

English (New Book) - ICOM Part 1 English Chapter 30 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. What is worse than slavery?

Ans 1: Allama Iqbal says that the life without faith in Allah is worse than the life of slavery. If there is no faith, there is no life. Life without faith is an empty vessel.

Q2. Why is the soul of Europe empty of concord.

Ans 1: The soul of Europe is empty of concord as it has no Makkah. It means the people of Europe are not united.

Q3. Who was Abraham? what was his faith.

Ans 1: Abraham (AS) was prophet of Allah Almighty. He has true faith in Allah. He was thrown by Namrud in a huge fire for preaching Islam, but he got no harm and was saved by Allah.

Q4. On what does a nation's harmony depend.

Ans 1: Makkah is the symbol of unity for the Muslims. The people who embrace Islam become the members of the Muslim Community. Thus, the poet says that the strength of Islam lies in the philosophy of oneness, while harmony and unity of Muslims depend upon Islam.

Q5. What sort of faith should Muslims have?

Ans 1: Muslims should have a faith as strong as Abraham's when he was being thrown in the fire. Muslims should have a faith like a human indulged in the love of God, who is self-honouring and strong.

Q6. What drawback of the Muslims were pointed out by Allama Iqbal in "Rubaiyat"?

Ans 1: Allama Muhammad Iqbal mentioned that the Muslims had lost faith, they were following the English civilization. In Muslims' veins blood runs thin, their ranks are broken, hearts perplexed, prayers cold and feelings are not deeper than the skin.

Q7. Who cannot compete with the civilization of Makkah.

Ans 1: Makkah is the symbol of unity of the Muslims. The soul of Europe is empty of concord as it has no civilization like Makkah. Thus, they cannot compete with the Muslim Ummah and civilization of Makkah.

Q8. What has made the efforts of the Muslims fruitless.

Ans 1: The poet says that the Muslims do not follow teachings of Islam and Sunnah of the Rasool Hazrat Muhammad S.A.W.W thus, weakness in faith and disunity among their ranks has made the efforts of the Muslims fruitless.

Q9. On what does nation's harmony depends?

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Q10. Why is Iqbal worried about the faith of the Muslims.

Ans 1: Allama Iqbal is worried because Muslims have lost faith, and they are following the European culture. To have no faith is worse than slavery and it is the slavery from which Iqbal is trying to free the nation.
