**25th May, 2020 JESUS AND MARY SCHOOL & COLLEGE MODULE 2**

**HISTORY/CIVICS**

**CLASS - 7**

**CHAPTER-RISE AND SPREAD OF ISLAM**

**EXPLANATION 1**

The period from 700 CE to about 1700 CE is described as the Medieval period in Indian history. During this period many significant changes-political, social, economic and religious occurred. One such change was caused by a special event-the birth of Islam in Arabia. Islam is one of the second largest religion of the world. Islam is based on the theory of Monotheism or belief in one God. In Arabic language Islam refers to ‘Surrender’ to the will of God called ‘Allah’.

**Birth and early life of Prophet Muhammad**

Prophet Muhammad was born in 570 CE. In Mecca, a small town in Arabia. Little is known of Muhammad’s early life. His father Abdulla died before his birth. His mother Amina died when he was six year old. Muhammad was brought up by his uncle .In his youth ,he was a shepherd. At the age of 25, he was employed by a rich widow named Khadija whom he married shortly afterwards. For the next 15 years, Muhammad led an ordinary life.

**Birth of Islam**

Prophet Muhammad, in the early years of 7th century founded Islam, the religion which gradually became one of the foremost faiths of the world. When Muhammad was about 40 years old, his life changed. One day as he sat meditating in a solitary cave at the foot of a mountain, he started experiencing a series of verbal revelations from God. He realised that there was one God, Allah and that he, Muhammad was chosen as God’s prophet. He was asked to carry the words of God to the people of Mecca. He declared that Allah was the one and only God and Muhammad was his prophet. The first converts to his new teaching were his wife Khadija, a cousin Ali and a friend Abu Bakr.

**Hijira**

After winning over the people of Mecca by his personality and teaching, Muhammad with 47 of his followers migrated to the northern town of ‘Medina’. This event occurred in 622 CE is known as The Hijrat. This point marked the beginning of the year of Muslim calendar called Hijra. Muhammad, the prophet passed away in AD 632. By then, almost the whole of Arabia had become his follower.

**WORKSHEET 1**

**Q.1** What is the time span of Medieval period?

**Q.2** What is the second largest religion of the world?

**Q.3** On which theory Islam religion is based?

**Q.4** What does the name Islam mean?

**Q.5** What is the word for God in Arabic?

**Q.6** When was Muhammad born?

**Q.7** What was Muhammad’s wife name?

**Q.8**  What is Hijrat?

**Q.9** Who was the founder of Islam?

**Q.10** Name the father and mother of Muhammad?

**EXPLANATION 2**

**Main tenets of Islam**

Muhammad called his religion Islam. His religion was very simple. The believers of Islam have to practice five chief religious duties every day.

1. They have to repeat the words, ‘There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet’. 2. Namaz or prayer has to be done five times a day with the face turned towards Mecca.

3. Followers of Muhammad have to fast from sunrise to sunset in the month of Ramzan.

4. Every Muslim has to help the poor and the needy.This is called zakat or charity to the poor.

5. Every Muslim must go to Haj or pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in his life time.

**Teaching of islam**

Allah, Muhammad said, was all powerful, wise and merciful. He preached the immoratality of the soul. Consumption of alcohol and eating of pork were forbidden. Gambling and lending money on interest were also forbidden. After prophet Muhammad’s death, his teaching and preaching were complied by his followers, are contained in the holy book Quran. The Quran is a collection of the revelations which God made to Muhammad and hence the authority of Quran is unquestionable. Islam emphasises on equality and brotherhood among all men.

**The Caliphate**

After the death of prophet Muhammad, Abu Bakr, his faithful follower, was selected as his successor. Abu Bakr took the title of Cliph and was the first caliph who ruled for two years. They were the heads of religious and political affairs of the Islamic world. They spread out the Islam to other countries through the policy of war and conquests. He was succeeded by Umar, Usman and Ali. After Ali’s death, the Umayyad dynasty came to power.

**The Omayyad dynasty**

The Omayyad dynasty was founded by Muawiyah, who was the governor of Syria, came into the power and took the reins of government. In AD 660 Damascus became an important city and new capital of Arab empire. The Umayyad dynasty took militarily campaigns to spread Islam to Spain, Afghanistan, Central Asia and Africa.

**The Abbasid Caliphate**

The Omayyad dynasty were overthrown by the Abbasids in AD 750, came to power. They ruled for next 300 years. Harun-al-rashid was a famous Abbasid caliph. His reign saw glorious cultural and scientific achievements. They shifted their capital from Damascus to Baghdad. Finally, the Seljuk, Turks conquered and ended the Arab rule.The Ottoman dynasty dominated the Islamic world.

**Spread of Islam through trade**

After the Seventh century, the Arabs encouraged large scale trade and commerce. Arabs were trading with many countries like India, China, Rome and Greece. Commercial relation existed between Arabia and Western regions of India. Through the Arab traders slam came to India.

**WORKSHEET 2**

**Q.1** Name the holy book of Islam religion.

**Q.2** Who was the first Caliph?

**Q.3** For how many years Abu Bakr ruled?

**Q.4** Which dynasty came after the death of Ali?

**Q.5** Who was the founder of Omayyad dynasty?

**Q.6** Which dynasty came into the power after the Omayyad dynasty?

**Q.7** Which dynasty shifted the capital from Damascus to Baghdad?

**Q.8** Name the famous Abbasid caliph.

**Q.9** For how many years Abbasid dynasty ruled?

**Q.10** Name the governor of Syria.

**Given below are the answer to Module 1 uploaded on 11/05/2020.**

**WORKSHEET 1**

**ANSWER**

1. The system of landgrants was called feudalism.
2. Jesus Christ was the founder of Christianity.
3. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
4. The language of Jews was Hebrew.
5. The leader of Jews was Moses.
6. The legendary wise ruler of Hebrew Monarch was king Solomon.
7. Bible has two parts.
8. The governor of Palestine was Pontius Pilate.
9. The parents of Jesus Christ was Mary and Joseph.

**State whether the following statement are true or false:**

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True

**Choose the correct alternatives:**

**(i)** (c) Judasim

**(ii)** (c) 30

**(iii)**  (a) Christmas

**(iv)** (a) Jerusalem

**(v)** (a) None of these

**WORKSHEET 2**

**Ans.1** Augustus is known as Pax Romana.

**Ans.2** Mighty dictator Julius Caesar established Roman Empire.

**Ans.3** Constantine was the first emperor who embraced Christianity.

**Ans.4** Constantinople was the new capital of Eastern Roman empire.

**Ans.5** In 5th century Ancient Roman empire destroyed.

**Ans.6** Pope was the head of Christian religion.

**Ans.7** Holy war or Crusades was a religious war fought between Christian and Turk to release the holy sites.

**Ans.8** Constantinople was the name of city founded by Constantine.

**Ans.9** Augustus Ceaser was grand nephew of Julius Ceaser.

**Ans.10** The reason of decline of Roman Empire in west was Barbarian invasions.

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