

Pakistan Affairs

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Q. "Few individuals significantly alter the course of history. Fewer still modify the map of the world. Hardly anyone can be credited with creating a nation-state. Muhammad Ali Jinnah did all three."

Elaborate.

Answer

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Topic Phrase :

"Jinnah - a man who altered the course of history, modified the map of the world, and credited with creating a nation-state"

I. Introduction

Qaid-e-Azam is the founder of Pakistan. He played a significant role in changing the minds of Muslims in the sub-continent through telling them that they

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are a separate nation. Even though, initially he was a staunch supporter of Hindu Muslim unity. However, he became disillusioned with the Congress and its policies towards Muslim. He became the leader of All India Muslim League in 1913 and worked towards the creation of Pakistan. His efforts culminated in the creation of Pakistan in 1947. Jinnah became the first governor general of Pakistan. Therefore, **Stanley Wolpert** adored him in his book "**Jinnah of Pakistan**".

II. Qaid-e-Azam as a history modifier, map changer and a state creator

(A) Two nation theory in the light of saying of Jinnah

Qaid-e-Azam played a vital

role in giving the final shape to "Two Nation Theory" which led to a separate homeland for the Muslim of the sub-continent.

• Qaid's presidential address to the Muslim League in 1940

He said,

"The Hindu and Muslim belong to two different religions, philosophies, social customs, literatures. They neither intermarry nor interdine together and indeed they belong to two different civilizations which are based mainly on conflicting ideas and conceptions. Muslims are a nation according to any definition of a nation and they must have their own homeland, their territory and their state."

a. Statement of Quaid in
 "Time and Tide" 1940

Quaid-e-Azam said,

"Hindus and Muslims are two separate nations."

a. Demand of Pakistan to exercise Islamic principles

Quaid Azam expressed his thoughts in these words,

"We do not demand Pakistan simply to have a piece of land but we want a laboratory where we could experiment on Islamic principles."

b. Gandhi Jinnah Talks 1944

Jinnah emphasized,

"We maintain and hold that the Muslim and the Hindus are two separate nations by any definition we are a nation, by

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all canons of International law,
we are a nation."

(B) Role of Qaid's saying in the nourishment of Muslim separatism in the context of Indo - Pak subcontinent

- Qaid-e-Azam generated a realization among Muslim that every nation has its unique image. Muslim and Hindus could not amalgamate with each other because of their deviating ideas on culture, religion and other fields of life. So in order to save the distinct recognition of a nation, which is numerically less, a separate homeland is needed.
- Pakistan's creation is the practical shape of Qaid's vision. So Qaid-e-Azam became successful by creating Pakistan along with other Muslim leaders.

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(c) Efforts made by Qaid-e-Azam in the making of Pakistan

a. Work for the rights of the Muslim of India

Jinnah was a prominent leader of All India Muslim League. He worked tirelessly for the rights of the Muslims of India.

b. Lahore Resolution and the role of Jinnah

In 1940, he presented the Lahore Resolution, which called for the creation of an independent Muslim state in the Northwestern and Eastern regions of India.

c. Negotiation with the British government

He negotiated with the British government for the independence of India and the creation of Pakistan.

- Opposition from the Hindus and the British government - the Qaid's role

He faced numerous challenges and obstacles in his efforts to create Pakistan, including opposition from the Hindu majority and the British government.

- Joining of Qaid-e-Azam' All India Muslim League

To represent the rights of Muslim, Jinnah joined AIML in 1913.

Initially he was the staunch supporter of Hindu Muslim unity as said by Sarojini Naidu, after Lucknow Pact in 1916

"Quaid-e-Azam is an ambassador of Hindu Muslim Unity."

- Leaving off Congress by Jinnah

Jinnah left Congress in 1920 in protest against the Rowlatt Act of 1919. This act

1. Jallianwala Bagh

was brutal in nature. Due to this act, General Dyer killed hundred of people in Jallianwala Bagh.

Raid-e-Azam and Nehru Report

Raid-e-Azam presented the 14 points in response to Nehru's report of 1928. Jinnah talked about the rights of Muslim in his 14 points.

Raid-e-Azam and creation of Pakistan

Finally Pakistan was created in 1947 through his tireless efforts. He not only awakened the Muslim of the sub-continent but also provided a practical route towards a separate nation. Jinnah was the person who paved the way in the attainment of legal, political, economic and social rights.

IV. Conclusion

In a nutshell, Jinnah is the man who altered the course of history, modified the map of the world, and credited with creating a nation state-Pakistan. He played a significant role in all ways politically, legally and intellectually. So his tireless efforts resulted in the creation of Pakistan in a miraculous way. Therefore, he is considered as the founder of Pakistan.