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Current Affair

Mock Test

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Question no 8 :

Answer

Political instability can have a significant impact on socio-economic conditions in any country, including Pakistan. It can create uncertainty, hinder economic growth, and lead to social unrest. Pakistan is facing political instability for a long period of time which results into economic downturns, reduced foreign investment, and increased poverty levels. Political instability have disrupted policy implementation, hinder infrastructure development and create an unfavorable business environment. This, in turn, affects job opportunities, income distribution and overall socio-economic well-being. To address this issue, policy measures should focus on strengthening democratic institutions, promoting good governance, ensuring political stability. By implementing

Yes.

these policies, Pakistan can work towards achieving political stability and creating a more prosperous and inclusive society.

### Historical overview of Pakistan's Politics

Pakistan cycled through a number of politicians through their beginning political and economic crises. The politicians were corrupt, interested in maintaining their political power and securing the interests of the elite, so to have them as the representative authority did not provide much hope of a democratic authority. It did not provide much hope of a democratic state that provided socio-economic justice and fair administration to all Pakistani citizens. Ranging controversies over the issue of the national language, the role of Islam, provincial representation and the distribution of power between the center and the provinces have effected the stability of Pakistan.

Yes.

## \* Political Stability and Socio-economic crises in Pakistan:

### 1) Illiteracy :

Chronic Illiteracy in Pakistan is due to political instability.

According to Ministry of Federal Education "an estimated population of 60 million is illiterate in the country."

which means the current literacy rate of Pakistan is 62.3 percent.

This is due to the lack of administration, deficiency of staff, traditional curriculum, lack of funds. However, Pakistan can overcome these issues with political stability and effective reforms.

### 2) Poverty :

The poverty in Pakistan is increasing day to day due to several reasons including political stability. According to the World Bank:

"Poverty in Pakistan has been recorded at 39.3% using the lower middle-income poverty rate of 3.2 \$ per day for the fiscal year 2020-2021."

The increasing rate of poverty further

Yes.

leads to unemployment, Poor infrastructure, Inaccessible health care, conflicts and instability. However, the effective government policies can be beneficial for poverty control.

### 3) Poor Infrastructure :

The lack of Political Stability further lead to Poor infrastructure. Politicians can control the the infrastructure with administration and effective policies. Health care centers of Pakistan are under development. According to WHO "Pakistan rank 130 out of 195, 30.4 index score in Healthcare facilities." (WHO source)

The uncontrolled population and lack of effective administration have become hinders the Infrastructure development in Pakistan.

### 4) Economic Instability

Due to the lack of Political stability in Pakistan. The most effectived factor is economy. The economic instability is the root cause of every other socio-economic problems that Pakistan is facing today. According to World economic report:

"The debt of Pakistan grew at around 14 Percent per year on average, The GDP is growing at only 3 percent per year on average."

This led to the unsustainable debt burden. The increase in inflation and downfall of economy can be controlled using the Political stability, effective policies for stabiling economy and attracting foreign investment can play crucial role in making Strong economy.

### 5) Injustice

One of the biggest issues due to political instability is injustice. To grow the nation, first and for most important factor is justice. Justice can be assure by political administration and implementation of policies.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to the justice everywhere"  
(Martin Luther King)

The injustice and human right violation have caused the unstability all around the region. The justice can only be assure by having the Strong democratic institutions and ensuring political

## Stability.

### Recommendations

Political instability stops the development in of State. Lack of policy making and implementation of policies have hinder the development of the country. The Political instability can be controlled by establishing strong democratic institutions, effective Policy making to ensure the political stability, negotiations between opposition and government and also by involving the stance of the population common public. Almost every socio-economic issues is due to the political instability.

### Conclusion

The Political instability is the leading cause of every socio-economic problem in Pakistan. From the inception, Pakistan is facing ups and downs in Politics but still it is a strong democratic state. However, the political instability gives opportunity to the enemies to control over the state and also lead to poverty alleviation, poor infrastructure, poor health

care system and unemployment. By making strong democratic institutions and negotiations the political stability can be achieved and can create prosperous Pakistan.

### Question no 7

#### Answer

Pakistan has increasing tensions with Iran, Afghanistan and India, which affected the process of development of CPEC. Afghan Taliban has controlled the region and their position is controlled by ISKP which is working with TTP and attacked the territory of Pakistan. In response, Pakistan decided to deport the illegal immigrants of Afghanistan and this increased the tensions with Afghanistan. While in case of Iran, Iran used missiles and drones to strike western Pakistan near Koh-e-Sabz. On next day Pakistan conducted airstrikes in southeastern Iran near Saravan. While both the countries released statements for have brotherly relation between each other. and On other side India is our persistent enemy since inception and tried to stop CPEC with several delegations and policies.

CPEC is facing several hurdles to due to increasing tension around the region including delay in completion, failure of energy sectors, hurdles in transport sector, and security issue. The foreign policy of Pakistan is also facing several issues, and under pressure due to the muslim brotherhood with Iran and Afghanistan.

**Pak - Afghan repatriation of refugees**  
Due to rising attacks of ISKP and TTP in the region. Prime minister of Pakistan ordered to deport all illegal immigrants of Afghanistan. ISKP is working with TTP of Pakistan and also have several links with Afghan immigrants. They are also involve in several criminal activities in the region. Pakistan's orders of deportation was heavily criticised by the global world due to lack of resources in Afghanistan to facilitate those refugees, and the downing increasing cold cause problem for immigrants. This stance of Pakistan increased the tension in the region, which effected the development of CPFC in several security issues.



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## Pak - Iran ongoing War

Pakistan and Iran <sup>have</sup> are close historical, religious and cultural ties but there are still some obstacles to the development of relations between the two countries. Recent attacks by Iran in the Pakistan's region have increased the tensions in the region. In response Pakistan also conducted airstrikes in Iran's territory. Which cause several security challenges in Pakistan which slow down the CPEC development.

### \* Challenges to the foreign Policy

#### Security challenges in Region

The increasing tensions between the neighboring countries of Pakistan caused the serious threat to the security of the region because both Iran and Afghanistan can attack in aggression which will be dangerous for Pakistan. Also the increasing tensions with India on Kashmir issue have caused the threat of attacks.

## Increasing tensions in Balochistan

Balochi belt is in under strong influence of Baloch and Pashtoon community and also the Iranian area closed to boarder are balochis and Pashtoon So there are chance of increasing tensions and effecting CPEC development.

## Decline in foreign Investment

The increasing tension in the region have affected the foreign investment which becomes threat to the foreign see Policy. Investors are attracted toward the peaceful environment for business and in <sup>recent</sup> past years the political instability and the conflicts with neighboring countries have caused unfavorable environment for investment.

## Recommendations

The increasing tensions needs some precautionary changes in foreign Policy of Pakistan to safeguard the interest of Pakistan. This includes to change their policy toward neighboring muslim states also opposition and government need to be united for gaining national interest. Also

officials need to negotiate with Iran and Afghanistan for maintaining peace in the region.

### Conclusion

The increasing tension have affected the security and development in the region. These need to be address and negotiation between neighboring countries are required on urgent basis to handle the increasing tensions and security challenges in the development.