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Test : Current Affairs (5)

3- Qn04: Critically evaluate the chances of expansion of Israel-Hamas war into the whole region. Also analyze how this war would impact global power politics.

Introduction:

Israel-Hamas war again started on 7th Oct 2023, when Hamas suddenly attacked on Israel and killed 1400 civilians. In response Israel started bombardment and airstrikes, created huge havoc of human's lives and infrastructure. The Israel-Hamas war can escalate and involve the whole region. Israel is supported by US and western countries while Hamas is supported by Iran, Hezbollah, Jordan and Syria. The war has long lasting impacts for global powers. The consequences of this war is of different natures like economic, military, diplomatic political and social. The economic consequences in the form of loss of infrastructure

and hospitals. The political impacts in the form of diplomatic hindrance between Israel and Arab countries. Similarly social consequences in the form of displacement at large scale.

The Chance of Expansion of Israel Hamas war:

It is true that war between Israel and Hamas has a chance of expansion. According to analysts and researchers the war may escalate and has long lasting impact for the whole region. Following are the some factors which can create the chance of its expansion:

1- US vetoed in UNSC:

United States is permanent member of United Nations Security Council. US vetoed in the conference of UNSC against the de-escalation of Israel-Hamas conflict. This exacerbates the situation more. It is not the first time US used its veto power in defence of Israel. Following the US veto, Israel conducted adverse bombardment, leading to 130 deaths in 24 hours.

2. **G7 Foreign Ministers meeting**
The war between Israel and Hamas may escalate because of western's power attitude towards war. The foreign ministers of G7 countries held meeting in Tokyo and they retracted the support of "Israel's right to self defence". The emphasis of European countries on self defence is right of Israel expand the way more.

3. **Israel's Stance of war:**
Another factor which can expand Israel-Hamas war is Israel's stance over war. As the Israel's military leadership declared the purpose of Israel-Hamas war is

"completely destruction of government and military capacity of Hamas and terrorist organization."
(United States Institute of Peace)

It shows that there is chance of expansion of Israel-Hamas war.

Implications of war for global power politics:

The Israel-Hamas war has following implications for global power politics.

1. Hindrance of diplomatic relations between Israel and Arab countries:

The Israel-Hamas war has hindered diplomatic relations between Israel and Arab countries. The Abraham Accord in 2020 may lose its effectiveness after escalation between Israel and Hamas. Similarly the recent ongoing normalization process between Israel and Saudi Arabia brokered by US also hindered due to war.

2. Economic Risks for China:

The war between Israel and Hamas also draw economic risks for China. Persian Gulf states which are integral part of BRI account for one third of Chinese loans. (Trust University)

The Israel-Hamas war and its implications for Great Power Competition. Hence, the prospects of war create economic risks for China.

3- Energy hikes for whole world:

The escalated war between Israel and Hamas can create energy hikes. Israel's support for Hamas and Iran is to blockade of Hormuz Strait, can pose threat to trade passing through Hormuz Strait. Furthermore, there is possibility of high prices of oil and gas. As **World Bank** warned on October 30 that conflict between Israel and Hamas could trigger economic "shock" including oil prices soaring to \$150 per barrel. So, high energy prices affect all the major powers.

4: Economic loss of Israel:

Israel has to face economic loss which consequently hindered its country's development. According to Israel's foreign minister **Bezalel Smotrich**, the cost of Israel's war on Gaza is **1 billion shekel (\$246 m)** in a day. (AL Jazeera). It is a great economic loss of a country which has future impacts on country's progress and development.

5. US Military vulnerability:

The war between Israel and Hamas poses difficult situations for US. As US is already engaged in the Russian-Ukraine war, US's military deployment in the middle east created a situation of US military vulnerability. US has deployed two carrier strike groups which encompass 150 warplanes as well as abundant missiles.

(Wilson Center). Similarly, US Central Command (CENTCOM) declared that Ohio-class submarines has arrived in the area of responsibility equipped with nuclear weapons. (Tel Aviv University, The Israel-Hamas war and Implications for Great Power competition).

Conclusion:

The Israel-Hamas war has chance to expand because European powers do not want the solution of war. The US vetoed in UNSC and G7 FM. reiterations on self-defence of Israel's self defence shows that war would expand and bring severe consequences. It is true that war between Israel and Hamas has implications for world power politics.

The China's economy is at risk because of BRI project in Gulf States. Similarly military deployment of US in the region also creates US's military vulnerability. Furthermore Israel's economy severely damaged due to war. There is possibility of energy price hike and whole world will suffer if.

QNO5: What are the factors needed for an organization to become a success story? Apply these on BRICS and find out reasons why this organization has a bright future in spite of numerous hurdles.

Introduction:

These are number of factors which make an organization a successful. The leading cooperations among member states in every sphere of economic, political and social, the close contact among member of organization, cultural harmony among member of organization and enhancement of trade among member of organization are some factors which contribute in the success story of any organization.

BRICS is organization formed in 2010. It has five member states: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The main focus of BRICS is economic cooperation and enhancing trade by removing trade barriers. The BRICS members has cultural ties and economic cooperation. Similarly there is less trade barriers among members of BRICS. Furthermore BRICS members also has ~~rel~~ relations with other organizations.

Factors that became BRICS a Successful organization:

Following are the factors which make BRICS a successful organization:

1- Economic Cooperation:

The first important factor of BRICS as successful organization is economic cooperation. The recent BRICS Summit was held in South Africa and the main focus of it, was to enhance economic cooperation and to remove trade barrier. The BRICS Business Council and BRICS Women Business Alliance bring together important commercial corporates and women interpreneurial network to broader

Socio economic growth and recovery.
Furthermore New Development
Bank was established under
BRICS organization and it play
important role in financial support
of developing countries. NDB has
an \$100bn initial authorized capital
and \$50bn initial subscribed capital.
Moreover NDB has approved \$33bn
in loans. Hence economic growth
and economic cooperation is the
important factor which make BR
BRICS a successful organization.

2: **Cultural contact among
member states:**

The second important
factor which make BRICS a
successful organization is cultural
contact among member states. The
**BRICS Games, BRICS Film
Festivals** and cultural exchange
among BRICS members enhance
research and innovation. Furthermore
people to people contact among
member states also foster tourism
industry. Similarly people to
people contact can create investment
opportunities for business people. Hence
cultural contact among members of
BRICS become this organizations
successful because of growing research,

growth in tourism industry and investment opportunities.

3- Enhanced Trade among members of BRICS:

The enhanced trade among members of BRICS also became this organization successful. The **Financial Media Watcher Group** reported that trade between the five BRICS countries increased by 56% between 2017 and 2022. In this way, BRICS countries dependence on US dollars would end. The financial media said that this trade growth among BRICS members threaten US dominance.

4- Educational Partnership among BRICS countries:

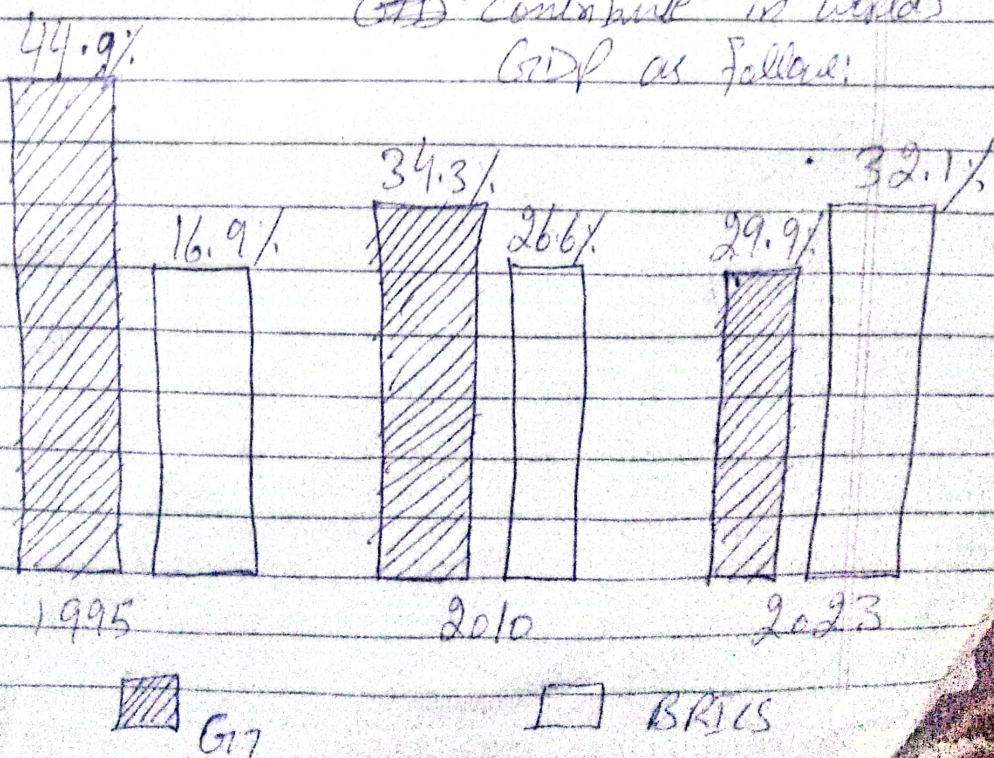
There is educational partnership among BRICS countries. The **BRICS Academic Forum** and **BRICS Think Tank Council** have developed academic and educational ties. Similarly establishment of **Network of BRICS Universities** in 2018, create academic research with different perspectives. Hence, research and educational related partnership make this organization successful.

5- BRICS members are members of other organizations.

Another important factor is that the members of BRICS organizations are leading members of international organisations like UN, AFS African Union, SCO, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and Commonwealth of Independent states (CIS). This factor gave edge to BRICS.

6- GDP Growth of BRICS:

The GDP growth rate of the According to **IMF**, the BRICS contribute **32.32.1%** in the GDP of world. And the current GDP surpasses the GDP of G7 countries. According to the IMF data, G7 and BRICS GDP contribute in world's GDP as follows:



7: Regular contact:

Another successful feature of BRICS organization is regular contact among its leaders. The SAARC is become unsuccessful because of less contact among leaders of states. Through regular contact the leaders of BRICS were sure the prosperity of BR organization.

Reasons of BRICS bright Future:

Following are some reasons which show that organization has a bright future in spite of numerous hurdles:

1: Expansion of BRICS:

The current BRICS summit was held in South Africa, in August 2023. It was decided to expand BRICS by adding six countries (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, UAE, Egypt and Ethiopia). After official expansion of BRICS, it would become BRICS+. The expansion of BRICS is significant reason of bright future of BRICS. As the countries will join BRICS are major exporter of oil and gas. In this way organization would enhance its

2: Population and Prosperity. Resource Development of BRICS: Human Development.

BRICS member countries contain 42% of world population. After BRICS expansion, population would be 57% of world. In this way population would play active role in the prosperity of organization. Hence, vast population of BRICS would positively effect the organization, in future.

3: Dedollarization:

The growing trade among member countries may challenge the dominance of US dollar in future. The member countries of BRICS are in favor of regulation of trade in local currencies.

They want to get rid from the influence of dollar, so, in future there is possibility that member of BRICS regulate their trade in local currency.

Hence, the policy of de-dollarization is significant reason of bright future of BRICS.

Conclusion:

BRICS is the organization of growing economies.

which are putting their effort in economic cooperation. The economic cooperation, cultural contact, regular contact among leaders of BRICS members, educational cooperation and trade enhancement are some factors which make BRICS, as an successful organization. Similarly in the future, BRICS has bright future because of expansion of BRICS, policy of de-dollarization and vast population of BRICS countries.

Ques: Political instability leads to socio-economic crises in Pakistan. Critically evaluate the statement and recommend policy measures.

Introduction:

It is true that political instability leads to socio-economic crises in Pakistan. The political stability is closely linked with economic stability, leading to social stability. The political unrest hampered economic growth and create societal problems like unemployment, poverty and inflation. Similarly political turmoil also lead towards security dilemma in the country by increasing

terrorist attacks in the country. However, the effective and robust policy measure can overcome political instability. There is need of tolerance and trust building among political leaders. Similarly, through strengthening democratic values, political instability can be address. Moreover negotiation among political parties over important issues can also mitigate political instability.

Political Instability leading towards Socio-economic crises in Pakistan:

Following are some factors which shed light on the stance that political instability lead towards socio-economic crises in Pakistan:

1. ~~Link~~ Relationship between political instability and economic stability:

There is close relationship between political stability and economic stability. **Siermann (1996)** states that absence of political stability has a negative impact on economic growth. The situation can be seen in the scenario of Pakistan. According to the data of **Economic Survey 2023-2024**, the fiscal deficit is **7.7%** of GDP. This is due to political instability in the country, which country has

Witnessed from April 2022 to
uptil now 2024.

2: Regime change hampered economic development:

The rapid regime change before the complete tenure, hampered economic development in the country.

As Swagell (2005) argued that political instability brought negative impacts for economic growth.

He said that regime change impede economic growth. As the new government cancelled ~~the~~ all the development projects launched by previous government. This is the reason that in Pakistan rarely development project can not achieve fulfillment. Due to the political instability in the country no PM had completed his tenure uptil now. Hence rapid regime change adversely effect economic growth in the country.

3: Social disorder due to political instability:

The social disorder is significant reason factor occurred due to political instability, when there would be political instability, the political leaders will not engage in policy development for

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Society. Resultantly, social chaos and disorders would create. This lead towards social evils like crimes, unemployment and human trafficking. The growing unemployment create enhanced crime ratio in society. Resultantly social disorder create. The Greek boat tragedy in may 2023 is witnessed of political instability leading towards human trafficking and in the end loss of life.

4.3 Security Concerns:

The political instability also create a healthy environment for violence creators and for terrorist organizations. It was political instability that 2023 witnessed a huge number of terrorist attacks. As according to statistics released by Pakistan Institute of Conflict and Security Studies that the country experienced a disturbing surge in such attacks, reaching the highest level since 2014.

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