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Question # 1.

"Domestic Policy can only defeat us; foreign policy can kill us"...

Introduction:

Foreign and domestic policies are inherently interlinked. If there is something wrong with a country's foreign relations, it is largely because something is wrong with its domestic policy. According to statement, Pakistan's domestic policy has made it dependent on external powers. This dependency creates imbalanced relationships, eroding the country's ability to find new allies.

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The major foreign policy challenges of Pakistan are four items. The first is the post Gulf War, the second is Pakistan-United States relation, the third is Pakistan's relation with India and lastly relations with Afghanistan.

Foreign Policy:-

"Foreign Policy is not a single thing like other policies are e.g. public policy, it is the collection of many things strategies, policy maker, objective and goals, actions that one state perform to establish a connection with other states".

Foreign Policy Challenges of Pakistan

Pakistan - Afghanistan relation

No issue impacts Pakistan's internal and external challenges as much as peace and stability in Afghanistan. It is not just the Americans or Soviets that lost the wars. Pakistan and Afghanistan too have lost by extremist influence and instability.

Pakistan's policy makers shows lack of awareness of towards Afghanistan's problems. The Taliban were never going to be the solution to Afghanistan's problems or our problems with India.

The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan is another problem that is question mark on foreign policy

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The solution to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan has to be found within Pakistan. Seeking it in Afghanistan could damage relations with the Taliban and enhance Afghanistan's instability, which is not in Pakistan's best interest.

Pakistan's security policies have limited its options for economic engagement in the region.

The policies have given rise to extremist and militant organisation within the country that is inhibiting foreign investment, along with weak rule of law and poor governance for decades.

Dependency oriented Foreign Policy:

Another challenges of

Pakistan Foreign Policy is its dependency-oriented nature that resulted in reduction of list of friends and benefactors. It leaves Pakistan with only a few options for global engagement.

Pakistan needs a new approach which is currently absent as it continues to be consumed by ideology and internal struggles for power.

'Jihadist option' that Pakistan follow in 80s was not a good option, infact it backfired

India related Foreign Policy:

Economic power is the core of national strength. It enables a state to have a good defence capability, enriches the quality

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of life of citizens and has the potential that can attract friendly relations with other country.

Pakistan's economic situation reflect nothing but instability that can never motivation country like India to have friendly relations. Pakistan-India relation are always been on stake.

Kashmir issue was one of the reasons of conflict.

Since the arrival of BJP led government in India, things have taken a downturn. The Indian government has revoked articles 370 and 35A, which granted special status to Kashmir.

The Pulwama incident in which an IAF aircraft was

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shot down in Pakistan, is an addition to bitter relations with India

Pakistan - United States.

Pakistan foreign policy towards America has been a rough graph and good times. Pakistan tested its nuclear bombs in response to the India that followed sanctions.

Then 9/11 happened and America needed Pakistan again.

Pakistan went back and became a major non-NATO ally.

Pakistan made huge sacrifices against the War on Terror and still, it has to fight to improve its image internationally.

Conclusion:-

The success of a country in the global playground depends solely on how effective is its foreign policy.

Pakistan's foreign policy is fragile due to lack of good governance and political instability.

A nation's ability to influence foreign relations, especially in today's world, depend on economics which in turn is dependent on political stability and good governance.