

Climate Change in Pakistan: Causes and Consequences

1. Introduction

- a. Definition of climate change
- b. Pakistan's vulnerability Paradox
- c. Thesis statement: Climate change in Pakistan is driven by both global and domestic factors, with far-reaching consequences across economic, social and environmental domains.

2. Causes of climate change in Pakistan

- a. Global causes
 - i. Excessive emissions of greenhouse gas emissions from industrialized nations
 - ii. Shifting global climate patterns affecting South Asia.
 - iii. Climate injustice (carbon debt).
 - iv. International diplomacy & climate finance gaps.
- b. Domestic factors
 - i. Overbalance on fossil fuel
 - ii. Fossil fuel dependency and energy sector emissions.
 - iii. Unsustainable agricultural practices
 - iv. Deforestation (loss of carbon sinks)
 - iv. Rapid urbanization and industrial pollution.
- c. Loopholes in political and legislative measures.
 - i. Short-term policy priorities over long-term sustainability
 - ii. Fragmented governance and poor implementation of climate related laws.
- d. Religious and educational voids
 - i. Lack of climate education in schools and madrassas' curricula
 - ii. Neglect of green religious teachings.

3. Consequences of climate change in Pakistan (threat multiplier)

a. Environmental consequences

i. Rising temperature and heatwave (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood).

ii. Increased frequency of flood and droughts

iii. Water scarcity (water supply in Karachi is less than 50% of its daily demand).

b. Economic consequences

i. Damage to agriculture and food security

ii. Infrastructure destruction and rising recovery costs.

iii. Threat to GDP and long-term development.

c. Social and humanitarian consequences

i. Displacement and climate migration

ii. Health crises

o- Heatwave in Karachi (2015)

o- Lahore's smog crisis (2023)

o- Heat stroke and dehydration related deaths in Multan (2022)

o- Faisalabad faced skin infections (2022)

iii. Gendered impacts, especially women and children

iv. Instability in social fabric of Pakistan.

d. Educational disruption

i. Schools closure or became shelters for affected.

ii. Increased dropout rates and learning loss.

4. Pragmatic measures for climate resilience and sustainability in Pakistan.

i. Decentralized renewable energy initiatives

ii. Climate-smart Agriculture

good do have more solid discussion like this

- iii. Strengthen climate governance and enforcement.
- iv. Enhance international cooperation and climate finance access. (SAARC, OIC, etc)
- v. Integrate climate education into curricula.
- vi. Community-led adaptation programs
- vii. Reforestation as a carbon sink strategy.
 - Ten Billion Tree Tsunami (2019 - ongoing)
 - More global initiatives like bonn challenge by IUCN in 2011

5. Conclusion

- i. Restatement of thesis
- ii. Summary of key points
- iii. Broader implication

three characteristics are essential to follow in an outline; organization, relevancy and clarity