

# PAK AFFAIRS TEST

## QUESTION:-

The ascending potency of hybrid warfare being foisted on the state of Pakistan is adding to the security woes of the country. Elaborate with examples.

## INTRODUCTION:-

There are many security threats Pakistan which are damaging the security of Pakistan internally. Hybrid warfare is one of security threat to Pakistan which is increasing day by day and imposing serious threats to Pakistan in various dimensions. We will discuss with different examples to identify the threat of hybrid warfare on the state of Pakistan.

## DEFINITION OF HYBRID WARFARE:-

Hybrid warfare refers to the combination of conventional and non-conventional conflicts. Conventional conflicts are traditional in nature as they are caused by direct military incursions. Non-conventional conflicts are carried out through technology that

mostly include cyber-attacks, fake propaganda and disinformation campaigns.

## EXAMPLES:-

There are following examples of hybrid warfare:

### (i) Cyber-attacks:-

The ascending potency of cyber-attacks being foisted on the state institutions of Pakistan are also adding security threats. As calamitous as any other tool of hybrid warfare could be, cyber-attacks and data breaches. A baleful series of cyber-attacks on Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) in 2021 deranged the financial security system of Pakistan.

### (ii) Rise of Extremist:-

Another example is the rise of extremism in Pakistan. For example Taliban, Al Qaeda which have been able gain a foothold in the country due to the lack of effective governance.



### (iii) Sectarianism:-

Sectarianism is also an example to security issues in Pakistan. Pakistan is a country that has a long history of sectarian tensions between its majority Sunni and Shia population.

### (iv) Street crimes:-

Street crimes also affect the security of Pakistan on major level. For example, Karachi is a city that has very much street crimes and so that life of people is also not safe. Rising street crimes is also adding security threats to Pakistan.

### (iv) Environmental Threats:-

Due to changing environment (climate change), natural disasters are occurring in Pakistan on large scale like flood of 2022. So this is also a big hybrid threat to security of Pakistan.