

CURRENT AFFAIRS PAPER ANALYSIS

I. Pakistan's Domestic Affairs (20 marks)

1. Give a critical review of **Pakistan Energy Policy 2013-2018**. (2019)
2. How can the **corruption elimination** strategy be made part of governance system of Pakistan? (2019) (2014)
3. Highlight the role of **National Action Plan (NAP)** in stabilization of internal security of Pakistan. Critically analyze its outcomes. (2017)
4. Discuss in detail the **efficacy of counter terrorism measures** adopted by especially with reference to the **National Action Plan (NAP)**. (2016)
5. What measures would you suggest improving the **economy of Pakistan** particularly in the areas of debt reduction and enhancing export capacity? (2016)
6. Since 1970 every election was accused of rigging, what **electoral reforms** you will suggest improving electoral system of Pakistan? (2015)
7. What is the **role of education** in character-building of a nation? Highlight major pitfalls in Pakistan's education systems. (2015)
8. Do you believe that main cause of 2014 flood was Indian '**water terrorism**' or it was due to awful mismanagement of water resources in Pakistan? (2015)
9. Critically evaluate the **counter-terrorism policy of Pakistan** and suggest measures to eradicate this evil. (2015)
10. Critically appreciate the **decision making in Pakistan regarding energy crisis in Pakistan**. (2014)
11. What is **character-building**? Assess the **factor (character building) in education systems** of Pakistan and **give suggestions** for improvement. (2014)
12. How can the **governing structures** have the capacity to neutralize **threats to internal security** of Pakistan? (2019)
13. Why was Pakistan placed on the '**Grey List**' of **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**? What are the implications and what measures should Pakistan take to move out of this list? (2020)
14. Discuss the **successes and failures of political parties** in bringing about a meaningful change in Pakistan. (2013)
15. Discuss the **causes of extremism and militancy in Pakistani society**. Suggest ways and means for the state organs to overcome these problems. (2013)
16. Critically evaluate **the causes of Energy crisis in Pakistan** and its consequences for the economic growth and social fabric in the country. (2013)
17. Discuss the **impact of foreign aid** on Pakistan in post 9/11 scenario. (2012)
18. How can the **energy crisis of Pakistan** be resolved? (2012)
19. Discuss issues in the **higher educational system vis-a-vis 18th amendment** in Pakistan. (2012)
20. How the **corruption** be managed in Pakistan? (2012)
21. How **Pakistan can reduce foreign debt**? Suggest mechanism in Pakistan economy to handle external perspective of Pakistan economy. (2011)
22. What can be the **strategies to reduce dependency of education sector** on governmental funding? (2011)
23. Give **suggestions to manage political instability** in Pakistan. (2011)

II. Pakistan's External Affairs (40 marks)

1. **Pakistan's relations with its Neighbors (India, China, Afghanistan, Russia)**
 - a. **China:**
 - i. Critically Examine/Examine China Strategic vision behind 'The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)' also known as One Belt One Road (OBOR). (2019) (2017)
 - ii. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is considered as a game-changer. How the CPEC can be helpful to uplift the Pakistan's economy? Discuss. (2018)
 - iii. Explain the salient contours of the US 'rebalancing policy' and China's assertive policy in South-China Sea and latter's disputes with the regional countries. Critically evaluate. (2017)
 - iv. What measures do you suggest improving the security conditions of Baluchistan in respect to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and the role of regional powers to sabotage it? (2017)
 - v. Discuss the prospects and challenges to the construction of "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor". How will CPEC become a game changer for the region? (2016)

- vi. Examine China Strategic Vision behind “The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)”, also known as the One Belt One Road (OBOR). (2019)
- vii. Discuss the importance of Pak-China relations. How does this relationship effect political and security environment in South Asia? (2013)
- viii. Discuss impact of economic development of China on World Order. (2012)

b. India:

- i. Discuss the possibilities of progress under the recently agreed rubric of comprehensive dialogue between Pakistan and India. In your opinion what are major constraints at present? (2016)
- ii. Evaluate the significance of water conflict between India and Pakistan in perspective of water management projects in Indian held Kashmir. (2014)
- iii. Resolution of Kashmir issue between India and Pakistan can bring peace and prosperity in the region. Discuss. (2013)
- iv. Evaluate the significance of water conflict between India and Pakistan in global perspective of climate change. (2012)
- v. If India is granted Permanente seat in Security Council; what can be the options available to Pakistan to manage the Indian Hegemony in South Asia? (2011)

c. Afghanistan:

- i. What will be the reason of emerging water conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan? (2019)
- ii. Do you agree that Pakistan’s role in Afghan Jihad against Soviet Union was the root cause of terrorism in Pakistan or it is a reaction of US invasion of Afghanistan after 9/11 and Pakistan’s U-turn in Afghan policy? (2015)
- iii. What could be the reasons of emerging water conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan? (2019)
- iv. Discuss the current socio-political and security situation of Afghanistan and its implications for the neighboring countries. (2013)
- v. What is AFPAC policy; how to manage its implication on Pakistan? (2011)

d. Russia:

- i. What are the causes of ‘Arab Spring’? Identify their impacts on the future politics of the region? (2015)

2. Pakistan’s relations with the Muslim World (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Turkey)

- a. Discuss in detail the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline and challenges to it. (2018)

3. Pakistan’s relations with the United States

- a. Discuss the impact of AFPAC policy on Pak-US relations. (2014)
- b. Discuss the strengths of USA to implement its economic policies Worldwide. (2014)

4. Pakistan’s relations with Regional and International Organizations (UN, SAARC, ECO, OIC, WTO, GCC)

- a. What are the opportunities and challenges for Pakistan as one of the new members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)? (2018)
- b. Substantiate Pakistan’s role in UN peace keeping missions. (2014)
- c. Discuss the role of OIC, GCC, and Arab league in the Middle East Crisis and conflicts. (2020)
- d. Give recommendations to make SAARC an effective organization at regional level keeping in view success of European Union. (2011)

III. Global Issues (40 marks)

1. International Security

- a. Discuss instrument of techniques of Hybrid Warfare in context of Pakistan? (2019)
- b. How can the governing structure have the capacity to neutralize threats to internal security of Pakistan? (2019)

2. International Political Economy

a.

3. Human Rights

a.

4. Environment: Global Warming, Kyoto Protocol, Copenhagen Accord

- a. Elaborate the reasons and impacts on Donald Trump withdrawal from climate change Paris agreement 2015. (2019)
- b. Discuss the adverse impact of climate change on the world and the measures recently adopted by the Paris Conference to address this issue. (2016)
- c. Elaborate the reasons and impacts of Donald Trump's withdrawal from Climate Change Paris Agreement 2015? (2019)
- d. What impact global climate change will have on the water resources of Pakistan? How will it affect inter-provincial harmony? (2020)
- e. Evaluate the significance of water conflict between India and Pakistan in global perspective of climate change. (2012)
- f. What is **climate change impact**? What are its implications on Pakistan? How to manage climate change in policy and practice? (2011)

5. Population: world population trends, world population policies

a.

6. Terrorism and Counter Terrorism

a.

7. Global Energy Politics

a.

8. Nuclear Proliferation and Nuclear Security

a.

9. Nuclear Politics in South Asia

a. Two parts: (2017)

- i. Analyze the effects of commissioning of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), INS Arihant equipped with nuclear-capable missile called K-4 over the strategic stability of South Asia.
- ii. US-India in August 2016 signed Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) that will reportedly facilitate the two allies to use each other's military facilities to check China's growing influence. Comment.

b.

10. International Trade (Doha Development Round and Bali Package)

a.

11. Cooperation and Competition in Arabian Sea, Indian and Pacific Oceans.

- a. Critically examine the Donald Trump's Policy for South Asia and its implications for Pakistan and the region. (2018)
- b. How the US is trying to keep its dominant position in the Asia-Pacific and what is the China's response to it? (2018)
- c. The impact of burgeoning US-India strategic partnership over the security situation of the region and Indian Ocean Region. (2017)

- d. Discuss the strategic contours of Indo-US evolving partnership and how will it impact Pakistan-US and Pakistan-China relations? (2020)
- e. Strategic competition in the Indo-Pacific region is increasingly becoming intense. Define the interests and the role of US, China, India, Japan, and Australia in the geopolitics of Indo-Pacific region. (2020)

12. Millennium Development Goals, Current Status

- a.

13. Globalization

- a. In view of the evolving global alignments and changing nature of major-power relationships, what is the future of globalism and multilateralism? Discuss with examples. (2020)

14. Middle East Crisis

- a. Describe the **2017 Qatar Diplomatic Crisis** and its impact on the Middle East? (2018)
- b. Critically analyze **the newly established Islamic Military Alliance** and its future implications for the Muslim World? (2018)
- c. Critically analyze the US-Russia relations in context of ISIS and its impact on the security situation of Middle East? (2017)
- d. How do you see recent developments in the Middle East, particularly with reference to deteriorating relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran? What role, if any, Pakistan could play in reducing the tensions between the two Muslim countries? (2016)
- e. How will "Arab spring" effect the political and security environment in the Arab World? (2013)

15. Kashmir Issue

- a. Given the volatile lockdown in Indian Occupied Kashmir, what are the viable policy choices available to Pakistan? What can Pakistan realistically do to ease the sufferings of Kashmiri people? (2020)
- b. Resolution of Kashmir issue between India and Pakistan can bring peace and prosperity in the region. Discuss. (2013)

16. Palestine Issue

Other:

1. Examine the **emerging strategic competition between China and the US** and its impact on the global order. (2016)
2. Substantiate **Pakistan's role in Commonwealth**. (2012)