

# Question #1

Analyzing the role of Congress Ministries in uniting the Muslims and role of separate electorate in winning of elections of 1946

## PROLOGUE

In the period of 1937-1939, the Indian National Congress formed ministries in several provinces across British India. These ministries established biased policies favouring only Hindus. This biasness led to the development of Muslim Unity. The bitter reality of the Hindus leader' triggered the Muslims to think about their separate country. And in this way, the cruelty made the Muslims more responsible and united. After that the separate electorate in the Communal awards has been given to Muslims which gave the new ray of hope. Muslims found their true leadership and agenda and in this way, they won the 1946 elections.

## Historizing the 'Congress Ministries' policies from 1937 - 1939

The British established the Indian Act 1935 and after that the elections have been done between Muslim League and Congress. The Hindu Majority won and era of cruel atrocities started which marginalized the Muslims and deprived them from their basic rights. The Congress ministries dissolved in 1939 due to outbreak of world war II due to mistrust between Hindu and British government, but it ignited the ray of separate nation among Muslims.

## Role of Congress Ministries in uniting the Muslims under the banner of Muslim League

The biased and cruel acts of the Indian Congress, like making 'Bande Matram' as national anthem, formation of 'Wardah Scheme' abolished the status of Urdu and may other led to develop the sense of independence by uniting.

Congress Ministries' policies favored Hindu majority, which created the sense of marginalization and insecurity among Muslims.

The Congress, being a predominantly Hindu-led organization, made different policies that gave favour to the Hindus and this made the Muslims insecure. However, this insecurity further aggravated the demand of separate homeland. The Muslims united for their rights and in this way Congress ministries' policies united Muslims.

The mis-trust between Muslim League and Congress due to biased policies of Congress led Muslims to gather <sup>on</sup> ~~under~~ one platform.

The double face of Hindu was already in front of Muslims after 1857 war, and the biased policies of the Congress fueled it. The abolishment of Urdu as a language, and abolishment of the slaughter of cow, all these forced Muslims to think about their future.

The inadequate representation has been given to Muslims, this triggered the sense of Nationalism

The false behaviour of Congress is due to the weak representation of the Muslims in the Congress ministries. This inadequate representation provoked the thoughts of their own leadership and representation to balance the role of government.

Hindu culture and rituals were promoted, which provoked Muslims to think about their culture and rituals

The culture and rituals of the Hindus was not promoted but it was also engraved in to the new generation and this was the serious threat. This sense of threat forced the Muslims to think about their culture and rituals and to protect that, they had to unite

Hindu majority Congress incited the  
unity among Muslims.

Congress was the Hindu majority  
and that is why they were favouring  
Hindus. This phenomenon developed the  
feeling of unity among the Muslims  
to protect their cause and will.

Congress, only for Hindus, the dire need of  
Muslim leadership aroused.

The Hindu led party had the  
Hindu leadership and it is important  
to have leader to guide the nation. So,  
the need of Muslim leadership aroused.

The thoughts of reconciliation or combine  
nation had diminished.

There were few minds which  
thought about the reconciliation or  
remained as single nation, but the cruel  
biased behaviour of Congress changed the  
decision.

## Separate Electorate and its role in winning 1946 elections in muslim majority provinces

In the 1946 elections, the Muslim League, which advocated for the creation of separate Muslim-majority provinces turned to separate state. They campaigned for separate electorates to ensure Muslim representation and protect their interests. In this way, ~~1946~~ <sup>separate</sup> electorate made their way by winning elections of 1946.

Separate Electorate gave the opportunity to Muslims to elect their own representative

The opportunity has been given to the Muslims to elect their own representative and to prove that they are separate nation. As said by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali; "India is not a country nor a nation, it is a subcontinent of nationalities". That is why, everyone have their own representatives.

Separate Electorate system empowered the Muslim community by giving them a say in the political decision making process

The Muslims which were insecure marginalized got their position by electing their representatives. <sup>Separate</sup> Electoral changed their destiny, as they could write their own decisions according to interests.

Muslim Unity enhanced and Muslims were allowed to preserve their distinct religion

The key factor behind the separate nation ~~was~~ religion. It was not possible to perform ~~religious~~ rituals living with Hindus. So, it has been done after separate electorates.

Muslims rights were preserved under the umbrella of separate ~~electorates~~

The rights, basic ~~human~~ rights were neglected in the era of hegemonic congress, but they preserved after separate electorates.

Separate Electorate strengthened the demand of separate nation

Quaid-e-Azam stated that: "We maintain and hold that Muslims and Hindus are two major nations by any definition or test of a nation" So, separate electorate increased the sense of separate nation and also strengthened that. The pivotal role of separate electorate in creating Muslims is undeniable.

## EPILOQUE

overall good attempt but you need to understand the concept of separate electorate

The history is the combination of the different events and their outcomes decide that the decision is failed or successful. At that time period, Congress ministries were unfair but they changed the whole direction of history by creating awareness among Muslims. And the separate electorate acted as cherry on top in strengthening the decision. So, these both events changed the destination of a nation; Pakistan.

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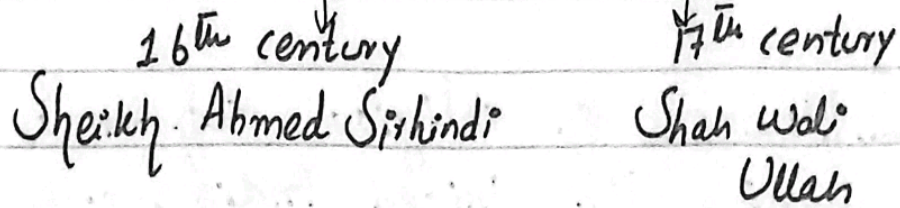
# Question # 2

Influence of religious reformers in shaping the United India, role of Aligarh movement and its comparison with other contemporary movement

## INTRODUCTION

The Muslim sub-continent history had many reformers which played their pivotal role in the reformation of Muslim Identity. The notable names were Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindhi, and Shah Wali Ullah. Their precious efforts would ~~be~~ ~~remain~~ in golden words on the pages of history. They influenced Muslims and shaped the destiny of nation. As quoted from the book of Jawaharlal Nehru that: "There is no Pakistan, if Bhagti movement succeed in sub-continent." Along with the religious reformers, the Aligarh has also played front role in demonstrating the political views and gave the platform. It also remained unique with respect to other contemporary movements.

The religious reformer were :



## The Reformer of 16th Century

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi belonged to the religious family also known as "Mujaddid Alf Sani". He came at the era of British, when their attack was threatening the religion. The role of Sirhindi is <sup>related to</sup> religious reforms, educational reforms to protect muslim identity.

## The Reformer of 17th Century

Shah Wali Ullah known as "Qutbuddin", His era was the time of downfall of Mughal dynasty, and onslaught of the missionaries. He did remarkable work by reforming muslims at their educational, political and religious level. He also translated Quran in 'Persian' and wrote almost 50 books.

## How religious reformed Muslim Identity

The religious education ignited the sense of separate Muslim Identity

The religion holds a special position in the history of Muslims. The reformists' education is related to religion, mainly to create awareness among them.

The religious perspective of Sheikh Ahmed Rishindi developed the concept of separate nation

According to the Rishindi, Muslims and Hindus never move along because of religion and this develop the sense of separate country.

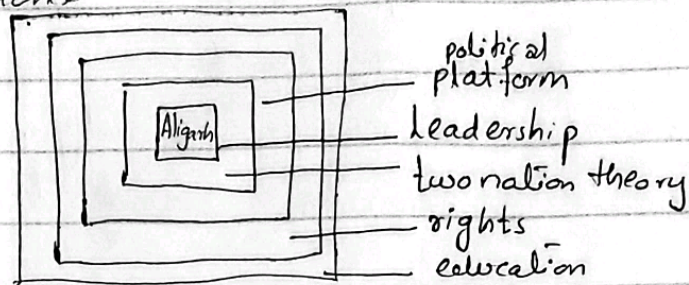
Muslims have different identity because they have unique religion; Shah Wali Ullah

On the basis of religion, Muslims' all customs and rituals are different and they have the separate identity.

## Role of Aligarh Movement in forming political ideas

Many historians wrote that: 'Aligarh was small Pakistan and Pakistan is large Aligarh':

Aligarh was an arsenal in the movement of independence



Aligarh played a pivotal role in nurturing and developing Muslim leadership

The Aligarh was not the hub of educational qualities, it also played a pivotal role in nurturing and developing Muslim leadership. It became a hub for fostering Muslim leadership, producing influential figures who played significant roles in shaping the sub-continent's history. It provided platform to gain education and also help to achieve the new leadership which actively participated in the political movements.

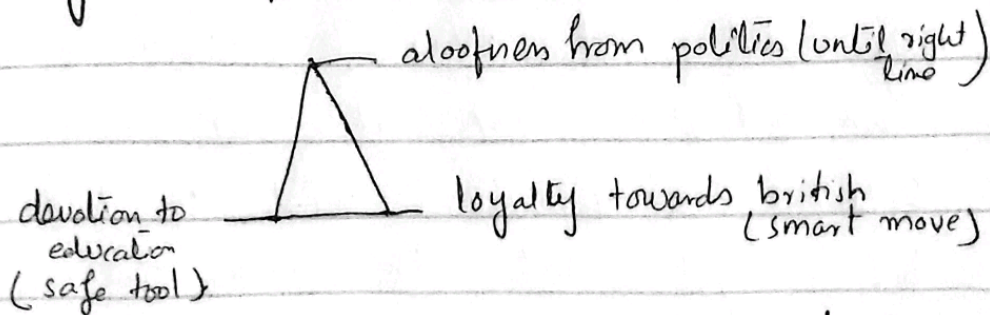
Aligarh triggered the idea of two nation theory

The Urdu-Hindi controversy ignited the clash between the Congress and Muslim League. The strong leadership of Aligarh used their knowledge and formulated the "two nation theory".

Aligarh served as a significant political platform, providing space to Muslims to engage in political activities

Aligarh was not only the hub of education and skills, it also presented the platform to achieve the political role.

Trinity of Ideas, a smart concept presented by Sir Syed to Muslims



This trinity concept shaped the history of Muslims.

Dar-ul-Aloom Deoband was the contemporary movement as compare to Aligarh and their approaches were different.

The difference in educational approach, led to the failure of Muslims.

The Deoband was only giving the traditional and religious education as compare to Aligarh, which was preparing Muslims to counter the British and Hindus without any fear. So, Deoband was not beneficial for political approach.

Deoband is banning the English as compare to Aligarh, making the situation worse for Muslims.

As Deoband is truly religious institute, they did not allow to teach or learn English. But at that time English learning was vital to talk about rights and rules with the British, so that the new nation can be formed.

Aligarh provided political platform  
while Deoband was not providing

Aligarh was providing the platform  
to formulate new leadership and  
politics ideas. But Deoband, was  
not interested in this concept, in fact  
they wanted to make the United  
India. So, at that time Aligarh  
was gaining momentum as compare to Deoband

## CONCLUSION

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role in shaping the history by  
influencing the muslims through their  
books and teachings. Moreover, after  
the religious reformers, the need of  
how was modern education so at  
that point Aligarh came front side  
and gave the new turn to the  
history. Although, there were contemporary  
competitor, but Aligarh role was exceptional  
in history of Pakistan.