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Final Mock Essay

Topic: The Year 2025 - Turning Point for Pakistan.

→ Outline:

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement: The year 2025 represented a turning point marked by renewed geopolitical relevance, economic course correction, security recalibration, and societal awakening.

2) Pakistan regains international visibility

- a) The Diplomat magazine
- b) India-Pakistan military tensions brought global focus

3) Strategic partnership expanded

- a) Mutual defence pact with KSA

4) Shift in Foreign Policy and Diplomatic Engagements

- a) Improved relations with US
- b) Engagement with Afghanistan

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- c) Regional diplomacy in Middle East
- 5) Security landscape: Gains and Challenges
 - a) Intensified militant activity
 - b) Strategic counterterrorism posture
- 6) Economic turning points
 - a) Macro-stability signals
 - b) Government policy and structural reforms
 - c) Privatization and economic reforms
- 7) Domestic Politics and Institutional Dynamics
 - a) Constitutional and Political Reform
 - b) Conclusion

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History often reveals its turning points not through sudden revolutions but through gradual shifts in direction that alter a nation's trajectory. For Pakistan, the year 2025 emerged as such moment, marked not by resolution of long-standing crisis, but by a decisive reorientation in its geopolitical relevance, economic management, security outlook, and societal consciousness.

After years of political instability, economic distress, and international marginalization, Pakistan in 2025 found itself once again drawing sustained global attention.

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The year 2025 thus represented a turning point for Pakistan, characterized by renewed geopolitical relevance, economic course correction, security recalibration, and a broader societal awakening, setting the stage for long-term

rather than immediate relief.

One of the most defining features of 2025 was Pakistan's return to international visibility after years of relative diplomatic fatigue. Global strategic competition, regional conflicts, and South Asia's renewed volatility brought Pakistan back into the focus of major powers and international media. This visibility was not accidental, it stemmed from Pakistan's strategic location, military significance, and evolving diplomatic posture.

A notable recognition of this shift came from The Diplomat magazine, which described 2025 as the year Pakistan "stepped back into the global spotlight." The publication highlighted how Pakistan's relevance increased amid intensifying regional tensions

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and changing global security priorities. A major catalyst for this global focus was the escalation of **India-Pakistan military tensions during the year**. A brief but intense confrontation captured international concern, reminding the world of the fragile stability in South Asia and the risks associated with rivalry between two nuclear-armed neighbors. This crisis prompted diplomatic engagement from global actors, reinforcing Pakistan's role as a central player in regional security calculations. In sum, 2025 marked Pakistan's **re-entry into global strategic discourse**, a crucial indicator of a turning point rather than isolation.

this is what the diplomat says, not what you say. The topic is your analysis. It is to show how you understand how there has been a shift. The diplomat should be used to validate your point.

Alongside renewed visibility, Pakistan in 2025 actively expanded its strategic partnerships, particularly with key regional allies. One of the most significant developments was strengthening of ~~defense and security cooperation with Saudi Arabia~~.

How was it a turning point.

The signing of a mutual defense cooperation framework signaled ~~deeper strategic alignment and trust between two countries.~~

This partnership reflected Pakistan's broader strategy of diversifying alliances beyond ~~traditional dependencies.~~

Strengthened ties with Gulf states enhanced Pakistan's leverage in regional diplomacy while offering economic and strategic benefits. Defense collaboration, labor agreements

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and investment discussions collectively pointed toward a more multi dimensional relationship.

Importantly, these partnerships were no longer framed solely in ideological or emotional terms but increasingly grounded in pragmatic national interests.

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Thus, the expansion of strategic partnerships in 2025 reflected a mature foreign policy approach, reinforcing the argument that the year marked a strategic turning point.

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A significant transformation in 2025 was visible in Pakistan's foreign policy orientation, which increasingly emphasized diplomacy, engagement, and geo-economic considerations.

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Relations with United States, long strained by mistrust and

divergent priorities, showed ~~cautious~~ improvement. ~~High-level~~ ~~engagements~~ and renewed dialogue on regional stability indicated a pragmatic reset rather than a full strategic alignment.

Pakistan also recalibrated its approach toward Afghanistan. ~~Recognizing the impossibility of~~ ~~disengagement~~, Islamabad opted for diplomatic engagement, appointing envoys and seeking cooperation on border management and security. While challenges remained, this shift reflected realism over rhetoric and signaled Pakistan's intent to stabilize its immediate neighborhood. Furthermore, Pakistan expanded its diplomatic footprint in the Middle East, carefully balancing

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relations amid regional rivalries.

Its stance on regional emphasized mediation, restraint, and humanitarian concern rather than ideological posturing. This

diplomatic maturity demonstrated that Pakistan in 2025 began prioritizing long-term national interests over reactive foreign policy choices, reinforcing the year's significance as a turning point.

Why is this highlighted??

The security environment in 2025 presented a complex picture of ~~both intensified threats and~~ strategic recalibration. On one

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hand, militant violence surged, making the year one of the most challenging persistent governance gaps and the destabilizing impact of regional conflicts. On the other hand, Pakistan's

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response indicated a shift in counterterrorism thinking. The State increasingly emphasized intelligence led operations, border engagement, and institutional coordination rather than purely kinetic measures.

Policy makers acknowledged that security could not be sustained without economic development, political inclusion, and regional cooperation.

Crucially, 2025 reinforced the understanding that national security extends beyond military force to encompass economic stability and governance reform. Although security challenges remained severe, the conceptual shift in addressing them marked a significant departure from earlier approaches, underscoring

2025 as a recalibration point rather than stagnation.

~~Economically, 2025 did not deliver prosperity, but it marked the end of denial and feefall~~

After years of macroeconomic instability, Pakistan showed tentative signs of stabilization.

~~Inflation eased compared to previous peaks, the currency stabilized relative to earlier volatility, and Pakistan recorded a rare current account surplus driven by remittances and services exports.~~

Government policy increasingly focused on fiscal discipline and structural reform.

~~Engagement with international financial institutions, though politically unpopular, signaled recognition of economic realities. Policymakers began~~

robust. The year tested democratic norms, judicial independence, and civil-military relations under intense pressure.

Notably, constitutional and political reform debates gained prominence, reflecting public demand for rule-based governance and accountability. Although consensus remained elusive, the fact that such debates occupied national discourse marked progress from personality driven politics.

Civil society, media, and youth activism played increasingly visible roles, signaling a slow but meaningful shift toward participatory political culture. While political challenges persisted, 2025 functioned as a stress test that exposed weakness while also

point not because it delivered immediate success, but because it reshaped priorities and perspectives. Whether this turning point leads to sustainable progress depends on the choices made in the years that follow. History will ultimately judge 2025 not by its crisis, but by whether Pakistan capitalized on the opportunities it revealed.

