

Q Write 'down the major determinants to the foreign policy of Pakistan

Answer

Introduction

"Foreign policy is a national set of documents used to obtain national interests."

(-Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)

Foreign policy is a national document. In fact, it is a set of objectives to seek interests from national and international environment. Foreign policy of Pakistan also has its major determinants. Therefore, foreign policy is a set of national interests.

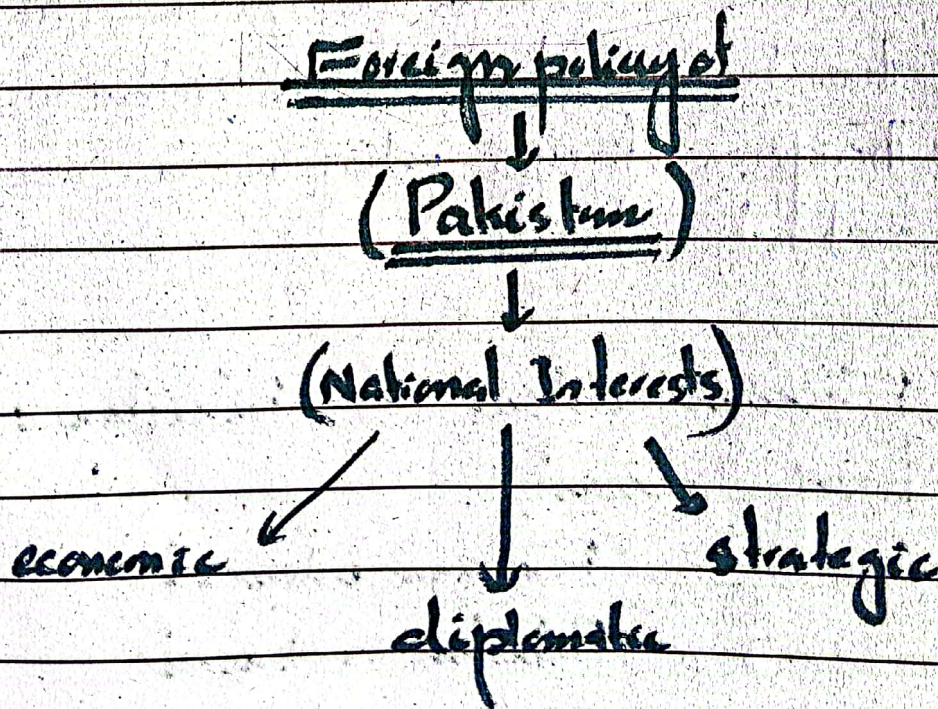
2- Foreign policy of Pakistan: a brief account

"Foreign policy of Pakistan is based

on national interest  
including strategic,  
economic, diplomatic  
etc."

(- Toqeer Hussain)

Foreign policy of Pakistan is based on national interests. Pakistan has reshaped its foreign policy to get its interests with the co-operation of the international community. Therefore, Pakistan's foreign policy is national interests oriented.



## 3- Major determinants of foreign policy of Pakistan

Following are major determinants:

### a) Internal determinants of foreign policy

Internal determinants are as below:

#### 1) History focus

History is an internal determinant of foreign policy. Pakistan focuses on historical perspectives.

"Pakistan made a nuclear programme in order to cope Indian's future threat."

(- Huma Saleem,  
Nuclear Programme  
of Pakistan, 2020)

Thus, history is an internal determinant.

## (ii) Geographical location

Geographical location is another internal determinant. In fact, Pakistan uses its geography to pursue its interests.

"Pakistan is a heart of Asia, and Pakistan is a transit route to connect Asia and Europe through CPEC - BRI."

(Faisal Bari, *Life style recalcitrance*, 2022)

Thus, geographical location is an internal determinant.

## (iii) Population benefit in development of the state

Population is also

an internal determinant. "Pakistan is the 5th populated country."

"Pakistan can lead to technological development with 85,000 youth of technology graduates."

(Reformation of industry, 2020)

Therefore, population is an internal determinant.

iv) Military perspective in foreign policy  
Military is also an important determinant. In fact, Pakistan has a strong military.

"Pakistan maintains domestic and global essence due to powerful military in maintaining sustainability."

(Teqveer Hussain, Military position of Pakistan, 2021)

Thus, military is also an important determinant.

## b) External determinants of foreign policy

External determinants are as follows:

1) The world order in respect Pakistan respects the world order. In fact, Pakistan has always supported the world opinion.

'Pakistan endorsed the world opinion on 9/11 attack and supported the US in a long war of terror.'

(- Toqeer Hussain,  
Regional dynamics, 2012)

Thus, Pakistan respects the world order.

## (ii) Focus on non-state actors

Pakistan also deals with non-state actors. In fact, Pakistan faces threat of violent, and non-violent non-state actors.

"Pakistan launched a successful operation 'Zarb-e-Azb' against violent non-state actors in 2014."

(= Zubaida Mustafa, Pakistan in curtailing terrorism, 2014)

Thus, Pakistan focus on non-state actors.

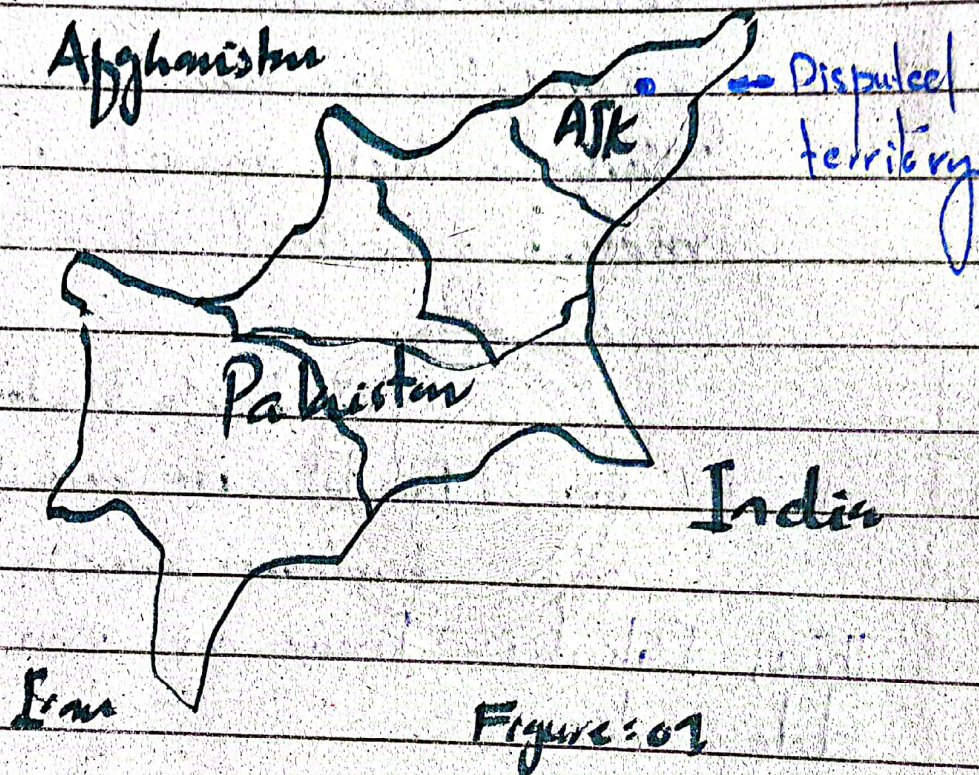
## (iii) Respecting international law

Moreover, Pakistan respects international law. In fact, Pakistan has a global good image in international law respect.

"Pakistan respects the

"UN - order on  
Kashmir as a disputed  
territory."

(Hina Saleem,  
Kashmir future, 2021)



Thus, Pakistan respects the international law.

4- Conclusion

"We need a balance  
foreign Policy,



not an independent"

(Feroz Hussain)

Foreign policy is a national document. It is a set of objectives that are received through internal and external determinants like Pakistan's foreign policy. Therefore foreign policy of Pakistan has certain major determinants to seek its interests from domestic and global level.