

Question 1

Q- Discuss main changes made in the constitution of Pakistan

A- Introduction

In 2024, Pakistan has witnessed a major set of changes in its constitution. 26th ammendment is the symbol of re-unification of political factions for improving the constitutional framework of Pakistan. This ammendment was passed by both platforms of the constitutional assembly of Pakistan with two-third majority.

26th ammendment is termed as **Constitutional package** due to large number of ammendments.

Features of 26th Ammendment

Article 9A

Article 9A is included in constitution which states that "provision of clean environment to every citizen of Pakistan."

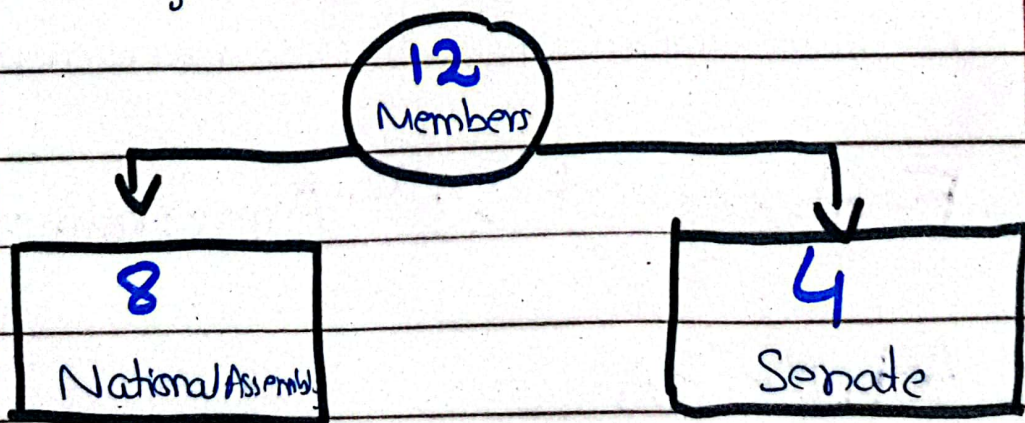
Article-38

According to this ammendment, it is decided to make Pakistan's economy **free of interest rate system** by January 1, 2028.

Article 174

The ammendment in article 174 will have far-reaching impacts on the political landscape of Pakistan.

According to this ammendment, it is decided to establish **Special Parliamentary Committee** having structure as



This committee will decide the Chief Justice of Pakistan from the panel of three

Senior judges Committee will send this name to the prime minister who later send the name to president for final approval.

Before Ammendment, the senior most judge was selected as chief justice of Pakistan.

Term of Chief Justice

Moreover, 26th ammendment also set the **3 years** term for Chief Justice irrespective of his remaining retirement age.

Article 184

Article 184 is also ammended, it has taken the power of supreme court to take **Sou motu** on any issue.

Referral of Cases

Ammendment has provided the authority to supreme court

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to refer the cases in different high court or take itself.

Selection of Judges

Under the umbrella of this 26th ammendment, judges would be selected by special parliamentary committee in high, session, district courts as well as Federal shariat court.

Moreover, judges will be selected on the **criteria of** physical and mental fitness.

Establishment of Constitutional Benches

Constitution is ammended to establish separate constitutional benches in courts to deal in constitutional related cases. It is a landmark ammendment which has re-vitalized the notion of **separation of powers.**

Withdraw Review of Decisions Power

This amendment has withdrawn the review of decisions power. Now, the decision of cabinet cannot be subject to review in courts. It will be considered as final decision.

The 26th amendment will have far-reaching effects on the political system of Pakistan.

Power to Choose Chief Justice

This amendment will give the power to incumbent governments to choose Chief Justice on their own will. It would be possible by selecting the pro-government members of special parliamentary committee. After amendment, ruling party can get rid of all the cases ^{filed} against them.

Example: In 2017, Ex-Prime minister Nawaz Sharif was

crushed in Panama case. But no ^{any} solid case was approved against him. PML-N claims that his ouster was the result of PTI and Chief Justice of that time.

Limited Tenure, Less Threat to Political Parties

As it is decided the tenure of three years for Chief Justice, it will help the opposition parties. Pakistan has witnessed that ruling governments extended the tenure of Chief Justice of their times to get the undue support of Judiciary.

End of Sou Motu's Chapter

In previous years, Sou Motu was used as a tool to negatively affect the disliked political parties by the judges. Many Sou Motu's were taken with ^{on} baseless foundations that worsely affected political

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landscape of Pakistan.

Autonomy to Amend Constitution

Now, the political parties are given the free-hand to amend constitution on their own will after separation of constitutional benches.

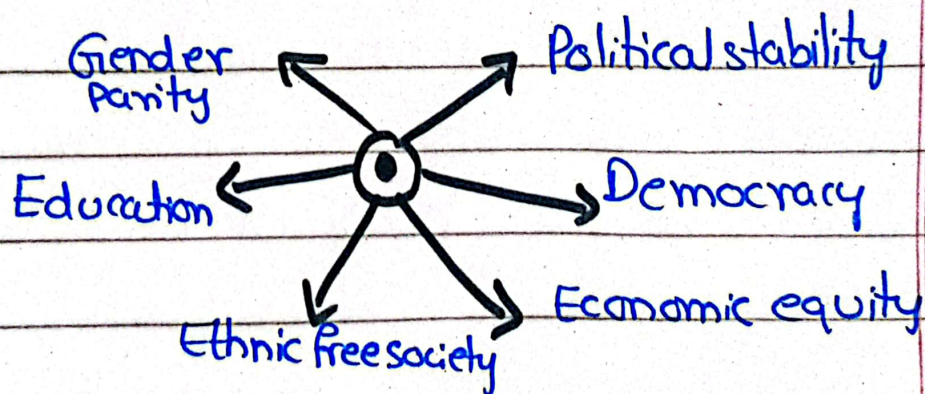
Conclusion

No doubt, ^{Passing of} 26th amendment is a historical event in Pakistan. Time will decide whether it will be a boon or bane for Pakistan.

Introduction

National integration is an important factor for the progress and development of a country. It is the force that binds the whole nation together. Without national integration, a country or a nation cannot sustain for a longer period of time.

Components of National Integration



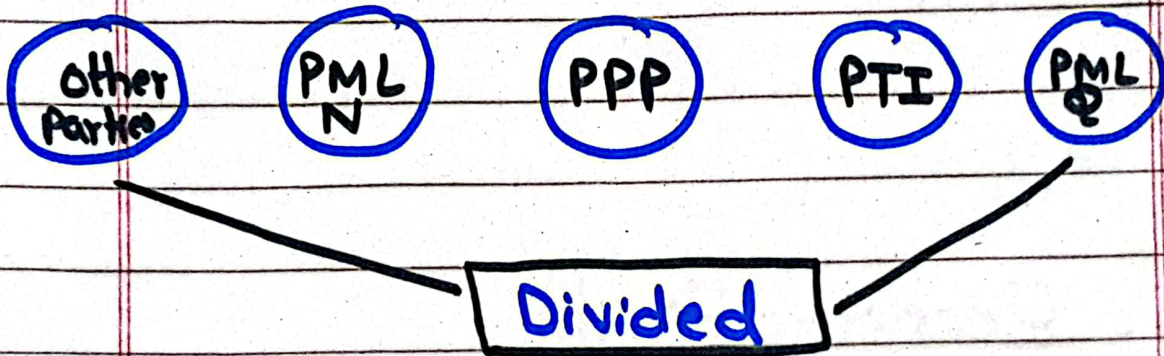
Political Stability

Political stability is imperative for the existence of national integration. It joins all the political parties of a country that roots out division among political factions. Moreover, political stability

also hinders the military intervention in political domain.

Example

In Pakistan, political parties are divided on a vast range of issues. It is the major reason of military rule of about thirty years in Pakistan.



Even these parties are not united on economic fronts. It is the major reason of lack of national integration in Pakistan.

Democracy

Democracy is an important component of national integration.

According to Abraham Lincoln

"Democracy is of the people; by the people and for the people."

In democratic countries, power is vested with public. When any political party is elected democratically, then no opposition is being faced by it. All people remain united under one leadership, which fosters national integration.

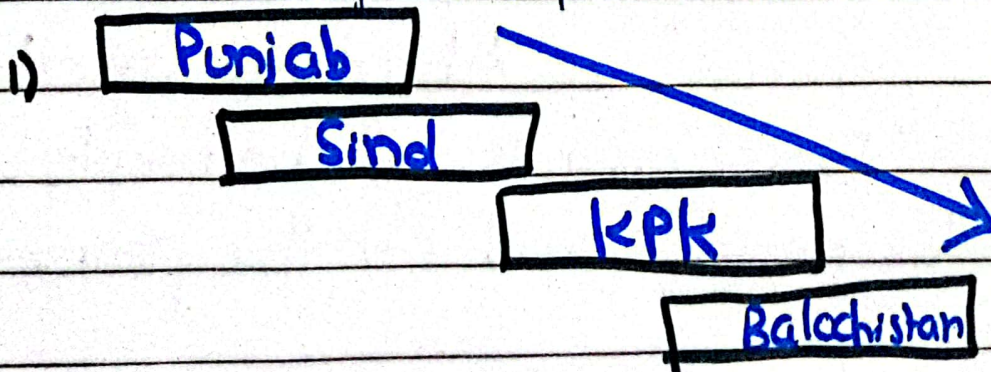
China has democracy in its political landscape, which has kept its public united

Economic Equity

Economic equity develops the sense of equality among people. If there is economic equity, no one feels under-privileged or discriminated economically.

Example

Economically better provinces in Pakistan



The people of Balochistan usually raise concerns that their province is economically under-developed than other provinces of Pakistan. It hinders social cohesion among Pakistanis.

Murder of **Punjabis**
in **2024**
By **Balochistan**
Baloch is

Ethnic free Society

Ethnicity is a killer of national cohesion. Where there is ethnic conflicts, there will be no national integration.

New Zealand is a country free of ethnic rifts. It is one of the major reasons of its progress and development resultant from national integration.

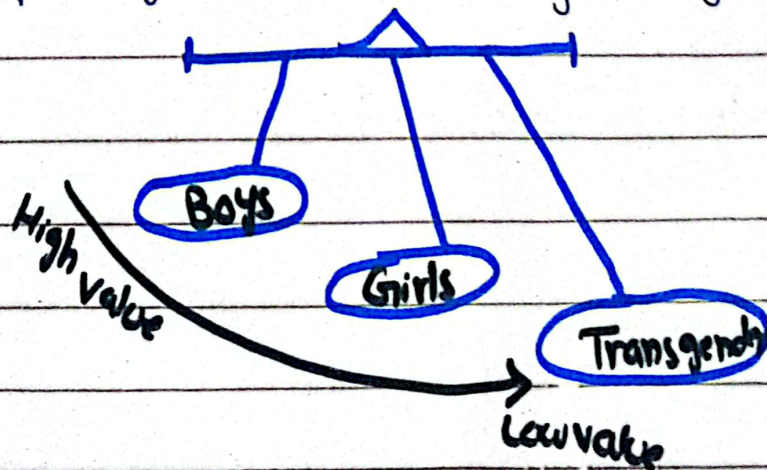
Education

Education fosters national integration. Through education, people know the significance of national unity. They remain immune from all those factors that distort their unity.

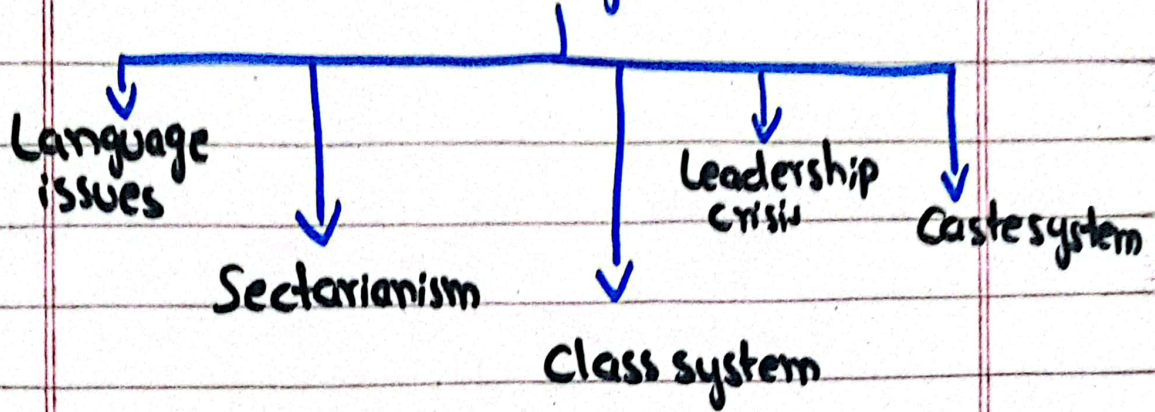
"Educated Nation is an asset for a country"

Gender Parity

Gender parity is a key to unlock the door of national integration. Nations having gender disparity cannot stay integrated.



Factors that hamper National Integration



Language issue

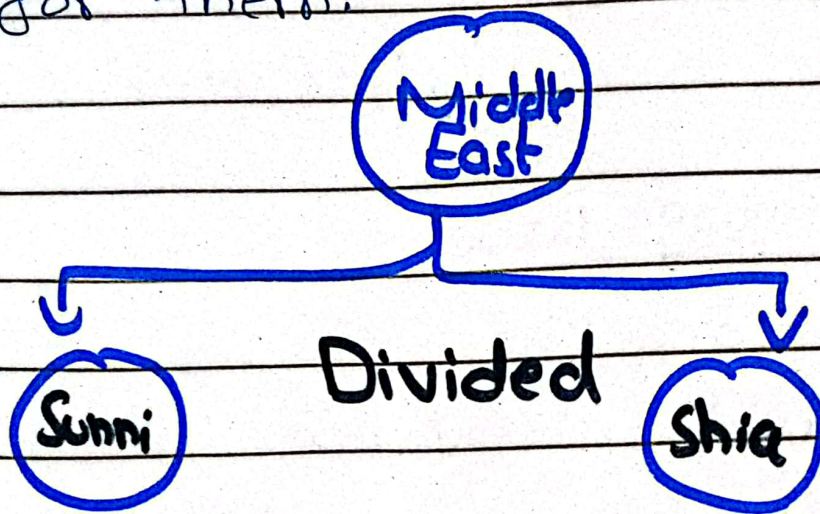
Language issue impedes national integration. If in a country two languages are spoken, one of them has large number of speakers than other people get discriminated.

Bangladesh Establishment

One of the major reason of the separation of East Pakistan was the language issue. **Bengalis** were speaking Bengali language but it was not declared official language of Pakistan. So they faced hurdle in communication with government, and West Pakistan.

Sectarianism

The countries where sectarianism exists, national integration is mere a dream for them.



Middle East region lacks integration, which affect national integration in their countries.

Caste System

Caste system hampers national cohesion. In India, people are divided into kashtriyas, shudras etc. It affects the national integration in India and leads to division.

Leadership Crisis

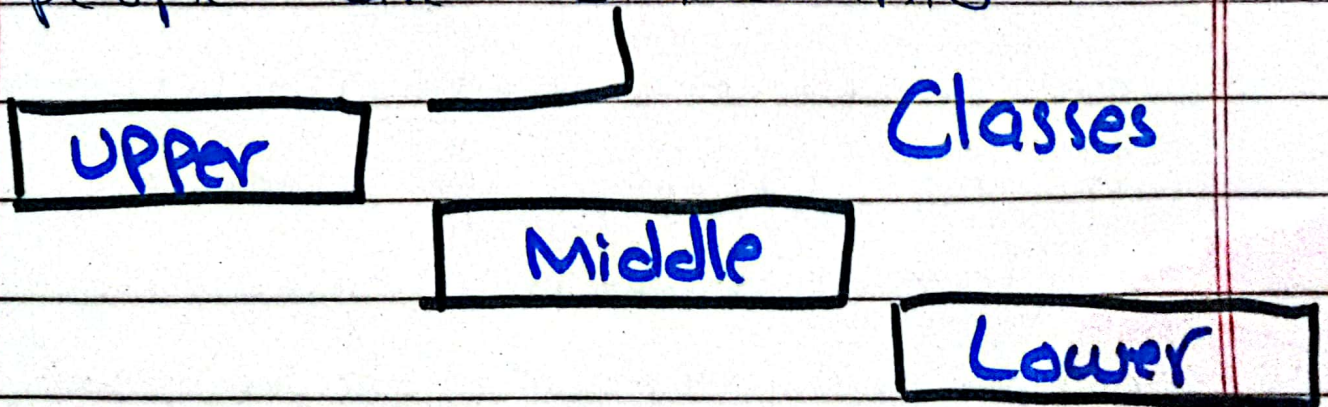
In countries where there is no any proper leadership, they ^{people} cannot remain united. Leadership holds the people together.

Pakistan

After death of Quaid-e-Azam and Liaqat Ali Khan, Pakistan witnessed severe leadership crisis and led to division among Pakistanis.

Class System

Class system is an obstacle in uniting people. In Pakistan people are divided into



These classes lack unity.

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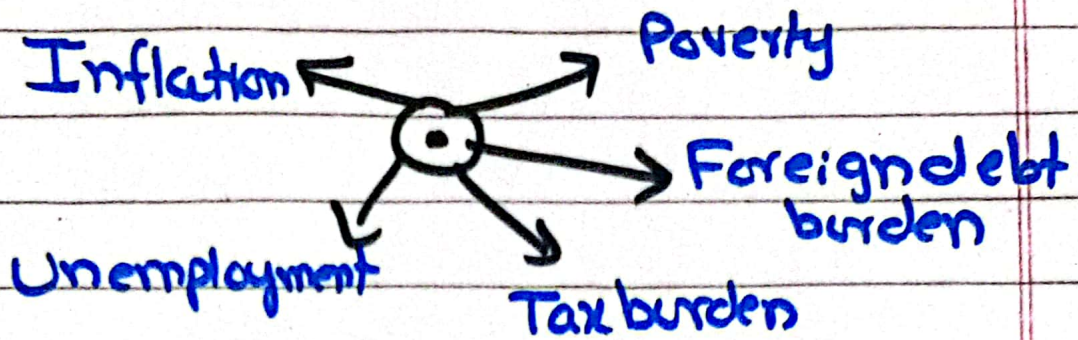
National integration is a diverse concept having multiple components. But, different factors and issues hamper the national integration in Pakistan.

Q No. 7

Introduction

Pakistan economy is in fragile situation from the last couple of years. The economic elite of Pakistan is raising the cry of Pakistan is in danger. But, they are not putting their efforts to control the situation. Instead of it, their negligent role is burdening the poor segment of Pakistan in the form of heavy burden of taxes, soaring Foreign debt, rising poverty, galloping inflation and increasing unemployment.

Issues faced by the Poor in Pakistan



Poverty

Pakistan is grappling with the worst enemy that is poverty. People ^{that are} falling under poverty line are increasing with every passing year.

According to PIDE report, approximately, 40% of the population of Pakistan are poor.

Unemployment

In Pakistan, poor people are facing the issue of unemployment. Even when they get employed, they receive less wages than the benchmark decided by government of Pakistan.

As per last conducted emp's labor force survey 2021,

6.2.1. unemployment rate exists in Pakistan. But, renowned economists like Hafiz Pasha do not agree with this figure and they claim that ground reality is worse than on paper.

Foreign Debt Burden

The soaring foreign debt has become a serious issue for Pakistan's economy. According to **Ministry of Finance**, volume of foreign debt has surpassed the **130bn\$**. In the upcoming three years, Pakistan has to repay more than **75bn\$**.

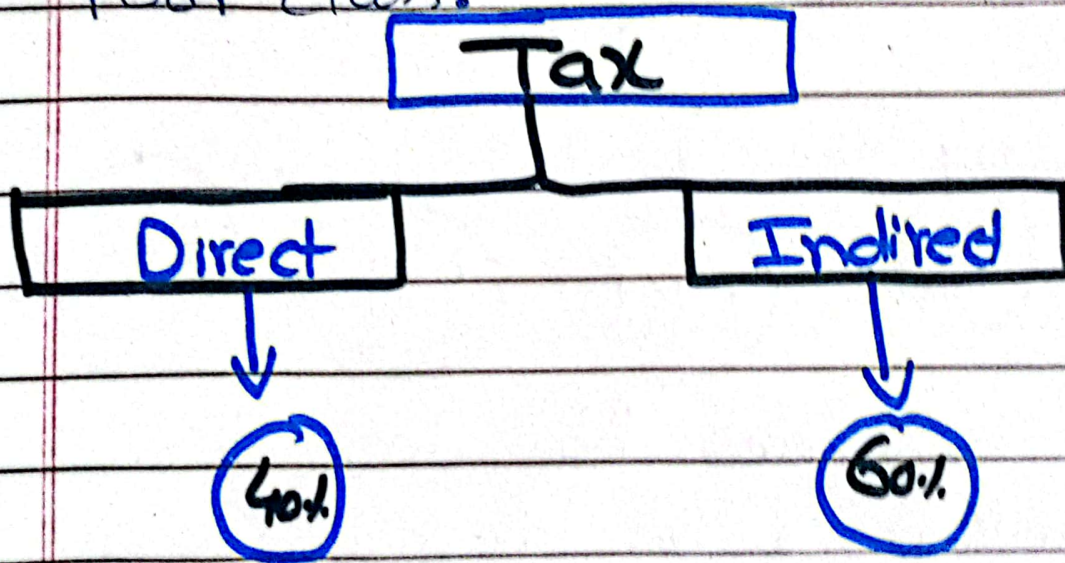
Inflation

Sky rocketing prices of essential and non-essential goods are negatively affecting the purchasing power of Pakistanis. According to

the economic survey of Pakistan, the highest ever recorded inflation in 2023 was 38.1%. Although in 2024, inflation has declined. But, severe fluctuations in prices is demolishing living standard of poor Pakistanis.

Tax Burden

In Pakistan, the incidence of taxation is borne by poor class.

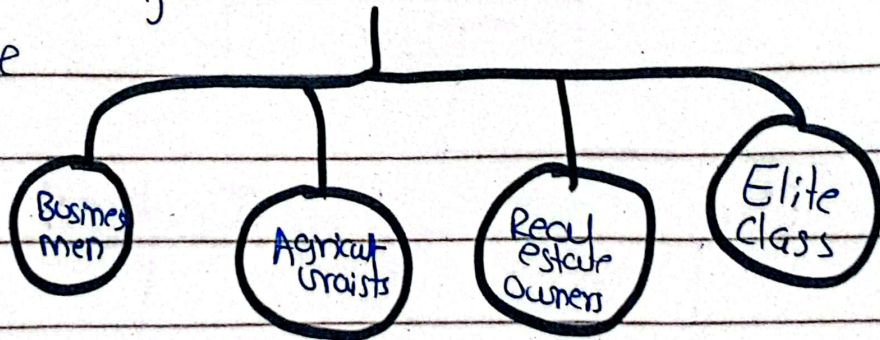


Indirect taxes ^{have} are higher share in tax contribution than direct taxes. It is directly affecting poor segment of Pakistan.

Role of Economic Elite in Worsening Economy

Tax theft

Economic elite is involved in tax theft in Pakistan. They use the tools of tax avoidance and tax evasion to fulfil their greedy aims. According to Hafiz Pasha, a renowned economist, the major tax evaders in Pakistan are



Pakistan has less than 4 million active tax payers out of the population of 241.4 million

Enjoying Subsidies

Elite class in Pakistan are enjoying subsidies at the cost of public welfare.

One of the major beneficiaries are **exporters**. Despite being their poor performance since last couple of years, they are enjoying subsidies. Pakistan's exports are stagnant in between **\$ 26 bn - 31 bn**. The burden of their subsidies are bearing by poor class.

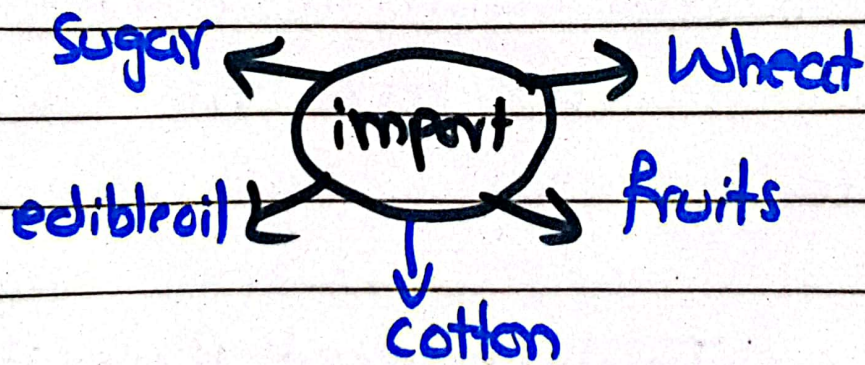
Big guns eating Power sector

In Pakistan, big guns are eating Pakistan's energy sector. Its evident example are **Independent Power Producers** which are enjoying their benefits and profits at the costs of public cry. According to Power division, Per unit electricity price in Pakistan has reached to **Rs. 65** that is higher in South Asia. High electricity prices are bleeding Pakistan.

economic progress.

Poor Agriculture Performance

Landowners are one of the biggest tax evaders, despite it their performance is not laudable. Agriculture productivity is declining with every passing year Pakistan. Pakistan has shift from food exporter to food importing country.



Economic Self-Reliance is mere a dream

In the presence of economic elites, economic self reliance cannot be achieved in Pakistan.

- Tax evasion causes budget deficit in Pakistan. To bridge it up, government borrow debt instead of generating new revenue sources.
- Agricultural products are being imported that hampers the food self-reliance in Pakistan.
- Economic elite and IMF nexus impedes Pakistan to come out of the marsh of IMF debt.
- Dwindling exports and rising imports leads to current deficit and resultantly foreign debt burden.

Conclusion

Economic Self reliance is a key to the economic prosperity of Pakistan. But, for this economic elite has to play their effective role by integrating with poor class of Pakistan.

Q No. 4

Introduction

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan is a renowned personality of the world. He had played a vital role in the independence of Pakistan. His visionary trinity of ideas, i.e., loyalty to Britishers, devotion to education and aloofness from politics were served as strengthening blocks or foundations for Muslims in the subcontinent.

Historical Context

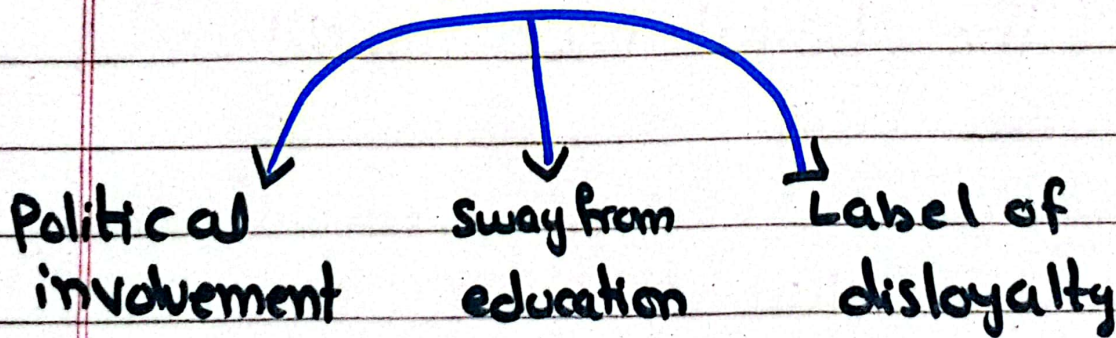
During the time of 1870s, Muslims were in a deplorable situation. They were blamed as anti-British and supporters of British enemies in the 1857 war of independence. They were considered as disloyal to Britishers.

Moreover, Muslims were educationally backward.

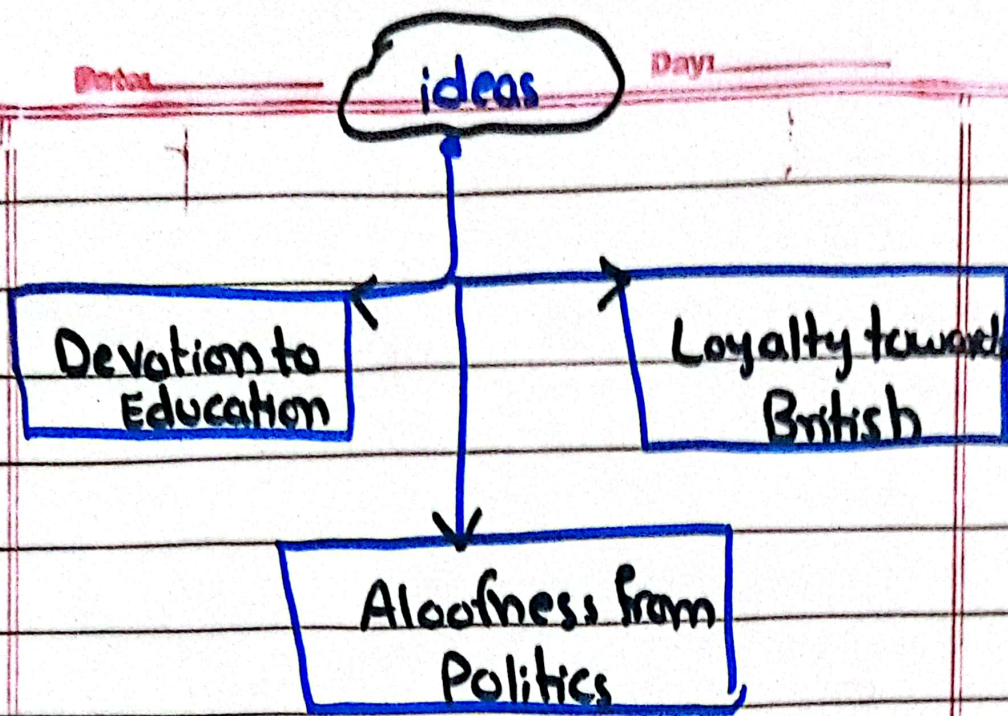
They had no knowledge of science and the English language. It ^{had} affected their communication with Britishers.

In a year, more than 200 students ^{had} completed their B.A degree. While, only one Muslim was among them.

Furthermore, Hindus were pushing Muslims in politics. Their aim was to detract Muslims and impede their economic and social progress.



During this crucial time period, Sir Syed Ahmed ^{had} emerged as a ray of hope and a light bearer for Muslims. He introduced his trinity of ideas.



Loyalty towards Britishers

He had played vital role in proving Muslims loyalty towards Britishers.

He wrote a book named "**The Loyal Muhammadans**", in which he unveiled the false trap of Hindus towards Muslims.

He explained, how Hindus were raising feelings of betrayal among Muslims. He tried to prove that Muslims were not the actual betrayers. Hindus were disloyal to Britishers not the Muslims.

No doubt, his concept of loyalty assisted Pakistan to

include in the good books of Britishers.

In present era, loyalty in global relations is imperative for peace. There are various factors that are raising concerns over the loyalty of Pakistanis to his all-weather friend "China" and USA.

Example

In 2021, the then government of Pakistan raised the questions on the accountability of the game changer project "CPEC". It shattered China's confidence on Pakistan.

Likewise, in 2023, a political party blamed USA for the ouster of their leader from prime ministership.

The political party made the cypher issue case controversial in the world. It affected Pakistan-USA ties negatively.

Aloufness from Politics

His idea of aloofness from politics was laudable. He wanted to save Muslims from drowning into the sea of darkness and regress. He knew that if Muslims would involve in politics, they could neither progress economically nor get independence from Hindus' rule and British's domination.

His idea is still relevant in Pakistan's context. The people of Pakistan are divided into different political factions. For supporting their political leaders, they can cross any limit.

9 May 2023 incident

A political party had attacked the military instalments in different areas of Pakistan. It deteriorated the image of Pakistan globally.

Muslims, especially of Pakistan needs to get rid of political party biasnesses and devote their efforts for the national progress.

Devotions to Education

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan stressed the Muslims to acquire education. So, that they could compete Hindus and Britisher who were far ahead in educational field.

Aligarh School

He opened Aligarh school in 1875 for providing education to Muslims.

MAO College

In 1877, Aligarh school was converted into MAO College. While in 1920, it gained the status of University.

Stressed on the English Language

He made it possible for Muslims to learn English through his educational institutes. He always advised Muslims that if they want to compete Britishers, they have to learn English language.

Establish Scientific Society

Moreover, he established scientific society. Its purpose was to transulate books written in English language into Urdu language, so that Muslims could study these books.

Moreover, he used to issue a **magazine**, in which he wrote about success secrets of other nations and suggestions for Muslim Ummah.

In today's world, Muslims are lagging in the field of education than the western and other countries. In case of Pakistan, literacy rate is still 62.3%, while 22 million children are out of school. In this daunting situation, Muslims especially of Pakistan have to divert their devotions to education for competing the world and its powers.

Conclusion

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's trinity of ideas have supported Muslims of the subcontinent. It leveraged their position and strengthened them to raise their voice. His ideas are can be regarded as golden ideas for the Muslim Ummah.