



Importance of Arabic Language in the Global World: A Study

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Abstract

There are many languages in the world for communication. Among them some languages are tough and some languages are very easy. A few languages are very ancient and others are modern. Arabic is very oldest and difficult of the world. This language's grammar is very hard and every word has different meanings in different times. This language started in the eighth century B.C., unfortunately it developed in 12th centuries. In present era one of the richest languages of the world is Arabic and placed an international language. In modern period a better placement facility for Arabic learners is seen in the Arab world. Arabic language and literature have enjoyed famous opportunity among the different types of people Arabic is the important language of the people among the Arabian country.

Arabic occupied as main role for Muslims globally. Because it the language of Holy Quran, the main religious book for Muslims. The main aim of the article is to focuses the global impact of Arabic language and literature in the contemporary period. The most important cultural language in the world is also Arabic. It is the 'holy' language of Islam. More than 200 million peoples in the world speak in Arabic including Middle East and North Africa. They speak Arabic as their local forms and uses as mother language

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Introduction:

A distinguished language in the world is Arabic in this period. Because Arabic is the language of Holy Quran and Hadith. Without knowing the Arabic language, a Muslim cannot understand their religious book Quran and Hadith. It received a glorious position in the world. In India Arabic language is also important because it plays an important role for relations of the other Arabian countries. India also produced many well-known scholars of Islamic studies and experts of Qur'an and Hadith.

Language is a means of communication. It is the medium of the interaction between human beings of the particular a place. The most developed Semitic language today is Arabic now days and it is considered a major language of the world. The main monuments of the early Arabic literature are the pre-Islamic Arabic poetry and Quran.

Arabic also became a medium by which Arabic scholars studied the cultures and religions of other people's globally. Arabic continued to be an important language for the culture of India for centuries. Language is considered as one of the six official languages of

the United Nations. Therefore, the study and teaching of Arabic language and literature is the subject of central importance which should be a top priority for the curriculum of humanistic studies. Teachers and students of Arabic deserve every encouragement from our universities. Literature is not something new for the people of Arabs, especially Muslims. Arabic literature existed before advent of Islam. The pre-Islamic period is called classical Arabic literature or Jahiliyyah Arabic literature. During the Jahiliyyah period, people were famous for their ability to compose beautiful poetry during that time. The high quality of Jahiliyyah literary language at that time was highly satisfied by many cultural observers. Arabic literature is an integral part of the West Asian literary tradition for this period. The development of Arabic literature linked to the history of the Arab nation. Islam has documented a comprehensive history of transformations in the human system of life, encompassing spiritual, political, literary, and cultural and moral ideas. The Arabs held like the high literary value, particularly in their dedication to the tradition of poetry during the early Islamic period. Islam made its way into the Arab community in progress by social life, literature, and cultural values by this language. It brings a vibrant transformation to the Arab society. Islam introduced numerous changes in shaping the global Arab way of life, particularly in the realm of language. The Quran and the Hadith of the Prophet hold a crucial position by becoming a guiding light even after the Prophet's death. Arabic literature during the Islamic period played a significant role in understanding the history and cultural evolution of the contemporary Arab world. It is also influenced of Islam on the fields of art and literature globally.

During this time, the literary works held a vital role in depicting the values, beliefs, and societal life of the Arab people of that time. During this period the Arab writers undergo substantial transformations in their writing styles and the content of their literary works by the introduction of Islam. Presently, Arabic is enjoying the status of official language of the 21 countries and a major language in various parts of the world. Above all, it is the holy language of worship for Muslims and as such it has been studied in the four corners of the globe as a language of the world.

Research Design and methodology:

The research methodology for preparation of this article is divided into two parts one is the methodology for descriptive analysis about Arabic language and the importance of the Arabic Language in the modern era. The article is written with the help of books, internet and journals. Information and data have been collected from secondary sources mainly.

Objectives:

1. To realization about the Islamic perspective of harmony in the Globe.
2. To highlight the about the demand of Arabic language in the World.
3. To analysis the importance of Arabic language.
4. To develop awareness among the readers of Arabic language.
5. To draw a meaningful conclusion based on the finding of the study.

Discussion on Globally Importance of Arabic language:

Arabic is of utmost importance due to the economic significance of the oil producing in the present era. Arabic countries in the global scenario knowing the Arabic language can help us to find a career in a variety of fields such as journalism, business and industry, education, finance and banking, translation and interpretation, consulting, foreign service.

With the growing importance of Middle East in the International affairs there is a shortage of people knowing in Arabic language and culture in the west. Apart from this, numerous business opportunities are available in the Arabic world as a result of the expansion of markets in the world. Studying the Arabic language will give us a cutting edge in our endeavors. It is becoming an international businessman oriented towards the ever-growing Arabic market. Arabic language has played an important part in shaping the Islamic future in world of globalization and conflict of civilization as a whole.

The importance of the Arabic language in promoting unity and friendship in the Muslim world has always been deeply felt and stressed by sincere and upright Muslim leaders of the world. They have also apprised people about the importance of the Arabic language for the Muslims and have also warned against the adversaries of Muslim, particularly the western countries. Realizing the gravity of the situation, the Muslim faith itself the well-wishers of Islam raised their voices against the Muslims of the world to adopt Arabic as their common language. It is, therefore, the duty of every Muslim to learn the Arabic language to understand the Holy Quran, the Sunnah and other literature on religious topics available in the Arabic language. Allah has commanded all believers to understand and reflect upon the Holy Quran which is in Arabic language.

The Holy Quran is a living miracle of Allah associated with Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). It is unique in the beauty of its own that moved to tears even the most hard-hearted enemies of Islam. To verify the truth of this statement, let one recall the event of acceptance of Islam by Hazrat Umar. It is a Muslim's duty to qualify him to be able to experience this unique miraculous distinction of the Holy Quran.¹ This again requires a thorough knowledge of the Arabic language. In addition to the many exhortations in the Holy Quran and the Sunnah asking the believers to learn and teach the book of Allah. There is another indication in Allah's scheme of things that in order to preserve the Divine Book is genuinely pure and unaltered till the Day of Judgment. The believers should be provided facility to learn the Arabic language without any reason. It is another clear miracle that Allah has in his grace protected the language of the Holy Quran from undergoing any drastic changes during the last fourteen centuries. It is very difficult to understand the Quran without the guidance of an expert of Arabic language and literature.

We know that the Arabic language has been safe from such changes and will remain so till the Day of Judgment. The entire non-Muslim world is striving hard to estrange the Muslims from their religion and culture. Arabic language is one of the most popular and famous languages across the world. This language includes both literary language and the spoken Arabic verities. There are large numbers of languages all over the world. Arabic language is quite attractive that people love to learn it and this is one of the reasons that it becomes very popular language in the world. Arabic language is also known as Modern Standard Arabic or literary Arabic. Presently, it is the only official form of Arabic which is mostly used in written documents and also informal spoken occasions like lectures and news broadcasts. Some people have claimed that Arabic was the language that revealed by God for the sake of human beings. Arabic language is comparatively much easier to learn for the people. Arabic ranks at sixth position in the world's league table of languages along

¹ Carl W. Ernst. The Global Significance of Arabic Language and Literature. Page. 191-192.
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with 186 million native speakers of the world. Arabic is the language of the Holy book of Islam, Quran.

This is one of the reasons that it is most widely used throughout the Muslim community. It also belongs to the Semitic group of languages along with Hebrew and Amharic which is the main language of Ethiopia. Arabic language has lent many words to other languages such as Urdu, Bengali, Kazakh, Bosnian, Turkish, Persian etc. It has also derived many words from other languages which include Hebrew, Greek, Persian and Syriac in past centuries. Few words in European and English language are derived from Arabic. As results it is also influenced by other languages.

Arabic has a great significance worldwide as it is the religious language of Islam. According to Islamic thinking, God's final and ultimate message to humanity, the Quran was revealed in Arabic to the Prophet Muhammad in the 7th century. Now-a-days Arabic is also one of the UN'S six official languages in the world. Knowledge of Arabic is important in the political and social debates of our times. The significance of Arabic language cannot be underestimated in the modern world. It is the official language of about 20 countries. There are about 300 million speakers in Arabic over the world. Most of the Arabic speakers are concentrated in the Middle East people. People around the world revere Arabic, since it is the language of the Holy Quran.²

Arabic language gained importance as a result of spread of Islam in the 7th and 8th centuries. During this period the Arabic came into contact with the European languages. During the last centuries a little change took place in the Arabic language and got refined with new words and technological terms. It is written in the golden pages of history that Arabs have contributed immensely to the advancement of science, medicine and philosophy and others. The valuable knowledge of the Greek, Roman and Byzantine cultures was preserved for the world through the Arab cultures. Arabs have also made significant contributions in literature, Mathematics, astrology and architecture knowledge of Arabic which helps us to explore this vast body of knowledge in their original form of the language.

As already mentioned earlier, Arabic language is one of the oldest languages in the world but it still exists till now in the world widely. It belongs to Semitic languages. Arabic exists and develops as soon as Islam is the biggest religions in the world. Islam spreads worldwide from Arabian Peninsula and many people learn Arabic for religious motive also. Islamic civilization isn't the mainstream civilization in the world. Arabic language still catches many people's attention. Arabic influences most people of some aspects like as religion, international relationship, educational career, job career and many others.

This language cannot be separated from Islam as it is the main language of Islam. Quran, the holy book of Muslims and the main reference of Islam tenets are written in Arabic language. Furthermore, hadith (the prophetic tradition), the second source of the Islamic tenet is also written in Arabic and most books explaining the interpretations of these sources are written in Arabic language. Therefore, some people say that it is hardly possible to understand Islam if we didn't master Arabic. Arabic language is the key to understanding Islam. Due to its importance many Madrassa (Islamic schools) teach Arabic to their students. Some of them oblige their students to speak Arabic in their daily

² <https://www.thecho.in/files/hazarat-hasanuzzaman.page.11>

conversation during class time. Arabic also becomes the language of instruction for some 'religious subjects' such as fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), tauhid (Islamic theology), tassawuf (Islamic mysticism), akhlaq (Islamic ethics) and many others.

Findings and Conclusion:

From the above discussion it is clear that Arabic is one of the oldest living International Languages of the world. It had come into existence since the early part of the 6th century A.D. In addition to religious point of view Arabic has got immense value in the field of language and literature. Other than the Muslim scholars, a large number of Arabic literary works has been done by European scholars and Orient lists also. It may undoubtedly be claimed that the next to English, Arabic is the only language being spoken in large number of countries in the world. Moreover, Arabic has been recognized as one of the official languages of United Nations Organization (UNO).³ It has assumed considerable importance in recent times due to the emergence of sovereign Arab States, controlling vast natural resources. The whole Muslim World considered this as the most sacred language because it is the language of Holy Quran. Some people learn Arabic as they think that it plays a significant role in international relationship. It is reported that Arabic is the Sixth languages spoken by many people worldwide. Most of them are from Muslim countries. In the present era, these countries have the strategic position in the global economy as their lands contain the important natural resources such as oil and gas. The political or economic instability in this region impacts immediately to the global market. That's way we see that many western countries have the political and economic interests to these countries for these reasons. The field of Arabic teaching offers the prospective careers for its learners. Now a day, there are many jobs who know the Arabic language fluency such as Arabic teachers both in formal schools or courses, translators, diplomats, etc. Arabic teachers are required in many Islamic schools which teach both Islamic and Arabic sciences. The sworn translators are needed in the legal and certified translation agency which translates the formal documents, certificates, diplomas, etc. The development of Arabic language in Indonesian context shows the positive growth. It is indicated by the increasing numbers of the Arabic learners in schools and other educational institution.

³ Ibid. Page-13.

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