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Q2:- Critically evaluate Pak-Afghan tension in the wake increasing attack by TTP and ISkP using Afghanistan soil against Pakistan. Suggest policy measures for Islamabad to overcome crises and also improve relations with Afghanistan.

- (i) The escalating tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan can have serious implications for regional stability. The attacks by the (TTP) and ISkP using Afghan soil against Pakistan are a significant cause of concern.

The ability of terrorist group to operate and launch attacks from Afghan territory poses a direct threat to Pakistan's security and has the potential to escalate the conflict between the two countries.

The inability of the Afghan Government to assert control over

its territory and prevent terrorist groups from using its soil to launch attack is major challenge. This has led to increased tension and accusation between two countries.

The situation is further complication by the presence of international actors in the region such as United States and NATO forces who have their own interest and agendas.

It is essential for both countries to prioritize regional stability and security by addressing the root causes of terrorism and preventing terrorist groups from exploiting the porous border between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Failure to do so could lead to further violence and instability in the region with far-reaching consequences for peace and security. Pakistan and Afghanistan need to work together to enhance cooperation on counter-terrorism efforts. This include improving border security, intelligence sharing and joint military operations to target militant groups operating on both sides of border.

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### Strengthen border security:-

Islamabad could work to improve border security measures to prevent illegal border crossings, smuggling that may exacerbate tensions with Afghanistan.

### Enhance bilateral trade and economic cooperation:-

Islamabad could work to enhance trade and economic cooperation with Afghanistan including facilitating cross-border trade, investing in joint infrastructure projects.

### Promote people to people exchanges:-

Islamabad could promote cultural and educational exchanges between Pakistan and Afghanistan to foster greater understanding and goodwill between the two countries.

### Support peace and reconciliation:-

Islamabad could support and facilitate peace and reconciliation efforts in Afghanistan including, by engaging with Afghan stakeholders, providing humanitarian assistance.

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## Invest in development projects:-

Islamabad could invest in development projects in Afghanistan to promote stability, improve infrastructure and address socio-economic challenges in border regions.

Q 4 India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor is projected as a competitor to the Belt and Road of China. Critically evaluate the potential and future prospects of the two projects?

The India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor and Belt and Road initiative are both large scale infrastructure and connectivity projects aimed at enhancing trade and economic relations between countries.

The IMEEEC, which aims to connect India with the Middle East and Europe through

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various transport and trade routes, has the potential to significantly boost economic growth and trade in region. It could create new opportunities for businesses, boost investments and strengthen ties between the participating countries.

On the other hand, BRI, proposed by China is a massive infrastructure and connectivity project aimed at connecting China with various regions around the world through a network of roads, railways, ports and other infrastructure projects. The BRI has been criticized for its high costs, environmental impact and concerns over debt sustainability in the participating countries.

In terms of potential and future prospects, the BRI has already made significant progress in terms of connecting China with various parts of Asia, Africa and Europe. The project has the backing of the Chinese Government.

The IMEFEC on the other hand

is still in the planning stages and its success will depend on the cooperation and coordination among the participating countries. While the project has potential to boost economic growth and trade in region, it may face challenges in term of funding and coordination.

In conclusion, both the IMFFEC BRI have the potential to enhance connectivity and boost economic growth in the respective regions. However, the success of these projects will depend on various factors such as funding, coordination and cooperation among the participating countries. The future prospects of both projects will be closely watched to see how they unfold and contribute to regional and global economic development.

Q7 What is one China Two system policy? How US policy towards Taiwan is hurting it. What could be its possible implication? Give recommendations.

The **"one China Two system"** policy is a framework that was originally proposed by **Deng Xiaoping**, the former leader of People's Republic of China as a solution to reunify Taiwan with the mainland. Under this policy, Taiwan would be allowed to retain its own government, legal system and military.

**US policy** towards Taiwan has been a complex and sensitive issue due to the longstanding tension between China and Taiwan.

The US has maintained a policy of **"strategic ambiguity"** where it neither supports Taiwan's independence nor officially recognizes it as a sovereign state.

However US has also maintained a close relationship with Taiwan, both in terms of security and trade, which has been source of contention with China. This, tensions has led to increased <sup>tensions</sup> between US and China.

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The US policy towards Taiwan has the potential to hurt Taiwan in several ways. It could escalate tensions between the USA and China, leading to a conflict that could have significant repercussions for Taiwan and the broader region.

Possible implications of the current US policy towards Taiwan include increased military tensions in the region, economic and diplomatic isolation for Taiwan.

Recommendation for addressing the situation could include:

**Maintaining Strong and consistent stance** in support of Taiwan's security and democratic values while avoiding actions that could escalate tensions with China.

**Working with international partners** to promote peaceful dialogue and negotiation between China and Taiwan to resolve their differences peacefully.

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Strengthening economic and diplomatic ties with Taiwan to enhance its capabilities and independence on the international stage.

Encouraging Taiwan to pursue its own Diplomatic initiatives and forge partnerships with other countries to reduce its reliance on the USA.

Q8: SIFC is expecting huge foreign direct investment in Pakistan from the Middle East and China. How do you see the chance of investment in Pakistan?

We see great potential for foreign direct investment in Pakistan particularly from countries like the Middle East and China. Pakistan offers a strategic location, a large and ~~an~~ growing consumer market, a young and educated workforce and various investment opportunities in sectors such as energy, infrastructure,

agriculture and technology. The Government has also taking steps to improve the investment climate such as offering incentives, reducing red tape and enhancing infrastructure.

with the right policies and reforms in place, Pakistan has the potential to attract significant foreign investment, which can help boost economic growth and create jobs in country.

The chance of investment in ~~Pakistan~~ Pakistan is promising especially with the increasing interest from foreign investors in diverse sectors such as energy, infrastructure, technology and agriculture. The Government of Pakistan has been implementing various reforms to improve the ease of doing business, and create a more conducive business environment. With strong ties to Middle East and China Pakistan has potential to attract significant foreign

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direct investment in the coming years. It will be important for Pakistan to continue implementing reforms, addressing challenges related to governance, security and infrastructure and promoting a stable and investor-friendly environment to attract more investment in the country.