

## Test #3

# Pakistan Affairs

### Q #1

## Foreign Policy of Pakistan

Foreign Policy of a country plays a vital role in its existence in internal arena. Foreign policy accounts for all the decisions and actions taken in regard to safeguard <sup>a country's</sup> interests and achieve goals (Frankel Joseph). Foreign policy sets the goals for the country in order to achieve <sup>better</sup> inter-state relations and accomplish interests. In contrast domestic policy is related to the internal affairs of a state. In the time of globalized world <sup>for</sup> a comprehensive and well rounded foreign policy is more significant than domestic policy. In this regard Pakistan's foreign policy is facing some

challenges. The increased tensions on borders of Iran, Afghanistan and India pose a security challenge for a country. The dilemma of balance relations in context of US-China rivalry with USA and China. Economic crisis and political instability also add difficulties for foreign policy of Pakistan. The USA-India strategic partnership pose threat for the country security. Government should take some applicable measures in order to mitigate the situation of complicated challenges in formulation of foreign policy.

### Significance of foreign policy over domestic policy

Domestic policy is related to the decisions and actions taken on national ~~base~~ ground in order

to protect public, preserve internal security and ~~de~~ stabilize the economy. Comprehensive domestic policy lead to progress and peace in a country. In an unfortunate failed domestic policy lead only internal crisis in a country. While foreign policy which rests on the objectives of attainment of interests and goals on international level. The failed foreign policy could isolate a country in the modern globalized world.

In order to navigate properly in the international world dynamics, the foreign policy is more significant than domestic policy.

## Challenges to Pakistan's foreign Policy

Foreign policy of Pakistan is formulated on the basis of

some objectives such as protect territorial integrity, ~~Sovereignty~~ Sovereignty, build good relations with neighbors, established cordial relations with Muslim world and pursue national interest on international level. But, Pakistan is facing adverse challenges in order to keep foreign policy updated and in accordance with demands of the scenario. Some regional and international events pose challenges for the foreign policy of Pakistan.

- 1- The escalated situation on the Pak-Iran border

The current escalation of Pak Iran border pose a challenge for foreign policy. The retaliation of Pakistan further escalated the situation. Iran is a Muslim neighbor country in the south west of

Pakistan. It poses a question for the foreign policy makers that how the relations could be restored.

2- Relations with India after revoking Article 370 related to Kashmir

India and Pakistan had strained relations since inception. Both parties have conflicts on water, crisis on Siachen, Sir Creek award and major dam construction on upper riparian of rivers. The major bone of contention between two is the Kashmir issue. In <sup>Feb</sup> 2019, Pulwama attacked happened in Jammu and Kashmir in which 40 soldiers lost their lives. India blamed Pakistan for attack and cut all diplomatic talks and trade with Pakistan.

In August, 5, 2019 India revoke article 370 which remove the special status of Kashmir and

India annexed it. It special status removal invoke aggression in Pakistan. Pakistan fought the Kashmir cause on international forums but the stubbornness of the India has continued. The relations between both state are frozen and better relations between both is a challenge for the foreign policy.

### 3. Relations with USA

Pakistan and USA saw turmoil in relations. In 1979 their relations normalise due to USSR presence in Afghanistan. USA choose Pakistan when needed. After USSR withdrawal their relations were bitter and imposed sanctions on Pakistan after ~~atomic~~ nuclear experiments. But in post 9/11 era both countries contributed and cooperated with each other. Their relations ended after

USA withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. Currently both have strained relations because USA is tilted toward India in order to contain China. USA supporting India with geostrategic weapons which lead Pakistan in security dilemma. In this situation normalize relations with USA is a challenge for the foreign policy of Pakistan.

4. Relations with Afghanistan damaged after militant insurgency and repatriation of illegal migrants. After Taliban take over in 2021, it is assumed that relations of both countries would be normalised. But the insurgency of militants in Pakistan especially Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and repatriation of illegal Afghan migrants escalated the relations between both countries. It poses a challenge for the

## foreign policy of Pakistan

5- Relations with China in the context of US-China rivalry is a big challenge

China and USA has trade war, clash in South and East China Sea, Taiwan Strait crisis and ideological differences. USA is supporting India in order to contain China. The geostrategic assistance of USA to India pose challenge for Pakistan's foreign policy. In the context of both countries rivalry, how the foreign policy would be balanced between both powers i.e USA and China.

6- Economic crisis of a country pose a challenge for foreign policy

Economic crisis destabilise a country internally, so the formation of a comprehensive and



independent foreign policy formulation become impossible. The surging economic crisis ~~is~~ threat the foreign policy.

7- Political instability in a country pose a challenge to foreign Policy

Foreign policy is mainly the domain of executive. The political instability largely after April 2021 lead a country toward a chaos. In this scenario, a durable and comprehensive foreign policy cannot formulated. 1

8- The ongoing crisis in Middle East  
The conflict between Israel and Palestine in which the world is divided into two blocs. USA, UK and other European countries are supporting ~~to~~ Israel while China, Russia, Iran and other countries supporting Palestine. In this context,

a question arises for Pakistan's foreign policy to whom it should support. Because Pakistan is economically dependent on foreign financial institution such as IMF and World Bank. It poses a threat for Pakistan independent and impartial foreign policy.

### Conclusion

Pakistan is facing threatening situation on three borders such as Iran, Afghanistan and India. Along with it the question of balanced relation with USA and China is also a big challenge for Pakistan's foreign policy. The economic crisis, political instability and ongoing conflict in middle east arises a lot of question in minds of policy makers.

## Question No. 2

### Introduction

CPEC the China Pakistan Economic Corridor is a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It is basically a plan of infrastructural connectivity, energy production, agricultural development and industrial advancement. CPEC is <sup>about</sup> building of all the above developments in Pakistan. The projects of around 25 billion dollars were completed yet and the total cost of all projects reached 64 billion dollars. CPEC has positive impact on the economic sector of Pakistan. CPEC established institutions for education and <sup>chinese</sup> language learning. It advanced infrastructure, aims to establish Special Economic Zones which will increase employment. Along with economic impact it affected the

geo-politics of the region. India<sup>is</sup> against this project and show tilt toward USA. As both Iran and Pakistan have same investor, so their relations are hoped to better in future. Saudi Arabia is going toward multi-lateral relations, so relations with China is going to be improved. The relations of Pakistan would be better with countries such as Afghanistan, Iran and central Asian Republics (CARs). Because all these countries would get benefit from this connectivity project.

## Economic Impacts of the CPEC

CPEC has positive impacts in the economic framework. Some of these impacts are discussed below.

- 1- Attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in a country

CPEC attracts FDI from major Chinese companies and other investors. According to World Bank Report 2022, the Pakistan's GDP increased from 4.5 to 5.7 in the period of 2016-2017 due to CPEC positive impacts.

Industrialization in the country through Special Economic Zones (SEZs)

CPEC has aim to establish 9 SEZs in a country. The industries from China will be reallocated here. In this context 17 major and small scale industries were reallocated. It will boost the industrial sector especially the textile exports of a country.

Infrastructural developments through road networks and Gwadar Development

CPEC established road networks as motorways and highways.

It speed up the exports from China to Gwadar. The functional port of Gwadar is one of the major deep sea port in Indian ocean. It increased the trade in a country.

Employment opportunities

CPEC provides 1.2 million job opportunities. It increased scholarship opportunities for Pakistani students. These efforts will improve the socio-economic indicators of Pakistan. In that region, <sup>worked for</sup> uplift of the women through employment opportunities.

Impact on Geo-political Dynamics of the region

The geo-political dynamics of Pakistan with other countries in the region affected.

Response of India to CPEC

As China start investment in Pakistan, India infuriated start becoming ally of USA. India and USA are against the CPEC project in Pakistan. According to USA Academia, the loans of CPEC are on high interest rate. IMF also suggested for the declaration of agreements related to CPEC. India is against the project because according to it CPEC is passing from Gilgit Baltistan which is considered as part of Kashmir.

Along with India reservation from its passage through Gilgit Baltistan, India is committing crimes against this project in the form of attacks. For example the Dasu bus attack was sponsored by India. In this attack Chinese were killed.

-2. Response of Afghanistan  
Contrary to India, Afghanistan wants to become part of the CPEC. After US withdrawal Taliban government showed the intention of joining CPEC and its extension toward Afghanistan. This project enhanced Pakistan importance for Afghanistan.

3- Iran and its views about CPEC  
Iran and Pakistan, both are partners of China. As China is investing in both Iran and Pakistan. So, Iran has no stern views related to CPEC. China is establishing a Chabahar port in Iran and Gwadar <sup>port</sup> in Pakistan. So, the relations between both are normalize.

4- Saudi Arabia relations with Pakistan  
Saudi Arabia in accordance



with Vision 2030 tries to diversify the relations with others. Saudi Arabia exported ~~oil~~ hydrocarbons to China. In this regard Saudi Arabia has agreement to build an oil refinery in Qadad. The relations between Pakistan and China were not affected due to CPEC establishment.

## CPEC and Pakistan's relations with neighbors

### Relations with India

CPEC ~~development~~ developments uneasy <sup>the</sup> India. India is involved in many conspiracies and proxies against CPEC on one hand and the country on the other hand. Kulbushan Jadeve was indulged in conspiracies against CPEC under supervision of RAW. Thus India is a

big security threat for the CPEC. The relations between both countries is deteriorated, due to many issues including CPEC.

## 2- Relations with Afghanistan

The relations with Afghanistan will be better after the extension of CPEC to Afghanistan. It will increase trade and overall image of Afghanistan.

## 3- Relations with Central Asian Republics (CARs) will improved after CPEC extension to Afghanistan.

CARs the landlocked countries will have access to the sea. The trade and development would be faster. The relations between Pakistan and the CARs countries will be improved.

## Conclusion

CPEC a project of connectivity brings a lot of ~~hope~~ opportunities to the <sup>developing</sup> nations such as Pakistan. It will reform every sector of a country.

It has economic impacts on the country. It attracts FDI, increased GDP growth, provide opportunities of job, industrial developments. Along with economic development it signify the status of Pakistan in a region. Some of nations aspire to be part of it such as Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia while other such as India is busy in conspiracies against this project. It has a huge impact on the relations of Pakistan with other countries. The relations with Afghanistan

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