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Mock # 5

Qno: 6

What Pakistan needs the most new provinces or effective local governance?

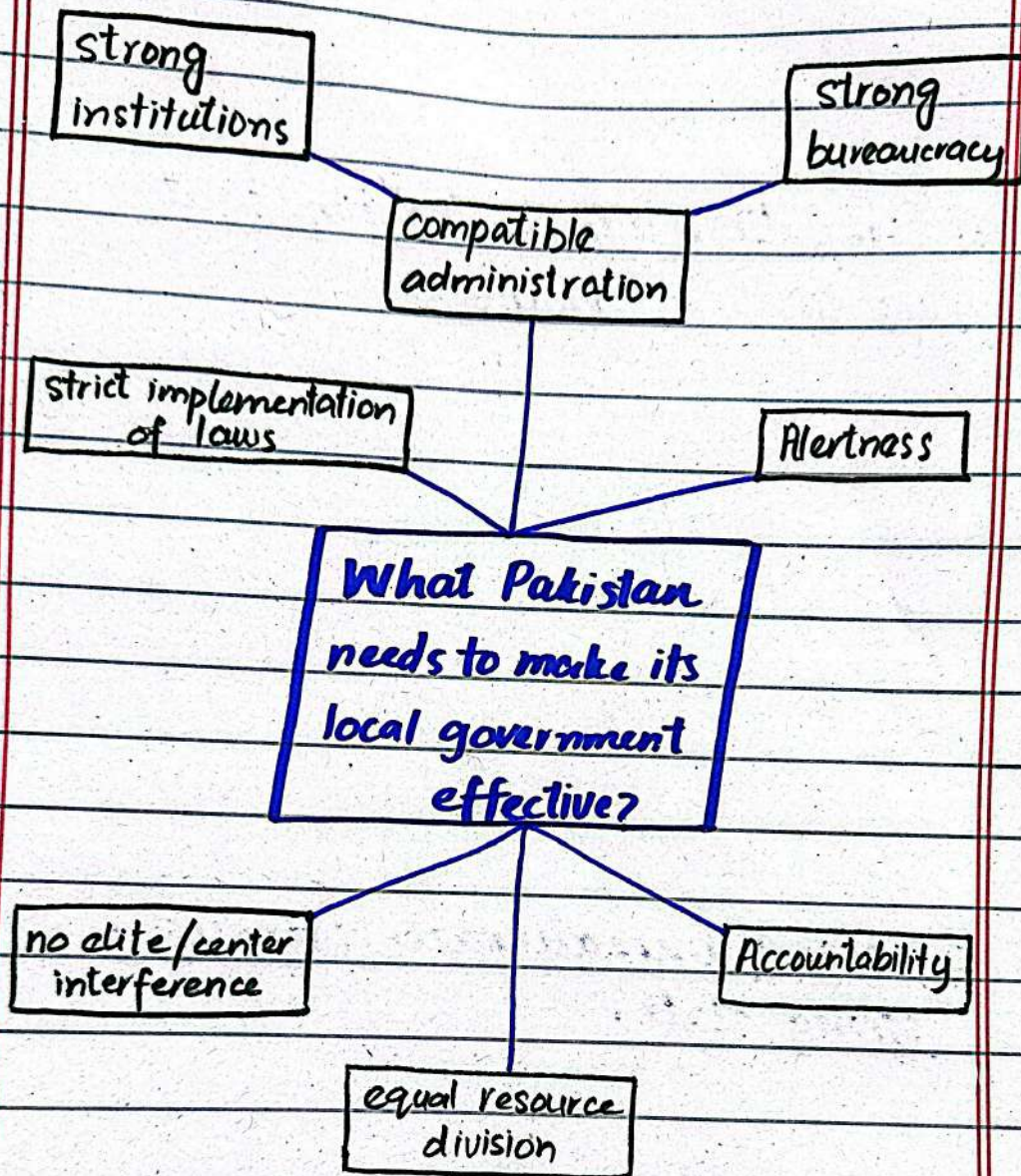
1. Introduction:

In contemporary era, Pakistan is on the horns of dilemma going extreme climatic conditions, unstable economy, revival of militancy, high inflation, ethnical division and food security issue. In the midst of this chaos Pakistan is in the dire need of effective local governance rather than new provinces that will push Pakistan at the brink of default. The local government in Pakistan need quick fixes like transparency, accountability, effective policy implementation, equal resource division, strong bureaucracy, compatible administration and no elite interference in affairs of local government.

New provinces will bring new debates and new chaos in the country. With an unstable economy, Pakistan need to fix the local government first than to create new provinces.

2. Local government of Pakistan in grey waters:

It is the local government of any state that make it highly credible and compitible to perform effectively at economic, diplomatic, security and at international forums. The present local government of Pakistan is in grey water of institutional decay, abuse of power, non-transparent, delay in justice, poor accountability, biasness and favouritism, poor resource division, unpreparedness for any clamity, elite interference, ineffective policies and weak bureaucracy. It is the need of the hour that Pakistan must bite the bullet To make its local government effective by addressing the above mentioned ills that are rotting its roots and structure.



3. Institutional and local autonomy at provincial level:

For an effective local government, Pakistan need to strengthen its local institutions of police, intelligence and judiciary. When local courts and local police is strong enough

to solve the issues without any delay, it ensures provincial autonomy and an effective local government.

4. Compatible administration that runs local governance:

A strong administration is the backbone of any country. The local government of Pakistan that is subjected to multiple criminal issues, protests and militancy needs a credible and highly compatible administration that will keep an eagle's eye on all the issues and will work efficiently to eradicate them.

5. Strong bureaucracy promises a strong state:

It is a well-known fact that unlike other developing countries, bureaucratic model of Pakistan is prone to corruption and elite capture. This shallow bureaucratic model of Pakistan needs immediate fixes for an effective local governance. Because if our policies and bureaucracy is weak, local government is unable to live up to people's expectations.

6. Local government need strict implementation of laws:

Weak laws and their poor implementation is another dilemma of Pakistan's local governance. The local government of Pakistan need strict and effective implementation of laws to maintain discipline and rule of law in the state.

7. Alertness and well-preparedness in case of any calamity:

The earthquake of 2010 and floods of 2022 and 2025 have proved that Pakistan is fragile to extreme climatic conditions and sudden calamities. A highly alert and well-prepared local government the can minimize the destruction due to these calamities.

8. No elite and center interference in affairs of local government:

The central government of Pakistan needs to provide autonomy to local governance for efficient promises. By fixing elite and feudal

interference in the affairs of local government, Pakistan can have effective local government.

8. Equal distribution of sources among local governments:

Poor and unequal resource division is another reason of ineffective local government in Pakistan. The unequal resource division give rise to ethnical division and protests in the state. So by maintaining fair and equal quota of provinces and local governments in resources Pakistan might be able to achieve an effective local government.

9. Accountability and Transparency in local governments:

Weak accountability and non-transparency erodes the structure of local governments. For an effective local government, state must ensure the accountability of local institutions and local governments that will ensure effective system and public trust.

10. Conclusion

Unless the local government of Pakistan is strong and effective, the new provinces cannot change the fate of state. Rather it will bring only new chaos and instability. Pakistan has got the potential to be among strong democratic governments. By quick fixes in local governments and strengthening institutions, Pakistan can rise high to the heights of glory. As Allama Iqbal manifested this glory in a beautiful couplet saying;

نہیں ہے نا اید اقبالؔ اپنی کشت ویراں سے
ذرا کم ہو تو یہ فٹی بڑی زرخیز ہے ساھی

QNo: 4

27th Constitutional amendment
affecting the trichotomy of power in
Pakistan.

1. Introduction:

"I disagree what you say
but I will defend it to death your right
to say it." Voltaire This is how freedom of
speech was highlighted by French thinker
during French revolution and it signifies
the importance of right to speak. But when
a state consolidates its judicial freedom
in the hands of elites and executives
it disrupts the balance of power in
the state. The 27th amendment in the
constitution of Pakistan has consolidated the
judicial freedom affecting the trichotomy
of power among executive, legislative and
judicial bodies of Pakistan. The 27th constitutional
amendment was done in the supreme
national interest of the state raising
serious concerns over judicial independence
and public interest.

2. Key features of 27th constitutional amendment:

- ↳ Lifetime immunity to president from criminal cases
- ↳ Formation of federal constitutional court
- ↳ Limiting powers to executive and military
- ↳ Field marshal as chief of all defense forces

These were the key features of 27th constitutional amendment. Whoever becomes president of Pakistan even for a single day he will be immune to all criminal cases and trials. Formation of federal constitutional court was another highlight of debate as it will reduce the supremacy of supreme court of Pakistan. Chief of army staff and field marshal general Asim Munir will be the chief of all defense forces for lifetime. The main highlight of 27th constitutional amendment was that it centralized and limited the powers to executive and military only.

3. 27th amendment affecting the trichotomy of power

3.1 Consolidating power in the hands of military and executive

By appointing field Marshal as chief of all defense forces of Pakistan and providing immunity to president from all criminal cases, 27th constitutional amendment has consolidated all powers in the hands of military and executive. Now the constitution of state strengthen military and president against all laws and judicial activism. Limiting power only to the executive body of the state affects the balance of power and independence among judicial, legislative and executive bodies of state giving rise to new debates.

3.2 Limiting the powers of judiciary in Pakistan

The 27th amendment strengthen the executive body of state to appoint and transfer judges as per their choice. It allows the executives to transfer judges from

high court to supreme court as per their convenience. This authority gives rise to the debates of favouritism and biasness in Pakistan usurping the judicial freedom of judges and courts. Considering the debate, few judges of supreme court have resigned till now.

3.3 Formation of federal constitution court

The 27th constitutional amendment authorizes the formation of federal constitution court that will look after all the constitutional debates and no one can challenge the verdict of FCC. This questions the supremacy of supreme court and disrupts the balance of power among executive, legislative and judicial. Because it strengthens the executive to legislate the laws for federal constitution court as per their conveniences. Earlier this amendment, supreme court of Pakistan was considered the supreme decision making body of Pakistan but legislation of federal constitution court has usurped this right of supremacy.

4. Criticism on 27th constitutional amendment:

The 27th amendment is the highlight of debate at different talk shows since the day it has been passed from senate and national assembly. Other than being in spotlight it is receiving strong criticism as well regarding the consolidation of power to military and executives. The 27th constitutional amendments was definitely an attack on judicial activism and trichotomy of power of Pakistan. The constitution of any state is framed for the welfare of state and its people and likewise it is amended for the same purpose. But unfortunately 27th constitutional amendment tells a different story sparking a controversy regarding civilian's interest.

The critiques argue that 27th amendment was done to strengthen executive, military and president limiting the powers of legislation and judiciary as a single article has not been proposed for the

welfare of public. This questions the supreme purpose of constitution that if any amendment strengthen military and executive, why it does not propose any article to strengthen a common civilian?

But as General Zia-ul-Haq "used to say about constitution,

"The constitution of Pakistan is nothing but a mere piece of paper."

5. Conclusion:

In a retrospect, 27th constitutional amendment affects the trichotomy of power in Pakistan. As it just strengthens the executive body weakening the judicial and legislative structure of Pakistan. The amendment usurps the judicial freedom limiting it to the hands of military and executive raising serious concerns over justice and equality in Pakistan.

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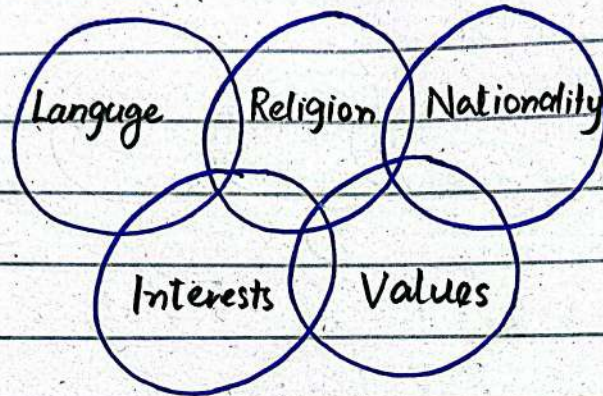
Centripetal and centrifugal forces of national integration in Pakistan. Explain its affects

1. Introduction:

Over the period of time centrifugal and centripetal forces have kept affecting the national integration of Pakistan. Whether its war of 1965 against India, the centripetal force kept the nation united or centrifugal force that resulted in the partition of east Pakistan and west Pakistan during 1971. So, centripetal force and centrifugal force of national integration play a decisive role in any country affecting ethnic division, socio-cultural division, national unity, national interest, territorial sovereignty, welfare of state, public trust, national cohesion and national integrity. These centripetal and centrifugal factors determines the future of state.

2. Centripetal forces of national integration in Pakistan.

Centripetal forces are the factors that unify a nation and strengthen national integration. Centripetal forces of national integration in Pakistan are:



2.1 Common national language:

Urdu as a common national language of people of Pakistan is a centripetal force of national integration.

2.2 Common religion:

Islam as a common religion of majority in Pakistan is a centripetal force that unifies the people of Pakistan.

2.3 Common nationality:

Shared common nationality is a centripetal force of national

integration in Pakistan as it unifies people by patriotism.

2.4 Common values:

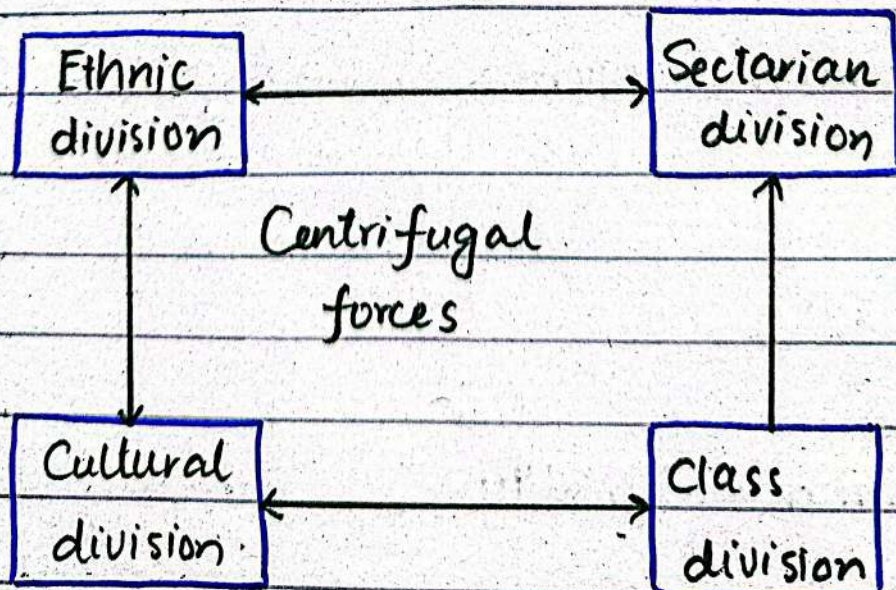
Shared common values and morals unify people of Pakistan on the same page.

2.5 Common interest:

Common interest of state and people act as centripetal force strengthening the national integrity in Pakistan.

3. Centrifugal forces of national integration in Pakistan:

The factors that create division and diversification within a nation are called as centrifugal forces of national integrity in Pakistan. Such as,



3.1 Ethnic division:

The ethnic division between Punjabi, Sindhi, Balochi, Pathan, Hazaras and Kashmiris act as a centrifugal forces of national integration in Pakistan.

3.2 Sectarian division:

The sectarian and caste division e.g. Shia-Sunni riots acts as centrifugal forces in Pakistan.

3.3 Cultural difference:

The cultural differences between Punjabi, Sindhi, Balochi, Pathans and Hazaras act as centrifugal forces of national integration in Pakistan.

4. Class division:

The elite, middle, lower middle and lower class division are factors of centrifugal forces in Pakistan.

Now let's discuss in detail how these centripetal forces and centrifugal affects the national integrity of Pakistan.

4. Affects of centripetal forces on Pakistan:

↳ Promotes patriotism:

Centripetal forces promotes patriotism in nation, uniting them under same flag and same nationality. Patriotism keeps a nation united.

↳ Unity against external threat:

In case of any external threat, centripetal forces unite a nation to collectively counter external skirmishes.

↳ Welfare of state:

Centripetal forces allow people to work collectively for the welfare and development of state like people of Pakistan worked collectively after the independence for survival and welfare of Pakistan.

↳ Peace and prosperity:

When people share common values and common interest, it prevail peace and prosperity in the region.

5. Affects of centrifugal forces on Pakistan:

↳ Protest and unrest:

Due to ethnic division and long-term grievances among people, Pakistan is exposed to unrest and protest because of centrifugal forces.

↳ Resentment over resource division:

People of Balochistan are not satisfied with center over unequal distribution of resources. Due to this Balochistan is subjected to slow progress and unrest disturbing peace in Pakistan.

↳ Violence, killings and disappearances in Pakistan:

Earlier 20s marked as deadliest years of sectarian division and Shia-Sunni riots in Pakistan. Due to these centrifugal forces Pakistan faced hundreds of casualties, mob violence, unrest and disappearances.

5. Conclusion

Thus in a nutshell, centripetal forces and centrifugal forces play a decisive role in national integrity of Pakistan, and shaping its national security dynamics and future. Where centripetal factors helps Pakistan to excel in peace and development, centrifugal forces pulls Pakistan down by creating unrest and instability. The future of Pakistan and its development lies in strengthening its centripetal forces.

QNo: 5

Population growth and climate change are deeply linked, generating a vicious cycle. Elucidate

1. Introduction.

Population growth and climate change are deeply linked because more people increase resource demand driving emission and straining adaptation while climate change impact resources and livelihood generating a vicious cycle.

More the number of people, more there will be a need of industries, food, transportation and services. And more there are industries, services and transportation more there will be pollution driving climate change and exciting global warming on earth. Hence forth, population explosion is somehow directly proportional to climate change stuck in a vicious loop.

2. Population explosion in Pakistan

Population explosion in Pakistan is a time ticking bomb that is knocking at our doors. With the current number of 240 million people, Pakistan is yearly adding 6 million children that is approximately equal to New Zealand's total population. It is an alarming number that is being added up to Pakistan's population every year. International organizations like WHO and UN are raising serious concerns over population explosion of Pakistan with an oscillating economy.

3. Pakistan population Summit 2025:

On December 1st and 2nd

Dawn news organized a Pakistan population Summit at Serena hotels in Islamabad to raise awareness over alarming population rates and resource constraints in Pakistan. It was attended by politicians, policy makers, bureaucrats and civil servants of Pakistan and ended at a high note to develop policies restricting birth rate in Pakistan.

4. Population explosion and resource constraint

In an unstable economic country like Pakistan, rapidly growing population demand more resources and facilities. With a struggling GDP of 3.5% Pakistan has strict constraints of resources like:

- employment
- food
- Agriculture
- Medical care
- Education
- Service

But rapidly increasing population demand rapid increase sources as well. As for know the GDP is not supporting rapid increase in source. More population demands more industries and services providing more jobs and unemployment. But so far state and government are unable to fulfill demands of such massive population. That is why there are such high rate of inflation, unemployment and poverty.

5. Population explosion and climate change:

The floods of 2022 and 2025 in Pakistan are prudent evidences of climate change. Pakistan is officially now experiencing the consequences of climate change driven by extreme human activities. Air pollution as a result of industrialization that are built to meet the needs of people, land pollution created by plastic waste by population, excretion of toxic gases by vehicles used by large number of population are raising global warming in Pakistan more than ever. Year 2025 was recorded as the hottest year in Pakistan with Jacobabad touching 50°. Large population utilizes large number of sources which largely contribute to pollution resulting in extreme climate change in Pakistan. This why, the rapidly increasing population of Pakistan is deeply linked with The extreme climatic changes; floods, global warming and melting of glaciers in Pakistan.

6. Conclusion:

From the above given debate it can be concluded that population explosion of Pakistan is not only questioning the resource constraint of Pakistan but also causing extreme climatic changes. With effective policy measures and strict actions, Pakistan need to restrict its rapidly growing population and extreme climatic conditions. As former U.S president Barak Obama said about climate change,

"We are first generation to experience the climate change and the last generation who could do something about it."
