

Pakistan Affairs Test-1

Time Allowed: 40 Minutes

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Q. 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. (20 Marks)

Introduction The phenomenon of hybrid warfare, characterized by blending conventional & non conventional tactics, has gained prominence. The growing effectiveness of hybrid warfare tactic being applied to Pakistan, results in heightened security threats.

Understanding Hybrid Warfare Hybrid warfare is a combination of military, political, economic & informational strategies. It leverages a range of tactics which aims to exploit vulnerabilities.

Examples

- 1- Cyber Espionage: Notable cases include attacks on Pakistan's banking sector & the compromise of sensitive government data.
- 2- Proxy Warfare: The use of proxies in form of militant groups along the Pak-Afghan Border has created instability.
- 3- Information Warfare: Disinformation campaigns, launched against

Pakistan, spreading false narratives to manipulate public opinion & erode trust in government institutions.

4- Economic pressure: Economic coercion has been employed to undermine Pakistan's stability. Trade restrictions, sanctions, & withholding of financial aid can create economic hardships.

Security woes

- 1- Sovereignty erosion: This warfare blurs the line between state & non-state actors.
- 2- Fragmented response: The multifaceted nature of hybrid warfare demands a coordinated response across various sectors.
- 3- Psychological Impact: Disinformation campaigns sow discord, confusion, mistrust & division among society.
- 4- Strategic Vulnerabilities: Hybrid tactics exploit vulnerabilities in governance, critical infrastructure & technological systems.

Conclusion The ascending potency of hybrid warfare being foisted on Pakistan indeed adds to the security woes of the nation. The multifaceted nature of hybrid tactics challenges traditional security norms & necessitates innovative, coordinated responses.