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## 1. Introduction

Before the arrival of Islam, women in Arabia were living in horrendous conditions and being born one lead to a low life compared to men. Arabs would even practice female infanticide. However, Islam changed all of this. It recognized that women was a complete person and established rights of women as mother, daughter and wife.

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2. Explain how Islam recognized the dignity of human specially women.

### 1. Recognition of soul

Before Islam, women were believed to lack soul in ancient scriptures. Islam established that women have a soul just like men.

"O mankind, Be wary of your Lord who created you from a single soul [4:1] - Al Quran.

2. Individuality recognized of women

In most of history, women were seen as other and male as the one - liberal feminism.

Islam rejected this notion from day one and established both

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men and women have individuality.

"Every soul recompensed for what it earns" [20:15]  
AL Quran

3. Discarded the belief  
Women source of  
evil

Women were believed to be a source of evil - Adam and Eve story  
Bible - Islam rejects this

"and no one should bear another's burden"  
[35:18]

4. Unequivocally clarified  
women not inferior to  
men

In Islam women are recognized to be different but not inferior to men. Prophet (PBUH) had utmost respect for women and

## 5. Women birthood capability recognized as sacred

Unlike today's western radical feminism that argues birthood is like shooting a pumpkin. Islam believed that women ability to give birth is sacred. - "and we have told men to be kind to his parents as his mother bears him weakness upon weakness [31:14 Surah Luqman]"

## 6. Answerable to god not humans

Women only answerable to god and not anyone else.

3. Describe what efforts  
have been adopted to  
maintain it

1. Abolished ignorant  
practices

The female infanticide was  
abolished by Islam  
through blasphemous words

"and on that female  
buried alive will be  
questioned for what  
crime was she killed" [8:9]

AL Qur'an

2. No preference of sex -  
male over female

Son cannot be  
preferred over daughters  
as the prophet  
said

"he who has a  
daughter and does not  
prefer his son over

her or scold her  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  
 he will be like this in Paradise  
 (joined index fingers) [Musnad]

### 3. Right to literacy

Women given the complete right to acquire education. Something denied to men for centuries in Europe.

"It is incumbent upon every male and female to acquire knowledge" [Majani] hadith

### 4. Right to choose spouse

Women have the right to select spouse. Unlike the practices followed in communities even today.

"and a woman's approval is her silence" [Bulchari]

## 4, 5. Right of inheritance

Women given a share of inheritance in property

Men have a share of what parents and near kith and kin women have a share of parents and near kith and kin [4:7]

AL Quran

## 4, 6. Right to work

Women are given the opportunity to work in Islam according to Islamic laws and in fact Hazrat Khadija had her own business for which prophet supported her.

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#### 4. Conclusion

Women are given dignity in Islam and all their rights are recognized. Islam gives a complete framework through Sharia on how women are to be protected and can enjoy complete freedom in all affairs of their life. They are answerable to God not any man.

## Question . 2

## 1. Introduction

Zakat is the second pillar of Islam. Its importance can be highlighted by the fact that a muslim is not exempted from it even during war. Women are given exemption to decrease their burden due to biological circumstances, otherwise, men or women. It is incumbent to prostrate five regular prayers and other obligatory prayers fully. There are profound social, moral and spiritual inputs of it.

## 2. The concept of Salat

Salat became obligatory on prophet during Miraj - the ascension to heavens in 15<sup>th</sup> Hijri.

### 1. Direct connection with god

In Islam, Salat is believed to be a conversation with Allah. A muslim is believed to be standing before his god.

"Salat is a mirage of a believer" [Bulhari] Hsith

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## 2. Five daily obligatory prayers

Muslims have to pray five times a day obligatory Salah

	Nafil (Sunnah) ↓		Farz ↓		Sunnah ↑	
	S		F		S	
Fajr	2	+	2	+		4
Zohar	4	+	4	+	2	12
Asr	4		4			4
Maghrib			3	+	2	7
Isha	4	+	4	+	4	2+3+2
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## 3. Sunnah - Witr - Nawafil prayers

Holy prophet also offered these nafil prayers that muslim are encouraged to pray as mentioned above!

#### 4. Other prayers - special occasions

~~→ Eid → namaz Salat in congregation with other muslims to celebrate eid - fitr/udha~~

~~→ War Khasof Salat to ask god for strength~~

By:

~~→ Guidance Istikhara Salat to ask god for guidance~~

~~→ funeral offered on the death of a muslim~~

3. How it impacts the  
social moral and  
spiritual life of  
muslims

### Social life

1. Brotherhood - Ummah-  
Congregation

"Certainly all muslims  
are brothers" [49:10]  
AL Quran

Muslims by praying in  
congregation reside the  
bond of ummah

2. Socially responsible citizen

"like he saath  
min Mahmood or  
Ayyaz" - Iqbal

According to Iqbal the  
master and slave are

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Side by side, realising Huguz ul Ibad.

### 3. Collective

~~"Believing men and women are companions of one another; they enjoin right and forbid evil"~~

Muslims realize they are a collective unit in congregational prayers.

### Moral life

#### 1. Prevents Sin

~~Salah prevents man from evil and lewdness [29:45]~~

~~Quran states that by regularly praying Muslims diverted from evil and sin. As westerns grip of Islam and Nats.~~

2. Desire to achieve reward through worship

Muslims through prayers seek to achieve rewards from their

3. Accountability

Muslims become accountable as per the system of punishment if neglect commands of Allah

### Spiritual life

1. Connectivity with god

"Seek help through patient and perseverance" [2:153]

as Quran states about direct link with god.

## 2. Guidance from Allah

Islam gives guidance to human beings from God on how to live their daily lives.

## 3. Fulfills the soul

Good in this world  
 Good in the  
 hereafter : [2:101]

The desire of the material world reduces through ~~some~~.

## Conclusion

Islam is a pillar of Islam and its second order in pillar establishes its importance. It solidifies the doctrine of tawheed and helps men socially, morally and spiritually.

## Question 1

## 1. Introduction

Islam gives a comprehensive belief system to Muslims through Quranic injunctions and Surah that establish the article of Faith. These Surah articles leave no room for doubt and discrepancies in regard to the belief system. Islam reforms the life of an individual and society through this comprehensive system.

2. Describe the basic beliefs of Islam in general and the doctrine of Akhirat in particular

## Basic beliefs

### Seven Articles of faith

#### 1. Tauheed

He is Allah the one,  
he begets not nor  
is he begotten [112:1-4]  
Surah  
Ikhlaas

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## 2. God's Angels

-> Jibrael - The messenger of God to prophets

-> Michael - The rain bringer

-> Israfeil - The trumpet blower on day of judgement

-> Izrael - The one who takes out soul of living creatures.

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### 3. The divine books

Tsuran - Quran - complete,  
Holy Prophet (PBUH) : universal  
book.

Bible - (Isa) Christians - corrupted

Tarat - (Musa) Jews - corrupted

Zabur - (Daud) Jews - corrupted

### 4. The prophets

124,000 prophets were  
sent by Allah on  
Earth. There are

25 prophets who get  
a special mention in  
the Quran.

Nabi - Given books

Rasul - not given books

## 5. Day of Resurrection

Haqir - Allah will hold all living beings accountable - Jinn and mankind

"On that day every soul should be recompensed for what it earns" [20:15]  
Al Quran

## 6. Life after death

Hell and Heaven.

-> The righteous whose scales are heavy will go to Heaven.

-> The corrupt will go to Hell.

## 7. Predestination and decree

God is the one who decides the fate of everything. Everything is mentioned in Loqhal - Mahfuz - and God has decided the fate of everything.

→ However, through prayer one can ask God to change his fate. As Muslims commanded to make dua.

3. How Islam reforms  
 a life of an  
 individual and society  
 through them

1. Unity in society

The life of an  
 individual and society  
 reforms as without  
 the seven articles  
 Muslims would  
 be a complete  
 system to follow.

They would not know  
 what to do the  
 individual and  
 society would devise  
 their own system  
 West in chaos as  
 a consequence

## 2. Clear instructions - Books

The books established  
 a clear system -  
 a Sharia law.

Though others have  
 become corrupted.

The holy Quran remains  
 free from defect and  
 establishes right from  
 wrong.

In Christianity LGBTQIA  
 is accepted now showing  
 the lack of clarity.

## 3. Prevents Shirk - Polytheism

Muslims do not  
 associate anyone  
 with God. The  
 angels or the  
 material objects  
 unlike the Christian  
 concept of trinity.

#### 4. Accountability - Life after death

Muslims realize this world is transitory in nature and their life that follows after this world is the eternal life.

#### 5. Reduces despondency - Predestination and decree

Muslims realize that God has decided the matter in the end if they experience loss they realize that God did it for their own good.

## 6. Reduced materialism -

Muslims reduce the  
desire to amass  
wealth as want to  
attain good reward.  
Create Charity

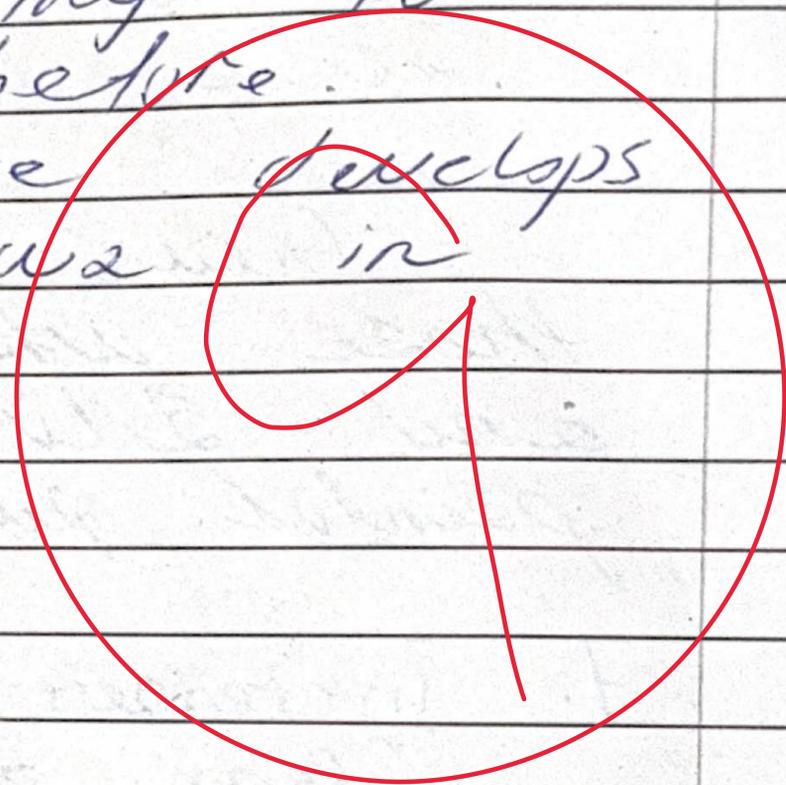
"Give glad tidings to  
those who hoard gold  
and silver of a  
painful punishment" [9:34]  
AL QURAN

## 7. Increases Taqwa - Tawheed (fear of god)

Muslim faith in  
god strengthened as  
reside nobody  
can intercede on  
their behalf hence  
fear god in all  
their dealings.  
Muslims do not  
expect an individual  
or a priest to  
be the source  
of their salvation

They inherently follow  
 hugoqul - ul - Ibad and  
 Allah as no  
 everything is a  
 blessing of God.  
 He is the omnipotent  
 being who is  
 solely worthy to  
 be bowed before.

This reverence develops  
 absolute Taqwa in  
 humans.



### Conclusion

The seven articles  
 of faith beyond a  
 doubt establish  
 a complete system  
 on how to live  
 a life for Muslims  
 and their broader  
 social responsibilities.  
 This ensures the  
 optimal functioning  
 of individual and  
 society.

## Question 6

## 1. Introduction

The social responsibilities of a <sup>State</sup> Islam are to the individual and the society at large. Both are to be dealt with in a just manner, individual rights cannot be compromised on the pretext that it is for the greater good. This is why Islam is recognised as a balanced religion of balanced people - *Ummat ul - Must.* Many present problems of the society can be solved through the Islamic system.

## 2. Social responsibilities of state in Islam

### 1. Equality

All citizens of the state are equal, men or women, rich or poor, the ruler or ruled. In Islam everyone equal

"It is not your blood or your wealth that deserves Allah; it is your piety"

[22:37]

AL QURAN

### 2. Justice

Justice for everyone all Muslims and non-Muslims seen through Sharia law

Hadrat Ali (R.A) lost case to a Jew due to lack of evidence.

### 3. Livelihood

All Muslims and non-Muslims to be provided with income by the state. It is incumbent upon state to give economic opportunity to people.

### 4. Freedom in accordance with Sharia

Complete freedom for all members of society to do as they wish in accordance with Sharia law. They cannot be subject to any fear or exploitation.

## 5. Security

The citizens life and belongings have to be provided security by the state

"He who saves life of one as if he has saved the life of all mankind" [5:32]

## 6. Equity

All citizens to be provided opportunities in respect to the disadvantages being them.

Hadrat Umar forgave a shoplifter who was hungry on the premise it is right of citizen to have food and circumstances forced theft.

## 7. Right to select representatives

Muslims can choose their Muslim leaders freely. They cannot be coerced in selecting one representative over other

## 8. Freedom of religion

“There is no compulsion in deen” [2:256]  
Al Suran

Religious freedom for all members of society is guaranteed by the state.

## 9. Clean environment

The environment of the state has to be kept clean. Drinking water, air and everything else is a social responsibility of state.

## 3. How social system of Islam can help address the problems of modern civilization:

### 1. Inequality - Wealth concentrated

In today's society to many poor and to few rich. Zakat enforcement can reduce this wealth inequality.

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2. injustice - Law inequally implemented  
- sharia law

The law is not equally applied. Sharia law is the solution.  
In UAE crime law is a consequence.

3. Lack of income - charity / alms

Islam encourages charity giving but in the west the notion of private property and capitalism has reduced economic opportunity for everyone. Islamic alms giving ideology can reduce the miserly behaviour of elite.

4. Security threats — Crispolitical tensions  
 - Ummah

The OIC has become a symbolic organization and the concept of Ummah needs to be revived

"Muslims are like like a body, if one hurts all hurts" (Muslim) hadith

5. Freedom from oppression — Pluralistic Society  
 - Charter of Madinah

The charter of Madinah provides the most comprehensive guide on how to work the society. In present, there is a lot to learn about how to develop religious freedom from it.

6. Right of - incompetent  
Bait to competent  
rulers

- Piety as criterion

The religion of muslim  
establishes that piety  
should be the sole  
criteria along with  
competence. e.g prophet (PBUH)

7. Suicide - belief  
system of  
spirituality

Suicide has risen  
in most countries  
as worldly life  
cannot satisfy the  
soul. Narrow  
and other beliefs  
provide fulfillment to  
the soul.

8. Environmental responsibility - Global warming and climate change

Excessive consumerism has destroyed the ecosystem and Islam condemns this encouraging minimalism

"Allah does not like the transgressors" [2:190]  
Quran

#### 4. Conclusion

Islamic state has clear-cut responsibilities to its citizen as mentioned in the Quran and Sunnah. In the modern state, Islam can help solve a lot of these problems that are causing chaos and confusion in society.