

Q. Pakistan is located on the cross-road of South Asia. Explain its geo-strategic/political importance and challenges.

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1. Introduction: Pakistan is situated between 24 and 36 north latitude and 61 and 71 east longitude.

It connects South Asia with West Asia. On the eastern side is India and on western side is Afghanistan. On south is Arabian sea and on north-east is China. On the south-west side is Iran. Pakistan

is a nuclear state and her borders meet with two other nuclear states.

These things make Pakistan a country with great geo-strategic importance.

The interests of great powers are present in it. However, the location of Pakistan also brings some challenges, which are huge in number.

2. Geo-Strategic Importance of Pakistan:

a. Regional Connectivity:

Pakistan serves as a crucial transit and trade route, connecting South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. It can facilitate trade, transportation and energy flows.

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b. Access to Warm Waters:

Pakistan's coastline along the Arabian Sea provides it with access to warm waters, which is important for maritime trade and naval activities.

c. Land Bridge Between East and West:

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Pakistan's location makes it a natural land bridge between energy-rich regions of the Middle East and the

Rapidly growing economies of East Asia

d. **Counterterrorism Efforts:** Pakistan's role in combating terrorism is crucial for regional stability.

e. **Influence in the Muslim World:**

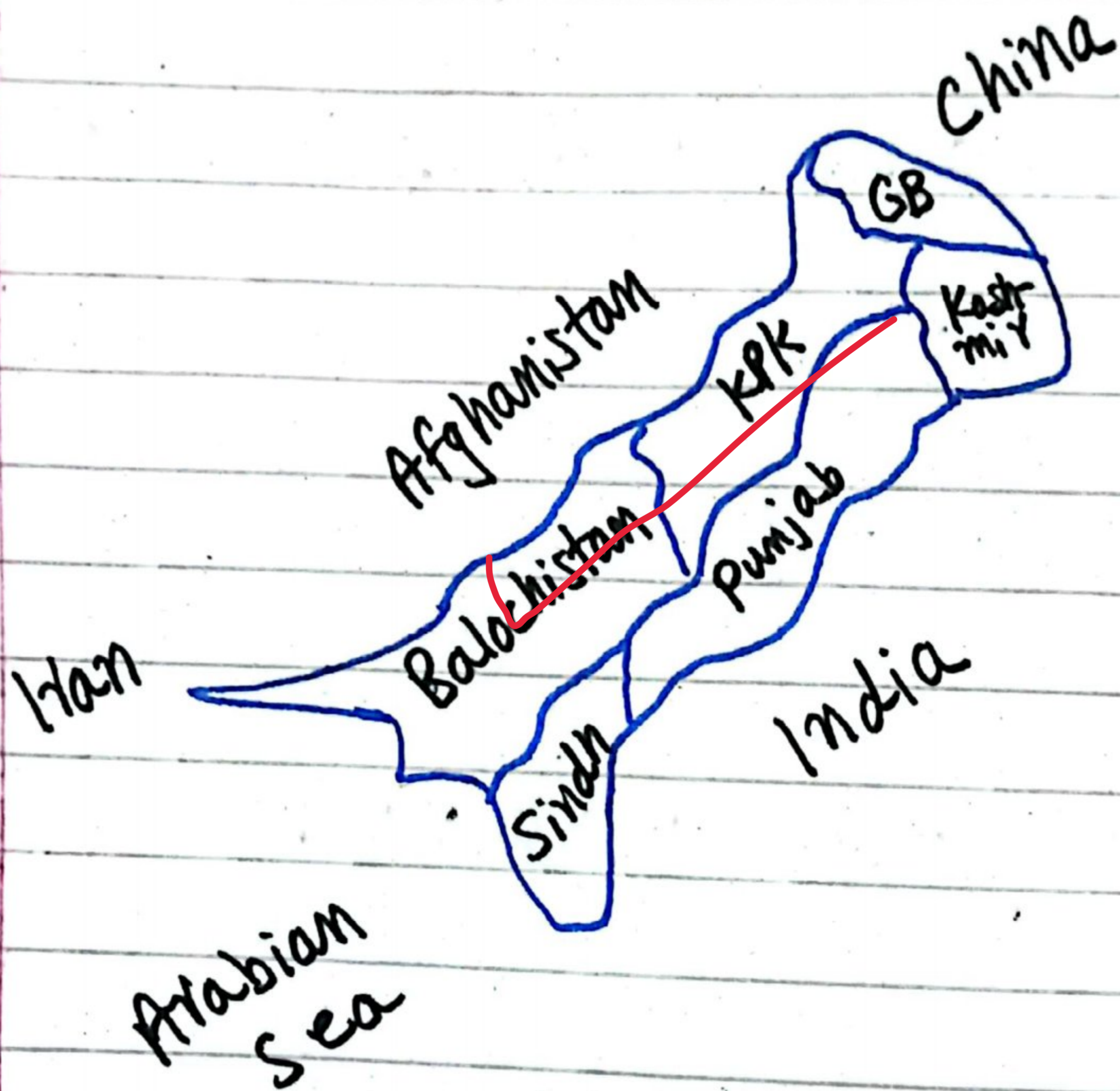
The location and membership in organizations, like OIC, gives it a platform to address issues impacting Muslim-majority countries.

f. **Balancing Regional Powers:**

Pakistan's strategic location allows it to play a balancing role between regional powers, like China, India, etc. Her alliances and partnerships have great significance for the prosperity of the region.

g. Nuclear Dilemma:

Pakistan is a nuclear power and is attached with two nuclear power states. It has great implications for regional security and deterrence.



Map of Pakistan

3. Challenges Due to Location:

a. Security Concerns:

Pakistan's location in a volatile region exposes it to various security challenges. It shares borders with Afghanistan, Iran and India, all of which have seen conflicts and tensions.

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b. Terrorism and Extremism:

Border with Afghanistan has allowed for the cross-border movement of militant groups, which leads to rise of terrorism and extremism in Pakistan.

c. Regional Rivalries:

Pakistan has disputes with India and Afghanistan over border issues and water scarcity. Border tensions with Iran are also not

new.

d. Economic Constraints:

Landlock nature of Afghanistan, tensions with India and undeveloped relations with Iran cause economic crisis in Pakistan.

e. Water Security:

Water disputes of Pakistan with India and Afghanistan are also due to geo-strategic location of Pakistan.

f. Balancing Regional Powers:

Geo-strategic location of Pakistan makes it difficult for Pakistan to maintain a delicate balance among regional powers, like China, India, etc.

4. Conclusion:

Having said this, it can be safely stated

that geo-strategic location of Pakistan brings both importance and challenge for Pakistan. Pakistan has great geo-strategic location. Pakistan must overcome the challenges to get more benefits.

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