

Discuss the concept of community policing and explain potential benefits and challenges associated with its implementation in Pakistan? How can these challenges be effectively addressed?

INTRODUCTION:

"The Police are the public, and the public are the police, community policing is about partnership not about the power."

- Sir Robert Peel -

The concept of community policing was introduced by Sir Robert Peel. This is a strategy, by which law enforcement institutes

work collaboratively with community. Unlike AS compared to the traditional policing method, it is proactive, ensures accountability, transparency and public trust. It has been practiced in the world. Pakistan is also working on it, Liaison committee and KPK policing committee's are inculcating their strategies. However, Pakistan is facing certain challenges for instance, lack of public trust, low budgeting and unqualified staff.

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UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT "Community Policing"

It is a strategy which ensures

a collaborative and healthy relationship between public and police authorities.

According to Larry Siegel

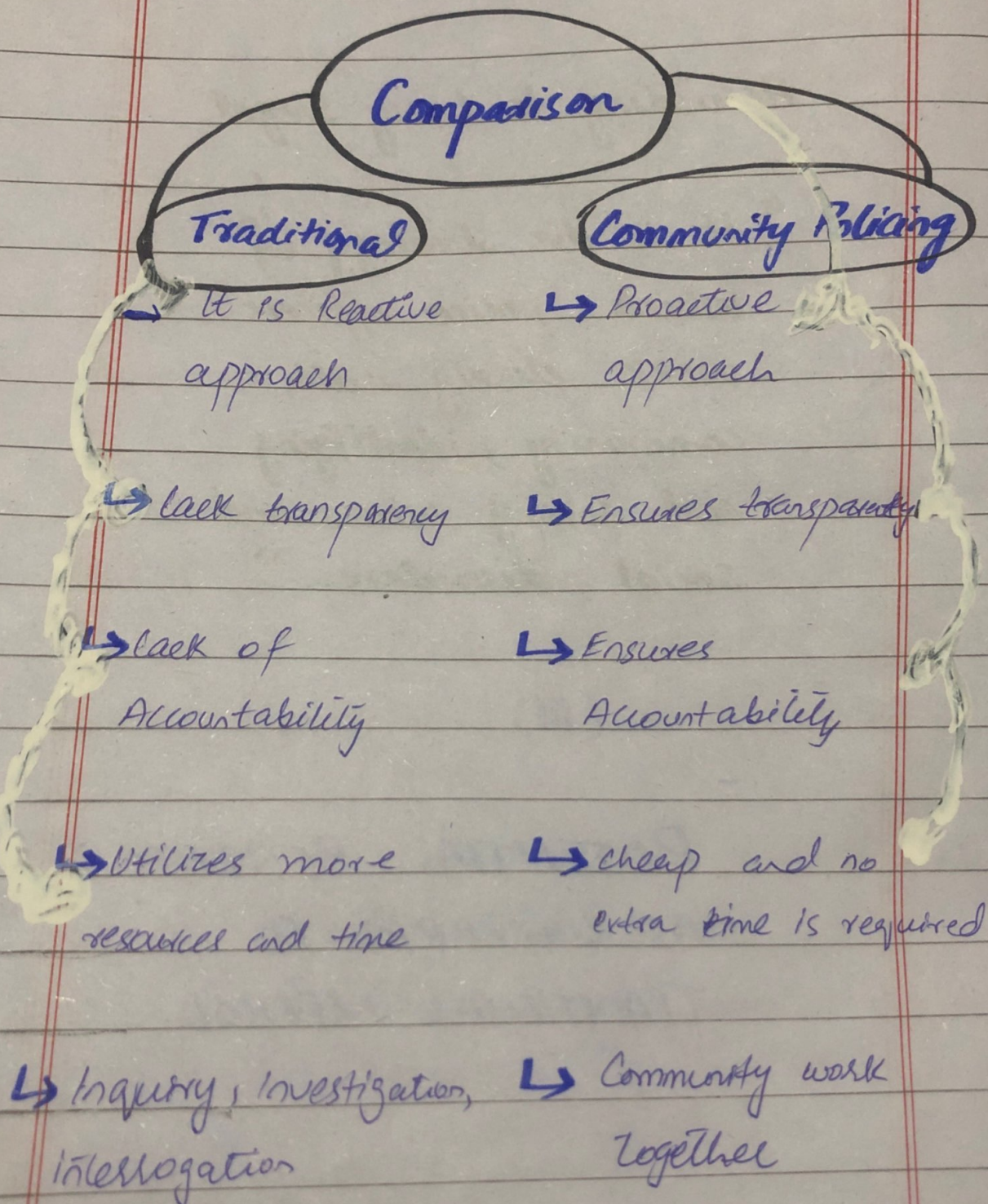
"It is the strategy ⁱⁿ which police officers work closely with community, identifying and solving crimes and social disorders."

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POTENTIAL BENEFITS AS COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL METHOD

It is a new strategy for the crime prevention and much

effective as compared to previous one.



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STATUS QUO OF PAKISTAN AND THE WORLD

It has been observed as an effective strategy in preventing crime. Some of the examples are given below.

o Tokyo Metropolitan Police:

The concept is applied at small city levels known as **Koban**

System. It is known as the world best police.

o Boston Police: The crime rates were increased in Boston, USA.

The Boston Police use this strategy, which results in decrease in crime rates.

Pakistan is also using their strategy under Police Act 2002. It has been working effectively in major cities. ^{some of its} examples are

↳ Liaison Police Committee

In Faisalabad, Lahore, Peshawar, and Islamabad

↳ KPK Police

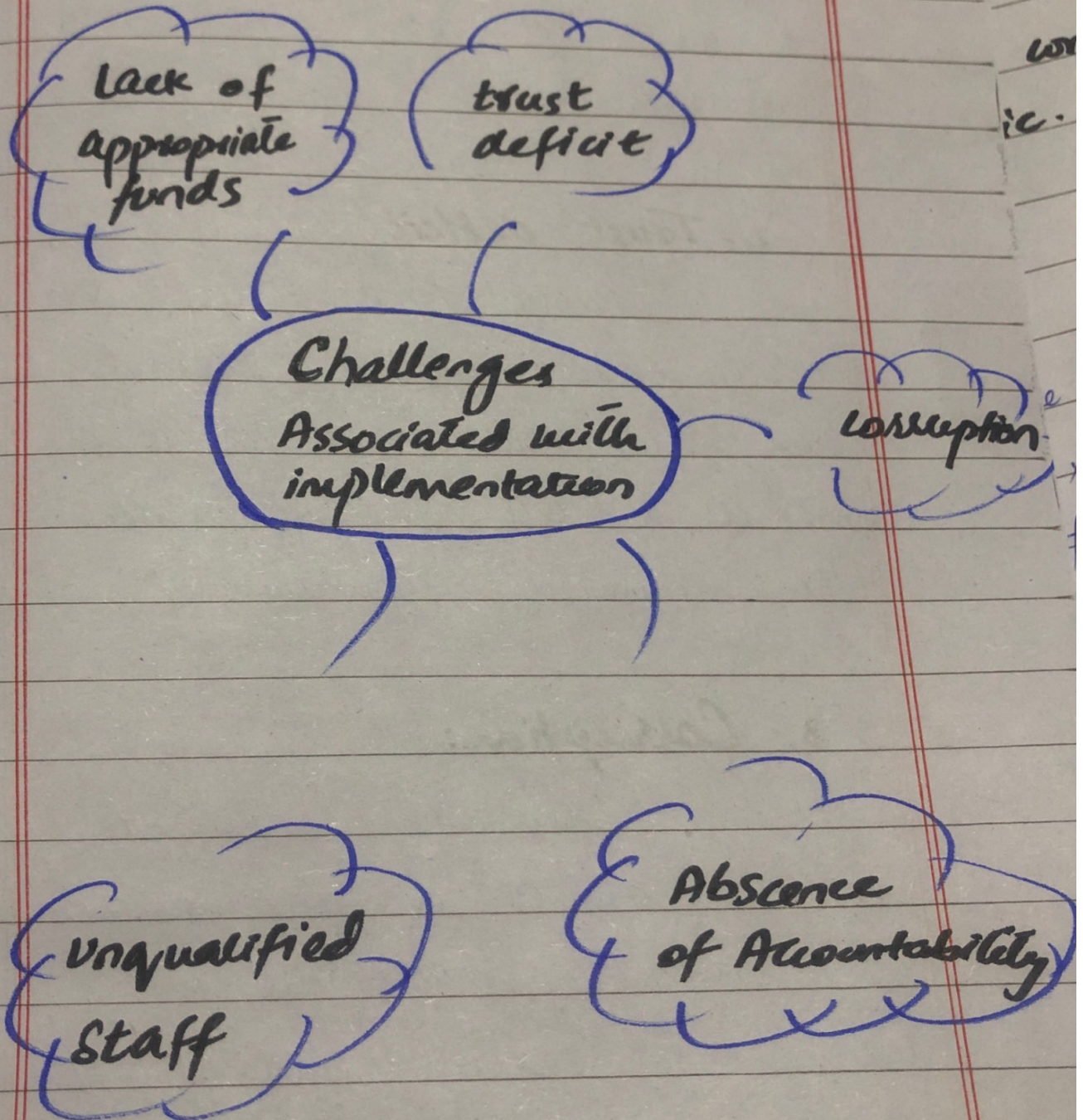
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CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION

Being an developing country,
having political and economical

crises, Pakistan faced number of challenges while implementing this strategy.



1. Lack of appropriate budgeting:

Police department of Pakistan receive very less percentage in the budget. Police officers receive less salaries and no incentives.

2. Trust deficit

Public lacks trust on police. Police officers do not treat the public in a righteous manner. So lack of trust hinders the community cooperation.

3. Corruption:

Due to lack of resources, absence of accountability and transparency, corruption is leading in police department of Pakistan. So if such strategy is proposed, officers keep their personal

Interest above.

4- Inadequate Education:

Lack of educated police officer is one of the major hurdle in implementation of such new strategy. They continue to follow the rule of thumb, instead of understanding the situation.

5- Absence of Accountability:

There is no proper check and balance on police officers. This results in mistreatment with public. So such treatment fosters hatred, feeling of mistrust towards police authority.

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WAYS TO COUNTER THESE CHALLENGES

Following are some ways to counter the challenge associated with PTs implementation in Pakistan.

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- Enroll more Police officers in IPA.
- Allocate suitable budget
- Foster Public Private Partnership
- Equip the police officers with advanced tools

- Training and workshops for police
- Awareness campaigns for public.

CONCLUSION:

For the complex and simple social issues, such collaborations are very effective - Pakistan is working on it but still there is need to work on its loopholes.