

Topic breakdown

Pick a stance. Don't agree with both sides or pick a middle ground. Discuss how or why of whether Pakistan can achieve sustainable growth or not. Do not write ways to achieve sustainable growth as no solutions are required in an argumentative essay. Do not write prospects or opportunities and hurdles.

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Topic:

Pakistan's Economic Future: Can the Country Achieve Sustainable Growth?

General guideline.

Maintain the tone of the topic

Answer the asked part

Pay attention to the tense of the topic and the given keywords

Follow the outline exactly as it is

Provide substantial research-backed evidence.

Use formal language always

No use of 1st and 2nd person pronouns.

Maintain unity of idea in a single paragraph. The question posed in the outline cannot be this direct.

Outline

1- Introduction

(i) What is Pakistan's Economic Future?

(ii) General statement

What is the general statement? Heading should be self explanatory.

(iii) Thesis statement

Informal. Don't say "yes" or "no" simply write your stance

Pakistan. Use the given keywords in the main headings

2- Yes, the Country can achieve

Sustainable Growth by adopting

following Reforms:

(A) Tax Reforms

(i) Broaden the Tax Base

(ii) Reducing Tax Exemptions

(iii) Improving tax filing mechanism

Your stance should not be conditional. Don't suggest what needs to be done. Only evaluate the current potential and predict the future. If it's a yes, then explain why that is so, not what needs to change.

(B) Reforms in Energy Sector

(i) Privatization of Ipps and Discos

(ii) Reducing capacity payments

(iii) Shifting to renewable Energy sources

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(iv) Eliminating Bill Exemption of influential people

These are suggestions not manifestations that Pakistan can achieve sustainable growth.

(c) Create Fiscal Space

- (i) Reducing government spending
- (ii) Increasing Agriculture output
- (iii) Increasing exports

(d) Comprehensive and Resilient Policy Framework

- (i) Corruption reduction
- (ii) Enhancing Transparency and accountability

3- Conclusion:

The Essay:

According to a United Nation's report Pakistan's economy is expected to register 'modest expansion' with growth expected at 3.4% in 2025 and increasing to 4.2% by 2026. Pakistan has been grappling with economic crisis since its creation. There are many causes of economic crisis in Pakistan but the country can achieve the sustainable growth by adopting comprehensive and effective measures such as by broadening tax base, reducing tax exemption, and improving tax filing mechanism; by reforming energy sector such as Privatization of IPPs and Discos, reducing capacity payments, not giving exemption to influential people, and by reducing circular debt and shifting to renewable energy sources; by creating fiscal space: reducing government spending,

The opening does not match the hint given in the outline.

No cohesion between sentences

Don't write the whole outline in a single sentence.

Short introduction. Should be 200-250 words. Lacks proper structure. No proper summary of essay, no thesis statement.

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increasing agricultural output and increasing exports. Last but not the least, in order to achieve sustainable growth there is a need to reduce corruption and enhance transparency at government level.

To begin with, there is a need to make comprehensive and resilient tax reforms. Because without taxation it is not possible to cope with budget deficit. Increasing taxation depends on broadening tax base.

There is a need to increase the number of tax payers. In every country agriculture is a good source of tax while in Pakistan it is exempted. In order to broaden the tax base more and more tax payers should be registered with FBR and other tax bodies of Pakistan. If there is more number of tax payers there will be less budget deficit and the GDP of the country will also

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Suggestions are not asked

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improve. All those economies where tax to GDP ratio is above 13 percent ^{Reference??} that economy performs well but in Pakistan it is dangerously low which is 9%. Pakistan needs to increase its tax to GDP ratio by 13%.

second comes the tax exemption which is a significant factor in increasing budget deficit and reducing ^{amounts} subsidies which ultimately impact economy. There is a need to reduce

exemption in agriculture. ^{Separate arguments should be discussed in a separate paragraph} ~~As Pakistan~~ is an agrarian society ^{and} most of the labour is based on agriculture.

Moreover, subsidies are also a major cause of economic volatility.

In Fiscal Year 2021-22, there were around 1.5 trillion PKR ^{Reference??} subsidies ^{The} subsidies are given to lower middle class and middle class

portions of the society. For example in FY 2021-22 ^{there were subsidies} more than 200 billion PKR ^{subsidies} on Electricity, more than

Discuss one idea per paragraph. Each reform is a separate idea that you need to elaborate separately as to how it relates to the topic

Too long. A paragraph should not be more than 120-150 words.

Irrelevant detail. This evidence has no relation to the argument.

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200 billion ^{PKR} on gas, and more than 200 billion ^{Subsidies} PKR on Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

Irrelevant detail

Thirdly, there is a need to improve tax filing mechanism. There should be a proper documentation and automation of tax files. In

Separate arguments should be discussed in a separate paragraph

the recent past two major steps have been taken by ^{the Government} such as ~~track~~ and trace system was introduced in the industries, and ~~Point of sale~~ was introduced in retailers and big cities. These measures have improved the tax collection, for example in Fiscal Year 2020-21 total collected tax was ~~4.7~~

Reference??

~~trillion PKR~~ while in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 it reached to 6.1 trillion PKR. By adopting a strict mechanism of tax registration and filing, tax collection can be improved. Moreover, for the proper functioning of the tax collecting bodies government should

No argumentation
No analysis. No structure to the paragraph. Incoherent and irrelevant.

spend more on them.

Similarly, ~~beginnings~~ in the energy sector is the need of the hour. Pakistan's Energy Sector has been struggling since its inception. In 1954, the availability of electricity was only 44 percent. In 1994 to improve electricity availability and deal with energy crisis the then government introduced Independent Power Producers (IPPs). According to NEPRA 100 IPPs are currently operating in Pakistan, 50% are government-owned. ^{control} The IPPs ~~unless~~ government are not operating properly. The flawed agreements of government with IPPs are contributing to energy crisis in Pakistan. When IPPs do not work properly capacity payments increase. Poverty and inflation are the major causes of increased capacity payments. ~~Because~~ when

What's needed is irrelevant to the topic.

You are explaining the problem. Which is contradictory to your chosen stance.

Don't start a sentence with "but" or "because"

the poor portion of the society fails to pay their bills the government has to pay those bills in the form of capacity payments, increasing external debt.

Furthermore, there is a need to reduce the ~~capacity~~ payments by ~~privatizing~~ the IPPs and DISCOs such as K Electric, FESCO and HESCO. It is reported that over the ~~past ten years~~ the IPPs have ~~received~~ capacity payments of ~~RS. 8344 billion~~, and it has been projected that the IPPs will receive capacity payments of ~~RS 2.1 billion~~ in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Aside from reducing capacity payments there is a need to shift from hydrocarbons to renewable energy sources. Pakistan's energy sector is overly dependent on oil, gas and coal. According to Economic survey of Pakistan

2023-24 the total installed capacity is ~~42,131 MW~~ out of which ~~57 percent~~ is dependent on thermal power (coal, gas and oil), ~~8 percent~~ on nuclear energy source and only ~~10 percent~~ on renewable energy sources. Over-reliance on hydrocarbons increases the burden of ~~imposition~~ bills.

Furthermore, depreciation of rupee value in comparison with dollar ^{further} exacerbates ~~the~~ ~~straining~~ condition of the ~~economy~~.

As Pakistan has to pay in dollars so, the ~~payment~~ of imposition of hydrocarbons significantly contributing to economic crisis of the country.

~~Last but not the least, the major contributors to energy crisis in the country is the exemption of the influential people. The influential people who have links with the energy producing companies are exempted from electricity bills. As a result~~

capacity payments increases and which ultimately increases the circular debt. According to Economic Survey of Pakistan the current circular debt of energy sector has increased to Rs 2.636 trillion. There are many other factors that contribute to rising circular debt such as poor supply chain, outdated system and infrastructure, and electricity theft. Proper and comprehensive reforms are needed to reduce the energy crisis. This crisis can only be reduced by the privatization of energy producing companies, shifting to renewable energy sources and enhancing the transparency and accountability of the state holders. As energy sector is considered as the backbone of the economy of any country so unless the reforms in energy sector are made economy can not

be stabilized.

~~Additionally, creating fiscal space~~
is essential to improve economy.

~~Fiscal space can be increased by~~
~~reducing government spending, incre~~
asing agriculture output and by
increasing exports and reducing
imports. ~~Recently, the Governme~~
nt has announced to increase
of 25 percent in the ~~salaries~~
of government officers. In the
year 2024 where there was an
extreme economic strain the ~~sindh~~
government announced the provision
of ~~luxurious vehicles~~ to civil
servants. ~~When the major chunk~~
of the budget will be spent
on the wishes of the government
employees fiscal space is difficult
to be created.

Moreover, Pakistan's agriculture sector
also demands some reforms. As
Pakistan is an agrarian society
so efforts must be made to improve

agricultural output. In order to enhance agricultural production availability of water is also essential, because Pakistan is shifting from being "water stressed" to "water scarce" (UNDP). ^{These} ^{unconventional} is a need to cope with this imminent threat as in Pakistan water week 2024 the speaker Mark Smith stressed to adopt innovative and collaborative policy to deal with the water crisis.

Similarly, the exportation of the country should be enhanced. In recent times Pakistan has reduced its importation but no measures have been taken to improve exports. By enhancing exports revenue ^{will} also increase. As the export payment is made in foreign currency so dollar reserves also improves. According to Pakistan Bureau of

Statistics, the exports reached 5.1 billion dollars in the month of August 2024. This increase in exports resulted in decline of country's trade deficit. Hence these stats show that exportation is an effective remedy for stabilizing the economy of the country.

Lastly, without comprehensive and resilient policy framework stability of the economy is not possible. Corruption is the major hindrance in the development of the country. All the power producing companies and big businesses have links with the elite fraction of the society. These links are ^{also} responsible for the strained economy of the country. Since the creation of Pakistan, every political leader has been charged with corruption.

in one way or the other. Corruption in Pakistan significantly ^{vastly} reducing the investment in sectors like health, education, job creation and other public and social development programs. In energy sector due to lack of surveillance major chunk of electricity is ^{being} captured by the corrupt elite who don't fear of accountability. This illegal capture of electricity results in capacity payments. As according to a recent report of Economic Survey IPPs will receive Rs. 2.1 Trillion capacity payment in Fiscal Year 2024-25. In order to make these capacity payments the government has to take loan and then vicious cycle of debt payment further ~~strains~~ the economy. There is a need to enhance surveillance in power producing companies so that the consequences of capacity payments

on overall economy of the country
can be reduced.

Lastly, there is a need to enhance
transparency and accountability. Because
without transparency development is
not possible. As in the past
government took certain measures
in tax collection ^{system} like digital
monitoring and documentation and
improvements have also been witnessed.
So government should take such
initiatives which could enhance
the transparency and accountability
of the stakeholders. The year
of accountability is essential
to make the system work efficiently.
Accountability increases the sense of responsi-
bility in individual and once the
sense of responsibility is achieved
the development of the whole
system ^{will} become possible.

To conclude, Pakistan's economy
can make sustainable development
by adopting the following measures

such as by making reforms in
 taxation system which includes
 broadening tax base, reducing
 tax exemption and improving
 the ~~giling mechanism~~; by making
 reforms in ~~economic sectors~~ ~~integrated~~
 Privatization of Independent power
 producers (IPPs) and distribution
 companies (DISCOs), ~~reducing~~ ~~paym~~
 ent capacity payments and shifting
 to ~~renewable energy sources~~; by
 creating fiscal space: ~~reducing~~
 government spending, increasing
~~Agricultural output and increasing~~
 exports; and by adopting compre-
 hensive and resilient policy frame-
 work such as increasing transparency
 and ~~accountability~~. unless all
 these measures are ~~not~~ adopted
 in the form of a comprehensive and
 collaborative policy ~~framework~~ the
 economy of the country can not be
 stabilized. As Pakistan is
 an enthusiastic and patriotic nation

Don't list all
 the
 point in one
 sentence.

So^{the} people are determined to deal with the crisis. As it has been witnessed that in the ^{recent} tense circumstance overseas Pakistanis' remittances has enabled the country's economy to ^{become a bit} stable. In the same way effective policies and ^{the} will of the government will lead to sustain able growth of economy.
