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Islamic Studies
Test #2

QNo: 1

Explain in detail
characteristics of islamic
civilization

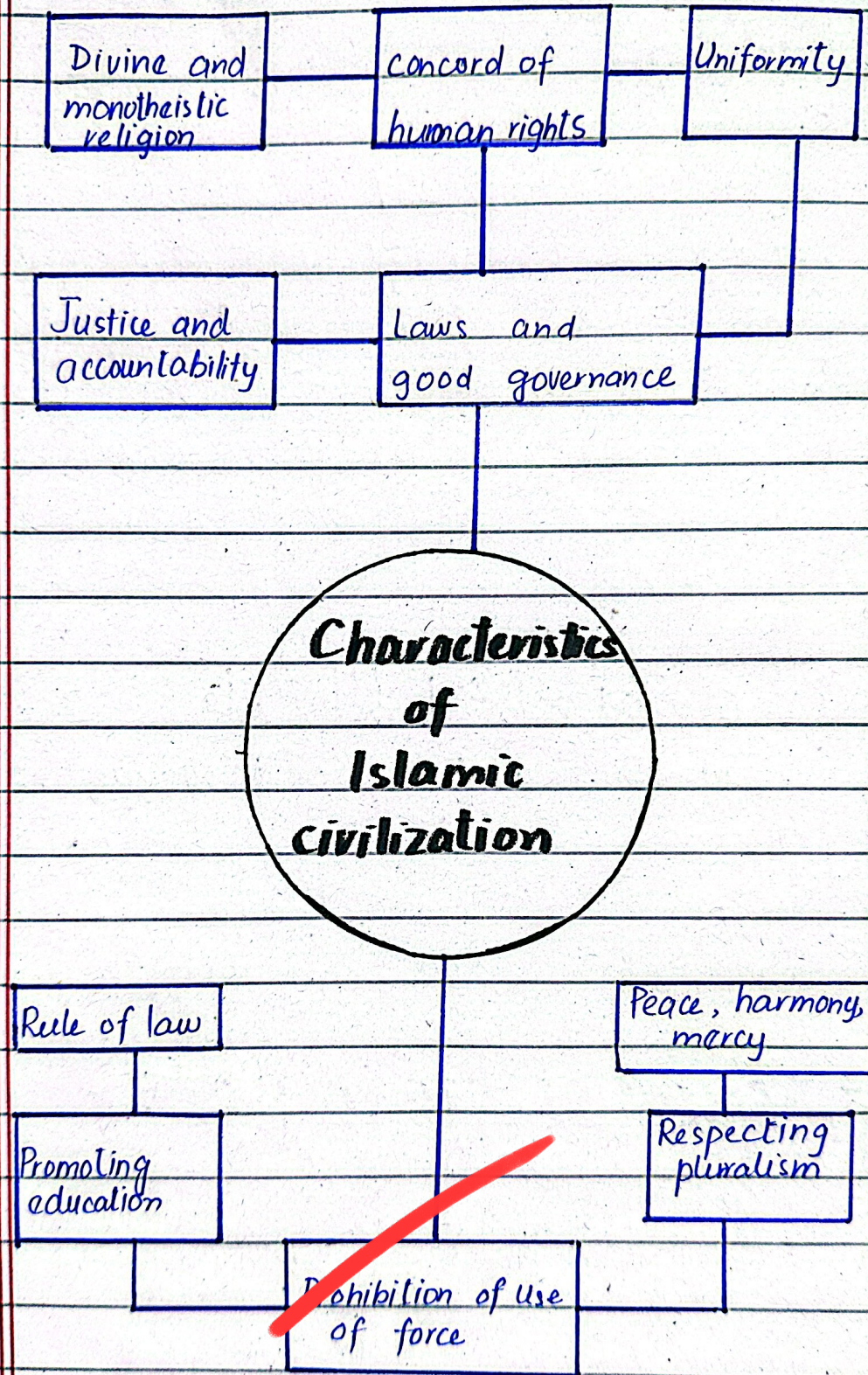
1. Introduction;

Civilizations are the bottom rocks and cultural identity of any religion. Civilizations thrive for development and progress. The most progressive and authentic civilization in the contemporary era is islamic civilization. The islamic civilization serves as an anchor of development even in modern times. The characteristics of islamic civilization are divine and monotheistic religion, uniformity, charter of human rights, promotes feminism, spiritual freedom and independence, transparency

in affairs, prohibiting use of force and maintaining good governance. These characteristics of islamic civilization make it ever lasting, divine and litmus test for the development of people and region.

2. What is islamic civilization?

During 8th to 15th century, people from arab travelled to different parts of the world and settled there. They brought their culture and islamic civilization based on true principles of touheed and divinity along with them. The shared common values based on true islamic teachings is known as islamic civilization. The cultural identity may vary from region to region but islamic civilization and its characteristics has been the same since 1400 years ago. The islamic civilization thrives on true principles of Quran and islamic teachings.



3. Based on divine and montheistic religion;

Islamic civilization serves a complete charter of development. Islamic civilization based upon divine and monotheist religion that believes in one God. The concept of tauheed in Islamic civilization provides a spiritual roadmap to its followers. In the Surah Ikhlas of Holy Quran, Allah says,

قل هو الله هو أحد

Say, He is Allah, one and unique

The obedience of one God proves monotheism in Islamic civilization.

4. Concord of human rights;

Islamic civilization serves as a concord of human rights elaborating rights and duties of humans, laws of war, laws of diplomats and rights of children. It serves as a complete charter of human rights.

In Holy Quran Allah Almighty says in Surah bakrah:

وقولوا للناس حسنا
"And treat people with kindness"

This proves how islam and islamic civilization serves an concord of human rights.

5. Islamic civilization believes in uniformity and unity;

As the followers of islam believe in one God, one last Prophet, one book and one religion, they are united by these common values. So islamic civilization promotes unity and uniformity among its people.

6. Peace, harmony and mercy;

Islam being a deen of peace, so islamic civilization around every corner of world emphasize on peace, harmony and mercy. Islamic civilization promote

peace and harmony over chaos and instability.

6. Prohibition of use of force;

Islamic civilization respects cultural and civilizational difference and strictly prohibits use of force against another. As in one of the ayat of Quran Allah says,

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

There is no compulsion in religion

7. Respecting cultural diversity and pluralism;

Islamic civilization hold a characteristics of harmony and cultural diversity that respects every religion and culture. For instance, when a christian delegation came to meet Prophet (P.B.U.H), Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) welcomed them open heartedly in prophet's mosque. This depicts islamic civilization respect cultural diversity and pluralism.

8. Emphasizing knowledge and education;

Knowledge and education has always been the cornerstone of islam and islamic civilization. Islamic civilization during 8th to 15th century was touching the heights of glory in science, medicine, physics and mathematics. In Quran (surah-Alaq) Almighty emphasized on importance of knowledge.

الذي علم بالقلم علم الانسان ما لم يعلم

"He taught by pen. Taught man which he knew not."

The glorious works of Al-raazi, Abu-Ali Sina and al-Khwarzi had excelled the criterion of knowledge in islamic civilization.

9. Modesty and respect;

Modesty and respect in islamic civilization make it distinctive from other civilizations. Islamic civilization teaches men and women to wear and talk modestly and abide by all the sinful deeds.

10. Conclusion;

Islamic civilization is a perfect blend of islamic beliefs, islamic culture and its practical implications. The way it is portrayed by arabs and later on followed all over the world is itself a huge accomplishment for muslims. Even today, islamic civilization is the most growing civilization due to its distinctive features that comprehend all the necessities of life. In a nutshell, islamic civilization is complete, uniform and one of the most practiced civilization in the world.

QNo: 2

In the light of islamic public ad, measures to improve public administration in Pakistan.

1. Introduction;

The ideology of islam is
the ideology of Pakistan
- M. Ali Jinnah

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah founded Pakistan on ideology of islam. A country that must excel on islamic principles. But in a very unfortunate situation, the Pakistan of today has been deviated from islam and quaid's vision. Public administration in islam revolves around accountability, rights and duties of citizen, equality, transparency, freedom, justice, meritocracy, social welfare and rule of law. But

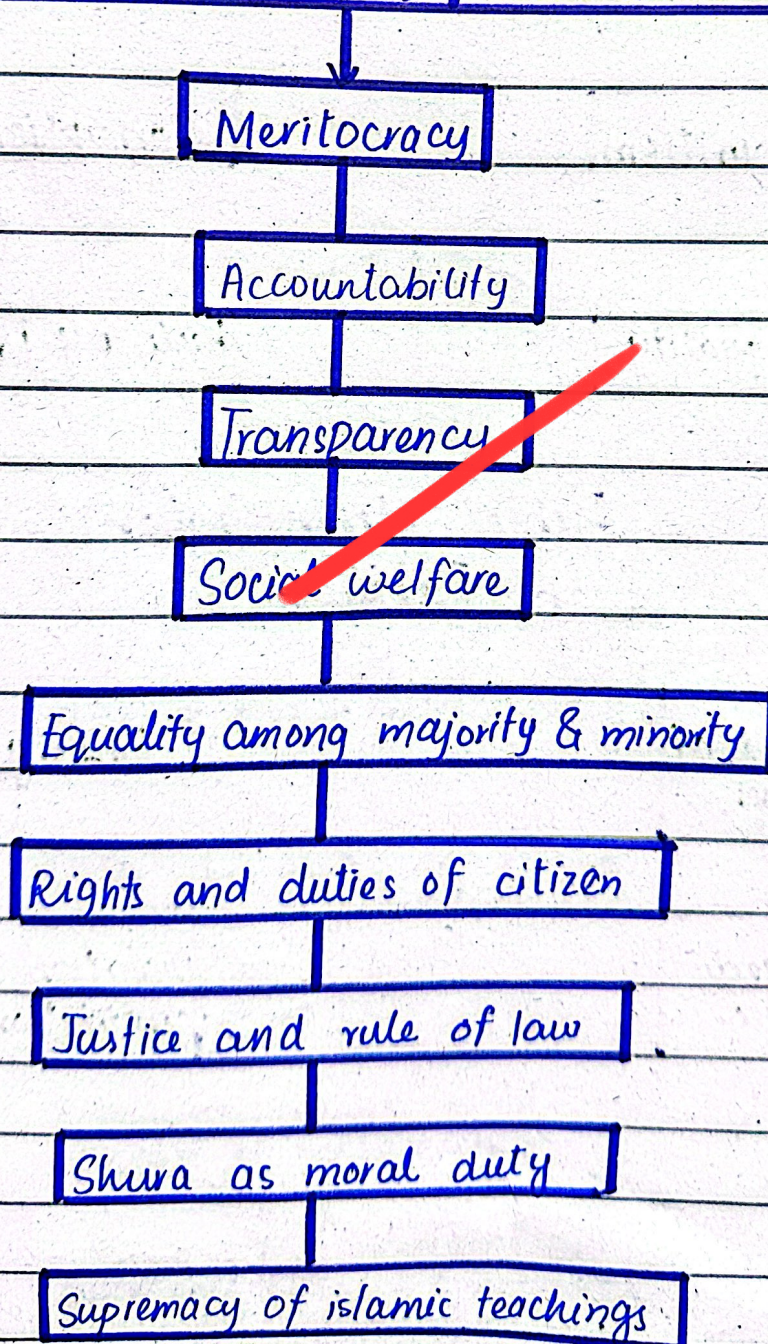
on reality grounds, public administration in Pakistan is quite contrasting to public administration in Islam. Today, public administration in Pakistan need institutional and structural reforms like more transparency in institutes, accountability of governments and bureaucrats, supremacy of constitution, installing meritocracy in administration and replacing favouritism with credibility. With these reforms, Pakistan can align its public administration system with Islamic system of public administration.

2. Islamic system of public administration;

Islam is a complete deen encompassing spiritual and social affairs. Islamic system of public administration is the ideal system of public affairs and it comprehensively exists in all public dealings. The practical example of ideal system of public

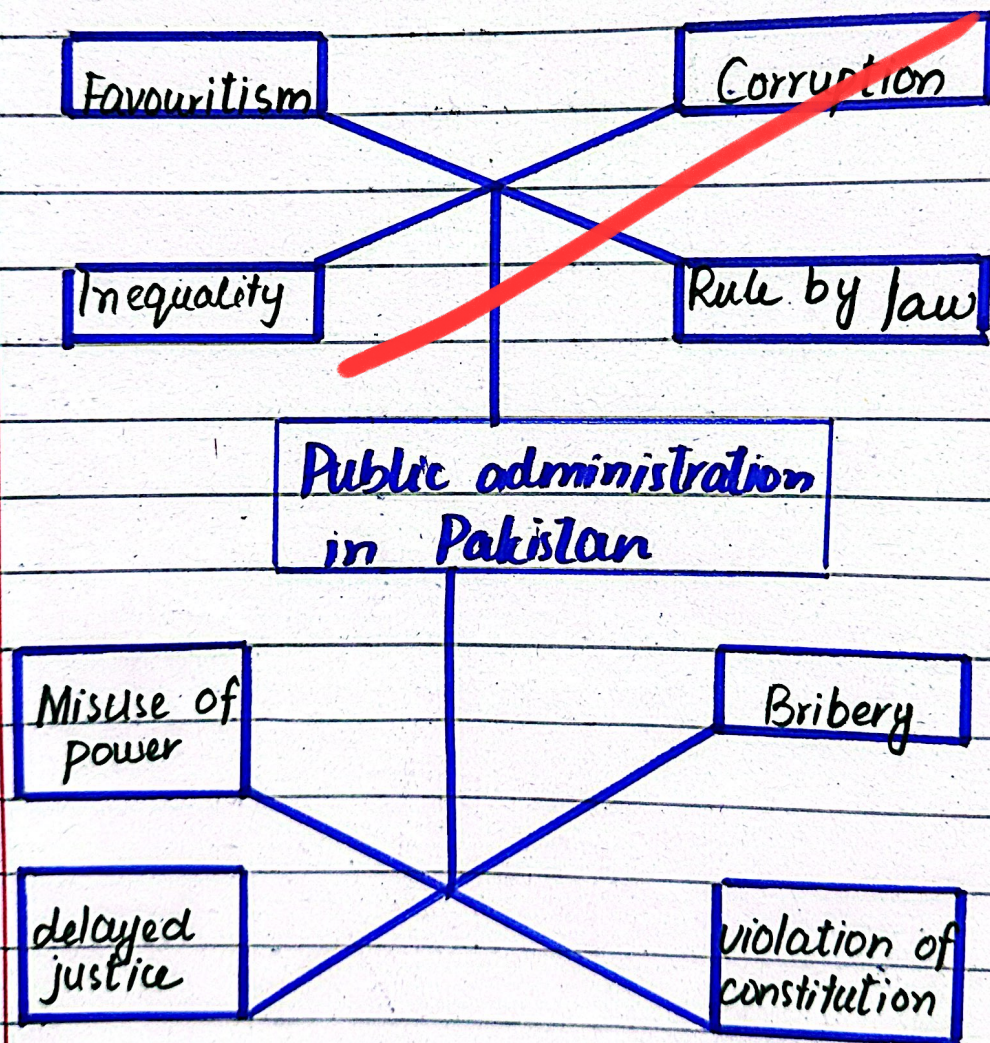
administration was shown during the caliphate of Hazrat Umer ibn-e-Khitab. His model of public administration exemplifies islamic teachings and perfect public dealings.

3 Islamic system of public administration



4. Ills in the public administration of Pakistan

System of public administration in Pakistan is a prey to following ill's that contrast it from islamic system of public administration:



These ill's can be treated with few structural and institutional reforms aligned with islamic system of public administration.

5. Measures to improve public administration in Pakistan

- Incorporating meritocracy inspite of favouritism
- Ensuring public accountability of ruling elites and bureaucrats
- Transparency in public dealings
- Empowering judiciary by eliminating institutional interference
- Maintaining equality and rule of law
- Shura as moral duty of administrators
- Supremacy of constitution of Pakistan

6. Incorporating meritocracy inspite of favouritism;

Public administration system in Pakistan is subjected to favouritism. Whereas Islamic system of public administration emphasize on meritocracy. Pakistan must incorporate meritocracy in its public administration to ensure institutional efficiency.

7. Ensuring public accountability of ruling elites;

Pakistan ranks 135th out of 180 countries in corruption perception index. To align it with Islamic system of public administration, Pakistan need to ensure accountability of ruling elites to restrict massive corruptions.

As Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said,

"Whoever ruled over 10 people will brought in shakles on day of judgement and he will be accountable in front of Allah."

8. Transparency in public dealings;

Pakistan need to introduced strict policy reforms to ensure transparency in public dealings and public administration. Because corruption and bribery are deeply rooted ills in public administration of Pakistan that does not align with islamic system of public administration.

9. Maintaining equality and rule of law;

Power abuse and inequality is very common in public administration of Pakistan. Whereas islamic system of public administration is based on Quranic verse 16:90,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ
"Indeed Allah commands justice and excellence"

Public administration of Pakistan need to be aligned with this ayat, observing justice, equality and rule of law.

10. Shura as moral duty of administrators;

Islamic system of public administration observes Shura as moral duty. Whereas in Pakistan Shura is marginalized by power and favouritism. As in surah shurah of Holy Quran Allah says,

وَأَمْرٌ شُورًا
"And those who conduct their
affairs by mutual consultation"

It is the moral duty of administrators to consult public in their dealings.

11. Conclusion;

In a nutshell, the deeply rooted ills in public administrative system of Pakistan can be reformed by aligning it with ideal Islamic system of public administration. With few structural reforms, to have an ideal, just and fair public administration system is not an elusive dream to achieve in Pakistan.