PART II Q.3 Start with the summary of the Ans: answer as an introduction Socio. Political condition of sub-continent during religious reformists era: Albar occupied the trone at 1566. From the beginning of his rule he desired to win the collaboration of Rajput chiefs. For this Purpos, he married a number of clinck and Rajput women. His findu wives mostly Prevailed upon him and to please them Akbar gave enormous liberty to Hindu subjects. On the advice of Hindu courtiers Akber promulgated his new religion Din-i-Elahi. The promulgation of Din-i-Ilahi was an ill-jured attempt of Akbar to combine the Salient Jeature of



Islam with Hinduism. Akbar said: "Honour would be rendered to God, Peace would be given to the Peoples and security to the empire". A descendant of the second caliph named Sheikh Ahmad Sinhinde was born on 1564 at Sinhind. He challenged the might of Akbar, to re-establish the glory of Eslam which had bee gravely threatened by the un-islamic trends of Akbar. The situation became wosst after The death of Aureng. zeb in the 18th C. Mughal ruless were failed to withhold the supremacy of the Muslim sule They were includged in the luxurious life and Dorgot the Islamic principles. The time was ripe for the repormists to emerge to purge the Muslim society



Attempt by giving subheadings of these trends: An era of neof these trends: An era of re-generation emerge with the arrival of Shah. Wali Ullah a great Muslim thinker and philosopher. The efforts of these repormists Purify the religious and practicle eife of The Muslim of India. 1. Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi: Sheikh Ahmad Sishindi also known as Mujadid Alf Sani was a great Muslim Saint and mystic of Nagshbardiya order. When Sheik Abred began his repormist movement, Muslim society was riden with un-islamic trends and practices: During these days Akbar ruled the sub-continent whose anti-Islamic outloops had aggrevated the social environs. Akber had no learning towards Islamic tenets. The introduct tion of Den-1-Ilahi was a great threat for the identity of



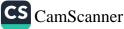
Muslims in the sub-continent. Sheikh's efforts to Purge Muslim Society of Atheist values: Sheikh Ahmed undertook the job of purifying the Muslim society of un-islamic trends in the hope for a separate Muslim identity sheikh Ahmed was greatly opposed to the atheism and openly denounced un-Islamic society He stressed on the Muslims to revert to the purer Islam by giving up heretical customs and practices. He Possuaded the Muslim to adopt simple habits in life in the light of Islam and Sunnah. Sheikh Ahmed's Letters: Sheikh Ahmed adopted an effective method of persuation by writing letters to the leading nobles of the royal court. His letters are known as



Muktubat-e-Iman. He reminding the nobles of their duty duties towards Islam Sheikh Ahmad Two-Nation State concept: Sheikh was a staunch advocate of the separateness of the Muslims as a nation. He laid great emphasis on the separate identity of the Muslims Wahdat-ul-Wajud and Wahdut-ul-Shahhud: The philosophy of Wahdat-Ul-Wajud was presented by some sufis of Akbris time. They believed that there was no living difference between the Man and his Creator God. Sheikh Ahmad negate this philosoph and declared it as against Islam. He Presented the philosophy of Wahdut ul-shahis which mean that the creator and creatures were two inperent and separate entitles.



He is considered as the pioneer of Muslim self-assertion by denouncing un-Islamic practices and promoting Two Nation state. 2. Hazrat Shah Wali-ul-Ullah: Hazrat shah Wali Ullah is one of those great Personalities of Islaw, who with his dedicated services had brought the Muslim society together on the stable poundations. He was born on 1703, your years before the death of Aurengreb. After getting early education, he went to Arabia. "During his stay at Makkah Shah Wali Ullah saw a vision in which Holy Prophet (S.A.W) blessed him with the tidings that he would be instrumental in the organization of a section of the Muslim society." In these days Mughal Empire gradually began to collapse with



manifest signs of decadence. Religious Reformation: During his stay at Hejar; he received reports of unstable and chaotic conditions of the Muslims in the sub-continent He was advised to stay in Arabia but he repused and came back Delhi. Shah wali ullah personaded the Muslims to strictly follow the footsteps of the Holf Prophet (S.A.W). He introduced the basic tenets of Islam to the people. He introduced Tatbig (integration) of the Muslim Society which was on the verge of destruction. He adopted a balanced approach towards understanding og religious matters. He himself states, I was informed through Ilham that I would have to undertake this res-Ponsibility. The time has come when every injuction of



Sharia and the general instruc-tion should be presented in the world in a rational manner". Political Services: Apart from religions reportation, shah wali Ullah also provided Muslims with the political leadership. He came out with his great wisdom and foresight to create Political awakening to the Muslims The Mughal rulers were no more in a position to withhold the supremery of the Islamic rule which was gravely Jeopendized by the emergence of Sikhs, Marhattas and other non Muslim forces. Shah wali Wlah came up to tackle this precarious situation He looked towards Ahmad Shah Abdali. He came to delhi and defeat Marhattas in the third Battle of Panipat in 1761.



Hujalu Hujjat-ullah-al-Baligah: Hujjat-ullah-al-Baligah is a Jamore work of Shah-Wali-Ullah. In this book Shah-wali-ullah docuessed the socio-Political and religious decay of muslims. Other reformers?? Conclusion; Both these repormists got in touch with the rulers and impressed upon them to enforce Islamic laws mese figures are the most prominent personalities who were the great supporters of separate identity for muslims of sub-continent shah wali ullah is regarded as the founder of modern India and Sheikh Ahmed Serhindi was a widely read scholar and a magnetic shetorician mey both adopted a. liberal approach towards Islam so that. more people would attract



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