our beloved prophet (P.B.U.H). Further, the Last book of Allah, the angels and the Day of Resurrection, all leads to him towards peace, brotherhood, collective life benefits, individual life benefits, and sense of responsibility in the life and life after death. To sum up, Akhirah is the core of all believes. If a man believes in all basics of Islam eventually he hold himself for the day of Judgment well.

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Question no. 2

Introduction:

The concept of prayer is prescribed by our beloved Prophet (P.B.U.H), and it is iterated in Holy Quran 40 times along with Zakat. Prayers in Islam are the ways to cleanse our bad deeds through bowing down before Allah. It has moral, spiritual, and social benefits on the performer of the prayers. It purifies the heart and soul of the performer of prayers. It creates a sense of responsibility in the believer and holds him accountable for the day of Judgment. It makes all the believers 'Ummah'. They feel the pain for oppressed Muslims in other corners of the world and try to do charitable deeds for them.

II. The Concept of Salah (prayer) in Islam

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The formal obligatory prayer is performed five times a day, serving as direct, structured connection with Allah, reinforcing faith, discipline and purpose through specific relations and physical movements (standing, bowing, prostrating), facing the Kabah in Makkah, and it is the second pillar of Islam vital for spiritual purification and guidance of mankind.

Five obligatory prayers of a day arrangement

Fajr	2	2		
Zohar	4	4+2	2	
Asar	4			
Maghrib	3	2	2	
Isha	4	4+2	2+2	3
	Farz	Sunnah	Nafal	Witar

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III. Impacts of prayers on spiritual health

Spiritual nourishment through prayers

Prayer are the way to nourish one's soul through prostration in front of Allah.

deepened connection with Allah

It connects man with Allah, no intermediaries are required to talk with Allah except one's belief in Allah and Namaz is a best way.

Inner peace and solace

Namaz can provide inner peace if one perform it with pure heart and soul. Allah provide peace and inner solace through prayers.

Character transformation

Prayers are the way of transforming characters of the human being. One is becoming better with timely offerings in front of Allah.

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guidance and clarity of mind

Allah heals hearts through his guidance to mankind. Performing prayers five times a day guide mankind for right path and destiny.

Spiritual renewal

When someone is astrayed from the right path, Namaz leads him towards the guided way and renew his spirit.

Healing and wholesome

In this cruel world, where one is lost in the worldly tensions and fears, Namaz reiterate healing of hearts and make one wholesome.

Moral and ethical guidance

Prayers build characters of the believers and moral purification. Prostration in front of Allah reminds one that Allah is supreme and he is his creature (weak and fragile) in front of him.

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IV. Impacts of prayers on individual life

- ⇒ Foster emotional regulation
- ⇒ Firm believe in destiny
- ⇒ Reward expecting only from Allah
- ⇒ Resilient for bad days
- ⇒ Hold firm belief in Judgment
- ⇒ Control one from immorality
- ⇒ Spiritual cleansing
- ⇒ Sense of accountability
- ⇒ Care for family and relatives
- ⇒ Sense of responsibility
- ⇒ Upright behaviour
- ⇒ Peace for others

V. Impacts of prayer in society

Brotherhood and righteousness

Salah's impact on society are very broad and everlasting. First it creates a sense of brotherhood in the hearts of believers. When a group of people perform Namaz in a place

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of worship they comes closer to each other for the welfare of the society. They feel brotherhood for each other. They share their grievances.

All men are equal in the sight of Allah

Obligatory prayers conveys the sense of oneness in humanity. No one is better than any other, except on the basis of 'Taqua'

O mankind, no black is inferior to white and no Arab is superior to a non-Arab, superiority is only on the basis of piety (taqua)
Huja-Tul-Wida

Responsible society in congregational posture

When all muslims gather together for prayer in one place, the place provide them a platform

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of responsibility to share their grievances with one another. Several meaningful decision and thoughts can be discussed after prayer in masajids. It is the greatest benefit of gathering at one place for prayers in front of Allah.

VI. Conclusion:

Salah is the way to connect with Allah Almighty through prostration with pure heart and soul. It convert a restless soul into calm one. It benefit individuals with character building, and society with sense of responsibility for each other. In conclusion, prayers are the food of soul and heart and connection with Allah Almighty with any intermediaries.

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Question no.3

Explain how Islam recognized
dignity of human being

I. Introduction:

Islam protects dignity of human
being from very first day.

"And we have certainly
honored the children of
Adam and carried them
on land and sea provided
for them the good things
and preferred them over
much of what we have
created, with preference"

Al Quran

Allah has surely created everything
for man on this earth, so that
he may observe and thank to Allah
for showering his blessings upon him.

Allah created man as Ashraf

"Ashraf-ul-Makhloqat" Superior to

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all creatures of this universe. He surely made the man wise and courageous to change his destiny through the will of the Allah Almighty.

"Your mother born you free, how can anyone make you slave of him"

Al-Quran

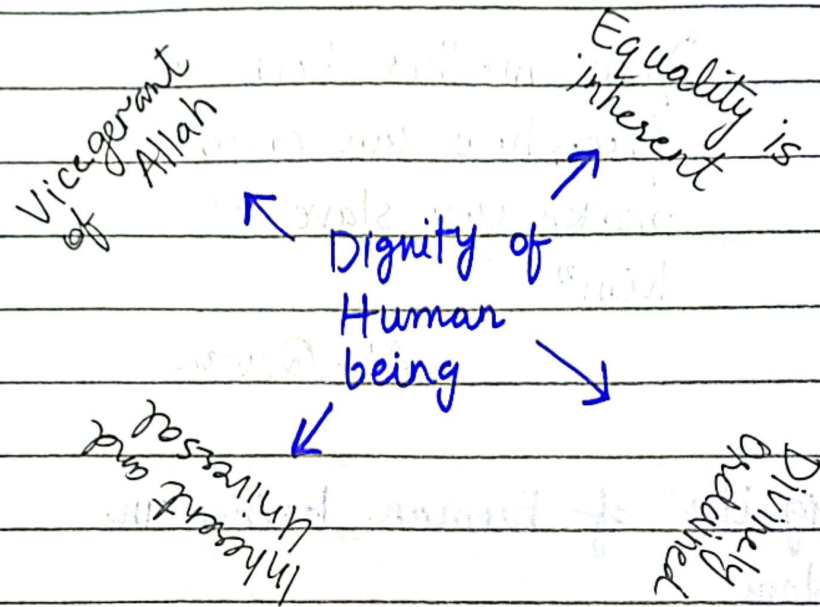
II Dignity of human being in Islam

Allah provided man with wisdom and honor equally. Allah has sent every man on this Earth with free will.

It is a divinely ordained, inherent, and universal principle of Islam. Allah choosed man as a vicegerent on Earth, He has not honored any other creature for the responsibility of vicegerency on Earth. This sacred worth is the foundation of the dignity in Quran.

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It is beyond the status of worldly achievements of mankind. Every weak and powerful is equal in the sight of Allah.



III. Status of women in Islam

In Islam, the status of women is founded on the basis of spiritual and human equality with men.

both gender were created with a single soul, while their spiritual worth is identical. Islamic laws often assigns different

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social and financial roles
based on a concept of
complementarity rather than
identity

Individual status of women in Islam

Women are equal in the sight
of Allah Almighty and in Islam.
They were given the special status
in Islam. They are not weak being
rather a special one. Allah has declared
in Quran

The one who nourish two
daughters ~~and~~ is

Humility was emphasized
from a single soul,
encompassing from a single
soul both men and women.

Economic and property right of women

Women in Islam have right to

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their earnings and guaranteed share in inheritance from their parents and relatives. Upon marriage, women are also entitled to a dowry as a free gift.

Marital and Family status of women

Marriage is described as a sign from God, creating tranquility, affection and mercy between spouses. The Quran portrays husbands and wives as garments for one another, signifying mutual protection of each other's dignity and honor. It also commands men to live with their wives in kindness and acknowledges the precedence of mothers in requiring care.

Social and legal protection

Believer men and women are considered protectors of one another enjoining rights and forbidding wrong. The Quran also explicitly prohibits

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the historical practice of female infanticide.

Conclusion:

The status of human dignity and honor in Islam is provided 1400 years ago and preserved in Holy text of Quran and the Sunnah of Prophet (P.B.U.H). Allah choosed man as His Vicegerent and did not believe on any other creature for this responsibility. Nevertheless, the status of women is equal with men in the sight of Allah and Islam. Women enjoys numerous benefits in the circle of Islam, from birth to death her dignity and honor is protected explicitly. In nutshell, man and women are born free, with numerous rights and duties ^{assigned} from the All knowing, and All-wise.

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Question no. 6

Social responsibilities of state
in Islam

I Introduction:

Social responsibilities of state in Islam outlines certain codes, which is establishment of justice and equality before law for all citizens, protection of human dignity, life, property and honour. Islamic state guarantees basic necessities of life, like food, shelter, health and education. It ensure institutional collection and distribution of Zakat and Ushr through Bait ul Maal. Islam discourage ~~eradicate~~ wealth concentration and encourage eradication of poverty. Protection of human rights and minorities is also the priority of Islamic state. It further maintain Islamic law, order, and social harmony among diverse groups. System of Islam promote moral values and ethical conduct in society. Strengthening

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the family system and production of moral social conducts. It also provides accountability of society and officials. Social system of Islam, however, relate modern problem and their solutions in a contemporary way. It provides balance between individual rights and collective responsibilities. Further, strong family institutions prevents social disintegration.

“And we have created you
in groups and flocks so
that you may know each
other”

Al-Guran