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"The population growth in Pakistan can erupt like an atomic bomb." Comment.

Answer- Introduction

"Growing population is a serious concern of the world."

(UNDP Report)

Population is a concern of globe. In fact, it is become a major cause of the world problem. Consequently, negative implications will affect Pakistan. Therefore, some measures be adopted to overcome population.

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An abrupt increase in population - an overview Pakistan will be among these countries whose population will be equal half of population of the world."

(- UNDP Report)

Pakistan is the most populated country in the world. In fact, population growth is increasing day by day.

"The population of Pakistan is reached at

246.8 million in 2023."

(Census controversy, 2023)

However, as compare to census 2017, about 40pc increase is seen in 2023 census.

Comparison of population

Census 2017	207.68 million
Census 2023	246.8 million

Therefore increase population in Pakistan is like a bomb.

3- Factors behind increase in population growth

Following are factors.

a)

long-prevailing illiteracy and
unawareness

"Illiteracy leads to
darkness."

(-Nelson Mandela)

Unawareness is a factor
behind increase in population.
In fact, people do not
think of family planning.

"About 60% of
population is due
to unawareness

of family planning."
(UNICEF Report, 2018)

Therefore, unawareness is a
cause of growing population.

b)

Misinterpretation of religious
concept

Major misinterpretation
of religion is also behind
growing population. In fact,
Pakistan is an Islamic
country and people are
misinterpreted of religion.

"Misinterpretation of religion leads to population growth in Pakistan society."

(- Islamic ideology misinterpretation, 2019)

Therefore misinterpretation of religion is also a cause of growing population.

c)

Financial Compulsion leads to population growth

Moreover, financial compulsion leads to population growth. Several families are under strain and prevail child marriages.

"Pakistan is the worst in prevailing child marriages in South Asia."

(- Child Marriage, Hina Siddiqui 2023)

Therefore, financial compulsion forces child marriage and increase in population.

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Implications of population bomb

Following are implications

a)

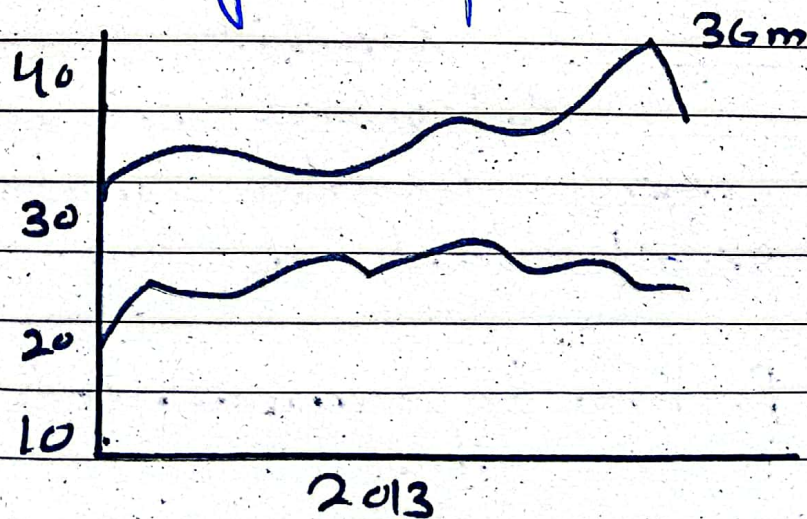
Skyrocketing poverty

Skyrocketing poverty is an outcome of population growth. In fact, Pakistan is the third world country and increase in population leads to poverty at peak. According to Sensitive Price Index,

"Poverty is prevailing at 36 million people by 2013."

(- SPI Report, 2013)

Following is representation:



Poverty at peak

b)

Social chaos and turbulence.

Along with poverty, social turbulence is a major crisis in Pakistani society. In fact, growing population strengthens social chaos.

"Increase in population, increase in social problems."

(- Faizal Bhatti)

According to a survey,

"Growing population is behind a cause of poverty, unemployment, inflation, disharmony, and chaos in society."

(- Population trends, 2017)

Therefore, population growth prevails social problems.

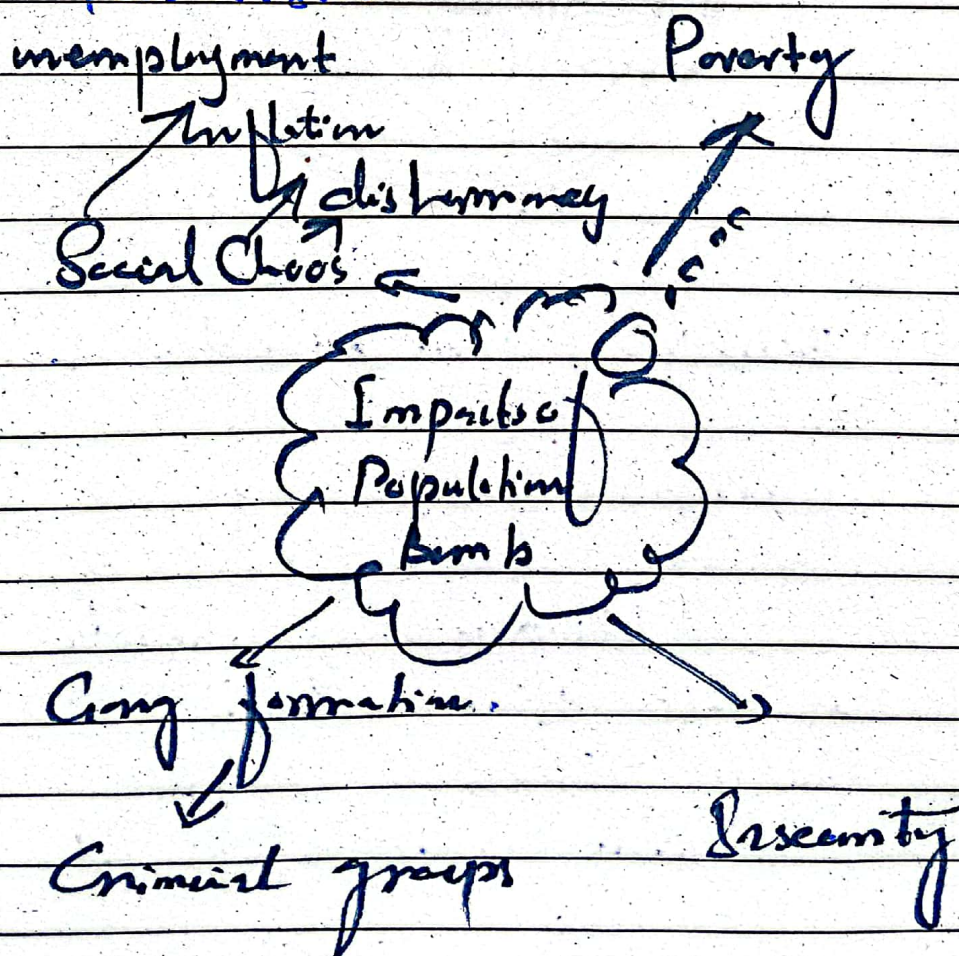
c)

A boost to terrorism leads to insecurity

Moreover, threat of

terrorism increases in society.
 Increase population leads
 criminal groups and gang
 formation and work for
 terrorist groups. According
 to the UNDP Report,
 "Among 15 to 39
 aged young in
 Pakistan are
 challenging to Law
 Enforcement Agencies."

Therefore, increase in population
 is become a boost to
 terrorism.



S- Suggestive Measures to eradicate population bomb
Following are suggestive measures:

a) Quality Education and awareness

Quality education and awareness will help in eradication of population.

In fact, awareness will lead to family planning and quality of life.

'About 10% of families are family planners due to awareness.'

(- Hani Saleem, 2019)

Therefore, focus on education.

b) Government role in family planning policy and laws
Moreover, government can also play role in family planning. Family planning concept was also

introduced in Ayub era.

"In 1962, Family Planning Act was passed by president Ayub for better family planning."

(- Family Planning Act, Moloch's World, 2021)

Therefore, government also play its role in family planning.

6)

Conclusion

"Growing population will be a danger to the state."

(- Ishaq Hussain)

Population growth is a major problem today. Several factors are responsible for population growth in Pakistan. Consequently, population act as an atomic bomb.

However, suggestive measures will help in eradicating population.