

Question No 1

Basic beliefs in Islam:

Islam is a deen constituting every aspect of life including all kinds of systems, worships and beliefs, that allow an individual to become nearer to the creator and live his life by best means. In this regard, basic beliefs in Islam as intimated by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) are as follows:

"Belief is to believe in Allah, his Angels, his books, his Apostles and meeting with him and belief on the day of Resurrection" (Hadith)

As per the above mentioned hadith, these were the set of beliefs in Islam.

Tawhid

Tawhid simply means to believe in oneness of God.

Tawhid is the first and most important pillar of Islam.

Tawhid prohibits people from associating others with him.

Types of Tawhid:

There are three types of tawhid as follows:-

a) Oneness in Person

To believe that God is only one and he has no partner.

"He is Allah the one, He is absolute and eternal, no one is born from him, neither He is born from anyone, he has no partner" Surah Ikhlas - Al Quran

b) Oneness in Attributes ::

To believe that ~~all the~~ only Allah is worthy of all attributes

"To Allah belongs the beautiful names, so invoke him by these names" (Al-Quran)

c) Oneness in Actions ::

To believe that Allah has authority over everything and is most Powerful.

"Allah has authority over all the heavens and earth, and whatever lies in them - He has power over everything"

Tawhid is the first and most important/obligatory belief in Islam. Without believing in oneness of Allah, one can not be considered as a believer. This tawhid has much importance in whole Islamic structure.

Prophethood

The second most important and obligatory belief of Islam is to believe in his prophets. Islam emphasizes the believers to have believe on all the prophets and their revelations.

"Say Oh believers, we believe in Allah and ^{what} ~~we~~ has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants and what was revealed to Moses, Jesus and all other prophets from their Lord"

(Al-Quran)

A person who disobeys any Prophet, or claims to believe in some and not in others, can't be a Muslim.

"Those who disobey Allah and his messengers and make a distinction, by saying, we believe in some and don't believe in others, trying to forge a compromise. These are indeed the disbelievers, and we have created humiliating punishment for them" (Al Quran)

furthermore, a muslim must believe that Prophet Muhammad is the last messenger.

"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, he is messenger of Allah and seal of prophets" (Quran)

Angels

Third belief of Islam is to believe in Angels. Angels are the creatures of Allah (made of light) with any humanly desires. Angels don't have free will, neither do they disobey Allah.

"And they don't disobey what we command and do what they have been commanded" "Al Quran"

Four Superior Angels

Four superior Angels of Allah are Jibrael, Mikael, Israfeel and Israeel.

furthermore, Bait Mamoos, a home of Allah in the sky is been followed through tawaf by angels. 70,000 Angels perform tawaf in a day. Karaman Kutibein and Munkar Nakeer are responsible for writing down deeds and questioning in grave respectively.

Books

It is obligatory on Muslims to believe in all books revealed by Allah to his messengers. There are four essential books revealed to the prophets by Allah.

Torat - to Prophet Moses (AS)

Zaboor - to Prophet David (AS)

Injeel - to Prophet Jesus (AS)

Quran - to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)

Akhirah

The final belief in Islam is to believe that the current life is temporary and we will be brought up by our Lord on Doomsday to ask for our deeds.

"and the hereafter is more durable and much better"

(Al Quran)

It has been taught by Islam that every one has been put on earth for a test. And will be questioned on the Day of Judgement where there will be 2 destinations, hell or Paradise.

"And the one, who has rebelled, and chose this worldly life (instead of hereafter), hell is the abode.

But the one, who feared to stand before his Lord and restrained his self from evil, Paradise is the abode"

(Al Quran)

Allah (SWT) has made it clear that ~~whoever~~ performs good deeds in this life will be granted a reward hereafter and same for doing evil.

"And for those whose scales are sound, they will live a happy life. But for those whose scales are light,

the Abyss is the abode. And what you may know what Abyss is, "A blazing fire"

(Al Quran)

Thus, Akhirah simply means that ~~everyone~~ will be brought up by Allah on the final day, wherein he will be asked for his deeds.

Importance of Akhirah

Belief in Akhirah has many positive impacts on life of an individual.

i) Helps in living a purposeful life

Akhirah helps a person to live a purposeful life by believing that this life is temporary and I have to answer for my doings. Thus a person cares less for this worldly life.

ii) Instills modesty and humility

Believing on the day of resurrection helps a person become kind and modest. He knows that any injustice in this world, will be questioned on doing day.

iii) Saves from crime and social evils

Akhirah is the belief who saves the person from crime and social evils as he knows that Allah will question his acts and will bring every act.

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"We will set up the scales on the day of resurrection so that no soul will suffer a least injustice - And if it even be weight of mustard seed - We will bring it up. Sufficient we are as reckoners" (Al Quran)

Thus, a person refrains from social evils or crime -

4) Sense of self Accountability -

Akhirah instills in person a self & self accountability. As given in the above verse of Quran, Allah (SWT) will question every soul, thus person develops the subject sense.

Reforming life of an Individual

1- Gives Primary Purpose to the life

Beliefs of Islam provide Primary Purpose to the life i.e. -

"I do not create Jinn or humans except for the purpose that they shall worship me"

2- Helps in becoming kind

Islamic beliefs promotes kindness among the believers.

Allah himself has intimated numerous times in Quran to

become kind and life of prophet (PBUH) is a living example

3- Saves oneself from evil acts

All the beliefs in Islam are mainly to save the

person from evil acts. Specially, the sense of

accountability in akhirah, restricts the person

of committing any crime.

Reforming the Society through beliefs ::

1- Equality in Society

Islamic beliefs ~~make it~~ clear to the believers that every one equal in the sight of Allah ultimately promoting equality.

2- Justice in Society

Justice on the day of resurrection ~~also helps~~ the Judges to become Just in the life by ~~fearing~~ fear of Punishment -

3- Tolerant Society

Islamic beliefs help in establishing a tolerant society by following the teaching Allah and his Prophet (PBUH)

4- Promote brotherhood

Islamic beliefs also promote brotherhood among the Muslims that guides to remain united -

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Question No. 2

Concept of Salaat

Salaat is one of the most important type of worship in Islam. Literally, salaat means to pray.

However, terminologically the term salaat refers to the five prayers made obligatory by Allah SWT.

These ~~are~~ five prayers are as follows :-

Fajr - Dawn to sunrise

Zuhr - ~~Afternoon~~ till the shadow of everything gets thrice

Asr - from the shadow of everything getting thrice to sunset

Maghrib - from sunset to dark

Isha - from dark to dawn.

Salaat was made obligatory on 10th Nabawi during the Journey of Miraj.

It is the ~~only~~ prayers that is ~~best~~ to be performed daily and exempts ~~to~~ very few of the people.

Importance of salaat

Salaat is mentioned 60 times in the Quran.

It is obligatory on every muslim male and female.

Salaat will be the first deed to be asked for on the day of resurrection -

"The first thing for which the person will be held accountable for is his salah, if it is sound then he would have succeeded, he saved, but if it is not then he will have lost, he is doomed." (Al Hadith)

Moreover, Salaat is known to be a prayer who distinguishes between a believer and a disbeliever - As intimated by the Prophet of Allah :-

"Between a man, and a polytheism and a disbeliever is the abandonment of salah" (Hadith)

Like wise the companions of prophet also considered abandonment of salah as disbelief :-

"Companions of prophet never considered abandonment of any good deed except for salah" (Hadith)

Thus, salaah is the most important ~~best~~ prayer or worship in Islam to be asked for on the day of resurrection and to differentiate between a believer and non believer -

Importance of Salah and its impact on individual:

As mentioned above the salah is the most important belief of Islam -

1- Covenant between a muslim and Allah -:

Prayer / Salaat is the Prayer, which provides guarantee to the believer of Allah ~~reward~~ and reward in Akhirah -

"Allah ~~has made~~ five Prayer obligatory, whoever performs ablution and then ~~performs~~ the Prayers perfectly and right ~~at time~~ - It is guarantee of Allah that he will forgive ~~and~~ him and grant him reward" / Al Hadith

2. Cleanses from ~~Sins~~ : ~~SINS~~

Salaat helps the person to seek forgiveness of Allah for his past ~~sins~~ -

"Oh Abu Dhar, when a person perform salah perfectly for the sake of Allah, his sins fall from him, like these leaves are falling from tree" (Hadith)

3. Purifies the body -:

Salaat also helps the believer to keep his body pure & clean -

"Oh you who believe, when you rise to pray, wash your faces, your ~~hands~~, your arms upto the elbow and wipe your heads and feet to the ankle, and if you had an intercourse with your wife, then ~~purify~~ yourself"

(Al Quran)

4- ~~Brings near to the god~~

Salat is the best prayers, which brings the person near to his creator - As the given saying of Prophet Muhammad states:

"The most beloved thing is that when my comes nearer to me by performing Nawafy!"

(Hadith)

5- ~~Protects from evil~~

Salat is the ibadah that protects the believer from committing crime and any kind of social evil -

Indeed the salat protects the believers from evil and shameful acts

(Al Quran)

As this verse states, salat protect from evil acts.

6- ~~Also~~ Makes a Person Punctual :

~~Salat~~ is only prayers that is to be performed daily and right on time - This practice makes the person

Punctual in other matters of life too -

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7- Helps during the difficult times:

Salat is the best way to seek help from Allah -

"Whenever Prophet felt distressed, He used to Pray"

(Hadith)

8- Salaat helps to connect with Allah:.

Salaat helps person connecting directly with Allah.

"Oh you who believe, call on me, I will answer your prayer" (AlQuran)

9- Helps in seeking higher reward from Allah:-

Salaat is the best ibadah through which a

person can seek the highest reward from Allah including the forgiveness on the day of Judgment and Paradise.

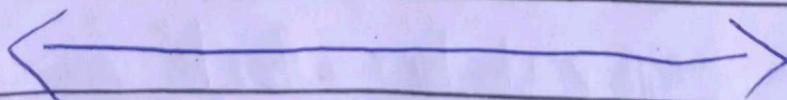
10- Salaat help in establishing brotherhood:-

When muslim gather to pray (congregation) it helps them to meet and communicate with other muslim brothers ultimately strengthening the unity among them.

11- Salaat instills concept of equality:.

During the congregational prayer, every muslim regardless of their race, ethnicity or social status are to pray together. This event helps in promoting the equality among the muslims and social cohesion.

Conclusion?



Question no 3

Dignity of human

Islam has given the mankind special status by giving them superiority on all other creature of Allah -

"We have honored the Children of Adam, carried them on heaven and earth, provided them with good things and favored them on everything else we created" (Al Quran)

Furthermore, humans are the only creature of Allah belesed with wisdom and sense, which the other creature lack - Allah says in the Quran that -:

"Indeed, we have created man in best design" (Al Quran)

Last Sermon of Prophet :-

i) Rights of Women

Oh people fear Allah concerning Women, if they are not involved in impropriety and are faithful, provide them cloths and food -

ii) Rights of Husband

It is incumbent upon them (wives) to honor their (husband) (conjugal rights) -

iii) Rights of leaders

Oh people obey those who have authority upon you -

۱۰) Rights of those not present :-

Oh Peoples who are present, Pass my message to those who are not here and to those to forward it further -

Dignity of Women in Islam :-

I- Equality in sight of Allah

Allah (SWT) states clearly in the Quran that both men and women are equal for me and there is no superiority of anyone -

"We have created you from male and female and divided you in tribes and races, so you may know each other, and best among you in sight of Allah is the one who is most righteous"

(Al Quran)

II- Right of Education

Islam makes it obligation on every muslim to seek knowledge

"It is obligatory on every Muslim to seek knowledge"

(Al Hadith)

Moreover, there no gender biased education, rather its for all

III- Status of mother in Islam :-

~~the Rights of~~ Women specially the mother

are given highest status in Islam - "When a person asked

the prophet, who is entitled to be treated with best

companionship, prophet replied three times that

your mother and then fourth time he (SAW) your father -

iv) Status of wife in Islam:

Prophet (PBUH) kept 9 wives at a time and kept them happy by fulfilling the needs and rights. He (SAW) also said that

"Best of you are those, who are best to their wives" (Hadith)

v) Status of daughter in Islam:

Prophet (PBUH) set an example by treating his daughter Fatima (RA) in a polite and humble manner. He asked her

for her consent in marriage with Ali (RA) and used to stand up when she came.

vi) Status of women in general:

In the last sermon of ~~Qura~~ Hajj, Prophet (PBUH) told the ummah that ~~for~~ Allah concerning women and full fill

all their rights and needs by clothing them and feeding them.

Efforts Adopted to maintain it:

Islam has not only granted status to women but also has given them rights in all aspects of life.

i) Right to inheritance

In the Surah Nissa of Quran, Allah has made it obligatory on every Muslim to provide the right of inheritance to sisters, daughters, mothers and wives.

ii) Right to do business.

Hazrat Khadija (RA) the 1st wife of Prophet (SAW) was her self a business woman. Thus there is no prohibition for women to do business.

iii) Right to have Consent in marriage ::

Prophet (PBUH) told the believers that "When the widow is remarried asked them for their consent and when a virgin girl is married asked for her consent too. When one person asked how to obtain the consent, he said "by her silence"

iv) Right to re-marry ::

All the wives of Prophet (PBUH) except Hazrat Ayesha^(RA) were previously married ultimately giving the right to women to re-marry.

v) Right for Khula ::

If any woman is in abusive marriage, where she's been tortured or if her rights are not fully filled - she is allowed to get Khula from her husband in Islam.

vi) Right to have basic facilities

In the last sermon, Prophet told the believers to provide the women food and suitable clothing. Moreover, it is also the right of women to get fees for breast feeding the child of her own husband.

vii) Right to Education ::

Prophet by saying that seeking knowledge is obligatory on every Muslim, made it clear that women also have the right to education.

Question No 7.

(Part B)

Importance of Education in Islam

Education is the most important part of Islamic teachings wherein it has been made obligatory on every muslim man & woman.

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory on every muslim"

(Al Hadith)

Moreover, Prophet himself prayed to Allah for increase in knowledge.

"Oh Allah, increase me in knowledge"

(Al Hadith)

Likewise, Prophet (PBUH) always sought the knowledge that is beneficial.

"Oh Allah, I ask for knowledge that benefits"

(Al Hadith)

Promotion of Education by Prophet (PBUH) :-

i- Made it obligatory on everyone

Prophet (PBUH) made it obligatory on every muslim man and woman to seek knowledge.

ii- Promoted writing

Prophet (PBUH) promoted writing by intimating

"Preserve knowledge by writing it" Hadith

Moreover, writing of Quranic verses and hadith were also done during the era of Prophet himself.

iii - Encouraged to seek contemporary knowledge.

Prophet (SAW) sent Hazrat Huzafa to learn the Hebrew language thus encouraging contemporary knowledge.

iv) - Promoted physical ^{Education} knowledge.

Prophet (SAW) also promoted physical education by

saying :: Practice the Archery and practice riding and

"Strong muslim is better and more beloved to Allah than weaker one".

v) Taught Ethics and Morals ::

As per Hazrat Umar bin al-Khattab, prophet told him whenever you are starting to eat, start with the name of Allah, eat with your right hand and eat from your side of the dish. Thus prophet also taught manners.

vi) Taught by action

Prophet (PBUH) not only guided the ummah on right path but also performed every act by himself. As there has been no contradiction in his sayings and doings.

vii) Established Siffah

Prophet's another step for promoting education is establishment of first university of Islam i.e Siffah - Hazrat Bilal (RA) and other prophets are graduates of Siffah.

viii) Never restricted anyone from worldly education ::

Prophet (PBUH) never restricted anyone from worldly knowledge except if it had no such implications against the shariat.

ix) Asked the prisoners to teach Muslim children -

During the battle of prophet with disbelievers, there were many of them kept in prison - prophet (PBUH) asked them to teach the children of muslims in order to get free. It is obvious that he was asking for worldly knowledge.



Write conclusion

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