

Pakistan Affair

Q#07:

Centripetal and Centrifugal forces of National Integration in Pakistan

Introduction:

“National integration is the Cohesion between state institutions such as the three pillars of state i.e Judiciary, Executive and military as well as among people irrespective of belongs to different colour, cast, language and gender.”

There are numerous factors that act like Centripetal or Cohesive forces while many others are the sources of Centrifugal or Diverive forces. In Pakistan, Threat against the common enemy (India), move toward Single national Curriculum (SNC), Right to vote, 97% muslim population, Rights of minorities, a single banner of Quran & Sunnah, Outa

system in jobs for minorities, women & disabled persons, and emotional stories of martyrs of 1965, 1971 wars in Pak-study curriculum are all the Centripetal forces of nationalism or national integration in Pakistan. Similarly, Sectarianism, Separatist movements, territorial dispute over Western & Eastern border, weak economy, inflation, poverty violation against non-muslim minorities and electoral democracy are all the Centrifugal forces in Pakistan that hurt the prestige of nationalism.

① Centripetal forces of National integration in Pakistan

Threat against the Common enemy:
Since the time of independence, the relations between Islamabad and New-Delhi have been hostile. Both states fought many wars in the course of 78 years after independence. This factor gathers the whole nation

and they act like a single soul. Therefore, they always remain cohesive against the common enemy. For example, in **7 May, 2025** India Pakistan Confrontation namely **Marka-e-Haq** Consolidate the nation not only on ground but also through **Social-media Campaigns**.

Move toward Single national Curriculum:

Curriculum is a great source to integrate the people into one nation. Although, currently there are different curriculums that have been taught in different provinces. But now, the Government take steps to shift the whole nation into **Single Curriculum** among all provinces. It is known as **SNC** campaigns with the collaboration **Public-private partnership** e.g. **Danish Schools**.

Right to Vote:

In Pakistan, since it is a democratic state, therefore, it is a right to

every single mature person to cast vote under the **Constitution of Pakistan 1973**. For example in the elections of **2024**, the voter turned out remain **64%** according to the media reports which shows that awareness to use their right is increasing with time. It is a vital component of national integration.

Muslim population:

In Pakistan, **97%** are the muslims while remaining **3%** are non-muslims equally enjoying their rights. This thing lead to produce cohesiveness among the population. When the belief system is one, common practices like,

5 times prayer, Zakat System, Eid Celebrations, Concept of Sadqat-o-fitar for poor, Sacrifices on Eid-ul-azha are all major factors that enhance the national integration and acts like a strong centripetal force.

Rights of Minorities:

In Pakistan, every non-muslim community

enjoys equal and secule rights under the Constitution of Pakistan.

For example, In every province or even city, they have their worship places, right of vote, freely practicing their holy events like Christmas, holy etc. In the same way,

they have their Seprate Mandir and chaucher across the Pakistan. "Cathedral church in Lahore" is an

example in this regard. As a result, minorities take part to increasing economy, run state intitutions, prominent in beaucracy to increasing national integration.

Stories of Martyass in the Pak-Studies curriculum:

In Pakistan-studies, many stories shows the reflection of bravery, motivation and ambitions of soldiers that were martyred in the War of 1965, 1971 against India. These stories ignite the emotional sentiments among people to take part either

in military or different fields to serve the nation. For Example

Shaheed major Aziz-bhatti, Hawaldar Lalak Jan, bravery of M.M Alam, Shaheed first female pilot officer Mariyam Mukhtiar are all notable example to rise the emotions of national integration among nation.

National-Day Celebrations

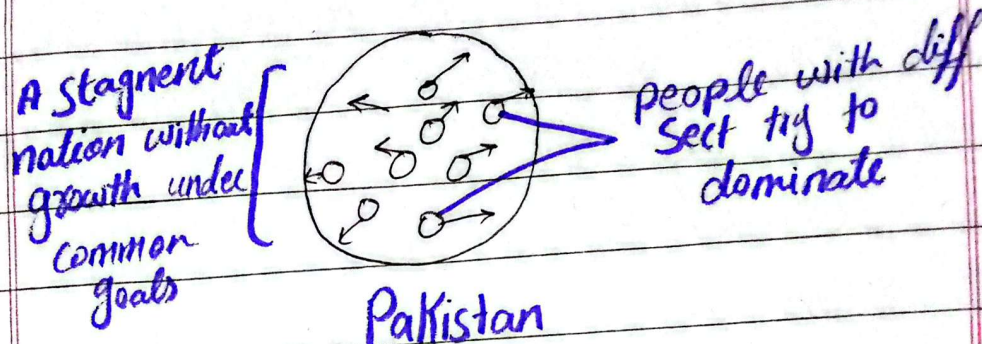
Every year, on 23 March, Pakistan day is celebrated where, military arsenals displayed, national anthem, National songs, programs on T.V, display the national celebrations across the border through social media are all the centrifugal forces to enhance the national integration.

(B) Centrifugal forces of national integration in Pakistan:-

Sectarianism:

When people with different sects are living at same place and keep

fighting for dominance, than the nation's integration will be shattered. Same thing is experiencing in Pakistan in the region of **KPK & Balochistan**. This thing act like a centrifugal force in national integration.



Sepratist Movements in Balochistan :

Balochistan is the heart of Pakistan. The national integration is continue to be disturbed by the Sepratist movements, missing persons, rising militancy, depriving economy, lacking in developments, are all centrifugal forces called to be. For example, Campaign run by **Mahrung Baloch** in Balochistan is a serious national threat to Pakistan's economic integration.

Territorial dispute over Eastern and Western Border:

Pakistan is sandwiched between two hostile states ^{due to territorial disputes.} India at the Eastern border and Afghanistan at the Western border not only backing the militant groups such as TTP, Al-Qaida but also involve in direct confrontation with Pakistan. Therefore, Pakistan spend a lot of budget on military as it is the need of hour. But this thing deprive the national economy and rising inflation, poverty, business deprivations, militancy. All these are centrifugal forces to shatter the national integration.

Conclusion:

"National integration" is essential to move towards a specific direction as a single state nation under common goals. Pakistan having enormous centrifugal as well as centrifugal forces that effect the national integration among people. In a nut shell, these are

threat against common enemy, move toward single national curriculum, right to vote, muslim population. Rights of minorities, and emotional stories of national heroes in curricula are all centripetal forces while, Sectarianism, Separatist movements and territorial disputes are all centrifugal forces that hurt the prestige of nation integration of Pakistan

Q#5:

Population Growth & Climate Change:

Introduction:

Population growth and climate change are deeply linked. As the population increases, their demands for resources are increasing. As the burden on resources rises, the natural resources started to deplete. Moreover, rising emissions, depleting resources, disturbing the natural ecosystems to meet demands are all the reflection of rising

population over economy. It leaves a long lasting impacts on resources and livelihood and generating the demoralising, destructive vicious cycle.

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(A) Population Growth & Resources depletion — A vicious cycle: —;

Rate of population growth under Scrutiny:

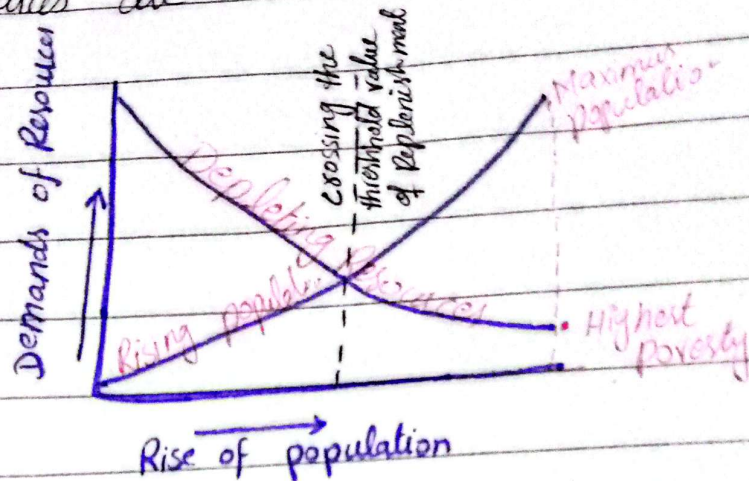
Rate of rising population growth is alarming in Pakistan. The current population status in Pakistan is **241.5 million** according to the national Census. It is estimated that, if the growth rate remains continue, the Pakistan's population will be **350 million** in **2050**. This is a serious national threat. An **Pakistan's population day Summit** conducted by **DAWN** in **December 2015** highlighted this threat as it is directly affects the natural resources and livelihood conditions.

Demand of Resources:

Day: _____

Date: _____

It is common understanding that as the population grows, the demands of resources are also increased.



Rising Emissions :

As the population grows, rate emissions are also accelerating. Because more people demand more resources, facilities to meet the demands. Emissions from transportation, factories, farming, burning, conventional fuel usage are common.

Although, the world is rapidly shifting from Renewable energy resources, such as electric vehicles, Solar pannels, High Octan fuels, harvesting Solar, Wind & Hydro energies are common practices not only in China, USA, Russia, EU, Australia, Canada but also in developing countries like India. For example, Electric vehicles in

India are rapidly replacing the outdated conventional vehicles. A research shows that in single city of **New-Delhi** more than **500** charging stations are functional in **2023**. But Pakistan is lagging behind in this race.

⑧ Impacts on Climate Change:

Unexpected Natural Disasters:

Population is directly proportional to the disturbance on the balance of natural resources. This disturbance make them **vulnerable** to natural disasters.

1.) $\text{Population} \uparrow \propto \text{Demands} \uparrow$

2.) $\text{Demand} \uparrow \propto \text{Supply}$

3.) $\text{Supply} \uparrow \propto \underline{1}$

Natural Resources $\downarrow$

4.) $\downarrow \text{Natural Resources} \propto \text{Resilience} \downarrow$

5.) $\text{Resilience} \downarrow \propto \underline{1}$

High vulnerability $\uparrow \uparrow$