

Q. 2 Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

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One of the more profound indicators of how deeply imperial hierarchies infiltrated both colonizer and colonized psyches lies in the psychological architecture of domination—a point often underscored by postcolonial scholars. The former colonial powers, particularly Britain and France, cultivated a civilizational narrative that naturalized their authority, often portraying subjugated populations as complicit in or even beneficiaries of imperial governance. This conceptual framing rendered resistance not only subversive but also irrational in the eyes of the metropole. Yet, the imperial relationship was never unilateral; the colonized, though oppressed, internalized and negotiated imperial norms, often exhibiting ambivalence towards the very structures that marginalized them. For instance, the memory of colonial rule in parts of Africa oscillates between traumatic recall of exploitation and nostalgic evocations of administrative order or educational advancement. While the postcolonial subject may recall arbitrary detentions, cultural erasures, and economic subordination, the former colonizer may perceive decolonization as a historical rupture—a loss not merely of territory but of moral purpose. In this duality, the post-imperial consciousness remains fractured, perpetually interpreting its history through contrasting emotional and ideological lenses.

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Précis

Imperial hierarchies shaped the psyches of both Colonizer and Colonized which ~~can be~~ is indicated by their psychological architecture of domination. The former Colonial powers had a narrative that the Colonized are the beneficiaries of imperial governance and this justified their rule. They considered the resistance against them as irrational. The Colonized accepted and exercised imperial norms which proved that imperial relationship not unilateral. Former Colonized recall trauma and exploitation, while postcolonized memory remains divided. Former Colonizers consider decolonization as a loss of territory and moral purpose. This duality leaves post-imperial consciousness fractured by interpreting its history through contrasting ideological & emotional ~~perspective~~ perspective.

Title : Colonial Psyches and Fractured postcolonial duality.