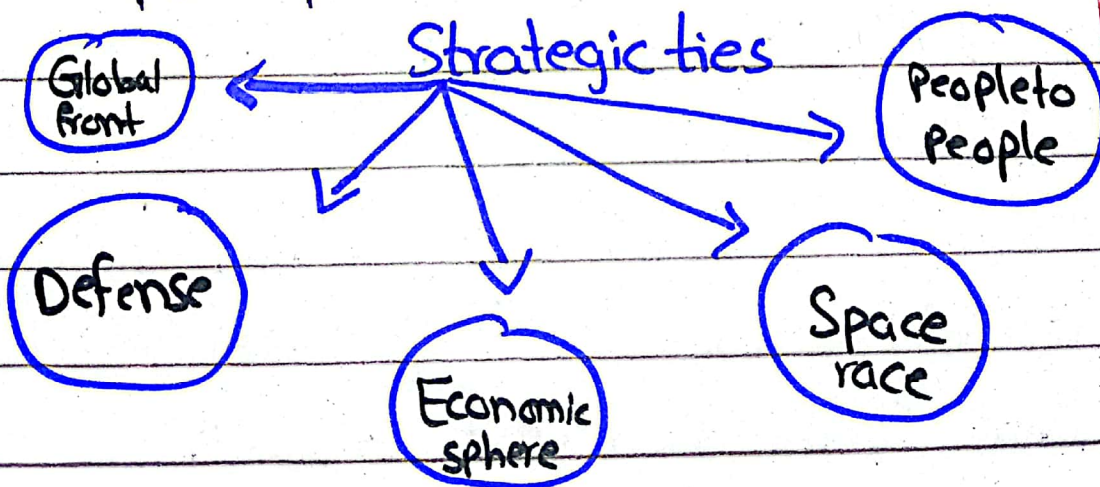


Q = Discuss the Indo-US strategic ties, its implications on Pakistan and policy solutions for Pakistan?

A = **Introduction**

Indo-US strategic ties are bolstering with every passing year. India has become an important ally of USA in the world, especially in the South Asia region. Their strengthening relation has turned into a problematic issue for Pakistan. India has anti-Pakistan approach since its birth. India's animosity for Pakistan can turn US against Pakistan. Although its a serious threat for Pakistan, but Pakistan can evade from this danger by adopting prudent and balance foreign policy in this multipolar world.



Defense Cooperation

India and USA are cooperating in the field of defense since a couple of decades. In this regard, Next Step Strategic Partnership agreement signed in 2004 served as a building block while, in 2005 both countries entered into Civil Nuclear Deal for 10 years. It paved the way for joint cooperation in nuclear related fields. Along with it, USA is providing military assistance to India for bolstering its military strength. Moreover, in 2024, they have jointly decided to cooperatively manufacture F-3414 defensive helicopters.

Economic Ties

Both countries enjoy good economic ties. USA is the 2nd largest trading partner of India. Moreover,

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USA is the biggest source of **Foreign direct investment** in Pakistan. On the contrary, India is the third largest trading partner of US in Indo pacific region while 9th in the world.

Expatriates of India send about **7.7 bn \$** remittance from USA, according to Indian Times.

A plethora of US companies are working in the territory of India. Both countries are economically correlated.

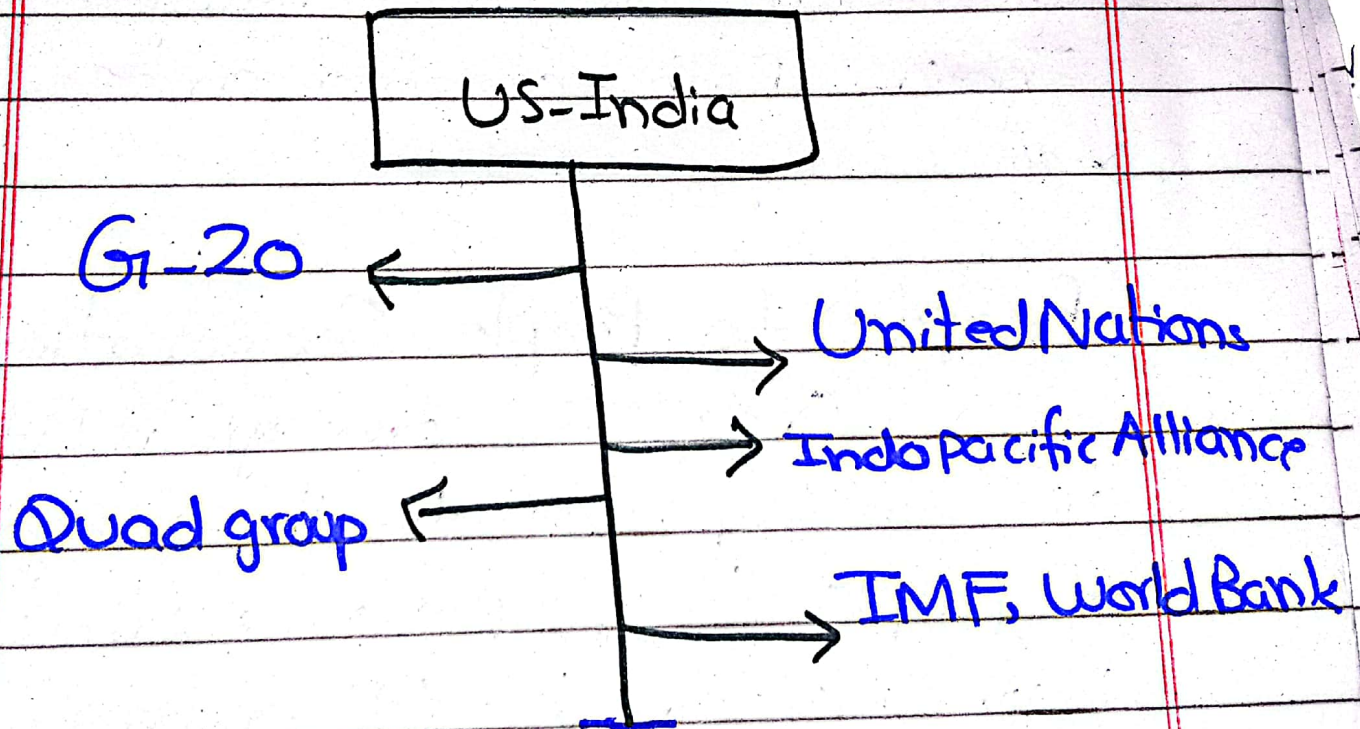
People to People Cooperation

Indo US strategic relations are encompassed to the range of people to people relations. According to the **US embassy**, approximately **4 million** Indians are residing in USA. Along with it, **2 Lac** Indian students are pursuing their education in different educational

institutes of US. It shows the strong people to people connection among the residents of India and USA.

Global Sphere

On the global front, India and Pakistan USA are enjoying strong nexus. Both are the members of

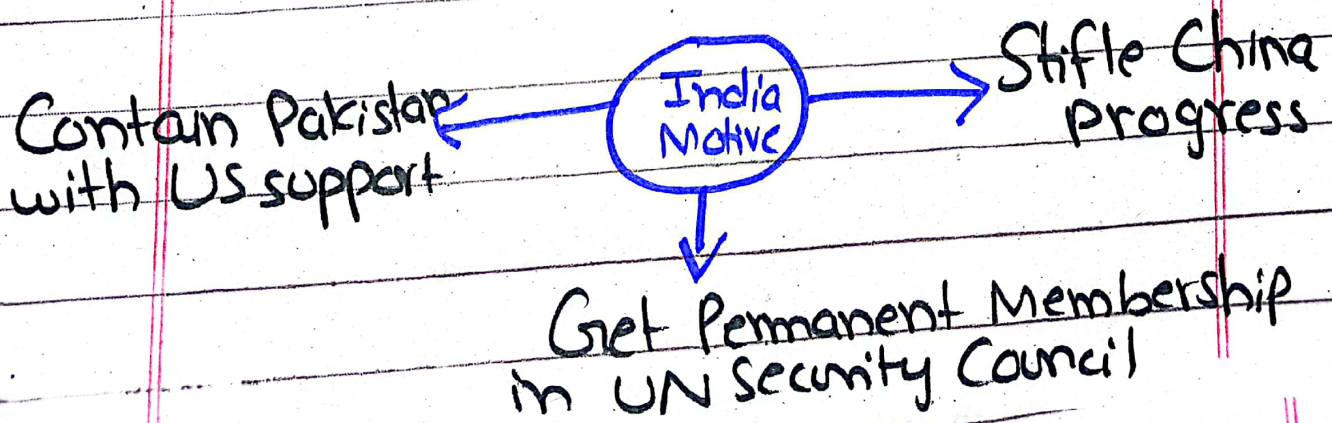
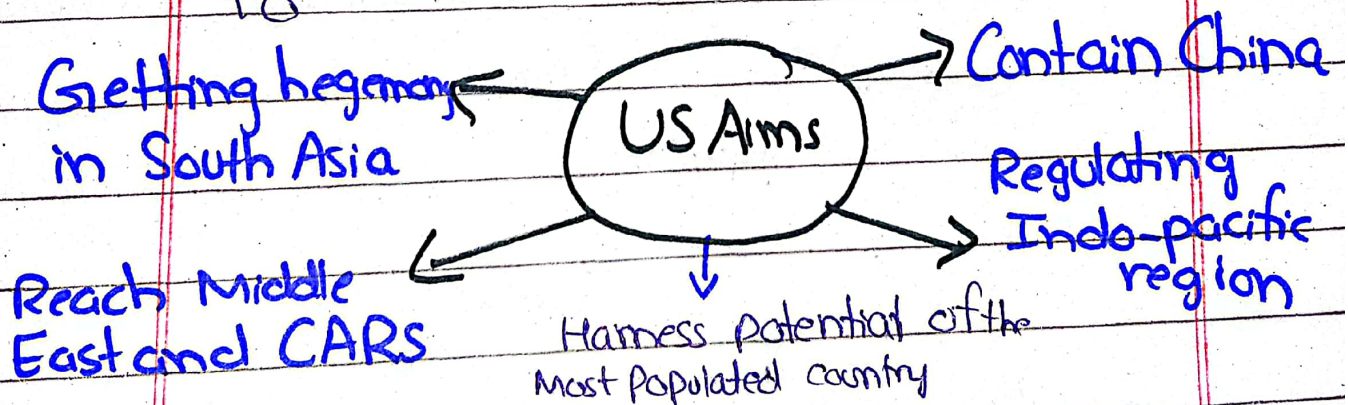


USA supports India at every international forum, a manifestation of their strong strategic ties.

Space Race

Indo-US strategic alliance is also spread in space race sphere. In 2024, they have decided to collaborate in field of space exploration for welfare of mankind. Moreover, according to USA space agency, it is also being decided to train Indian astronauts and scientists in space related fields.

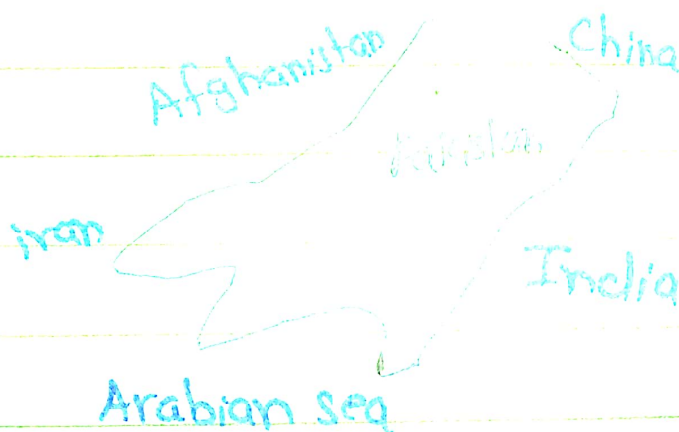
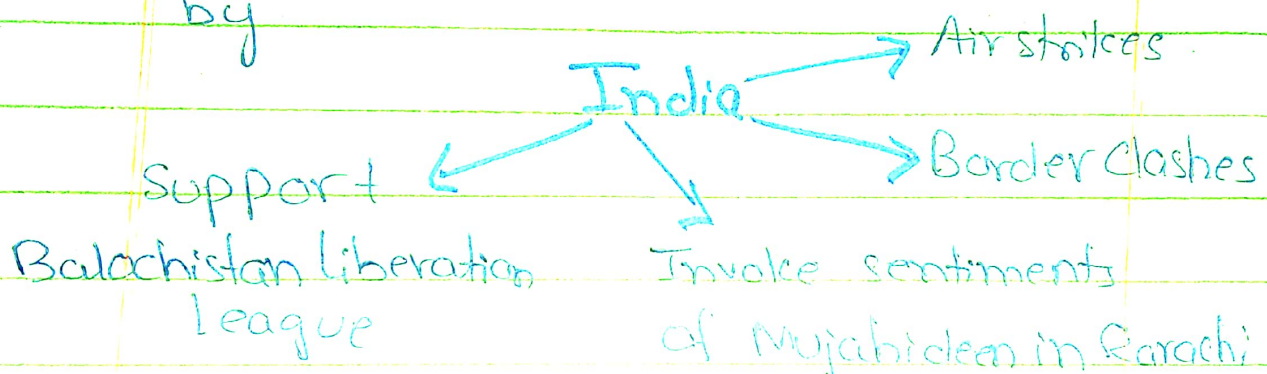
USA is strengthening ties to



Implications For Pakistan

Security Threat From India

USA is strengthening India's military base which has become a potent threat for Pakistan. India is already involved in malign practices of creating insecurity in Pakistan by

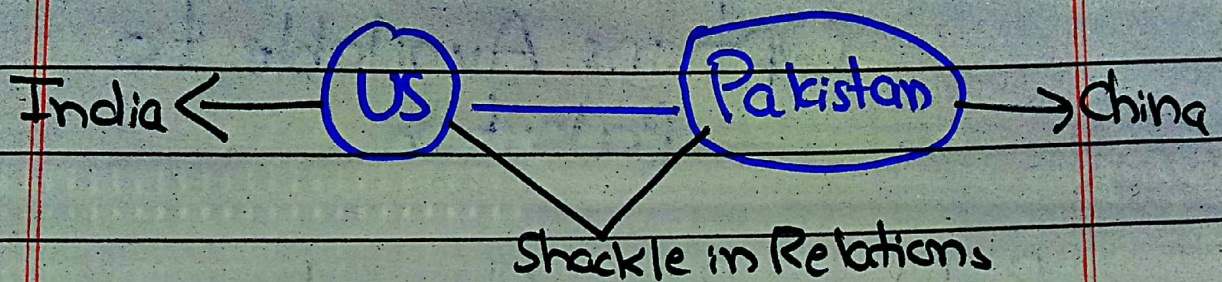


It poses threat to eastern border of Pakistan.

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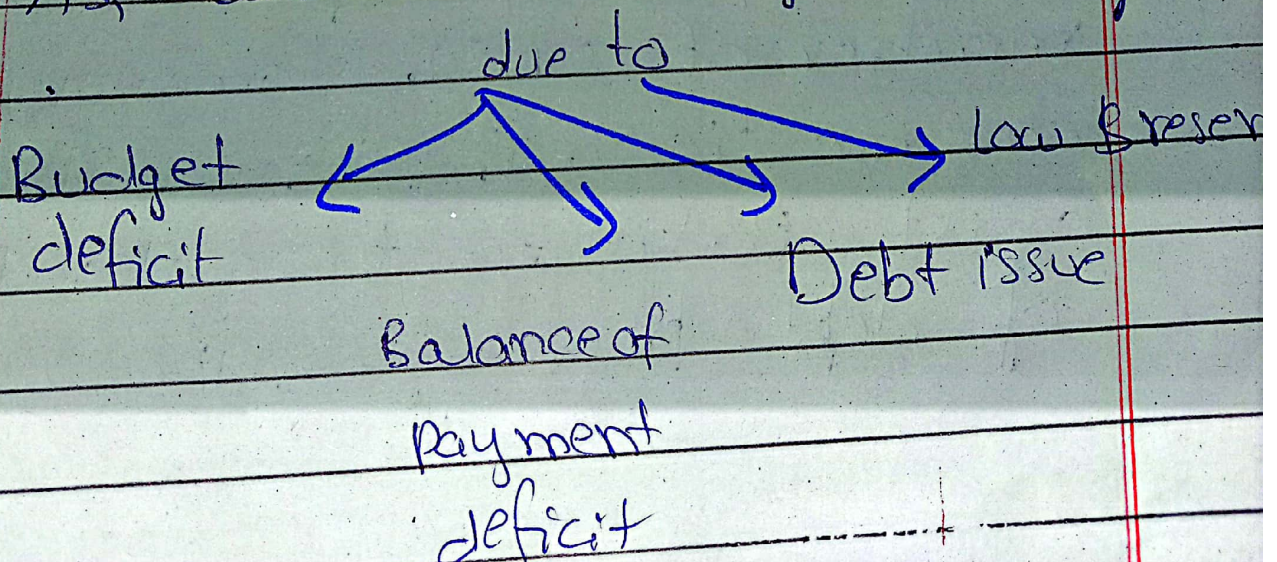
1) Weaken US-Pakistan tie.

US-India closeness is source of weakening US-Pakistan ties. Pakistan is more aligned towards China. It has also become source of threat for US-Pakistan ties.



2) Impact on Pakistan Economy

Moreover, Pakistan's economy is also under deep hot water due to India-US partnership. As, Pakistan's economy is crippling



Pakistan seeks assistance from IMF to stabilize its economy. USA has 17.7% share in IMF, so it influences IMF for meeting its own interests. Pakistan's sway from US is a threat to Pakistan's economic stabilization.

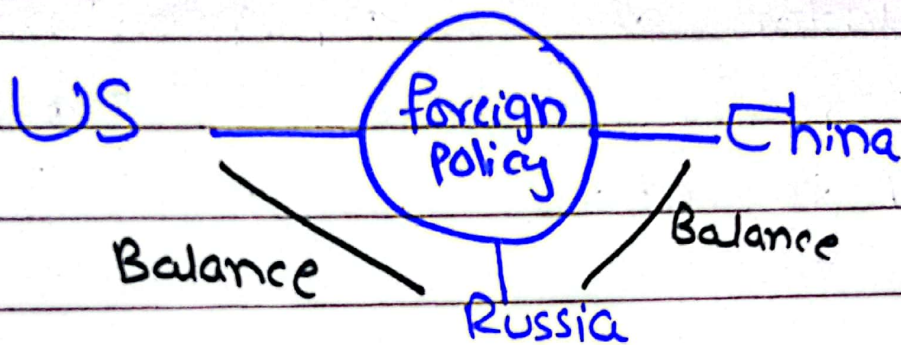
Options Available to Pakistan

Bolster Pak-China ties

Pakistan needs to strengthen its relation to China to avoid the imbalance of power in the region. It would hinder India to become permanent member of UNSC. Moreover, economic ties with China will assist Pakistan to get out of debt trap of IMF.

Maintain a balance foreign Policy

Pakistan can also minimize the negative repercussions of India-US strategic partnership by adopting a balanced foreign policy. It should not be too pro-west nor too anti-west.



Strengthen Pak-Iran Ties & Normalize Afghan relations

By doing so, Pakistan will get a breathing space from internal and external security threats especially from TTP. Pakistan can divert its resources from Afghan and Iran border towards Indian border for tackling any unexpected attack.

Normalize Pak-India Ties

Although it's a hard nut to crack but nothing is impossible in this world. It will benefit Pakistan not only on economic front but also on international and diplomatic fronts. Pakistan should convince India to resolve Kashmir issue as per UN resolution.

Conclusion

Pakistan-US relations are facing potent threat from India-US strategic ties. Pakistan is bearing the brunt of it in various forms. But, Pakistan can get rid of negative implications by adopting a balanced and proactive foreign policy in its international relations.