

CSS Islamic Studies (2016–2025) Repeating Questions

The Islamic Studies paper in the examination conducted by the Federal Public Service Commission shows a clear pattern. Instead of repeating identical questions, the examiners **recycle core themes** from Islamic teachings, history, and contemporary issues.

From the papers between **2016 and 2025**, several themes appear repeatedly.

1. Self-Purification / Moral Development (Most Repeated)

Questions related to **Tazkiyah (self-purification) and moral values** appear frequently.

Appeared in

- **2017** – Self-purification in Qur’an and Sunnah
- **2018** – Self-purification and Ihsan
- **2024** – Self-purification as an element of social evolution
- **2025** – Makarim Akhlaq (noble morals)

Core Idea

Islam emphasizes purification of the soul, ethical conduct, and spiritual development as the basis of a healthy society.

✓ **Frequency:** Very High

2. Extremism and Contemporary Challenges

The topic of **extremism and challenges faced by the Muslim world** appears repeatedly.

Appeared in

- **2017** – Extremism in Pakistan
- **2018** – Terrorism in Pakistan
- **2019** – Extremism as a challenge to Islam
- **2023** – Motives of extremism
- **2024** – Eliminating religious extremism

- **2016** – Contemporary challenges of Muslim world

Core Idea

Islam promotes moderation and peaceful coexistence, and extremism contradicts Islamic teachings.

✓ **Frequency:** Very High

3. Women Rights in Islam

Questions related to **women's rights** appear several times.

Appeared in

- **2017** – Inheritance rights of women
- **2019** – Women rights and feminism
- **2021** – Rights of men and women
- **2022** – Human rights with focus on women
- **2023** – Rights of daughters

Core Idea

Islam granted social, economic, and legal rights to women long before modern societies.

✓ **Frequency:** High

4. Ijtihad and Ijma (Islamic Legal Principles)

Islamic jurisprudence concepts are a **common theoretical topic**.

Appeared in

- **2017** – Ijma (consensus)
- **2018** – Ijtihad and contemporary importance
- **2022** – Ijtihad principles
- **2023** – Ijma and parliamentary legislation
- **2024** – Note on Ijtihad

Core Idea

These concepts allow Islamic law to respond to modern issues.

✓ **Frequency:** High

5. Islamic Economic System

Economic justice and Islamic financial principles appear regularly.

Appeared in

- **2018** – Zakat system
- **2020** – Islamic financial system
- **2022** – Principles of Islamic economics
- **2025** – Concentration of wealth

Core Idea

Islamic economics promotes justice, wealth circulation, and social welfare.

✓ **Frequency:** High

6. Political System / Governance in Islam

The Islamic concept of governance appears often.

Appeared in

- **2016** – Islamic political system
- **2017** – Election of Khulafa-e-Rashideen
- **2018** – Civil servants in Islam
- **2021** – Accountability of rulers
- **2024** – Accountability system

Core Idea

Islam emphasizes justice, consultation, and accountability in governance.

✓ **Frequency:** High

7. Life and Character of the Prophet ﷺ

Questions from **Seerah** appear almost every year.

Appeared in

- **2016** – Military strategy of Prophet ﷺ
- **2017** – Prophet as peacemaker
- **2019** – Character in battlefields
- **2020** – Tolerance and forgiveness
- **2021** – Treaty of Hudaibiyya / Khayber
- **2023** – Military strategy again
- **2024** – Ghazwat-e-Nabawi
- **2025** – Peace agreements of Prophet ﷺ

Core Idea

The life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is presented as a complete model for leadership and peace.

✓ **Frequency:** Very High

8. Islamic Civilization and Culture

Questions regarding Islamic civilization appear repeatedly.

Appeared in

- **2016** – Islamic culture characteristics
- **2018** – Islamic civilization characteristics
- **2019** – Moral value system of Islam
- **2025** – Western civilization vs Muslim views

✓ **Frequency:** Medium–High

9. Core Beliefs (Aqaid)

Basic beliefs of Islam appear occasionally.

Appeared in

- **2019** – Tauheed
- **2021** – Day of Judgment
- **2022** – Prophethood
- **2023** – Hereafter

✓ **Frequency:** Medium