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## Answer

## 1.) Introduction

CPEC is a part of Chinese Belt and Road initiative. The inception concept of CPEC started when Chinese PM visited to Pakistan in 2013. In 2023, a decade of CPEC completed. Chinese foreign minister said that CPEC is a friendly project between the Pakistan and China. During a decade CPEC numerous opportunities had been completed in which energy deficiency, job creation, transportation and industrialization and modernizing the agriculture sector. Moreover, during the decade of CPEC, it faced numerous challenges including debt trap policy of the USA, Indian intervention in Balochistan and terrorist attacks on Chinese workers in Gwader sea port. However, Pakistan proved that CPEC is not a debt trap policy and not a loan acquiring policy.



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2) The decade of CPEC brought numerous opportunities which became success of CPEC.

(i) Investment in the energy sector

Through CPEC energy deficiency of Pakistan has been completed. For instance, coal, hydro power project, solar energy are major example of energy sector. Karot hydro power has been completed in which 1100 MW energy deficiency has been completed.

Besides, Azad Patan in AJK and Jhohala hydropower project are under operational which will be completed in 2026. Soli canari hydropower project will provide 720 MW energy to fill energy sector.

a) Solar power project

Solar power project has completed which is located in Bahawalpur and provide 1000 MW solar energy to the country.

b) Wind power project

CPEC wind power



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Project which will provide 1320MW electricity of the country.

### objective of the energy project

(i) These projects are very important for Pakistan. Load shedding will be reduced which is a major problem of the country. Now a days, the country is facing major issue of loadshedding. Every rural areas of the country faces 8 to 10 hours without electricity.

(ii) Moreover, agreement of the other private sectors which are mostly such as IPP, GENCO and etc. Every sector of CPEC will provide ~~10~~ 1000MW electricity to the sectors.

(iii) Furthermore, line losses and theft will be reduced in the country.

### (ii) Investment in the transport sector.

Transportation is another factor of CPEC success. During the decade of CPEC major initiative started in transport sector.



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For instance, Karachi to Peshawar motorway, Lahore to Karachi and Lahore to Sialkot motorway. Besides, Burhan to Islamabad and Burhan to Karachi motorway has been started. Furthermore green bus line projects has been started between the country.

**objective of investment in the transportation sector.**

Transportation is main part of the country. These projects have been started to strengthen the country transportation system. Karachi to Peshawar and Lahore to Sialkot Journey became easy for passenger.

**(iii) Started Special Economic Zone**

China and Pakistan started investment to build special economic zone in which industrial, food security and strengthen of agricultural sectors.

(i) There are nine special economic zone

Allama Iqbal industrial hub in Faisalabad,



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Rashia economic zone, industrial city in Faisalabad and ICT Park in Islamabad.

### Benefits of these Zone

Rashia economic zone has been started for completing the needs food. It is started in Baluchistan where peach, Pomegranate are famous. Besides, Allama Iqbal industrial zone will complete the deficiency of industrial sector.

Moreover, Agricultural sectors will be strengthened through these special zone.

### (iv) Development of Gwader Port

Development of Gwader Port is very beneficial for the country.

There are many projects which are started on Gwader port. <sup>construction of</sup> A cricket stadium is under operational and the biggest airport of South Asia is under operational in Gwader, moreover, numerous railway projects has been started in Gwader port for instance, Burhan to Karachi, Burhan to Islamabad.

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## Port

Due to the development of Gwadar Port, stability can be come in the region. For example Afghanistan can use the port to acquire access in Central Asian and Middle eastern countries.

## 15) Creation of Job opportunities

Decade of CPEC has created numerous job opportunities for the country. According to Chinese ambassador in Pakistan, 192000 jobs have been provided through CPEC. Due to jobs creation, employment reduced in Pakistan. Many Pakistani laboure are working in CPEC projects in which engineer, mechanic are working.

## 3) Decade of CPEC<sup>also</sup> suffered numerous challenges

### a) Debt trap policy of the major power in the world.

During the development of the project the USA and its allies were saying that all the projects of



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BRI based on loans including CPEC. After completing the projects, the countries will have to return the loan which is increasing debt.

### b) Security threat for the project

CPEC faced numerous security threats during development of its first decade. For example, terrorist attacks on Chinese workers in Gawader Port-Besies, attack near the Chinese consultant in Karachi.

### c) India intervention in Balochistan

The province of Balochistan is the most important for Gawader Port. However, India is supporting BLA in Balochistan which is enhancing threat for the projects.

### (d) Blame game on China

Some major power was asking that on development of CPEC all the Chinese workers are working. Besides, which machinery are being used for the construction that is related to China.



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#### 4) Counter argument of Pakistan

Pakistan refused all the blame of major power which put by on CPEC development.

Firstly, Pakistan refused the debt trap policy of the USA. CPEC is not a loan requiring project but it is built on the base of BOT. Which loan are acquiring Pakistan; that will return after completing.

Moreover, the country said that those worker are working on the projects in which 50,50 worker are belongs to bothe countries.

Furthermore, on terrorism, Pakistan adopted authentic policy for countering terrorism in the CPEC.

#### 5) Conclusion

Decade of CPEC completed last year. From 2013 to 2023, numerous projects have been completed on CPEC which are sign of success of



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CPEC. However others projects are under construction which will be completed in days to come. Energy deficiency of the Pakistan reduced during decade of CPEC. Besides, agriculture sectors, industrial sectors and transportation have been strengthened. Furthermore, numerous security threats of CPEC were faced during development. Moreover, Pakistan countered the debt trap policy of the USA. However, both China and Pakistan need strong relation for enhancing the growth of CPEC.

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Answer

1) Introduction

KSA and Iran have faced tense relations since 1980. After the Afghan War, KSA supported Wahab and Iran supported Shii which became fight between both the country. In 1998, some agreement completed with



angry mood. Furthermore, in 2011, KSA supported Houthis in Syria and Iran supported Syria's government. However, both countries could not solve their conflict. In 2016, first bilateral talks had been started between KSA and Iran but unsuccessful. KSA executed the Iranian counterpart NiML-ul-NiML in KSA. Therefore, protests were started in Tehran. Currently, on March 10, both countries agreed for normalization. The relations intervention of China. The normalization of both the countries brought series opportunities for Middle Eastern region and Pakistan.

2) **KSA-Iran Normalisation would have brought numerous positive implications for middle eastern region**

9) **Normalization in Yemen crisis**

Yemen crisis were started in 2014 and 2016. Both KSA and Iran were fighting against each other



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as a proxy war. USA supported Yemen government which based on wahabism and Iran supported Rebels group which believed on shittism.

After the normalization between both the countries, the Yemeni government and their rebels started bilateral talks and did ceasefire.

b) Resolved Syrian crisis

In 2011, Syria war started in which USA supported was supporting the Houmi Rebels group and Iran was supporting the Syrian government. In 2016, Syria and its rebels group became ceasefire because USA and Iran normalized their relations.

(c) Outcome of Regional stability

The middle eastern countries which wanted normalization between USA and Iran. Iraq had already tried to normalize the relations between the countries because Iran is major ally.

Other normalization for palestine issues can increase region.



alloy of Iran. Besides, all GCC countries are partner in terms of trade.

### d) Positive impacts on Behran and Lebanon

The normalization of KSA and Iran relations would have positive implications not only on Syria and Yemen but also on other conflict zones in the middle east like Iraq, Bahran and Lebanon.

### 3) Positive implications for Pakistan

#### a) Improve internal security situation of Pakistan

The internal security situation of Pakistan are very dangerous for the country's sovereignty. Numerous sectarian group such as Sipah Sahaba, Sipah Muhammad and etc are spreading violence in the country. These religious group are being supported by Iran and KSA.

Therefore, peaceful environment will come due to normalization of KSA and Iran



## b) Positive effects on Pakistan foreign Policy

Due to Iran and ICSA rivalry, Pakistan foreign Policy faced challenges. For instance, Pakistan did not join IMCTC. Pakistan did not send its troops for Yemen war. Therefore, now Pakistan will be strengthened due to normalization.

## c) Good relations with Iran

Iran is immediately neighbour country of Pakistan. Pakistan neighbour of east India and Afghanistan. India is creating threat for Pakistan on eastern borders. Therefore, Pakistan needs Iran for securing western border.

## d) Strengthen economic of the country

Due to normalization of ICSA and Iran relations, Pakistan can enhance its economic opportunities. Iran has already shown its interest to become the partner of CPEC.



#### (4) Conclusion

The normalization between USA and Iran would have positive effects both middle east crises and Pakistan. Yemom has took stance for cease fire. Besides Lebanon and Syria also decided for ceasefire. Besides, GCC and neighbours countries will took benefit to boost their economic opportunities. on the other hands, USA and Iran normalization would have <sup>positive</sup> effects for Pakistan. For instance, Pakistan sectarian issues can be solved. Besides, Pakistan can increase its relations with middle eastern region.