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Topic: Importance of Waqf and its implementation in Society:

Introduction:

Waqf is an important institution in islamic law that plays a significant role in social welfare

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and economic justice. It refers to the permanent dedication of property by a Muslim to religious charitable or Public Purposes. Once Property is declared as waqf it becomes inalienable meaning it cannot be said gifted or inherited.

Definition of Waqf:

The word "Waqf" literally means "to stop or "to hold". According to Islamic Jurists waqf is:
"The Permanent dedication of a Property for Purposes recognized by Islamic law as Pious, religious or charitable.

Essential Elements of Waqf:

For a valid waqf, the following elements must be a Person.

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1. **Waqif**: (Donor): The Person who creates the waqf must be a Muslim, of sound mind and competent.

2. **Property**: The Property must be tangible, lawful and capable of being used without being consumed.

3. **Purpose**: The Purpose must be religious Pious or charitable.

4. **Benificiaries**: These may include the Public or speicific individual.

5. **Permanency**: Waqf must be Permanent and irrevocable.

Importance of waqf in Society:

1. **Social welfare**:

Waqf Play a major role in Providing welfare services such as education, healthcare and poverty relief.

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2. **Poverty Alleviation:**
Through waqf wealth is redistributed in society. It help the poor, widows, orphan and needy individual by providing them with financial and social support.

3. **Community Development:**
Promotes unity and the cooperation.

Implementation:

1. **Establishedment of waqf institution:**
Government and Private individual establish waqf boards and institution to manage waqf.

2. **Legal Framework:**
In many Muslim countries, including Pakistan waqf is regulated under specific laws to ensure transparency and proper administrative.

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4. **Modern Utilization:** Waqf Properties can be used for modern ~~the~~ purposes.
- Educational institutions
- Welfare Organization
- Housing Projects for the poor

5. **Public Awareness:** Educating people about the importance of waqf encourages more individual to participate in charitable activities.

Challenges in Implementation:

Despite its importance, waqf faces several challenges.
- Mismanagement and corruption
- Lack of Awareness
- Illegal occupation of waqf properties.
- Weak legal enforcement.

Suggestions of Improvement:



- Strengthening legal supervision.
- Digitization of waqf records.
- Professional management of waqf assets.

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