

Talat Fatima
Online Test Series
PAK. Apperins Test #01

Topic — Pre-Partition
Economy

Question

Elucidate the ideology of Pakistan. What reason contributed to development of Two nation theory. In light of sayings of Muslim nationalist.

Introduction

Ideology of Pakistan is rooted in Two-Nation Theory, which asserts that Muslims and Hindus are two distinct nations based on religion, history, culture and social values. This ideology emerged as a response to Muslim marginalization under British rule and Hindu politics.

Religious Basis

Islam provided Muslims with a complete code of life that is completely different from Hindu philosophy. Muslims feared loss of religious identity in a Hindu-dominated political system.

Islam is not merely a faith,
it is complete social order

Allama Iqbal

Intermingling of Hindu rituals and
not freedom of practicing Islamic

Leading freely was another fear of Indian Muslims.

Historical and Cultural Differences

Muslim had a separate historical tradition, heroes, laws and civilization. Attempts that made to impose a composite Indian nationalism ignored these realities. For which Allama Muhammad Iqbal said

India is not a nation but
a continent of human groups

This saying clearly state that the people of that place has different sets of values and morals.

Political Marginalization

Congress Policies, especially Congress ministries exposed Hindu dominance on multiple aspects by favouring Hindus and prioritizing them over Muslims.

Democracy in India
means Hindu Raj

Quid-e-Azam

This led more fear of losing their identity in Muslims or captivity in following the footsteps of their ancestors, cultural rituals and Islamic Principles.

Economic Exploitation

Muslims were economically backward due to loss of power after 1857, while Hindu capitalists dominated trade and industry.

The power given by Congress through political influence to Hindus also played a role in economic exploitation of Muslims.

Ideological Clarity of Leaders

Sir Syed led the foundation, Lyall provided philosophical depth and Jinnah translated ideological into political reality.

Pakistan was not made in 1947, it was demanded long before.

Quid-e-Azam

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan - Foundation

led the foundation of Two nation theory and said

Hindu and Muslim are two nations who differ in religion, custom and social life.

He was the first Muslim leader to recognize that Muslims and Hindus could not be politically unified without endangering Muslim identity. He emphasized that democracy based on majority rule would permanently

demolish muslims' identity, consolidating into earliest foundation of Two nation theory.

Allama Iqbal

Ideological and Philosophical Justification

Iqbal rejected territorial nationalism and argued that Islam forms on the basis of Muslim nationhood.

In his Allahabad address he demanded autonomous Muslim state.

India is not a country
but a group of humans

providing philosophical and ideological maturity to Two-Nation theory.

Quaid-e-Azam

Political reality, constitutional Demand

Quaid-e-Azam translated ideology into political action. His experience with congress rule particularly during 1937 to 1939, convinced him that muslim will face cultural annihilation.

Hindu and muslim belong to two different religion philosophies, social custom and literature.

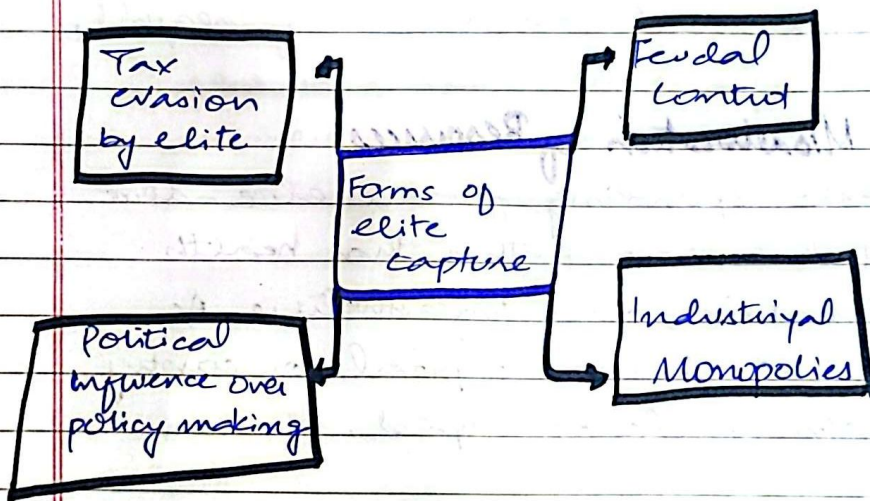
So he transformed muslim nationalism into constitutional mass movement that led to Pakistan formation in 1947.

Question # 2

Elite capture in developing economy hinders development and perpetuates inequality.

Introduction

Elite capture refers to control of economic and political resources by a small privileged class, preventing equitable development. In Pakistan, elite dominance is a major obstacle to economic justice.



Elite capture occurs when political elites, landed aristocracy, industrial monopolies and bureaucratic network manipulate state institutions to secure privileges such as taxes exemption, subsidies, land ownership and policy favours.

Elite capture convert state from public service provider into rent-seeking entity.

This process result in governance structure that benefit elite over national development goal.

HOW IT Hinders Economic Development

1. Weak Tax Base

Elite tax evasion force the state to rely on indirect taxes that increase the burden on poor and middle class.

When elite do not pay taxes development is financed by inequality.

2. Misallocation of Resources

Public spending favours elite-dominated sectors rather than health, education and infrastructure. As a result human capital of country remains underdeveloped.

3. Aid and Debt Dependency

Elite capture prevents effective utilization of foreign aid, leading to repeated borrowing and IMF dependency without structural reform or circular debt that ultimately bound country to invest on the side of development.

4. Stagnant Productivity

Rent seeking replaces innovation.

Protected elites have no incentive to modernize that result in low or less exports and weak industrial and competitiveness in international market.

5. Socio-Political Consequences

This results into erosion of democratic legitimacy, weak national cohesion and rise of informal economy.

When the state serves the few, inequality becomes a permanent feature of society.

Elite capture threaten not only economic development but also political instability.

Conclusion

Elite capture is the central structural barrier to development in Pakistan. It distorts policies, weakens institutions and perpetuates inequality. True development begins when the state serves citizens rather than elites.