

# POLITICAL SCIENCE - I

## QUESTION:- 1

Do you think that populism restrict the autonomy of the state, generates domestic conflicts, and voice to redefine social contract. Discuss the interactions between populism and domestic politics.

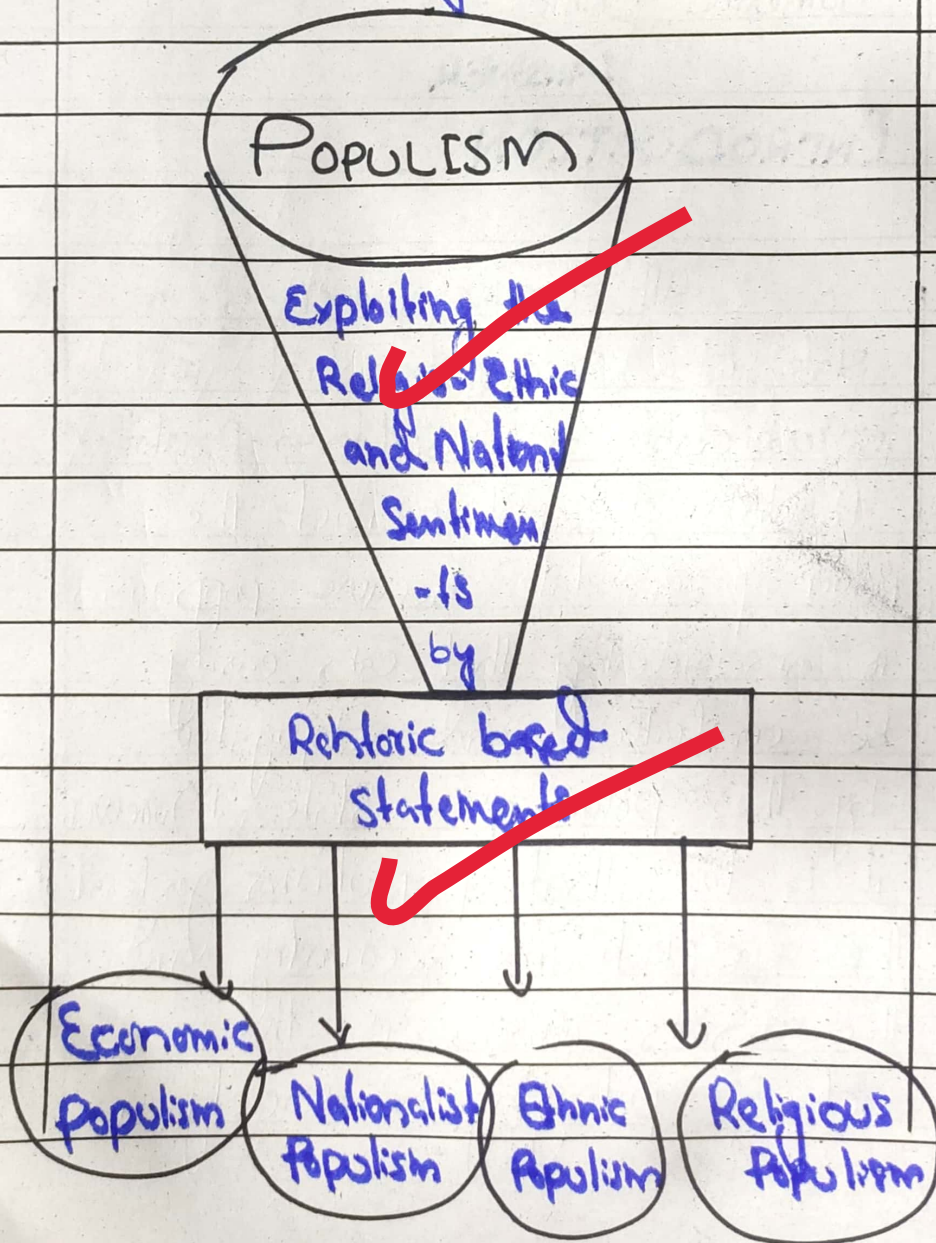
## ANSWER

### INTRODUCTION

All supreme power of a state is a sovereignty which is unrestrictable and absolute, Aristotle. Populism does not restrict the power of a state, because populism is an ideology that can easily be controlled and subjugated by the power of a state. Moreover it is true that populism generates the conflicts in a country and the main reason is the act of polarizing a society on

ethnic and religious lines that eventually require the redefining of the social contract. Demagogic Populism also helps the domestic political parties to come to power through arousing the ultra-ethnic sentiments.

① Concept of Populism - Representation through flow-chart





The above mentioned flow-chart defines the definition and types of Populism derived by Oxford dictionary.

Populism does not restrict the autonomy of State

3.1- State is a Sovereign entity and Populism is just an ideology - Supremacy of a State is unrestrictable

In the words of John Austin, state is a sovereign entity and it has all embracing power to do everything within its defined territories. Therefore, it is right to say that populism does not restrict the power of a state.

3.2- Power of State to control the Populism governments

Including this, the state has a power to control

the populist regimes in it. The U.S Trump administration and the inquiries by the state institutions and the threat of impeachment had remained to the Trump administration.

Add more arguments in this part.....

### ④ Populism generates domestic conflicts: An analysis

4.1- Polarization of a Society on different factions and arrival of chaos.

The conflicts are generated due to the polarization created by the populist leaders. The 9th May attack of Pakistan is a perfect example.

4.2- Segregation of a Society into "We vs They" - A manifestation of conflict

Moreover, the conflicts



also generated due to - the  
division of society between - the  
"we vs they". This Indian populism  
and conflict between Hindu vs Muslim  
is right manipulation.

Add more arguments

(5) Need to redefine the Social  
Contract in the era of rising  
Populism

s.1- Re-defining the concept of  
General Will - Strengthening  
the democratic norms

The concept of  
the "General Will" is the  
social contract of Rousseau must  
be redefined. General Will -  
a will of all people without any  
discrimination.

s.2- Re-viewing the concept of  
Popular Sovereignty - Discou  
aging the Authoritarian regimes  
Moreover, the concept

of popular sovereignty must be re-vised. Just because the ideology of populism only revolves around some sections of a society. Popular Sovereignty is a sovereignty of all masses.

s3- Re-analysing the concept of State as means to end - denouncing the excessive Nationalism

Additionally, it is time to re-analyse the concept of State as means to end not the end. The populism is relinquishing the idea of state as a means.

### ⑥ Interaction between Populism and Domestic politics

The interaction between the populism and domestic politics is like jigsaw puzzle.



6.1- Populism - A way to collect vote at domestic level

Through the populism the domestic political parties ensure and strengthen the vote banks. Other Pakistan political party and populist activities are worth mentioning.

6.1- Populism - A source for domestic political parties to come to power

Similarly, in the domestic politics, it helps the domestic leaders to come to power. Pakistan's ethnic political parties are correct example.

6.2- Domestic politics and Populism - A relation re-shaping the International order

The domestic politics in a relation with the populism

re-shapes the international world order. The Trump administration and increased polarization in the world is right mentioning

6.3- Ethnic populism in domestic politics - A cancer for the Federation.

Similarly, the ethnic based populism in the domestic politics the fall of Dadas Dhaka is correct example.

A 20 marks answer should have around 15 subheadings/arguments...

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## CONCLUSION

To reiterate, populism does not restrict the power of a state, but it generates the conflicts in a country due to polarization. Therefore, there is a strong need of re-defining the social contract. Moreover, the interplay of domestic politics and populism re-shapes the political of a country and the world at general.

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