

India has emerged as an economic and political power in past few years. What are wide implications of this scenario for the regions strategic dynamics in general and Pakistan in Particular?

1) Introduction

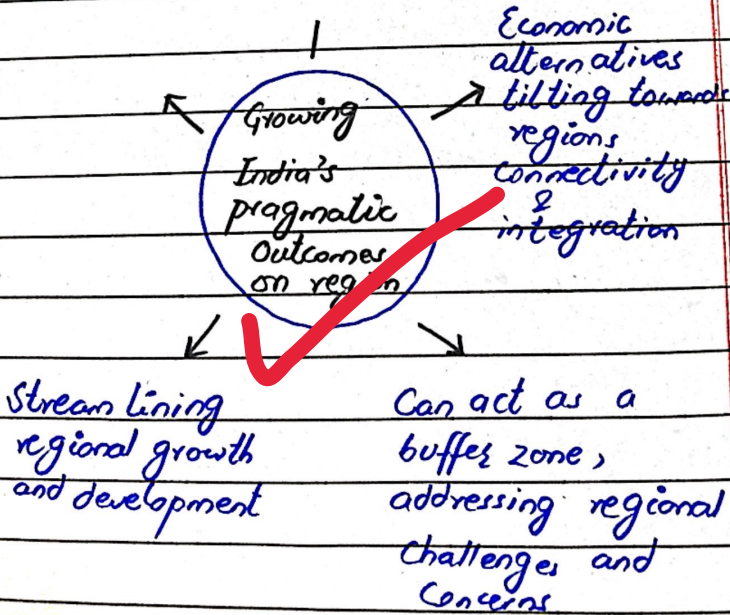
In recent years, India has emerged as a significant economic and political power, reshaping strategic dynamics of South Asia and beyond. As the World's most populous nation and growing economic hub, India has strengthened its influence through regional partnerships, military modernization, and active participation in global forums. This shift in power carries profound implications for its neighbours, particularly Pakistan, with whom it shares a complex history of rivalry and territorial disputes.

"India aims to position itself as a pivot of global south to legitimize coming multipolarity"

(Rizwana Abbasi)

- Global Power Shift 2023

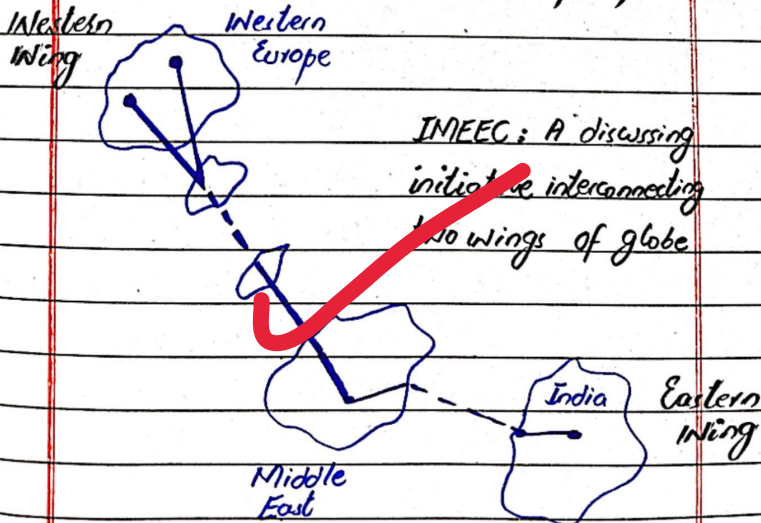
2) Implications of India's growing position on region's strategic dynamics



(A) India can contribute
towards regional cooperation
and connectivity through
economic & trade alternatives

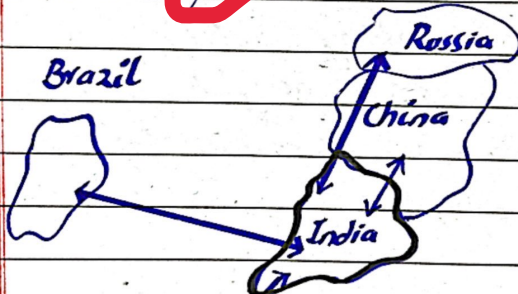
India can act as a pivot among regional states providing opportunities of trade, new market access and investment opportunities.

India is linking ~~western~~ and Southern ~~wings~~ of globe through IMIEEC, an economic step up.



13) India can streamline the regions growth and development through incultation and interdependence

India's active participation in global and regional organizations can cast a spell over region streamling their patterns of growth and development.

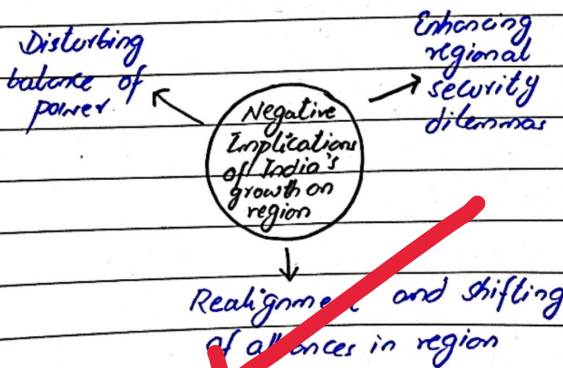


India - A balancer through BRICS membership explores the opportunities of sustainable development

10) India act as buffer zone
through active engagement
in regional diplomatic
initiatives to address regional
concerns

India can play its role in addressing common concerns of security, poverty, terrorism, public health issues and natural disasters, being a member of SAARC and SCO.

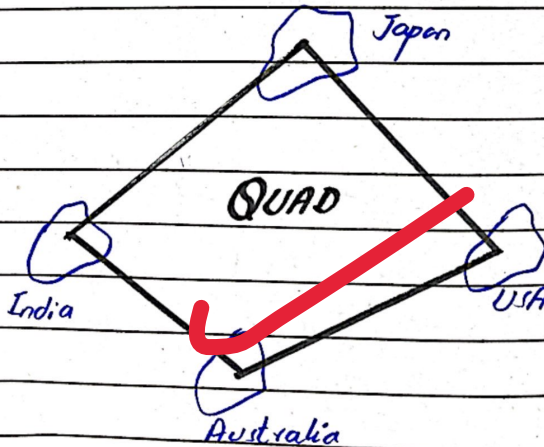
3) Negative concerns of India's
growing position on region's
strategic dynamics



(A) India's enhancing military capabilities - Regional security dilemmas

India aims to legitimize its own national interest with partnership of regional and global organizations.

India's enhanced defensive capabilities due to strategic partnership with West under QUAD poses security dilemma for regional states.



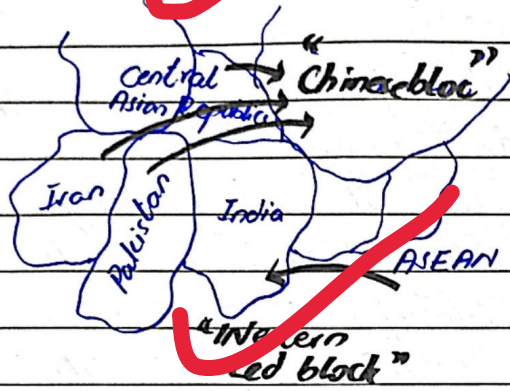
(B) India's growing economic and military might can disturb balance of power in region

India's aspirations of becoming a pivot of global South are given a halt by growing integration of China around the globe. Therefore, being a western ally, India is joining multifold alliances to accommodate and contain the growing China, which in turn is disturbing the balance of power in region.

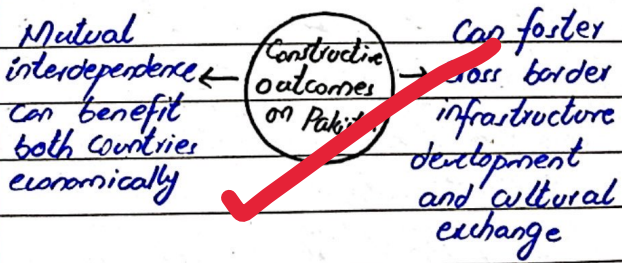
(C) Realignment and shifts in alliances associated with power dynamics owing to India's growing regional concerns

Owing to global power dynamics, states may be urged to opt one

side either western led bloc or Chinese bloc, creating uncertain environment and chaos in South Asian region

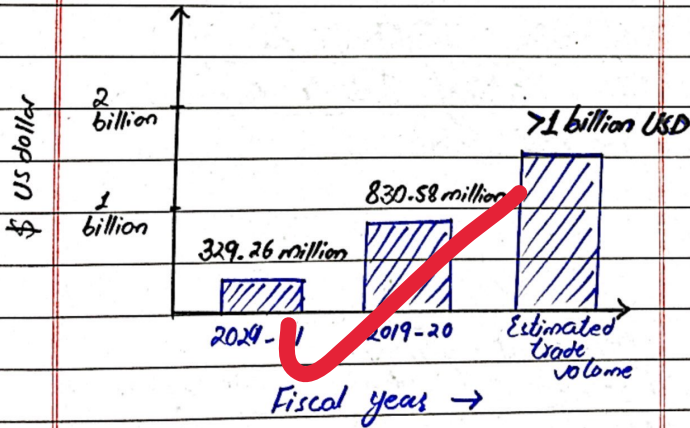


4/ Constructive Outcomes of India:
Dominating Influence on
Pakistan



(A) The two historic rivals
can benefit economically
through interdependence
and interconnectivity

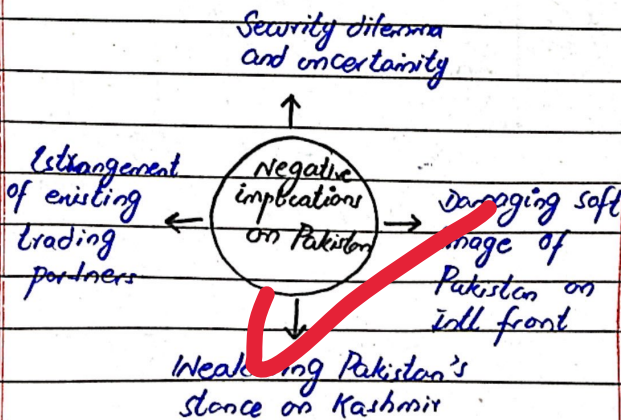
Pakistan and India has a potential to trade, cooperate and integrate with each other through mutual cooperation and interdependence, both historic rivals can grow economically.



(B) Pakistan India can foster cross border infrastructure development and cultural exchanges

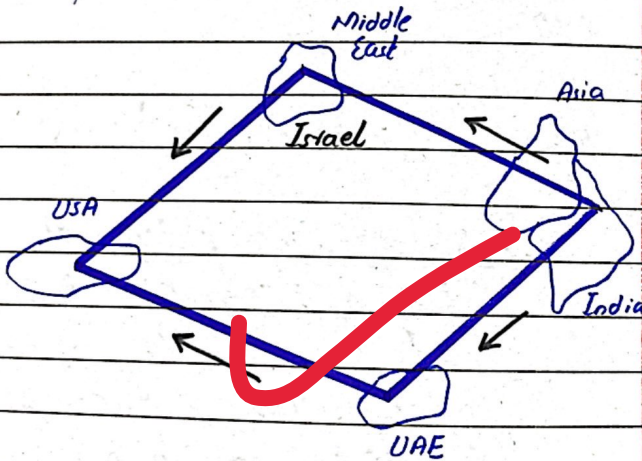
By softening the border between Pakistan and India, both countries can benefit through exchange of culture, traditions and projects of infrastructural growth and development.

5/ Opposing implications of dominating India's concerns on Pakistan



(A) Security Dilemma and Uncertainty for Pakistan

Defense capabilities owing to collaborations and technology sharing of I2U2 members and QUAD member states with India, affect Pakistan's security environment by capturing greater regional influence over Pakistan.



(B) Estrangement of existing trade partners owing to India's closing and integrating ties with west

An unparalleled position of India in South Asia can divert the moribund trade volume from Pakistan toward itself. The already cash strapped country would face serious consequences.

Market for Pakistan	Trade Volume (Million dollars)	Share (%)
USA	6077 million	21%
UK	2114 million	7.31%
China	3034 million	10.54%

(c) Strengthening position of India on international fronts can lead to global isolation and weakening of Pakistan on many stances

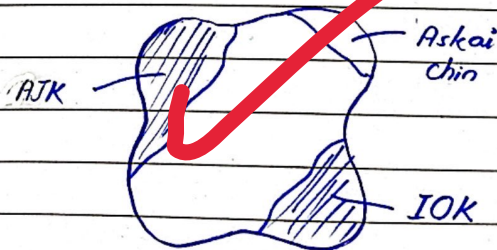
India can damage the soft image of Pakistan on International

fronts by launching proxy war against it.

“ India is using more than 500 media outlets to demonize the image of Pakistan internationally ”
(EU disinfo lab)

(d) Deteriorating position of India may impact Pakistan's status on Kashmir Issue.

India's strong position can impede Pakistan's effort to seek International support for a resolution in UN



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Conclusion

India has emerged as an economic and political power in the past few years. The strong standing of India with ASEAN countries and western bloc is tilting game towards India. It has regional implications. It poses security dilemma for Pakistan and Pakistan need to align with allies.

Very good attempt!