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Having the largest irrigation system in the world, the land of the Sub-Continent served as the main source ..... Discuss in detail the causes of this agricultural decline.

### Outline

1) Introduction.

2) Mismanagement of water

a) Due to climate change, water availability drastically decreased, through evaporation, glacial melting, and irregular rainfall.

b) Old irrigation system wastes a lot of water through seepage and evaporation.

3) Degradation of soil by salination and excessive use of fertilizers results in low yield of crops.

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4) Urbanization has resulted in labor shortage in rural agricultural lands.

5) The harsh implications of climate change in Pakistan, like flooding and changed monsoon patterns have declined agricultural outputs.

6) Poor governance and policy failures further depleted the agricultural output of Pakistan.

i) Mismanagement of Subsidies

ii) Lack of long term sustainable plans for agriculture.

7) Land distribution after inheritance makes fields too small to be cultivated.

8) The trend of converting agricultural land into commercial

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hubs and residential societies have further damaged the agricultural output.

9) Due to higher costs, farmers are switching their careers to other opportunities, hence decreased cultivation.

10) Lack of research and development has made Pakistani farmers avoid new methods of farming.

11) Way forward to restore the agricultural supremacy of Pakistan.

- i) Technical support and education on new methods to be given to farmers.
- ii) The government must encourage the agriculture sectors, by providing subsidies.
- iii) There must be control upon land urbanization.

12) Conclusion.