

Question No. 8

INTRODUCTION

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have been enjoying friendly and brotherly relations due to shared identity and norms. Historically, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have kept united stance on multiple global issues. ~~For~~ Palestine remained the prominent issue among others. Recently, Israel's aggression and the US reluctance to rein in Israel, necessitated diversification for Saudi Arabia. Hence, Pakistan was better choice for Saudi Arabia to act under its nuclear umbrella.

Historical Overview

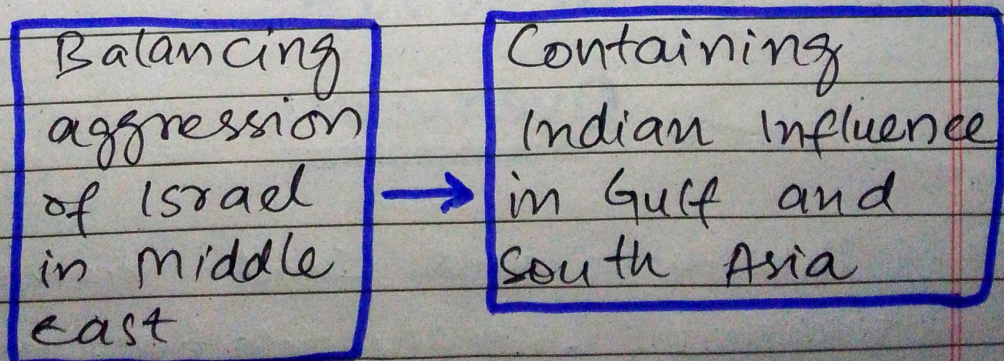
Pakistan and Saudi Arabia established friendly relations in 1950s. Since then, leaders of both state pay paid reciprocal visits to extend cooperation

in economic, diplomatic, and military fields.

Strategic Defense Pact

The Pact was signed on 17 September 2025. The pact was extension of historical cooperation in defense and military exercises exchange.

Causes of Signing Strategic Defense Pact



Facilitating
each other
economies.



- Remittances
- Food Insecurities
- Cheap Labors to Saudi Arabia

Diversification of
Defense and
getting security
under Nuclear
Umbrella of
Pakistan



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1- Balancing Israeli Aggression in the Middle East:

The primary cause behind signing the pact was Israel's growing military dominance and aggression in the middle east.

"States Bandwagon and make alliances to securitize itself against threat."

J. Mearshiemer

Containing Indian Influence in Gulf and South Asia:

Another important aspect behind the pact was Indian growing influence in South Asia and Gulf. To Pakistan, the influence through IMEC ~~is~~ required a partner to curb the influence.

"IMEC is emerging alternative corridor to BRI to counter China's dominance. It was threat to CPEC connectivity, too."

The danger perceived by Pakistan extended cooperation in the Middle East. SMOA is manifestation of it.

Facilitating economic growth of Pak-Saudi Arabia

Another important aspect of the sign was facilitating each others economies through different means:

- ① Saudi Arabia Needs Food security, Pakistan's fertile land provides this facility.
- ② Pakistan requires economic investment and remittances to boost economy.
- ③ Saudi Arabia's depleting oil reserves requires new dimensions, thus, cheap labors of Pakistan would help achieve the MBS vision 2030.

Pakistan's Nuclear Umbrella and Saudi Arabia

Diversification

US reluctance to defend Qatar against Israel aroused the sense of fear about future development in the region regarding Israel. Thus, Saudi Arabia signed to diversify its security means.

US relations with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan

During the time of signing the pact, relations with US remained friendly with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. Thus, the bondhomic was facilitated for each to come closer to each other.

Implications of the SMDA

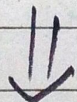
Political Clout
expansion for
both states



Securitization
through NATO
clause



Boost Pakistan
military trade
with KSA



Controlling the
Indian Behaviour
in aggression against
Pakistan

1- Expansion of Pakistan's

Influence in the Middle East

The pact would boost cooperation with the Gulf states because its success would be seen as an example for the rest. Owing to the skilled military, Pakistan can influence the future development in the Middle East.

An example of Pakistan's influence can be seen in the Gaza Peace plan where Pakistan was actively engaged by regional and global actors.

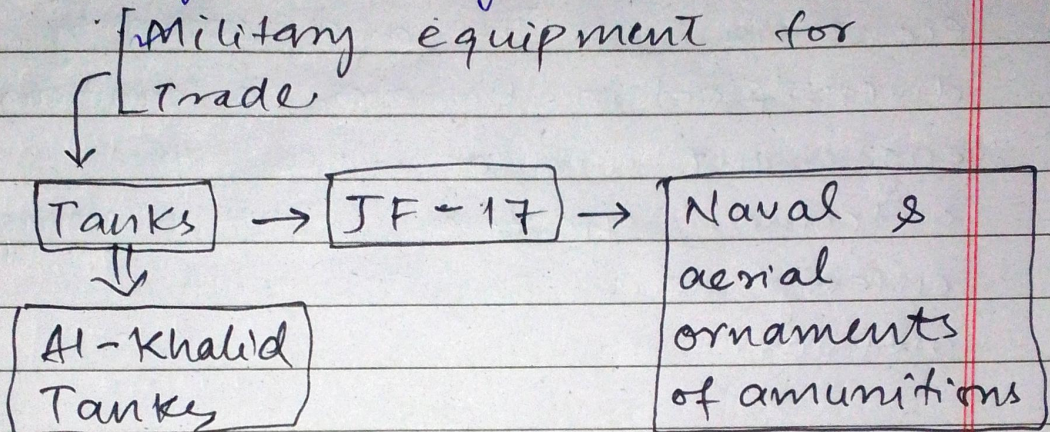
Securitization through NATO clause of Pact

There is a NATO clause in the Pact which says "attack on one would be considered an attack on both." This may alert the regional states both in South

Asia and Middle East.

3 - Boost Trade with Pakistan:

The pact would boost the military equipment transfer to Saudi Arabia from Pakistan, boosting economy of Pakistan.



Controlling Indian Aggression in South Asia

Pact is manifestation of future cooperation which says that enmity against one can be rebuttle with cooperation of both states. Thus, it would reign India's aggression against Pakistan due to Saudi Arabia's investment in India may be lost.

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Conclusion

In short, the pact can be seen as an extension of past historical legacies. It has positive impacts on the regional development in terms of economic growth and security diversification. However, a cautious engagement would make its outcomes effective without being entanglement in the Gulf rivalries.

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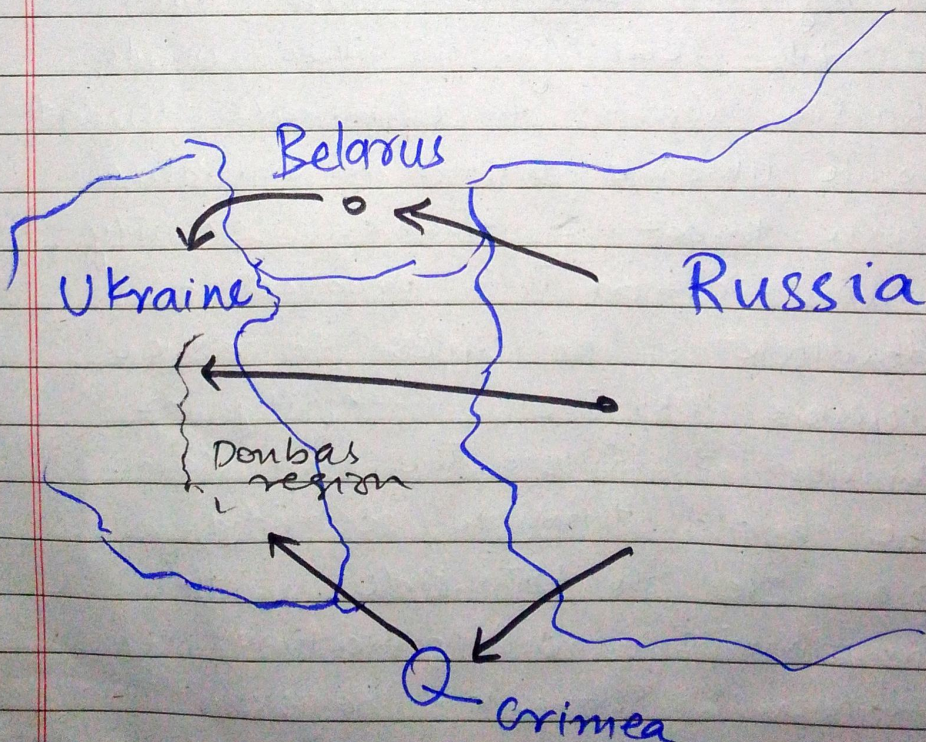
Russia and Ukraine are entangled in a war of ideologies. The war started with Ukraine's commitment to join EU and NATO. To Ukraine, threat neutralization would be panacea to Russia's influence in its domestic politics. To Russia, expansion of NATO along its ^{border} ~~member~~ pose threat to its security. In other words, Russia wants to eliminate threat while Ukraine wants to neutralize such threat ~~to~~ through security diversification. This created a deadlock of principles to either defend Ukraine's integrity or borders of Russia. The war can be ended through security guarantees on both sides with compromise and negotiations. However as S. Grafton says:

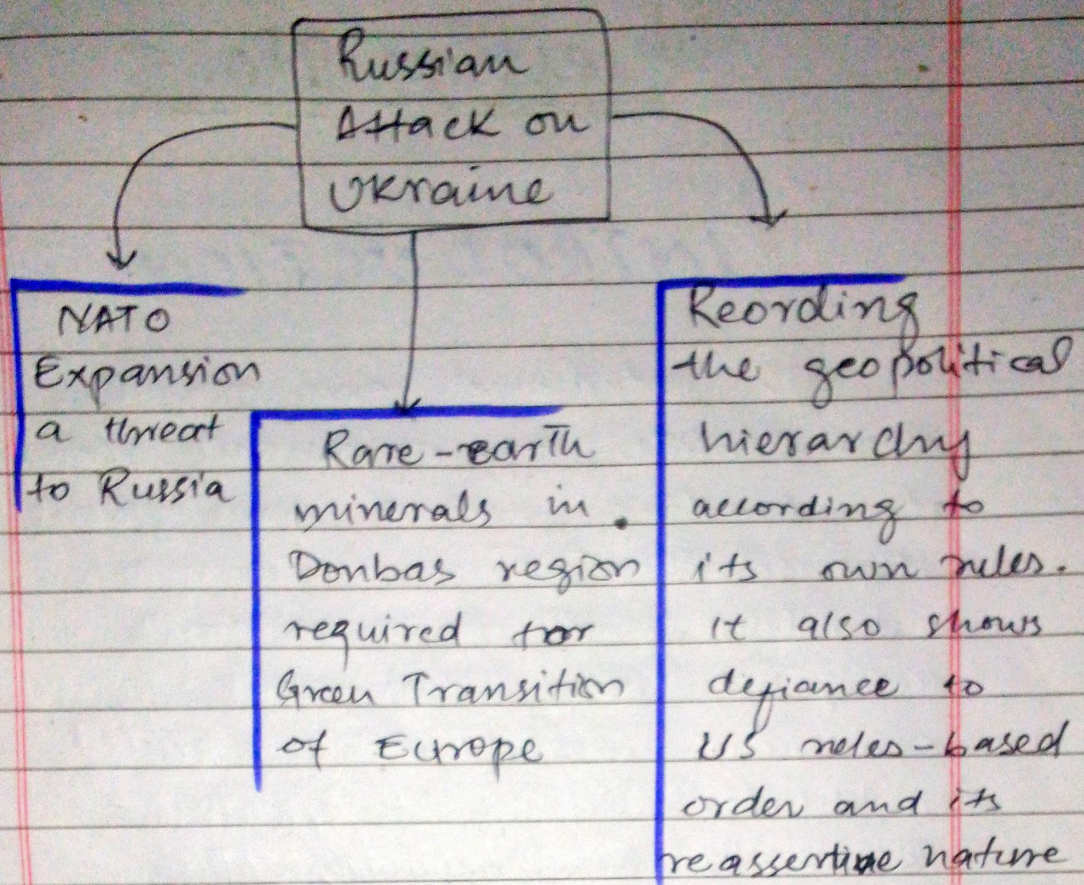
Both squirrel and elephants knows their strength is not equal, hence, power

distribution determine
who will dominate."

The Roots of Russia and Ukraine Conflict

Russia attacked Ukraine from
three sides to prevent it from
joining EU and NATO. The signal
was defending itself against
NATO expansion.





Russian Demands From Ukraine

- ① — Withdrawal from western security mechanism
- ② — Stop western support to Ukraine for continuation of war
- ③ — Perennial guarantees to stop NATO expansion to its border.
- ④ — Domestic political reforms

in Ukraine through elections.

Ukrainian Demands From Russia

- Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukrainian territory.
- Return of occupied land to Ukraine with no conditions.
- Commitment and resistance to defend Ukraine and its sovereignty.

Chances to End the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict

The Chances of Immediate Ceasefire and peace:

The chances of immediate development regarding peace and end to war seem theory on paper and far from pragmatic.

approach. However, complete continuation of war is also an illusion.

Phased-wise Negotiation

Trump meeting with Putin in Alaska was major development. Its continuation must render some fruits. However, the negotiation turned from bargaining ⁱⁿ into coercion after meetings. Hence, phased-wise negotiation would settle and increase the chances to end the war.

Dialogue and Compromise through Good Offices

According to neo-liberal approach, state cooperate when they institutionalize their relations. At the same time, states render compromise on some issues to foster cooperation.

"France and Germany compromise to erect the edifice of EU."

Security Guarantees to Both States

Russia wants a buffer state between NATO and Russian territory. In this ~~case~~ case, a buffer zone can establish peace if it's guaranteed on both sides. Hence, if guarantees even reach on paper can transform the physical existence, because security dilemma forces states to act in defense in every possible way.

Conclusion:

In short, peace can be lasting if states render their less valuable interests while preferring collective goods. Thus, negotiation and phased-wise cooperation would lead to perennial removal of the menace.

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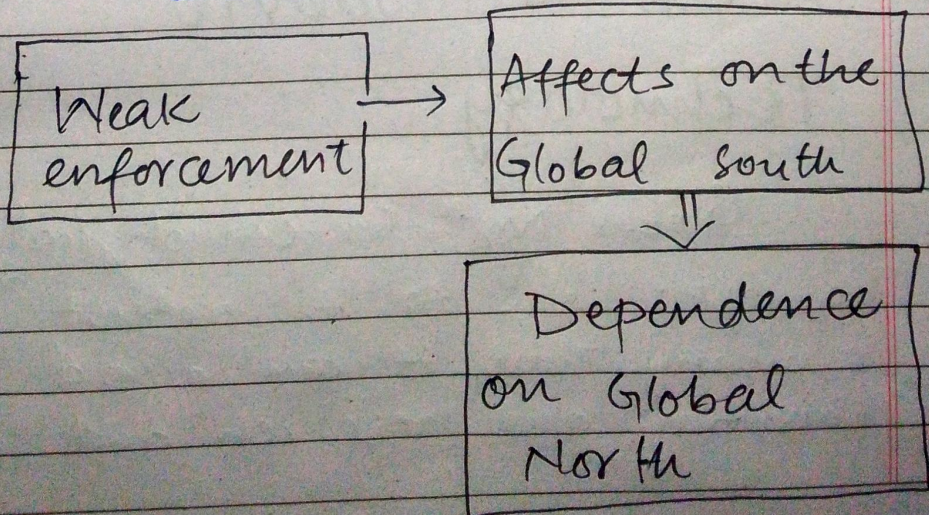
US withdrawal from global Paris climate ~~agg~~ agreement shows its evading nature from global responsibilities. The reason is its nationalism and American First policy. Its absence in global agreement would weaken its influence and future efforts. Because of such behavior, other states may reciprocate such behavior, intensifying anti-climate activities. Similarly, global south is mostly affected by climate change. The change is facilitated by Global North. Dependence on Global North finance would weaken South's efforts to combat climate change. Access to technological equipment and ^{low} credits in Global south would widen global inequalities.

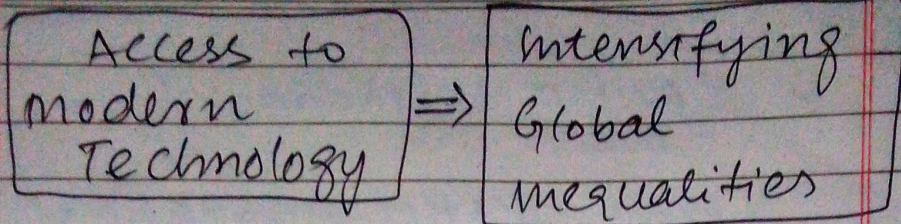
TRUMP Withdrawal

From PARIS AGREEMENT

Trump withdrawal from global arrangement to combat Climate Change would decisively affect the future efforts of Global South because the US is major financier to these institutions. Already, the Global North is far behind its commitment to finance Global South. Its absence would ultimately erode the hierarchical structure of enforcement of global policies.

ABSENCE OF GLOBAL LEADER





1- Dependence of Global South on Global North Finances

Global South lacks enough finance to combat climate change. Hence, their weak budget would remain allocated for climate, neglecting socio-economic growth of people.

"Flood loss in 2022 in Pakistan \$30 B. and loss of human lives."

World Bank Report.

2 Access to Modern Technology

Global North is technologically developed due to its robust economy. Thus, it can afford innovations and research and

development fields. But developing countries cannot afford to purchase or redirect resources to such fields. In absence of global leaders, this would worsen the conditions because of modern equipments such as early warning system, modern jacket, and resilience infrastructure.

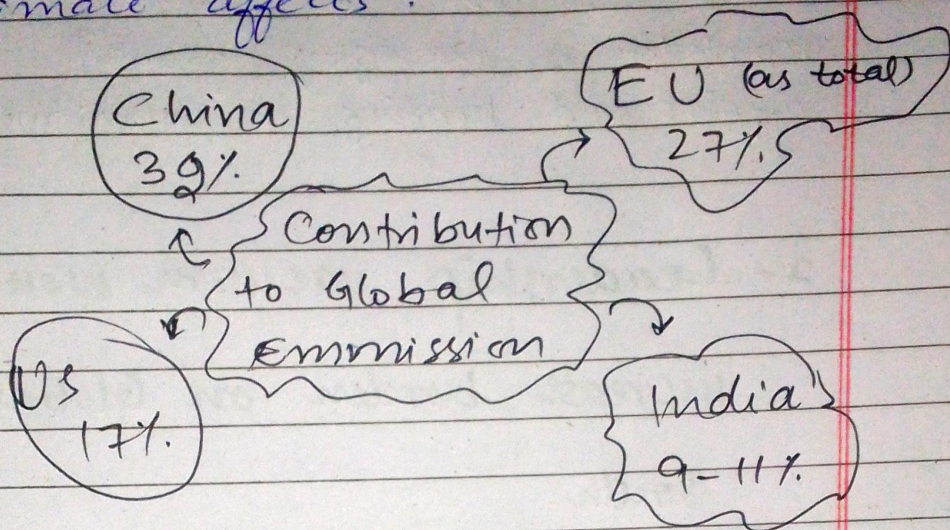
Intensification of Global Inequalities

In this scenario, global North would lead dominance in technological and financial fields while global South would lag behind. This would create further divide among the rich and poor states, facilitating inequalities.

Weak enforcement of Existing rules

The rules are already weakly enforced across the

globe. As China, India, EU, and the US are far behind their commitments in reducing the climate affects.



Implications of Global Leadership Vacuum

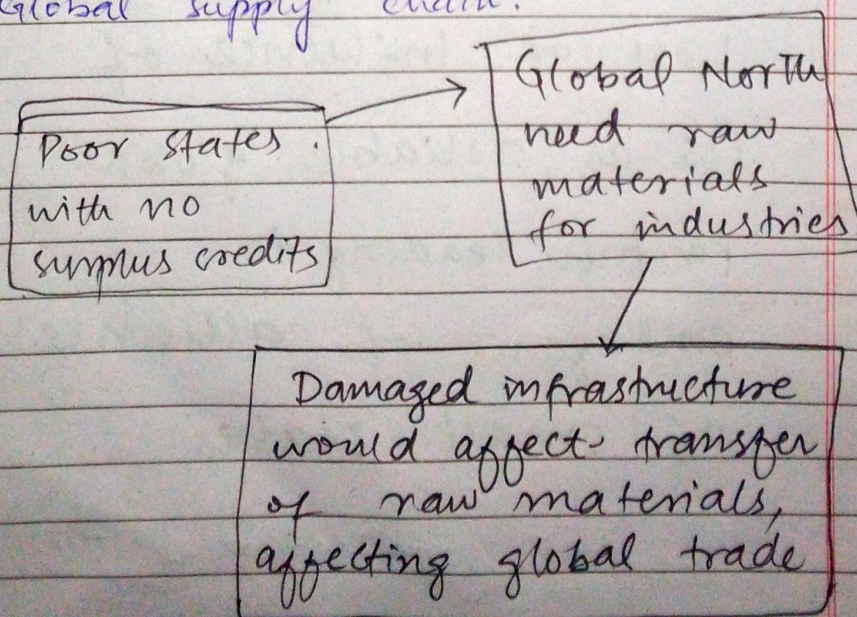
- 1- Loss of Influence of US as reliable global Partner, leading to emergence of alliances of small states

The first implication of the

Leadership vacuum would be formation of alliances among the smaller states, because, the US would ~~lose~~ lose its global reputation of managing global affairs and honoring its commitments.

2- Leadership vacuum would increase burden on Global South

Global South would be badly affected by impending disasters because, it would barely finance strategies to combat climate change. In this situation, their increased burden would affect Global supply chain.



3- Retreat of the US from Global affairs

Persuade others to

Fill Vacuum

US retreat from global position, due to its nationalistic vision, would force others states such as China, Russia, India to fill the gap, because each of them host the power of veto. Hence, small states may bring equilibrium through one of these major states.

Conclusion

In short, the US leadership has somehow managed the affairs of world and enforced the existing rules, which had stabilized the ~~seg~~ system. However, its absence would weaken commitment, enforcement, and strategies to combat climate change.