

Question # 08

INTRODUCTION

There are several factors which are helpful in determining the strength and weaknesses of an organization. The factors include, its objectives, mandata, membership, financial resources, participation, institutional framework and external relations. These factors are crucial when evaluating an organization's performance. However, such factors are also detrimental while analyzing the strength and weaknesses of SAARC.

SAARC is an intergovernmental organization comprising of eight South Asian countries.

Therefore, these factors will help to critically evaluate the strength and weaknesses of SAARC.

(i) Objectives

The SAARC was established according to the following objectives;

- (i) To ensure regional security and stability
- (ii) To promote socio-economic development
- (iii) To collaborate in terms of socio-culture
- (iv) To ensure political reconciliation (principle of non-interference, and respect for territorial integrity).

Strength: The strength of SAARC's mission was to promote regional cooperation and development among member nations to foster the shared goals

and objectives.

Weakness: While SAARC's effectiveness to achieve this goal has been hindered by political tensions and conflicts. Therefore enabling them to implement its objective.

(ii) Mandate

SAARC's mandate has based on its objectives. Its mandate ensures political stability and security. (But)^x

Strength: Its aim to promote regional integration among south asian countries in various areas such as trade, economy, culture and security.

Weakness: Its main weakness in terms of achieving their such objective is due to its limited progress in achieving tangible outcomes. Since 1985, SAARC has been facing challenges while implementing their objectives. It results in its inability to implement the mention objective.

(iii) Membership

Strength

SAARC's strength lies in its membership of eight countries. These south asian countries include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Therefore, due to great number of diversity is present which ensures opportunity to develop regional (and) cooperation.

Weakness This diversity also poses challenges. Political tensions and historical conflicts among member states have presented numerous challenges to SAARC, which unable to move as a unite body. It also affects the decision-making processes and collaborative initiatives.

(iv) Financial Resources

Strength The financial resources are crucial for an organization's function. SAARC voluntarily allows their members states to contribute in the organization. It helps to contribute evenly the activities associated with finance.

Weakness The limited financial resources have restricted SAARC's ability to implement projects effectively and provide adequate support to member nations in achieving their development goals.

(v) Participation

Strength The SAARC's membership provide a platform for dialogue and cooperation on regional issues.

Weakness But participation of such countries also provided hindrance while

in evaluating a solution for issues.

(vi) Institutional Framework

Strength The SAARC's institutional framework, including its secretariat and various bodies, provides a structure for coordination and dialogue. These institutions facilitate information sharing, policy formulation, and implementation of cooperative activities.

Weakness However, the institutional framework of SAARC's require mutual consensus among member nations, which can lead to delays and compromises.

(vii) External Relations

Strength The organization effectiveness also based on its relation with external elements. (Although) SAARC's has partnerships with other regional and international organizations like United Nations, world bank to expand its scope and gain feedback for its initiatives.

Weakness But it has lead to many challenges as well. It slows down the progress in strengthening external relations. Limiting the organization's ability to leverage external resources, expertise, and influence in a greater extent.

Conclusion

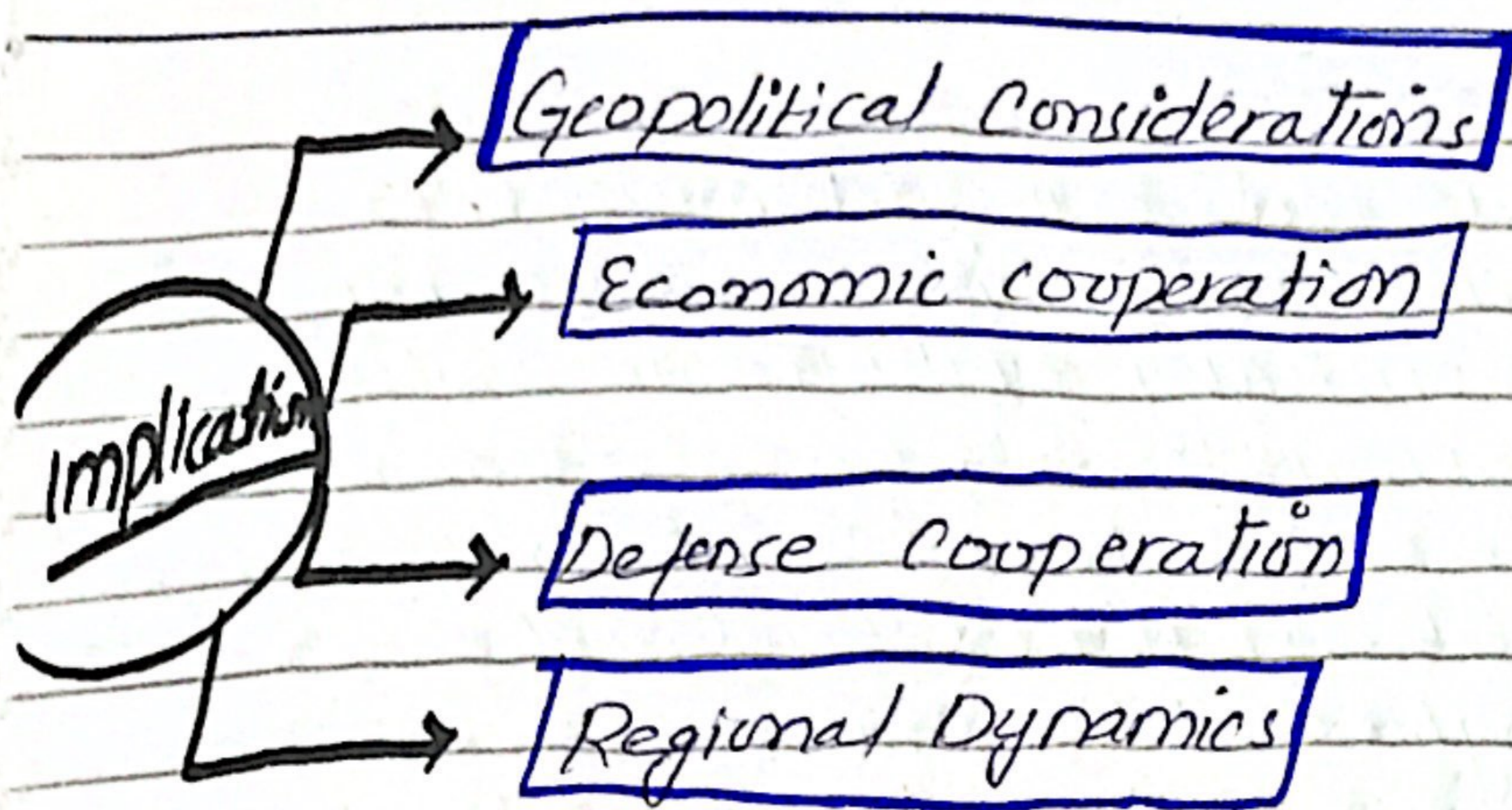
Various factors are determine like mandate, objectives, membership etc. which critically evaluate in analyzing strength and weakness of an organization. However, such different factors are applied on SAARC. It identifies the strength and weaknesses of SAARC. Therefore, such factors must be considered while determining the strength and weaknesses of an organization.

Question #07

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The implications of of Ukraine war on Pakistan has yielded in many challenges and consequences. It has a great impact on Pakistan's foreign policy and regional dynamics. These impacts have both long and short term effects on Pakistan. Several impacts like economic, regional, defence and geopolitically have resulted. However, by adopting balanced relations with Russia helps in curbing with such implications.

1) Implications of Ukraine War on Pakistan



(a) Geopolitical Consideration

The Pakistan has good diplomatic relations with Russia. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine has multifaceted Pakistan with many options. The war in Ukraine has created tension for Pakistan while considering its geopolitical balances. Pakistan is a strategic partner of United States. Therefore, it has created tensions for Pakistan while balancing its relation with United States and its allies, and with Russia. However, Ukraine war has impacted Pakistan's alignment with Russia and western powers.

(b) Economic Cooperation

Pakistan is greatly depended on the energy source. Russia is a significant player in the energy market globally. It has potential economic relation with Pakistan who provide energy resources, technology transfer, and investment.

Since Ukrain war has greatly impacted the economy of Pakistan. United states sanctions on Russia's oil and energy export has badly affect the economy of Pakistan. Due to sanctions on Russia's oil and gas export, Pakistan experienced a high price in terms of hydrocarbons.

(c) Defense cooperation

Pakistan has good relation in terms of defense cooperation with United states. Its defense cooperation with United states in ground of military equipment and training plays a crucial role for Pakistan's defense system. Therefore, while it promoting its defense relation with Russia, deepens its existing defence ties with US. Such will results have a great impact on its strategic interest.

(d) Regional Dynamics

Pakistan is a (a) situated in the South Asia where she shares its border with its neighbors. Afghanistan is located on the west of Pakistan, shared with a border called Durand line. It plays a crucial role in promoting peace and stability in the region. Therefore, Pakistan and Russia's relations may have

implications for its regional role and its interactions with neighboring countries, including India and China.

(2) Options for Pakistan in its relation with Russia

There are several approaches which should be followed by Islamabad with context to its relation with Russia.

(i) Maintaining a Balanced Approach

Pakistan should adopt a balanced approach between Russia and United States. They must focus on their national interest while managing potential conflicts. Therefore, they must not take part in Ukraine conflict and should maintain an independent stance.

(ii) Exploring Economic Cooperation

Pakistan should explore its economic cooperation with Russia. They must be engaged with Russia for trade, investment and energy sources. Therefore it enable Pakistan to not depend on a single country.

(iii) Enhancing Diplomatic Engagement

Pakistan must enhance its diplomatic engagement with Russia. They must visit, promote cultural exchanges and dialogue mechanisms. Strengthening its bilateral ties.

(iv) Promoting Regional Stability

Pakistan being an important regional country. It must promote its regional stability. Pakistan can play a constructive role in resolving conflicts, including Ukraine war through diplomatic engagement.

Conclusion

The Ukraine war ^{presents} both challenges and opportunities for Pakistan in its relations with Russia. Therefore, Pakistan must assess the implications with the alignment of Russia and its regional dynamics. Pakistan must have to ensure its strategic interests.