

Ques No #101Contributions of Iqbal as an exponent of philosophy1- Introduction:

"The rise of Islam is perhaps the most amazing event in human history. Springing from a land and a people like previously all other nations Islam created its own world."

(Allama Iqbal)

Allama Muhammad Iqbal a renowned philosopher, poet and politician from British India, is known for his profound and thought-provoking poetry that often addressed themes of self discovery, spirituality, and the betterment of humanity. His poetry conveys several key thoughts and messages for humanity.

## 2. Iqbal as an Exponent of philosophy:-

Following points can be considered for Iqbal as an exponent of philosophy.

### 2.1) Self-Realization

Iqbal emphasized the importance of self realization and self-awareness. He encouraged individuals to explore their inner selves, recognize their potential, and work towards self-improvement.

His concept of "Khudi" (selfhood) stressed the idea that individuals should strive to become the best version of themselves.

خودی کو کر بلند اتنا کہ ہر تقدیر سے پہلے  
خدا بندے سے خود پوچھے بتا تیری رضا کیا ہے

(علامہ محمد اقبال)

## 2.2) Unity and Brotherhood

Iqbal's poetry often promoted the idea of unity and brotherhood among Muslims. He envisioned a world where people from diverse backgrounds would come together in a spirit of brotherhood and work for the common good.

ایک یوں مسلم حرم کی پاسبانی کے لیے  
 نیل کے ساحل سے لے کر تاخاں شاعر  
 (علامہ محمد اقبال)

## 2.3) Spiritual Awakening

Iqbal's poetry delves into themes of spirituality and urged individuals to connect with their spiritual side. He believed that spiritual awakening for personal growth and betterment of society.

وہ آک سجدہ جسے توں گراں سمجھتا ہے  
ہزار سجدوں سے دیتا ہے آدمی کو نجات

## 2.4) Social Justice

Aqbal was deeply concerned about the socio-economic conditions of the Muslim community in India and the wider Muslim world. He advocated for social justice and the upliftment of the oppressed.

ہ ایک ہی طرف ہیں کھڑے ہو گئے، محمد واپاز  
نہ کوئی بندہ رہا نہ کوئی بندہ تلوار  
(علامہ اقبال)

## 2.5) Struggle and Action

Aqbal encouraged people to take action and play an active role in shaping their destinies and the destiny of their nations. He believed in the power of human agency and effort in achieving progress and positive change.

تو شاہین ہے پرواز ہے فکر تیرا  
تیرے سامنے آسماں اور بھی ہیں  
(علامہ اقبال)

## 2.6) Education and knowledge

Iqbal stressed the importance of education and acquisition of knowledge. He believed that knowledge was the key to personal and societal advancement, and he calls for a revival of intellectualism and a thirst for learning.

ستاروں سے آگے جہاں اور بھی ہیں  
ابھی عشق کے امتحاں اور بھی ہیں  
(علامہ اقبال)

## 2.7) Tolerance and pluralism

Iqbal's poetry advocated for tolerance, coexistence, and respect for diversity. He recognized the importance of living harmoniously in a world characterized by

different cultures, religions  
and traditions.

e حیرت ہے کہ تعلیم و ترقی میں ہے پیچھے  
جس قوم کا آغاز یہی اقراء سے ہوا تھا  
علامہ اقبال

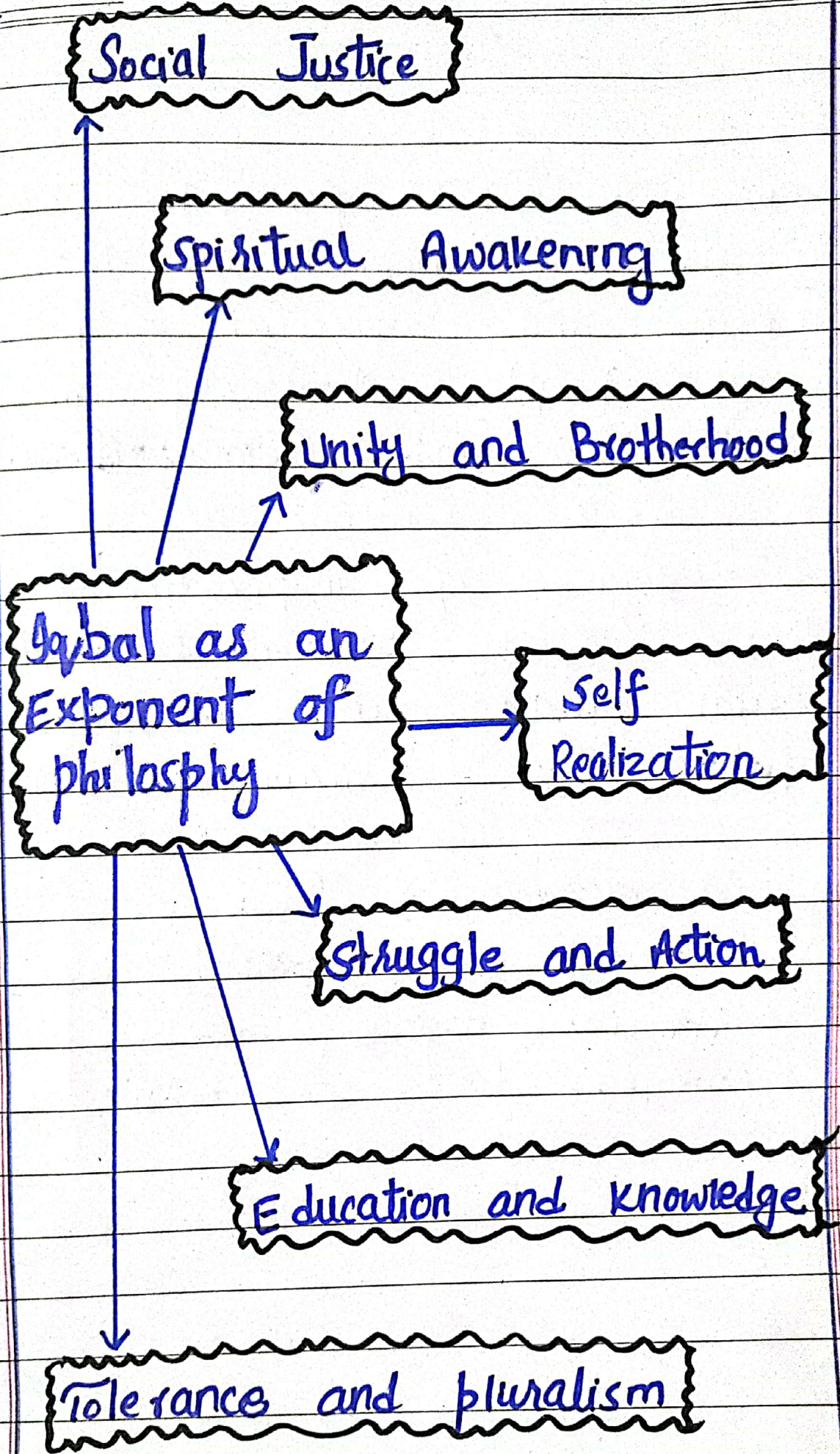
## 2.8) Freedom and self-Determination

Iqbal supported the idea of  
self-determination for nations  
and the right to pursue their  
own destinies. He expressed his  
hopes for the Muslim world  
to regain its political, and  
intellectual independence.

As Iqbal said beautifully:-

e غلامی میں کما آتی ہیں نہ شمشیر میں نہ تلوار میں  
جو ہو ذوق یقین بیدار تو کٹ جاتی ہیں زنجیر میں

(علامہ محمد اقبال)



∴ Ghalib's philosophy' Concept

### 3- Conclusion:-

Conclusively Iqbal's poetry has had a profound impact on the thinking and aspirations of many people, particularly in South Asia and Muslim worldwide.

His ideas continue to be a source of inspiration for those seeking personal development, social justice, and a better future for humanity.

"The alchemy of turning adversity into opportunity lies in having the courage to face it."

(Allama Iqbal)



## Role of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: As a political leader for the Muslims

### I- Introduction:

|| "Muslims should first acquire education and open their eyes, and then devote themselves to the services of their nation."

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

Sir Syed was a visionary leader and reformer of 19th century. He played a pivotal role in the political empowerment and upliftment of Muslims in the Indian subcontinent. His contribution transcended mere educational reforms. He laid the foundation for political awareness and representation among the Muslim population.

## 2- political services of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

Sir syed awoke the sleeping spirit of Muslims in following manner:-

### 2.1) Educational Reforms as a prelude to political consciousness:

Sir syed recognized education as a key to progress and advocated for modern education among Muslims. Through institutions like **Aligarh University**, he aimed to empower Muslims **intellectually and socially**, fostering a sense of **unity and self-reliance**. As he famously said:-

“

Without knowledge, there is no salvation.”

## 2.2) Promotion of communal Harmony:

Despite the prevailing tensions between Muslims and Hindus, Sir Syed propagated the idea of Hindu-Muslim Unity. He emphasized the need for mutual understanding and cooperation, asserting,

"I look to both Hindus and Muslims with the same eyes and consider them as two eyes of a bride."

## 2.3) Advocacy for political Representation:

Sir Syed recognized the importance of political representation for Muslims. He encouraged them to participate in political process and engage with

British authorities to safeguard their rights. His efforts laid the groundwork for the foundation of All India Muslim League, which later became instrumental in the creation of Pakistan.

### 2.4) Resilience in the Face of opposition:

Despite facing criticism and opposition from various quarters including conservative elements within the Muslim community, Sir Syed remained steadfast in his commitment to the welfare of Muslims. His perseverance and unwavering dedication earned him a title of "Shaheen-e-Mashriq" (Eagle of the East).

Khan, Khwaja Altaf Hussain in his book: "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Muslim Renaissance Man of India" also endorses the political services of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

## 2.5) Political Pragmatism

Sir Syed advocated for "pragmatic cooperation with the British". He believed that aligning interests with the ruling power was essential for Muslims' survival and progress.

## 2.6) Communal Identity and Rational Ethos

Sir Syed emphasized the distinct identity of Muslims, based not only on religion but also on shared socio-political interests.

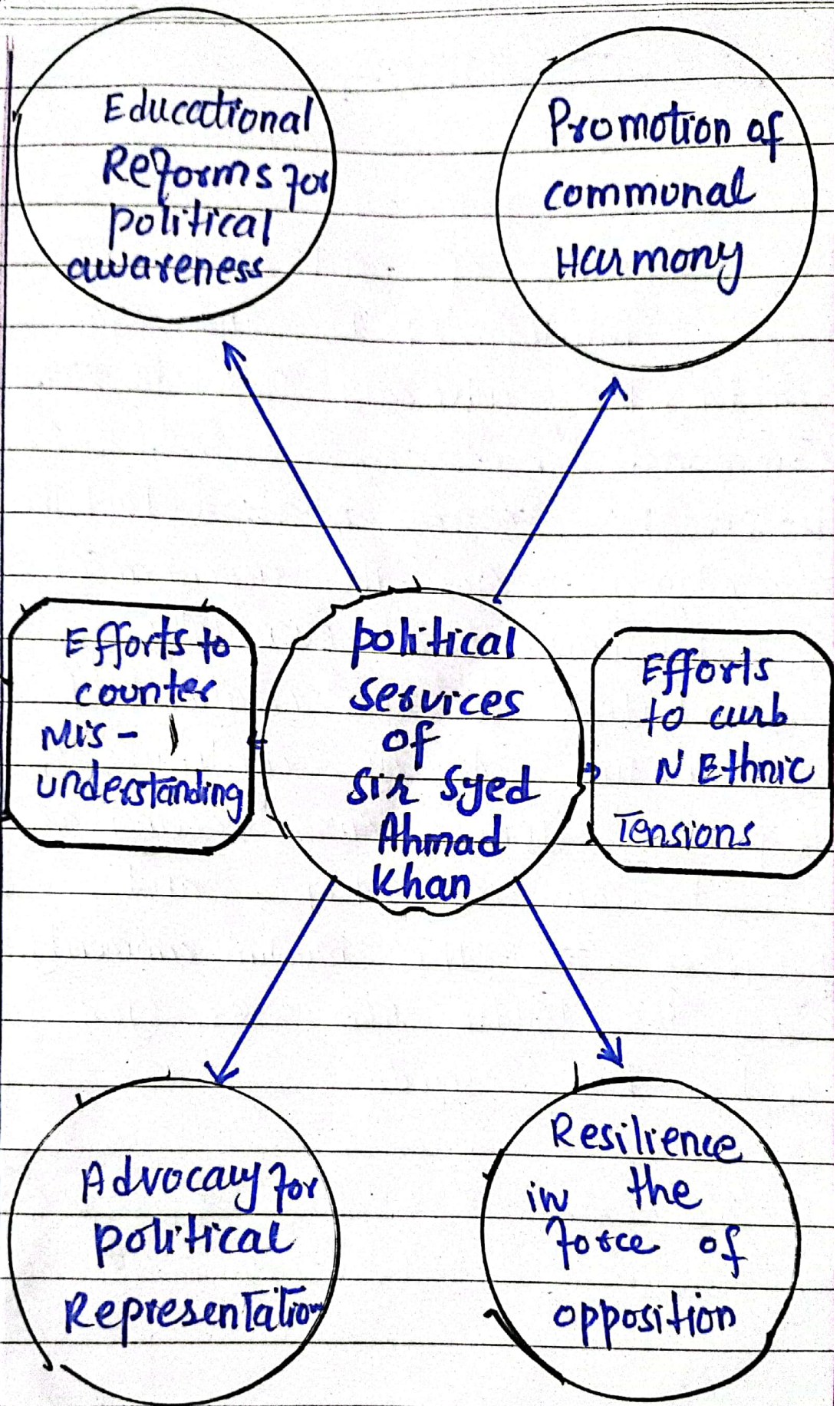
## 2.7) Efforts to counter Misunderstandings

Sir Syed worked tirelessly to dispel the misconceptions about Islam and Muslims among British officers and the wider Indian society. He emphasized the compatibility of Islamic values with modernity and sought to bridge the cultural gap b/w East and West.

This is also endorsed by Robinson, Francis in his book: "The Crisis of Empire and the making of Muslim identity in India".

"I am sure my end has come; but if there is any life after death, I shall watch over the destinies of those I revere."

(Sir Syed Ahmad Khan)



Political services of Sir Syed

Ahmad Khan:-

### 3 - Conclusion:-

Conclusively,  
 Sir Syed's political services for  
 the Muslims of sub-continent  
 were multi-faceted and far-  
 reaching. His advocacy for **education**  
**communal harmony** and  
**political representation** laid the  
 groundwork for the empowerment  
 of Muslims and eventually  
 contributed to the creation of  
 Pakistan. His legacy continues to  
 inspire generations, serving as  
 a beacon of hope and  
 progress for the Muslim community.

For the leader like Sir Syed:  
 poet has said:-

موت سہل اسے جانو پھر تاجے فلک برسوں  
 تہب خاک کے پردے سے انسان نکلتا ہے



# Critical Evaluation of politics of Muslim Nationalism during the period of 1947:-

## I-Introduction:

"Pakistan not only means freedom and independence but the Muslim ideology which has to be preserved, which has to come to us as a precious gift and treasure."

(Muhammad Ali Jinnah)

The period of 1947 marked a crucial juncture in the politics of Muslim nationalism in South Asia. Against the backdrop of colonial rule and growing communal tensions, the demand for separate Muslim homeland gained momentum, eventually leading to the partition of British India and the creation of Pakistan.

"The period of 1947 was also characterized by complex political dynamics, regional conflicts, and social upheaval, which necessitates a critical evaluation of Muslim national politics."

## 2 - Critical Evaluation of politics of Muslims in 1947

### a) Back Ground and Context:

#### 2) Partition of India

In 1947, British India was divided into two independent nations

India



Hindu majority population

Pakistan



Muslim majority population

## 2.2) Muslim Separatism

The collapse of Khilafat Movement and religious riots fueled distrust between Hindu and Muslims.

### 2 - Role of Key Leaders:-

#### a - Muhammad Ali Jinnah:-

He revitalized the Muslim League in 1930s and advocated for separate statehood for Indian Muslims.

#### b - Allama Muhammad Iqbal

He proposed the consolidation for "North West Indian Muslim State" which laid the groundwork for Pakistan. Iqbal's vision emphasized justice, spirituality and the inseparability of religion and politics.

## C. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

He is very well-known leader who played a key role for the Muslims of subcontinent at the every possible level he could.

"Muslim Nationalism in South Asia: Origins, Ideologies, and Movements" by Barbara D. Metcalf is a comprehensive exploration of the development of Muslim nationalism in the context of South Asia. This book traces the

- Origins of Muslim political consciousness in the region
- Examining the historical, cultural, and ideological factors that contributed to its emergence.

### 3. Role of All India Muslim League in the Muslim's politics:-

• This party emerged as a primary advocate for Muslim Rights and Aspirations.

• The negotiations and agreements b/w Muslim League, the Indian National Congress, and British Government played a crucial role in shaping course of Muslim nationalism.

• Jinnah's diplomatic efforts and strategic maneuvering contributed to the eventual acceptance of the partition plan by all stakeholders.

## "The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan" by Ayesha Jalal

analyses the M. Ali Jinnah's role as the primary advocate for the Muslim League's demand for Pakistan. This book explores Jinnah's political strategies, his interactions with other leaders, and broader socio-political context of British India. It provided a nuanced understanding of the factors leading to the partition of India.

### 1- Interactions with Indian National Congress:

The failure to reach a consensus on a united India further exacerbated communal tensions and paved the way for partition.

- The congress eventually accepted the partition plan.

- This decision to partition India was driven by pragmatic considerations rather than ideological alignment.

## 5- Regional Dynamics and Local politics:-

A communal riots and violence erupted in various parts of India as communities grappled with the implications of partition. The mass displacement and migration of populations resulted in immense human suffering and loss of life.

### 5.1) Role of Muslim Leaders:

Muslim leaders played a significant role in mobilizing support for the creation of Pakistan.

This leadership was instrumental in addressing the concerns and grievances of local Muslim communities.

## 6- Impact on society and Identity:

The partition of India had profound social, cultural and psychological consequences for millions of people. The trauma of displacement and the loss of home, family and community left a lasting imprint on the collective memory of both Hindus and Muslims.

### 6.1) Creation of New National Identity

The creation of Pakistan gave rise to national identity grounded in Islamic ideals and principles. The country's founders envisioned Pakistan as a homeland for Muslims.



## 6.2) Prevalence of Religious intolerance:

The legacy of partition also included the perpetuation of communalism, sectarianism, and religious intolerance in the region.

The division of India along religious lines sowed the seeds of discord and conflict that continue to shape inter-communal relations in South Asia.

## 6.3- Critique and Reflection on the period of 1947:

The politics of Muslim nationalism during the period of 1947 were marked by divisions, compromises and contradictions. While the demand for Pakistan represented a triumph for Muslim

political aspirations, it also laid bare the challenges of nation-building in a diverse and fragmented society.

### 6.4) Complexities of the partition politics

The long term ramifications of partition, including the unresolved issues of Kashmir, the plight of refugees, and the ongoing tensions b/w India and Pakistan, underscore the complexities of the partition politics and enduring legacy of colonialism.

### 6.5) Re-evaluation of political strategies

South Asia navigates the complexities of post-colonial nationhood, there is a need for re-evaluation of political strategies and ideologies.

The ideals of democracy, pluralism, and social justice must guide efforts to address the legacies of partition and promote reconciliation and cooperation among diverse communities.

As Liaquat Ali Khan said:-

"The Muslims of India, like any other nation, have the right to their homeland. We are determined to achieve our goal of an independent Pakistan. The struggle for Pakistan will continue until we succeed."

## 7- Conclusion:-

In a nutshell, the critical evaluation of Muslim politics underscores the intricacies and nuances of a transformative period in South Asian history. It highlights the interplay of historical forces, leadership dynamics, and socio-cultural factors that influenced the partition of India and subsequent emergence of Pakistan as an independent state. Understanding this period enriches the comprehension of contemporary issues and challenges facing the region, emphasizing the importance of dialogue, reconciliation, and inclusive nation-building efforts.