



February 2024
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-III
(PAKISTAN AFFAIRS)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-I (MCQS) PART-II	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20 MAXIMUM MARKS = 80
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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.

PART-II

- Q2.** How congress ministries and rigidity of congress to deny the right of separate electorate and representation paved ways for separate Muslim state in sub-continent? Explain
- Q3.** Give a reasoned account of your choice from political stability or economic prosperity in Pakistan. What Pakistan needs to be enamored with?
- Q4.** Identify Pakistan's security concerns of the last decade and suggest measures how to revisit our foreign policy.
- Q5.** Evolution of the political system and democracy has remained at the mercy of many factors since its inception in Pakistan. Delineate
- Q6.** Pakistan's relations with its neighbors and the super powers of the region will decide the stability of the region. Elucidate.
- Q7.** Failed public institutions are unable to correct the problems faced by the society and eventually lead to economic failure and political instability. Critically evaluate.
- Q8.** Write a short note on any two of the following:
a) Pakistan's Environmental Challenges
b) Population Explosion: Impacts and future course
c) Water Crisis in Pakistan: Manifestation, Causes and the Way Forward

Q:3

Answer- Introduction

"Pakistan has a great potential to re-construct its economy."

(The World Bank, 2023)

Unfortunately, Pakistan has faced massive economic crisis. Since its inception, Pakistan has caught in a vicious cycle of economic instability. This highlights the extreme need of economic stability. Thereby, Pakistan can lead to the sustainable future by economic stability.

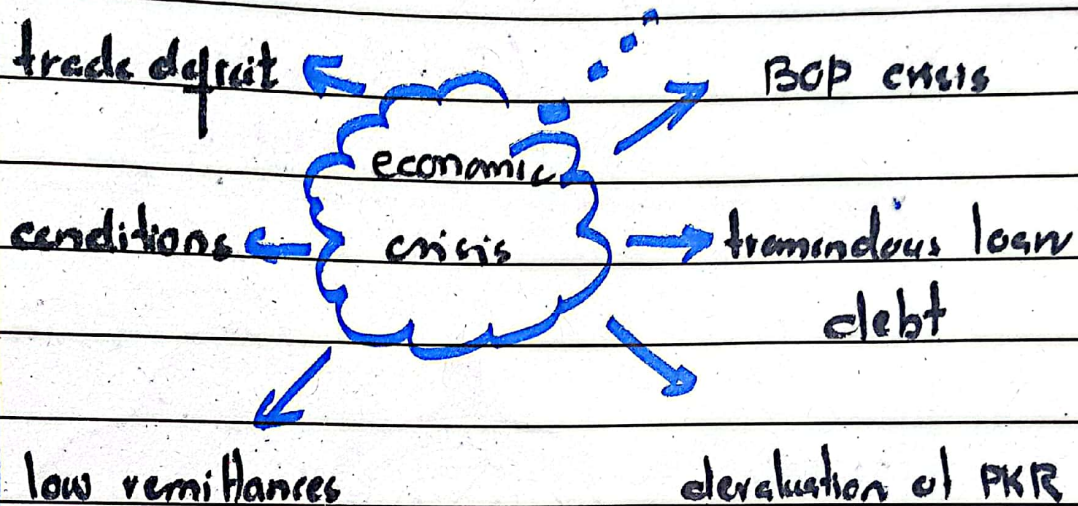
2- An overview of economic crisis of Pakistan

"Pakistan had about \$ 18 billions of BOP. crisis in 2022."

(State Bank of Pakistan)

Pakistan has huge BOP

crisis. Along with BOP crisis, low remittances, devaluation of rupee etc are other economic threats.



Thus, Pakistan has caught in a vicious cycle of economic crisis.

3- Economic stability as a driver of Pakistan's development

Following are evidences:

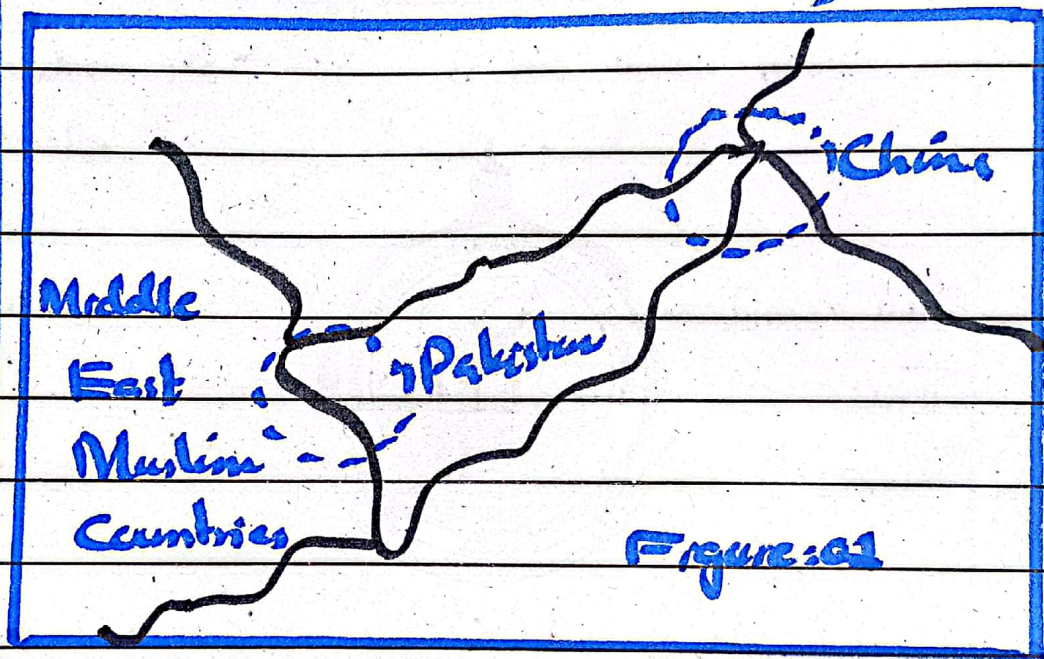
1) Collection of loan

Pakistan needs to seek different sources of loan.

Loan from friendly countries will lead to sustainability.

"Pakistan needs to collect approximately \$15 to \$20 billions."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)



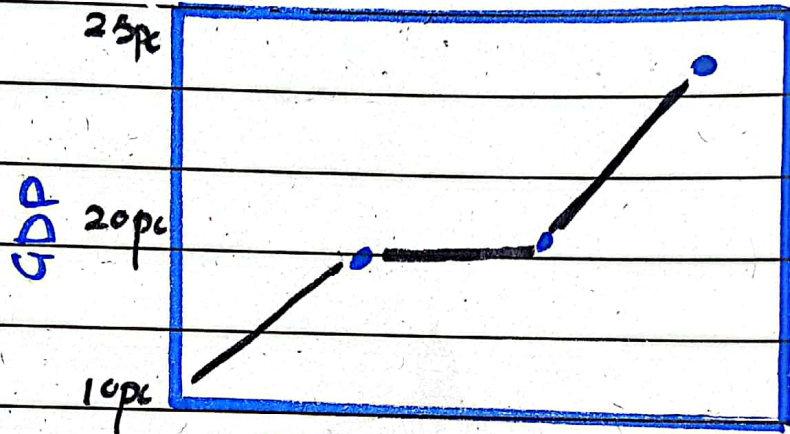
This indicates collection of loan.

b) Agricultural reforms

Further, Pakistan needs to reform agricultural sector. About 19% of economy contributes to agriculture.

"Agricultural reforms can drive about 24pc of GDP."

(Agricultural department)



(Agricultural reforms)

Thereby, Pakistan needs to reform agriculture.

c) Industrial reforms

Furthermore, industrial reforms will also drive sustainability. Pakistan needs to frame policies for industrial growth.

"Pakistan's 35pc of cotton has shifted to abroad."

(Economic Survey, 2011)

This highlights need of industrial reforms at the first need.

d) Energy sector reforms

Moreover, reforms in energy sector is also another step. This approach will balance economy of Pakistan.

"About 60% of energy comes from imported hydrocarbons."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, 2012)

Thereby, energy sector reforms is also a need of Pakistan's sustainability.

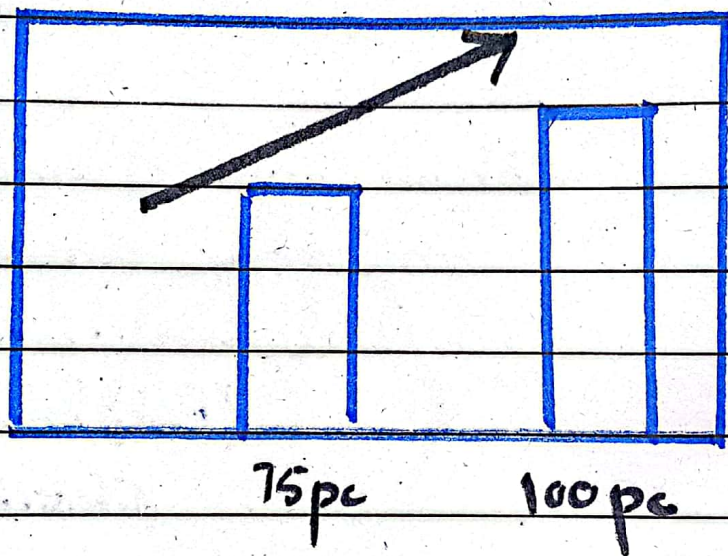
e) IT sector reforms

Additionally, IT sector reforms also maintain Pakistan's stability. Pakistan has several IT graduates.

"The National Economic Revival Plan - (2023-2025) will produce about 75 to 100 million IT

jobs."

(The Economist, 2023)



(IT-employment)

Thus, Pakistan needs to reform IT sector.

f) Trade improvement

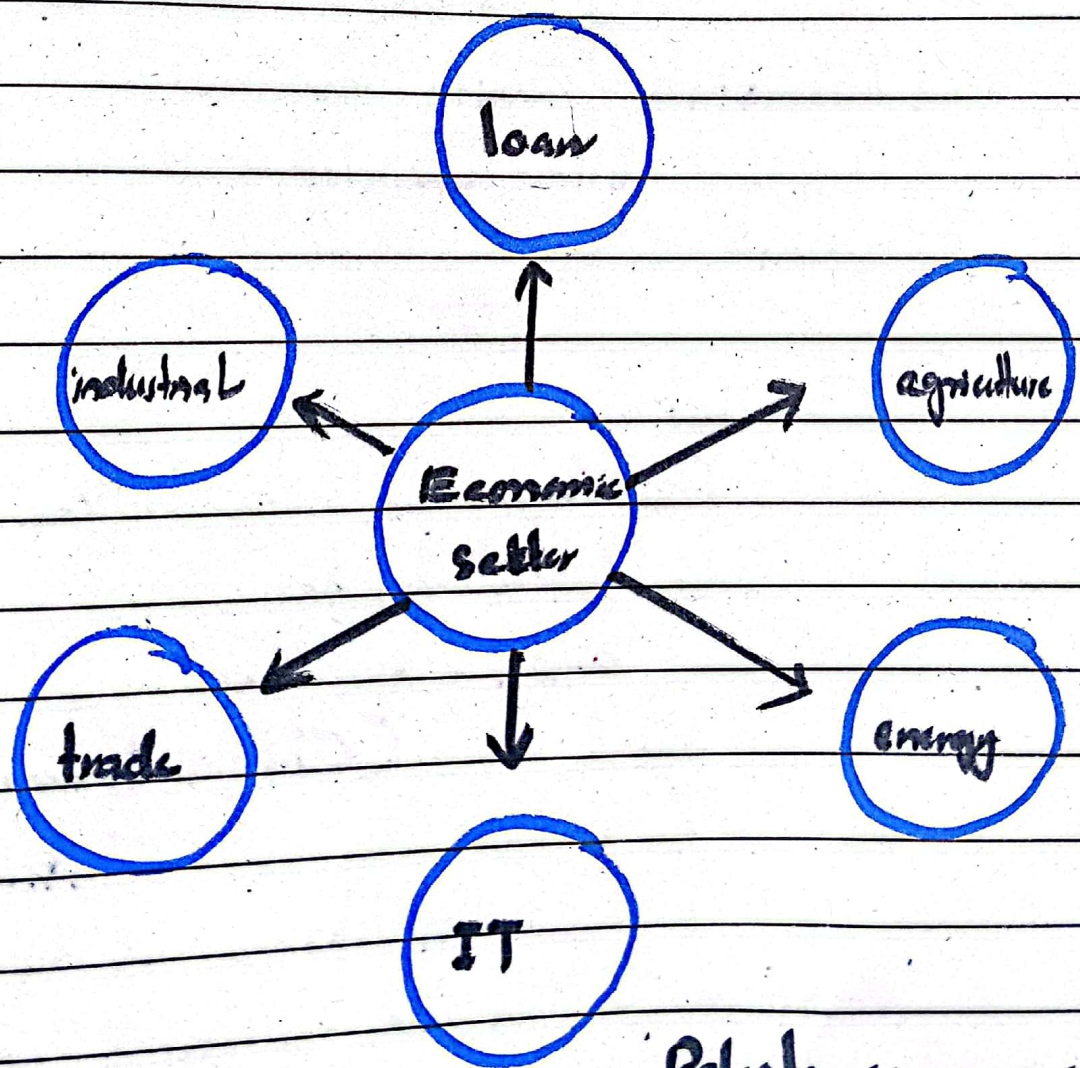
Similarly, Pakistan's trade reforms will drive economy. In fact, a huge trade deficit

poses hinder to economic growth.

"Pakistan should need to trade in currency about 20pc of Pak-China trade is shifted in Yuan."

(The News-2022)

Hence, Pakistan needs to drive active trade relations.



Pakistan's economic sustainability

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Critical Analysis

"Pakistan's economic growth will lead to sustainable future."

(Toqeer Hussain -
Pakistani Analyst)

Pakistan's economic sustainability will increase public trust. This will contribute to collaborative governance and political stability, too.

This stark reality expresses Pakistan's effective step towards economic development.

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Conclusion

"Pakistan can earn billions of dollars from CPEC - success."

(China Bureau of
Statistics)

Pakistan, unfortunately, faces massive economic crisis. Since its

inception, Pakistan's economic instability has posed hindrance to the future sustainability. Therefore, Pakistan's economic reforms will result the future stability.

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