

Q. 2. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

Not all the rulers signed the Instrument of Accession at once. The young Maharajah of Jodhpur, afraid that the Socialist Congress Party would strip him of his amusements - flying, dancing girls, and conjuring delights - which he had only just begun to indulge in since succeeding his father to the throne, arranged a meeting with Jinnah. Jinnah was aware that the Hindu majority and geographical location meant that most of the Princely states would go to India, but he was gratified by the thought that he might be able to snatch one or two from under Patel's nose. He gave Jodhpur a blank sheet of paper.

"Write your conditions on that," he said, "and I'll sign it."

Elated, the Maharajah returned to his hotel to consider. However, this proved to be an unfortunate move on his part. V.P. Menon was waiting for him at the hotel, having been alerted by his agents to Jodhpur's intentions. Menon told the young ruler that his presence was urgently requested at Viceroy's House, and reluctantly, the young man accompanied him there. The urgent summons had been an excuse, and once they arrived, Menon had to frantically search for the Viceroy and inform him of what had happened. Mountbatten responded immediately. He solemnly reminded Jodhpur that Jinnah could not guarantee any conditions he might make, and that accession to Pakistan would spell disaster for his state. At the same time, he assured him that accession to India would automatically mean an end to his pleasures. Mountbatten left him alone with Menon to sign a provisional agreement.



Q2. (Precis)

Accession of Jodhpur

The young Maharaja of Jodhpur was afraid of his abnegation by his opposition party because he had indulged in a practice of enjoyment and amusement since succeeding his father to the throne. So he arranged a session with Jinnah where Jinnah offered him to merge his princely state to him. He gave a paper to Maharaja to sign a treaty where Maharaja asked for some time to think and return to hotel. However, this proved to be a disguise move because spy of V.P. Menon was everywhere, so he told the young ruler that his presence is required at Viceroy's house where Mountbatten tricked him in the of pleasure and signed a provisional agreement.

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