

Department of Islamic Studies
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
B. A. Islamic Studies, Semester I
Paper Category: Multidisciplinary Course
Paper Code: BIS-MD-11
Human Rights in Islam

Max Marks	75
CIA	19
End Term Exam	56
Credit	03
Instruction Hours	45

Objectives of the course:

1. Understanding human rights foundations in Islamic and modern contexts.
2. Examining major human rights themes in the Islamic context
3. Analyzing the early Islamic contributions to human rights.
4. Evaluating modern Muslim declaration on human rights.

Learning outcomes of the course:

Upon finishing the course, students will acquire a comprehensive grasp of the meaning, significance, and historical evolution of human rights, encompassing Islamic teachings and contemporary discourses. Additionally, they will delve into key human rights themes within an Islamic framework, enhancing their understanding through exploration of Islamic history, prophetic influences, and modern Muslim declarations of human rights.

Unit-1 Human Rights: An Introduction

- a) Human Rights: Meaning and Significance
- b) Origin of Modern Debates on Human Rights
- c) Status of Humankind in Islam
- d) Concept of Human Rights in Islam

Unit-2 Human Rights: Major Themes

- a) Life and Security: Concept of Life, Sanctity, Protection & Privacy
- b) Justice: Social, Political, Economic, Crime & Punishment
- c) Dignity: Respect, Equity and Support
- d) Freedom: Faith, Expression, and Education

Unit-3 Prophetic Documents on Human Rights

- a) Hilf al-Fuzūl

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- b) Mīthāq al-Madina
- c) The Treaty of Najrān
- d) Khuṭba e ḤajjatulWadā‘

Further Readings:

- ‘Umrī, Jalāluddīn (2010) Islām Insānī Ḥuqūq kā Pāsban, Markazi Maktaba Islami, Delhi
- Ahmad, Nisar (2005) Khuṭba-i-ḤajjatulWidā‘, Baitul Hikma, Lahore
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B. A. Islamic Studies, Semester I
Paper Category: Skill Enhancement Course
Paper Code: BIS-SE-11
Introduction to Islam

Max Marks	75
CIA	19
End Term Exam	56
Credit	03
Instruction Hours	45

Objectives of the Course:

1. Provide a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental principles of Islam, including its definition, origin, and development.
2. Educate students on the primary sources of Islamic teachings: the Quran and Sunnah, and the concept of Shariah.
3. Explain the core beliefs (articles of faith) and practices (pillars) of Islam.
4. Instil a deep understanding of Islamic ethics, values, and principles of piety.

The outcome of the Course:

Upon completing this course, students will have an in-depth understanding of Islam—its meaning, history, scriptures, and articles of faith and practices—along with a comprehensive grasp of their significance and application in modern society.

Unit-1 Islam: Definition, Origin and Development

- a) Meaning and Definition
- b) Origin and Development
- c) Basic Sources: Quran and Sunnah
- d) Islamic Shariah

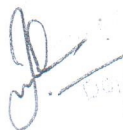
Unit-2 Articles of Faith & Practices

- a) Beliefs (I): Tawhīd, M'ād, Angels
- b) Beliefs (II): Prophets, Books, Taqdir
- c) Pillars of Islam (I): Shahāda, Namāz, Roza
- d) Pillars of Islam (II): Zakāt, Hajj

Unit-3 Islamic Ethics, Values, and Piety

- a) 'Adl (Justice: balance, proportion, fairness, tolerance, just-treatment)
- b) Ṣidq (Truthfulness: righteousness, integrity, amānat)

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- c) Iḥsān (Excellence: sincerity, consistency, generosity)
- d) Raḥmah (Compassion: mercy, patience, empathy)

Further readings:

- Hamidullah, Muhammad, Introduction to Islam, Kitab Bhavan, Delhi
- Mawdudi, Sayyid Abul Ala, Towards Understanding Islam, Markazi Maktaba Islami, Delhi
- Mawdudi, Sayyid Abul Ala, Fundamentals of Islam, Markazi Maktaba Islami, Delhi
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Paper Category: Common Value Addition Course

Paper Code: BIS-VAS-11

Ethics and Islam: An Introduction

Maximum Marks	50
CIA	13
End Term Exam	37
Credit	02
Instruction Hours	30

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. understand the fundamental concepts and theories of ethical reasoning in Islamic as well as non-Islamic contexts.
2. have a broader perspective for examining the historical development of ethical ideas in Greek, Islamic, and modern Western societies.
3. While focusing on ethics in Islam, this course will also allow students to explore the complexities of ethical discourses and their dialogical and contentious nature across various cultures.

Learning Outcome of the Course:

The outcome of this course is to have a deep understanding of ethics as a comprehensive philosophical idea, including its key concepts and theories. They will also be able to learn the Islamic conception of ethics, its key components, and its development within Muslim societies, as well as the contributions of Muslim ethicists to the field.

Unit 1: Ethics and its Theories: A General Introduction

- a) Ethics: definition, significance, and types
- b) Distinction between ethics, morality, and values
- c) Introduction to major ethical theories: consequentialism, deontology, virtue ethics, utilitarianism
- d) Ethical relativism vs. ethical universalism

Unit 2: Ethics in Islam

- a) Islamic ethics: meaning, significance, and types

- b) Sources of Islamic ethics: Quran & Sunnah, theology(kalām), and taṣawwuf
- c) Scope and objectives of Islamic ethics
- d) Development of Islamic ethics and some major Muslim ethicists (Ibn Miskawayh, AbūḤāmid al-Ghazālī, Nāṣir al-Dīn al-Tuṣī, Ibn Taymiyya)

Further readings:

- Encyclopedia of Ethics, Routledge
- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online
- Benn, Piers (1997) Ethics, Routledge
- al-Attar, Mariam, (2010) Islamic Ethics Divine Command Theory in Arabo-Islamic Thought, Routledge
- MacIntyre, Alasdair (1966) History of Ethics: A History of Moral Philosophy from Homeric Age to the Twentieth Century, Routledge Classics
- Hourani, George F. (2009) Reason & Tradition in Islamic Ethics, Cambridge University Press
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