

CURRENT AFFAIRS MOCK EXAM.

SUBJECTIVE PART

QNO2:

INCREASING RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN KINGDOM OF SAUDIA AND IRAN:

INTRODUCTION:

On 10 March, 2023, China's mediating role and Pakistan's back door diplomatic skills bore fruit in form of rapprochement between Tehran and KSA. Long history of conflicts ended and a close diplomatic doors are reopened by both states. The situation of conflicts and rifts was old between Iran and Saudi Arabia due to ideological differences. However, the foreign policy transition of Iran and Saudi Arabia has many positive implications. For middle eastern regions, for south asia, specifically Pakistan and all over the globe. Because both the countries are oil and gas rich nations. And have massive share in global GDP.

• KSA and Tehran rapprochement:

A positive regional indicator
As both the countries are Middle Eastern countries, both are oil and gas rich market suppliers. Their mutual cooperation are positive indicators in Middle Eastern regions. Because it will pave way in infrastructural developments

Economic ties, educational exchanges and cultural exchanges.

- KSA Tehran rapprochement seems as Foreign policy transition in both nations;

The transition from "hard power" to "soft power" is a clear indicator in foreign policy of both countries towards each other. Use of "carrot diplomacy" instead of "stick diplomacy" is a good move in terms of diplomatic ties.

- Iran Saudi Arabia: Are changing Middle Eastern order:

Rapprochement will welcome economic, political, military and social ties between both countries. Which will help middle Eastern regions to regain the global peaceful regions of the world.

Shifting trend from Pro America to Pro china is also visible. It has increased Biden's administration worries as well.

• SOCIOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF RAPPROCHMENTON KSA and TEHRAN:

- 1): End long standing Rivalry
- 2): Strengthens Diplomatic move
- 3): Welcome Symbol for Soft power utilization.
- 4): Strengthen and boost Economic ties and project initiations
- 5): Decline The threat of Proxies
- 6): Promote peace in Middle East

- 7): Change the Psychological mindset of hatred between Shia and Sunni Sects.
- 8): Transition in middle eastern Foreign policy towards each other



• SOCIOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR PAKISTAN IN TERMS OF KSA AND TEHRAN RAPPROACHMENT:
IRAN-PAK:

- 1): IRAN: PAKISTAN SHARE BOUNDARY WITH IRAN: PEACE IN IRAN MEANS PEACE IN PAKISTAN:

Iran is immediate neighbour of Pakistan. With this rapprochement Iran would be stable enough and open for trade.

- 2): Speed up of work in TAPI pipeline

Due to multiple internal issues of Iran, the project of gas pipeline was largely ignoring the major energy project. With the recent rapprochement it will restrengthen the project.

3): Aid Pakistan in security it's western border:



As Pakistan share boundary with Iran, peace in Iran help its government to resolve issues like: Human trafficking and oil smuggling on both borders.

4): Decline the wave of Sectarian Hatred in Pakistan:

If people of Iran and Saudi Arabia can accept sectarian and Ideological difference of Shia and Sunni. Then why not people of Pakistan.

SAUDIA PAK: IMPLICATIONS OF RAPPROACHMENT:-

1): Saudi help Pakistan via Aid of 2 billion after IMF's bailout package approval.

Pakistan and china has friendly relations and china has played mediating role in rapprochement. This all indirectly benefit Pakistan and help restrengthening Saudi economic loan grants.

• Saudi Arabia: Massive Pakistani Diaspora working in KSA:

In last few years, the bonding of KSA Islamabad relations were not very friendly but recent rapprochement will help people of Pakistan, labour class to enjoy earning in KSA.

• Hub for Remittance generation for Pakistan:

KSA stabilization is crucial for working labour of Pakistan. With the rapprochement Saudi's stability is ensured which increase stability of labour class of Pakistan. which are huge source of economical sector for revenue generation for Pakistan.

• MEASURES FOR ISLAMABAD IN TERMS OF RAPPROCHMENT:

- 1: Pakistan can play a crucial role in furtherance of mediation between Iran and Saudi Arabia.
- 2: Pakistan can utilize its diplomatic skills to reunite muslim ummah and OIC
- 3: Pakistan can gain maximum advantage from infrastructural and economic developments of both countries.
- 4: Gain support from both oil and gas rich nations and initiate economic ties.
- 5: Pakistan need to maximize national interest calculus while formulating foreign policy with KSA and Tehran.

Q3: CRITICAL EVALUATION OF REVIVAL OF MILITANCY IN PAKISTAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

INTRODUCTION:

Pakistan since inception has been going through militancy threats because of Eastern neighbour India. However, Pakistan military always play a significant role in combating threats and countering terrorism. But unfortunately, in last few years Pakistan is facing the revival of terrorist organizations which are using safe neighbour heavens to attack Pakistan. Although, threats are increasing but with certain pragmatic steps of governance and military operations can aid in regaining lost peace.

REASONS OF REVIVAL OF MILITANCY:

1): Political turmoil of Pakistan welcomes external enemies to fill the vacuum:

In last 1-5 years, Pakistan's political instability give the enemies of Pakistan to fill the vacuum. By further escalating rifts and chaos among provinces.

2): Civil Military Divide: A hybrid warfare attack on Pakistan boost Militancy

According to a report, India has used 720 anti Pakistan websites to spread disinformation against Pakistan globally. Recently, different twitter trends try to divide civilian and Military of Pakistan, which also add fuel to fire with terrorist attacks on military institutions.

3: Fall of Kabul: Rise of Taliban and Revival of TTP:-

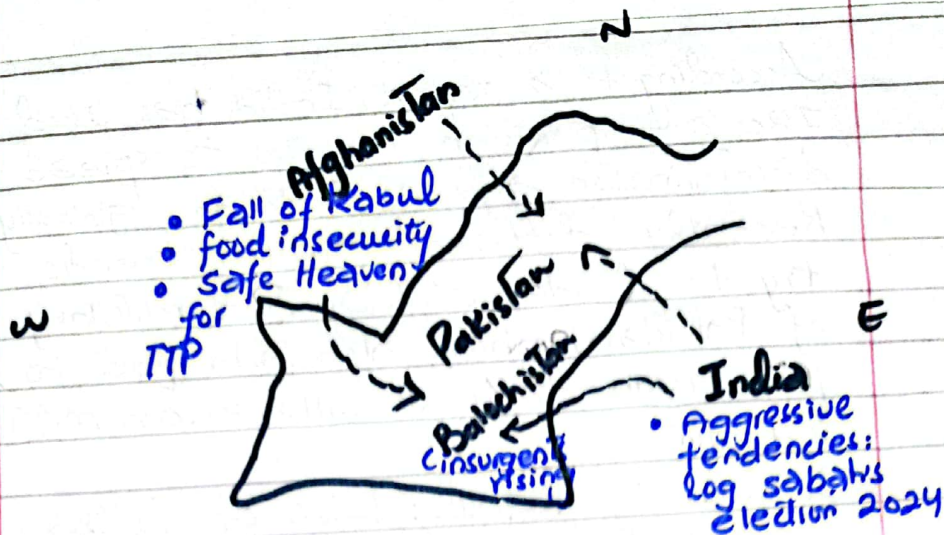
As 2021 onward, Taliban take over the Kabul and Revival of Tehreek Taliban Pakistan is witnessed. TTP is using Afghan soil as a launching pad against Pakistan, which is escalating terrorist activities in Pakistan.

4: Balochistan Insurgency: Is boosting Militancy:

The Baloch insurgents are also rising again. Their unaddressed grievances are resurfacing again, which is helping militants to strengthen their attacking threats and activities.

5: Indian Lok Sabha's elections 2024 are reaching near: Using aggressive actions to destabilize Pakistan:-

The Lok Sabha's election of 2024 are reaching near, and to gain voting poll, India would be one of the beneficiary of ongoing militancy attacks on Pakistan.



IMPLICATIONS OF MILITANCY:

- i. Weakening social fabric: people to people contacts.
- ii. Negative global image is portrayed as Pakistan a terrorist organizations hub.
- iii. Intra provincial rifts are escalating.
- iv. Internal threats are increasing.
- v. Internal rifts and conflicts giving vacuum for external attacks.

Recommendation for Islamabad to follow to counter Militancy:-

1. Need to develop The national action plan to counter terrorism
2. Address provincial grievances in order to wade the provincial rifts.

3. Launch a military operations to counter threats.
4. Double the security at borders to ensure suspicious exits and entries.

~~QNo: 7~~ Conclusion:

Pakistan is facing negative implications due to increased military attack. However, attacks could be encountered through various pragmatic steps.



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US INDIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:

INTRODUCTION:

The land of India is a tool for America to contain china. In South Asia Indian land is used by USA to counter south china sea developments. For that India and USA are strategically good friends. India is securing its national interests via a multiple projects. The dream of India to become a superpower lies with friendship with USA. But this has negative implications for Pakistan.

Strategic Partnerships:

- 1): QUAD
- 2): IRU2
- 3): B3W

IMPLICATIONS FOR PAKISTAN:

- i): Militancy attacks
- ii): Disturbed balance of power
- iii): India's back support on unresolved Kashmir issue by USA
- iv): Delays in IMF bailout packages to weaken the progress of CPEC
- v): India's technological advancements and increasing cyber security and hybrid threat for Pakistan.
- vi): Fueling insurgencies in Pakistan by Indian back support.