

Q#09 The Geopolitical Shift in Asia and its Impact on Pakistan

Outline

I Introduction:

Thesis Statement:

The competition between China and India, and China and the United States plays a pivotal role in shaping Asia's geopolitical landscape. Any shift in this region has profound impacts on Pakistan. However, with a pragmatic strategy, Pakistan could benefit from this geopolitical change.

II The Geopolitical Shift in Asia - Manifestations:

- A) Increasing economic influence of China in the region
- B) Emergence of India with the US's support as a regional power
- C) The US containment of China and Russia in the region

D) Expanding of Russia's interest in Asia due to strain relations with Western countries

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E) The strategic struggle between China and the US to influence South China Sea region

III The Impacts of Geopolitical shift on Pakistan

A) Strengthening of geo-strategic relations between India and the US threatens Pakistan's stability

B) Increasing socioeconomic risks from Afghanistan owing to neglect of major powers

C) Growing India^{and} the US nexus poses challenges to CPEC

D) The on-going China-US rivalry brings political implication for Pakistan at regional level

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E) Hurdles in the completion of Pak-Iran gas pipeline due to the US sanctions impact economic growth

IV The Wayforward to ~~Reduce~~ Get Benefits from Geopolitical Shift in Asia for Pakistan:

A) Bringing political stability through consensus of all stakeholders

B) Concentrating on economic uplift of the country by mobilising domestic resources

C) Devising a dynamic foreign policy without ambiguous alliance system.

D) Maintaining trade base relations with ^{regional} states and resolving issues diplomatically

E) Countering the hegemonic motives of India and security risks from Afghanistan by involving major powers

V Conclusion

With China's rise and Russia's resurgence, world has moved towards a new power competition. The two powers, China and the US, ^{has been} ~~are~~ competing for dominance in Asia ^{since long}. The US is trying to maintain its decades-old supremacy in the region, while China is trying to build partnership with regional states through economic projects. This strategic competition between two competitors has placed many emerging powers of Asia in tight spot to balance their relations. Pakistan, in this content, is also a key regional state due to its geopolitical location. In Asia, the rise of China has changed geopolitical landscape. ~~At~~ This rise of China has attracted interest of major powers. The US ^{has} made blocs with regional states to contain China's rise and counter Russia's increasing influence in Asia. Such bloc politics has impacts on Pakistan's politics and economy. The growing nexus between India and the US poses serious challenges Pakistan's interest and

imbalances Power in South Asia. However, all ^{such} challenges to Pakistan's interest could be mitigated by political and economic stability in the country. There is also a need of diversifying Foreign Policy according emerging to emerging challenges and opportunities. In fact, the rivalry between China and India, and China and the US shapes geopolitics in Asia. Therefore, Pakistan needs to adopt a pragmatic approach to get maximum benefits from the shift.