

Ans 2.

Salat: (Prayers)

The literal meaning of Salat is to pray and contextually Salat means to humbly request or beg for something, to communicate.

The concept of Salat goes beyond a ritual act - it is comprehensive system of worship and spiritual connection with Allah (swt).

Salah according to Quran:

In Quran Salah is meant to transform the personality and character rather than just an obligation.

In verse 29:45 of Quran, Allah says:

"Indeed prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds, and the remembrance of Allah is greater."

Salah keeps the believer constantly aware of Allah in daily life. In another verse of Quran, Allah says:

"Establish prayers for my remembrance" (20:14)

Salah according to Sunnah:

Sunnah of our beloved Prophet (s.Aw) also emphasizes the importance of Salah.

It is considered as the most important and beautiful pillar of Islam from the five pillars. Also, it is meant to be the measure of person's faith.

There is a Hadith in Sunan-al-Tarmidhi,

Geometry Prophet (PBUH) said,

"The first matter that the servant will be brought to account for on the Day of Judgment is the prayer."

Also in Sahih-Muslim, there is another Hadith, Prophet (PBUH) said,

"Between a man and disbelief is abandoning prayer."

which means that neglecting Salah is considered as a grave punishment and spiritual danger.

Objectives of Prayer:

In Surah Ankaboot verse (29:45) Allah says,
"Recite what has been established to you of the Book and establish prayer. Indeed, prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds, and the remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows what you do."

The objective of Salah in Islam are spiritual, moral, psychological and social. Prayer is meant to transform the individual and society but for that the condition of sincerity is must. Some objectives of Salah include.

1) Establishing Connection with Allah: (Tawhid)

The foremost objective of prayer is to create and maintain a direct relationship with Allah. Salah constantly renews servitude and affirms Allah's sovereignty. In verse 20:14 of Quran, Allah says,

"Establish prayer for my Remembrance."

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Prayer keeps the believer mindful of Allah throughout the day which nurtures spiritual awareness and God-consciousness (Taqwa)

Moral and Ethical Reform:

A key Quranic objective of prayer is character development. True prayer shapes behaviour, discourages immorality, injustice and arrogance. It reflects in the following verse of Quran (29:45),

"Indeed, prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds."

Discipline and Time Management

There is an obligation of prayers which is fixed time, which trains believers in punctuality, order, consistency and management. It creates a sense of discipline in person's personality.

In verse 4:103 of Quran Allah says,

"Indeed, prayer has been prescribed upon the believers at fixed times."

Prayer also aims to still humility, concentration and sincerity - *ikhshu*

It cultivates humility in person's character. Verse 23:1-2 of Quran also highlights the

benefits of *ikhshu*

"Successful indeed are the believers, those who have *ikhshu* in their prayers."

Spiritual Purification and forgiveness:

Prayer serves as a means of clearing sins and spiritual renewal. They are meant

to erase mistakes from soul and also their record of deeds. There is a hadith in Sahih Muslim relevant to it,

"The five daily prayers erase sins between them."

Impacts of Salah.

Salah functions as a reformative force for both individual and society. There are numerous impacts of Salah, some includes the following:

1) Spiritual Impact

Salah cleans the soul and wrong deeds of a person. It is meant to purify spirituality of a person and erase their sins. Secondly, it results in peace of mind and heart when a person bows in Sujood with full belief that he is prostrating in front of the creator of world and Akhirah, he automatically feels peace in his body. Moreover, Salah develops patience in individual's body. When the belief of the creator is in the mind and with the pure belief a person prostrates automatically and unthinkingly, person becomes patient. Further more, Salah also ~~also~~ makes a person close to Allah Almighty. Allah loves the person who comes his way and offers the obligation not as a burden but as a ~~love~~ to gain love of Allah (SWT).

In verse 13:28 of Quran, Allah says,
"Verily, in remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest."

Moral Impact:

Salat has a moral effect on a person too. It stops the person from doing internal and external wrongdoings. It helps in character building. Secondly, it creates humility and humbleness in person's character. It develops patience and peace. Moreover, it creates punctuality in a person. Thus, Salah reforms person's character and conduct.

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Social Impact:

Salat is socially impactful too. When Salat transforms the person's character, he acts in that way too. Salat gives concept of equality. Person becomes just in behaviour, he treats everyone on equal terms. Also, when the individuals of society are just, there is a reflection of unity in society. Spirit of brotherhood prevails. Individuals stand with each other in difficulties, they help each other and they teach good to others too. Social barriers are removed because of the Salat.

Prophet (PBUH) also said,

"Prayer in congregation is twenty-seven times superior to prayer alone." (Sahih al-Bukhari).

Ans 4

Introduction:

Islam gives us a complete code of life in all spheres. It has given us teachings on how to spend our lives. It presents civilization not as a static or material phenomenon but as a living, moral and dynamic process guided by divine principles. Islam ensures that there is a balance between the individual development and collective welfare.

Concept of Civilization in Islam:

In Islam, civilization is built upon Tawhid, oneness of Allah, moral responsibility, justice and accountability and continuous growth. This indicates active human participation in building and sustaining civilization. The Quran also links civilization with human purpose. Verse 11:61 of Quran says, "He produced you from the Earth and settled you in it."

1) Civilization as a living process:

Islam views civilization as a dynamic and evolving phenomenon, not a rigid or static structure. It encourages active engagement with the world while remaining spiritually conscious. The Quran also stresses balance between worldly progress and spiritual growth, allowing civilization to respond to changing circumstances without moral decay. Verse 28:77 of Quran says, "Seek the hereafter through what Allah has given you, but not forget your share of

Moral Principle:-

Islamic civilization is driven by ethical values that guide change. The Quran also emphasizes that societal transformation begins with inner morality. The justice, honesty, humility and responsibility in character shapes the social behaviour of a person. Islamic principle are driven by ethical values that guide change. In Quran Allah says, "Indeed, Allah does not change the condition of people until they change what is within themselves." (13:11).

Focus on Knowledge:

Islam has put emphasis in acquiring knowledge - It is a source of gaining information useful for spending lives. Knowledge keeps civilization intellectually alive and progressive. It is source of success in society, therefore, Islam promotes learning as a continuous duty. The Prophet (SAW) also said, "Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every muslim."

Collective Welfare:

Islamic civilization is community centered - It promotes solidarity by giving Zakah, charity and mutual care. Social institutions like zakah and charity systems promote equality and compassion. It creates

justice in society while ensuring stability, harmony and sustainability - mutual responsibility promotes social bonds and prevents class conflict and a just society ensures right, prevents exploitation and maintains peace - Islamic civilization remains dynamic because justice corrects imbalances and prevents decay. In verse 3:110 of Quran, Allah says, "You are the best community raised for mankind."

5) Accountability:

In Islamic civilization there is a sense of accountability which gives moral depth. There is a belief in hereafter which ensures ethical continuity. Individuals are aware that actions have consequences beyond this world. This sense of accountability encourages long term planning, justice and responsible governance.

The verse 3:185 of Quran says:

"Every soul shall taste death, and you will be fully recompensed."

6) Universality:

Islam promotes universal brotherhood beyond race and geography. This enables inclusivity, interaction and coexistence. It promotes tolerance and dialogue among different cultures and faiths. It also allows interaction and mutual enrichment, making Islamic civilization globally relevant and

Conclusion:

Islam gives a diving and dynamic perception of civilization by integrating moral values with material progress, encouraging knowledge, justice and social responsibility. Islamic civilization offers a balanced and sustainable model for human progress rooted in divine guidance yet responsive to change.

Ans 5.

Ijtihad:

Ijtihad literally means to strive or exert effort and contextually it means the use of knowledgeable reasons to elaborate rulings for matters not explicitly mentioned in Quran and Sunnah. The Quran encourages reflection and reasoning, while the Prophet (PBUH) also approved Ijtihad as in ~~the~~ the case of Mu'ad bin Jabal, whom he sent to Yemen, is seen. This establishes Ijtihad as an essential tool in Islam.

Rule of Ijtihad in Unity of Ummah:

Ijtihad helps in addressing new social, political and economic challenges faced by Muslims worldwide by providing solutions rooted in Islamic principles. When this approach is exercised collectively, Ijtihad promotes unity and consensus, strengthening the Ummah. It helps in resolving new

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issues without fragmentation. In Quran Allah says,
"Hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

• Ijtihad and Islamic law:

Islamic law is not static rather it is dynamic. Ijtihad allows it to respond to new situations such as modern finance, technology, and ethics. Through Ijtihad, principles remain fixed but applications are adapted. It ensures that Shariah remains to be relevant and practical for all generations.

Verse 21:107 of Quran says,
"We have not sent you except as a mercy to the worlds."

• Role of Ijtihad in establishing justice:

Ijtihad allows scholars to create laws and policies that protect human rights, promote equality and ensure social welfare. It is essential for achieving objectives of Islamic law and promotes a fair, ethical and welfare-oriented civilization, fulfilling Islam's moral goals. The verse of Quran also highlights it,

"Indeed, Allah commands justice and excellence"
(16:90)

• Intellectual growth:

Ijtihad stimulates intellectual growth and innovation which is was the foundation

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of the Islamic Golden Age when Muslims
led in science, medicine, mathematics and
philosophy. Ijtihad also encourages reasoning,
debate and scholarship.

Means to address global challenges:

Ijtihad provides Islamic solutions to
contemporary issues like artificial intelligence,
environmental crises and economic systems-
it allows Muslims to engage with the
modern world without compromising Islamic
principles. It ensures that Islamic guidance
remains practical and relevant in all spheres
of life. Quran also highlights it,
"Allah intends ease for you and does not
intend hardship." (2:185)

Moral Development of humanity:

Through Ijtihad Muslims can apply
Islamic principles to promote peace, justice,
compassion and social responsibility globally.
Islam contributes to ethical human develop-
ment and global welfare. Ijtihad allows
Muslim to engage with other civilizations
while maintaining Islamic identity. It
encourages dialogue, tolerance and cooperation
promoting global peace.

Conclusion:

Ijtihad is a vital tool for the revival
and progress of the Muslim Ummah and
for guiding humanity. By enabling adaptab-

city, intellectual growth, justice and ethical governance. It ensures that Islam remains relevant and beneficial for all generations.

Ans 6.

Introduction:-

Islam presents a comprehensive social system that emphasizes justice, welfare and morality. It is not just responsible for law and order but also for protecting rights of individuals, promoting welfare and ensuring moral and social development. Islam has provided complete knowledge in every sphere of life. Therefore, Islamic social system also ensures that every individual is guided by the principles rooted in Quran and sunnah, and are provided the solutions to the challenges faced by modern civilizations such as inequality, injustice, corruption and moral decay.

Social Responsibilities of State in Islam:

The role of social system in Islam extends beyond law and order to ethical, social and educational duties. In Islam state has following duties:-

1. Protection of fundamental rights:

The state is responsible for protecting life, property and dignity of its citizens. This protection is universal, not just

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limited to any particular group. It ensures security, trust in governance and enables citizens to live without fear. For example, in the time of Prophet (PBUH) citizens of different faiths and tribes were protected under the charter of Madinah.

Establishment of Justice: (Adl)

Justice is the most significant factor or principle of Islamic governance. The state must apply laws impartially and protect the weak from exploitation. Through justice equality prevails and society is free from corruption, oppression and social unrest. Justice creates sense of trust and social cohesion.

Prophet (PBUH) also said,

"The most beloved ^{to} Allah on the Day of Judgment is just ruler."

Provision of Social Welfare:

State is responsible for fulfilling the basic needs of everyone i.e. food, shelter, health care and education especially for the poor, orphans and widows. It is done through Zakah, Sadaqah and waqf (endowment for public use). It reduces poverty, promotes social equity and strengthens communal solidarity.

Prophet (SAW) distributed Zakah among the poor, widows and disabled.

4. Promotion of moral and ethical values:

Islamic state encourages virtues like honesty, humility, compassion and forbids dishonesty, injustice and corruption to ensure a morally upright society and strengthen discipline - Prophet (SAW) acted as a moral guide, correcting societal wrongs and promoting ethical behaviour. Quran also commands such behaviour in verse 3:104: "Command what is right and forbid what is wrong."

5) Protection of family:

Family is the fundamental unit of Islamic society and the state supports it by regulating child protection, inheritance and regulating marriages. It encourages strong family ties, social responsibility and generational continuity. Verse 46:15 of Quran states:

"And we have enjoined upon man (care) for his parents."

6) Encouragement of Education:

State ensures easy access to knowledge and education. In Islam education is considered very important for every individual. Education is a vital source of learning to promote intellectual, spiritual and moral development for contributing fully in society. Quran

Solutions to modern challenges

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Islamic social principles are timeless, they are bound to benefit and gives relevancy for present and future generations. If they are applied effectively, the modern day challenges can be addressed easily.

Solutions to Economic Challenges

Economical challenges can be addressed through:

Reducing Economic Inequality

Islamic mechanisms like Zakah, Sadaqah and Waqf ensure wealth distribution on equal terms. These principles can inspire welfare programs, unemployment relief and healthcare for the poor. This reduces economic disparity, prevents social unrest and fosters economic stability. Prophet (PBUH) also established public funds to support poor, widows, orphans and disabled.

Combating Corruption and Injustice

State enforces accountability for rulers and citizens, ensures transparency in administration and prevents corruption. In modern world there should be policies related to anti corruption and justice. There should be fair and ethical governance and judiciary to follow Islamic guidelines. During the

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Caliphate of Hazrat Umar ibn-al-Khattab, officials were held strictly accountable for misuse of public resources.

These help in prevention of exploitation, promotes trust in institutions and ensures equal opportunities for all.

Solutions to Social Challenges:

The solution for social problem can be-

1. Ensuring Rule of Law:

The state must ensure laws are enforced fairly, without bias or favoritism, to maintain social balance. There should be transparency in judicial systems, access to justice for all and check on abuse of power. This prevents social unrest and maintains peaceful and stable society. The Prophet (PBUH) ensured that even his companions were accountable for their actions, demonstrating impartiality.

2. Promoting Education and Innovation:

Seeking knowledge is obligatory and encouraged for all. It is responsibility of state to give easy access to education.

The curriculum of schools, universities should be ~~more~~ modernize and vocational training and research programs should be encouraged alongside moral education. It creates an intelligent and productive society capable of solving modern challenges.

Strengthening Social Cohesion:

laws protect marriages, parental rights, inheritance and potential child welfare. State should support for family counselling, child protection services, and legal safeguards against domestic abuse - it prevents social fragmentation and fosters stability.

Solutions to Moral Challenges:

Promoting Brotherhood and equality:

Islam emphasizes equality of all humans regardless of race, color, status or ethnicity - There should be anti-discrimination laws, inclusive social policies and laws related to minority protection - this will promote social harmony, mutual respect and inclusive development.

Addressing moral principles:

Islam emphasize on ethical principles like honesty, humility and compassion, and forbids dishonesty, cheating and lying. There should be ethical education in schools, public awareness campaigns against crime and unethical business practices should be stopped - it encourages responsible behaviour, reduces crime and corruption and fosters a morally upright society.

3 Resolving Issues through ethical principles:

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There should be ethical business practices, laws regarding environmental protection and conflict resolution and programs related to global humanitarian aid. This will protect environment and address global issues ethically.

Conclusion:

Islamic social system offers a comprehensive and practical framework for solving economic, social and moral problems of modern day. By focusing on justice, fairness, welfare and moral guidance it creates peacefulness, stability and accountability in society. State should ensure implementation of these principles so that everyone can live with harmony, progress responsibly and ~~better~~ benefit from balanced, dynamic model.