

# Chapter

# 8

## National Integration and Prosperity

### Objective Questions With Answers

**Q1. Fill in the blanks to make an appropriate statement.**

1. Ibn-e-Khaldun used the term \_\_\_\_\_ for the sentiment of nationality.
2. Centrifugal forces can be explained by giving the example of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. All Pakistani \_\_\_\_\_ are written in the same script.
4. Our country is a federation that comprises of \_\_\_\_\_ provinces.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ form of government inculcates in people a sense of participation and responsibility.

**Answer**

No.	Answer	No.	Answer
1.	Asabiah	2.	Tube well
3.	languages	4.	four
5.	Democratic		

**Q2. Fill in the blanks by putting one the three alternatives given in the brackets each question.**

1. The Senate was first established under the \_\_\_\_\_ constitution. (1956, 1962, 1973)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ has been made the basis of representation in the National Assembly. (population, province, age)
3. A stable political system can be established only by giving the provincial governments \_\_\_\_\_ powers. (adequate, less, unlimited)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was another name for the practical programme of Islamization in the Sub-Continent. (Pakistan Ideology)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ system of Government causes damage to national integrity (dictatorial, democratic, parliamentary)

**Answer**

No.	Answer	No.	Answer
1.	1956	2.	province
3.	adequate	4.	Constitution
5.	dictatorial		

**Q3. Indicate whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE; put a circle around the correct answer.**

- All the people who struggled for Pakistan belonged to same ethnic group. (True/False)
- Punjabi had become a symbol of Muslim national identity during the days of the Pakistan Movement. (True/False)
- To promote national integration the provinces should be redefined as administrative units and not on the basis of cultural identity. (True/False)
- Bi-cameral legislature was for the first time established under the 1956 Constitution. (True/False)
- Problem of provincial autonomy has been amicably solved under the 1973 constitution. (True/False)

**Answer**

No.	Answer	No.	Answer	No.	Answer	No.	Answer
1.	False	2.	False	3.	True	4.	False
5.	True						

**Q4. Put right parts together.**

No.	Column A	Column B
1.	Asabiah	Danger of disintegration
2.	Centrifugal	Democratic system
3.	Sense of participation	Ibn-e-khaldun
4.	Provincial autonomy	Away from the centre
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**Q5. Answer each question in two to four lines.**

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*Answer*

This statement implies that we can achieve the destination of national integrity only if we recognize our responsibilities as a whole nation.

**3. What is the importance of educating our people about Pakistan ideology?**

*Answer*

The inculcation of Pakistan ideology in the hearts of people would lead to national integration.

**4. Signify the role of Urdu with reference to national solidarity.**

*Answer*

Urdu being a national language of Pakistan, can lead to national solidarity.

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Democratic system of government is essential for the promotion of national integration because this system would create feelings of fidelity towards the nation.

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# **Subjective Questions With Answers**

**Q1. What is national integration? Discuss in detail.**

**Answer**

## **Nation**

Members of any group of people are generally different from each other in many respects and at the same time they have certain times in common. But for one reason or the other, they are inclined to forget their difference and strengthen their bonds for unity. When this happens, a nation is formed.

## **Nationality**

The concept of "Nationality" was first defined in distinct terms by the Muslim historiographer and sociologist "Ibne Khaldun". He gave nationality the name of "Asabia". He said that it was the sentiment of nationhood that forms the basis of civil life. The rise and fall of human groups generally depend on this sentiment. According to Iqbal, nationality the feeling of nationhood "marks off those who share in it from the rest of mankind."

## **National Integration**

National integration occurs when the binding or cementing forces in a group of people are more powerful than disintegrating forces. There are two types of forces involved in the make-up of a nation.

- Centrifugal forces
- Centripetal forces

## **Centrifugal forces**

The points of differences or clashes in a nation are called centrifugal forces. These are the dividing and disintegrating forces.

## **Centripetal forces**

These are the forces that attract the scattered part towards one centre and create a sense of unity among the members of a group are called centripetal forces. The centripetal forces are like a magnetic bar, put in the midst of common pins.

## **Conclusion**

It can be concluded from the above discussion that centrifugal forces are present in every society. However they can be integrated by some

binding force, by some centripetal power. When centripetal forces will be more active than the centrifugal ones, only then the target of nation integration can be achieved.

**Q2. Signify the importance of national solidarity in an Islamic democratic state.**

**Answer**

National solidarity means a feeling of nationhood, a feeling of love and precession towards one's nation.

The significance of national solidarity in an Islamic state.

The people in this part of the region have their origins in Urdu, Bengali, Sindhi, Balochi, Punjabi, Pashto, and many other cultures. Islam is a binding force between these people. This factor, this centripetal force is so powerful, so paramount that it has overcome all other centrifugal forces like race, colour, language, culture geography, caste, etc. The people of Pakistan are one and have decided to remain one forever. Their vow is eternal religiously and irrevocable politically.

To strengthen their national solidarity, the people of Pakistan must forget their social, linguistic and geographical differences and stand united on the basis of Islamic fraternity. They should know that they are Muslims and Pakistanis first and all other identities are secondary. Pakistan is like a big picture and all the centrifugal forces here are its colours. Removing any colour from the picture would mar the beauty of the picture as well as of the colour itself. So each colour should remain steadfast to its position as a colour and shouldn't try to take the place of the picture. Rather, it should enhance the beauty of the picture.

**Q3. Enlist the obstacles interposed in the way of national integration and cohesion.**

**Answer**

**National integration**

The term national integration implies to a sense of beneficiation in various groups of nation. Obstacles imposed in the way of national integration:

Following are the major obstacles interposed in Pakistan:

1. Provincialism and parochialism
2. Linguistic differences

3. Racial differences
4. Inequitable distribution of wealth
5. Undemocratic governments
6. Bureaucracy
7. Feudal system
8. Illiteracy
9. Ignorance of religious and moral values
10. Negative role of media
11. War culture

### **Provincialism**

Pakistan has four provinces Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, and Balochistan, these provinces are the branches of one whole. But the bases of provincialism and parochialism in the inhabitants of these provinces cause national integrity to fail.

### **Linguistic Differences**

Urdu is the national language of Pakistan. It is a source of national integration. But it is unfortunate that there has been left some laxity in the implementation of Urdu as a national language. So linguistic biases become an obstacle in the way of national integration.

### **Racial Difference**

Racial differences and ethnic differences are also a major obstacle in the way of national integration.

### **Unequal Distribution of wealth**

Wealth should be divided equally in all the strata of society. Improper and unequal distribution of wealth causes an obstacle in the way of national Integration. Poverty, inequitable distribution of wealth, difference between the living standards of the people of different areas of the country.

### **Undemocratic Governments**

Some provides of undemocratic value, which creates discontentment among the deprived classes of the people is the major obstacle in the way of National Integrity.

### **Bureaucracy**

Autocratic behaviour of bureaucracy hinder in the way of national integration. The behaviour of the bureaucracy is looked at by the

people as the representative of some special classes and areas of the country.

### **Feudal system**

The monarchs of feudalism to pamper national integration in the society because the emergence of national integration in the society is ill-treat to their monarchy.

### **Illiteracy**

Illiteracy makes people indulge in a trail of bases. They don't calculate the significance of national integration.

### **Ignorance of Religious Values**

Our religion has taught us to be integrated and united. But we have forgotten the lessons taught to us by our religion. This unawareness of the religious and moral values hinder in the way of "national integration"

### **Negative Role of the Media**

Media sometimes propagates the feelings of commutative mistrust and disgust. This is a serious below on the face of national integrity.

### **War Culture**

War culture is the root cause of poverty and economic and cultural setback. War culture is a mother of all evils. It breeds national disintegration in the society.

## **Q4. What sort of measures can be adopted for the promotion of national solidarity by way of education and opinion forming?**

### **Answer**

Following educational and opinion forming measure can be adopted to promote national Integration in Pakistan.

- Spreading religious education.
- Revival of the National spirit based on Two Nation theory.
- Promotion of Islamic culture and Tradition.
- Application of Media for Nation Building.
- Promotion of Urdu.

### **Spreading Religious Education**

The major cause of national disintegration in our region is ignorance of religious education. If we want to promote national integrity in



Pakistan, we should spread religious education all over the country. We should pay due head to the lesson of fraternity and brotherhood our religion has taught us:

“ *And hold fast, all together, by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you), and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah's favour on you; for ye were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so by His Grace, ye became brethren .....* ” (3:103)

### **Revival of the National Spirit Based on Two Nation Theory**

Two Nation theory was a centripetal for the Muslims of south Asia. Even today the revival of the national spirit based on Two Nation theory can promote National integrity.

### **Promotion of Islamic Culture and Tradition**

Islam is a binding force for the inhabitants of Pakistan. It guides people on a single direction. If we inculcate Islamic culture and tradition in our society. Then the local customs, traditions, social, parochial and cast differences will automatically be eliminated.

### **Application of Media for Nation Building**

Media often causes national disintegration. We should make a proper use of media for national integration.

### **Promotion of Urdu**

Linguistic differences are the major cause of national disintegration. To eliminate linguistic differences, we must promote Urdu in Pakistan for the sake of national integration. Urdu is the 'lingua franca'. It can serve as a medium of communication between all parts of the country. It can eliminate the existing linguistic differences and can serve as the major source of national integration.

**Q5. What type of administrative and political measures should be adopted for the promotion of national integration?**

**Answer**

The following administrative and political measures can be adopted to promote national integration in Pakistan.

### **Administration with Responsible and Patriotic outlook**

Federal administration is a national institution; under federal civil services officers belonging to one province are posted in other provinces. If these officers perform their duties with a real sense of

service and consider themselves to be the servants of the people and not their masters or rulers, there will be no reason for the people of any province to complain that they were being subjected to alien rule. This is also necessary that all the provinces are given their due share in civil and military services. If this is not done certain parts of the country will suffer a sense of deprivation.

### **Restructuring of the provinces**

Our country comprises of four provinces. These provinces have, somewhat, different cultural linguistic and ethnic characteristics. Such differences are common in all countries of the world; (for example India, our closest neighbour is hundred times more heterogeneous than we are). But unfortunately due to the conspiracies of the unpatriotic elements these differences have become a challenge for national integration.

### **Bi-Cameral Legislature / Powerful Upper House**

A bicameral legislature was established for the first time under the 1973 Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The upper house was named Senate. Lower house or the National Assembly is the popularly elected house and represents the people of Pakistan. The upper house, Senate, is the house of Provinces. All the four provinces, big or small, have been given equal representation in the Senate. This is a step of utmost importance necessary to dispel the sense of deprivation that our small provinces have.

### **Separation of Powers**

In the federal form of government powers are divided between the federal and the provincial government. For a strong federal system, separation of power between the central government and the federating units is an essential requirement. Provincial governments should be given adequate powers, this creates a sense of self-confidence in the people, and the centre should be given only such powers as are indispensable to keep the nation integrated. Our 1973 Constitution provides adequate safeguards for provincial autonomy. All the four provinces expressed satisfaction regarding these safeguards. The only thing now required is the implementation of the constitutional clauses in letter and spirit.

### **Democratic System of Government**

Democratic system creates a sense of responsibility and participation in the people. They start to love their country and live for it.

Dictatorship, on the contrary, creates a sense of deprivation among the people; and they get alienated from the national and collective affairs. They develop enmity not only towards the rulers but also towards the province or the class to which the rulers belong. Their dislike for the rulers may turn into hatred for the country. In this way, national integration is jeopardized. To prevent this state of affairs from happening we should try to establish a democratic system based on the principles of Islamic ideology.



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