

# Instructions to Secure Good Marks in the Current Affairs Paper

Important Note: Marks will be awarded strictly on the following parameters: Content 60%, References 15%, Subject-specific language 15%, Graphs, charts & diagrams 10%.

## ANSWER # 5 INTRODUCTION:

Key Guidelines: Each question should be attempted with 12-13 clear headings. The answer must be 8-9 pages (sides) in length to score above 15 marks per question. Questions usually contain 3-4 parts; each part carries equal weightage so all parts must be discussed equally and proportionately.

Content & Argumentation: Always use examples from current and ongoing events to justify your arguments. Demonstrate strong analytical depth, not mere narration of facts. Support arguments with relevant data, reports, international indices, treaties, and recent developments.

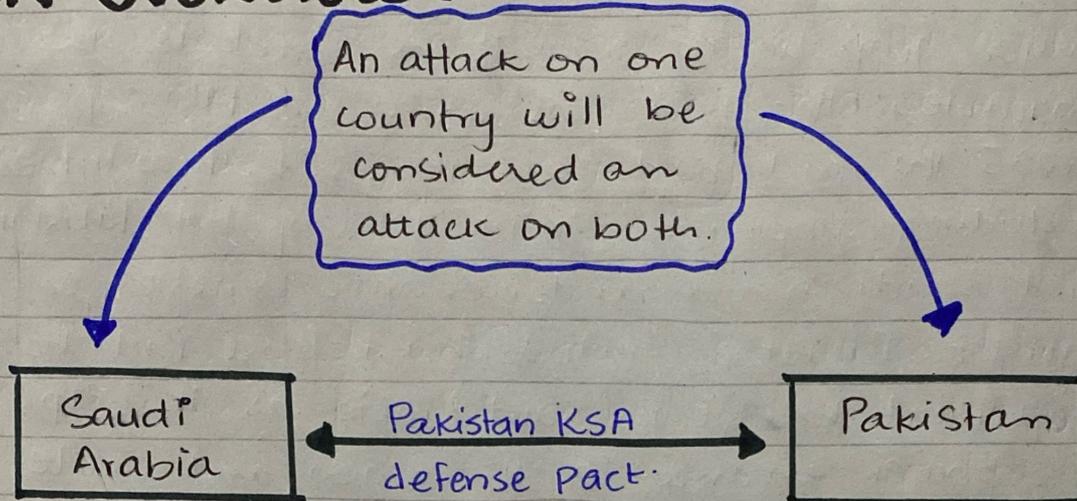
Structure & Presentation: Begin every answer with an attractive, content-setting introduction. End with a forward-looking, well-linked conclusion that ties back to the question. Use headings directly derived from the question statement - pick words and phrases from the question itself.

Alignment with the Question: Each argument must be explicitly linked to the specific part of the question being asked. If your heading is not aligned with the demand of the question, no matter how accurate - will not be rewarded. Avoid generic or unrelated headings; precision is key.

Language & Visuals: Use subject-specific terminology relevant to international relations, geopolitics, economics, and security studies. Incorporate simple graphs, flowcharts, tables, or maps wherever relevant to enhance clarity and scoring potential.

and economic implication for Pakistan.

## PAKISTAN - KSA DEFENSE PACT: AN OVERVIEW:



Pakistan Saudi Arabia Defense Pact was signed between the two countries on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The pact aims to provide military umbrella to Saudi Arabia by Pakistan. The pact provides security that the attack on one country by any country will be considered an attack on both the countries. The pact also aims to increase the investment of Saudi Arabia in Pakistan. Thereby improving economic relations between the two countries and increasing economic opportunities for Pakistan. Therefore the Pakistan - KSA defense agreement has major benefit for both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia both geopolitically and economically.

## PAKISTANI KSA DEFENSE PACT : GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SAUDI ARABIA :

Decrease Iran's influence and Regional Power Balance in Middle East

Deterrence to Iran and other Middle Eastern countries.

Deterrence to US and Israel towards Saudi Arabia

Enhanced Saudi Arabia position in the middle east.

Improved Saudi Arabia position in negotiations with US.

## DECREASE IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND REGIONAL POWER BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

The Saudi Arabia Pakistan Defense Agreement has geopolitical benefit for Saudi Arabia as it will decrease the impact of Iran in the region. Saudi Arabia's position will improve in the region which will aid in the regional power balance in the region and hence decrease the influence of Iran in the region.

## DETERRENCE TO IRAN AND OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES:

The pact also hold importance as it will help in creating deterrence in Iran and other middle Eastern countries for Saudi Arabia. This will provide geopolitical benefit to Saudi Arabia improving regional security of KSA.

## DETERRENCE TO US AND ISRAEL:

The US and Israel have attacked Iran in the recent year the military umbrella of Pakistan will help create deterrence to US and Israel so that they do not attack Saudi Arabia enhancing security of Saudi Arabia.

## ENHANCED SAUDI ARABIA POSITION IN MIDDLE EAST:

The position of Saudi Arabia will improve due to the pact as the KSA is the first country to have a military umbrella of any South Asian country. This will help the enhancement of position of Saudi Arabia in the region and will hold geopolitical benefit for KSA.

## IMPROVED SAUDI ARABIA'S POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US:

The pact has improved the position of Saudi Arabia in the region. This will also

help KSA to negotiate more strongly to USA regarding economic deals with strong arms. Therefore the pact has provided major geo-political benefit to Saudi Arabia.

### PAKISTAN - KSA DEFENSE PACT : GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR PAKISTAN:

Deterrence to India in South Asian region

Regional power balance in South Asia

Enhanced Pak position in South Asia

Pakistan as military leader in the region

Enhanced relations of Pakistan in Middle East

### DETERRENCE TO INDIA IN SOUTH ASIAN REGION :

The Saudi Pakistan Defense Pact was benefit for Pakistan as it will create deterrence in India against Pakistan. The agreement holds

the statement that attack on Pakistan will also be an attack on Saudi Arabia which has created deterrence in India.

## REGIONAL POWER BALANCE IN SOUTH ASIA:

The pact also has regional provided regional power balance in South Asia. The pact has lessened to influence of India and enhanced the influence of Pakistan in South Asian regional balancing the power in the region.

## ENHANCED PAKISTAN'S POSITION IN SOUTH ASIA:

The Pact has enhanced Pakistan's position in South Asia as the country became the first country to have military ties with the Middle East country. Therefore it aid in the enhanced position of Pakistan in the South Asian Region.

## PAKISTAN AS MILITARY LEADER IN THE REGION:

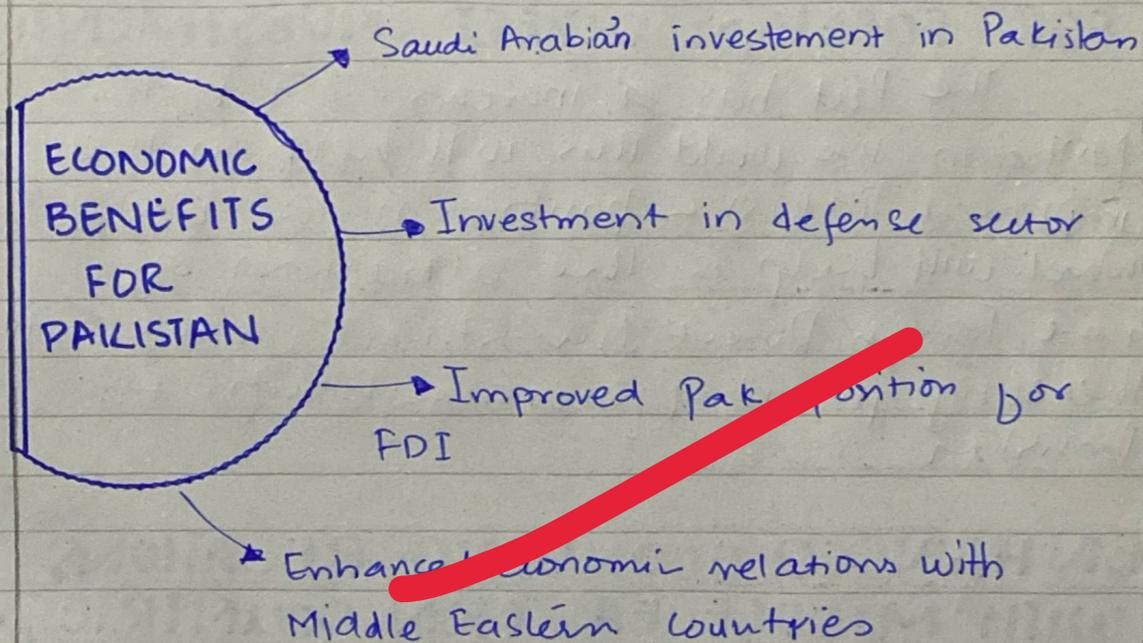
The pact has shown Pakistan as a military leader for both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. This has provided military benefit to Saudi Pakistan as it has shown as the military leader for the South Asian Region.

## ENHANCED RELATION OF PAKISTAN

## IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

The pact has not only improved the relation of Pakistan with Saudi Arabia but has also improved the relations with other Middle Eastern countries giving Pakistan not only geopolitical benefit in South Asia but also middle east.

## PAKISTAN SAUDI ARABIA DEFENSE AGREEMENT: ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR PAKISTAN:



## SAUDI ARABIA'S INVESTMENT IN PAKISTAN:

The pact has provided benefit to Pakistan as it promises the Saudi Arabia's investment in Pakistan.

"Pakistan KSA defence pact is like a two way sword at one end it provides military benefit to Saudi Arabia and on other economic benefit to Pakistan"

Amnesty International

## **INVESTMENT IN DEFENSE SECTOR OF PAKISTAN:**

The pact also aids in the defense sector of Pakistan as it will help the military of Pakistan to lead both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia's security.

## **IMPROVED PAKISTAN'S POSITION FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT:**

The Pact has increased Pakistan's position in the world. This will help in the improved Pakistan position in the world which will help in the attraction of more Foreign Direct Investment in the country thereby providing economic benefit to Pakistan.

## **ENHANCED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES:**

The Pact has also positively impacted Pakistan's relation with the Middle Eastern countries with the enhanced relation of Pakistan with Saudi Arabia, other Middle Eastern countries will also try to improve economic relation with Pakistan.

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## CONCLUSION:

Saudi Arabia Pakistan defence agreement has major benefit for both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. It provides the geopolitical benefit for both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and also economic benefit for both Pakistan through increased investment of Pakistan Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern Countries in Pakistan.

## ANSWER # 6

## INTRODUCTION:

In recent year, Trump has pulled out from the Paris Agreement, the pullout of Trump from the Paris agreement has major implications on the efforts of climate mitigation in the region for instance, it impacts the efforts as more countries will backout following Trump from the Paris Agreement. Moreover, it also lessens the efforts towards shift to renewable energy resources as the investment will decrease due to Trump pullout. The efforts of China and Europe could help in the continued achievement of promises of COP-21 if both countries try to improve climate mitigation through trade deals and lay investing in the shift to the renewable energy resources.

## FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS OF TRUMP PULLOUT FROM PARIS AGREEMENT:

Chances of pullout of more countries.

Lesser investment for shift to renewable energy resources

US as major CO<sub>2</sub> producer in the world.

Chances of rise of conflicts among the member countries.

### CHANCES OF PULLOUT OF MORE COUNTRIES:

As US holds a major impact on the global world. The pullout of Trump will also increase the chances of pullout of more countries from the Paris Agreement reducing effectiveness of agreement.

### LESSER INVESTMENT FOR SHIFT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES:

The shift to renewable energy resources need investment. With the pullout of US the investment will decrease reducing the impact of agreement and increasing the

timeline to shift to renewable energy in the world.

### **US AS MAJOR CO<sub>2</sub> PRODUCER:**

The US holds major industries in the world and is one of the major CO<sub>2</sub> emitter in the world. The pullout of Trump will lessen the impact of Paris Agreement as US will no longer be questionable for its carbon emission.

### **CHANCES OF RISE OF CONFLICTS AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES:**

The US acts as a global leader and mediator in the world. The pullout of Trump from agreement will increase the chances of rise in conflicts in the member countries of agreement impacting the effectiveness of the Paris Agreement.

### **ROLE OF CHINA AND EUROPE TO HELP WORLD TO CONTINUE PROMISES OF COP-21.**

### **TRADE RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF CLIMATE MITIGATION EFFORTS:**

China and Europe can aid in helping continuing the promises of COP-21 by doing trade relations with countries based on the climate mitigation efforts.

## INVESTMENT IN COUNTRIES BASED ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE:

Both countries can invest in other countries based on the climate change issue. Renewable energy plants can be installed by China and Europe paving the way + successfulness of COP-21.

## CUT DOWN CO<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION BY THE TWO COUNTRIES:

The Europe and China are also industrially rich countries. The cut down of CO<sub>2</sub> production by these two countries will also help in the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission and successfulness of COP-21.

## AID TO COUNTRIES TO SHIFT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

The China and Europe can also help in the transfer to the renewable energy resources by aiding the developing countries to shift towards the ~~the~~ renewable energy resources to make the COP-21 successful.

## CONCLUSION:

~~The~~ Trump pullout from the Paris agreement has major impact on the efforts of climate change mitigation. China and Europe can play their positive role by aiding in investing and shift to renewable energy resources.

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## ANSWER NO 7

### INTRODUCTION:

US and China have been involved in trade war with each other for chip and the rare earth metals. US used chips as weapon and sanctioned the export of chip to the China while in return the rare earth metals were used by China to impact US's production of chips. The trade war between the two countries has several implications in the future. For instance, it may increase the tariff war between the two countries. Moreover, there are also chances of rise of conflicts between the two countries and chances of more abeyance of trade between them. In addition to it, it will also cause the rise in trade relation of both countries ~~is~~ with other countries. It will also cause the rise in inflation in both ~~both~~ countries. Therefore the Trade war has a bleak future for both US and China.

### US AND CHINA TRADE WAR ON CHIP AND RARE EARTH METALS:

China is one of the major producer and exporter of rare earth metals. When US ~~is~~ sanctioned the chip exports to China, ~~is~~ China in return sanctioned

the export of the rare earth metals thereby impacting the production of US Chips.

## THE FUTURE OF TRADE WAR BETWEEN CHINA AND US:

- High Tariff between both countries.
- Chances of rise of conflict between both.
- Move to other countries for chip and rare earth metals
- Impact on economy of both
- Rise in deficit between both countries
- Chances of abeyance of trade between both
- US sanctions on China in future
- Rise in inflation in both countries.

## HIGH TARIFF BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES:

The trade war can result in high tariff between the two countries impacting the imports and exports of both of them.

## CHANCES OF RISE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN BOTH:

The chances of rise of conflict between both will increase moving from trade to security and political issues.

## MOVE TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR CHIP AND RARE EARTH METALS:

The countries may move to other countries for its needs. For instance, US started deal with Pakistan for mineral extraction.

## CHANCES OF ABEYANCE IN TRADE BETWEEN BOTH:

There are also chances of abeyance of trade between both countries impacting the globalization in the world.

## US SANCTIONS ON CHINA.

US may also impose the sanction on China impacting economy of China and also increasing the possibility of

trade blocs in the world.

## RISE IN INFLATION IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

The trade war will result in the inflation in both countries. With sanction and lesser imports the economy of both countries will be affected raising inflation in countries.

## CONCLUSION 1:

The US-China Trade war based on the chips and the health matters have several implications on the trade and economy of the countries. Moreover, it also impacts the trade relation between the two countries.

## ANSWER # 2

## INTRODUCTION:

The state-owned enterprises in Pakistan have become a burden on Pakistan's economy due to the corruption, increase in loans and less performance of the enterprises. The privatization was inevitable to lessen the burden of government economically and increase the efficiency of enterprises. Moreover, it was also necessary to

reduce the corruption of enterprises. There are several ways to improve the impact of privatization such as lessening the involvement of government in sold enterprises, privatizing more state owned enterprises, prioritizing the country's investors first and saving the jobs of employees of these enterprises.

### WHY PAKISTAN'S STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES BECAME A BURDEN ON PAKISTAN ECONOMY:

Corruption

More defect than benefit

Poor performance of enterprises

Increase in loans on government

#### CORRUPTION:

The involvement of state owned enterprises in the corruption resulted in the deteriorating conditions of them. This compelled the government to think for the privatization of these enterprises.

#### MORE DEFECT THAN BENEFIT:

The enterprises, of state owned, are

creating more debt than the benefits for government  
**POOR PERFORMANCE OF ENTERPRISES:**

The poor performance of enterprises also made them burden on government as the government had to give salaries to employees without giving any benefit.

**INCREASE IN LOANS ON GOVERNMENT:**

The enterprises due to their poor performance resulted in the increase in loan on the government. The government had to take loans for the salaries and other needs of enterprises, creating a burden on the government.

**WHY PRIVITIZATION WAS INEVITABLE IN PAKISTAN?**

**TO LESSEN THE BURDEN ON GOVERNMENT:**

The government privatized the enterprises to reduce the burden on government as due to the poor performance of government enterprises they became a burden on government.

**TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF ENTERPRISES:**

The government privatization of state owned enterprises was necessary to increase

The efficiency of the state owned enterprises.  
Saving them from loss.

### TO REDUCE CORRUPTION:

The privatization was inevitable to reduce the corruption in the enterprises, to save the enterprises from default.

### TO SAVE ENTERPRISES OF PAKISTAN:

The enterprises, state owned, in Pakistan were near to shut down. The privatization was necessary to save the enterprises of Pakistan from shut down.

### WAYS TO IMPROVE THE IMPACT OF PRIVITIZATION:

#### NO INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT IN SOLD ENTERPRISES AFFAIRS:

There must be no involvement of the government in the sold enterprise affairs.

#### MORE PRIVITIZATION OF STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES:

There is a dire need to further increase the privatization of state owned

enterprises to reduce the burden of the government.

## FIRST PRIORITY TO COUNTRY'S INVESTORS

When selling the enterprises, the first priority should be given to country's own investors to improve the economy of country.

## SAVING THE JOBS OF EMPLOYEES

There must be also saving of the jobs of employees to improve economy of the country. The employees can be directly transferred to other government sector if they are in surplus in any state owned enterprise.

## CONCLUSION

The state owned enterprises are a huge burden on the government of Pakistan. They are a source of inflation, loans and deficit of a country as they show poor performance and corruption. The privatization of state enterprises can be enhanced by prioritizing the country's investors and saving the jobs of the employees. If Pakistan successfully privatize the state owned enterprises the country can lessen the burden on government and pave its way to better economic future.