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Q2 Theories of Governance provide an intellectual base to formulate sound public policies in this context, elaborate

a) What are the governance theories more applicable to developing countries like Pakistan and how these could be applied?

Answer:-

There are various governance theories that are applicable to developing countries like Pakistan.

Some of the prominent ones are:

Institutional theory, Participatory Governance theory, Good Governance theory, Public Choice theory,

these theories refer to frameworks and concepts that explain how

governments and institutions operate.

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how decisions are made, and how power is exercised. These theories can provide a foundation for formulating effective public policies that can address the challenges faced by developing countries like Pakistan.

1. institutional theory: The institutional theory emphasizes the importance of well-functioning institutions in ensuring good governance. In Pakistan, weak institutions and corruption have severely undermined governance. To address this, policy makers could apply the principals of institutional theory by promoting institutional reforms, strengthening the rule of law, and building capacity in the public sector.

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Participatory governance

theory: participatory governance theory emphasizes the importance of citizen participation in decision making and democratization in

Pakistan, citizen participation in governance remains limited. To address this, policymakers could

implement participatory governance practices such as public consultations, citizen committees, and community development programs.

Good governance theory: Good.

Good governance theory lays out the principles of fair, efficient, and accountable public institutions. In Pakistan, the lack of ^{good} governance has resulted in poor services delivery, corruption, and a lack of trust in public institutions.

By adopting the principles of good governance, policymakers

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could promote transparency, accountability and the rule of law.

Public choice theory: Public choice theory provides an economic perspective on governance, emphasizing that policymakers and public officials act in their self-interest. In Pakistan, public officials are known to act in their self-interest and engage in corrupt practices. By applying the principles of public choice theory, policymakers could design incentives that align the interests of public officials with those of the public.

Power-elite theory: This theory suggests that power is concentrated in the hands of a few elites who control the government and the economy. To apply this theory in Pakistan,

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The government needs to ensure that power is distributed more evenly. It should promote the participation of marginalized groups to ensure that their voices are heard.

Conclusion: In conclusion, by applying these theories can help developing countries to formulate sound public policies that are responsive to the needs of its people. The government must ensure that transparency, accountability, participation, and the rule of law are prioritized in its policies and practices. It also needs to invest in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and industry to promote economic growth and reduce poverty and crises that developing countries face.

(b)

Answer

Classical approach to public administration

The classical approach to public administration emerged during the 19th century, primarily in Europe. It emphasized the importance of rationality, efficiency, and the separation of politics and administration.

The classical approach provided a foundation for the development of bureaucracy, which was seen as the most efficient means to carry out governmental functions. The key features of the classical approach include:

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1- Hierarchy: The classical approach promotes a strict hierarchical structure in government organizations. Each level has its own set of responsibilities and every employee must adhere to established rules and procedures.

2- Specialization: The classical approach emphasizes specialization, where each employee has a specific job role. Each employee is expected to carry out their duties as efficiently as possible.

3- Formalization: The classical approach emphasizes the use of rules, regulations, and procedures to guide decision-making. Formalization ensures that everyone follows the same process, which promotes consistency.

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New public administration

The new public administration emerged as a critique of the classical approach during the mid-20th century. This approach emphasized the need to focus on the needs of citizens and democratize the bureaucracy. It was also influenced by social science theories such as organizational behavior, which looked at human behavior in organizations. The key features of new public administration.

Include:

1. Decentralization:

The new public administration emphasizes the importance of decentralizing decision-making to bring government closer

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to the people. it encourages the use of more participatory approaches to decision-making.

2- Citizen participation:

participation is an important aspect of the new public administration. citizens are encouraged to participate in governance, policy-making, implementation, and evaluation.

3- Accountability: The new public administration emphasizes the importance of accountability at all levels of government. it encourages transparency, responsibility, and answerability in government operations.

Postmodern public administration:

Postmodern public administration emerged in the 1990s as a critique of the new public administration. This approach emphasizes the importance of ~~decentralization~~ deconstructing normative assumptions. It encourages the use of multiple perspectives and values in public-making. The key features of ~~modern~~ postmodern public administration include:

1- Critical reflection:

Postmodern public administration encourages critical reflection on the ways in which power is exercised in government. It emphasizes that power is not simply exercised by the state but also by other institutions and actors.

2- Deconstruction :

deconstruction is an important aspect of postmodern public administration. It involves analysis the assumptions underlying policy-making and challenging the dominant narrative.

3- Pluralism : post modern

public administration emphasizes the importance of pluralism in policy-making multiple perspective and values are considered in policy-making.

Pakistan's relevance

Pakistan faces a range of governance challenges, including corruption, weak institutions, and political instability. The classical approach to public administration has been dominant in Pakistan, which

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has resulted in a rigid bureaucratic structure. The new public administration approach has gained some traction in recent years, with attempts to decentralize decision-making and increase citizen participation, ~~however~~ however, postmodern public administration has yet to be embraced in Pakistan. The dominant discourse tends to reinforce traditional power structures, which makes it difficult to deconstruct and challenge existing norms. The application of postmodern public administration could be used to bring fresh thinking and innovative ways of addressing governance issues in Pakistan.