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Answer 1

- (i) Female harassment at workplaces exposes deeper social fault-lines.

Expository

The topic by its nature is restricted (so it cannot be abstract). Both concepts are not debatable, there are no two sides. A clear cause and effect relation exists.

- (ii) Is Pakistan facing the challenge of hybrid warfare efficiently?

Argumentative

The topic has two sides in which one has to be chosen.

- (iii) Choose your friends wisely but choose your enemies even more carefully.

Abstractness

The topic is open ended and can be approached from multiple angles.

- (iv) Mankind faces the challenge of using Artificial Intelligence responsibly.

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Expository

The topic requires us to discuss the challenge of responsible use of AI. There is a primary, secondary focus. ~~cross-section~~ relation

- (v) Online education has given more opportunities than challenges

Argumentative

A side must be taken. Either more opportunities or more challenges.

- (vi) Over-dependence on nuclear balance of power is misleading

Expository

A primary and secondary focus exists, ~~over-dependence~~ i.e. over-dependence and misleading. It might seem argumentative but 'over-dependence' points to expository.

- (vii) A friend walks in when everyone else walks out

Abstract

An open-ended topic that can ^{worked on} ~~approached~~ from different angles.

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(viii) Is loyalty to the nation and loyalty to the state the same?

Argumentative

A side has to be taken. Either they are same or not

(ix) Commercialization of education in Pakistan as challenge to intellectual development

Expository

Primary and secondary focus exist. A cause-effect exist. The topic is clear that commercialization has happened and requires us to discuss how it is a challenge to intellectual development

(X) Turning a blind eye to military adventurism as a threat to the environment

Expository.

Primary and secondary focus exist. A cause-effect exists. There are no sides and it is close ended. The topic examiner wants you to discuss this phenomena

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Question 2 Section 1

Topic: Agricultural decline in Pakistan and how to counter it

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement

2. Crunch Paragraph

3. Causes of Agricultural Decline in Pakistan

(a) The government has dedicated more resources to ^{the} industrial sector

(b) Agricultural research institutes are not producing quality specialists

(c) No solution has been devised for the fertilizer shortage

(d) Pessimistic attitude towards investment in Genetically Modified (GM) Foods

(e) Waterlogging and salinity due to inefficient irrigation practices

(f) Agricultural land with best soils are being converted into housing societies

4. Effects of Agricultural Decline in Pakistan

(a) Growth in yearly wheat output is stagnating

(b) Cotton output has declined causing problems for the textile industries

(c) Increasing food insecurity especially among people in poverty

(d) Rise in imports of agricultural products

(e) Inflation in food markets ~~causing~~

(f) Vital agro-based industries, like textiles, are moving

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out of the country

5. Reforms and Measures to reverse the Agriculture Decline in Pakistan

- (a) Improving the quality of Agricultural research institutes
- (b) Investing in GM varieties
- (c) ~~to~~ Adopting efficient irrigation practices like drip irrigation
- (d) Vertical growth of cities, so that good agricultural land is not encroached.
- (e) Long term solution for the fertilizer shortage

6. Conclusion

Section 2

Topic: Has employment increased or decreased in the cyber age?

1. Introduction

2. Crunch Paragraph

3. Employment has increased in the Cyber Age (Thesis)

- (a) Availability of online courses allows new skills to be learned by people hence increasing employment
- (b) Online jobs has increased employment because people ~~to~~ can look for jobs around the world
- (c) Increased information flow has allowed people to have a better understanding of the job market

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- (d) Entirely new jobs have been created due to cyber technologies
- (e) Cyber age has ~~caused~~ ^{caused} the widespread growth of tech start-ups

4. Employment has decreased in the Cyber Age (Antithesis)

- (a) Online courses are not ^{as} good as on-site learning, so skills are not well learned
- (b) Companies largely employ labour that are present on site
- (c) Information was already high due television, ~~and~~ newspapers and other sources
- (d) While new jobs were created, ~~and~~ many types of jobs were made obsolete causing unemployment
- (e) Tech start-up growth has not been uniform across the globe

5. Despite pessimism, employment has increased in the Cyber Age (Synthesis)

- (a) Due to advancements in cyber technologies, online learning is at par with on-site today
- (b) Companies have greatly increased the share of hybrid and online labour
- (c) Information took a big leap in the cyber age with information being read in seconds after it is published or advertised
- (d) Cyber technologies allows the obsolete labour to re-train themselves quickly
- (e) Tech start-ups were slow in regions where cyber technologies were viewed with suspicion

6. Conclusion