

GENERAL FEEDBACK FOR ESSAYS

Content (40%)

Your introduction should be in depth, comprehensive and academic. Always address the asked part. It should be evident in your outline, which should be self-explanatory in nature. Essays/Outlines that give related information without addressing the asked part do not qualify.

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The Year 2015 - A Turning Point for Pakistan

The whole essay should be relevant. Even if 1-2 arguments are irrelevant the essay will not pass.

Distribution of topic should be according to the demand of the topic statement i.e. if there is one scoring point it should be given more weight, if there are 2 or more scoring points all should be given equal weight.

Outline

All claims made in the essay must be substantiated. Out of 15-17 arguments at least 9-10 should be academically backed with proper references. The rest should be backed by either case studies or generally known information. Evidence must be authentic and come from proper and authentic academic sources. Newspapers do not qualify as an academic source. Illustrations and vague mentions of events do not qualify as academic evidence. Essays that are lacking in evidence do not qualify.

1. Introduction

1-1. Turning points redefine nation's direction rather than repeat crises
1-2. 2015 as convergence of internal pressures and external opportunities
1-3. Thesis statement

No opening statement no overview of essay highlighted here.

LANGUAGE (25%)

Focus on enhancing your grammar as any essay with 4-5 grammatical mistakes does not pass.

Your essay must be in the tone and tense of the topic statements. Essays that fail to comply do not pass.

2. Regional Security Environment and Strategic Assessment

Your sentence structure should be simple yet clear and diversified. Vocabulary used should be simple, clear and concise. Expression should always be formal and academic.

2-1. Pakistan-India tensions as a test of deterrence and 2nd person pronouns
2-2. Restoration of conventional and strategic balance
2-3. Implications for regional stability and national confidence

Points should be self-explanatory. These neither highlight the turning points nor show the year was the turning point.

Your essay must follow the selected pattern and that structure should be maintained throughout.

INTRODUCTION: The introduction is the longest paragraph of the essay, at least 200 words. It should start with a hook, must give the glimpse of what's to come and must have a thesis statement. Besides hook, your introduction should not have any sort of information and reference. Avoid definitions in introduction.

3. Diplomatic and Geopolitical Repositioning

BODY PARAGRAPHS: Approximately 150 words at most and all the body paragraphs must be consistent in length. Should follow the proper structure of an academic paragraph i.e. if must have a topic sentence, supporting point, evidence and concluding sentence. The topic sentence and concluding sentence must align with each other. There should be no new information in the concluding sentence. One paragraph represents one subheading in the outline and consists of one idea.

3-1. India Pakistan Treaty dispute and international engagement
3-2. Pakistan's relations with recognition of leadership

These are incidents not arguments. The topic purpose of supporting point is to elaborate your argument not highlight information.

CONCLUSION: Must start with the concluding phrase. There should be no new information in the conclusion. It should recap the arguments. Conclusion does not have any examples and information. If you are ending it on a hopeful note, remember that solutions and hope are not the same.

COHERENCE (15%)

3.3. Strengthened ties with regional and Muslim-majority states

4. Expansion of Defense and Strategic Partnerships

4.1. Deepening security cooperation with Gulf states

4.2. Growth of Pakistan's defense collaboration and international confidence

5. Economic Pressures and Structural Constraints

5.1. IMF engagement and fiscal vulnerabilities

5.2. Necessity of structural reforms to sustain long-term stability

5.3. Privatization of PIA as an example of decisive reform

6. Pakistan's Renewed Global Relevance

6.1. Improved relations with Bangladesh, Turkey, Iran, and other partners

6.2. Engagement in diplomacy and peace initiatives

6.3. Emerging perception of Pakistan as a consequential state actor

Unclear. The outline doesn't hint towards what the discussion will be about in the context of essay.

7. Internal Challenges that Define the States

- 7.1. Rising public expectations, youth pressure, and demand for governance
- 7.2. Institutional credibility and policy effectiveness

8. Why 2025 Represents a Point of No Return

- 8.1. Convergence of opportunity and responsibility
- 8.2. Strategic assertiveness, economic reform, and institutional consolidation essential
- 8.3. Continuation of past approaches no longer viable

9. Conclusion

The Essay

Does not match what's written in the outline.

History does not change course every year. Most years merely repeat existing patterns of crisis and adjustment, while only a few moments alter the long-term direction of a nation.

Such moments are described as turning points because they narrow future choices and force decisive change. For Pakistan, the year 2025 represents such a moment.

That's not what a turning point is.

This is how Oxford defines turning point, a time at which a decisive change in a

The accumulation of security challenges, economic pressures, and shifting

situation occurs, especially one with beneficial results.

diplomatic alignments has brought the country to a stage where

continuation of past approaches is no longer viable. Instead,

Pakistan stands at a crossroads where strategic assertion abroad and structural reform at home

Short introduction
Has no structure

must converge to redefine its future trajectory. Whether this moment leads to stabilization or deeper instability will determine Pakistan's place in the regional and the world for years to come.

Directly address the argument. For example, one of

~~A defining indicator of a national turning point is a shift in how a state asserts itself within its regional security environment. In 2025, Pakistan's handling of heightened tensions with India reflected such a shift. Unlike previous episodes marked either by excessive restraint or reactive escalation, Pakistan demonstrated a calibrated security posture aimed at restoring strategic balance rather than provoking prolonged instability. This approach signaled a maturation of deterrence policy and reinforced the principle that credible defense, when combined with restraint, can stabilize rather than inflame regional dynamics.~~

The escalation of tensions served as a test of Pakistan's conventional and strategic preparedness. Pakistan's response emphasized deterrence credibility, operational readiness, and communication clarity, which collectively reduced the space for

First establish your point, provide logical explanation and argumentation then move towards a case study.

You are explaining what happened not how it was a turning point. Topic sentence and concluding sentence do not match.

~~miscalled miscalculation. Instead of~~
~~allowing the crisis to spiral into~~
~~sustained confrontation, Pakistan's~~
~~actions conveyed a clear message~~
~~of defensive resolve. This reinforced~~
~~regional stability by reasserting the~~
~~logic of deterrence, a concept~~
~~central to security equilibrium in~~
~~South Asia. Consequently, the episode~~
~~marked a departure from earlier~~
~~cycles of crisis management~~
~~that often relied on external~~
~~mediation to restore balance.~~

Unclear what the point of discussion is. Are you continuing the previous discussion or is this a new argument?

Moreover, the regional implications of
~~this posture extended beyond~~
~~immediate military considerations.~~
~~Pakistan's ability to assert itself~~
~~without appearing reckless contributed~~
~~to a renewed sense of~~
~~national confidence and international~~
~~recognition of its security discipline.~~
It also underscored the limits
of unilateral coercion in a
nuclearized region, reminding
regional actors that stability

depends on mutual restraint and adherence to established norms. In this sense, 2025 stands out not merely as a year of confrontation, but as a moment where Pakistan recalibrated its security behavior in a way that strengthened deterrence while avoiding escalation.

A second major aspect that makes 2025 a turning point is Pakistan's recalibrated diplomacy. The year witnessed a convergence of events that strengthened Pakistan's international standing and increased its strategic relevance. The dispute over the Indus Waters Treaty, triggered by India's unilateral approach, allowed Pakistan to project itself as a state committed to the rule of law and multilateral principles. By engaging diplomatic channels and emphasizing international legal norms, Pakistan not only defended its

Sequence of essay doesn't make sense, this is your 4th body paragraph, how can it be a second argument??

No argumentation and analysis. It is so incoherent that one cannot ascertain what you are trying to discuss here. Every sentence brings forth a new aspect.

national interests but also earned recognition for principled and calculated statecraft.

Simultaneously, Pakistan's relations with the United States experienced a subtle but significant shift. Rather than being limited to transactional engagements, the bilateral relationship in 2025 reflected renewed dialogue and recognition of Pakistan's regional role. The acknowledgement of Pakistan's leadership, both political and military, signaled a deeper appreciation of its strategic contribution to regional stability. This development enhanced Pakistan's credibility and influence in global policymaking circles.

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to the paragraph.
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In addition, Pakistan strengthened ties with regional actors such as Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Iran, expanding its strategic partnerships in both defense and economic

domains. Such diversification of alliances reduced dependence on any single power and allowed Pakistan to navigate global and regional challenges with greater autonomy. The cumulative effect of these diplomatic developments in 2025 was a repositioning of Pakistan as a proactive, capable, and responsible actor on multiple fronts, reinforcing the argument that the year represents a genuine turning point in its international profile.

In parallel with its diplomatic gains, Pakistan undertook initiatives to strengthen defense collaboration and strategic partnerships in 2025. Engagements with Gulf States particularly Saudi Arabia, deepened to include mutual defense understandings and strategic coordination. While these arrangements fell short of formal alliances, they enhanced Pakistan's

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security assurances and demonstrated a readiness to engage in collective defense planning. Such measures elevated Pakistan's regional relevance and provided a buffer against unilateral pressures.

Additionally, Pakistan's defense industry gained attention through arms deals and technological cooperation with international partners.

Academic paragraphs follow a strict structure. Each sentence has a specific purpose. Yours does not align with that. There is no topic sentence, no explanation, no supporting point, no evidence, no concluding sentence.

These developments reflected a growing confidence in Pakistan's military capabilities and contributed to strategic autonomy. By combining defense preparedness with careful diplomacy, Pakistan signaled that it was capable of protecting national interests while supporting regional stability. These actions reinforced both internal confidence and external perceptions, marking a departure from previous years in which Pakistan's defense posture was often reactive.

rather than assertive.

While security and diplomacy strengthened Pakistan's strategic position, economic pressures in 2025 emphasized the fragility of past approaches and underscored the need for structural reform.

Persistent balance-of-payments deficits, rising inflation, and growing debt obligations exposed vulnerabilities in fiscal management.

Engagement with the International Monetary Fund, while providing temporary relief, highlighted the limits of crisis-driven economic solutions. Pakistan faced a moment where reliance on short-term fixes could no longer sustain

long-term stability.

What do you mean in response. Once the paragraph ends that idea is complete you are starting a new paragraph with a new idea.

In response, the government took measures aimed at structural correction, signaling a break from long-standing patterns of state-dependent management. Among most

notable was the privatization of Pakistan International Airlines, a significant decision after nearly two decades of public ownership. This step reflected an attempt to reduce fiscal burdens, improve operational efficiency, and introduce accountability in a historically loss-making enterprise. Such measures illustrated that 2025 was not merely another year of economic pressure, but a moment compelling decisive reform.

The economic scenario in 2025 demanded comprehensive action. From revenue mobilization to sustainable investment policies, the year highlighted the urgency of addressing systemic weaknesses. In this way, economic pressures, exemplified by IMF engagement and PIA privatization, positioned 2025 as a turning point, forcing the state to confront challenges that had been deferred for decades.

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2025 also marked Pakistan's emergence as a consequential actor on the global stage. Improved relations with Bangladesh, coupled with strengthened ties with Turkey, Iran, and other regional actors, enhanced Pakistan's diplomatic leverage. Engagement in international forums, including mediation efforts related to Middle Eastern conflicts, highlighted Pakistan's ability to protect soft power while balancing multiple interests.

Furthermore, defense cooperation and strategic partnerships with countries beyond the immediate region, such as arms deals and technical collaboration, positioned Pakistan as a state capable of contributing meaningfully to regional security. By combining diplomacy, defense readiness, and strategic engagement, Pakistan demonstrated an enhanced global profile. The year thus served as

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a pivotal moment where external recognition converged with internal agency, confirming 2025 as a turning point in Pakistan's international trajectory.

Despite external and strategic gains, internal pressures in 2025 highlighted the stakes of this turning point. Rising public expectations, particularly among the youth, demanded tangible improvements in governance, economic opportunity, and service delivery. Institutional credibility, already strained from previous crises, faced renewed scrutiny.

In this context, the turning point was defined not only by external achievements but also by the imperative to consolidate internal gains. Failure to address these challenges risked reversing progress in security, diplomacy, and global relevance. Thus, 2025 represented

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a moment where choices mattered more than circumstances: structural reforms and effective governance could secure long-term stability, whereas neglect could entrench instability.

Taken together, the developments in security, diplomacy, defense, economic policy, and internal governance underscore why 2025 constitutes a point of no return for Pakistan. The year combined pressures of international expectations with the imperatives of domestic reform, creating a situation where continuation of past approaches was no longer viable. Strategic assertiveness, if paired with effective economic and institutional measures, could secure Pakistan's regional and global standing. Conversely, failure to act decisively would risk reversing gains and amplify vulnerabilities. 2025,

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therefore, is defined by the convergence of opportunity and responsibility, marking it as a genuine turning point in Pakistan's history.

In conclusion, the year 2025 represents a decisive turning point in ~~Pakistan's~~ history, defined by the convergence of security assertion, diplomatic repositioning, strategic partnerships, economic reform, and internal pressures.

The nation demonstrated its ability to respond to external challenges while initiating structural changes, from strengthening deterrence with India to pursuing critical reforms such as the privatization of Pakistan International Airlines. Improved regional and global engagement reaffirmed Pakistan's role as a consequential actor, while internal expectations highlighted the imperative of effective governance.

and institutional credibility.

The significance of 2025 lies not only in the achievements it enabled but also in the choices it imposed. Pakistan's future will be shaped by the decisions taken during this pivotal year, determining whether the nation consolidates its gains or allows vulnerabilities to

No proper structure to conclusion.

reverse its progress. Turning points by their nature, demand action and foresight.

Reflecting this as Nelson Mandela observed, "Courage is not the absence of fear, it is inspiring others to move forward despite it."

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In 2025, Pakistan's courage to act decisively defines its turning point and sets the stage for a future of stability, resilience and renewed national confidence.