

1. What were the circumstances that compelled Britain to prepare the diplomatic proposals named as the 'Mountbatten Plan.'

All India League, under the leadership of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, raised claims for a separate country called Pakistan. The British government realised that the freedom for India was impossible without the partition. Lord Mountbatten was appointed as the new Viceroy of India. He prepared a number of proposals, which was popularly known as 'Mountbatten Plan.'

2. What were the proposals of the 'Mountbatten Plan'?

- To form a separate country in Muslim majority area as per the Muslims' wish.
- To divide Punjab and Bengal.
- To conduct a referendum to determine whether to add North West Frontier Province to Pakistan or not.
- To appoint a commission to determine the borders in Punjab and Bengal.