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Q 2: Characteristics of Islamic Civilization

Introduction

The civilization of Islam is set with strong fundamental principles of Holy Quran and Sunnah. These pre-set rules favors equality, social justice, pluralism, universal brotherhood, gender equity and many more. These distinct characteristics and commands of Allah make the civilization unshakable. The Holy Quran is pure guidance to sustain the Islamic civilization with unaltered commands for many centuries. Islamic civilization is an exemplary civilization with features of pluralism, tolerance and inclusiveness. It makes people feel dignity and respect in every sphere of life.

Characteristics of Islamic Civilization

Social
Characteristics
(Cultural)

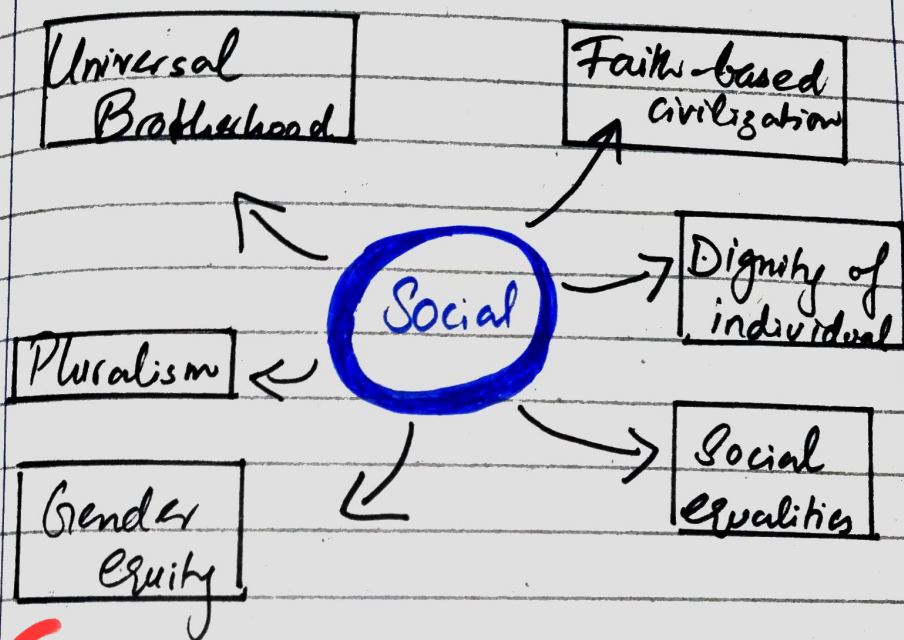
Political
characteristics

Economic
characteristics

Scientific
characteristics

Civilizations are formed with qualitative process of social, cultural and economic development. The base of Islam was so strongly laid by Holy Prophet that the Muslims became civilized for coming centuries. Islamic administration, political laws, Islamic justice is very inclusive and accommodates everyone's needs beside social or economic status.

Social characteristics of Islamic Civilization



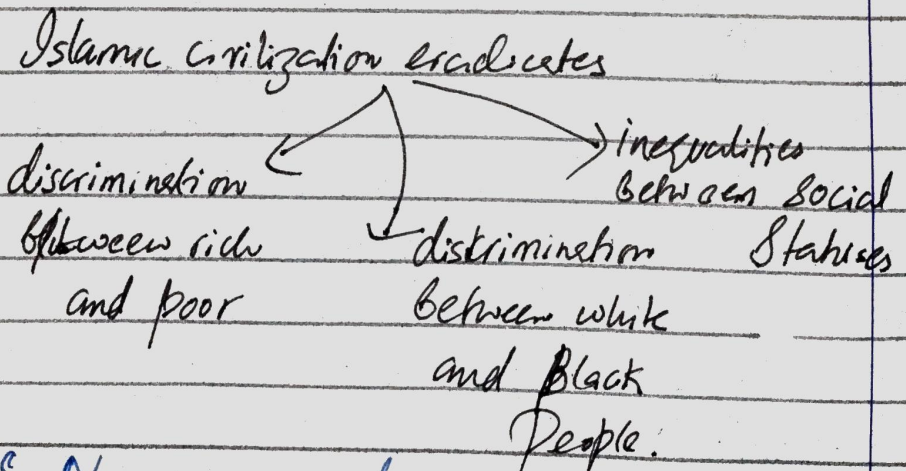
- 1 To entrench the features of social bond among people, Islamic civilization begin with Universal brotherhood.

The foundation of universal brotherhood was laid by the Holy Prophet when he migrated to Madinah. He declared Ansar and Muhajir as their brothers and reinforced the concept of brotherhood among Muslims.

"Ansar and Muhajir are brothers to one another, and so are other muslims." Holy Prophet

2. To eradicate jealousy and promote tolerance, islamic civilization holds the concept of social equality.

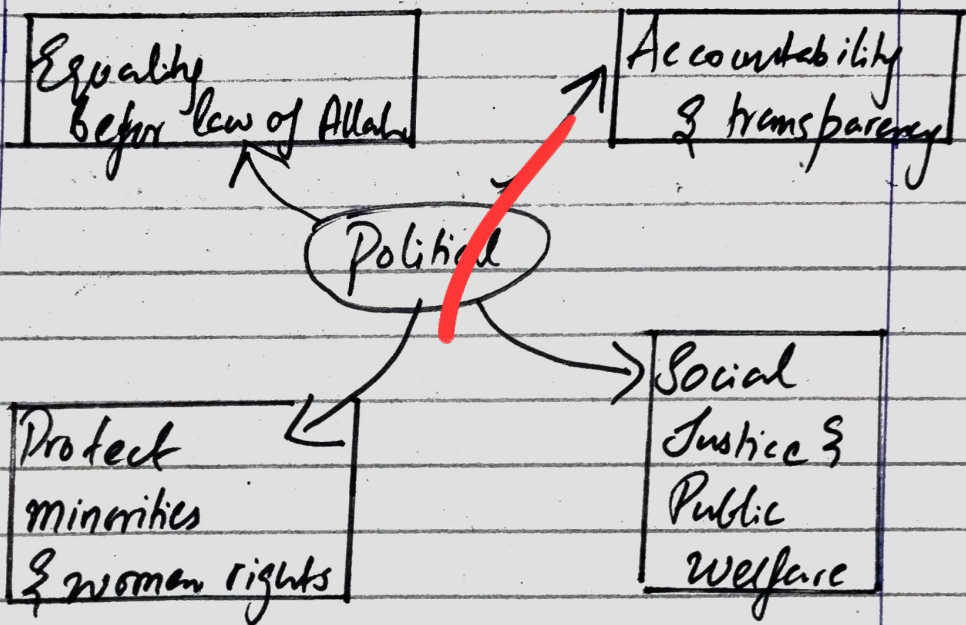
The social equality in Islam is promoted through Financial system and Zakat. The Holy Prophet ensured that cash flows from rich to poor, and hence, obliged rich with fix percentages on their valuable to be distributed among Asraf. of Zakat.



"...No rich over poor, No white over black, nor Arabic over Ajmi builds

any more or less importance...''
Holy Prophet.

Political Characteristics of Islamic Civilization



The Islamic civilization incorporates the values that promote public welfare in the society. It doesn't give superiority to rulers or governors.

- 1- Transparency, Accountability and check and balance in political system of Islamic civilization is necessary.

Islamic Civilization give hierarchy of pre-set rules for rulers.

The Holy Quran says.

"... Authority ~~only~~ belongs to Allah."

Surah Bakrah.

Hazrat Abu Bakr said

"Guide me if I am astray"

First Khalifa of Islam

Islam has pre-set rules of governance. It promote transparency and accountability of all.

- 2- Equality before law for all Muslims and non-muslims in Islamic civilization.

Even Caliph used to hold themselves accountable in front of Allah's law. No exemption to anyone is given in Islam.

Financial and Scientific characteristics of Islamic Civilization

- Promote flow of cash (Ushr, taxes)
- Zakat to eradicate poverty
- Loan with ~~interests~~.
- Promote Research & development (Golden Age - 15-18 century).

1- Islam promotes loans, business, trades, Zakat and open contract-system with open conditions to establish ever-lasting civilization.

The financial system of Islam support everyone. It supports new converts, minorities and poor.

Conclusion

Islamic civilization is faith-based and serves universal brotherhood for its people. It ensures stability and welfare of people. It favors the poor needs and welfare. Islamic civilization foundation has pre-set principles which make it unshakable.

Q2: In light of ... Public Administration...
Suggest to improve Public Administration
of Pakistan...

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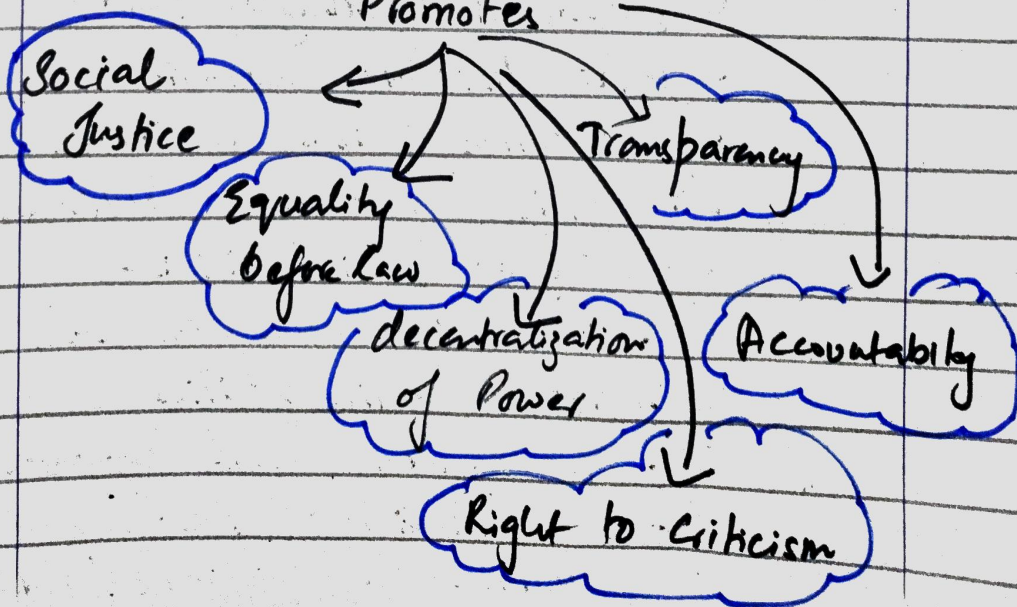
The principles of Islamic administration are based on transparency, equality before law, accountability of all, and meritocracy. However, Pakistan is indulge in opposite principles like corruption, nepotism, favoritism

and elite capture. Thus, Pakistan needs to ensure transparency in its justice system, procurements, fiscal policies and expenditures. Pakistan needs stringent acts to incorporate features of Islamic public administration.

Forecasting light on the Islamic System of Public Administration

Islamic system of Public administration is well exemplified with the Holy Prophet's administrative rules and Caliph governance.

Islamic system of Public Administration Promotes



Holy Prophet^ﷺ held

- ↳ No discrimination
- ↳ No favoritism/Nepotism
- ↳ No injustice
- ↳ No power show

Instead, he showed

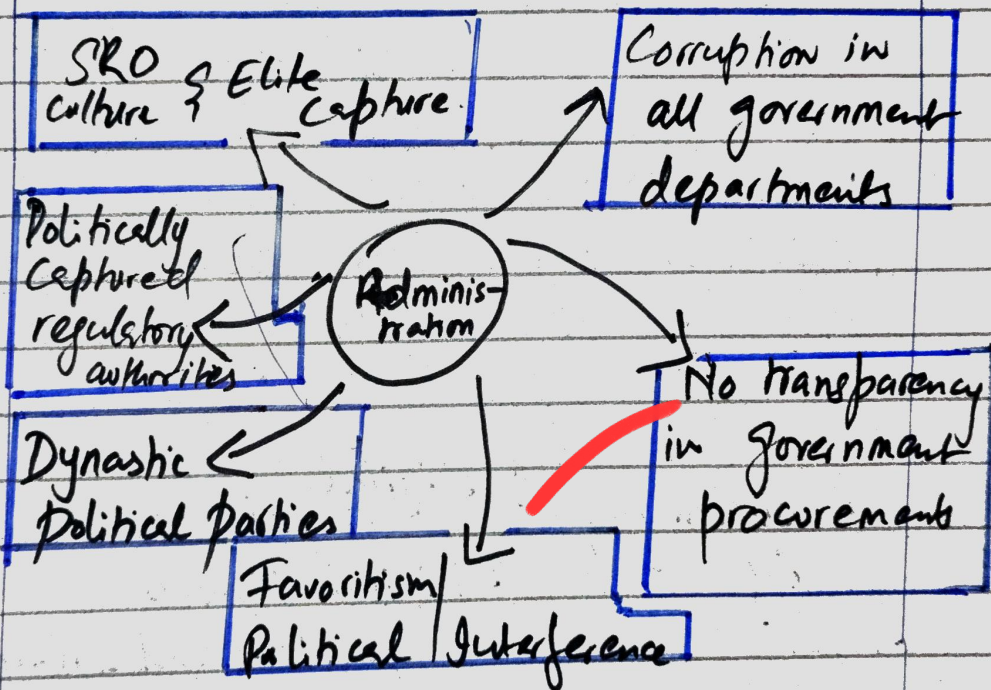
- ↳ Equality for all rich and poor
- ↳ Speedy justice
- ↳ Public opinion matters.
- ↳ inclusive public policies

Caliphs of Islam unveiled the public administration of Islam at vast level.

- ↳ Showed Hierarchy of Power
- ↳ No Absolute authority
- ↳ Governors/Caliphs accountable
- ↳ Justice according to Allah's law
- ↳ Welcome public criticism
- ↳ Ijma/Qiyas and Consensus
- ↳ No dynastic politics
- ↳ Transparency and accountability
- ↳ Organization of Dewan and Provinces for welfare of Public.

- IMF diagnostic report of Nov-2025 has confirmed that Pakistan is suffering from corruption, elite capture, favoritism, nepotism and inequalities.

Contemporary Status of Pakistan in regard to Public administration.



Pakistan's GDP suffers 5-6% loss annually due to corruption — IMF diagnostic Report
Corruption in Pakistan is structural and endemic.

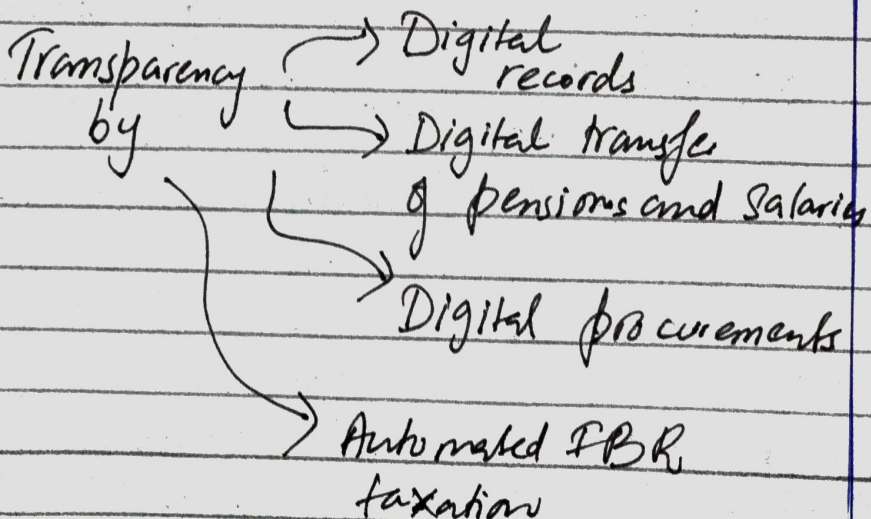
Measurements Pakistan needs
to adopt from ^{Islamic} ~~Public~~ Administration.

- 1- Pakistan should inculcate the principle of transparency in its Public administration to curb corruption.

Pakistan should promote transparency in its public administration.

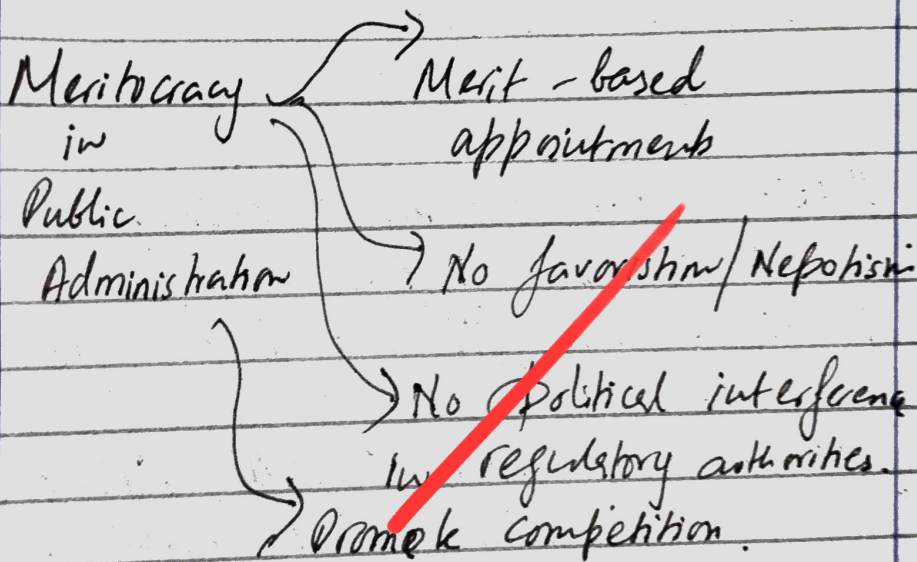
like shifting from manual contracts to digital contracts.

Similarly, Pakistan should promote Automated tax collection and QR-based system (as Brazil).



2- Pakistan should adopt principle of Meritocracy and equality in its public administration.

Pakistan should adopt principle of merit-based appointment as it was made during Holy Prophet PBUH's time and Caliph's era.



"70% of Jobs in industries are based on favoritism" - IMF report

Meritocracy promotes social equalities and public welfare.

3- Pakistan should support hierarchy of power, decentralization in its true meaning and non-political regulatory bodies as exemplified by Islamic public administration.

Hazrat Umar (R.A) organized the system of power and its hierarchy. He ensured power devolve without any interference.

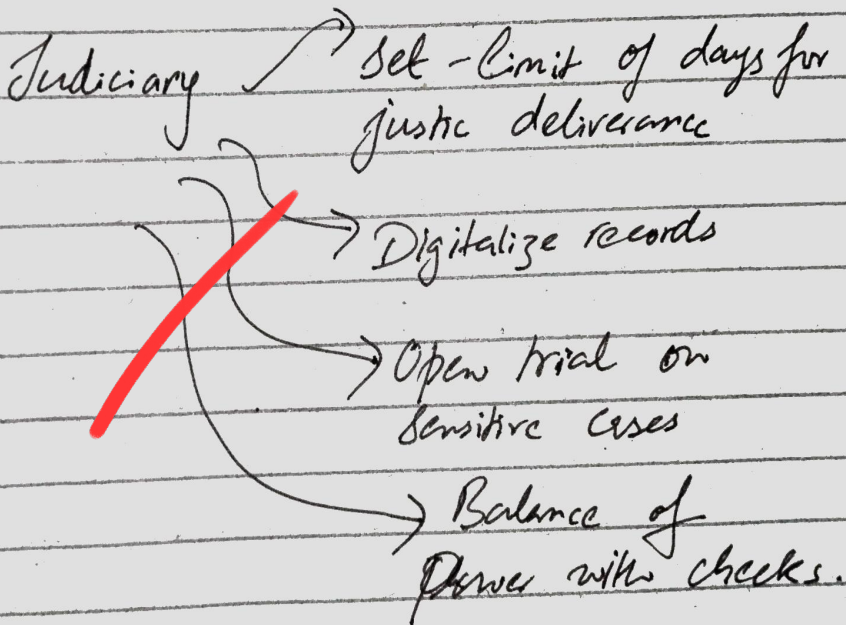
Pakistan Local government system is merely on papers and not practical. Hence, it ~~should~~ be made practical.

Moreover, NEPRA, OGRA, DISCO and all important regulatory authorities should be non-politicized.

Pakistan political system should discourage dynastic political parties and dynastic public administration.

- 4- Pakistan's administration should ensure speedy trial & justice for inculcating true Islamic principles.

Pakistan's justice index is 130/140 globally. This means Pakistan's judiciary is failing in delivering rights and justice to its public. Hence, Pakistan's judiciary system should be reorganized.



Moreover, Pakistan needs to end elite capture, regulatory capture and statutory Regulatory Order culture to secure equality in

its administration policies.

Conclusion.

In the light of Islamic public administration, Pakistan can adopt and correct its public administration. Pakistan needs to adopt accountability and transparency as a prime goal for sake of public welfare and social justice.