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## Introduction:

As per famous military sage Karl von Clausewitz, 'war is the extension of policy by other means'. In order to fulfil a policy objectives, kinetic means of warfare have always been supplemented by diplomatic pressure and economic coercion; intelligence gathering and propaganda; espionage and proxy wars. Hybrid warfare can therefore be defined as coordinated and often simultaneous deployment of multiple instruments of power and influence aimed at exploiting the adversary at every level from leaders to citizens. Pakistan is confronted by a wide array of multi-dimensional threats. Hostile forces are in a full play to isolate it intentionally. The strands of hybrid threats are built upon 'credible' psy ops themes through an offensive propaganda spread by traditional means such as print and electronic media and non-traditional means such as social media campaigns; threat of cyber attacks, looming risk of economic coercion to the risk of political isolation on the global stage.

## Overview of Hybrid Warfare in Pakistan:

The causes of hybrid warfare in Pakistan are complex and multi-faceted, and can be traced back to a number of different factors. Some of the key causes of hybrid warfare in Pakistan include; Political instability, Geographical factors, Religious extremism and economic factors.

Political instability in Pakistan has contributed to the rise of hybrid warfare in the country. Pakistan

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has a long history of political instability which has created conditions that are conducive to the development of insurgency and other forms of hybrid warfare.

Geopolitical location of Pakistan is another factor because of the hostile neighboring countries especially the conflict in Afghanistan and India's role in the region.

Religious extremism has been an another significant factor in the rise of hybrid warfare in Pakistan with various militant groups using religion as a means of achieving their objectives.

Poverty, unemployment and economic inequality have contributed to the rise of hybrid ~~war~~ warfare in Pakistan. Many youngsters who are unemployed and in Pakistan that makes up an enormous amount of population as the average median age is around 23. When this youth is unable to find employment and living in poverty are more likely to join militant groups, which can lead to the development of hybrid warfare.

### Examples of the Hybrid Warfare in Pakistan:

The most convenient choice for the predator states is the knowledge corridors of the country such as universities and think tanks. It is evident that the ongoing Indian malicious propaganda drive against Pakistan aiming to demean its state institutions is not much from the subversive activities supported indirectly by India through non-state actors which can be very damaging for the peace and stability of Pakistan.

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**Conclusion:**

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

1- Introduction

2- Analysing the concept of hybrid warfare

a- Discuss different tools and forms

b- stress on cyber attacks

3- Security woes of Pakistan amid increasing potency of hybrid warfare

a- Increasing cyber attack- breaching the digital security

b- Data theft from FBR and other related institutions

c-Stealing confidential information from Monetary institutions- NBP

d-India's clandestine cross border activities in Pakistan- discuss with case study

e-Misleading reports and allegations of associating Kashmir efforts with extremism

f- Externally provoked identity conflicts in Balochistan and KPK

g- US-India strategic partnership- diplomatic isolation of Pakistan and placement on Grey list

h- Controversy of Israeli-made Pegasus spyware program

4- How Pakistan is tackling and dealing with this new wave of hybrid warfare

Discuss with special reference to Pakistan

China collaboration

5- Way forward:

3-4 points

6- Conclusion