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Islamic studies

Q.1

Basic beliefs in Islam:-

Islam is a logical religion whose ideas, beliefs and practices are on human nature and can be logically tested. The basic beliefs in Islam are known as

"Imaniyat" There are five basic beliefs in Islam. Their concurrence is necessary for one to be muslim. They are given hereunder:

- o Belief in Allah
- o Belief in Prophethood
- o Belief in day of judgement.
- o Belief in Angels
- o Belief in Holy books

Belief in Allah:-

It is belief that there is no God but Allah. Muslims believe that there can not be multiple gods or no god. The Francis Bacon once said

"It is easier to believe that there are thousand gods than to believe this universal ~~appra~~ frame is without a creator."

In Islam and in Holy Quran it has been said multiple times

"There is no God, but Allah
And Muhammad (PBUH) is his Prophet"

AlQuran.

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Belief in Prophet hood:-

It is Faith that Allah Almighty sent his messengers, bearing his true message for humanity. It is also part of this Faith that this Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet of Allah and there will be no more prophets after that.

“And Prophet of Allah and seal of prophet hood”

(Al Quran)

Belief in day of judgement:-

This is a necessary belief. The humans see injustice every day and don't get any punishment for it. The concept of judgement day is that one day Allah will resurrect everyone and then the great Judge will hold a court where sinners will be punished and virtuous will be rewarded.

Belief in Angels:-

It is the faith that Allah is creator of angels and that angels exist. The angels were created from light/Noor. They only follow will of Allah and can never disobey him. The famous angels are: Jibreel, Mikael, Izrael,

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Israfeel, Munkir Nakier, etc.

Belief in Holy books:-

It is a belief that Allah has sent down books on his messengers. The books such as Torah, bible are divine books but they have been altered by malicious elements of society. The Holy Quran is only book that is unaltered.

"And we are it's protectors"

Al Quran

Doctrine of Al Akharat:-

The doctrine of Akharat is one of the core parts of faith in Islam. It is a logical and justifiable concept.

Need of Akharat:-

The people see, face and do a lot of good and bad deeds in world. They often get away with it or don't get necessary reward or punishment. It is

logical to want a judgement day where we can see our deeds

In surah Mulk Allah told us the reason of life and death

"He is the one ^{who} created of

life and death so [we] see

which one of you does good deeds"

(Al Mulk)

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Need of

Impact on individual life:-

The idea is simple that human life needs direction. There must be ~~bra~~ morality to make it happen.

"If there is no god, it is necessary to invent him"

Voltaire.

The Islamic faith is perfect in this regard. The muslim beliefs, practices and actions are based on morality. These are the important impacts of Islam on individual life.

1- Human dignity:-

Belief in One God and judgement day makes one more dignified. One don't bow his head on every door if he knows he will get eternal reward in the court of Allah. This also improves one's dignity and self worth.

2- Charity:-

If one knows that the worldly possessions are not eternal but reward Allah has for them is eternal they would become more charitable.

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3-Pious :-

The humans are eager in nature but the life of prophets and divine books teach them about the truth of the world and how to live a good life. This has a key role in making one pious.

4- Self accountable:-

If one believes that they are responsible for others and they will be asked about their responsibilities they will hold themselves self accountable.

Societal reforms:-

Believes in Allah, prophet hood books, angels and judgement day makes causes transformation of society- The social, political and economic aspects of society are completely transformed.

1- Social changes:-

The people leans toward societal good over personal gain and corruption decreases in society because people know that they will be judged-

2- Political reforms:-

Islamic faith focuses on political reforms such as protection of rights based on Holy Quran.

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Conclusion:-

Islamic faith does not just outline its key components randomly. Instead, each belief has serious impact on one's social and individual life. These faiths make one turn into a righteous man and society into more just.

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Salat:-

The Salat is one of the five pillars of Islam. It comes from means "to pray". It is a necessary obligation that every muslim must do five times per day.

Concept of Salat:-

The Salat is an obligation. The muslims around the world first prepare themselves for salah by doing ablution. They remove any dirt, dust and impurities from their bodies. Then they stand in unisence and face the Holy Kabaa. Then they bow their heads in front of Allah. It does not matter where one is, king or slave, rich or poor, man or woman. Everyone

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is obligatory to follow Allah,
to know their needs.

This "odd" practice produce
a sense of unity, discipline and
brotherhood among muslims. It is
considered a way to communicate
with Allah.

Impacts on Social life:-

Salah has various impacts
on human life. These impacts are more
visible on one's social life
than any other.

1- Social cohesion:-

Emile durkheim argued
that every society need something
to bind them. If it is lost
the society turns to crimes and
other taboos. The Islamic society
does not have this problem because
Salah binds society together
among other things. People meet
each other they interact with one
another this cohesion reduce
crimes and improve social fabric

2- societal identity:-

Salat can form societal
identity. The salat gives discipline to
society. When people meet they
form bonds with each other. They

form a common identity. This identity results in a more unified society where hearts beat with one another.

3 Discipline:-

The Salah adds discipline to one's life. You wake up early, wash one self multiple times and offer salah at various times in day. This forms a disciplined society.

Salah: Moral impacts:-

The salah has moral impacts on one's life these impacts further cause betterment of society.

Abstinence from sins:-

The biggest benefit one can derive from salah is that it stops one from sins. It is said in Quran.

"Indeed, Prayer prohibits Immorality and wrong doings"
Al Quran.

This isn't just a statement it is the Thesis of namaz. The person who offers salah stops from doing any bad deeds because they don't want to have a disruption in their prayers.

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2- Makes one Humble:-

Imagine a king, all powerful, having his head in the court of the king of heavens and Earths. Will this make him humble or not? The people who are offering salah are more pious and humble because they know the true Lord of heavens. They can do nothing but be selfless in the court of Allah.

~~More~~ Spiritual life:-

The human's have always needed a spiritual sense of belonging. The human life is impacted greatly by salah.

1- Spiritual longing:-

If one associates one self with Allah. They offer salah for Allah; they start to find answer for their longing. They only find comfort in Allah. They proclaim in every salah

"You alone we worship,
 and to you alone we
 turn for help."

Al Fatah.

This gives a meaning to human life. The person who offer salah finds great

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comfort in zikr of Allah
a Verily in the remembrance
of Allah do hearts find rest"

Conclusion:-

The Salat is a fundamental concept of Islam. It is not just a bodily prayer. It has deep spiritual, moral, individual and social impacts.

Q.03:-

Dignity of human in Islam:-

Islam is a complete code of life. It puts great emphasis on dignity of man. Islam says this time and time again that the man is Ashraf ul Makhloqat or "The Noblest of all creations"

This is not just a stamp of approval. It is the thesis of value of human in world.

Value of human life:-

The first thing that Islam did was to add value to human life. This concept was not alien to arabs but it was heavily modified. The life of slave was less valuable than the life of free man. The life of a woman was nothing compared to life of

men than in that ignorant society Allah sent this Prophet (PBUH) who transformed them for better. The Islam declared it that life is sacred.

"He who saves one life is as he saved the entire lives of mankind"

Almaida - Al Quran

This is then followed by
"He who took one life is as he had slain entire mankind"

Almaida - Al Quran

This shows the value of human life.

II - Value of women's life

No where in above mentioned Ayats it is said life of man or women. This shows that all lives are equal in eyes of Allah. It has also been said that everyone is child of Hazrat Adam and he was created from clay.

"You are created from Adam (As), and he was created from clay"

Last Hadith

This shows that all men and women are equal in eyes of Allah

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3-Right of Inheritance:-

"Onto men belongs a share of which parents and near kindred leave, and unto women a share of which parents and near kindred leave, whether it be a little or more - a determinate share"

Islam gives inheritance and right of property to every citizen, regardless of gender. The right of property means one can trade, one can build their own house, can own horses, cars and other means of transportation. The right of inheritance means ability to right one's own will.

Right to life

Islam give special emphasis to right of life of every one man or women. In age of ignorance the muslim world the right of life was taken from kids, slaves and women. Islam restored it.

"Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. we provide for them and for you. Surely, killing them is a heinous sin".

(Al Isra)

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Equal judicial rights:-

In Islam the punishment for murder is same where one kills a freeman, woman, slave man or woman. This provides equal judicial value to everyone and provides much needed dignity to human life.

Right of education:-

Islam puts great emphasis on education. One does not just learn religious knowledge but worldly one too. Women and men all can learn the education without much problem.

Efforts to maintain human dignity:-

Islam has put great effort in maintaining human dignity. This has been done through religious practices as well as judicial reforms.

1- Religious practices:-

In every ~~sala~~ prayed muslims are equal, men, women rich and poor offer salah. They offer fasting in ramazan. This makes them equal in terms of their religious lives.

2- Equal life:-

Judicial practices in Islam emphasise how everyone is equal in eyes of law and Allah.

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No Inhumane practices:-

In Islam there are no inhumane practices. This means that everyone's self esteem is protected. The abolition of alive burial, human sacrifices have made human life more dignified.

Conclusion:-

Islam not only explains value of human life. It makes life of every one equal regardless of gender or social status. Islam through its practice protect these rights and human dignity.

Q 6:-

Introduction:-

The state in Islam is responsible for protection of citizens, their life, liberty, dignity and property are all protected by state. This system can solve the eternal problems of mankind as well as the modern problems that humanity is facing.

Responsibilities of state:-

The state in modern world is responsible for protecting rights.

of it's citizens. In Islamic state the situation is similar to some extent. The Islamic state protects the right of it's citizens but it also creates an environment where society looks for it self. These are major social responsibilities of state in Islam.

1-Socialist state:-

Islamic state is socialist in nature. In Islamic state the collective good is preferred over benefits of few. It is responsibility of an Islamic state to work for social welfare of it's citizens. Organizations and institutions such as "Bait ul Maqal" were crucial to provide social net to orphans and vulnerable parts of societies.

2-Justice for all:-

It is responsibility of Islamic state to provide justice for all. It does not matter that what is colour of one's skin and what is ~~colour~~ one's cast or creed. Inegalitarian. everyone is equal. The society works for all. The justice is delivered for all at quick pace. In a

Famous Hadith the prophet of Islam told Hazrat Usama bin Zaid RA that preferred treatment and privilege of few led to downfall of previous nations

3- Society building:-

Unlike modern states that do not focus on society building Islamic state put strong emphasis on it. The society building is done through Zakat where people give alms to their neighbors and relatives. This cause alot more human development.

4- Human development:-

It is focus of Islamic state to improve human development. The GDP is not persued instead human growth is preferred. The state put emphasis on literacy, health and fair business practices.

5- Sovereignty : In ability to corrupt:-

Islamic state emphasise the sovereignty belongs to Allah and we use it as an extension of Allah's power. The Islamic law is fixed. It has room for interpretation but no room for ammendment so it gives no room to anyone to change the law of Allah. The

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Emperor Akbar of India tried to change words of Allah but he failed miserably.

Problems of modern civilization: solution

Modern human civilization is facing array of problems. The problems are of social and moral nature. The economic and political problems can not be ignored either. The Islamic state provides an answer to all these problems.

Social problems and solutions: -

Societies are losing their cohesion. The "Anomie" is a real problem. The emphasis of Islamic state on social activities and prayers reduce anomie. This reduce crimes and other social evils. The social fabric is strengthened by presence of social net.

Moral dilemma and solution:-

The pursuit of "economic life" has caused a lot of problems for all of us. The profit maximization has caused human deficiency. The focus of state on moral practices prevent the moral deficit.

Economic problems:-

In modern capitalist economy the pursuit of every state.

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is to maximize GDP. This
 is a flawed practice. The
 focus should be HDI. The Islamic
 state value humans over money. The
 lack of usury also plays a
 significant role.

