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Q-1 Analyze the extent to which Congress ministries' policy from 1937-39 provided impetus to Muslim League uniting populace under single Political banner.

1 - Introduction: Congress ministries' a turning point in Muslim League Movement

"The Muslim reaction to Congress rule may be said to have led directly to idea of Pakistan"

K.K. Aziz, The Making of Pakistan

Having directly experienced the Hindu majority rule, the Muslims of India felt the dire need to unite under a platform for protection of their interests. The Congress led rule pursued such cruel policies that shattered the souls of Indian Muslims. It destroyed all the claims of Congress of secular India and

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and Congress claim of all Indian's Political Party. In the Congress led rule, there was increase in Hindu-Muslim riots; and other Hindu backed organizations that were launched to tease Muslims. This provided an impetus to Muslim League to gather all Muslims under their Aegis. Furthermore, experienced this taste and separate electorate contributed in the victory of Muslim League in 1946 elections.

2. Opportunity for Muslim League; Muslim directly experienced Hindu rule

a. Destroyed Congress claim of secular India

Whenever Muslims put their demand of gaining a separate state, their demand was turned down by saying that India would

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be a secular country where all communities would be given freedom but congress's this behavior changed the perception of muslims

b. Turned Jinnah to a separatist leader

Before the congress ministries, there exist some flexibility in the behavior of Jinnah, but after witnessing the atrocities of Hindus under aegis of congress Jinnah became convinced that muslims could not live peacefully in united India. This turned Jinnah into a separatist leader. How vociferously spread his idea and gathered muslims under Muslim League

c. Rise in Hindu-Muslim riots = fears of Muslims

In the two years of direct rule of congress, there

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was considerable rise in the Hindu-Muslim riots over petty issues. Muslims were massacred on consumption of cow meat. Their children was abducted to convert them into Hindus. These incidents opened the eyes of Muslims.

d. Hoisting three coloured flag = only two powers: congress and British

In their rule congress ordered to hoist three coloured flag which was symbol that in future, no other community would be allowed to come into power. This awakened Muslims from the slumber. They realized that this is high time to gather and move forward to gaining their right.

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e- Widdia-Mander scheme and practice of Bande Matram

Congress allowed to initiate Widdia-Mander scheme under their ~~A~~ aegis for forced conversion of muslims to Hindu religion. ~~How~~ Furthermore, they also ordered to practice Bande Matram in schools mandatory. These were the moves that they played to shatter the foundations of muslims.

f- Destroyed Congress claim of Uni-nationalism

Congress was claiming that all the communities living in the sub-continent despite their difference of religion comes under the ambit of single nation, but the atrocities waged by the congress during 1937-39 that their claims

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are hollow and have no backing

2- Wardha educational scheme
= to make muslims aloof from their religion

under the patronage of congress, it was adopted in schools to observe hindus rituals like paying shonage in their Mandirs. These activities were observed by their deliberate designs to lure the muslims children toward Hindu religion.

3- Role of separate electorate in wining 1946 elections

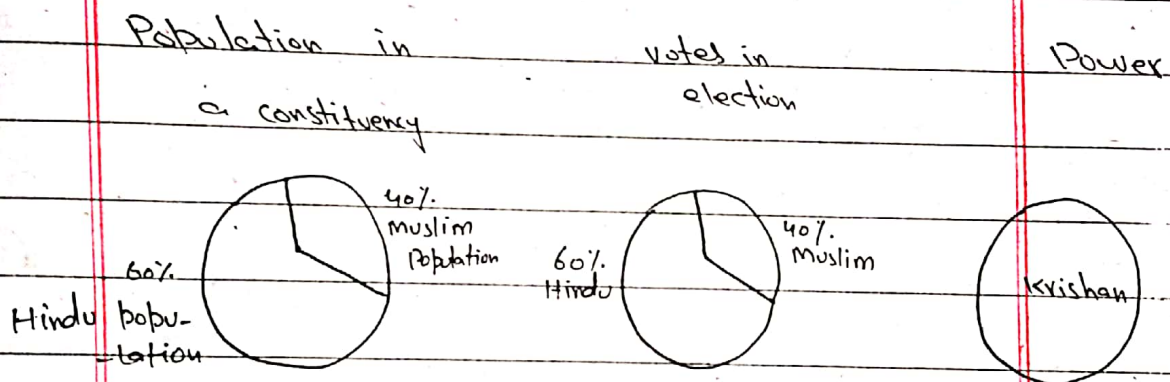
a- First past the post system =
No rights for minorities

In the first past the post system of elections, the minorities in any community are subvaled. This was the very system that was practiced in India before

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1946 elections changing toward separate electorate and experience of congress ministries during 1937 played a significant role in winning 1946 elections in favor of muslim league

First past the post system



b. In separate electorate: only muslim candidates can contest in muslim majority area: winning 1946 elections

Separate electorate played a considerable role in making Muslim league successful party in 1946 elections Due to these

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Muslim League won all 30 reserved muslim seats in central legislature and 95% muslim seats in provincial legislature

4- Conclusion

Congress ministries in 1939 provide an opportunity for muslim league by waging extra duties over muslims. This and separate electorate helped muslim league to get considerable victory in 1946 elections.

"The congress rejection of the idea of cooperative living with the Muslims wrecked all chances of united India"

K.K Aziz - The Making of Pakistan



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Q.2 Critically analyze the influence of religious reformers in shaping muslim identity in United India.

1- Introduction = Reformers shaped the future of subcontinent's Muslims

"All muslim reformers motive were to establish muslim state"

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Muslim reformers in the subcontinent shaped the future of muslims in subcontinent by employing several events like translation of holy quran and different literary work. They tried to revive muslims intellectually. They also brought back rationality and exclusiveness among muslims. However, Aligarh movement played an instrumental role in forming political

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ideals of muslims in sub-continent by sowing seeds of two nation theory, providing future leadership, and economic revival of muslims. Due to its services Ali-garh movement left a lasting impact than other contemporary reform movements

2. How religious reformers reinforced muslim identity in united India

a. Translation of Holy Quran = True depiction of religion

Shah wali-ullah was the first religious scholar who translated Holy Quran in the Persian language. This was done to enhance understanding of Quran in the native people. It impacted the muslims lives by knowing what Quran is trying to teach them.

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b- creation of religious books = to end Sectarianism

Shah Waliullah wrote a religious book Hujjat-ul-Lal-Baligha. In this book he discussed the reasons of the social and religious decay of Muslims. He tried to teach Muslims to end sectarianism and fight for a greatness of Islam.

c- Intellectual revival of Muslims = Practice Ijtihad

Due to several vices in the society, Muslims have abandoned such activities like Ijtihad which were necessary of Islam. Several religious reformers proclaimed and encouraged to practice such activities and these activities played a considerable role in the revival of Muslims.

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d. Propagated self-assertion and exclusivity in Muslims

After the demise of Muslim rule, Muslims were downtrodden and lack in self-confidence. These religious reformers tried to propagate self-assertion and exclusivity among Muslims.

3. Aligarh Movement played an instrumental role in forming political ideas in 20th century

a. Mohammedan Educational Conference = Muslim League

Mohammedan Educational Conference was initiated under the patronage of Aligarh Educational Movement that later on paved the way to the creation of Muslim League. This party played its role in gaining a separate homeland for Muslims.

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b- Preserved Muslim identity - Two Nation theory

This was the Aligarh movement which helped in the social, religious, and economic uplift of Muslims. The teaching of Aligarh movement realized Muslims that they are separate nation than Hindus.

c- Provided core leadership for Muslims

All the Muslim leadership who played their role in securing rights of Muslims in subcontinent were created by Aligarh movement.

d- Bridged gap between Muslims and British

Aligarh movement played a considerable role in bridging gap between Muslim and British that

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helped muslims later in their political struggle. For example, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan wrote Risala Ashab-e-Bighawat-e-Hind to make British realize why this resistance happened and muslims not solely responsible for this.

4- Aligarh movement created a lasting impact than other contemporary movements

a- Promoted muslim rights by loyalty with British

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's three fold strategy

Sir Syed's three fold strategy

- Loyalty to British
- Aloof from Politics
- Education

This loyalty toward British payed paid them in form of endorsement of separate electorate in Minto-Morely reforms 1909

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b. Addressed Muslim point of view at International level

The leaders of Aligarh movement tried to spread the perspective of Islam at international level. For example, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan wrote Khutbat-e-Ahmadiyya in reaction to William Muir's 'The life of Mohammed'

c. Trying to establish brotherhood with Christian

Aligarh movement was also unique in a way that it tried to develop brotherhood with British. For example Sir Syed Ahmad Khan wrote Tabeen-ul-Kalam. In this book he discussed similarities b/w Islam and Christianity. This played a considerable role in ~~British~~ Muslim relations.

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5. Conclusions

Religious as well as modern reform movements played a considerable role in the provision of impetus to political struggle to Muslims in 20th century. However, due to its unique policies, Aligarh movement proved more beneficial than its contemporary movements.