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Title: Duties and Rights of Muslim Wife of Islamic personal law-I:

Introduction:

In Islam, marriage is a sacred contract (Nikah) based on mutual rights and responsibilities. A muslim

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wife has clearly defined rights and duties to ensures harmony, justice and respect within the marital relationship. These rights are protected under both Shariah law and Islamic personal law in Pakistan.

Rights of a muslim wife:

i- Right to Mahr (Dower):

A wife is entitled to receive mahr (mandatory gift) from her husband, agreed at the time of marriage.

Quran Reference:

Surah An-Nisa 4:4-

"And give the women [upon marriage] their [bridal] gifts graciously."

ii- Right to Maintenance (Nafaqah):

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Husband must provide financial support including food, clothing, housing and medical care.

Surah Al-Baqarah 2:233 — "The father is responsible for the maintenance of the child" (extends to wife support).

iii- Right to Respect and Kind Treatment:

The wife must be treated with kindness, compassion and respect.

Sunnah: Prophet Muhammad PBUH said: "The best of you are those who are best to their wives".

iv- Right to Physical and Emotional security:

A wife should not be subjected to harm or abuse Islam guarantees her safety and dignity.

v- Right to Freedom of Religion and Expression:

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She cannot be forced to adopt any belief or act against her conscience.

vi- Right to Inheritance:

A wife has legel rights to inherit from her husband.

Quran Reference:
Surah An-Nisa 4:12

vii- Right to seek Divorce:

A wife can request divorce under certain conditions if her rights are violated or marriage becomes intolerable.

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Duties of a Muslim Wife:

i- Obedience in marital matters:

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Within lawful boundaries she should cooperate and respect her husband in family decisions.

Quran Reference:
Surah An-Nisa 4:34
"righteous women are devoutly obedient."

ii- Maintaining Family Harmony:

She should care for the household and nurture children with love and attention.

iii- Guarding Privacy and Property:

Respecting family secrets and husband's property is her duty.

Sunnah: Prophet Muhammad PBUH said: "The trust of a wife in her husband is sacred"

iv- Upholding Moral Conduct:

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She should maintain modesty, honesty, and moral integrity inside and outside the home.

Conclusion:

In Islamic law, a Muslim wife's right and duties are balanced to protect her dignity, welfare and marital harmony. Observing these rights and responsibilities strengthens family bonds and aligns with teachings of Quran and Sunnah.

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