

IDEOLOGY OF PAKISTAN

Q1. Write down the aims & objectives of the creation of Pakistan?

Ans. Pakistan came into being on 14th August 1947. The Muslims of India had sacrificed their wealth, honour & life to make a Pakistan reality. Struggle for attainment of Pakistan started very early after the war of independence 1857.

Aims & Objectives of the Creation of Pakistan

After the war of Independence the Muslims were greatly pressed by the Hindus as well as the British. Social, political and economical conditions of the Muslims were totally changed. That is why they demanded for a separate state of their own. Following were the Aims & Objectives that led to the creation of Pakistan.

1. Setting up of a Free Islamic Society:

The main objective of the creation of Pakistan was to establish a free Islamic Society having its own identity and government, practicing its own social principles and religion and inviting the Muslims of the world, particularly and others generally to adopt the Islamic way of life.

2. Protection from Communal Riots:

The communal Riots on every other day made it clear that the Hindus could monopolize the politics after the departure of The British. The lives of Muslims could never be safe in the united India. The Hindu organizations had again and again asserted that Hindu Raj would be imposed on India after the independence. So to get rid of these atrocities the Muslims demanded their separate state.

3. Social & Political Development of Muslims:

After the war of Independence 1857, the social environment was totally changed. The Muslims were scared of the caste system and other discriminations. They could enjoy neither political nor social liberties; therefore, they preferred to have a separate homeland in which they could live according to the teachings of Islam.

4. Protection of Muslim Language

The Hindus did the best to replace Urdu by Hindi. But they did not succeed during British period. If South Asia had got freedom without partition, the Hindu majority could very easily declare Hindi, the official and national language. The Hindu government could wipe out all signs of Muslim culture; therefore, the Muslims had no choice except putting a demand for Pakistan.

5. Protection of Two Nation Theory:

The Muslims claimed separate nationhood for themselves and they were determined to maintain a separate entity for all times to come. The Muslims

believe in separate religion, practice different traditions, and have their own history and their cultural heritage. Their claim was absolutely true. It was their right to keep their separate entity alive and to enjoy all human rights. This was

not possible in undivided India.

6. Establishment of Islamic State:

Islam is a complete code of life. The Muslims wanted to implement the system practically. This could not be attained in United India therefore, they passed a resolution and demanded an Islamic state in the North East and North West of South Asia.

7. Setting up of True Islamic Society:

Islam upholds the golden principles of freedom, justice, brotherhood and equality but living for centuries with the Hindu community, the Muslims were gradually ignoring, consciously or unconsciously, these principles. Islam gives guidance for individual as well as collective life. It has its own principles such as ban on usury, gambling, to refrain from all unlawful means of income and expenditure. Again extravagance is regarded devilish. The rights of the neighbours are stressed which results in social security to all. God-fearing and belief in the Hereafter are the basis for the social life of the Muslims.

8. Dream of Muslims to get freedom:

Due to the ill treatment of Hindus and British the Muslims also wanted to get freedom and established their own Govt. in the sub continent because the freedom is right of every nation and the country. For this reason they demanded Pakistan.

9. Narrow Mindedness of Hindus:

The Hindu community's narrow mindedness could be gauged from the fact that they do not feel ashamed of idol worship during the 20th century even.

The women are considered slaves. They do not recognize the right of second marriage for the widow. They consider themselves much superior to the people of their own race. The Hindus declare a thing polluted if it has been touched by a Muslim. There was a concept of caste systems in the Hindus itself. There was only one way of Muslim's deliverance from such a narrow-minded and prejudiced community, and that was a separate state comprising the provinces of Muslim majority, and as such they demanded a separate homeland.

10. To get rid of the British:

After the war of independence (1857), the British maltreated the Muslims. Political rights of the Muslims were snatched. Doors of new jobs were closed and also the Muslims were deprived of their jobs and were deprived of their property (estates). There was no social status for the Muslims. So they demanded separate homeland.

11. Attainment of Peaceful Atmosphere:

After the formation of Mahasabha and its entrance into politics, prejudiced movements like Shuddhi and Sangthan were born. Riots occurred here and there. They extinguished the fire of revenge by dishonouring the mosques or attacking Moharram processions. The daily increase in riots had given a

warning to the Muslims. It is rightly remarked that the last 25 years were spent in Hindu-Muslim civil war. Its cure was no other than the creation of Pakistan in the Muslim majority provinces so that the daily occurrences of riots may come to an end. The Muslims may enjoy the peaceful conditions in a separate state of their own.

12. Islamic Culture and Civilization:

Success of congress in elections of 1937 and capturing the leadership was an enough proof that the Hindus wanted to demolish Muslim civilization and culture. Every now and then new intrigues were hatched to destroy the Muslim's religious values. The breeding of cows and to worship them was the reckoned culture of Hindustan. The Hindu community was planning to prevail upon Muslims in their customs and ceremonies. The Muslim ceremonies were interfered whereas the Hindu festivals of Diwali, Lohri, Dussehra were celebrated with great pomp and show. In short, if India were not divided, this country would have become a pure Hindu State and the next generation of Muslims would have been Muslim only by name, but it would have been impossible for the Muslims to follow Islam practically.

13. Deliverance from Economic Exploitation:

The Hindus community was not contented with the political rule; it was determined to worsen the condition of the minorities economically. But especially they wanted to take revenge from the Muslims for their past defeats. Under the patronage of the English, the Hindus were made the owners of the land. They were encouraged in trade and commerce also. Only the trade of hides and skins remained with the Muslims. They were encouraged in the trade of shining nature, or some factory, and that belonged to a Muslims, they started cut throat competitions. So after being disheartened the Muslims had to leave the factory or trade. The Muslims had seen this state of affairs for years till they reached the conclusion that where the problems were settled by the votes of majority, it was hardly possible to live along with the prejudiced and cruel Hindu majority. The sole aim of the Hindus was to re-convert the Muslims to Hinduism and absorb them in that religion. So there was no room left for the Muslims except demanding a separate independent homeland, for themselves.

20. Muslim Unity:

Muslims were dispersed in the 20th century especially after the failure of Khilafat movement. The Muslims wanted to become united again because

unity is also the basic teaching of Islam. But the unity of the Muslim world cannot be possible without the creation of Pakistan.

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With the will of Allah, the Muslims were able to establish Pakistan. ON that occasion, on 15th August, 1947 he said:

"Muslims of India have shown to the world that they are a united nation, their cause is just and righteous which cannot be denied.

Let us, on this day, humbly thank God for His bounty and pray that we might be able to prove that we are worthy of it. This day marks the end of a painful phase in our national history and it should also be the beginning of a new and a noble era".

20. National Solidarity

Quaid-e-Azam wanted to establish such a Pakistan which is strong & united from every respect. Once he said after the creation of Pakistan.

"The people who think that they will demolish Pakistan they are foolish & not in their senses. There is no any power in the world who demolishes Pakistan. The roots of Pakistan are very deep & strong"

In the light of above mentioned facts we can easily conclude that the Quaid-e-Azam was truly aware of the basic demands of an Islamic state and he struggled for it. According to his ideas Islam was the only base of The Ideology of Pakistan.

Q3. Explain the Ideology of Pakistan in the light of sayings of Allama Iqbal?

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Allama Iqbal & Ideology of Pakistan

Allama Iqbal was the person who for the first time gave the concept of a separate state for the Muslims keeping in view the Two Nation Theory. He clearly explained the Ideology of Pakistan in his sayings and poetry.

Allama Iqbal and Ideology of Pakistan:

1. Separate Recognition of Muslims:

Allama Iqbal made it clear that the Muslims have the separate recognition from the Hindus on the base of religion and culture. In this regard he said

“India is not a country, it is a Sub-continent of human beings belonging to different languages and practicing different religions. Muslim nation has its own religious and cultural identity.”

2. Condemnation of Western Democratic Concepts:

Allama Iqbal was strongly against the western concept of Democracy.

Despite flourishing all over the world, this system cannot provide solution of the problem of Islamic world. Iqbal was of the view that all social and political problems can be solved with the help of Islamic system. He said, (Western democracy is devoid of depth, it has merely an attractive out look.)

3. Concept of separate Muslim State:

Dr. Muhammad Allama Iqbal was great supporter and preacher of separate Muslim state. He gave this idea of separate state for the Muslims in 1930 while addressing the annual meeting of All India Muslim league in Allah Abad, “I want to see the Punjab, NWFP, Sindh and Balochistan in the form of one homogenous state. Whether India gets independences under the crown of England or out of it, I think independent state of western provinces is the destiny of the people living there.”

4. Commendation of Idea of Single Nation:

In March, 1909 when Iqbal was asked to address a meeting held by Minvra Raj Amritsar but he refused to address that meeting & said.

"I remained the supporter of this idea but now I am of the view that preservation of separate nationhood is useful for Hindus and Muslims

birth. To have the concept of single nation in India is no doubt poetic and beautiful but impractical regarding present circumstances."

5. Concept of Two Nation Theory:

Allama Iqbal explaining the two nation theory as:

"Despite living together for 1000 years, Hindus and Muslims have their own individual ideologies so the only solution of political conflict in India is to have a separate independent parliament for each nation."

6. Eradication of Racial & Regional Prejudices:

Allama Iqbal rejected the Racial & Regional Prejudices. Once he said in this regard as:

"Concept of nation and homeland is confusing the Muslims. That is why Islamic humane objects are becoming dim. It is also possible that these concepts may destroy the real concepts of Islam."

7. Explanation of Relation of Islam & politics:

Allam Iqbal was in the favour of basic concept that politics is a part of religion (Islam) and Islam provides complete guidance about it,

"Islam does not consider matter and soul separate from each other.

Allah, Universe and state all are the basic elements of single unit. Man is not so alien that he should leave worldly affairs for the sake of religion."

8. Islam is complete code of life

In the annual meeting of Muslim League on December 29, 1930 at Allahabad, he said,

"Islam is not the name of some beliefs and customs but it is a complete code of life. In, Europe, religion is every one's personal matter which divides the human oneness into two opposite parts i.e. body and soul.

In contrast to that in Islam, God, Universe, soul, matter, state and religions are bound to each other or in other words Muslims are one nation"

9. Islam is a lively power

In his Allahabad address he said:

"Islam is a lively power which frees human mind from thoughts country and race. If we understand this thing then we can be the leaders of prominent Indian civilization."

10. Islam is the way to success

Allama Iqbal said in relation to Islam:

"The lesson which I learnt from history is that Islam always helped

the Muslims. Even today, Ideology of Islam can save your being from destruction by uniting your divided powers”.

11. No other ideology of life than Islam

On the publication of his poem, “Khazr-e-Rah” people started to call Allama Iqbal as communist. He rejected this balance firstly in his essay and then in a letter to All-e-Ahmed Sarwur in 1937. He said:

“To me capitalism, communism and other isms of this world have no importance. Islam is the only reality which is the reason of salvation. To have a contract with any other ism is just like to be out of Islam.”

12. Opposition of Nationalism

He described the reason of opposition of nationalism in the words:

“I am opposed to nationalism, not because if it is allowed to develop in India. It is likely to bring less material gain to Muslims. I am opposed to it because I see in it the germs of atheistic materialism which I look upon as the greatest danger to modern humanity”

13. Separate Existence of Muslims

The fact is that even the enemies acknowledge that it was Iqbal who made the idea of a distinct Muslim Nationhood crystal clear in the minds of the masses.

A bigoted Hindu leader Madan Mohan Malwiya once remarked.

“Before Iqbal, we had not the slightest idea that the Muslims possessed a separate existence in India. We regarded them to be a part of a common nationalism”

14. Foundation of Pakistan

Allama Iqbal not only put forward the proposal of Pakistan’s creation by uniting the Muslim majority provinces of north-western India, he also explicitly pointed out the foundations on which this state was to be established and was to function. He said:

“To address this session of All India Muslim League you have selected a man who is not despaired of Islam as a living force for freeing the outlook of man from its geographical limitations, who believes that religion is a power of utmost importance in the life of individual as well as states.”

15. Unity of Muslim World

Allama Iqbal was a great supporter of Muslims Unity. He gave the message to the Nation of unity, equality, fraternity & tolerance. He also declared that there

is no any concept of discrimination on the base of colour, cast and creed in Islam.

16. Geographical Limitations of Mankind

According to Allama Iqbal, Islam is a practical way to eliminate the artificial distinctions of race and nation and to transcend beyond the geographical limitations of mankind. He wanted to established Muslim nationality on ideological lines:

Allama Iqbal categorically stated that the Hindus and the Muslims can't live together in one state, and that the Muslims would succeed in making their own separate state sooner or later. He advocated the separate nationhood of Muslims. Declaring Islam a complete code of life Allama Iqbal in the annual Session of All India Muslim League at Allahabad in 1930, demanded a Muslim state in the North West of the sub-continent.

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Importance of Ideology of Pakistan is as under:-

1. Right of Self Determination

In the decent civilizations of the world, right of self determination has got the place of basic human right. The Muslim of sub-continent work hard for the attainment of right of self determination, on the base of this right the Muslim demanded separate electorate in 1906 and this right was awarded to the Muslim in 1909's Minto Morley reforms.

2. Protection of the Muslims of Sub-Continent

Ideology of Pakistan saved the Muslim of the Sub-Continent. Because of the ideology of Pakistan, the Muslims of India who had become a minority due to the western democracy became a great nation.

3. Cause of Independence of Muslims

Ideology of Pakistan is the cause of independence of Muslims. Because of the ideology of Pakistan the Muslims of India got freedom and they got social betterment. In addition to that other nations like Sikhs, Hindus and Christians had other benefits out of that.

4. Ending of Hindu-Muslim Tension

After the creation of Pakistan, Hindu-Muslim tension which had been a part of Daily life ended. Along with that tension the events of terrorism also ended. They both got peaceful atmosphere which is necessary for the development of any society.

5. Symbol of Security of the Muslims

The ideology of Pakistan is very important for the Muslim of the Sub-Continent after the start of this theory the Muslims feel better and secured in the Sub-Continent. The people who believe the ideology of Pakistan although belong to different races and different areas, are united. Because of this natural unity, they can defeat foreign conspiracies and enemies of Pakistan.

6. Character Building

Ideology of Pakistan is a source of Character Building of the Muslims. Ideology of Pakistan is based on Islamic ideology and exemplary principles of Islam. So due to the ideology of Pakistan we are able to establish the Islamic society in Pakistan and we create the courage, honesty, tolerance, bravery, equality, fraternity & character building in Pakistan.

7. Unity of Islamic World

Ideology of Pakistan is laid down on the Islam. There is no any discrimination on the base of colour cast, creed, state or a country in Islam and Pakistan is obtained on the base of Ideology of Pakistan. So the unity of the Islamic world is the key factor of the foreign policy of Pakistan and Pakistan tried his best to create the harmony and unity of the Muslim World.

8. Source of Power

Islam gave the concept of two nation theory in sub-continent and secured the separate recognition of the Muslims in sub-continent. Two nation theory protected the Muslims in the hour of need especially in British rule, that's why ideology of Pakistan is the source of power in the sub-continent on which base the Muslims struggle hard for the attainment of Pakistan. Finally they succeed to achieve Pakistan.

9. Formation of Exemplary Society

The Muslims wanted to establish the exemplary society in the sub-continent but this dream couldn't be fulfill in the united India. Muslims of India had a brilliant chance to build and exemplary society in Pakistan after the creation of

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EVOLUTION OF TWO NATION THEORY IN INDIA:

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Pre-independence (1857–1947)

- **1857:** War of Independence. This uprising marked the final end of Mughal rule and led to the British Crown taking direct control of the subcontinent.
- **1867:** The Urdu-Hindi controversy begins, leading Muslims like Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to believe that Hindus and Muslims could not coexist as one nation.
- **1885:** Indian National Congress is founded by Allan Octavian Hume, a retired British civil servant.
- **1905:** The British government partitions Bengal into two provinces for administrative ease. Hindus oppose the division, while Muslims, who gain a majority in the new province of East Bengal, welcome it.
- **1906:** Simla Deputation and the formation of the All-India Muslim League. Muslim leaders meet with the Viceroy, Lord Minto, to advocate for separate electorates. The league is founded in Dhaka shortly after.
- **1909:** Minto-Morley Reforms introduce separate electorates for Muslims in the Imperial and Provincial Legislative Councils.
- **1911:** The partition of Bengal is annulled by the British government.
- **1913:** Muhammad Ali Jinnah joins the All-India Muslim League.
- **1916:** The Lucknow Pact is signed between the Muslim League and the Indian National Congress. For the first time, the Congress accepts the principle of separate electorates.
- **1929:** Muhammad Ali Jinnah proposes his Fourteen Points, outlining Muslim demands for the future constitutional setup of India.
- **1930:** Allama Muhammad Iqbal, in his presidential address to the Muslim League session in Allahabad, presents the idea of a separate Muslim state in the northwest of the Indian subcontinent.

- **1933:** Chaudhry Rehmat Ali proposes the name "Pakistan" in his pamphlet *Now or Never*, defining it as an acronym of the provinces: Punjab, Afghan Province (NWFP), Kashmir, Sindh, and Balochistan.
- **1935:** The Government of India Act of 1935 introduces provincial autonomy and a federal system.
- **1940:** The Lahore Resolution is passed on March 23. It calls for the creation of independent states for Muslims in the Muslim-majority areas of northwestern and eastern India.
- **1946:** "Direct Action Day" is observed by the Muslim League on August 16 to demand the creation of Pakistan.
- **1947:** The British government passes the Indian Independence Act, officially partitioning British India into two independent states: India and Pakistan.

Post-independence (1947–present)

- **14 August 1947:** Pakistan is officially created, with Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah as its first Governor-General and Liaquat Ali Khan as its first Prime Minister.
- **1948:** Muhammad Ali Jinnah passes away on September 11.
- **1949:** The Objectives Resolution is passed by the first Constituent Assembly, outlining the future constitution based on Islamic principles.
- **1951:** First Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan is assassinated on October 16.
- **1956:** Pakistan's first constitution is promulgated, establishing the country as an Islamic Republic.
- **1958:** Martial law is imposed for the first time by President Iskander Mirza, who is soon replaced by General Ayub Khan.
- **1965:** The second war with India over Kashmir breaks out.
- **1971:** A civil war erupts in East Pakistan, leading to the secession of East Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh following Indian intervention.

- **1973:** A new constitution is unanimously passed, establishing a parliamentary form of government.
- **1977:** General Zia-ul-Haq imposes martial law and takes control after mass protests over alleged vote-rigging.
- **1979:** Former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is executed.
- **1988:** General Zia-ul-Haq dies in a plane crash, and Benazir Bhutto becomes the first woman to be elected Prime Minister of a Muslim country.
- **1998:** Pakistan conducts its first nuclear tests in response to Indian nuclear tests.
- **1999:** General Pervez Musharraf seizes power in a military coup, overthrowing the civilian government of Nawaz Sharif.
- **2008:** Asif Ali Zardari is elected President, completing the transition from military to civilian rule.
- **2018:** Imran Khan is elected Prime Minister, his party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) becoming the largest party in the National Assembly.

A detailed list of important dates in Pakistan Studies covers significant events from the subcontinent's early history to the modern era, encompassing religious, political, and social developments.

Pre-independence (before 1947)

- **712:** Muhammad bin Qasim conquers Sindh, introducing Islam to the region that is now Pakistan.
- **1857:** The War of Independence marks a major uprising against the British East India Company. Its failure leads to the end of Mughal rule and the British Crown taking direct control of India.
- **1867:** The Urdu-Hindi controversy begins in Banaras, reinforcing the idea of separate destinies for Muslims and Hindus in the subcontinent.
- **1875:** Sir Syed Ahmad Khan founds the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College (later Aligarh Muslim University) to provide modern education to Muslims.

- **1884:** The Anjuman Himayat-i-Islam is established in Lahore to protect Muslim religious and cultural values.
- **1905:** The British partition Bengal, a decision welcomed by Muslims but opposed by Hindus. The partition was annulled in 1911 due to Hindu protests.
- **1906:** The Simla Deputation meets with Viceroy Lord Minto to demand separate electorates for Muslims. The All-India Muslim League is founded in Dhaka shortly after to safeguard Muslim political rights.
- **1909:** The Minto-Morley Reforms formally grant separate electorates to Muslims.
- **1916:** The Lucknow Pact is signed between the Muslim League and Congress, temporarily uniting the two parties on a scheme of constitutional reform. The pact is seen as a high-point of Hindu-Muslim unity.
- **1919–1922:** The Khilafat Movement mobilizes Indian Muslims to protect the Ottoman Caliphate, bringing them into a temporary alliance with Congress in the non-cooperation movement.
- **1929:** Muhammad Ali Jinnah proposes his Fourteen Points, outlining a separate constitutional framework for Muslim rights after the rejection of the Nehru Report.
- **1930:** In his Allahabad Address, poet-philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal proposes the idea of a separate Muslim state in northwestern India.
- **1933:** Chaudhry Rehmat Ali proposes the name "Pakistan" in the pamphlet *Now or Never*, defining its geographical components.
- **1935:** The Government of India Act of 1935 introduces provincial autonomy and a federal system.
- **1940:** The Lahore Resolution, passed on March 23, formally demands independent states for Muslims in the majority areas of the subcontinent.
- **1946:** "Direct Action Day" is observed by the Muslim League on August 16 to emphasize the demand for Pakistan, leading to widespread riots.

- **1947:** The Indian Independence Act is passed on July 18. British rule ends, and the independent states of India and Pakistan are created on August 14 and 15, respectively.

Post-independence (1947–present)

- **1947–1948:** The first Indo-Pakistani war over the disputed territory of Kashmir takes place.
- **1948:** Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, passes away on September 11.
- **1949:** The Objectives Resolution is passed by the first Constituent Assembly, outlining the future constitution based on Islamic principles.
- **1951:** First Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan is assassinated in Rawalpindi.
- **1956:** Pakistan's first constitution is promulgated on March 23, establishing the country as an Islamic Republic.
- **1958:** Martial law is declared by President Iskander Mirza, who is then replaced by General Ayub Khan in the country's first military coup.
- **1965:** The second war with India over Kashmir breaks out.
- **1969:** Widespread protests lead to Ayub Khan handing over power to General Yahya Khan, who imposes martial law.
- **1971:** A civil war leads to the secession of East Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh after Indian intervention.
- **1972:** The Simla Agreement is signed between Pakistan and India, establishing a new Line of Control in Kashmir.
- **1973:** The current Constitution of Pakistan is promulgated on August 14, establishing a parliamentary system.
- **1974:** The Second Islamic Summit Conference is held in Lahore.

- **1977:** General Zia-ul-Haq imposes martial law and takes control after mass protests over alleged vote-rigging.
- **1979:** Former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is executed.
- **1988:** General Zia-ul-Haq dies in a plane crash. Benazir Bhutto is elected Prime Minister, the first woman to hold the office in a Muslim country.
- **1998:** Pakistan conducts nuclear tests in the Chagai hills in response to Indian nuclear tests.
- **1999:** General Pervez Musharraf seizes power in a military coup, overthrowing the civilian government of Nawaz Sharif.
- **2007:** Benazir Bhutto is assassinated at a political rally in Rawalpindi.
- **2008:** Asif Ali Zardari is elected President, completing the transition back to civilian rule.
- **2010:** The 18th Constitutional Amendment is passed, significantly curbing the president's powers and returning Pakistan to a parliamentary system.
- **2014:** Taliban gunmen storm the Army Public School in Peshawar, killing over 140 people, mostly children.
- **2018:** The Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) are merged with the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through a constitutional amendment.
- **2018:** Imran Khan is elected Prime Minister.
- **2022:** A no-confidence vote leads to Imran Khan's ouster, a first in Pakistan's history.