

Question #1:-

Explain in detail Congress rule from 1937-1939 as forerunner to creation of Pakistan in 1947.

Introduction:

Indian National Congress was a political party or a representative party of Indians (Muslims and Hindus). Unfortunately, the party became only Indian-centric party and worked for their benefits only. <sup>So, muslims for their party i.e. Muslim League.</sup> When Britishers announced the elections in India in 1937, both the Congress <sup>Thought,</sup> and Muslim League prepared for this. Congress did not win in majority but it managed to form a coalition government in India in total of seven states. The Congress rule from 1937-1939 was a souring experience for Muslims due to their conservative opinions and imposed policies against Muslims. They tried their best to convert Muslims to Hindus. Resultantly, the natural outburst of Muslims asserted and they worked towards the formation of a separate homeland.

## Background of Congress Rule - The

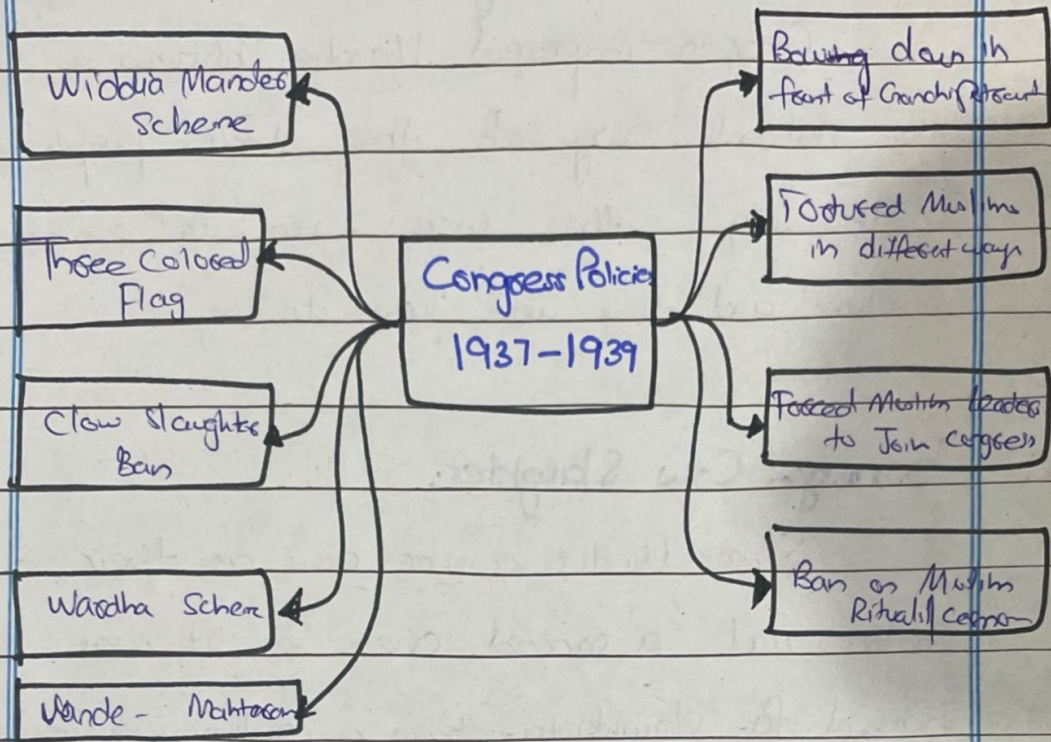
Elections of 1937:-

British government held the Indian Elections in 1937. As a result, the AI of the total seats i.e. 1770, there was by Congress were 706 and by the Muslim League were 106. Though the Congress failed to win simple majority in the elections but it managed to make a coalition government in the seven areas of India namely as, Oudh, Bengal, UP, CP, Bihar and others.

## Policies Adopted by The Indian National Congress in their Rule From 1937-1939:

The Indian National Congress always adopted strict policies towards Muslims. Their main aim was to suppress them and control them. Some of the

horrific policies adopted by the Indian National Congress in their ruling areas were:



## I. Widdia Mandar Scheme:

In India, there was a mandir named Widdia Mandar which was used as an educational institute and Muslim students were forced to adopt Hindu Culture -

For Instance: Adopting the Hindu way of greeting.

## II. Three Colored Flag:

A three colored flag was adopted which signified that India is a one nation

and has only two powers i.e. British and Hindus.

### III. Vande Mataram Song:

Congress imposed Vande Mataram as the national song of the Indian people. In this song, there were severe words against muslim and they were forced to sing it.

### IV. Banning Cow Slaughter:

Since Hindus consider cow as their mother and a sacred one. So, it was banned for slaughtering. When a muslim villager bought a beef, he was accused of cow slaughter and Hindus rubbed pig on his face. This action of Congress was supported by British.

### V. Wardha Scheme:

A new scheme named Wardha was adopted to make educational institutions British India and impose their own policies there.

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## VI. Wards Bowing Down of Heads Infront of Portrait of Gandhi

The muslim students were ordered to bow down their heads infront of the portrait of picture of Gandhi - Though, this sort of practice is severely disliked in Islam.

## VII. Torturing Muslims in a number of ways:

Hindus tortured muslim in different ways which mainly include the ban on their rituals and ~~imposition~~ of their playing music in loud volume.

## VIII. Forcing Muslim Leaders to Join

### Congress - Liaison Scheme:

Congress started forcing muslim leaders to join the Indian National Congress, to further eliminate the muslim identity.

## IX. Banning Muslim Rituals:

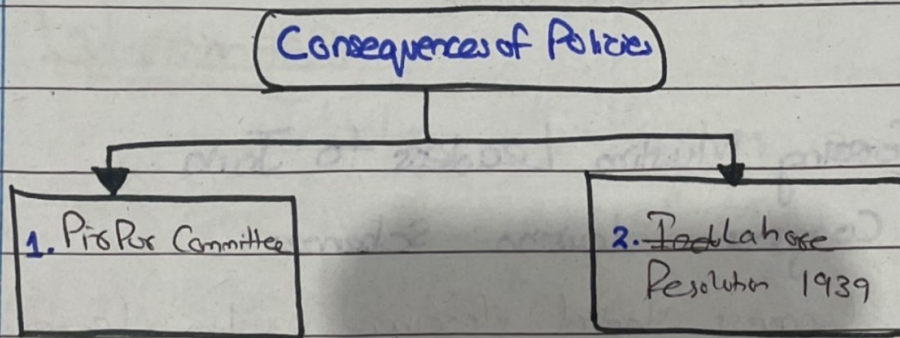
The Muslims in the regions ruled by Congress were not allowed to offer Azan, even the

Hindus used to play music when muslims offer azaan-

## Consequences of the Policies of Indian National Congress:

The severe and harsh policies implemented on the muslims resulted to increase the further hate of muslims for Indians (Hindus).

They started thinking about the formation of a separate homeland for themselves.



### I. Pirs Pur Committee Report:

A committee named Pirs Pur was formed by the muslim leaders.

Aim: The aim of this pirs pur committee was to get the report of the muslims in the

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Congress ruled areas.

Result: This committee further helped in the formation of a separate state for muslims.

## II. Lahore Resolution 1939:

The Congress rule made the muslims realize about a separate homeland where they could freely live their lives according to their religion.

In the Words of Quaid-e-Azam  
Muhammad Ali Jinnah:

"The 2½ years of Congress rule was a saving experience for muslims. Muslims now have a fears of Hindu Domination and they ~~want~~<sup>wish</sup> to have their own separate homeland."

Since Muslims had different religion identity as compared to Hindus and the policies of Hindus urged to muslims to create a separate

Country-

"What was the motive behind the demand of Pakistan? What was the reason for a separate homeland for Muslims? Why there was a need to divide India? The reason was neither the narrow-mindedness of Hindus nor the tactics of British - It was the fundamental demand of Islam."

(~ Quaid-e-Azam M. Ali Jinnah)

### Critical Analysis:-

The Congress rule was no doubt a souring experience for the Muslims of India - They tried their best to humiliate the Muslims and ~~make~~ <sup>amuse</sup> them with Indians - Muslims on the ~~other~~ <sup>one</sup> hand, ~~not only~~ bear the painful experience of Hindu policies in their religious, social and educational life but also on the other hand, they used their tactics by forming a <sup>Picpur</sup> committee to note down the injustice of Hindus and get the favour of British - Hence, on March 1939, the day of deliverance was celebrated



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when congress <sup>resigned from</sup> ~~left~~ all the post.

## Conclusion:

<sup>During the</sup> Indian National Congress rule from 1937-1939, they imposed severe policies against Muslims by treating them like slaves and imposing their religious rituals and teaching. However, the Muslim leadership did a great job by reporting the harsh behavior of Congress and sending it to the British. Consequently, the Muslims on Lahore resolution 1940 demanded a separate homeland.

## Question #2:-

Ideology of Pakistan is essentially the confluence of Muslim Nationalism in South Asia and Islam as a Code of Life.

## Introduction:

Ideology of Pakistan refers to the belief that Muslims are a separate nation

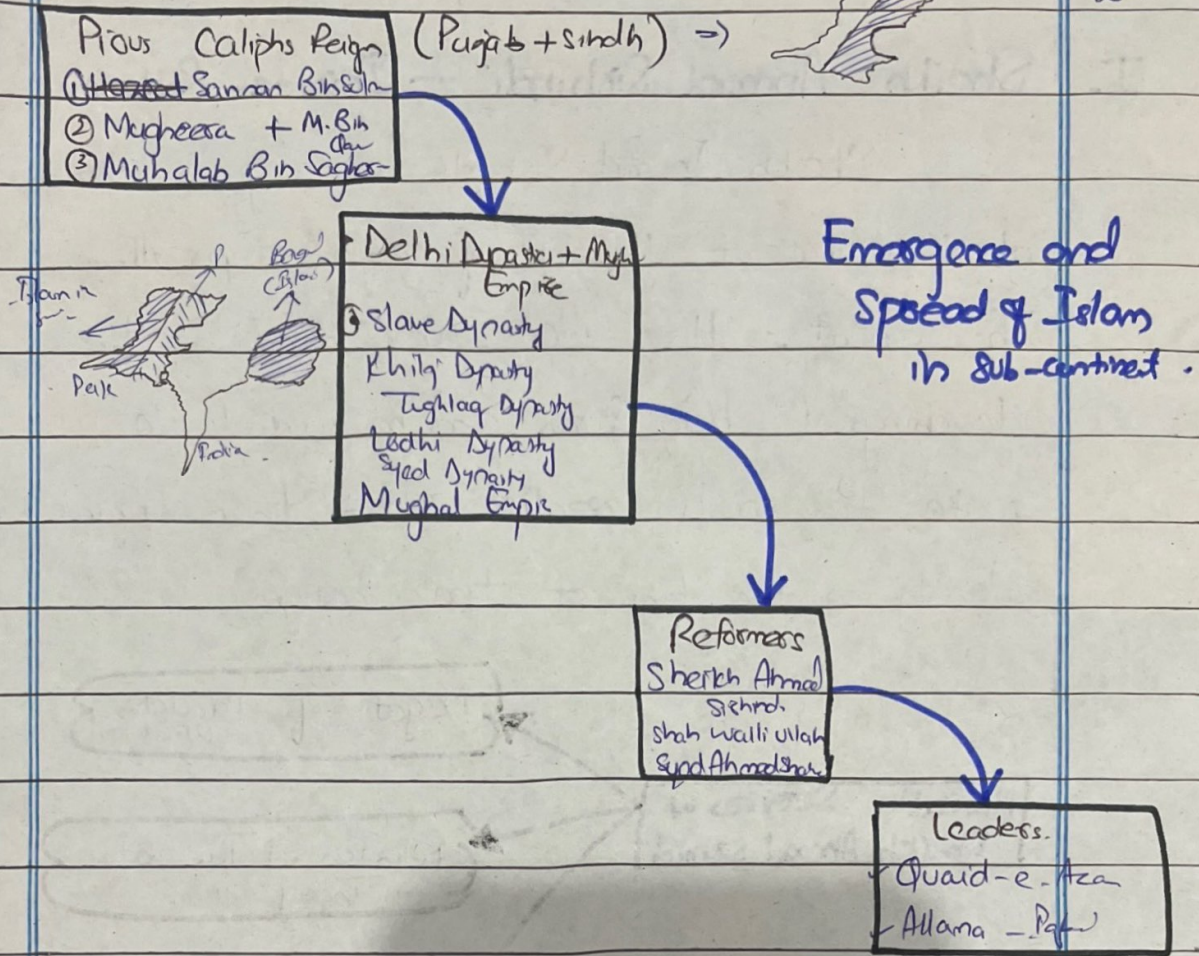
and they live their ~~life~~ <sup>life</sup> according to their beliefs, and traditions. Historically, Pakistan has merged from the muslim nationalism and their religion- Islam in the sub-continent came from the reign of pious caliphs, then by M. Bin Qasim, Delhi Dynasties, <sup>and</sup> Mughal Empires. After that, Muslims faced hardships due to their Islamic religion and consequently with the help of charismatic leaders like Qaid-e-Azam, and others like Chaudhary Feroz Ali and Allama Iqbal, the ideology of Pak was laid on the basis of Muslims Nationalism and their Islam as a way of life.

<sup>and spread</sup>  
**Emergence of Islam in the Sub-continent**  
 From the time of Pious Caliphs to the Muslim ~~Rulers~~ leaders:

Islam emerged in the sub-continent in the reign of pious caliphs Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A) and Hazrat Ali (R.A), including governors like Saad Bin Sulaiman,

# Sughra, Maghara and others.

Islam majority area



Since, In the South-Asia especially in sub-continent the muslims had their separate identity which was based on their religious aspects.

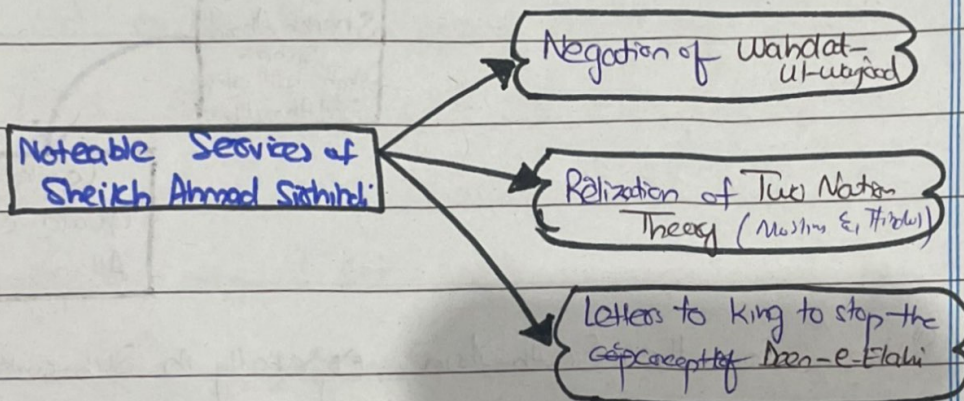
## Role of Muslim Reformers in Forming or Shaping the Ideology of Pakistan.

The renewed muslim reformers played a crucial role in shaping the ideology and

mapping the minds of muslims.

## I. Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi — Imm-e-Rabbani:

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi was a great reference at the time of the rule of mughal emperors Akbar The Great. His ideas were based on the teachings of Holy Quran and he worked to make the muslims realize about their separate identity on the basis of their religion.



All these efforts were performed to realized muslims about their identity.

## II. Shah Wali Ullah — Imam-ul-Hind:-

Shah Wali Ullah addressed the pathetic condition of muslims after the failed war of Independence 1857. His focus was on religious identity of muslims and the recognition

of muslims as a great nation in education.

Effects by Shah Wali Ullah

"Cover of Indian Revolt" magazine to include muslims in good books of britishers.

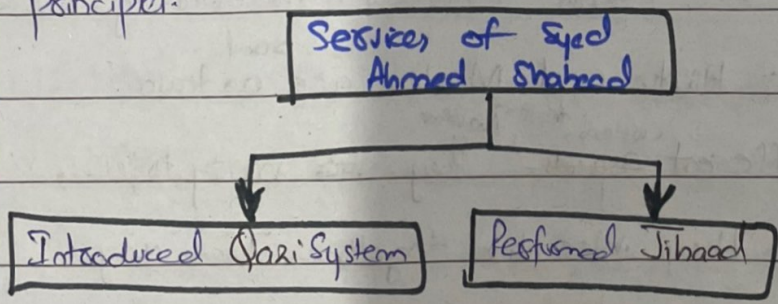
Focus on english language and education to regain dignity.

Making of Indian National Congress for communication between muslims and british.

Many other services offered by him were based only to regain dignity and to bring them in the list of competitors.

### III. Syed Ahmad Shaheed:-

Syed Ahmad Shaheed offered services which were completely based on the Islamic principles.



Understanding the Ideology of Pakistan as a merger of Muslim Nationalism and in South-Asia

# and Islam as a Code of Life in the Speeches of Quaid-e-Azam:

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was a great leader. He understood the psychology, and living standards of Muslims. He focused on a separated homeland for Muslims completely based on their religious ways.

## I- Words of Quaid-e-Azam at Lahore Resolution <sup>March</sup> 1940:-

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah expressed the need of separate homeland for Muslims by declaring them as a separate nation in Lahore resolution on March 1940 in the following words:-

"The Hindus and Muslims are <sup>based</sup> on two different <sup>Customs, traditions, No other</sup> aspects - They ~~was~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~merge~~ <sup>merge</sup> together, nor they inter-dine together. Their way of life and rituals are completely different and indeed, are based on their religious history. The idea of merging two different nations into

one fabric is a completely wrong direction-

By all canons of International law,  
Hindus and Muslims are a separate nation."

Moscow, Quaid-e-Azam explained the basis of Muslims separate identity as Holy Quran in the words:

"What is that relationship which keeps Muslims <sup>in one</sup> together whole, what is that rock on which the Muslim <sup>edifice has been</sup> of ~~positions~~ erected, what is that ship's <sup>anchor</sup> providing basis to Muslim millat - That relationship, rock and anchor is Holy Quran."

Words of Quaid at an occasion in 1945:

Quaid-e-Azam said the following words:

"We do not demand Pakistan for just a piece of land, but for a laboratory where we could test our Islamic principles."

## Quaid-e-Azam at "The Time and Tide"

In the England Newspapers, The time and tide, Quaid-e-Azam said:

Hindus and Muslims are completely  
a different Nation-

## Pakistan Ideology - A mix of Muslim Nationalism and Islam as a code of Life:

Pakistan is a country in which almost  
95% population is muslim. This indicates that  
the country was established on the basis of  
way of life of muslims and their  
religion. The muslims faced severe challenge  
during British rule and also during Congress  
ministries rule from 1937-1939 because as there  
were a combination of threat to their nationalism  
and religious lives.

## I- Efforts of Britishers to Make Muslims Lives Pathetic:



To make the muslim lives pathetic, Britishers did the following things; especially after the war of Independence 1857-

(1) Greased Cartridges with fat of Pig and Cow

(2) Removed Muslims from important posts-

(3) Always favoured congress in the formation of rule.

(4) Considered muslims illiterate and backward in English language-

Never offered jobs to the muslims-

According to Sir William Hunter, in the book "The Indian Muslims":-

There was not even a single government post on which there was a muslim- Whether it was Government Sub-engineer, Apprentice or some post else- Only Hindus were there-

## II- Effects of Congress to target Muslims in their rule:

Congress adopted following policies to make the lives of muslims pathetic vulnerable:-

(1) Three Colored Flag

(2) Vand-e-Mataram Song

(3) Ban on Muslim rituals

(4) Waqf Scheme

## Critical Analysis:

The muslims in sub-continent faced severe threats to their social, economic, and religious lives. This resulted into the demand of separate homeland i.e. Pakistan whose ideology is based on their nationalism and their religious beliefs. Because they practised Islam in their whole life. Consequently, Pak formed on the basis of these factors.

## Conclusion:

Ideology of Pakistan is a mixture of muslim nationalism in South Asia and Islam as their complete code of life. Pakistan was formed on the basis that muslims could practice their religion independently without the fear of any force stepping them. Pakistan proved to be a state for muslim since the 95% of population is muslims base which shows its ideology.