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Define basic principles of foreign policy of Pakistan. Explain what kind of challenges Pakistan is facing in its foreign policy.

Answer.

### 1 Introduction

Being a developing country Pakistan enjoys its own effective and

productive foreign policy based on its security and economic motives.

It entertains cordial relations with all countries of the world. Because

in the globalized world nothing is important for a modern country as

sound relations. However,

Pakistan faces several challenges in its foreign

policy due to Kashmir issue and war-torn Afghanistan.

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### National Security

The major objective of Foreign policy of Pakistan is national security. Therefore

it has formulated its foreign policy on basis of national security. Moreover, the major pre-occupation of Pakistan from beginning has been India because it has ~~be~~ adopted violent hostilities against Pakistan.

## 2 Establishment of peace

Pakistan wants establishment of peace around the world. Even it has protested against aggression of cruel and supported oppressed nations. It has also invited India to negotiate for peace in South Asia but India rejected.

## 3 Cooperation with UN

Pakistan does not ignore charter of UN while implementing

its Foreign Policy. It obeys all moves of the UN such as Pakistan never violate ceasefire which was done by the UN. Even today armed forces of Pakistan serving to various nations under the UN.

#### 4. Good relation with neighbors

Pakistan often tries to build good ties with neighboring countries but it is not fortunate to maintain good ties with its neighbors especially with India and Afghanistan. Even Pakistan invited India for negotiation but it denied.

#### 5. Protecting of its sovereignty

One of the major aim of Pakistan is protection of its sovereignty. Because Pakistan is

the outcome of great sacrifice of <sup>millions</sup> of Muslims. Therefore freedom of the country has become integral part of foreign policy of Pakistan.

## 6 Ideological Factor.

Pakistan always seek to maintain good ties with Muslim countries because ideology of the country is based on Islam. For this purpose it has joined many organizations of Muslim countries and support them on every platform.

## 7 Independence and neutrality

Pakistan's foreign policy is based on the principle of non-interference. It ~~is~~ does not meddle in the affairs of other countries unless they invite it. Because it wants to develop good ties with countries.

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Support self-determination.

Pakistan prefers self-determination in its foreign policy. Therefore it fights for independence of Kashmir and Palestine. Even Pakistan supported demand for abolition of slavery in Europe.

1- Kashmir issue

2- Balochistan  
Conundrum

Challenges: Faced by  
Foreign policy of Pakistan

3- Rising Extremism  
and terrorism

4- Growing  
Nexus of India  
US

1- Kashmir issue

One of the major problems in foreign policy of Pakistan is Kashmir issue. Because it has deteriorated relation between both neighboring countries. Even neither of them

is ready to surrender its interest because of geo-geographical importance of Kashmir.

## 2. Balochistan Conundrum

Balochistan issue is also a great hurdle in the way of Pakistan's Foreign policy. It has limited thinking capabilities of policy makers to internal affairs instead focusing on external affairs.

## 3. Rising extremism and Terrorism

Another challenges to the Foreign policy of Pakistan are extremism and terrorism. They have created instability in the country. Since when Taliban has started ruling, terrorism has increased in Pakistan. Because they provided safe heavens to terrorists.

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Growing nexus of US-India

The growing relations between India and US and their culture of arms race in South

Asia has given a tough time to Foreign policy of Pakistan. Because since independence India has been the major rival of Pakistan and its enrichment with weapons will pose a great threat to Pakistan.

Conclusion.

Pakistan's Foreign policy is based on peace and to maintain cordial ties with all neighboring countries. Because in the modern world every country wants to nurture relations with its neighbors. However, Pakistan is not fortunate enough to maintain ties with its neighboring countries.