

Question No 1

Introduction:

Political polarization reflects the divergence of opinion and extreme stance on political matters within a society. Political polarization in Pakistan has been a longstanding issue. However, in the current atmosphere it has soared up to its extreme position. This polarization has affected the political culture of Pakistan badly. Due to polarization, the democratic culture has been eroded; it has politicized the institutions and eroded the social cohesion. It has also inculcated intolerance in the masses. However, the political polarization can be mitigated by encouraging parliamentary dialogue, strengthening the parliament and introducing some electoral reforms.

How political polarization has spoiled the political culture of Pakistan

The political culture of Pakistan is spoiled with the extreme polarization.

① Erosion of democratic culture:

The polarization has eroded the democratic culture of Pakistan. Due to the extreme polarization the political parties are involved in the blame game. Even the center and provinces do not co-operate with each other due to belonging to different political parties. This has undermined the basic principle, cooperation of the democratic culture. Thus, this erosion has spoiled the political culture.

② Politicization of state institutions:

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Culture has also been spoiled due to politicization of state institutions. Due to the confrontation between parties, every party tries to bring such persons into the institution, who can then suppress their opponents. The meritocracy has been undermined due to the extreme political polarization, which has harmed the political culture.

③ Social Erosion of Social Cohesion:

The social cohesion holds extreme importance for the development of political culture. However, due to the political polarization, the people of the society has also been divided into extreme camps. Different supporters of the parties hold hostile positions towards each other which has eroded the social fabric and ultimately the political culture.

④ The supremacy of Parliament has ~~not~~ been undermined

The extreme polarization has also undermined the supremacy of the Parliament. Political parties rely on street agitation and protests and they believe on use of force against each other rather than parliamentary discussion and dialogue to solve the issue. These practices have undermined the the sanctity of the Parliament.

⑤ The policy implementation and governance has been paralysed:

Due to political polarization the governance has been paralysed. Due to frequent protest in the country the government is often faced difficulties in policy implementation. The political gridlock between the government and opposition parties which undermine the culture of political dialogue and culture.

Remedies:

① Electoral reforms should be introduced:

All political parties should work together and ~~and~~ introduced political reform unanimously. This would pave the way forward for free and fair election and would block the way of any misgiving which often is the cause of political polarization.

② Encourage parliamentary dialogue.

Parliamentary dialogue should be encouraged and parties should prioritize parliamentary mechanisms for resolving issues. The parties should avoid frequent protest and agitation on petty issues. The dialogue would revive the political culture and harmony.

③ Structural Reforms in Parties must be promoted.

The political parties must introduce structural reforms in their parties. The parties are controlled by one leader. There is not concept of democracy with the party leader. which often discourage rational thinking and intellectual capacities. Therefore reforms are needed in parties to bring intellectual leader, who will lower down the political temperature.

④ Civic education and public awareness

Promote political education to reduce blind allegiance to leaders. The masses should be aware of their duty in the political process. They should also be taught for encouragement and respect for different opinions.

5) Combat misinformation:

One of the main role in political polarization is that of misinformation that fuels the polarization and resentment among the masses. It should be regulated and strict measure should be taken to prevent the spread of fake news.

Conclusion:

The issue of political polarization has been the consistent issue of Pakistan politics. The political polarization has affected the political culture of Pakistan. It has undermined the democratic norms and culture in the country. It has eroded the culture of dialogue. However, this issue can be solved by strengthening the role of parliament and by inculcation of political awareness in masses.

Q No. 3

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Federal structure and parliamentary form of government is most suitable for Pakistan. For a country like Pakistan that has ethnic and cultural diversity, vast territory and economic disparities among provinces federal structure is suitable which provides distribution of power in center and province. The parliamentary form of government ensure inclusiveness, accountability and make the representative responsible to the people is best suitable for Pakistan. These both ensure the supremacy of constitution and parliament.

Federal structure is appropriate for Pakistan.

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appropriate for Pakistan due to the following reasons:

① Ethnic and cultural diversity

The society of Pakistan is heterogeneous which contains people of different ethnicity and cultural. Therefore, when the provinces are associated with some specific ethnicity and cultural. Therefore, the federal government is suitable which vests power in the provinces and grant them autonomy.

② Economic disparities:

Since the inception of Pakistan there has been economic disparities between the provinces. The provinces often blame each other for its economic condition. Therefore, federal structure is more suitable.

which grant them more provincial autonomy. After 18th amendment the provinces has got more financial independence.

3) Vast territory:

Federal structure is more suitable to those countries which have vast territories like Pakistan. It is quite impossible to control such a large territory from Islamabad. Therefore, federal structure introduced chief executives of the provinces which could manage the province in a better way than the center.

4) Bicameral legislature in federal structure:

The federal structure often contain two legislatures one in Lower house and the other one is upper house. In lower house the representation

on a population base. While in
 upper house of it is: grant equal
 representation to every unit. So
 even the small provinces have as
 equal representation as of large
 province. Therefore, the federal structure
 is appropriate for Pakistan
 which grant voice to smaller
 provinces like Balochistan.

⑤ Constitution is supreme in Federal Structure:

In Federal structure
 the constitution is supreme
 which defines the power
 distribution between center and
 provinces. Therefore, it avoid
 despotic tendencies of center.
 It is the most appropriate for
 Pakistan: that give detail
 distribution of power among provinces
 and center.

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Parliamentary form of government is suitable for Pakistan.

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① Inclusiveness form of government:

The
parliamentary form of government ensure more inclusivity as

compared to presidential.

Parliamentary form of government even the small parties are

part of coalition government

which prevented them from alienation.

So in political system like

Pakistan where it is the most suitable

form of government.

② Responsible to people:

In
Parliamentary form of government

the prime minister and his

Cabinet is responsible to the
 the member of the parliament
 which are elected by people.
 So, the PM and his Cabinet are
 indirectly responsible to the people.

③ Ensure supremacy of parliament

Before
 18th amendment the system of
 Pakistan was not parliamentary in
 true sense. Therefore, it was often
 subjected to intervention of non-
 democratic forces. When the 18th amendment
 restore the true sense of parliament
 it has successfully blocked the way
 for intervention of other institutions so
 it the best form of government for
 Pakistan.

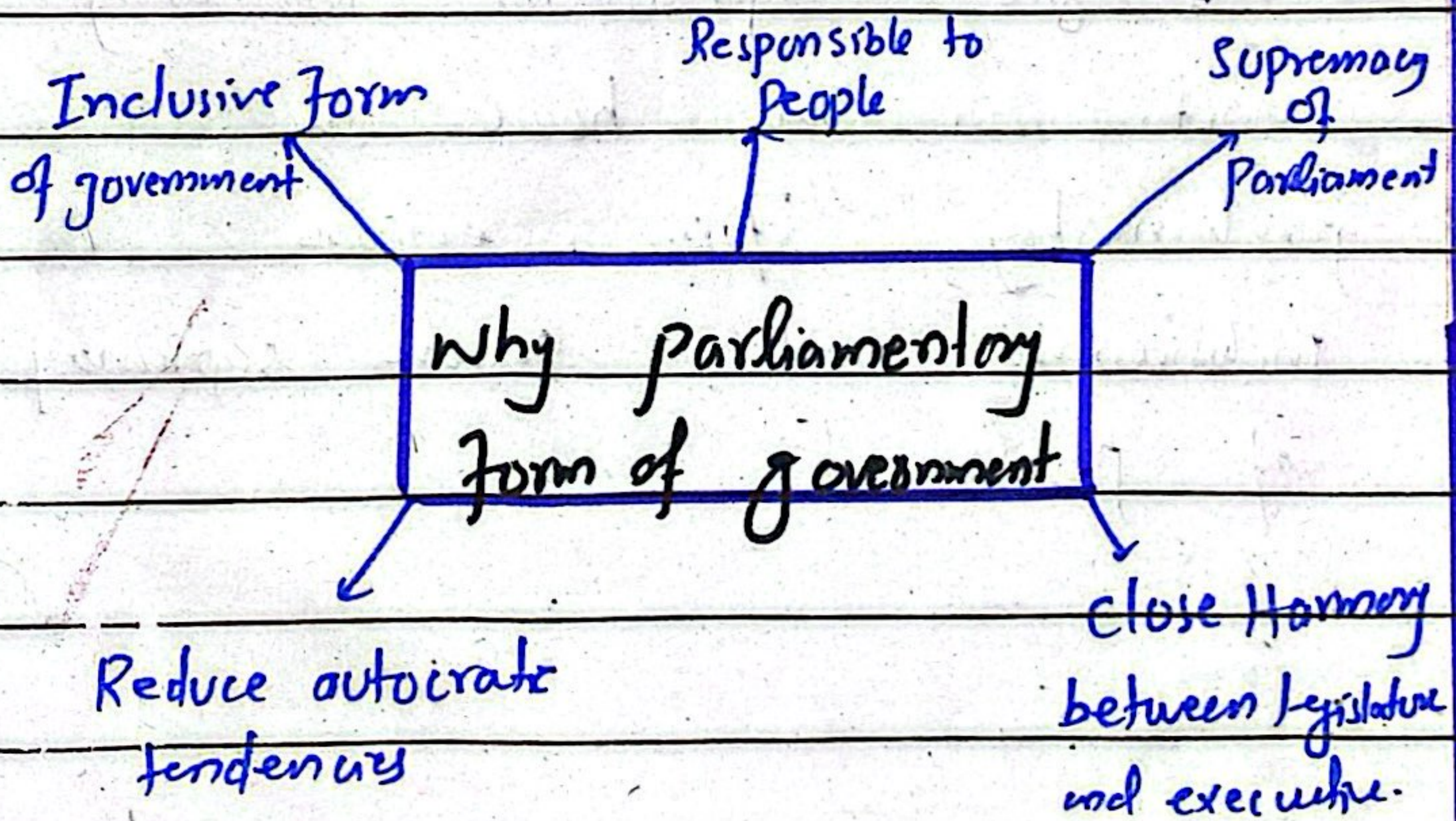
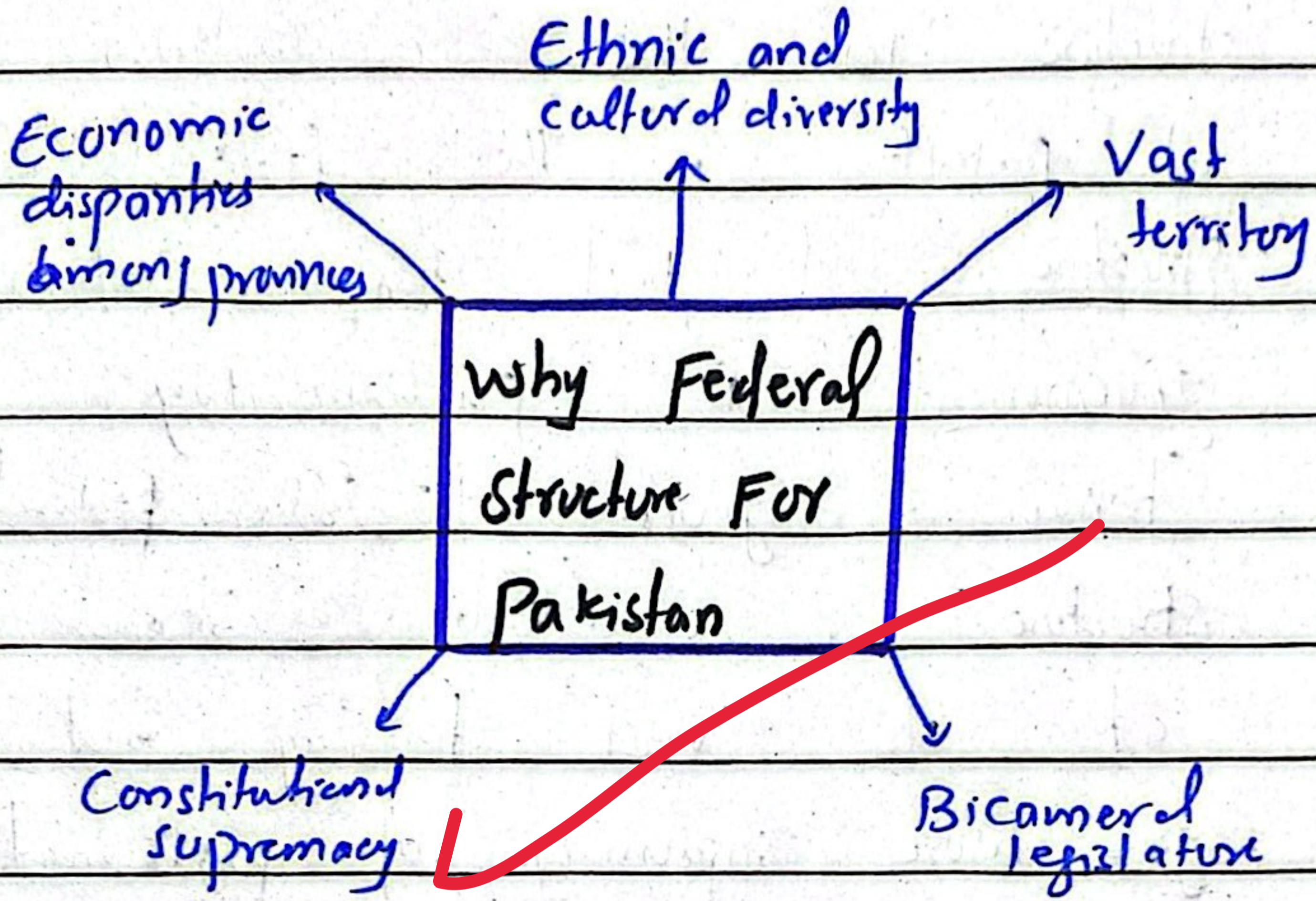
④ Reduce autocratic tendencies.

The
 parliamentary ~~federal~~ form of government is
 suitable for Pakistan because
 it don't allow the power

to be concentrated in one hand.
It ensure the distribution of power
and PM and cabinet are accountable
to the parliament.

⑤ Close Harmony between parliament and executive:

The parliamentary
form of government ensure
close harmony between both
branches. It is suitable for
Pakistan with different ethnicity
and cultural. Therefore, it prevent an
act to overrides the right of
any minority.



Conclusion

The most suitable structure in the circumstances of Pakistan is the federal structure and best form of government is parliamentary form of government. The federal structure is suitable because of its vast territory and to ensure supremacy of parliament and give representation to every unit in the house. The parliamentary form ensures inclusiveness and ensure supremacy of parliament.