

Question # 1

Introduction:

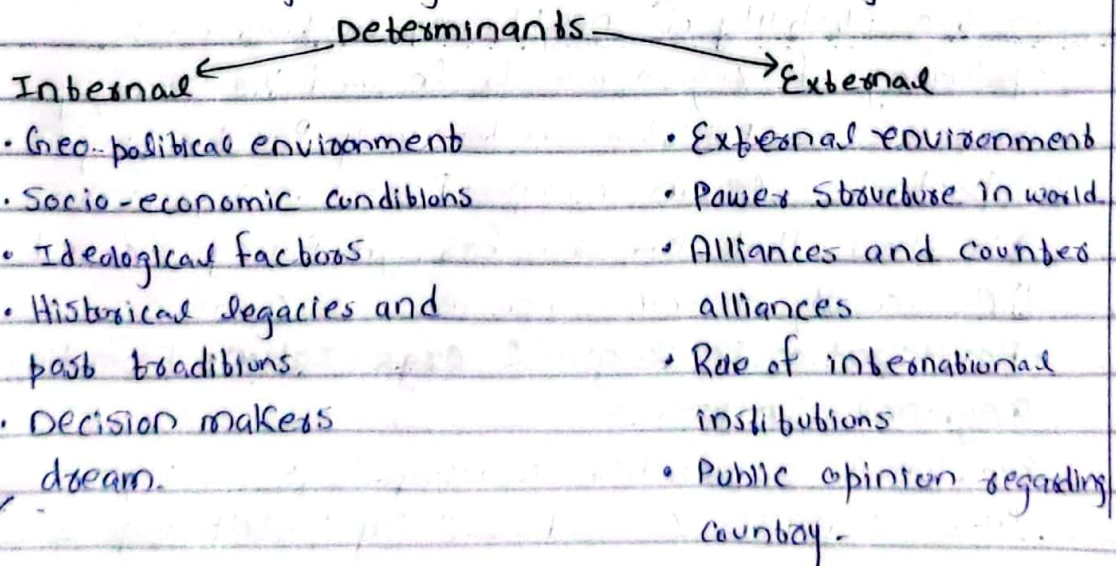
Since independence, Pakistan's foreign policy sees many changes due to the shifting of power in international world. From decline of USSR to rise of China, Pakistan changed its foreign policy with changing world order. Pakistan always made foreign policy while considering the economic growth, security concerns and increasing its regional influence like Pakistan ties with China limits India's influence in the region. In the same way promoting peace and stability is the core component of Pakistan's foreign policy which lessened the security concerns for Pakistan. Also, economic ties with USA ensuring economic growth in the country because USA is biggest super power in the world.

Defining Foreign Policy:

"A set of rules and regulation, based on experience and knowledge, for conducting the business of government with rest of world"

Determinants of Pakistan Foreign Policy:

Pakistan's Foreign Policy is based on following determinants



Pakistan's Foreign Policy Navigated balance between economic growth, security concerns and Regional Influence:

Pakistan's foreign policy include various ^{decisions} ~~aspects~~ that navigate the balance between economic growth, security concerns and regional influence. These decisions are

• Strategic ties with China Limits India's Influence in Region:

After the 1965 and 1971 war, Pakistan see that USA did not support Pakistan in war time. This gives the perspective to Pakistan to change its strategic ties from USA to China. USA also a close partner with India is a threat for Pakistan in the region. So, Pakistan's strategic ties with China limits India's influence in region.

• Economic Ties with USA Ensuring Economic Growth:

USA is the world super power with its economy of which is 27 Trillion\$. Pakistan is the major importer for USA. This partnership ensuring the economic growth of country.

• Stabilizing Afghanistan Lessened Security Concerns:

Pakistan Foreign Policy include a major point which is the stability of neighbouring countries for the uplifting of region and to lessened the security concerns for Pakistan. In this way Pakistan played important role in bringing peace in Afghanistan. This shows that Pakistan foreign policy lessened the security concerns for its own country.

• Participation In Regional Organizations Promoting Regional Influence:

Pakistan is a member of many regional organizations like SAARC, SCO and OIC. By participating in

these organizations, Pakistan influence in the region is increasing. The example of SCO 23rd meeting shows that diplomatic standing of Pakistan increases.

• Improving International Image Increases Foreign Direct Investment:

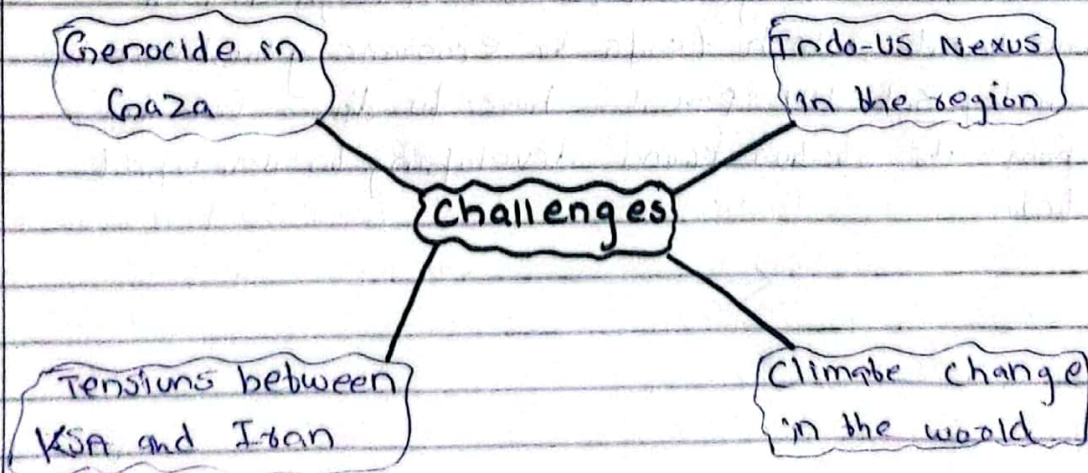
After global war on terror, Pakistan's international image becomes very bad. As many people called Pakistan a state sponsoring terrorism. After withdrawal of USA from Afghanistan, Pakistan starts working on improving its image which increases foreign direct investment that leads to the economic growth of the country.

• Promoting Peace and Stability lessened the security concerns:

According to Q.A Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Promoting peace and security is the major objective of Pakistan's Foreign Policy. By promoting Peace and stability in the region Pakistan can create a peaceful region which lessened security concerns for Pakistan.

Challenges For Pakistan's Foreign Policy:

There are many challenges for Pakistan's Foreign Policy these are



Critical Analysis:

Pakistan's Foreign Policy promote Pakistan's image on international stage. The agreement Pakistan brought between China and USA in the 1950s resolves some issues of both countries. Also, Pakistan played a critical role in Afghanistan matter. Pakistan is the only country who promoted the peaceful settlement of Afghanistan. But since independence, Pakistan Foreign Policy never solved a problem of Kashmir which showed its weaknesses. Also, despite the second largest muslim populous country in the world, Pakistan never solved the ~~Afghan~~ Palestine issue, which showed that Pakistan Foreign Policy regard to muslim world.

Conclusion:

Foreign Policy promote the national interest on the international stage. For every country, economic growth, security concerns and regional influence are the main ingredients for the prosperity of a country. Pakistan made foreign policy while considering these three aspects. Pakistan's role in stabilizing the Afghanistan lessened the security concerns, Pakistan's participation in regional organizations promoting its interest in the regional influence. Also, improving international image increases foreign direct investment which leads to economic growth in the country. But still Pakistan have to do a lot to change its status from developing to developed state.

