

Question # 1

Foreign Policy Challenges of Pakistan

Introduction

Pakistan being an important country in South-Asia is enjoying immense benefits of its geostrategic and geopolitical location. Which often and usually the foreign policy of the state. The Pakistani state being an important link between West-Asia, South-Asia and Central-Asia is facing multifaceted internal and external challenges in the formation of foreign policy. As the foreign policy is the behavioural act of any nation to pursue its national interests through interactions with neighbouring countries as well as with world nations.

However, on the internal front, Pakistan's foreign policy is always influenced by the internal instability, leadership void as well as civil-military tussles. While on the external front, the challenges for foreign policy range from India's ambitions, US-India alliance, instability in Afghanistan as well as Pakistan's economic dependency, are always influencing the foreign policy of Pakistan. Notwithstanding, these challenges can be countered with some pragmatic measures including countering rise of India, diplomatic solution of Afghanistan problems as well as help Iran to avoid sanction.

Internal Challenges for Foreign Policy

Internal Instability

Since its very inception, Country has remained under immense pressure of internal instability which has casted havoc upon foreign policy formation. The absence of constitution for almost 9 year from its birth, has played deleterious role for policy, because in that scenario, the whole leadership was grappled with internal issues and still it is also facing shadows of internal instability upon foreign policy.

Civil-Military Tussles

In the history of 75 year, almost half of the period was for military dictator and without consensus the whole policy remained under the influence of one person.

External Challenges

Ambitious India to become

Rogue of the Region

The transformation of overall India look from secular to Hindutva Inspired Ideology, has pushed India to become rouge. Which has directly influenced the Pakistan's Foreign policy.

US-Indian Nexus: Counter China

US being sole superpower is not making alliance in the region to stop rise of China. Its alliance has become alarming for Pakistan foreign policy goals because of India ambitions of military might.

Instable Afghanistan: Security

PISA

The western neighbour of Pakistan i.e. Afghanistan remained for 40 years a theatre of proxy war. Now the non-state actors (NSAs) have carved safe haven in Afghanistan and carrying out insurgencies in Pakistan like TTP and IS-KP. These NSAs have become major challenges for Pakistan's foreign policy towards Afghanistan and more particularly Stable Afghanistan.

Economic Dependency of Pakistan

Pakistan being a developing country is facing economic turmoil for the last decade. Due to which, Pakistan has to become dependent upon foreign lender, which in other words cause impacts upon Pakistan's policy through goals acceptance of super powers.

Iran Resource: US Sanction

Pakistan's another western ally/neighbor is still facing U.S. sanction. Due to which Pakistan remains unable to exploit Iranian resources for economic gains. This has become a colossal challenge for Pakistan's foreign policy.

Internal and External Resistance for CPEC

Currently, Pakistan's cordial relations with China have given immense economic space to Pakistan. But internal instabilities like Baloch separatists and TTP attacks have eroded the trust China's confidence and hurt CPEC. It is also a vital challenge for Pakistan's foreign policy.

Solutions to Challenges

Foreign Policy

Internal Stability:
Character of
democracy

Counter Indian
ambition; alliance
with China and
Russian

Diplomatic
Solution of
Afghan R'sR

Iran: Upliftment
of sanctions through
back-door diplomacy

Initiate dialouge
with India,
including Kashmir

Steps to be Incorporated

- ① Agenda Setting
- ② Proposal
- ③ Selection
- ④ Implementation
- ⑤ Evaluation

Conclusion:-

Pakistan being a major connector of S.A, W.A and C.A, should carefully craft the F. Policy as mentioned in the solution, so that country can avoid further challenges. For the very first step, the internal stability is highly require element of foreign policy. For that character of democracy is essential to avoid all tussels. Also the mentioned solutions should be followed with true spirit for policy formulation and hence future will be bright.

Question: 3

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Geo Political Dynamics

Introduction:

Pakistan being an important geopolitical and geostrategic country has now become a linkage with South-Asia to Western-Asia and Central Asia. Its importance became doubled after the inclusion of CPEC. Which has not only impacted the Pakistan's outlook but also has influenced greatly the regional countries. Due to which, alliance formation, U.S igniting South China sea and India military might have become ubiquitous regional threats. Meanwhile, Pakistan's external relations

with its immediate neighbours will help in securing economic support, counter terrorism and Pakistan can avail the opportunity to become leader amongst Muslim countries.

Geopolitical Impacts of CPEC

Alliance Formation in South-Asia

As the rise of China is becoming growing threat for super-power U.S and arch rival India. So, in order to counter the rise of China, the ambitious plan of One Road One Belt (OROB) which has one component of CPEC has ignited the responses of super-power and thus led the formation of alliances like QUAD, AUKUS, I2U2 etc.

U.S Igniting South-China-Sea Issue

U.S being the first adversary of China in the current century, is now trying to influence its rise through internal instability. As Taiwan, being part of mainland-China has build relations with U.S. Which allowed the presence of U.S in region and thus influence the overall geopolitical dynamics of the region.

Transformation of World from

Unipolarity to Multipolarity

As the rise of China in the form of OBOR has given the world a hint towards the ascent of China. Which has greatly influenced the geopolitics of the region and countries are now shifting the policies from U.S to China.

Indian Military Might Expedition

India is now ensuring its alliances with the U.S to counter the rise of China and has become threat for the region by the ambitious goal of Military Might under the Hindutva inspired BJP governments and thus has presented immense threats to CPEC at many forums.

Western-Asian Countries Inclination towards China and Pakistan

Western-Asian countries particularly Saudi Arabia remained a long time the partner of U.S. But the induction of CPEC and rise of China have influenced their policies and they have showed inclination by showing interests through investments as well as through maintaining distance from U.S.

Implications for Pakistan: Relationship with other neighbouring countries.

Economic Revival

First and foremost problem of Pakistan is economy. Which can be revived via creating cordial relations with neighbouring countries, by making them part of CPEC.

Counter Terrorism

A country has been facing the curse of terrorism since last two decades. Due to which there are many challenges arise in front of country. By maintaining good relations via the CPEC benefits, the collaborative struggle can help in countering terrorism.

Conflict Resolution

As India, Pakistan - Afghanistan issue

different sort of issues, which by
involvement of both in CPEC can be
solved, especially the issue of
TTP and Kashmir for both countries
respectively.

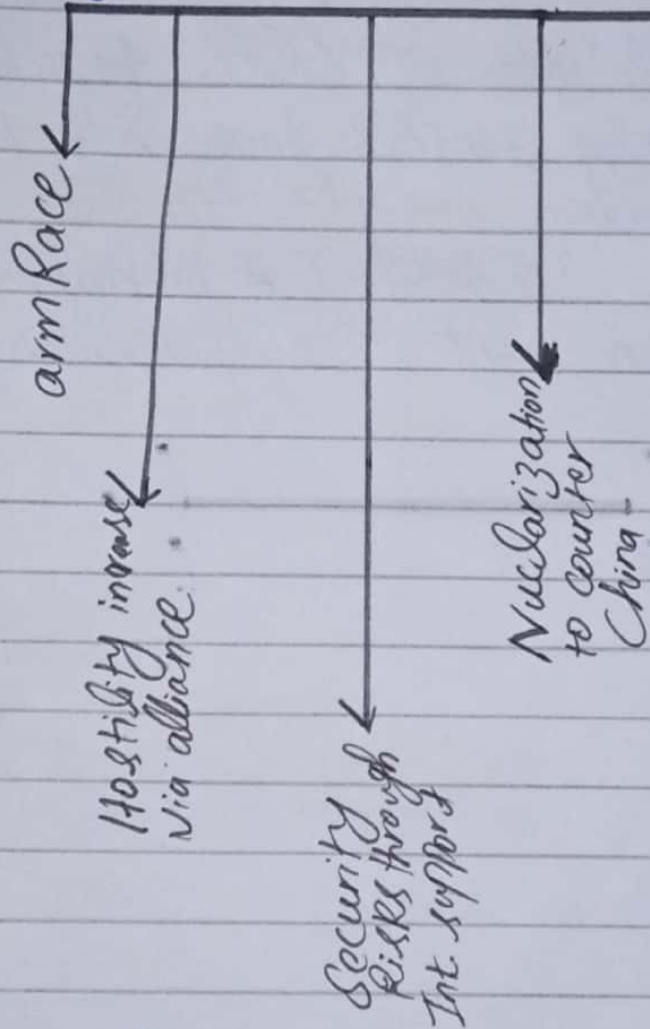
Opportunity to come out from the influence of Western Hemisphere

By chasing the benefits associated
with CPEC in order to build cordial
inclusion of neighbouring countries will
help Pakistan for economic revival,
un-influenced foreign policy - and from
the overall influence of Western Hemisphere.

Leadership to Muslim World

The contribution of the whole region
and the stability can help in creating
stable and secure Pakistan and
thus can lead the Muslim world
at different forums.

Negative Implications



Conclusion

In a nutshell, CPEC has the economic advantages for the whole region, but the rivalries of power has changed the geopolitical dynamic in Pakistan. Due to which the threats have increased in the region with

The formation of alliances and Indian ambitions of Military Might. However, full exploitation of CPEC by indulging neighbouring countries have both positive and negative impacts. However, the sensible leadership at international level can avert the prevailing threats.

