

## Question NO:02.

## 1- Introduction:

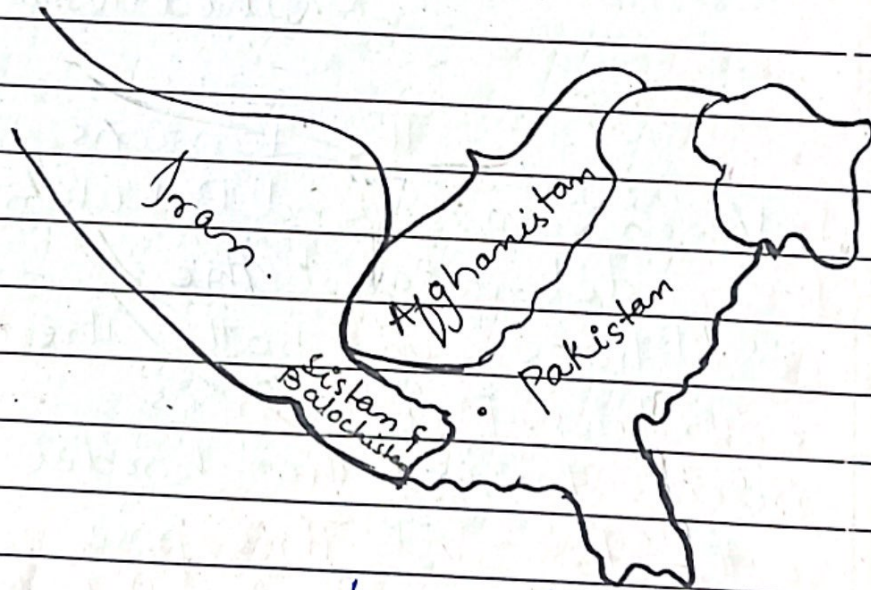
"The deteriorating conditions between Pakistan and Iran pose grave concerns for Pakistan's security."

~ Zahid Hussain

The tensions between Iran and Pakistan has deteriorated the conditions in both the countries. Pakistan is now sharing the borders with its rival. This pose a great concerns for Pakistan. The reason behind the attack was the balochi insurgency in Iran and their free movement towards Pakistan.

U.S and Israel are the beneficiaries of the tension. It is important for Iran and Pakistan to resolve the issue diplomatically.

## 2- Iran - Pakistan Air strikes:



Iran launched an air strike in the Balochistan province of Pakistan. In the response, Pakistan retaliated and launched strike in the province of Sistan and

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Balochistan.

### 3- Causes of strike :-

There is rising Balochi insurgency in Iran in the province of Sistan and Balochistan.

The border between Pakistan and Iran is not completely fenced.

The free movement of Balochis from Iran to Pakistan took place. Iran called on Pakistan to take action against them.

However, Pakistan did not respond and Iran launched an airstrike. Pakistan retaliated the attack.

4. Beneficiaries of this tension:

a- U.S, Israel desire to weaken Iran in Middle East.

U.S has already imposed sanctions over Iran and its support to Israel has clearly depict the U.S desire to weaken Iran. Iran is the only Muslim country supporting Hamas in Gaza. Hence, Israel, backed by U.S, aims to be a sole hegemon of Middle East. Saudi-Israel normalization talk is the case in point.

b- India aims to annex the territory of Gilgit Baltistan.

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India wants to annex the territory of G.O.B. It is only possible when Pakistan security is engaged in Iran borders. Such strikes, if continued, would weaken Pakistan's security and India can fulfil its desire.

6. KSA motive to become sole hegemon of Middle East:

KSA wants to be hegemon of M.O.E. Due to this, KSA is making alliances with the west and Israel. According to the diplomat, the Defacto ruler of Saudi has both economic and security interests in Israel. In order to gain dominance, it needs to curb the growing power of Iran.

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## 5- Ways for de-escalation of Conflict :

a- Diplomatic negotiations can curtail the tensions:

Pakistan and Iran should promote dialogues over conflict. It will be better for both the countries as they are located at epicentre of war-torn areas.

b- Trade can increase dependence and reduce the possibilities of conflict:

Pakistan and Iran should foster trade in order to increase

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dependence on each other.  
Pakistan should work  
on peace pipeline (Iran-  
Pakistan Pipeline). Iran  
has already constructed the  
Pipeline.

C- Proper fencing can resist  
the free movement:

Pakistan and  
Iran should take action  
to fence the boundary  
properly. This can resist  
the free movement of  
people from the province  
Sistan and Balochistan of  
Iran to Pakistan.

G- Conclusion:

In a nut shell,  
the tensions are on the  
rise which have multiple  
reasons. The tensions can

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benefit some countries. It is, therefore, important to take pragmatic measures to curb further escalation.

## Question NO: 03

### 1- Introduction:

Organization of Islamic Conference is a failed organization due to multiple reasons. However, Israel-Hamas war and Iran-KSA rapprochement have little chances to turn it into a successful organization. There are multiple reasons including the economic interests of KSA, Vision 2030 of GCC and the growing influence

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of U.S and Israel in the region.

**OIC** : A Failed Organization

Total countries = 57
Asia = 27
Africa = 27
South America = 3.

Case study: Failed a session for ceasefire in Gaza.

A session was called by the Muslim countries demanding for ceasefire. However, the session was failed to come to conclusion.

Hence, OIC failed to bring relief to Gaza.

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3- Reasons why Israel - Hamas war and Iran - KSA rapprochement will not bring change:

a- KSA interests in Israel will never make OIC successful.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has several interests in Israel. According to the Diplomat, De facto ruler of KSA has both security and economic interests in Israel. This will never bring any change in OIC which opposes the interests of Israel.

b- Disunity among Muslim Ummah :-

The major reason behind the failure is the disunity among Muslim Ummah. Sectarianism

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is on the rise. KSA and Iran are not on the same page in the matter of Israel and Hamas. Hence, it poses threat to OIC.

c- 2030 vision of GCC is an impediment for the success of OIC :

GCC is an organization of gulf countries. The 2030 vision is the shift from geopolitics to geoeconomics. India - Middle East - Europe cooperation is the case in point. UAE, KSA, Jordan are the part of IMEC. Hence, it provides hurdles for the success of OIC because its economy is based on Israel.

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d- U.S, Israel growing influence in Middle East:

The growing influence of U.S and Israel is a threat to OIC. The dominance of Israel on KSA can threaten the success of Organization. UAE and Bahrain have recognized Israel. Abraham Accord, 2020 is the case in point.

4- Conclusion:-

Undoubtedly, Organization of Islamic conference has failed due to internal rifts. The changing dynamics in the Middle Eastern region depict that there is little opportunity to make the organization successful. However, it is never

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too late to turn the tides.

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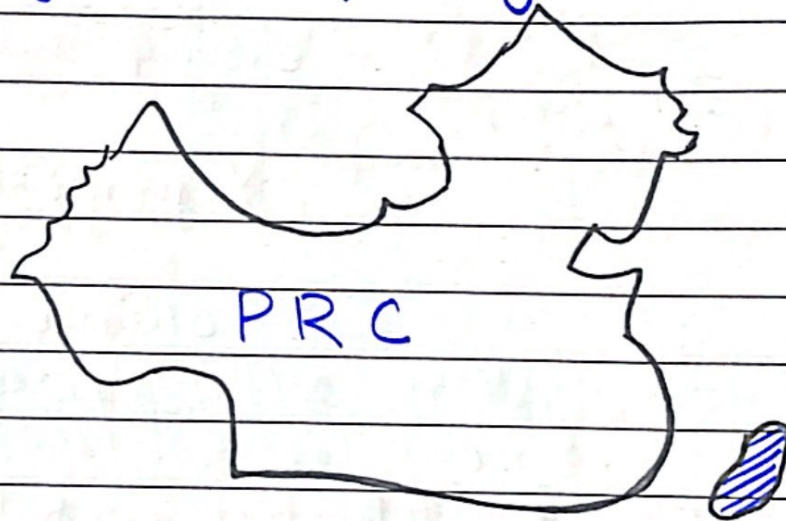
### Introduction:

"Reunite China even if China has to use force"  
~ Xi Jinping

One China two system policy refers to autonomous region having its own system but controlled by the government of people's republic of China. U.S is negotiating with Taiwan which is the complete breach of the policy. The U.S China cold war is an immediate cause of Taiwan crisis. This can be resolved by the

diplomatic negotiations between  
Taiwan and China

## 2. One China two system policy:



Taiwan

This policy is rooted back to 1972. The policy acknowledges that there is only one Chinese government. The communist party would rule over China and Taiwan.

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## Taiwan Amendment Act 1979.

According to the act, PRC would not use force to capture China. U.S encouraged Taiwan and PRC to pursue 'constructive dialogue'.

## Taiwan Amendment Act 2022.

It promoted security of Taiwan and ensures regional stability. Moreover, it deters aggression of PRC against Taiwan.

### 3- U.S policy towards Taiwan:

a- Diplomatic relations with Taiwan is a breach of policy.  
According to

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the policy, Taiwan cannot be diplomatically engaged with any country. Nancy Pelosi visited Taipei in August, 2022 and Tsai met house speaker Kevin McCarthy during a visit to California in March 2023. This resulted in the aggressive policies by PRC. Fresh sanctions were imposed and a show of force on Taiwan's air defence identification zones took place.

#### 4- Possible Implications of U.S policy towards Taiwan:

##### a- Escalation of China-U.S rivalry:

The U.S China rivalry can be escalated.



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China would not give up on its part. However, Biden said, we will send forces if China invades. This will further escalate the situation. According to Foreign Affairs Magazine; "U.S. China rivalry is an immediate cause of Taiwan Crisis."

b- Increasing assertiveness in the South China Sea.

The U.S policy towards Taiwan will likely increase assertiveness in the South China Sea. As it was seen after the visit of U.S diplomat to Taiwan.

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c- Economic downturn in Taiwan due to sanction:

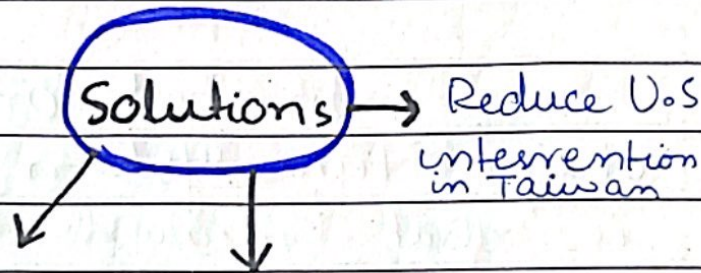
Due to the sanctions, economic downturn can be witnessed in China this can further escalate the condition.

d. Security concerns for Taiwan and the region:

The US policy towards Taiwan can pose security threats to Taiwan and the region. Due to the aggressive assertiveness by China in South China Sea, Australia signed AUKUS. This will lead to arms race.

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## 5- Recommendations :



Diplomatic negotiations between Taiwan and China

Deter China's aggressiveness towards Taiwan

The Taiwan crisis can be resolved by promoting diplomatic negotiations between Taiwan and People's Republic of China. Moreover, China should not use force against Taiwan rather soft power techniques should be preferred. In addition to this, U.S should not interfere in the matter of Taiwan.

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6. Conclusion:

In short, one china two system policy is that Taiwan has autonomy in local decision. However, there is only one government which rules the whole Taiwan. It is important for China to resolve the issues before it's too late.

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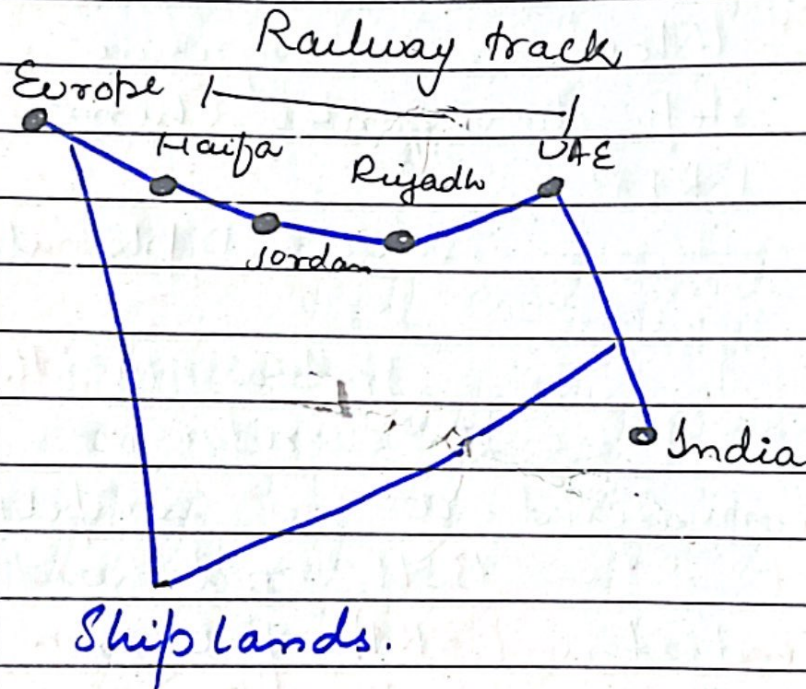
### 1- Introduction:

"IMEC is an aggressive step to counter China's BRI."

~The Diplomat.

India - middle East - Europe corridor is considered as a competitor to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China. Both the projects have potential to rise the global economy. However, there are multiple challenges for IMEC in the future such as geopolitical tensions in the region.

## 2. India-Middle East Economic Corridor.



It is broadly part of PGII previously known as B3I1. This is an initiative by G7 countries on 10 September 2023. in the platform of G20.

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### 3- Potential of IMEC and BRI :

	BRI	IMEC
1-	150 countries	8 countries
2-	1 trillion dollars investment	20 dollar investment
3-	Initiated in 2013	Initiated in 2023
4-	Sole investor: China	All countries will invest
5-	Good execution of policies	Non-unified finance mechanism.

#### a- IMEC :

It possesses political, economic and strategic interests of member countries. It has great potential for the post oil world.

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Railway tracks are already constructed between UAE and KSA. Europe, KSA, and India have political as well as economic interests

b- BRI:

Belt and road initiative is a giant economic bloc. It has played vital role in the ~~emp~~ emergence of China as an economic power.

4- Prospects :-

IMEC:

a- Transportation:

It is working

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for the construction of railway tracks. The trade will be through ship lands from India to UAE. Then railway track will be constructed from UAE to Jordan and Israel. From Israel to Europe, there will be ship lands.

### b- Clean Energy:

They have signed a project of clean energy. There will be the pipelines of hydrogen. This has never happened in history.

### c- Digital connectivity:

They have committed to cooperate

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in order to increase digital connectivity. This project is related to fibre optic cables. Along with this, IT parks will be established.

### Conclusion:

In a nutshell, IMEC is made to counter China's BRI. However, it is still not possible to counter BRI due to its vast potential and good execution of policies. Moreover, IMEC has potential which can help member countries to grow economically.