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The people of South Asia suffered because of missed opportunities for regional development, connectivity, and cooperation. Evaluate the performance of SAARC in the light of this statement.

Answer

Introduction

"SAARC was a platform of South Asian Regional Prosperity."

(Tajwan Hussain)

SAARC was a platform of South Asian Regional development. But, unfortunately, SAARC painted in a dark picture because of missed opportunities of regional development, connectivity and cooperation. Therefore, SAARC fell down in its performance.

2- SAARC: A platform of South Asian Development

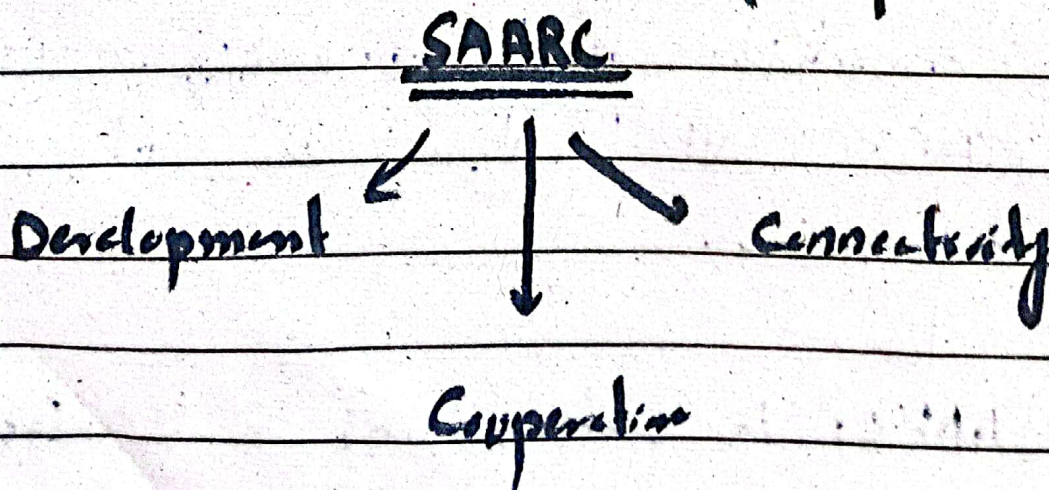
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"SAARC was a set  
of principle of  
development, connectivity,  
and cooperation."

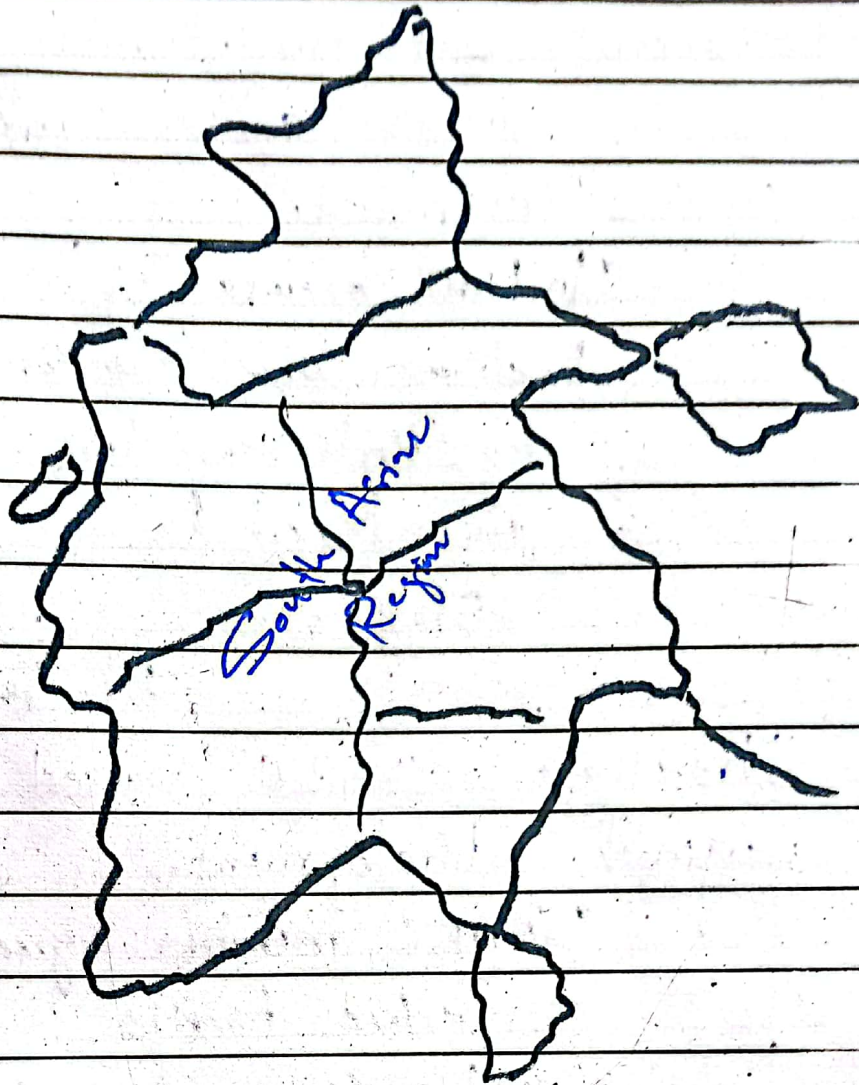
(- Farid Bhatti)

SAARC was a center of  
regional development, connectivity,  
and cooperation. In fact, it  
led to proper understanding am-  
ong members and was a  
center of political and economic  
learning cooperation.

"SAARC was an  
essence to life of  
South Asian people."

(- Turgut Husein)





### SAARC - Regional Map

Therefore, SAARC was an essence of South Asia.

3- Regional Development in the perspective of South - SAARC

SAARC was a good oriented platform in regional devel-

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agreements but unfortunately it failed.  
Due to tussles among members,  
SAARC crumbled.

"Indian accuse of  
Islamic base attacks  
by Pakistan led  
to threat to  
SAARC."

(- Al-Jazeera, 2002)

Therefore, SAARC failed in  
regional development.

"SAARC members agreed  
to reduce tariffs  
upto 6% in 2006  
but, unfortunately it  
failed."

(- Al-Jazeera, 2006)

Hence, SAARC performance could not  
improve standards of the region.

4- Regional connectivity in the

performance of SAARC

SAARC had started a good step to connect whole region. Unfortunately, SAAR initiative failed to connect region.

"SAARC arbitration council

failed to improve bilateral relations

of members due to strong tense relations."

↳ Toqeer Hussain,

Future of SAARC, 2011)

Moreover, members were agree to connect whole region with regional connectivity.

"South Asian university led to educational connectivity of South Asian in 2010."

But, due to political lockdown, members failed to connect as whole.

"Bilateral water dispute between India and Pakistan, and India and Afghanistan put threat to

SAARC connectivity"

(- Tejendra Prasad, Future of SAARC, 2021)

Hence, SAARC performance failed to improve standard of people of region.

5- Regional cooperation in the performance of SAARC

SAARC led to strong cooperation in the beginning. But later it failed due to mistrust among members.

"SAARC Food Bank initiated to cooperate countries, who failed to fulfill requirement

of peak in 1987."

(- Al-Jazeera)

Along with SAARC food bank, SAARC also led to peace in the region with security cooperation.

"Joint military exercise will help in sharing intelligence information to put down the threat of terrorism."

(- Teqeen Hussain, SAARC

Performance, 2018)

Unfortunately, SAARC failed to meet its performance.

"Humanitarian and economic

crisis are in peak in Afghanistan and SAARC could not contain it."

(- Teqeen Hussain,

Future of SAARC, 2018)

Therefore, SAARC failed to provide

quality of life to people of South Asia.

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Critical Analysis

"SAARC lost its essence of quality maintenance"

(- Faisal Bari)

SAARC was the most appreciated organization of South Asia. But, unfortunately, SAARC failed in all performance of providing quality of life.

"SAARC failed to support regional life of quality"

(- Faisal Bari)

Therefore, SAARC failed in its performance.

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Conclusion

"SAARC was good"



but not a good  
step."

(- Saqib)

SAARC was the most important organization to maintain standard of region. But, unfortunately, lack of good performance in regional development, connectivity and cooperation could not provide quality of life to people of South Asia. Therefore, people of South Asia suffered because of missed opportunities of SAARC.