

General Knowledge - II (Current Affairs)

Subjective Part — Part - II

Q:2

Pak-Afghan relations continue to remain tensed even after mediation by China. What do you think are major factors and how could it be improved.

Introduction:-

Pakistan and Afghanistan share long history. Relation ties between both countries never went smooth for a longer period of time due to some core issues such as Durand Line and Pushtunistan. Taliban regime unable to make government machinery work efficiently, proves to be a heaven on earth for terrorist groups. Recent dangerous revival of militancy in KP and Baluchistan has raised concern for Pakistan to how to make relations with Afghanistan better. Relations can be improved by Taliban take action against terrorists, Both countries open trade and boost economic cooperation, develop trustful relation, cultural collaboration and Pak help Afghanistan in economic stability.

Major Reasons Behind Tense relations between Pak-Afghanistan

1) Durand Line Issue:-

2) Pushtunistan Issue.

3) Afghan Taliban and TTP are Ideological Brothers.

4) India Factor

5) Taliban Broker Doha Treaty

Suggestions for Improvement of Relations b/w
Pak-Afghan

1) Taliban start taking action against
terrorist hideouts

2) Open Trade and Boost Economic Cooperation

3) Developing Trustful Relations

4) Cultural Collaboration

5) Pakistan help Afghanistan in economic process

Conclusion:-

Despite the deteriorating relation between Pak-Afghan due to history issues, India factor and ideological brotherhood of Afghan Taliban and TTP, if both ~~countries~~ countries remain determined to resolve issue through economic, cultural and trade cooperation. Both ~~brother~~ Islamic brotherly neighbours can exist with peace and prosperity.

Q-4

There is a dangerous revival of militancy in KP and Balochistan. Critically evaluate the reasons and give recommendations.

Introduction ~ Introduction and Background ~ 2 marks ~ 1-2

With the start of the third decade of the twentieth century, KPK and Balochistan provinces of Pakistan have seen surge in terrorist attacks which are increasing drastically each passing year. The reasons for this revival of militancy in KPK and Balochistan are current regime in Afghanistan, proxies managed and operated by India in Balochistan, strong ideological hold of militants in western border regions, and unemployment and inflations. To tackle this militancy revival, strong measure regarding border financing and security, Government facilitating youth of these regions with education and employment and so

Reasons of Militancy Revival in KPK and Balochistan

1) Taliban took over Afghanistan

With the Taliban took over in Afghanistan in 2021, militant groups operating in Pakistan were aware of the opportunity they got by having lawless land of Afghanistan. Moreover, Taliban agreed in Doha deal in 2020 in Qatar that it will not allow Afghanistan land to get used against Pakistan and failed to implement it. Also

the billion of dollars weapons and ammunition that US Army left in Afghanistan give strong revival to militants to perform terrorist activities in Pakistan.

2-) Proxies Managed and Operated in Baluchistan by India

The arrest of Kalbushan Yadav, an Indian RAW agent, captured by Pakistan in Baluchistan prove the claim that India's R perform terrorist activities in Pakistan. Indian intelligence agencies hire young people within Pakistan who dress as a common citizens, and given tasks to perform terrorist activities in Baluchistan and KPK such as suicide Bombing.

3-) Ideological Hold of Militancy Groups in Western Border

Strong Madrassah and Islamic Jihad ideologies exist in western border of Pakistan. These were introduced in 1979 when Western bloc and Islamic bloc were supporting financially and weapons ammunitions to topple Soviet Union. These militant groups have extremist Islamic ideologies and promise the innocent citizens to introduce Sharia law in the region.

4) Unemployment and Inflation

KPK and Balochistan

face poverty at masses. Unsafe environment, poor infrastructure and lack of basic necessities make people unable to live a normal life. The lower class citizens get used by terrorist groups in exchange of financial wellbeing to become anti-state.

Conclusion:-

Despite the revival of militancy in KP and Baluchistan due to instability in Afghanistan, India's promises, unemployment and poverty in Pakistan. These issues can be tackled by strong determination and by implementing strong security measures at borders, providing education and employment to youth, KP and Baluchistan can become economic hubs of Pakistan.

Q-6
How do you see the chances of the end of Ukrainian war when the demands of Russia and NATO are conflicting and poles apart - Elaborate.

Introduction:

As the peace deal in Palestine looks implemented at present and in the foreseeable future, the most affected region by war in the world is now Ukraine. Despite its small size in comparison to Russia, it got weapons and financial assistance from European Union and USA to keep the war going against Russia. NATO unable to jump direct in war feels reluctant to give military support to Ukraine due to danger of World War III. There are chances to end Ukraine war if Ukraine accept condition of neutrality and ~~may~~ leave its desire to join NATO. Russia is bound to win the war which will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

Chances of the end of Ukrainian War

1) Ukraine accept condition of Neutrality.

Condition of neutrality like it happened in Georgia then Peace is predictable in Ukraine through deal and Russia will back off.

2) Russian Speaking territories in Ukraine

The demographic of Ukraine are in favor of ~~Ukraine~~ Russia because adjoining regions to Russia are Russian speaker and would join Russia. Therefore, Ukraine can't fight Russia for long and neither expect Russia to stop war without achieving its objectives.

3-) Russia's Upper hand

Russia previously USSR has strong military and economic capacity to keep fighting longer than Ukraine. European Union and USA have internal issues to face on too which left Ukraine with no option but to accept Russia's condition of neutrality.

4) ~~Russia's~~ Access to Black Sea:-

Russia is determined to reach Black Sea which is only possible if ~~Ukraine~~ it occupies Ukraine. This gives strong reason for Russia to keep pushing war until it achieve its goals.

5-) Ukraine accept to leave its desire to join NATO which is a cluster of western Liberal Capitalism. This is military organization to protect western bloc. Adding Ukraine in itself will make it face Russia and put whole Europe region in danger war which NATO cannot afford.

Stress more on chances

Q. How Pakistan could balance its relations after the recent engagement with US and strategic partnership with China.

Introduction:-

Pakistan share long history of relationship with both China and USA after its creation in 1947.

On one side, China is a strategic partner of Pakistan. From 1963 onward, after deteriorating relation with India due to war in 1962. China and Pakistan find a common enemy in India. Therefore both countries support each other on every level.

China support to Pakistan to become nuclear power and this century biggest project CPEC of BRI Belt Road Initiative are evidence of China-Pakistan economic partnership and brotherly relations. On the other hand, Pakistan share history with US which is not very smooth. From fighting for US in Afghan War against Soviet Union to support US in War on Terror, Pakistan tried to be proved as a trustworthy friend. But US national interest and its tilt toward India made it clear to Pakistan that these were just interest specific relations. US remain ignorant in acknowledging sacrifices of Pakistan and blamed Pakistan for double game. By having these history lessons, next few paragraphs will discuss how to maintain balance between US and China.

1) Pak-China Strategic partnership.

Pak-China

partnership goes back to 1960s. China is indeed a great friend of Pakistan however, too much reliance on any other country especially the top economy of the world can endanger ~~sovereignty~~ of Pakistan and can backfire. Despite China investment in CPEC in Pakistan. Pakistan has to pay back all the loans that were invested in Pakistan. Initially and immediately, Pakistan will have good infrastructure, good roads and economic boost. But in international relations, a country always has a national interest at its core. China is developing CPEC for its own interest such as exporting through shortest route rather than long and insecured route of South China sea. Also China will import oil and gas from Gulf countries which would be cheaper. Recently, India and China shows soft attitude towards each other which can threat Pakistan national interest. Pakistan and China are long standing partners and will remain. But Pakistan must explore other options to meet its national interest. Therefore, Pakistan has to clarify one thing to China and Pakistan like China is also a sovereign state and will prioritize its national interests just like China.

Recent Engagement with US

Despite having turbulent relations in the past but Pak-US have shared decades of experience together in wars and proved victorious or successful in those wars. The recent diplomatic engagement of Pakistan with USA is a hope of better future relations. US President Donald Trump mentioned Pakistan officials many times at different occasions in respectable and appreciable manner. Pakistan officials visit to White House many times shows positive relationships between two. But as we discussed in case of China, US interests are also prominent - US need a country in South Asia to make balance of power with its economic rival China and ideological rival Iran. Due to recent trade war, US-India relations also deteriorated. However, Pakistan can also take benefit from all this situation by creating a balance between two. Pakistan recently welcomed Iran President, which was surprisingly didn't offend US this time unlike past. Pakistan had made it clear that it will follow its foreign policy which has national interest at its core. just like any other country.

Conclusion:- 20 After long period of time
Pakistan can maintain balance between
its relation between super powers - US and China.
by prioritizing its own national interest rather
than deteriorating relations with one due to
the other one. Both US and China are looking
towards Pakistan as a befitted beneficial friend
Therefore Pakistan has to do the same.

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