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Pakistan's Economic Futures: Can the country achieve sustainable growth?

A. Introduction

B. Pakistan Can Achieve Sustainable Growth in the Future:

① By diversifying the economy country will achieve sustainable growth.

Case in Point: KSA growth through diversification of economy (2030 vision)

② The development of entrepreneurial skills in the youth will lead to sustainable economic growth.

Case in Point: 60% of Pakistan's population is youth

③ Beijing's lead CPEC can turn the Pakistan into a transit route ultimately leading towards economic growth of project.

Case in Point: Completion of CPEC phase I and continuation of phase II

④ Reforms in the tax collection body from increasing the amount of tax net to increasing the number of

tax payers the economic development of state will be ensured.  
Case in Point: Wide tax net base of USA.

⑤ Academia based on geographic consideration of the area can lead to the sustainable development.

Case in Point: Eco tourism course in Karalworam University.

⑥ The inflation in the state is drastically decreasing thus promoting towards the economic growth.

Case in Point: Inflation in Pakistan in 2022 was 39% and it is expected to be 10% in 2025

⑦ Investments in the mining sector will lead to fungibility of elements of national power.

Case in Point: Undiscovered resources in Balochistan

⑧ The GDP growth of Pakistan

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is increasing progressively that will lead to the economic development.

Case in Point: In 2023 the GDP was 2.3 and 2024 it was 3.6/—

according to World Bank.

(9) Presence of small and medium enterprises will lead the state towards the sustainability

Case in Point: Role of enterprises in development of China

(10) Remittances play a progressive role in the sustainability of state. As Pakistan gets remittances from multiple states this contributes positively towards the sustainable growth.

Case in Point: 30-40% remittances Pakistan gets from KSA.

(11) The presence of foreign direct investment in the state helps state in achieving sustainable growth

Case in Point: China contributes 60% in FDI of Pakistan

- (12) By becoming part of multilateral institutions especially dominated by global south, Pakistan will be able to develop sustainably.

Case in Point: BRICS and de-dollarization.

### C. Conclusion

The country that was once called as "**Tiger of Asia**" is struggling economically now. The same state that was once used to be relatively economically better is lagging now. But here a question rises that the future of country is going to be same or is it going to progress? Those advocating that future of the state and its growth is not going to be good are

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perhaps unaware of the potential of the state and its citizen. Even in the darkest of the hour, there is a hope present. It is not only hope but certain realities shape this perspective that Pakistan's economic future will be sustainable. Of course, here one is not mediating the near future as it will take time to manage the structural issues present in the state.

To start with, the diversification of economy will lead towards the progress of economy of the state. To supplement it, currently the youth in Pakistan is focusing on different entrepreneurial opportunities. The development of entrepreneurship can further ensure the sustainability.

Moreover, China has invested on Pakistan through CPEC which ultimately will be a game changer for state after the completion of

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monopolized. Diversification of economy refers towards the process of earning the more exports through the different sectors. This can ensure that state is not merely dependent on a single factor. Pakistan has multiple geographic landscapes which offers it multiple paths - Pakistan can earn through agriculture, mining, tourism and industry - With the advent of technology the new means can also contribute. Though, already the economy of state is diversified with **services sector contributing almost 58%**. This diversification will help state to ensure the sustainability. As in KSA, the diversification plan is to ensure sustainability, Pakistan can also adopt such policies. Hence, diversification will lead towards sustainability.

In supplementation, the entrepreneurship

will also contribute productively in the sustainable growth of the state. Entrepreneurship refers towards the use of innovative ideas to establish certain start ups. Fortunately, the youth in Pakistan is well aware of it and working on such projects.

Entrepreneurship will not only help in channelizing the huge youth bulge state has but also contributing in the road towards sustainability. Almost, 60% of total population of Pakistan is youth, so adopting to entrepreneurship will help state. Thus, entrepreneurship will open the doors of sustainability for the state.

To add with, China has its biggest project of BRI which is CPEC in Pakistan.

The CPEC will help Pakistan to become a transit route.



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The geo strategic location of Pakistan will help the state geo-economically. It will lead towards the establishment of more markets in the state, ultimately helping in the sustainability. The completion of phase-I and the continuation of phase-II projects is: huge success for the state. Thus, CPEC completion will also lead towards the sustainability.

One of the fundamental aspect for achieving the sustainability is the increase of tax base. One of the flawed policy that is implemented many times is the increase in amount of tax on those already part of tax net. However, the sustainability can only be ensured if all the stakeholders, companies and individuals become the part of the tax

net. Here the example of USA can be fitted perfectly. They have an increase tax base which ultimately helps them in being economically prosperous. Thus, the tax net players increase will ultimately lead towards the sustainable growth.

One of the most important aspect to curb the unemployment and ensuring the youth gets job and ultimately contributes towards the sustainability of the state is to ensure that academia in university is based on the geography of the region. This includes teaching the courses of eco tourism in Gilgit Baltistan Karakoram university. Such degrees will not only contribute in making the tourism condition better but handling issue of unemployment by giving opportunities to students

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for being the part of different hotels. Thus, ensuring the academic matches geography leads to the sustainability of that region particularly and state generally in the long run.

Fortunately the most important reason that gives the evidence for the sustainable growth is persistent decrease in the inflation. Inflation refers to the increase in price of goods and services. Inflation affects the purchasing power of the masses. The statistics prove that from the past two years Pakistan has come over the rate of inflation. In 2022 the inflation was around 34% in the coming two years the inflation decreased. Now it is expected that inflation rate

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of the state in 2025 will be 10% according to the National Statistics Bureau. Thus this decrease in inflation will lead towards a sustainable growth for the state.

Pakistan is also bestowed with many elements that contribute towards its national power. Unfortunately, many of the resources remain unexploited which means they cannot be materialized.

Currently, Pakistan is earning through its mining sector. However, the state is still lagging behind.

If the mining sector is improved and the undiscovered minerals in Balochistan are used productively, the state can progress and the economy can be made sustainable.

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element of looking at the development of state is analyzing its Gross Domestic product (GDP). The GDP of state serves as an indicator in determining whether state is going to excel or not. Here again the statistics offer a good news for Pakistan. The GDP growth rate of state has also improved. In the year 2023 the GDP remained only 2.3%. The 2024 witnessed increase in the GDP rate from 2.3% to 3.6%. This shift in GDP rate also depicts that state can achieve a sustainable growth in the future.

Not only this but the presence of small and medium enterprises within the state will also contribute towards sustainability in its growth. Small and

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medium size enterprises denotes the presence of conducive business environment in the state. Of course, here one cannot negate that these enterprises are currently not much prospering. However, the presence of local industry and enterprises are always a first step towards the sustainability of state. It helps state to shift from being consumer oriented to producer oriented. The rise of China can be exemplified here through the presence of small and medium local enterprises. Thus, in a long run the presence of small and medium enterprises helps in the sustainability.

Another important aspect is the amount of remittances that state earns from the foreign state. Pakistan luckily earns a

significant amount through these remittances. The remittances helps the state to repay the debt it has taken and to be less dependent on loan. Again the remittances that Pakistan gets are not that much more but still a large number of diaspora lives abroad. The most remittances Pakistan gets from gulf states like KSA and UAE. Thus, remittances also helps state to ensure sustainability.

Along with remittances the FDI also plays a significant role in the economic prosperity and sustainability. While it is true that \_\_\_\_\_ always come when state is having internal stability. But Pakistan is fortunate enough that China still heavily invests in

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Pakistan and the state gets almost 50-60% FDI from them. More the FDI in state more the investor confidence will be. Thus, the presence of FDI in the state also leads to economic sustainability.

At last, the economic stability living in a multipolar world comes with joining more and more multilateral institutions. Pakistan is the part of many multilateral institutions but most of them are west dominated. Many of the people around are skeptic of these institutions and their long term lingering policies of the debt trap. Pakistan here can avail the opportunity of getting the membership of BRICS. The BRICS which is moving towards de-dollarization will



help Pakistan in conducting its economic affairs and ensuring the sustainability.

To pen off the discussion, it can be analyzed that the road of economic growth of state is the rollercoaster of phases. However, the current system and situation depicts that in long run there will be sustainable growth. Pakistan can achieve the sustainable growth by focusing on geographic considerations while making agenda to curb unemployment and promote tourism. Along with this, by investing in the mining sector the undiscovered resources of the state can be known and utilized and be made fungible. To add with, the presence of small and medium size

enterprises will also help in the sustainability. Moreover, the state gets remittances and foreign direct investments from multiple state countries for it to maintain its capital account. At last, the multilateral global south led institutes provide the path of sustainability to the state. Though, multiple good prospects are already in the state by opting for certain more in the near future the state can once again get the lost glory it had once in the region.