

# Current Affairs.

## Question No.2

**How to increase - measures for short and medium terms to stabilize the deteriorating economic conditions.**

### Introduction

Pakistan's economy is facing hundreds of challenges. Low foreign reserves, depreciating currency and high inflation are just some of the issues. There is a dire need to take measures and bring the economy back to its stable form while ameliorating the factors responsible for this.

**To bring economy back on track potential and strategy is needed!**

The thing which can have a longer

impact on the economy of the state is its governance.

## 1. Stable Governing System

Deteriorating economic system needs a proper track and structure to move and flourish. Only a stabilised governing system can determine the economic development system of Pakistan. If the state have a strong and responsible governance system it cannot let the economy sink.

**A strong and selfless governance can change the economic condition of the state.**

## 2. Increase Foreign Direct Investment

Foreign direct investment (FDI) can bring a lot of investment to a state. Therefore states offer such during policies for them which invite more profit making ventures to their state. It

increases the flow of funds and can provide more jobs and developing concepts to the masses as well.

### 3 Exports need a boost

Without boosting the export Pakistan can neither stabilise its economy short term nor long term. Therefore, more and more goods need to go out and make their place in the world market. Increase demand of the goods can boost the economy of a state.

Exports are considered the backbone of an economy, its deficit or surplus draws the GDP of the state.

### 4 Do not encourage unnecessary imports

Imports should not be encouraged much especially in a sinking economy. Unnecessary imports burden up the economy of the

state. Therefore unnecessary import and which create an unbeatable competition in the domestic market should not be encouraged.

Domestic products should be celebrated and there should be a monopoly in the market instead of competition with international products.

## 5 Depreciation of Rupee - Smuggling of dollar.

It seems smuggling of the dollar is done deliberately. Smuggling of dollars from Pakistan to Afghanistan has created chaos and anarchy in the market. It has given strength to Afghan's economy, but left the Pakistan's economy on the verge of fallout. The rupee depreciation and it has touched the historical low and deteriorated the Pakistan's economy. There is a need to halt this mushrooming trend of

deterioration.

## 6 Finance and activate the youth

Youth has become an important part of a state. Pakistan has become a country of youth bulge, while financing their youth and making them part of active economy developing strategy.

Youth their skills, ideas, and potential can revolutionize the economy of a state if used rightly.

## 7 Root out corrupt elements

Root out the corrupt elements from the state and society. When the corruption take out all the structure and human building funds what would be invested on the society. So, to boost their economy Pakistan needs to take a good control of the money flow in the offices, so the money can be used in the projects

where it is due.

## 8 Make individuals part of the tax system

People are eligible but are afraid to become part of the tax system because it would be hard to justify the illgotten money and bonds if system has a check and balance on this.

A proper tax filing society and individuals are the backbone of a good economy.

## 9 Import cheap oil and gas

Instead of keeping good relations with the countries and buying expensive products including petroleum jellies. Decision makers should go with the national interest and the masses convenience. They need to buy petroleum products from the countries like Russia offering good package.

## Critical analysis

Economy is facing many challenges but good governance, ability of decision making, bringing more FDI to country, and making people part of tax system can help to boost the economy.

## Conclusion:

To sum up, depreciation of rupee, and high inflation have brought the threat of economic collapse back. But, still proper and practical economy building strategies can bring the economy back to track and can play its role in human development.

## Question No.3

Pakistan has been struggling with the problems of governance....  
Discuss in detail the linkages and accumulated impact of these factors on socio-economic development of the country.

### Introduction

Governance, corruption, and many other social evils have halted the socio-economic development of the country. If all the institutions of a state do not work properly, it creates a developmental gap in that society and the state lags behind in development.

**'Democratic instability, corruption, elite power, and cultural politics are the prominent factors halt a country from making progress.'**



## 7) Crippled the economy

Lack of governance, democratic values and corruption have crippled the economy of the state.

**'Due to lack of governance Country is unable to design an economic policy.'**

Therefore, corrupt elements take advantage and gains benefits from it. There is no accountability system especially for those who are running the system.

**'No fear of accountability have increased the flow of ill gotten money in the society.'**

That is why they draw the suitable policies for individual benefits and masses suffer, when they do not get their due rights. When the due funds and

relief is not delivered to those for whom it is drawn.

## 2 Political instability has ruined the Society

Political instability has inculcated a sense of hatred and impatience in the Society.

### a) Divided State - divided biased views

This instability has divided the masses not only in views but in sects, political groups, and resurgent groups. They do not vote or favor a leader in a democratic way but with the biased nature and views.

Biased culture in politics have created a division.

### b) Populist approach

In weak social and economic culture people tend to believe on one leader or group and take him as their **Messiah** because let

them believe it. They think only that person can solve their socio-economic issues and in order to make their thoughts true they touch the sky and do not let the current government and policies flourish. It creates not only political instability but makes the state of country instable and unpredictable where companies will prefer not to invest.

### c Lack of Idiosyncrasy:

Not only this, the incapable leaders are not able to take their state out of the evils their country is falling into. They have no skills and power like **Bismarck** to win the game with powerful individual decisions.

**Leaders with determined vision and skills can change the fate of their state.**

But, if they are not determined, they

will take credit of all positive happenings and will put the corruption, accountability deprivation on the former governments.

### 3 Deteriorates social economic culture

When corruption and elite culture stains the culture of accountability and institutional reforms, the development procedures stops as well. As the corrupt culture takes no time in prevalence.

'When corruption and power ideology become a norm in society, that society cannot make progress to its potential.'

It deteriorates the norms and system of the society.

### 4 Traditional approach of institution - a big hurdle in socio-economic progress

Institution in the

country are still following their traditional way and pace. They are not adapting to the changing trends of society and the demands of modern administrative system. Therefore, they do not address factors like corruption and lack of governing bodies.

**'Inactive governance makes the institutions inactive and active governance make it otherwise.'**

If the institutions are not taking measures to stop corrupt factors it will prevail in the whole society and will damage the system, society and state's economy.

### Critical Analysis

Though Pakistan is facing the issues of governance since its inception, but it's 75 years now, in which country must have managed to hit the road to socio-economic develop.

ment though the political and economic condition states otherwise.

## Conclusion

To sum up, governance, corruption free system, modern institutions are the socio-economic leaders of a state and society. Strategic measures and democratic stability can bring back the era of continuous progress of social and economic sectors and stability. Inability to remove these issues could <sup>Cost</sup> ~~(Loss)~~ the Pakistan a wealth, now or in future.

## Question No. 5

What are the critical issues in Afghanistan-Pakistan relations since the Taliban took over Kabul in 2021.

### Introduction

Afghanistan - Pakistan relations have gone from bad to worst since the Taliban took over in 2021. A gradual increase in terrorist activities have been seen. Even supporting the Afghan refugees (can) was not able melt the ice. But it seems Afghan masses and government both regard Pakistan as their opponent or rival state.

**'Pakistan supported Afghanistan on humanitarian basis and raise the issue on international forums but Afghanistan paid it back with hatred and terrorism.'**

Therefore, a rift has been seen between them.

## Critical issues between Pakistan and Afghanistan

### 1 Persistent Durand Line issue.

1,640 km

border between Pakistan and Afghanistan known as Durand line has become a severe issue between both states. After the downfall of Kabul in the hands of Taliban it was considered to get better but is getting worse. It was so hard to determine the boundary cables as well. As, strong rebellion and hatred have been seen from Afghan army and later Taliban army. Many Pakistani army men embraced martyrdom due to this baseless issue of line. But it's getting severe and change in government does not make a difference.

### 2 Freedom and increased influence of TTP

With the arrival of Taliban government Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan got a survival drink and they have increased their influence in the Pakistan. They have



got the freedom to perform their activities and do their business on the request of Taliban.

### 3 Resurgence of terrorist activities in Pakistan

The most critical of the issues is resurgence of terrorist activities. Since the Taliban took over Pakistan has faced dozens of bomb blasts and have lost thousands of lives. They have severe grudges against TUI-F as many terrorist attempts observed against the leaders of the party.

'Resurgence of terrorist activities is linked with Afghanistan resurgent groups.'

### 4 Failed and flawed Afghan Policy

Afghanistan has drawn a flawed policy which failed badly and no country have accepted or recognized their

Government. Not only this but with their failed and flawed diplomatic policies they have created critical issues with friendly states giving shelter to millions of their citizens, Pakistan. So, their policies have created a rift as well.

## 5 Afghan refugee issue in Pakistan

There were millions living before Taliban takeover and millions after that and many illegal immigrants were there as well. But these refugees have deteriorated the Pakistan economy and state. Resurgent activities, trafficking, smuggling have seen an emergence.

**Illegal immigration have destroyed the Pakistani economy and society.**

Therefore, Pakistan has taken a step to send them <sup>back.</sup>

## 6 Badly impacted trade and cultural programs

Rivalry of Afghanistan has badly impacted the trade and cultural

Programs of both States. Students studying in Pakistan get into deep insecurity of education and survival.

'Imbalance and uncalculated approach of Taliban government has badly impacted the relationship of both the States.'

## 7 Weapons and opiate smuggling and trafficking

Not only they are against demand line and exchange programs but also injecting the state with poison like opiate and weapons.

Afghanis illegal smuggling and trafficking is influencing the disturbing factors in the state. They are fueling terrorism in the state. Therefore, steps to send them back has been taken.

'Their smuggling and trafficking is giving rise to insurgency.'

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## Dollar trafficking to strengthen Afghan economy.

Dollar trafficking has become one of the most critical threat or attack Pakistan get from Afghanistan

“Millions of dollars trafficking on daily basis is crippling Pakistan's economy while strengthening Afghanistan's economy.”

(Zahid Hussain)

They have dented the Pakistan's economy.

## 9 Strategic, economic, and political issues.

Strategic, economic, and political issues between both states are not normal like other countries. Though, Pakistan considers Afghanistan its strategic depth, but Afghanistan consider Pakistan a big threat.

Rift of relations have widened with the smuggling and trade blockings.

## Critical analysis

Pakistan has made efforts to give Afghanistan their due funds and recognition and Afghanistan paid back in the form of resurgent movements and the terrorist activities.

## Conclusion

To sum up, Pakistan and Afghanistan are neighbours which can boost the trade and economic condition of each other but uncontrollable insurgent activities and support for terror financing and terrorist groups have created a rift between both states.

## Question No.6

The world is falling short of achieving gender equality despite global efforts. If the current trends continue, eight percent of women and girls global population will live in extreme poverty by 2030. Suggest strategies to improve gender balance, especially with reference to Pakistan.

### Introduction

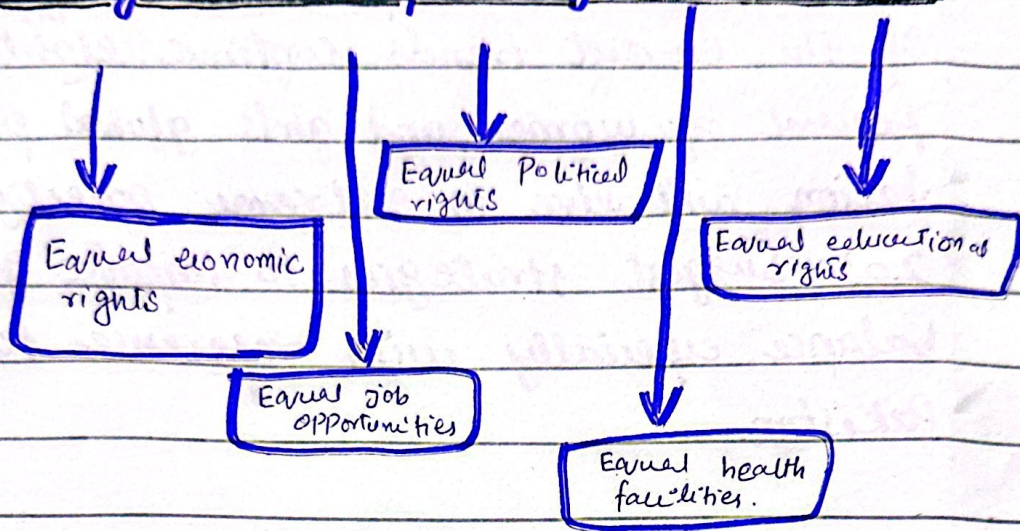
Women and girls are sharing equal burden of the global and household issues with less rights. They are not much appreciated in <sup>the</sup> twenty first century. They are living a pitiful life and are forced to comply with that. For the development of this world women and men should bear equal responsibilities and rights. So, there is a dire need to create a balance between both genders.

“No race can afford to neglect

the enlightenment of its mothers."

(Frances. E. W. Harper)

### Strategies to improve gender balance



#### a) Education for both genders

Not only in Pakistan but globally it is considered that

'Nations cannot make progress without education'

According to Pakistan's constitution article 25(a) children of Pakistan have a basic, fundamental right of education that state owes to them. It states;

'The state will provide free education to all children of the age of five to sixteen years in such manner as may be determined by law.'

(Constitutional Statement)

A balance and equality is needed in the education sector. To achieve equality the persistent gender gap needs to be removed.

## 2 Equal economic opportunities

Equal economic opportunities should be provided to both men and women. There is a gender gap of about **30-40%** still persists endangering the equality of both genders.

### a Difference in wage

Women and men are not paid equally in any department. Men gets the high paying jobs while women get the 10% of it. With this



Payroll equality cannot be achieved.

a) Difference in administrative roles.

Not only this all responsible job roles or opportunities are given to the men of the society. They enjoy the high roles while women are hired for less technical roles in the offices.

'Women in the society are treated not respectfully as the men of the society are'

3 Equal participation in Politics.

of  
Angela Merkel and Jacinda Ardern can run the countries successfully why can't the other eight percent women and girls of the world. They have successfully played their part in the development of their country so does the women of Pakistani politics. Though as compare to other sectors of the society there is a less gender gap of about 5% in this sector. But for

The welfare of both genders even a little gap should be filled with proper measurements.

#### 4 Give equal opportunities to women in sport sector

Women are deprived from their basic right of decision making and taking part in any athletic activity in Pakistani Society. They are not given the opportunity, support, and funds to pursue their profession.

'Equal athletic opportunity can bring many other Sana Mir's, Samina Baig, and Sarah Mehboob Khan to the spotlight.'

They have the equal ability to make their country proud. If they are trusted and given opportunity they can bring magic in the athletes and can inspire many others while making the families, society, and country proud.

## 5 Equal health opportunities

Balance

in health department is as necessary as in education or economic. Hundreds of women dies monthly due to low health facilities. A huge gender gap in health sector persist in Pakistan,

'where life of men or male child is preferred over the female or female child.'

They are deprived of their basic right of health due to which dozens of pregnancies go wrong while putting a threat to women and child's life. Without balanced approach system can not make progress.

## 6 Gender Balance in entertainment industry

An industry where women are not respected at all and are paid way lower than their co-male actors. They are treated like a symbol of

glamour and as an aesthetic object to run their industry, which also lead to the judgemental audience, critics, and writing approach. They do not give the due respect to girls and women.

### Critical Analysis

Women and men both run a home, city, and state together therefore should be awarded with equal pay, opportunities, and rewards. To make the world positive, social and stereotypical norms creating a rift in society need to be rejected.

### Conclusion

To sum up, Pakistan stands at 142 out of 146 countries in Global Gender Gap report. So, a huge gender gap persist which needs to be omitted for a better and developed future. Therefore, balance in both genders in all departments and industries is necessary to shape a better Pakistan.