



National Officers Academy
Mock-8 for CSS-2024
January 2024
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II
(CURRENT AFFAIRS)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS
PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)
PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20
MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

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.

SUBJECTIVE PART — PART-II

- Q. 2. India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor is projected as a competitor to the Belt and Road Initiative of China. Critically evaluate the potential and the future prospects of the two projects.
- Q. 3. China and Pakistan are celebrating the Decade of CPEC. Critically evaluate success and failures of the project.
- Q. 4. KSA- Iran rapprochement would have far reaching positive implications on the conflicts in the Middle East but would also have far reaching impacts on Pakistan. Discuss.
- Q. 5. SIFC is expecting huge foreign direct investment in Pakistan from Middle East and China. How do you see the chance of investment in Pakistan?
- Q. 6. How do you see Pak-Afghan relations in the wake of repeated attacks by TTP and ISKP in Pakistan using Afghan land against Pakistan and in return Islamabad decided to pull out Afghan refugees?
- Q. 7. The socio- economic future of Pakistan is directly linked with reforms in the power sector. Analyze.
- Q. 8. Critically evaluate the causes of US crisis. What do you think how it would affect US global leadership in the days to come.

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Q: No.

Answer

1 Q: 5

2 Answer: Introduction

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A bird's eye view on the past

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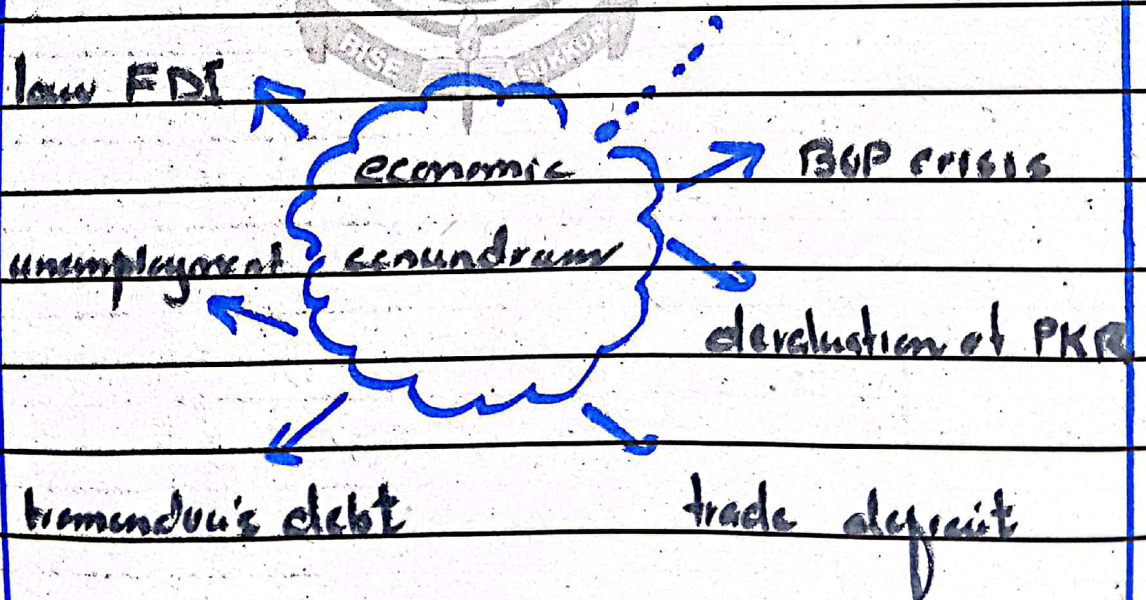
"Pakistan ranks at

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35th among 39 regional countries in economic development."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)

Pakistan, undoubtedly, has caught in a vicious cycle of economic downturn. Balance of Payment crisis, devaluation of PKR and trade deficit etc highlights dangling economy of Pakistan.



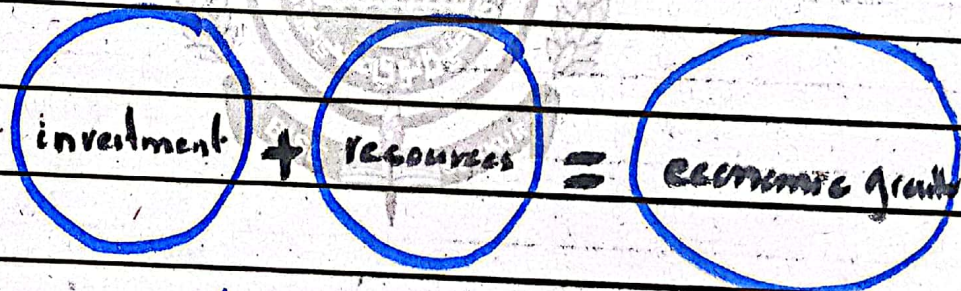
This shows conundrum of economy of Pakistan.

3- A glance at the SIFC of Pakistan

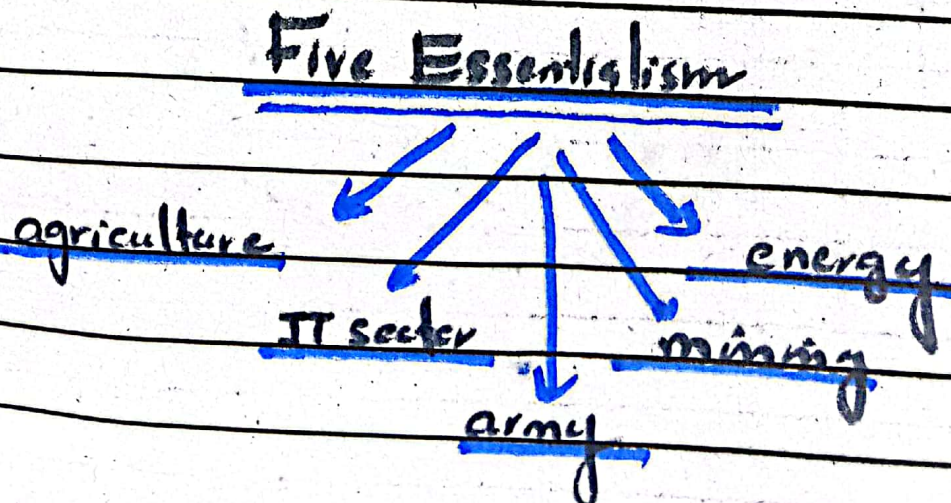
The special infrastructure facilitation council (SIFC) is a tool of economic prosperity. This will lead to consensus between the government and army to reform economy.

The SIFC purpose to attract investment, and effective use of local resources.

(The Economist, 2019)



Moreover, it is based on five important visions.



Thus, the SIFC promotes economic development.

4- Foreign direct investment in Pakistan from the Middle East and China
Pakistan has launched a policy to get investment from the Middle East, and China. It is a big step to prosper economy of the country.

"Approximately \$ 100 millions of investment will be achieved from the Middle East, and China."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)

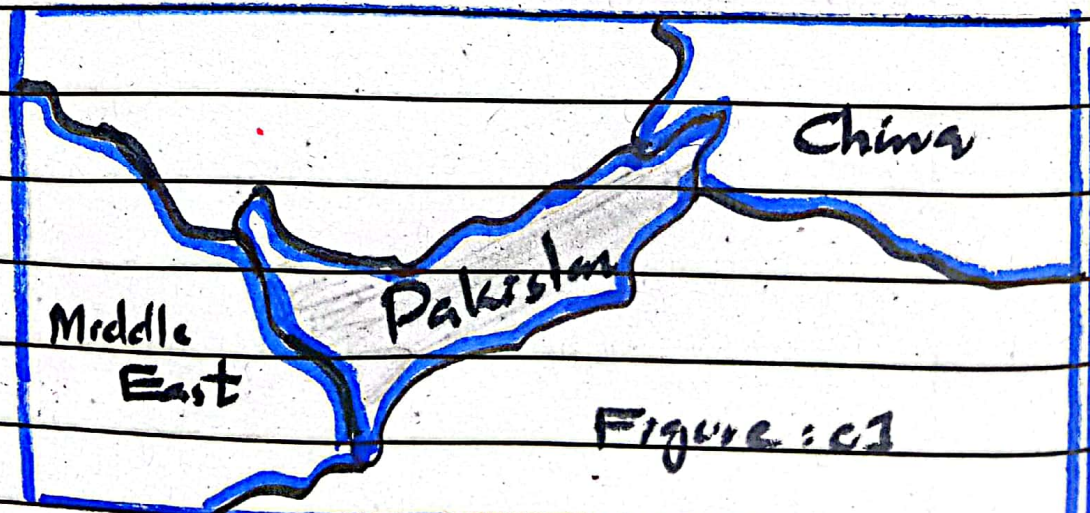
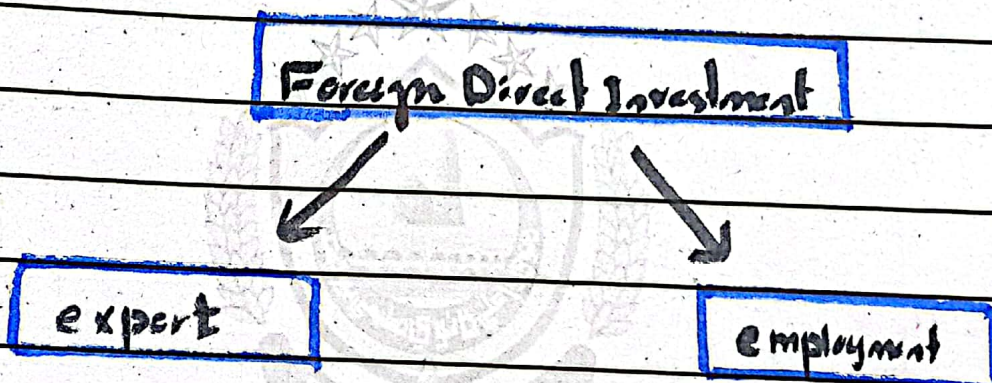


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Hence, Pakistan can receive a huge sum of FDI from the Middle East and China.

5- Foreign direct investment (FDI) in Pakistan

Following are opportunities.

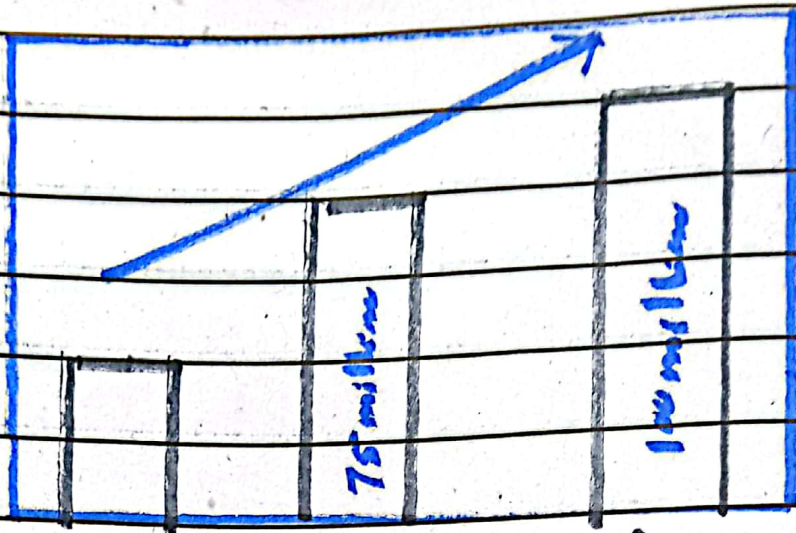


a) Employment opportunities

Pakistan will have a huge employment opportunities. In fact, motive of the SIFC is to generate jobs.

"About 75 to 100 millions of employment opportunities, particularly IT jobs will be provided."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)



(employment - Pakistan)

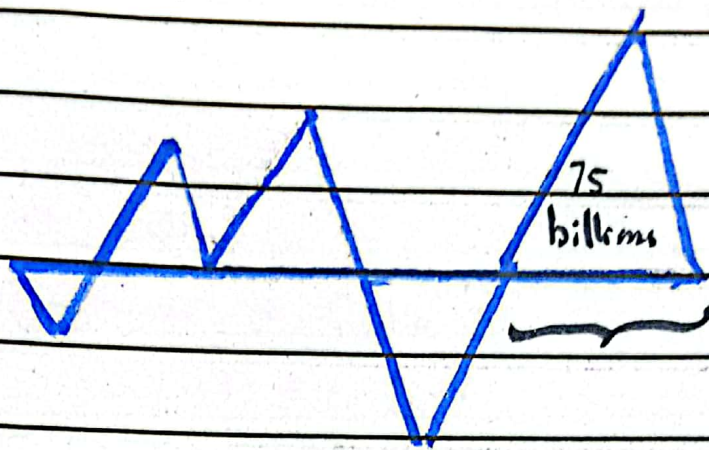
Thus, Pakistan will benefit from the SIFC provided employments.

b) Rise of export of Pakistan

Secondly, Pakistan will rise its export. This approach will improve trade of Pakistan to reform its economy.

"Approximately \$75 billions of export is a motive of the SIFC."

(Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)



(The SIFC - export rise)

This highlights benefits of the SIFC in trade of Pakistan.

G- Critical Analysis

↳ "The SIFC is a major step forward."

(The News, 2022)

The SIFC plan of the year 2023-2025 is a huge economic potential of Pakistan. This approach will pave a way for reduce in economic conundrum. Structural reforms will strengthen economic sector. Thereby,

Pakistan will avail of the SIFC beneficisly.

7- Conclusion

"Pakistan has a great potential to reform economic sector."

(The World Bank, 2023)

The Special Infrastructure Facilitation Council (SIFC) is expecting a huge foreign direct investment. This will attract China and the Middle East's FDI. Thereby, Pakistan will reform its economic sector for sustainable growth and development.