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Topic :- Youth bulge in Pakistan: an asset or a liability

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a) Youth Population source of cheap labour

b) Youth Population source of economic growth

c) Youth Population is energetic

d) Youth Population can will take risks

e) Youth Population can try new things

4) The Potential Challenges posed by a youth as a liability.

a) If young people are not given the opportunities they become frustrated and restless

- b) Youth can lead social unrest
- c) Youth can lead to political instability
- d) Youth can be victims of crime and violence

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Essay

Pakistan is a country with a young youth, 60% of its people are under the age of 30. This is a youth bulge. The youth can be assets and liability. It depends on how to manage. As an assets, a youth bulge can provide a country with a large population of young, energetic and innovative workers. This can boost economic growth and social progress. On the other side, a youth bulge can also be a liability if youth are not in right direction or not given opportunity to develop skills and find productive employment. The youth can lead social unrest, political instability and violence. In Pakistan youth bulge is a major challenge.

The youth bulge in Pakistan, a demographic reality, defines its present and future, teeters on a delicate balance between potential prosperity and potential

peril. The nation's burgeoning youth population presents an undecable asset, a reservoir of energy, creativity and productivity. With the right investments in education, employment and empowerment, this demographic dividend could propel Pakistan into a realm of economic growth, innovation and positive social change. On the other hand, the youth bulge without adequate attention and support, looms as a liability, carrying the risk of unemployment, social unrest and political instability.

The fate of Pakistani youth bulge hinges not on its size alone, but on the strategic choices made today.

Pakistan has a youth bulge with a substantial proportion of its population under age of 30. The demographic advantage inherently provides a large pool of young and potential workers (World Bank, 2019). Young individuals entering the market of Pakistan for job often have lower wage expectations than their more experienced counterparts. Pakistan's youth with limited opportunities have secure employment to support themselves. This eagerness to work, even at lower wage rates, positions them as a

as cost-effective labor force (Pakistan Bureau Statistics, -2021) Pakistan's youth population also exhibits entrepreneurial spirit with many aspiring to establish their business.

Pakistan's youthful population represents a substantial consumer market. Their spending patterns can stimulate various sectors of the economy, including retail goods and services, thereby driving economic expansion. Investment in skills and development among youth can lead to more skilled and capable force. NAVTC is an apex body for promotion and technical vocational education continue the efforts of human resource development and it's generated large number of employment opportunities for youth (Ministry of Federal education, 2022). Many young Pakistani possess the entrepreneurship to establish their business to stimulate economic activity and enhance innovation.

The Global Entrepreneurship monitor reported that Pakistanis has been seen to increase the business activities. Their willingness to take risks and innovate is

evident in the emergence of startups and tech ventures in the country. Pakistan youth also involve in the civil society movements and activism. Their energy and passion have driven various social and political initiatives, advocating for change and reform. As well as Pakistan also important energetic role in sports. Pakistan have rich history. The enthusiasm and energy of its youth are reflected in their active in sports local, national, and international level.

Pakistan youth have ventured into technology and innovation, experimenting with new tech solution. The development of low-cost prosthetic limbs using 3D printing technology by Pakistan students reflect their willingness to explore new avenues. (The express tribune, 2020).

Pakistan youth have been actively involved to take risks. The youth involved in startups for taking risks to establish their business. Startups like Careem, foodpanda application based ride-hailing service these ventures showcase the risk-taking spirit and willingness to explore new business ideas (Global entrepreneurship monitor, 2022)

While Pakistan's youth population holds immense potential, it can become liability when opportunities are limited. Social unrest, political instability, involvement in violence are the leading challenges that can be arise

When a large segment of youth population faces unemployment or underemployment, it can lead to social unrest. The frustration and disillusionment of unemployed youth can result in protests and demonstration, disrupting societal harmony. Pakistan has witnessed youth-led movements like 9 May incidents which are for political frustration and against for authoritarianism (The express tribune, 2023).

Disaffected youth can become a driving force behind political instability. They may join opposition movements, engage in civil disobedience, or support radical political ideologies. The rise of youth-centric political parties or movements can exacerbate political polarization. Pakistan has experienced political turmoil linked to youth dissatisfaction and calls for changes.

Youth bulge can push some youth peoples towards criminal activities. They may join gangs, engage in drug trafficking etc. Karachi is the largest city of Pakistan has faced challenges related to youth involvement in criminal activities. Karachi is the 96th rank position of crime index. (Dawn News, 2023)

Unemployment and lack of opportunity can make youth bulge as a liability or lead radicalization and extreme ideologies. Pakistan has grappled with issue of radicalization youth joining extremist and militant groups, posing a significant security challenges.

When young peoples and skilled youth are unable to find suitable opportunities in Pakistan, they may seek opportunities abroad. This brain drain can result of loss of talent and potential innovation within Country (Dawn newspaper, 2022)

In conclusion, Pakistan's youth is a assets and a liability both. The outcome depends on how this youthful population

is managed and empowered. As an asset, Pakistan's largest youth can serve as demographic dividend, contributing in economic growth and productivity. Moreover, Pakistanis can be agents of social change, advocating for reforms. However, ^{as} liability, youth can lead to frustration and societal harmony if opportunities not given. Whether Pakistan's youth bulge become an asset or a liability relies on comprehensive policies that focus on education, skill development.