

Current Affairs

Test #2

Question 1:

Pakistan and SCO

Introduction

In contemporary world, the role of multinational organization has become vital. It helps countries to cooperate and coordinate in order to make development. In order to cooperate with different countries, Pakistan is also member of lot of organizations. One of these is Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). This year Pakistan has successfully conducted its conference in Islamabad. It has helped Pakistan to make not only multilateral relations but also to improve its bilateral relations with fellow member states. The efficient benefit of this conference could only be achieved by having developmental deals and strengthening of relations.

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SCO Conference in Islamabad.

The SCO Islamabad Summit was the 23rd annual council of heads of government of member state. It was held successfully in Islamabad. Its agenda focused on enhancing regional cooperation in various fields including economy, trade, environment, sociology and culture. Leaders of member states focused on enhancing the cooperation among member countries.

Major Takeaways for Pakistan.

The SCO summit has given Pakistan lot of space to work in future in order to extract maximum benefits from the summit.

1) Enhanced Diplomatic Standing

Amidst global and regional challenges, Pakistan's successful organization of event showcased its ability to contribute to regional diplomacy. It allowed

Pakistan to reaffirm its commitment to regional countries and build stronger ties with China and Central Asian nations. However, geo-political rivalries among SCO members limited the scope for achieving tangible breakthroughs.

2) Economic Opportunities.

The economic benefits remain largely aspirational without a clear roadmap. However, discussions on initiatives like China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and trade integration offered Pakistan an opportunity to boost its economic prospect.

3) Promotion of Soft Power.

Pakistan has been kept in diplomatic isolation for long time. The arrangement of SCO summit in Islamabad can open a gate for diplomatic talks which can be used as benefit for Pakistan.

Recommended measures for Islamabad: (Outline)

- 1) Strengthening bilateral and multilateral engagements.
- 2) Focusing on economic integration.
- 3) Promoting security cooperation.
- 4) Investing in regional connectivity.
- 5) Advancing cultural and educational diplomacy.
- 6) Expanding Pakistan's role in SCO Decision making.

Conclusion.