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Answer

(I) Introduction:

Since the fall of Berlin wall, this decade is observing the balancing of world power. It has been appeared due to the emergence of China economy. Besides that the Russian expansionist policy is considered as balancing the Western hegemony, especially US. The Furthermore, the recent Russia-China collaboration in all sphere of life is due to recent Geopolitical issues. This collaboration challenged the US hegemony.

(II) Understanding the facts that how Russia-China interest meet in the current Geopolitical dynamics:

According to Henry Kissinger
Countries navigates challenges collectively

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only if their interest national interests are aligned. This can be apply on the Russia - China.

>> Both have a common enemy:

>> They collectively navigate the global threats which threatens either of their interest

>> Both are the BRICS member

>> Both are the member of SCO

>> Both have resemblance stances on geopolitical tussles.

To sum up, ~~Both have~~ their common interests tie them in different sphere of life: Political, Economic and Geopolitical landscape.

(III) ~~the~~ Arguments on how these economic, political and geopolitical collaboration of Russia-China challenge the US world Order:

These two countries ^{have} almost equal economic and military capabilities as US

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(a) ~~B~~ Russia-china Veto power makes US miserable to use UN security Council for his interest

firstly, Both of them are the veto power. Therefore, US is unable to utilise western global institutions for his own interest. for example, Russia & Ukrain war, Russia veto the UN security Council resolution against Russia. it makes clear that US does able to use western institutions for ~~the~~ maintaining dominance

(b) Collective Economic Growth

Policy of Russia - china

Secondly, ~~the~~ Russia - china uses Collective economic growth policy. ~~The only way to~~ it is the only ~~to~~ soft measures to counter the US hegemonic power. Through this policy Russia and china provides opportunities to developing nation in order that it these countries will join the

the ~~main~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~result~~

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the Russia and China block: As US did in 1970s.

(c) ~~Trading~~ trading in mutual currency:

furthermore, the two largest countries are avoid to use dollar in mutual trading. for example, Russia - China did trade 90% in their own currency during 2024. This thing will reduce the US currency hegemony as two major powers deny to use dollar.

(d) Same stance on the geopolitical issues of the world:

furthermore, as mentioned early, both China Russia are veto powers. They have anti-western stance in the geopolitical issues. for example, China supports Russia in Ukraine war. Similarly, Both have adopted a single stance

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on the Israel-Hamas conflict. It will definitely challenge the use of US hegemony.

(e) Both are the member of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

furthermore,

their collaboration ~~is~~ one of their collaboration aims is to counter the western military capabilities. Russia and China are tries to balance the NATO.

Therefore, they strengthen the basis of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation which is also refers as Western NATO.

(f) Collectively challenging the US dollar hegemony:

furthermore,

their collaboration in Economic sphere is the only aim to counter the US dominance. For example, ~~the~~ Russia-China are the endeavour of BRICS expansion, which has an ultimate objective to determine an alternative economic system, ~~so~~ so that it ~~will~~ may suffocate dollar

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in near future.

(g) Providing an alternate markets and Road System

Moreover, the US dominance in market and ~~later sea~~ trade route give them edge in dominance. However, Russia-China is providing an alternate markets and ~~route~~ trade route to the developing nations, for example, Russia carbohydrate and military and similarly, BRI or Belt Road initiative provides an alternative ~~road~~ trade route to Indo-pacific, ~~Europe~~ and middle eastern region.

(h) China-Russia makes futile

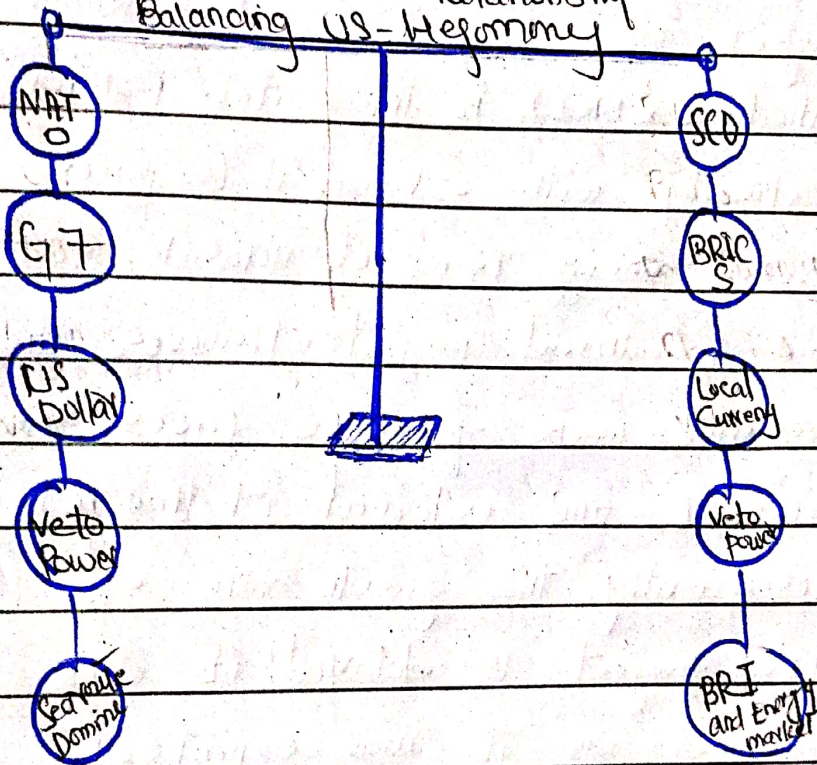
the US Sanction tool of dominance. Furthermore, China-Russia collective measures also intercept the US Sanction tool. The China help for example, US and European Union (EU) imposed heavy Sanction on Russia ~~due~~ due to Russia aggression on Ukraine. However, China rescued him. Similarly, they provide

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all the ~~g7~~ states to BRICS which are grappling with US Sanctions

I) Critical Assessment of Russia-china Collaboration and US Hegemony

How China - Russia Relationship
Balancing US-Hegemony



II) Conclusion:

The Collaboration of China and Russia in different spheres, such as economic, political and geopolitical will shake the US dominance - in the near future

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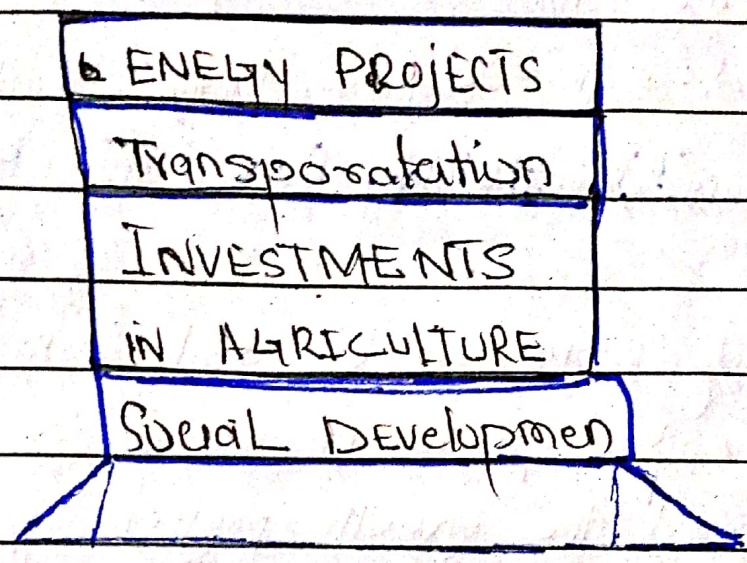
(I) Introduction:-

CPEC is one of the project of Belt Road Initiative (BRI). It integrates Pakistan vertically with China. It comprises several energy, transport network, roads and agricultural projects. However, the progressive work of CPEC faces several internal and external challenges. Consequently, the growth rate of CPEC project is delayed; it does not happen as it was expected.

(II) Overview of CPEC project:

It has been inaugurated in 2013, but, due to internal and external issues, it physically started in 2015. It comprises of 3 phases. According to the agreement, the second phase of CPEC would have started in 2022, but due to domestic

and global issues, it did not happened.
Let • CPCE projects



(III) Reasons Behind the slow growth of CPEC Projects:

There are several domestic and international issues that hinderance the growth of CPEC, some of them are given below.

(a) Security Issue:

The first looming threats to CPEC project is the security issue in Pakistan. For instance, the ethno and nationalist terrorism threatens the Chinese official

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in Baluchistan, Recently, blast in Lyawdhar post shaken its roots. So the internal security dynamics made the CPEC progress, slow down.

(b) Global Covid-19 Pandemic

The second factor which resisted, in the way of CPEC was Covid-19, it decreased the growth project of CPEC phase-II. Covid-19 severely impacted the Chinese economy. Therefore, CPEC was became the second priority. In other words, ~~CPEC~~^{Covid-19} serious hampered the growth of CPEC.

(c) Western hypocrisy:

There are two factors behind the western opposition of CPEC: the first one the rise of China economy, while the second the increasing tilt of Pakistan toward China. Therefore, they always try to oppose. For example, they incite Pakistanis, people that CPEC is the

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Neo-imperialism. They ~~was~~ resist it through
transforming public opinion.

(d) Involvement of foreign
Proxies:

Furthermore, the another
factor of the slow growth rate of
CPEC project is the involvement of foreign
proxies. For example, Kalboshan Jadhav
was surrendered at a red hand in
Baluchistan. Similarly, Iran's involvement
as Iran want to be utilise Chabahar port
for CPEC. This insecure security dynamic
resist the growth of CPEC.

(e) Western ~~to~~ financial institutions
resists its growth:

Moreover, the
Western financial institution pressurize
Pakistan to stop inclination toward
China. For example, International Monetary
Funds (IMF) ~~create here~~ dictates Pakistan
to impose taxes in the a nine
Special Economic Zone. It create
hindrance the way of CPEC.

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(IV) Options to Islamabad and Beijing to re-invigorate ~~the~~ CPEC phase II a tangible reality:

The frequently mentioned and highly resonating recommendations Some of recommendations are given below in order that it will ensure the smooth progress of CPEC.

(a) Pak-China Collaboration against the Security Issues:

The first way is to ensure the growth of CPEC. Pak-China must collaborate against the security as Pakistan needs help to counter the religious and ethno based terrorism. They need to ensure the Chinese official protection besides that they need to protect CPEC projects, such as energy infrastructure, roads and machineries from terrorist attacks.

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(b) Exposed the foreign involvement by Collective Corporations

The second is needed to exposed the foreign involvement in CPEC projects, which incites several ~~retards~~ ~~retards~~ in the way of CPEC. For example, they need to exposed the RAW involvement world wide. This thing will also minimize the Security issues ~~to~~ which resist its growth.

(c) Ensure the Socio-economic development of CPEC at the Root to Society:

Furthermore, the CPEC positive impact are not appeared at the grass root level. ~~it~~ This thing ~~also~~ use Foreign force against the CPEC. They try to make the narrative that ~~CPEC~~ ^{Chinese} exploit the resources. However, if its ~~positive~~ ~~positive~~ and positive impacts appears ~~on the~~ in the Society. It will counter the anti-CPEC narrative. As a result

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its growth will uplift.

(d) Exposing western Conspiracy:

Besides

that Pakistan needs to counter the conspiracy theories logically. For example, western exhibits that CPEC is way of debt ~~trade~~-trap diplomacy, which recently observed in Sri Lanka port Hambakota port. But Pakistan need to exhibit its social economic benefits on Pakistan in a long run.

(v) Conclusion:

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a game changer for socio-economic development of Pakistan. However, it faces several domestic and internal issues which hinders the growth of CPEC project. Therefore, it needs some collective strategic measures to avert these issues in the way of CPEC development.

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(I) Introduction:

Pakistan - Afghan relation is deteriorating day-by-day. The Taliban (20) Government does fulfill all the agreement which through ~~in 2001~~ which Pakistan is used to support them before the Government. There are several reasons that Pakistan ~~cannot~~ ^{cannot} influence Taliban further. Taliban 2.0 Government provides ~~them~~ ^{TIP} a safe heaven as a result it create a diplomatic dialoge b/w them. It needs Pakistan need to adopt some measures so that it will resolve the issue.

(II) Understanding the Reasons that why Pakistan can not influence Taliban further:

Before the acquiring Tali Government, Pakistan supported them & on some facts that they will not let any one to use Afghanistan

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Soil against Pakistan. Similarly, they would resolve ~~the~~ Durand line and water issue. However, they are no longer to obey the agreement. The underlying reasons are the following

(I) India involvement

(II) found Russia as anti-western ally

(III) They found China as socio-economic development.

(IV) Central Asian Republic gives them importance.

These they found several → allies in a global dynamics.

(III) Critically Evaluate the situation between Pakistan and Afghanistan:

There are several ~~issues~~ ~~irritants~~ factors that deteriorate the Pak-Afghan relation.

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1
Durand Line → Afghan official release official statement that they are not recognize the durand line as previous government

2
Water Issue → Constructing Small Small dams on Hari and Kabul River

3
Drug Trafficking → 70% harvest in the provinces which are near to Durand line. It smuggle to Pakistan

4
TTP Cross Border attacks → Taliban Provides them a safe heaven.

These issues poison the Pak-Afghan Relation in the current situation

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(IV) Recommendations for the Revival of Pak-Afghan Relations:

Some of recommendations that will revive the Pak-Afghan tense relations:

(a) Assist them financially:

The first way which can melt the ice between Pak-Afghanistan because they are grappling with financial crunches and US Sanctions. This thing will create a soft image of Pakistan. In the current world geopolitics, whenever an unstable country creates some sort of problem, the stable one counter it with financial aid.

(b) Soft-diplomatic approach:

Similarly, extend a soft-diplomatic hand toward them. ~~But~~ Provide them humanitarian aids, invite their people to the education. Furthermore, Pakistan needs to assist them

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humanitarian aid and support their education system and health sector. It may ~~not~~ create a soft image of Pakistan.

(c) Influence Taliban ~~by~~ through multilateral platforms:

furthermore, Pakistan needs to influence them through multilateral platforms. For example, Pakistan should utilize Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and Economic Organisation for Cooperation, these two organisations have the influential states which can influence ~~the~~ Taliban government.

(d) Expose the foreign involvement

furthermore, Pakistan needs to expose the foreign involvement which provokes Afghan Government against Pakistan. For example, India ~~is~~ funding the TTP. Besides that, India ~~is~~ utilises the Afghan soil to fail the Strategic depth policy in ~~the~~ Afghan.

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Therefore, Pakistan should neutralise the foreign involvement.

(c) Diplomatic Support

Additionally, Pakistan needs to support Afghan Taliban diplomatically. This thing will navigate the diplomatic issues of Taliban Government upto some level. It may create a soft image in the Afghanistan. These measures can reduce the ~~tense~~ ~~condition~~ intensity of ~~the~~ ~~saturated~~ condition.

(V) Conclusion:

The rising Tehrik-e-Taliban created a tense ~~relation~~ diplomatic relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Therefore, Pakistan needs to adopt some soft measures or track II diplomacy; it will make the situation conducive

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(I) Introduction:

Pakistan's economy is trapped in boom and burst cycle since the inception. The underlying reason behind the unstable economy is political instability, relying on the foreign debt and the most prominent reason is structural issues. This therefore, it needs structural reforms to bring the economy on the right track.

(II) Overview of the economic ~~State~~ Problems of Pakistan:

Pakistan is facing a turmoil of problems in the economic landscape of Pakistan. These problems introduced to a twin deficit to Economy of Pakistan. Some of the remaining issues are:

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Structural Problems in Economy

Weakened
Economy
Pillars

- A Problems in Agricultural
- Problematic industries
- Low export

Imbalance
Export
and
Import

→ High Export deficit

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problem
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→ High Expenditure vs
Low tax collection

Energy
Circular
debt

→ Circular energy debt

High int
erest
rate

→ High interest rate, so
Low growth of
GDP

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(I) Recommendations for Structure Economic Reforms:

Pakistan economy revival needs structural reform.

Some of them are given below.

(a) Multiply the economy pillars:

According-

ing to Davan Academy, the more economic pillars the more stronger economy. However, Pakistan economic model is sustain on mainly three pillars; Agriculture, industry and re-state sector. ~~Therefore~~, therefore, Pakistan needs to find out other modern reliable pillar for economy, such as IT, value added export, military and space technology, innovation and many more.

(b) widen the tax base:

Scarcely,

Pakistan needs to widen its tax base. Due to low tax base, the ~~value~~ expenditure of the government

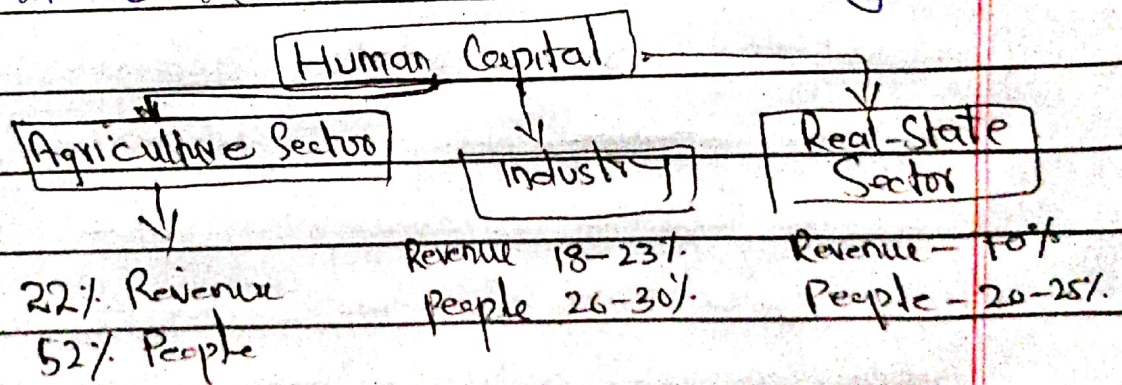
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unstable meet. ~~According~~ Pakistan need to expand its tax model; to re-state and agricultural sector. According to Pakistan State Bank Statistic, the Pakistan generate 23% Revenue from the agriculture sector, but its tax-to-GDP is only around 0.03%. and similarly, the re-state sector.

© Distribute the human Capital to Each Pillar Equally

1. According to

the Book issues in Pakistan economy:



Pakistan's Economy will not revive till to equate the human capital and distribution of wealth.

© documentation of economy:

furthermore,

documentation of economy is very for

the revival of economy. for instance, As per IMF report, Pakistan has 65% undocumented economy. This thing ~~has~~ create the basic issues in economy. Therefore, the documentation is essential for a healthy and a sustainable developed economy.

(e) Reviving/Aligning Industry and agriculture to a modern technology:

Moreover, the persistent decline has been observed in agriculture and a industry sector. Therefore, it is essential for boosting Pakistan's economy to align ~~modern~~ industry and agriculture according to modern technological way. For this, Pakistan needs to link academia with these two sectors.

(f) ~~Bringing~~ Ensuring political stability:

Economic development and political stability are the two sides of the same coin. for example,

During 1988 to 1999 due to political instability, Pakistan extended his hand toward IMF nine times. Therefore for a stable economic model and for a sustainable economic development, Political stability is the ultimate thing to achieve.

(g) Resolving the energy Problems:

Pakistan energy Problems suffocated the small scale and cottage industries. Therefore, it is essential to resolve the energy crises. Moreover, Pakistan needs to organise Special Industrial Zone and needs to reduce the price of electricity, so it will revive the ~~well~~ economic structure of Pakistan.

(iv) Conclusion :-

Pakistan is struggling with boom and bust cycle of economy. The ultimate reason behind this economic fluctuations are the

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Structural economic issues - Therefore,
Pakistan needs to revive its economic
structure so that it will lead the
way.

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