

QUESTION NO:1

Analyze the trajectory of Pak-Afghan relation in the post 2011 period of current regime in Afghanistan. How have border security, refugee issue, and regional alignment influenced bilateral relation?

: ANSWER:

: Back-ground of Pak-Afghan relations:

Pakistan and Afghanistan, since the formation of Pakistan are having trouble relation due to Durand line. This porous border has increased the number of terrorist attack in Pakistan, regular refugee influx has also become a severe threat to the problem and it also effect the regional alignment of countries resulted in disturbed bilateral relation.

Specifically, after 2021, when Afghanistan
became come under direct control of
Taliban, giving Taliban a safe heaven to operate.

• Border Security: A hurdle in Bilateral Relations

Pakistan and Afghanistan share a border of around
4560 km, ~~full~~ this board have high mountains and
terrain in its path. This condition has made the
border porous thus, give a suitable environment to
non-violent state actors to infiltrate inside the
Pakistan. Increasing number of attacks on
civilian in regions of Waziristan, Orakzai, D-I-Khan
Bannu, Peshawar as well as in parts of Balochistan
are clear example of this infiltration. This
has created mistrust

How it effected bilateral relations

Even after continuous efforts
made by Pakistani government and army, these
these militants are growing in number, while
Afghanistan on the other continue give space
to groups like TTP - which operate
their attack via bases in Afghanistan. It
hard made better relation, and trust issue

in partner country, Lack of trust and support
further could be seen in trade as well

-: Refugee influx:- Pakistan has estimated
that around 1.8 million Afghan refugees are
living in Pakistan, this is a rough estimate of
government where there are
more refugees living in Pakistan, exploiting Pakistan's

resources and peace - away from the eye of Pakistan.

This refugee issue has raised economic concern

for Pakistan especially in the areas of KPK

and Balochistan, housing shortage & unemployment
etc.

- How it influence the bilateral relations.

This specific problem has politically
cause strain between two countries, where

continue blame game in fact, Lack of
cooperation and Afghanistan accusation of

Pakistan using ^{this} issue as leverage.

Blame - Game

Both Countries Blame each other

for refugee issue, which deepens mistrust

i) Blame from Afghan side

Afghanistan blame Pakistan to say that while in their own benefit to interfere in Afghanistan's internal policy

ii) Lack of Cooperation

Both countries are # each other neighbours while trade and connectivity could be a positive of this relation but lack of co-operation has killed these opportunities.

∴ Regional Alignment

Regional alignment is a term which means, how a country, politically, economically or militarily share a side for their mutual benefit and according to their foreign policy.

i) Current Situation of Pakistan:

Currently Pakistan's tilt in economic sector, politically and economically is mostly toward China,

Current situation of China:

Currently Afghanistan is majorly tilted
towards Iran, Middle East and so Russia,

• How it affected Both Countries:

• Trade: The most important sector, during this
And Connectivity tension, which has affected is

trade and connectivity Pakistan till toward China

so CPEC project had halted the need for

trade with Afghanistan, similarly Afghanistan has

been using Chabahat and Middle East route

for trade and connectivity, these

two countries which lie strategically in

very important area which could act as

bridge to connect both Central

Asia are . seeing each other as a threat

∴ CONCLUSION:-

Both countries has seen a long ~~dealing~~

deviation of tension, economic loss, humanitarian

issues and security threat, Rivals always have

advantage, to fill this space which is
and case India is doing by increasing
its influe, its time for us to rethink

an and foreign policies and work in the
field of cooperation to eradicate current issue
and stop the future hurdles.