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## Test #03 (Pakistan Affairs)

### Question #01

Critically evaluate Pakistan's foreign policy in the regional context. To what extent has it balanced its strategic

### Introduction:

Pakistan's foreign policy has evolved with a complex regional environment dominated by security rivalries, power competition and economic vulnerabilities. Its diplomacy aimed to preserve national sovereignty, territorial integrity and economic survival. However the security-first approach often overshadowed border regional cooperation and integration.

# Historical Evolution of Pakistan's Foreign Policy.

In view of Pakistan's vulnerability towards territorial regions, Pakistan joined Western alliances including SEATO and CENTO for military aid and security guarantees against India. This results in military strengthening.

After 1971's dismemberment, Pakistan sought strategic depth in Afghanistan. In 1980s Pakistan support Afghan Mujahideen under US patronage during Soviet ~~unit~~ invasion. This causes the military and regional instability.

In post 9/11 era Pakistan being a frontline state in the War on Terror got received aid from US. As a result it faced internal terrorism.

In today's time Pakistan seeks multipolar engagement with China, Gulf, Russia, Central Asia.

## Pakistan-India Relations

Due to strategic rivalry both countries have persistent disputes including Kashmir, Siachen, and cross border terrorism.

## Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations