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How regional Cooperation Organization like Saarc, ECO and SCO are different in their objectives and achievement? Discuss the role of Pakistan in these organizations.

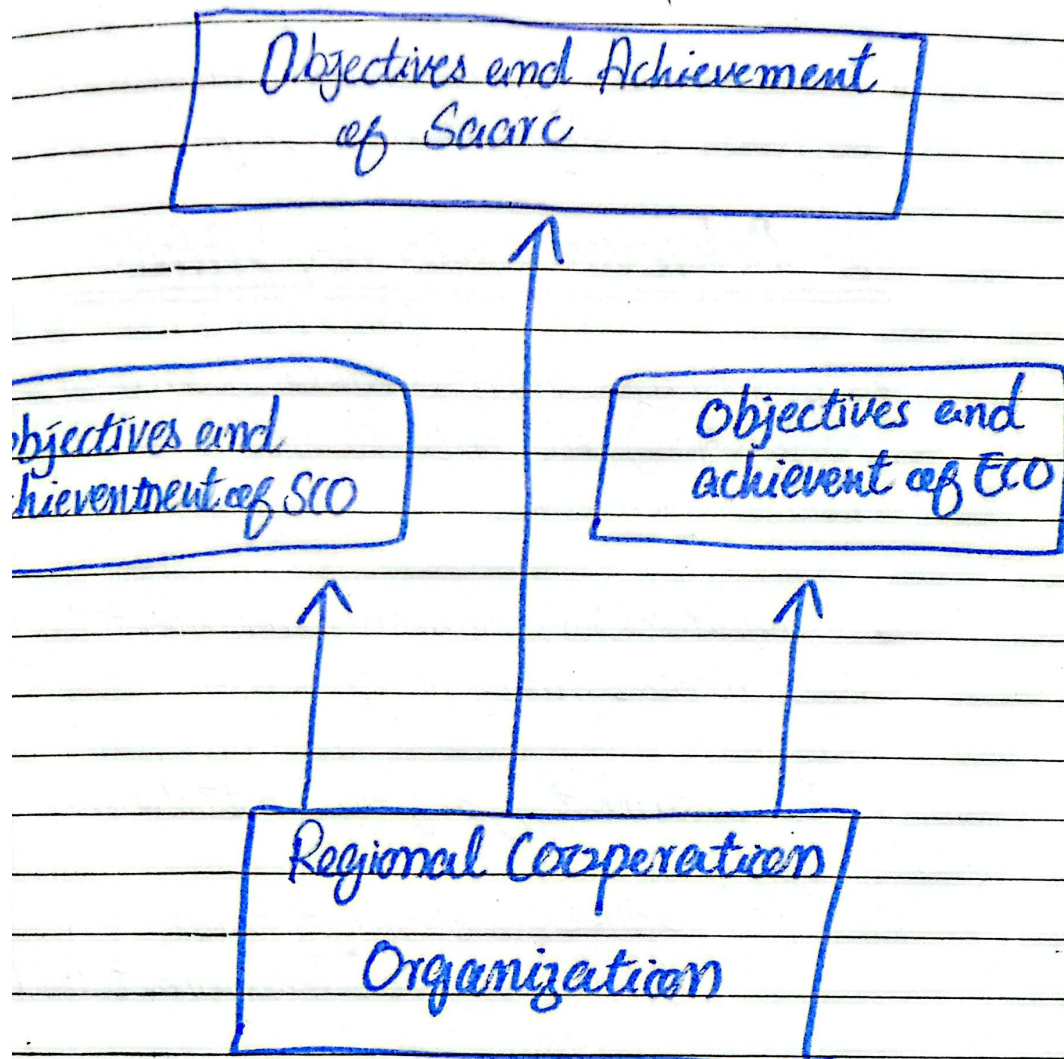
Introduction

The aims and objectives of regional organizations like Saarc, SCO, and ECO is to promote political, economic and cultural collaboration among neighboring countries. Saarc, SCO, and ECO are the three major regional organizations where

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Pakistan plays a key role



Objectives and achievements of SARC

1. Objectives

• Established in 1985
with 2 members from
South Asia.

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- Promotes economic growth and social progress, and cultural development.
- Focus on poverty alleviation, education, health and regional connectivity.

2. Achievements of SAARC

- Formation of SAFTA (South Asian Free Trade Area) in 2006, to enhance intra regional trade.
- Initiatives in education, environment and disaster management.
- Establishment of regional institutions like;
 - SAARC Development Fund
 - SAARC Disaster Management Fund

3. Role of Pakistan in SAARC

- Pakistan is the founding member of SAARC.
- Hosted multiple summits of SAARC like the fourth summit of SAARC in 1988.

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- Supports regional trade and cooperation.
- Advocating SPARC for effective functioning.

→ Objectives and achievements of ECO

1. Objectives

- Founded in 1985 by Pakistan, Iran and Turkey. Now it has 10 members.
- Focus on regional economic cooperation, infrastructure development, trade promotion and energy cooperation.

2. Achievements

- Promotion of trans-regional connectivity through projects like;

The ECO Trade and Development Bank
Istanbul - Tehran - Islamabad railway.

- Agreements on;

Transport
Customs cooperation
Trade facilitation.

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- Increasing economic integration.

3. Pakistan's role in ECO

- Founding member and active participant in trade and infrastructure development.

- Hosted ECO Summit

- Supports initiatives for, energy pipelines

- , energy pipelines
- , railway connectivity
- , Trade corridors.

→ Objectives and achievements of SCO

1. Objectives

- Founded in 2001 by China, Russia and central Asian States;

Pakistan

India.

- Focuses on;

, regional security

, counter terrorism

, economic cooperation

, and people-to-people ties.

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- promotes multipolarity and regional stability.

2. Achievements

- Strengthened cooperation on counter-terrorism via Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS).
- Conduct joint military exercises and economic forums.
- Provides a platform for regional dialogue despite geopolitical tensions.

3. Pakistan's role in SCO

- Pakistan is the key member due to its strategic location and link to CPEC.
- Participant of SCO military and security dialogue.
- Seeks to enhance energy cooperation, counter-terrorism efforts and regional trade.

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Conclusion

The regional cooperation organization plays key role in the regional. Pakistan is also the member of these three organizations like SAARC, SCO and ECO. Similarly, all of these organization plays vital role in economic cooperation, infrastructure development, trade development and energy cooperation. Moreover, Pakistan also play significant role in energy pipelines, railway connectivity and Trade corridors.

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