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## Essay Topic: Crisis of Governance in Pakistan:

Need for reforms and institution

building in institutions, economic instability and

dynastic rule over the country and leaching Pakistan's

stability. However, there is need to reform the political and economic institutions by reviving them

Outlines:

Thesis Statement: - Crisis of Government in

Pakistan are further escalating due to the elite capture

Introduction

### I. Defining the Good Governance

a) Good governance in different countries

b) Institutional inclusivity

### II. Overview of governance system in Pakistan

a) 1947 to 1971

b) 1971 to 2013

c) 2013 to contemporary times

### III. Causes of Crisis of Governance in Pakistan

A. Internal and external security threats influence the role of non-civilian in government policies

1. Indian Threat and most

recent Iran attack on sovereignty

2. Non-State Actors i.e. Bajur accident

3. Non-Traditional Security threats  
e.g. Water Crisis

## B. Lack of Accountability

1. Pakistan ranked 147/180 according to Transparency International corruption perception index

2. Elite capture, 1% of population hold 24% of wealth

## C. Economic instability in the country

1. PKR has devalued 285% against 1 dollar - State Bank of Pakistan

2. Informal Economy

3. High Inflation

## D. Insufficient economic opportunities

1. Unemployment rate is 6.9% according to Economic Survey of Pakistan 2022-23

2. Gender disparity

3. Extractive institutions

## E. Political instability in Pakistan

1. Dynastic Rule in the country

2. Fragile democracy

3. Political rivalries

## F. Constitutional Crisis in Pakistan

1. Misuse of constitution for the political agendas

2. Current delayed in National Assembly Elections

## V. Impacts of Crisis of Governance in Pakistan

- (1). Public discontent
- (2). Economic Crisis
- (3). Further Escalating democratic crisis

## VI. Ways forward for institutional building and reformation

### A. Elimination of Corruption

1. Enhancing transparency in government institutions
2. Bring reforms in NAB, FIA and IB
3. Supremacy of the constitution

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### B. Reviving Democratic institutions

1. Promote inclusivity of institutions
2. Ensure separation of power
3. Independence of judiciary

### C. Need to address economic instability

1. <sup>Easy</sup> formulization of Economy
2. lifting trade barriers and promotion of free trade especially with neighbours
3. Supporting small scale business in the country

## VII. Conclusion

Essay: Pakistan has faced twelve military coups and fragile democracy in 78 years of its life. Final and complete Constitution of the was developed in 1973 after 26 years of its independence. Crisis of Governance in Pakistan are creating public discontent. Crisis of Government of Governance in Pakistan are further escalating due to the elite capture in institutions, economic instability and dynastic rule over the country and is leaching Pakistan's stability. However, there is need to reform the political and economic institutions by reviving them. Crisis of governance in Pakistan are increasing because of the internal and external security threats, it leads to unemployment and accumulation of wealth. There is predominance of dynastic rule that is leading to political turmoil. Rule has only become the game between two rich families of the country. There is political and economic instability in Pakistan that has created a quagmire. Political rivalries are sucking the tranquility of a state and has questioned democracy. However, Crisis of Governance in Pakistan should be addressed by sufficient reformation of institutions. Government should follow the basic principles of democracy in order to deal with this turmoil. First, there should be steps to address political instability and then economic instability should be addressed. Therefore, it is urgent demand of the crisis to address instability in the country otherwise it will continue sucking the country that will lead to disastrous consequences.

# Essay Topic:- Digital Democracy: Social media and political participation.

## Outline,

**Thesis Statement-** Digital Democracy plays a vital role in modernizing democracy by the use of social media and increasing political participation with the help of technological tools. It has faced several challenges for example, lack of digital infrastructure in democratic landscape. However, its concerns should be addressed through enough budgetary allocation for digital democratic institutions.

## Introduction

### I. Defining Digital Democracy

(a). Using of communication and technological tools

(b). Increasing political participation

### II. General overview of Digital Democracy in World

### III. How social Media can play a role in digitalization of Democracy.

#### A. role in protecting freedom of information and expression

① - 53% of people rely on <sup>Social</sup> media for information - Reuters report 2022

② - 71% of American get most information from digital sources etc.

#### B. role in holding government accountable

Case in Point:

Easier for people to participate in public discourse

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### C. role in promoting Civic Engagement

Case in Point: Voter turnout in 2020 US Presidential Election was 59.9% highest in 120 years — Report by International Center for Media and Democracy

### D. Challenging to Democratic Values

- ① Spreading misinformation
- ② 68% of people concerned about misinformation — 2022 report by Reuters

## IV. How digital democracy could influence political participation.

### A. role in the progress of local government

- ① Citizen engagement in local planning and policy making — Decide Madrid in Spain
- ② Crowdsourcing ideas for local improvement — Better Neighbourhoods in Iceland

### B. role in opportunities for citizens allocating local budgets

Case in Point: — Madame Mayor, I have an idea in France

### C. role in influencing large-scale engagement on controversial policy issues

Case in point: VTaiwan in Taiwan

### D. role in embedding digital democracy in a national parliament

Case in point: — labHacker and eDemocratic Brazil

(E). role in Tapping into wider expertise to develop legislation

Case in point: Parliament and Citizens France

## VI. Ways forward to address the concerns about digital Democracy

(A). Development of digital infrastructure

- ① - Addressing digital divide
- ② - improving understanding of participation

(B). Effective policy making and implementation

- ① - Policy to ensure the authenticity of information
- ② - budget allocation for required infrastructure, staff, team of experts and technological tools

## VII. Conclusion



Essay :- Digital technologies have transformed the way we live and work. There is also a scope of revolutionising democracy as well. The practice of democracy using digital tools and technologies is known as digital democracy. It is very much important to promote open democracy. Digital Democracy play a pivotal role in modernizing democracy by the use of social media and increasing political participation.

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with the help of technological tools.

It has faced several challenges for example, lack of digital infrastructure in democratic landscape. However, its concerns should be addressed through enough budgetary allocation for digital democratic institutions.

Social media plays a significant role in protecting freedom of expression which an integral component of modern democracy.

This is very crucial in holding government accountable. It has a role in promoting

civic engagement. Progress of local government

can be refined by digitalization of democracy. Through digital democracy people

can share opinion on large-scale and controversial policy issues. National parliament can be reformed using digital structure.

However, challenges to digital democracy should be addressed by the

development of digital infrastructure and mitigating the concerns of digital divide. Therefore, necessity of time

demand digitalization of democracy to ensure the implementation of democratic values otherwise it will not reduce public

discontent.