

Q No 1 Ideology of Pakistan is essentially the confluence of 'Muslim Nationalism in South Asia and Islam as code of life. Explain.

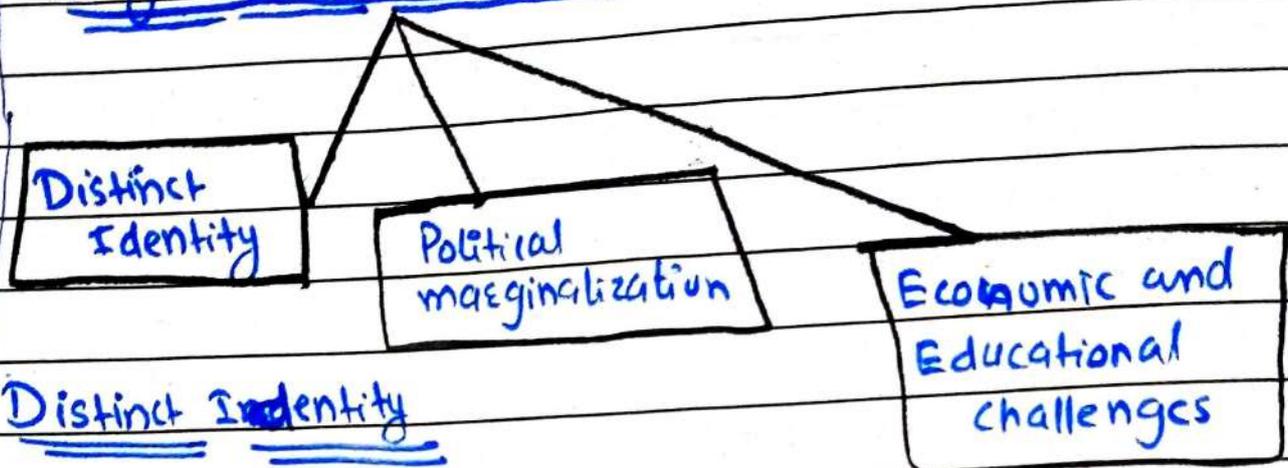
## Introduction

The ideology of Pakistan is deeply rooted with Islamic principles that impacts various aspects of a Muslim including political, cultural and social domains. The rise of Muslim nationalism in South Asia was due to realization of distinct identity of Muslims as a separate nation. It was emerged from principles of Islam and on one hand, and dominance of British and Hindu rule on the other hand. Islam made a basis for Muslim's identity, and it led to rise of Muslim nationalism in South Asia. Hence, Islam proved as not just a religion but a comprehensive code of life.

## Muslim Nationalism In South Asia

The Muslim nationalism emerged due to social, political and economic domains. Muslims were marginalized from job opportunities, education facilities, and healthcare. They were deprived of practising their religion freely in the sub-continent. These resentments created nationalist ideas, making Islam as their root.

# Key aspects of muslim Nationalism



## ① Distinct Identity

Muslims in South Asia identified themselves as a distinct nation with unique religion and cultural practices. They were in majority residing in the sub-continent. It was highlighted initially by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, who called Muslims as separate nation. The Two-nation theory was later materialized by Allama Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

## ② Economic and Educational challenges

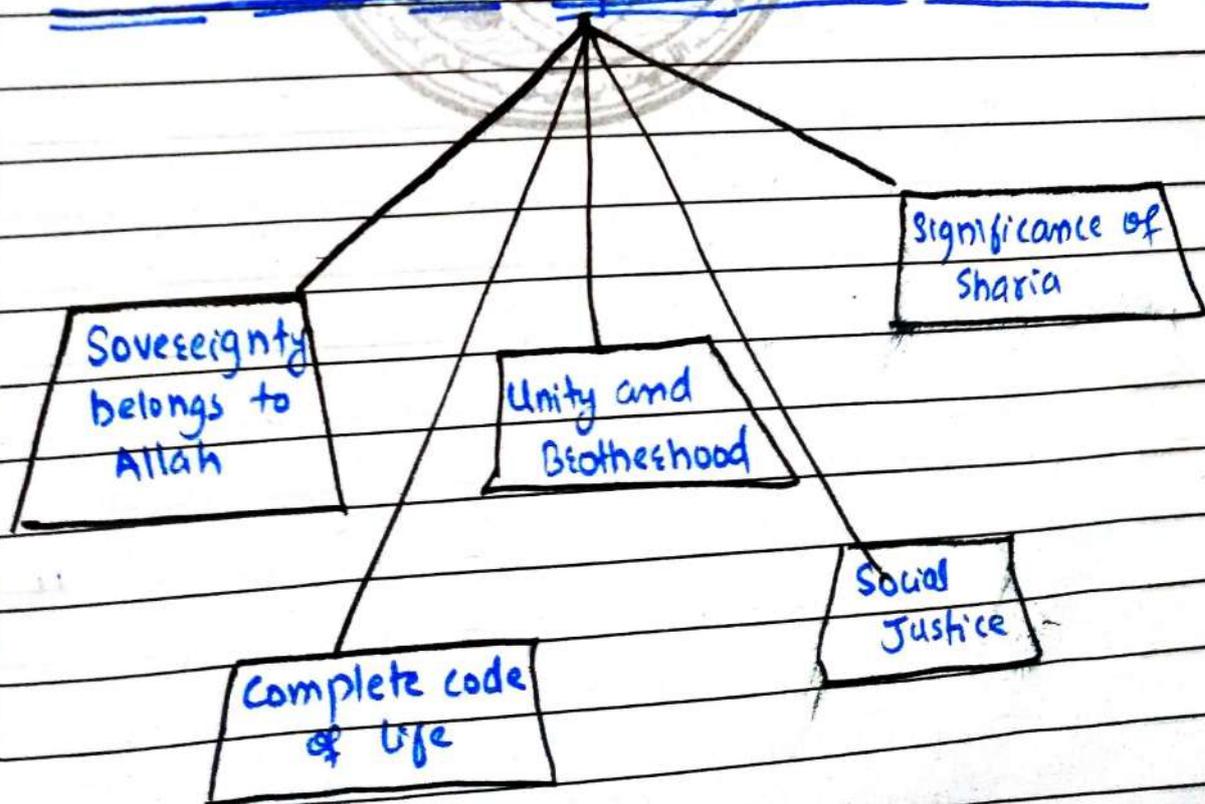
After the war of independence in 1857, Muslims were targeted. The British considered Muslims as the cause of war. Hence, they, along with Hindus, deprived Muslims from education, health, employment. Muslims were banned from high-ranking jobs, they were not allowed in courts and government offices. Educational disparities were at peak. Muslims, who ~~were~~ once ruled

the sub-continent, were left behind as illiterate nation. They revived with efforts of various scholars including Sheikh Ahmed Raza Khan, Shah Waliullah, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. These scholars created awareness among Muslims of being a separate nation.

### ③ Political marginalization

The fear of being politically marginalized in a Hindu-majority state created a demand of separate homeland. Muslims wanted a separate country where they could practise their religion freely.

## Islam as a Complete Code of Life



## ① Sovereignty belongs to Allah

The ideology of Pakistan is in alignment with Islamic principles. Islamic faith lies on the principle of sovereignty of Allah. It is also enshrined in the Objective Resolution of 1949.

## ② Islam as a complete code of life

As Pakistan's ideology lies with Islamic principles. Islam provides guidance for every aspect of life such as economic, political, social, religious, and justice system. It provide guidance for the conduct of life. The laws and policies of Pakistan are in the sphere of Islamic principles, to ensure a welfare state.

## ③ Unity and Brotherhood

As Islamic teachings foster unity of Ummah and Brotherhood. Pakistan's ideology reflect an aspiration of "united" muslim identity.

## ④ Social Justice

Islam emphasis on justice including system of Zakaat, prohibition of interest, equality of everyone before law and protection of rights of the poor, weak and minority nations.

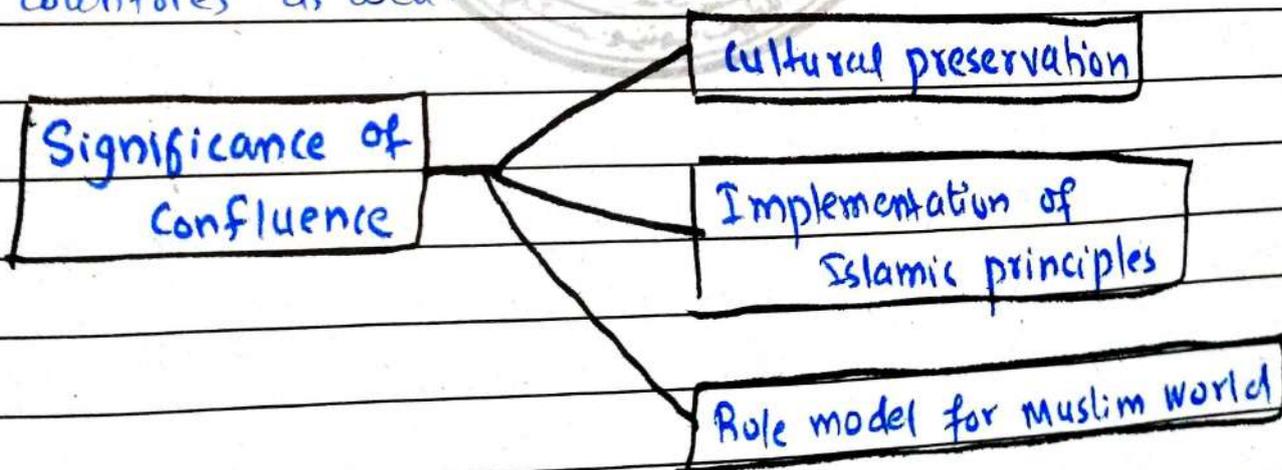
## ⑤ Significance of Sharia

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Sharia is a part of Pakistan's ideology and constitution. It guides government in every aspect of family, life, governance, justice or rights of minorities.

## Pakistan as a confluence of Nationalism and Islamic faith

The creation of Pakistan was not only a political achievement, but it was the first country in the world made on the basis of religion. The ideology of Pakistan united Muslims and inspired other countries as well.



## ① Cultural Preservation

The ideology of Pakistan preserved the cultural beliefs and practises of Muslims.

In a separate homeland, they can easily flourish principles of Islam and their cultural practises without external dominance.

## ② Practical Implementation Of Islam

The creation of Pakistan aimed to enable muslim leaders to implement islamic principles in politics, education, justice system, social practices, economy and law. This system allows muslims freedom of religion and protects rights of minorities as well.

## ③ Role Model for Muslim World

The ideological confluence of muslim nationalism in South Asia and Islam as a code of life creates a balance of practical and spiritual life. Hence, it positions as a role model for whole muslim world seeking to balance modernity with islamic values.

## Challenges in the muslim ideology

The practical implementation of these principles face challenges including:

- ① Political instability
- ② Economic and social disparity
- ③ Ethnic and sectarian challenges.

## Conclusion

The ideology of Pakistan is a perfect blend of muslim nationalism and islamic principles. Islam aspired muslims to create their separate homeland where they could practice their religion freely. However, implementation of islamic principles can lead to a <sup>perfect</sup> guidance in economic, social, political and social spheres. Pakistan aims to serve the vision of its founding leaders and create a prosperous muslim state.

Q2. Explain in detail Congress Rule from 1937-1939 as forerunner to creation of Pakistan in 1947.

## Introduction

The congress rule from 1937-1939 produced dismal situation of muslims of the subcontinent. It gave an era which reflected how the hindu majority rule would subjugate muslims, and underscored the need for separate homeland. The congress rule of almost two years duration invoked mass muslims to reinforce the demand for separate homeland.

## 1937 Elections

The british colonials conducted provincial elections under the government of India Act 1935. The two majority parties were there: The Congress representing hindus and the muslim league representing muslims of the subcontinent. The congress demanded for joint electorate and Hindi as the official language, whereas, Muslim league demanded separate electorate for muslims and Urdu as an official language.

### Congress Victory

Congress won in 8 out of 11 provinces and Muslim league failed to gain significant muslim support due to organizational weakness.

### Rise Of Congress party

After winning election of 1937, congress established ~~coal~~ government in most of the provinces. Muslim league struggled to maintain its political authority. Quaid-Azam offered Congress to form a coalition government, but congress rejected the offer.

### Congress governance and muslims alienation

The congress rule between 1937 to 1939 proved detrimental and crucial for muslims. The Hindu dominance completely alienated muslims even from their fundamental rights. They emphasized on hindu superiority and discouraged muslims from practising their own religion. This 27 months rule of Congress strengthened muslim belief for separate home-land.

## Atrocities during Congress rule

→ Ban on Mosque construction

→ Playing songs within mosques territories

→ Protection of cow

→ Worshipping the picture of Gandhi at school

→ Vidya Mandar scheme of education

→ Promotion of hindu culture

### ① Ban on mosques construction

The congress arose with aim to take revenge from muslims. Religious intolerance was promoted with legal ban on ~~the~~ new mosques construction

### ② Playing songs within mosques territories

Hindus started playing drums within mosques territories, especially when muslims prayed. These practices alienated muslim community and ~~produced~~ solidified differences between muslim and hindus.

### ③ Protection of Cow

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The congress & imposed ban on slaughtering of cow. These efforts to enforce cow protection laws alienated muslims, whose dietary practices included beef consumption.

### ④ Worshipping the picture of Gandhi at school

It was made compulsory for muslim children to worship the picture of ~~at~~ Gandhi at school. The song "Band-e-Mataram", which carried anti-muslim sentiments, was made the national anthem.

### ⑤ Vidya mandal scheme of education

The congress introduced a scheme of education in schools, promoting hindu culture and subjugating the values and principles of islam.

### ⑥ Promotion of hindu culture

The congress made its full efforts to promote hindu culture, so that muslim community could be discouraged and vanished away. They declared "Hindi" as an official language. Congress flag was given status of national flag. These actions by congress severely undermined muslim community.

## Economic disparities

The Muslims were completely eliminated from administrative offices and economic opportunities. The Congress closed the doors for Muslims in government offices. Congress formulated biased policies against Muslims. Muslims were being unjustly imprisoned and they were harmed in trade and agriculture.

## Day of Deliverance and Revival of Muslim League

The second world war erupted in 1939. The Viceroy proclaimed support of sub-continent without consultation with dominant parties. The Congress demanded an immediate transfer of power in return for support for world war. The British rejected their demand. Hence, on 22-December-1939, the Congress resigned. It was a celebration day of Muslims. Quaid-e-Azam declared 22-December as a day of deliverance, because Muslims got rid of tyranny and oppression from Congress rule.

## Revival of Muslim League

The atrocities of ~~muslims~~ Congress

strengthened muslims' demand for separate homeland. The Muslim League party revived with support of great leaders like Allama Iqbal and Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

The 27 months oppressive rule of Congress became a forerunner for creation of Pakistan.

### Lahore Resolution (1940)

The alienation of muslims and their subjugation led muslims to rise again with great resilience. The leaders of muslims league called for a session in Lahore in 1940. The purpose was to discuss circumstances of muslims. This resolution proved revolutionary, where demand for separate homeland was raised. Later, this was called as "Pakistan Resolution".

### Long term Significance of Congress rule

The congress rule was defamential for muslims for duration of 2 years but it solidified their demand. This oppressional rule united muslims. Hence, muslim

leaders emphasized on "Two-Nation Theory" - on the occasion of Lahore Resolution and demanded for Pakistan.

## Conclusion

The Congress rule of (1937-1939) played a crucial role in raising consciousness ~~and~~ in Indian Muslims and accelerating demand for Pakistan. The policies and attitudes of Congress leaders highlighted significance for separate homeland for Muslims. These policies underscored the incompatibility of Hindu-Muslim nations and emphasized the idea of "Two Nation Theory". This period validated Muslim's demand for separate homeland and finally contributed the creation of Pakistan in 1947.