

Question No # 03

1) Introduction :-

The revival of militancy in Pakistan has multiplical ~~re~~ political, economical, and social reasons. Moreover, it has severe implications on the socio-fabric culture of the country. For instance, it ~~will~~ ^{has} created a new ~~create~~ wave of terrorism, affected FDI ~~and~~ in the country. However, if Pakistan ~~has~~ successfully implemented discussed measures then intensity of terrorism can be reduced.

2) ^{Current} Understanding the revival of militancy in Pakistan: An overview

According to the Centre of Peace and Research ~~cent~~ report 2023, Pakistan is facing surge in terrorist related activities especially in Baluchistan and KPK. This report shows the current situation of the country.

3) Reasons for the revival of militancy in Pakistan

3.1) Political reasons

i) Emergence of Taliban 2.0 and TTP-Taliban ideological nexus

Michael Kugelman, a Wilson South Asian

based writer, said that emergence of Taliban 2.0 will increase instability in the region.

owing to the ideological affiliation with Taliban TTP and other terrorist organization.

ii) Increase in cross-border attacks

According to the recent home department

report 2023, the surge in terrorist activities

have been observed especially in Afghanistan bordering areas.

iii) Lack of implementation of National Action Plan (NAP)

Poor implementation of National Action

Plan has escalated terrorist activities in the country.

Ishaqat Hussain in his book *Governing the ungovernable Religious Edifice* has emphasized ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ the proper implementation of NAP

3.2) Economical Reasons

i) Increasing inflation in the country

Inflation is another major reasons behind the surge in criminal activities in the country. ~~People~~
It has pushed millions of people into poverty.

ii) Poor Economic governance and unemployment

People trust on government has seriously eroded and terrorist are utilizing it efficiently, according to Amit Ranar, a political scientist,

iii) Increasing political polarization in the country

Political polarization has increased intolerance in the society which is another major cause of terrorism in the country. (Maleeha Lodhi)

3.3 Social reasons

i) Inadequate educational awareness among youth

Poor educational awareness among youth has escalated youth involvement in terrorist activities -
unaddressed

ii) Baluchistan grievances: ~~and~~ missing persons

unaddressed

Baluchistan grievances have escalated militancy in the Provinces. According to Human Rights Commission of Pakistan 2022, nearly 2000 people got missing in Baluchistan in 2022

iii) usage of social-media as a tool to exploit emotions :-

Multiple terrorist outfits are utilizing social-media to misguide youth about Islam. Their main motive is to play with youth emotions and convert^{ed} them into extremist. (NACTA report 2018)

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4) Implications of the revival of Terrorism in the country :-

4.1) Emergence of new-wave of terrorism in the country

According to the Centre for Peace and Research Report 2023, more than 200 security personals were ~~are~~ killed during Feb 2022 to Feb 2023.

4.2) Shrinking FDI in the country

Pakistan annual average of FDI remain the last decade remain low as compared to India, and Bangladesh. The main reason behind poor FDI is political instability and security concern. (Akbar zaidi: Issues in Pakistan's economy)

4.3) Slow-down or halt projects under CPEC

Recently, Pakistan is facing surge in terrorist attacks on Chinese national which have slow-downed the progress on CPEC. Attacks on Chinese engineers on Dasu Dam and Karachi Confucius institute are the few recent examples.

4.4) Create rift between Taliban' and Pakistan's government

Pakistan is demanding Afghanistan government to improve security situation in the country and take effective actions against terrorist organizations in Afghanistan. Recently, COAS Asim Munir said that cross-border attacks must be stopped.

4.5) Increase brain-drain of talented youth from the country

According to the Pakistan Bureau of Emigration, ~~report 2022~~, more 0.9 million people have left the country owing to unemployment and security concerns.

5) Policy options for Islamabad

5.1) Develop broader consensus on counterterrorism policies

Bilawal Bhutto, Pakistan's foreign minister, has clearly stated that Pakistan needs a broader consensus on counter-terrorism policies.

5.2) Implement National Action Plan in true spirit

National Action Plan (NAP) should be implemented effectively because it will reduce the intensity of terror in the country.

5.3) Regulate Madrasah network in the country

For: If Turkey, Indonesia and other Muslims countries can regulate madrasah then why Pakistan cannot? It should regulate its madrasah (Zahid Hussain)

5.4) Strengthen law enforcement agencies ~~their~~ capacity

Pakistan should enhance its law-enforcement agencies capacity. Moreover, it has to develop a coordination among the different agencies to counter terrorism in the country. (Babakhael DTU, KPK)

5.5) ~~How~~ Update criminal justice system

Pakistan criminal system is outdated, still it is utilizing British criminal justice system. Therefore, it should update its criminal justice system to improve accountability in the country.

6) conclusion: .

To sum up, Pakistan ^{has been} facing terrorism since last two decade. However, recent surge in terrorist activities have multiple serious implications for the country. Therefore, it should take a rational decisions to counter growing terrorism in the country.

Question No# 04

1) Introduction

The world has been facing global financial super cycle since last few years owing to covid-19 and Russia-Ukraine crises.

It has multiple impacts on developing countries like Pakistan such as increase in twin deficit and inflation in the country.

Therefore, Pakistan need a comprehensive plan to tackle these issues.

2) Understanding the key scenario of global financial super cycle: An overview

Global financial ^{cycle} ~~crises~~ ~~has~~ ~~has~~ escalated owing Russia-Ukraine war.

Oil and food prices sky-rocketed and Europe biggest economies faced energy crises. As a result, global economy growth ~~has~~ slow down from 4pc in 2021 to 2pc in 2022, according to the world Bank.

3 ~~Implicit~~ Reasons for the global financial crises super cycle

3.1) Russia- Ukraine war

Russia- Ukraine war has escalated global economic crises which is already emerging owing to the after shocks of covid-19.

The Economist Intelligence Report 2022.

3.2) Saudi's vision of 2030: utilize oil revenue to fund its visionary projects

Besides this, Saudi's have escalated oil prices owing to generate more revenue for its vision 2030 projects.

According to the Fareed Zakaria, Saudi's are utilizing its oil revenue and that was the prime reason why Crown Prince Muhammad Bin (MBS) had refused Biden request to increase production during Mid term election in 2022.

3.3 Supply side constraints: Covid-19 after shock

After Covid-19, the economies have started recovering, yet supply side constraints are still rampant.

3.4) Increasing global interest rate especially in developed nations.

According to W.B report 2023, countries across the globe are increasing interest rate to curb the growing inflation in their respective country.

3.5) Climate change: A key driver of natural disasters

Climate change has escalated food crises across the world. According to the FAO report 2022, more than 600 million people are facing acute hunger crises in the world.

4) Implications on Pakistan:-

4.1) Increase twin deficit: current and fiscal account deficit

Pakistan need 25 billion dollar to finance its loan in FY 23-24. Moreover, In FY 22-23, Pakistan ~~had~~ energy imports bill soared to 18 billion dollar owing to higher oil prices, according to Economic survey of Pakistan 21-22 FY.

4.2) Growing debt to GDP ratio

Pakistan debt to GDP ratio has increased from 30% to 75% in the last decade. So, Pakistan is facing high debt to GDP ratio, according to PIDE report 2022.

4.3) Bugeoning inflation

has been Pakistan is facing double digit inflation since last decade. According to the Asian development financial performance report 2022.

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4.4) Poor growth in manufacturing industries: import restrictions

According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, large manufacturing industries performance was lowest during last nine months owing to import restrictions.

4.5) Increased political polarization in the country.

Owing to economical crisis, political polarization in the country has increased. It will enhance intolerance in the country.

5) Policy options for Islamabad

5.1) Role of Pakistan as a mediator in Russia-Ukraine war

Pakistan should play a mediator role in Russia-Ukraine war. It has good relations with both countries. Pakistan should learn from the Turkey.

5.2) Introduced fiscal and structural reforms to overcome economic crisis

Ishrat Hussain in his book "Governing the Un Governable" emphasized that without implementing structural reforms, Pakistan can never get out from debt cycle.

5.3) Shift towards renewable energy to decrease import oil dependency

Pakistan should implement its "2019 renewable energy policy" in which it showed commitment that Pakistan should produce 30pc of its electricity from renewable sources.

5.4) Introduce innovative technology in agricultural sector to reduce food import bill.

Pakistan should introduce innovative technology in agricultural sector to reduce food import bill. Pakistan's food import bill rose to 9 billion dollar in FY22 according to the ~~FDI~~ PBS.

5.5) Increase climate diplomacy and add climate change in national curriculum:-

Pakistan should also strengthen its climate diplomacy and increase climate awareness among youth. It will help Pakistan in fight against climate.

6) Conclusions:-

To conclude, global ~~to~~ super cycle has been escalating since last few years owing to covid-19 and Russia-Ukraine war. It has multiple impacts on Pakistan and it should ^{have to} take bold measures to reduce the negative impacts of global super cycle on its economy.

Question No# 6

1) Introduction

Pakistan is facing dual challenge which are water scarcity and floods. Both these challenges have several seasons and ~~they~~ both posed serious challenges for the country.

However, if Pakistan implemented certain bold measures then this dual challenge can be addressed.

2) Conditions of floods and water scarcity in the country: An overview

Pakistan inherited irrigation system from British. English man created a large and complex irrigation system on the Indus river ~~which is~~ that system blocked the natural flow of Indus and diverted its flow through canals. Nowaday, this system is the major reason behind water scarcity and floods in the country. (Sindh irrigation minister Jam Khan Shoro)

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3) Factors responsible for Floods.

3.1) Climate change: A major driver behind natural disasters

According to the IPCC report 2022, Pakistan has more than 71000 glaciers, from that 31000 ~~have~~ glaciers have ~~made~~ been converted into glacial lakes owing to climate change

3.2) Complex or manmade disaster irrigation system in Pakistan.

Pakistan inherited irrigation system from British. Nowadays, this irrigation system has affected the natural flow of Indus Basin and responsible for floods in the country.

3.3) Inadequate storage facilities especially in lower region of the country.

Pakistan hold 30 days storage capacity, on the other hand, India and Bangladesh hold 90 and 100 days storage capacity, according to the world Bank.

4) Factors responsible for water scarcity

4.1) Climate change : intensify the glacial melting

Similarly, water scarcity is driven by the climate change. Pakistan is the home of world's biggest glaciers but these glaciers are melting at high speed owing to climate change.

4.2) Extensive use of water in agriculture

Pakistan utilize its water resources poorly, according to ADB report on Agriculture.

4.3) Lack of consensus among provinces for rational water utilization

Sindh and Punjab frequently fight over water issue. Both provinces claimed water stealing. So, lack of consensus among provinces is another major issue for water scarcity.

5) Policy options for Islamabad

5.1) Introduced a comprehensive climate resilience policy

Pakistan need a comprehensive resilience policy to counter the emerging threat of climate change. It should take climate as a serious matter. (Rafiq Zakria)

5.2) Established a super charged separate board like National climate coordination to boost inter-provincial coordination and strengthen oversight over climate policy implementation

Pakistan should establish a separate high power committee on climate to look after the climate policies implementation and enhance inter-provincial coordination among provinces. According to the WFP report on "sustainable future and climate change".

5.3) Strengthen national disaster departments capacity

Pakistan should strengthen its national, provincial and especially district disaster management capacity. So, it can effectively deal the climate driven national disasters.

5.4) Introduce innovative technology in Agriculture

Technology in Agriculture is a need of hour and Pakistan should develop water-resistant technology to preserve water.

5.5) Strengthen financing in irrigation sector.

According to the Tshrat Huslain, fees of water development authority charge for water delivery is insufficient.

It should be increase and finance irrigation sector is a need of hour.

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5.6) Diversified ~~exp~~ cash crop to
dependently on
decrease highly water dependent
crops

Besides this, Pakistan highly dependent
on water cash crop like rice and cotton
for exports. It should diversify its
~~for~~ agricultural exports and main focus
should be on water resistant crops.

6) conclusions:-

To sum up, Pakistan is facing dual
challenges owing to several reasons.

It has severe impacts on the country's
socio-economic development. Therefore,
Pakistan should take bold measures
to address these dual challenges.