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## Q No (1)

### Answer

#### Pakistan Foreign Policy A Post 9/11.

The 9/11 incident restructured international politics & thereafter it occupied a centre-stage in conducting interstate relations. Pakistan due to its geo-strategic location & having diplomatic ties with Afghanistan, who was immediately labelled as a sanctuary of the terrorists headed by Osama bin Laden, Pakistan was bound to be frazzled in days ahead. It is often argued that Pakistan's Post 9/11 shift in ~~fore~~ foreign policy was an impulsive decision that precluded a comprehensive forethought before extending an unconditional cooperation with US & making a U-Turn in our approach.

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towards the Taliban's Government. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center & the Pentagon, argued Mr. Abdul Sattar, the then Foreign Minister, in his book "Pakistan's Foreign Policy" "triggered a transformation of world politics." Those never-imagined & devastating attacks on the US mainland traumatized the entire country & filled her with anger & urge for revenge. Within no time, almost all the countries of the world condemned the despicable acts of terrorism, including Pakistan. This event restructured international politics because terrorism was unanimously identified as the biggest threat to humanity & thereafter it occupied a centre-stage in conducting interstate relations.

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After critically analyzing the pros & cons of the decision it is clear that Pakistan had timely made an aptopos decision. Though in our short but tumultuous history, our country has swerved from one crisis to another mostly due to unavoidable circumstances but it has never faced such a more excruciating dilemma.

In retrospective analysis, it can be argued that had there been a mature & stable political setup in Pakistan at that time, it would have enabled Pakistan to broaden its win-set.

The delay that is inherent in the decision making process in a political setup would have worked in favor of Pakistan & would have improved its bargaining chips.



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Answer

The benefits & prospects of CPEC are extensive that likely to come to fruition. If CPEC is appropriately capped, it from all counts will prove game changer; this project has potential to transform economic growth. Besides, it gives hope of having regional cooperation, transit, trade, energy transformation & others.

i) The Pak-China economic corridor will boost the economy of Pakistan. Pakistan is under ~~have~~ heavy debt. According to Finance Minister Ashraf Dar, "Current debt on Pakistan is 73 billion dollars". A report released by a think-tank

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of South Asian investors says that the multi-billion dollars project is expected to 7.5% during the period 2015-2030.

CPEC is a 3,218 kilometer long route; the completion of the route will take several years, consisting of highways, railways & pipeline. Once China Pakistan economic corridor is completed; it will open doors to immense economic opportunities not only to Pakistan but will physically connect China to its markets in Asia, Europe & beyond.

ii) The project will encounter the energy shortage necessities of Pakistan.

iii) CPEC is major driver of Foreign Direct investment (FDI) in Pakistan.

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- iv) The China Pakistan Economic Corridor will help Pakistan improve its infrastructure.
- v) CPEC initiative would immensely help growing employment opportunities.
- vi) Besides creating job opportunities China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will have a huge impact on tourism.
- vii) CPEC would act as a catalyst in regional connectivity.
- viii) Lahore Line: Metro Train.  
Lahore line metro Train promises to connect the vast city of Lahore from one end of the city to the other end.
- ix) 2000 km of rail & road networks connecting Kashgar, China to Gwadar, Pakistan.
- x) 3000 locals were hired by Sahiwal coal fired Power Plant.

xi) 30000 direct job opportunities have been created in Power & infrastructure

xii) Kalakoram Highway Phase 2.  
The Phase 2 Kalakoram highway connects Thakot & Havelian in KPK in a 120 km highway & is already under construction.

xiii) 2.5% projected annual growth for Pakistan via CPEC.

It has been estimated the introduction of CPEC in Pakistan is going to give a straight boost of 2.5% to the current GDP of 5%.

### Challenges:

a Environmental impact = A repeat of the point here, except China's disregard for environment & utter destruction of ecological systems wherever its tentacles reach, are a sad eventuality of letting China in.



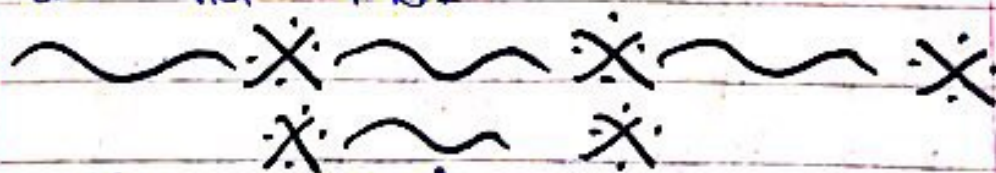
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b) Military Sovereignty at risk  
too - China has sent a  
naval ship & other military  
assets to "safeguard" its  
investment. If the port is in  
Pakistan & the ships are  
docked in Pakistan's territorial  
waters, what is China  
protecting its investments against?  
It is doubtful that ~~hundreds~~  
hundreds of armed terrorists  
will arrive from Mumbai to  
indiscriminately shoot the Chinese  
or Pakistanis! To a casual  
observer, it seems an awful  
lot like China is setting  
up a small naval base in  
Pakistan to militarily control  
this part of the world.

c) Pakistan has taken loan  
of 46.8 from China which  
is not FDI.



The End.