

Part II

- 4) Critically evaluate the Sir syed's trinity of ideas i.e. Loyalty towards ^{British} devotion to education and aloofness from politics.

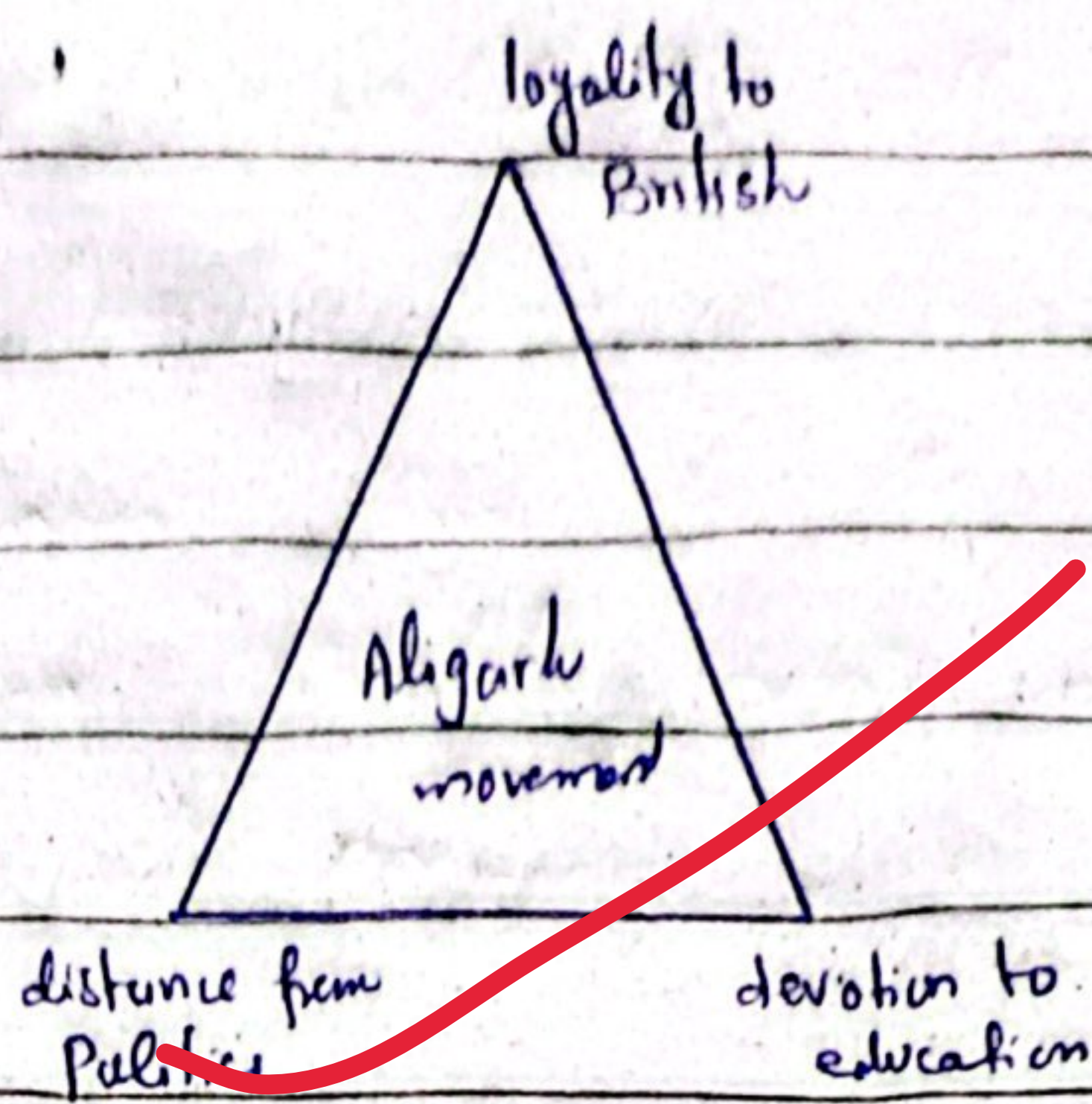
Introduction:

Sir syed Ahmad Khan was one of the great reformists in the history of Sub-continent. Through his writing he got out the muslims from the bad conditions and drive them towards the education. He also showed to the british that muslims was loyal to them and through his writing he convinced the muslims to stay away from the politics. This trinity of idea of Sir syed Ahmad Khan was proved to be a masterpiece in driving out muslims from the neglected class of the subcontinent. It left a great positive impact on the future of Subcontinent at that time.

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Trinity of ideas:



The Aligarh movement launched by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan played a great role in uplifting the Muslims of the subcontinent. It shows the Muslims the path of the success.

The Aligarh movement had a trinity of ideas. ① loyalty towards British, to realize them that Muslims are not enemies of British.

② Distance from politics; The Muslims was advised by the

Sir Syed to stay from the politics

and ③ devotion to education; The Muslims must ~~stay~~ focus on modern education

① Devotion to Education:

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was of the opinion that if Muslims didn't get modern education, they would lose social prestige and advancement in society. He wanted to know the reason behind the reluctance of the Muslims to send their children to school. For this purpose a Committee calling for the Muslims education uplift. He believed that education is the only vehicle for the development of the nation.

For the purpose of education he rendered his all services to progress of country and build the following institutes

(i) Establishment of educational institute

→ Gulshan School Murad Abad → 1859

→ Victoria School Ghazipur → 1863

→ MAO School → 1875

→ MAO College → 1877

ii)

Scientific Society:

The purpose of this was to translated different books from foreign languages to Urdu. The main thrust of the society focused on translating books on science, mathematics and engineering.

iii)

Aligarh Institute Gazette:

A weekly magazine was launched with a bilingual language. It aimed to familiarise the Indians with the British system of education and the English way of life.

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Loyalty towards British:

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan began his struggle with a policy to show the British that Muslims are not against them but they are loyal to them. For this purpose, he used the power of his writing to show

The loyalty of muslims toward British.

(i) Asbab-e-Baghawat-e-hind

In this book he mentioned the reason of the rebellion of muslim in the war of independence in 1857. He courageously and bravely blamed Britishers for making and tried to strike down the impression of the Britishers that Muslims were rebel.

(ii) Loyal Mohammadan of India:

In this piece of writing he highlighted services and contribution of those muslims who remained loyal to those Britishers during the war of independence.

(iii) Engagement of Britishers in Educational movement:

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan worked to with the trust of

the Britishers. Therefore, he engaged them in his educational movement. For instance Lord Lytton inaugurated MAO school and Duke of Argyll was made a patron of Scientific Society.

⇒ Aloofness from politics

Sir Syed believed that unless Muslims remain aloof from politics, British will continue to suppress them and they will incur the wrath of the Britishers. He tried to divert the energy of the Muslims toward the education. He believed that if Muslims continue to agitate it will reinforce British misconception against Muslims.

→ He provided Muslims separate forum to raise their demands and grievances i.e. Mohammedan Educational Conference, British Indian Association and Indian Patriotic Association.

Critical Evaluation:

① Emergence of educated class:

Due to the efforts of Sir Syed an educated muslim class was emerged which play their role in formation of Pakistan.

② Formation of institutes.

Sir Syed efforts to bring muslims toward the education has resulted in the formation of many educational institutes, which played a great role in educating the muslims.

③ Reconciliation between Muslims and British:

Due to the efforts of Sir Syed, to bridge ~~reconcile~~ the gap between muslims and Britishers was quite how successful. According to Khalid Bin Saeed that in between 1870s and 1880s the British attitude towards muslims changed.

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Slavish mentality.

According to some political Scientists that Sir Syed produced slavish mentality and produced a generation that has considered himself inferior to Britishers. They were interested in job and showed empathy towards freedoms and resistance.

5)

Mitigated the Jehadi spirit:

The Ulema of Deoband accused Sir Syed Ahmed that he mitigated the Jehadi spirit in the Muslims and it failed to inculcate Jihad tradition among the Muslims.

Conclusion

The birth of idea of Sir Syed played a magnificent role in the uplift of the nation that were facing the worst conditions of that time. However, some people criticized him that he suppressed

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and produce people with slavish
mentality. But, in a broader view
it proved a blessing for
the formation of Pakistan.