

Q.1 What was Surat Split? What were the main issues b/w Moderates & Extremists? (250 words)

Ans.1

### SURAT SPLIT

It is referred to as a division in Congress on the basis of ideologies its leaders followed. It was held in 1907 at Surat, hence the name. The immediate causes behind the split were :-

- ① Congress session in 1907 was to be held in Nagpur which was homeground of Tilak, a leader of extremist.
- ② The moderates felt that by convening the session in Nagpur would make ~~Dr~~ Tilak or Lala Lajpat Rai the president which they didn't wished.
- ③ Further, moderates wanted Ras Bihari Ghosh to be the president as he wanted to drop resolutions of swadeshi, boycott & national education which were the demands of moderates.

The above causes were the strong



reasons behind the split in Congress.

## ISSUES BETWEEN MODERATES & EXTREMISTS. :-

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- ① Moderates had faith in gradual reforms whereas Extremists demanded swaraj.
- ② Moderates believed in the theory of political mendicacy but extremists believed to use extra constitutional means.
- ③ Moderates didn't believe in mass participation but Extremists wanted to mobilise masses against British.
- ④ Moderates believed that having political connections with Britain would be in India's benefit. On the other hand, extremists believed that it would lead to exploitation of India.
- ⑤ Lastly, Moderates were patriots too but didn't believe on making sacrifices for the nation. The extremists were ready to take these steps for the sake of nation.

Therefore, we can say that Surat Split was a success to the Britishers ~~the~~ 'divide & rule policy'. They succeeded in making a partition of Congress. But thanks to the efforts of Pherozshah Mehta, who brought the 2 groups on one platform in 1916 Lucknow session & the split became inevident.