

Pakistan Affairs.

Q. NO. 8. Write a short note on:

Population Explosion: Impacts and future course.

Ans. Population Explosion:-

Pakistan today is tangled in myriads of problems. Besides, being faced with political instability, economic crisis and lawlessness, it is ~~also~~ confronted with another problem of colossal nature that is of population. According to recent census the population of Pakistan stands at 241.5 million with its growth rate of 2.89pc. This presents many problems to Pakistan.

Causes of Population Explosion

Following are the causes of population explosion in Pakistan:

1) Illiteracy:

one of the main causes of the population explosion is illiteracy.

According to Education ministry the literacy rate of Pakistan stands at 68% which is abysmally low.

2) Lack of awareness

People are unaware of the existing problems of population explosion and its impacts on the country on the whole.

3) Conservatism

Pakistan is a conservative society where talking about family planning is considered a taboo - further they are rigid and show reluctance to adopt methods of family planning.

4) Religious causes.

-Religiously - some clerics depict that population planning is against the spirit of Islam.

5) Non-provision of contraceptives

The lack of contraceptive is the leading cause of the un-intended pregnancies adding bulge of population.

6) Early marriage:

Early marriage means early-age child and more kids during the fertile age of the couple.

7) Desire for son:

Desire for male child keeps on adding in the population of Pakistan.

8) Child labour:

As more than sixty percent of Pakistani society is poverty-hit - the child labour is the only means

of livelihood for many poor family-
These little Chotus are bread-winners
of their home. This ~~the~~ menace of
Child labour is responsible for the
population explosion.

Impacts of Population Explosion:

1) On employment:

One of the leading impacts
of population explosion is unemployment-
as government is unable to provide
jobs to all the citizens.

2) Depletion of Natural Resources

Natural resources are fast
vanishing owing to the abnormal
population base.

3) More Strife over Resources.

Pakistan is bound to
see many conflicts in years to
come over the depleting resources.
Powerful will snatch from poor of their
resources.

4) Liability on State Resources

The unskilled youth is becoming a liability for the country that is unable to make its growing population skilled.

5) Poverty

Poverty is also attributed to the population explosion, which leads millions of people to live below the poverty line.

Way forward to put the genie

of Population Explosion in the bottle

Following steps must be taken to deal of the menace of population explosion.

1) Provision of Education.

Provision of education to all children unbrashly is requisite to bring the population explosion under control.

2) Ban on Child Marriages

Ban must be put on the child marriages. Early marriages

must be declared a crime against humanity which deprives children of their childhood.

4) Positive Role by Ulemas

Ulemas from different religions sects must come to the fore to make people understand that family planning is not beyond the sphere of Islamic & is not sinful.

5) Provision of contraceptives:

Contraceptives must be provided to every household through health workers to curb population explosion.

6) Curb on Child Labour.

A ban must be put on the child labour and such his parent. Children must be put in schools.

By implementing aforesaid measures Pakistan can avoid the menace of the population explosion.

b) Pakistan's Environmental Challenges.

Pakistan is confronted with another problem of biblical proportion that is of environmental challenges.

In the past decade and currently Pakistan has encountered a number of environmental disasters that costed Pakistan in terms of lives and property.

Recent Environmental Challenges

Following are the challenges that Pakistan encountered in recent years

1) Unprecedented Floods:

The floods of 2022, were of immense proportions that brought the whole system to a standstill. An entire country was drowned as a result of it.

2) Pervasive Droughts

An pervasive droughts also present another environmental challenge to Pakistan.

3) Depleting Glaciers

Glaciers are fast receding as a result of increasing global warming.

4) Recurrent ~~Hot~~ Heat Waves:

Heat waves have risen sharply in terms of intensity and frequency due to climate change.

5) Locusts Attacks

Locusts Attacks of 2021, is also linked to the climate change that resulted in huge crop damage and lost our economy.

6) Rising Sea Levels.

Sea level are rising are on the record ~~as~~ thanks to the climate change.

Impacts of Environmental

Disasters:

1) Infrastructure Damage

Infrastructure has been degraded as a result of recurrent disaster roads broke bridges damage & homes ^{shut} ^{closed}

2) Loss of lives and property:

In 2022 floods around 1700 people lost their lives and

306bn USD loss was done to Pakistan,

3) Economic cost

Economically, it lessens the economic activities, shut down of industries due to floods heavily costed the country.

4) Instability

Mismanagement & frequent disasters led to the political, economic and social instability.

5) Humanitarian crisis

Humanitarian ^{crisis} are due to the natural disasters induced by environmental changes.

Way forward:

1) Loss and Damage Fund

Loss and damage fund must be implemented in full spirit to help countries vulnerable to climate change cope with the natural disasters.

3) Cap on the Greenhouse gases emission.

A cap must be put on the emission of Green house gases.

3) Building of disaster-resistant infrastructure

Infrastructure must be built keeping view the recurrence of environmental disaster. A disaster-resistant infrastructure is required to lessen the damage from the climate disaster.

Q. 2 How congress ministries and rigidity of congress to deny the right of separate electorate and representation paved the way for separate muslim state in subcontinent? Explain.

Introduction:

The success of congress in 1937 elections proved detrimental to the interests of muslims of subcontinent. Congress left no stone unturned to crush the interests of muslims. A number of activities were carried out by hindu leaders to deprive muslims of their political, religious and social rights that ultimately paved the way for the separate independent muslim state on the global map.

Congress Activities:

1) Congress Flag declared National

Flag-

The ~~national~~ flag of congress was declared as the national flag and was hoisted on the government buildings.

2) Bande - Mataram declared

National Anthem:

Congress declared bande - Mataram as the national anthem and was sung in all public meetings & educational and business institutions.

3) Scheme of Vidya Mandali

Vidya Mandali scheme was introduced in the educational sector. One neheru said - we will make Muslims physically Muslims but mentally Hindus -

4) Muslim Students denied

Religious Teaching

Muslim students were deprived of the right of getting religious education in their schools. They were forced to learn Hindu religion.

5) Ban on cow-slaughter

A total ban on the cow slaughter was placed which rendered Muslims unable to sacrifice their religious rites.

6) Ban on headscarves in schools.

Headscarves were also banned in the schools. The girls who used to wear headscarves were heavily fined and a mockery was made of their head coverings in schools and colleges.

Response from the

Muslim leaders:

Muslims were greatly infuriated by the atrocities faced by them at the hands of Congress-leaders. They were determined to get rid of the dominance of Hindus and launched violent movement against Congress and observed direct action day on 22 Dec 1945, when they destroyed infrastructure brought the wheel of country to standstill. Ultimately, their efforts bore fruits.

Creation of Pakistan

The long struggle of the Muslim leaders ~~for~~ for separate homeland saw the light of the day on August 14, 1947, when Quaid-e-Azam

~~took oath of the first Governor General
of Pakistan.~~

Conclusion:

To conclude, it is said that the Congress ministers tried their level best to crush the voice of the Muslims' grievances and nib in the bud the demand for homeland for Muslims. However, their vicious designs didn't find fulfilment and Pakistan emerged on the map of the world on August-14, 1947.

Q3. Give a reasoned account of your choice from political stability or economic prosperity in Pakistan. What needs to be enumerated with.

Introduction:-

The political stability and economic prosperity are interlinked because when there is no political stability, economy is bound to slide ^{simultaneously} when the country plunges into economic crisis emerges the menace of political instability. By bringing political stability, the country can stride in the arena of economy.

Recent wave of Political Instability and Resultant Economic Downfall:

1) Lawlessness

One of the miscreants of political stability and economic prosperity is the lawlessness, when there is no law in the country the social, political and economic environment is bound to deteriorate.

2) Internal Bickering of

leaders: Internal bickering of leaders and inclination to name calling and defaming and maligning of opponents has costed the country and resulted

the decreased commercial and industrial activities.

3) Protests and shutter downs

Recurrent protests and shutter down strikes due to political instability directly affects the economy of the country.

4) Deteriorating law and order situation &

Investment Decline:

Deteriorating law and order situation results in investment decline. When the environment of politics is uncertain the investors hesitate to invest in the country. When there is no investment, there are no new industries and when there are

no industries trade is bound to suffer because goods are produced as per requirement.

5) Depleting Trust of Investors

The trust of investors violates when they see that the political environment is not conducive for economic activity in the country.

6) Inclination towards Brain Drain

Due to lack of jobs as a result of decreased economic activity and political environment, the youth applies for foreign country to get the fruits of their knowledge and this negatively impacts our country as it is devoid of human capital.

Conclusion:

In summation, it is deduced that political is of paramount importance for the prosperous economy of the country.