



Final Mock for Special CSS & Mock-6 for CSS-2024
September 2023
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II
(CURRENT AFFAIRS)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)

PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

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NOTE:

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- ii. Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II**. **ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
- iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.
- v. No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- vi. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

SUBJECTIVE PART — PART-II

- Q. 2. US India growing strategic partnership is primarily to contain China but it severely hurt the interests of Pakistan too. Critically evaluate the statement and find ways out for Islamabad to follow.
- Q. 3. Problems in the power sector has resulted in unimaginably expensive electricity that has far reaching negative implications on the economy, social and political life of the country. Critically evaluate the statement and suggest workable recommendations.
- Q. 4. Taiwan crisis in general and semiconductors industry in particular has become the new clash point between US and China. How do you see this situation and how tension could be diffused between the two global powers?
- Q. 5. The provisions of F-16 and other strategic weapons by US/NATO to Ukraine would result in the escalation of the war. How do you see this situation and what are the options with Russia and NATO to defuse the alarming situation?
- Q. 6. China and Pakistan are celebrating the Decade of CPEC. Critically evaluate success and failures of the project.
- Q. 7. In the increasingly multi-polar world there is the rise of the rest. But has there been a potential decline in US hegemony or has it maintained its global role as a leader? Give your arguments.
- Q. 8. The expansion of BRICS would have far reaching geo-economics and geo-political implications. Critically evaluate the statement and also highlight the major hurdles in the way of the organization.

Q:2:

Answer 1- Introduction

China is observing the US's growing curtailment, encirclement, suppression, and oppression.

(Xi Jinping)

US-India growing strategic partnership primarily to contain China, but it has also several impacts on Pakistan. US-India growing partnership with respect to QUAD is not only a hurdle in China's economic growth, but it also pose threat to Pakistan's status. Therefore, must follow recommendations to contain growing threat of Indo-US partnership.

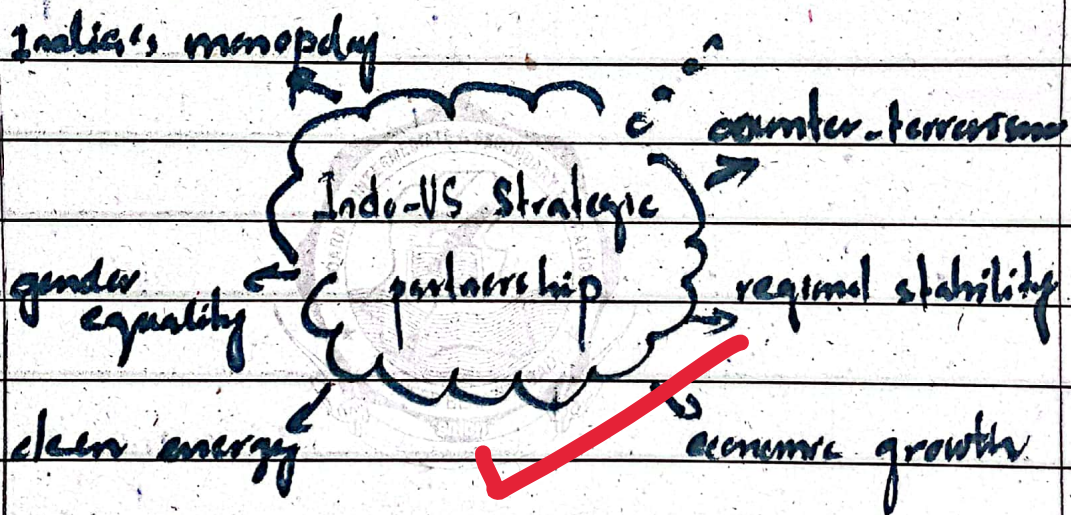
2- US-India: strategic partnership with respect to QUAD: An Overview
"US-India Strategic



partnership is multi-objectives."

(The US secretary)

Indo-US strategic partnership is multi-objectives. In fact, it focuses on regional stability, economic growth, curtailment of terrorism etc.



However,

"About \$ 623 billions of trade is recorded between the US and India."

(CNN, US-Indo

Cooperation, 2012)

Thus, the US-Indo partnership is



growing at peak.

3- A bird's eye view of Indo US Strategic Partnership in context of China

"India-US Strategic partnership is mainly aimed to contain China."

(Chinese Experts)

Indo-US Strategic partnership is mainly to contain China. However, it focuses on India's hegemony in the region.

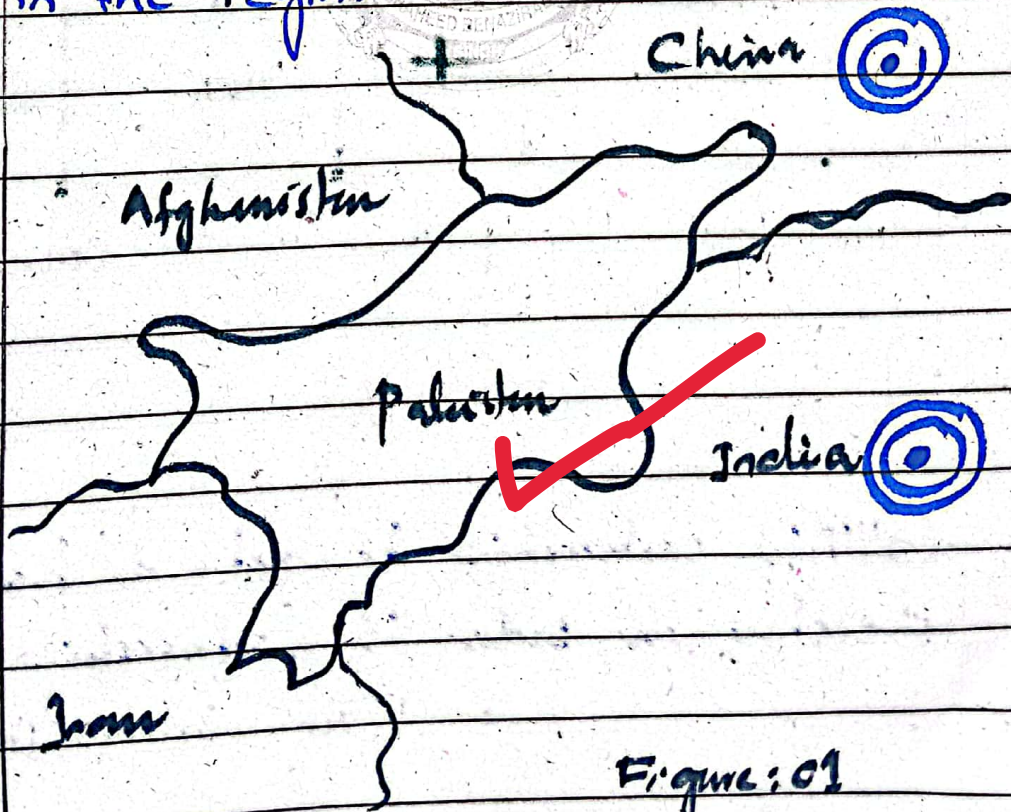


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Hence, Indo-US strategic partnership curtail China's growth.

3- I2U2: Enhancement in Indo-US partnership to contain China

Further, Indo-US partnership is also leading to I2U2 focus. In fact, increased paired partnership has put oxygen to partnership.

I2U2 - Partnership

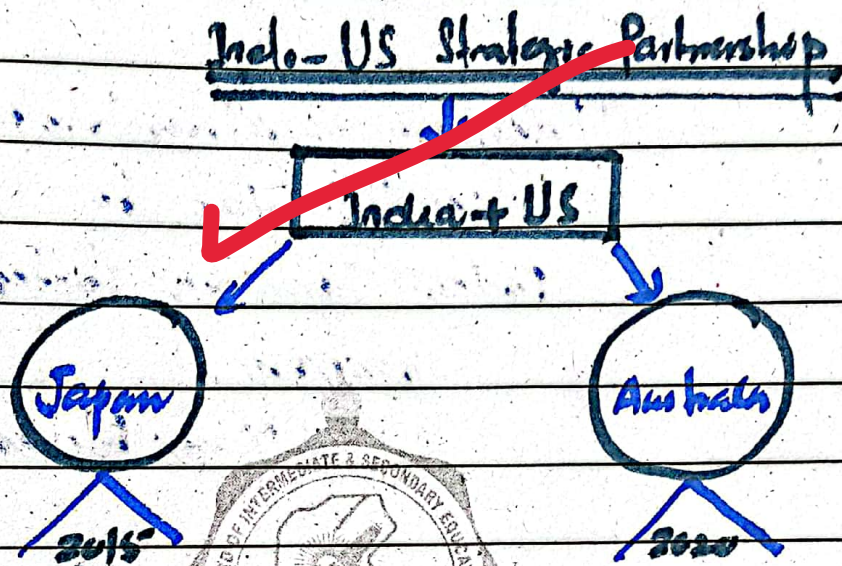


Hence, Indo-US partnership is enhancing.

4- QUAD partnership to get a hard skeleton in Indo-US partnership

Furthermore, the

US aimed to increase co-operation. With addition of Japan, Australia, partnership is strengthened.



Thus, QUAD with respect to Indo-US strategic partnership is growing to contain China.

5- Indo-US Strategic partnership: The threats to Pakistan

Following are threats:



a)

Strategic imbalance : Security crisis

Strategic imbalance leads to security crisis. Growing India's hegemony poses threat to regional security.

"Pakistan is vulnerable to security due to India's growing strategic powers."
(Manir Akram)

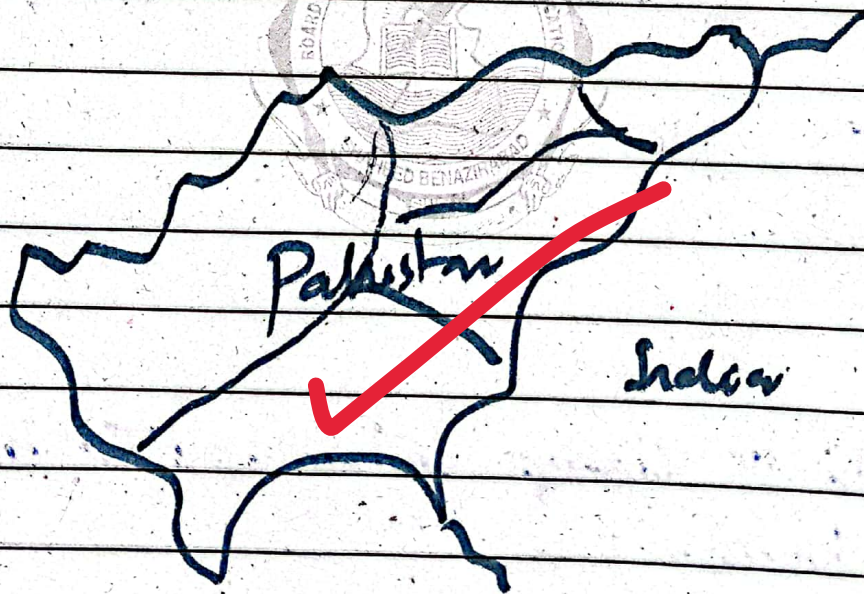


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Thus, Indo-US partnership poses security threats.



b) Regional trade decline in Pakistan

Moreover, regional trade is declined due to insecurity in regional trade. Pakistan does its trade via Arabian Sea.

"About 75% of Pakistan's trade is done through Arabian Sea."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, 2022)

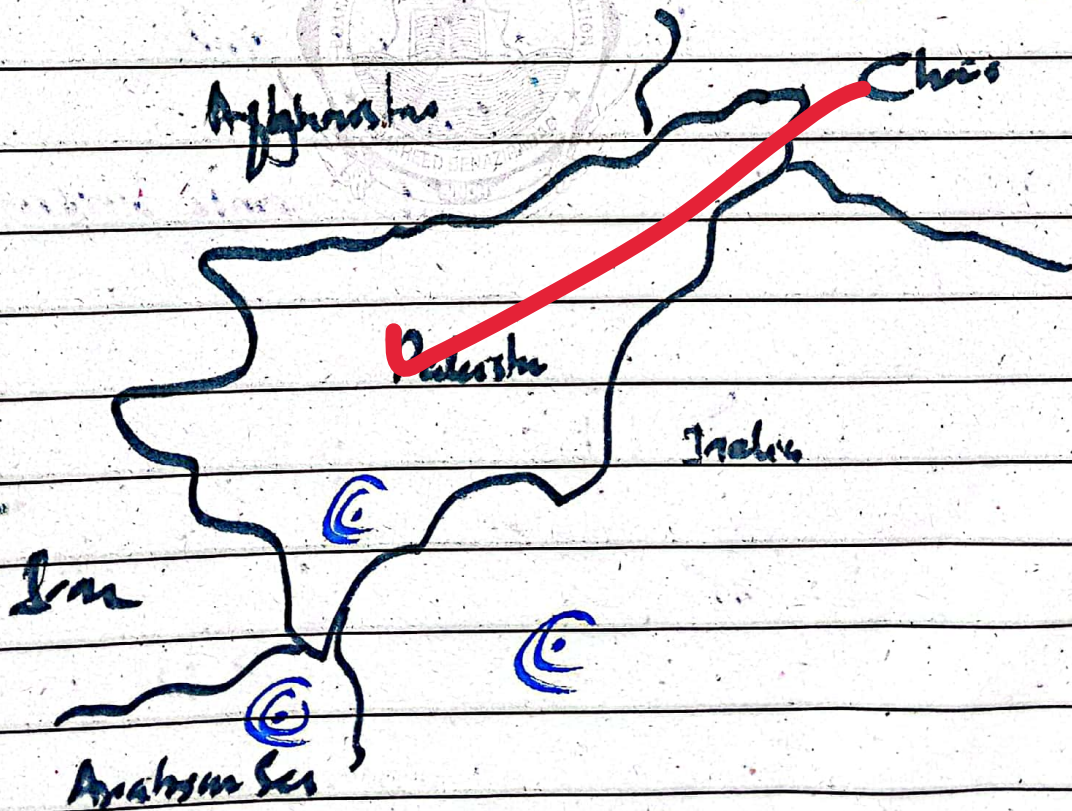
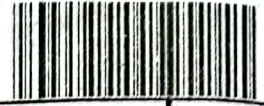


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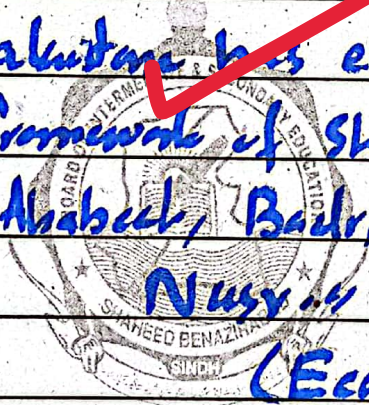


Thus; it poses threat to trade of Pakistan.

c) Pak-India nuclear imbalance leads to nuclear proliferation

Further, Pakistan's compel to enhance nuclear risk is due to India's growing nuclear empowerment.

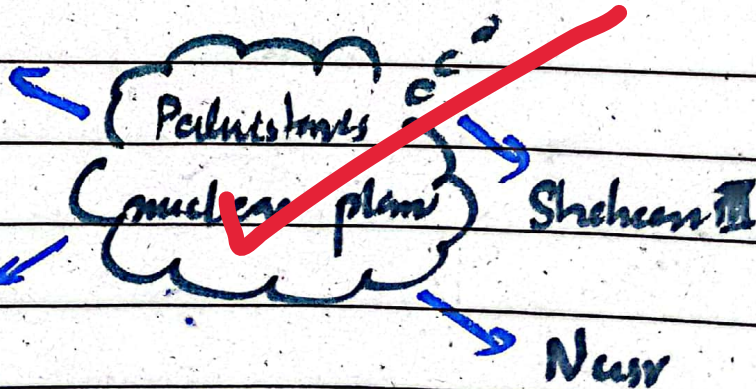
"Pakistan has established framework of Shehenshah, Ahsanul, Badr, and Nusr."



(Economic Surveys)

Ahsanul

Badr



Thus, Indo-US partnership causes nuclear imbalance.

Indo-US partnership

(Pakistan's vulnerability)

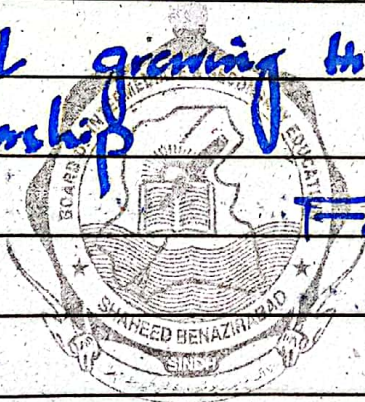
nuclear imbalance

strategic imbalance

regional trade threat

6- Recommendations that Pakistan follow to curtail growing threats of Indo-US partnership

measure:



Following are me-

a) Pak-China regional security cooperation

Pakistan should cooperate with China for regional security. Because Pakistan is dependent on China for technological assistance.

"Pak-China Defence cooperation is one-front war against India."

(Indian Experts)

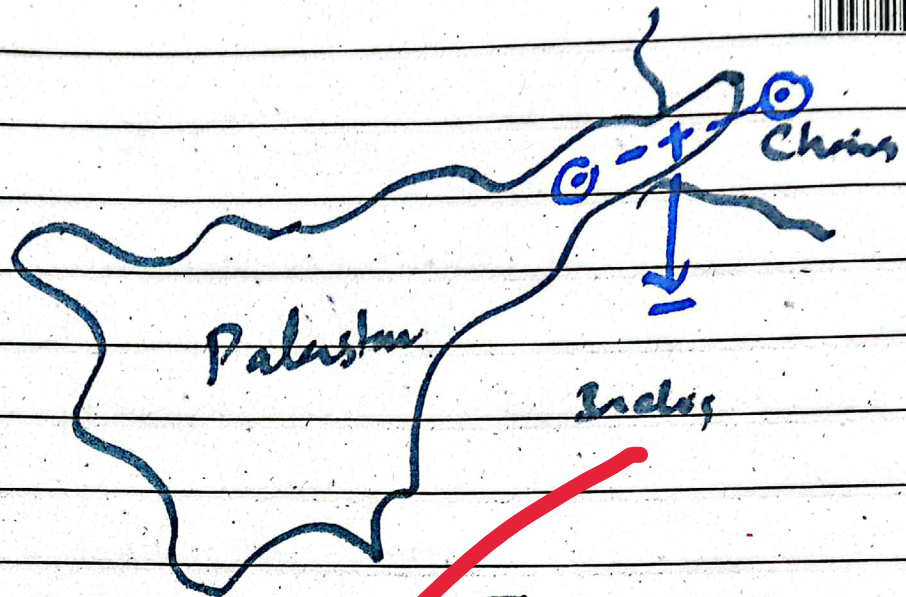


Figure: 04

Thus, Pakistan should approach to China. ✓

b) Becoming active part of BRI - Maritime Silk Route

Moreover, Pakistan should also focus on active membership of Maritime Silk Route. Resultantly, it can help in secure trade.

"About \$42 billions of import and \$36 billions of export is done via Indian Ocean."

(Al-Jazeera, 2013)

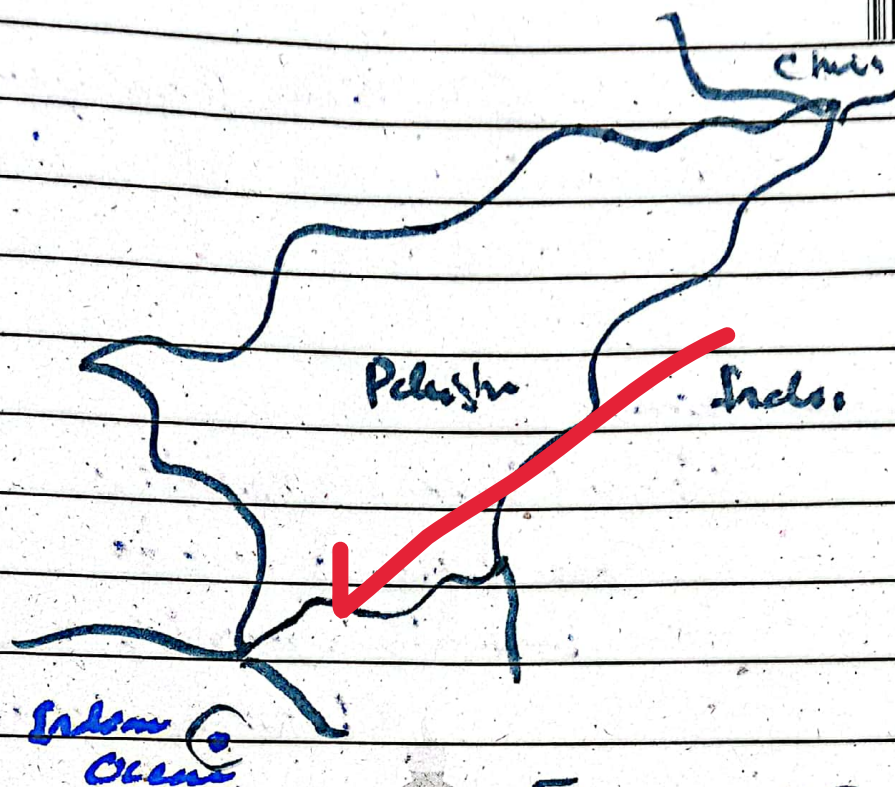


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Thus, Pakistan should follow China's policy for secure trade.

- c) Enhancement of technology assistance to counter-balance India's hegemony

Furthermore, Pakistan should be serious to enhance technological assistance. It can help in counter-balance.

- Pakistan has a great potential to counter nuclear balance.



(The World Bank, 2023)

Thus, Pakistan should approach technological assistance.

7- Conclusion

"Pak-China cooperation
can pose threat to
Indo-US partnership
(Western Experts)

US India growing strategic partnership is primarily to contain China. As a result, it also affects Pakistan's position. Therefore, Pakistan should follow some recommendations to contain growing threat of Indo-US strategic partnership.

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