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HISTORY OF PAKISTAN AND INDIA.

Q. Write short note on Kargil War.
(10 marks)

Ans

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INTRODUCTION

Kargil war was the conflict happened between Pakistan and India in the Kargil district, Kashmir on 1999. It started when Pakistani troops try to capture Indian occupied territory of Kashmir. It had many implications politically, militarily, strategically and socio-economically on both countries.

2) BACKGROUND; CAUSES OF THE KARGIL WAR

There were several causes of the dispute. The ongoing geopolitical tensions along

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with the attacks of the Pakistani military troops on Indian controlled territory led to the conflict. Besides, it is true to say that the war was initiated by Pakistan to gain the public support for militarily controlled government in the country.

3) MAIN EVENTS IN THE WAR

- Indian troops discovered the Pakistani military on 1999.
- Fierce battles between the both countries led to immense casualties.
- Aerial warfare by Indian airforce against Pakistani positions.
- International pressure compelled Pakistan to withdraw its troops.
- India successfully pushed back Pakistani troops and regained control of the territory.

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4) IMPLICATIONS OF THE KARGIL WAR

4.1) Military and Strategic implications;

The war accelerated military preparedness between Pakistan and India. Both started to modernize the military. Besides, it strained the already deteriorated relations of the both countries.

4.2) Political and diplomatic impacts;

The Kargil war strained the bilateral relations between two countries. Moreover, it led to limited diplomatic gestures.

4.3) Socio-economic implications;

Both countries suffered economically due to the war. Besides, The war galvanized the public opinion, and led to increased sense of nationalism and anti-enemy sentiment.

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4.4) Long term implications of the war

The Kargil war highlighted the dangers of conventional warfare between two nuclear armed states. Thus, it entailed the significance of nuclear deterrence. Moreover, it envisioned the importance of regional cooperation to avoid future conflict.

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Kargil war, a conflict between Pakistan and India, was initiated due to historical, and geo political reasons. It impacted both countries adversely. However, India's military capability and international pressure on Pakistan consequently led to the end of conflict successfully.