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Q1 :

(a) Analyze relations between Pakistan and US in the light of International politics theories and bilateral relations framework in detail.

Answer :

Bilateral Relations :

Background

Due to various reasons Pakistan plays a huge part in the world. The country's history and geography is so complex that this made it to play a part in international relations. Yet to remember, that Pakistan's relations with the neighboring countries had so much ups and downs from the beginning and still this issue remains.



United States and Pakistan :

To begin with, Pakistan and US had a strong diplomatic relations since the existence of the country. Let us not forget that besides both countries have been allies yet mistrust and fear plagued their relationship. Lets me explain how the story of mistrust started;

Pakistan and Us has been allies against fight what they called **terrorism** for almost twenty years. But, relations have steadily deteriorated since the trump administration began taking a hard line on violent groups in Afghanistan. The white house said it would spend more than two hundred million dollars to end the terrorism.

Most recently in a tweet the US president accused Pakistan of deception and providing a heaven for terrorists, something that the US ambassador to the UN has since reiterated. The US has given Pakistani thirty-three billion dollars over the past sixteen years. More than fourteenth billion dollars of that has been to provide logistical and operational support to US Military operations in Afghanistan.

Pakistan respond to trump by saying he was trying to blame it for America's failure to win the war there. Pakistan has paid a price in it's military involvement with the US. According to the government 50,000 civilians lost their lives since 2003 by US drone attacks as well as attacks by the militants and 6000 members of the security forces have been killed in security operations. Since 2001. Pakistan says the government has lost 123 billion dollars in revenue.

Pakistan insists it wants to focus on peace and reconciliation in it's relationship with the US.

But, with the two countries polarizer over security there is a lot of damage to overcome.

Country Comparison Pakistan and United States :

Pakistan

- **Capital:** Islamabad
- **Population:** 200,960,000
- **Surface Area:** 796,100 km²
- **Currency:** Pakistani Rupees (1 EUR=158.8277 PKR)
- **Religion:** Mostly Islam
- **Belongs to:** ACD, ECO, IMF, UN, SAARC

United States

- **Capital:** Washington D.C.
- **Population:** 327,352,000
- **Surface Area:** 9,831,510 km²
- **Currency:** United States dollars (1 EUR=1.0837 USD)
- **Religion:** Mostly Christianity
- **Belongs to:** G20, G8, IMF, NAFTA, NATO, OAS, OECD, UN, OSC

Common Interests :

Pakistan and US worked under the same interest which they used to call as fight against terrorism. USA always supports countries with minerals and oil and will definitely stay there for decades to promote peace. Never mind!

- (a) Growth in economy
- (b) Education and development in social sector
- (c) Promotion of peace
- (d) Promotion of human rights

Relation phase :

Currently Imran Khan and Donald Trump

International level :

Internationally US is always supporting Pakistan.

Economic Standing :

Pakistan is weak and US is strong

Foreign policy :

Pakistan and US are having complex reactions with each other due to vary reasons.

Theoretical framework :

Neo Liberalism



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(b) what criticisms were levelled against modernization theory? State the repercussions of modernization for underdeveloped countries.

ANSWER :

Modernization is a theory so it is fully based on assumptions and used to explain modernization within society. Now it is important to know it does not fit all the societies. Yet, to remember it is a subject of criticism.

As summary the following are some of the important points of modernization theory ;

evolutionary theory.

1. Modernization is a phased process.
2. Modernization is homogenising process.
3. It is also called as Europeanization or Americanization.
4. Modernization is an irreversible process.
5. Modernization is a progressive process.
6. Modernization is a long process can even take centuries.

Functionalist theory

1. It is systematic process.
2. It is a transformative process.
3. It is an immanent process.



Critique:

This theory is centric which basically means it can go one way. It is also a selfish effort which includes exploitation. Approach is based on European / American values.

Also to keep in mind it is too general even within theory inconsistencies. Additionally, focuses on capitalism and everybody us working towards the same goal.. This theory views other cultures lower or does not give it any importance which is Ethnocentrism

Repercussion :

I will not write a lengthy answer to this question. Since the assignment is quite length so therefore, i am going with the summary.

Modernization theory is a big no no for underdeveloped countries. It kind if destroy the country. First of all if this theory is implemented on underdeveloped countries it will cause a lot of exploration. To make it more clear take example of Afghanistan. Many nations like Russia, England and US tried to implement what they thought was right in Afghanistan but these three super powers never succeeded. So it is an extremely selfish theory according to me. However sociologists have their own opinions regarding this.

This resulted in destruction and caused explosion in the country. Therefore, now it is Cristal clear that modernization theriy is nit effective very much.

To dig more deeper ;

Modernization theory has many different perspectives but two major is giving bellow;

- Marxism
- Capitalism

Marxism is an a little bit of Islamic perspective. Yet, it is not very effective.

Additionally, Capitalism is the more exploit perspective.

Q:2 (a) Discuss globalization, its history, agents and perspectives in detail.

Answer :

GLOBALIZATION

Globalization is a widely discussed topic it is therefore, not that easy to explain such a complicated term in simple words.

Let me start from the beginning with the background to globalisation.

Background :

Advancements and technology such as mobile phones, airplanes, telephones and the Internet have made the growth of transport and communication networks possible. Amongst other things this means that people and countries can exchange information and goods more quickly and in a less complicated way. This process is called globalization.

History :

Globalization and its history is the subject of ongoing debate. Several scholars believe that the origins of globalization in the modern era is phenomenon with a long history. Some says it was made for useless purposes in politics. Most people believe that globalization is the results of work of Frank an economist related to dependency theory. However globalization was found by Theodore Levitt.

Definition

The word globalization comes from *globe* and means the world wide coming together of countries and nations.

Explanation :

Let me shed light to globalisation with an example ;

Companies used to manufacture products in their home counties just like the companies Samsung and apple which produces phones in country. Apple and Samsung sells products in country "a" Their products are in competition with each other. Both the companies pay the same salaries and production Coasts. They have the same customers, use similar suppliers and sell phones at similar prices.

In short the same conditions are applied to both of the companies so far so good. Due to cultural, technical and economical developments that have come about through globalization of companies which manufacturer products on the different conditions can now offer their products in country "a" too. That's why a company from country "b" can also sell phones there at a lower price because they were produced for a lower price. The local phones have to react to stand the competition and so the world grows closer together.

There is an active exchange of goods between the countries. More affordable products are available for more people. However, not only it does exchange of products and economical goods takes places

but services, knowledge, culture goods and even languages. All of these individual elements are closely linked and influence each other. But, **“where there is light there is also shadow.”** because of globalization and this intense exchange of goods people and the environment suffer.

If a company decides to move production to exotically disadvantaged country people and industrialized countries lose their jobs. Similarly, at the same time job opportunities open to many locals in the economically disadvantaged country.

Many people in these countries work for very little money in comparison to those industrialised countries. Therefore, they often remain poor and more often they do not have sufficient insurance, social insurance or health insurance cover.

A further disadvantage of globalization is ecological problems such as climate change.

The use of airplanes, ships and lorries to transport goods over international borders is constantly on the increase. This causes mire CO2 to be released into the atmosphere which in tern is the main cause of global warming.

Even national environmental standards are ignored. This is a further coast factor in the world wide international site competition which should be kept as low as possible to be attractive for a company.

There are therefore many sides to globalisation which effect almost all aspects of life. It causes things that the chain of negative things will grow further.

What important is to realize that globalization it's self is neither good nor bad. Or may be bad but depending upon how people view this personally.



It is very important to remember assumptions cannot be accurate all the time and that globalization is truly based on assumptions.

Let me explain this with a question!

Why developed countries get more developed and underdeveloped remains underdeveloped and developing countries does not develop?

The main reason behind this lies is globalization. Along positive aspects it has the following negative points which must be remembered :

- Terrorism
- Explanation
- Poverty
- Monopoly power
- Environmental damage and the list goes on.

In today's world we can say that globalization is the core reason between poverty and unending terror.

B: There are more than 1.5 billion people living below line, 225 rich people of the world hold more wealth than 47% population of the world and 825 million people are living on just a dollar a day. Analyse in the light of globalization perspective.

ANSWER :

I want to write about emotions and opinions to answer this question. But additionally, I'm also going to write about evidence and I am going to argue that it is important to know about the evidence whenever we are thinking about issues that raise very strong emotions in us.

First of all, let me start with the emotions. When one hears the word globalization there are some of the images that comes to one mind. Few think of huge container ships and shipping tons and tons of goods. Few think of financial standards operating around the clock. But, I think differently. I think it is destructive. Every one has very different pictures in their minds. Some of them are neutral or even optimistic. Others, more likely negatively charged.

Let me start,

In today's words richest 1% have so much more than everybody else. The vast majority of people have nothing. Two hundred years ago rich countries were only three times richer than poor countries by the end of colonialism in the 1960s they were 35 times richer today they are about 80x richer. Rich countries try to compensate for this by giving aid to poor countries about 130 billion dollars each year. But, the question arises why does the world gap keep getting bigger?

One reason I found is that large corporations are taking more than 900 billion dollars out of poor countries each year. On top of this, each year poor countries are paying 600 billion dollars in debt service to rich countries and loans that have already paid off so times over. And then there is the

money that poor countries lose from trade rules by rich countries to get access to the more resources and cheaper labour. This cost poor countries to lose 500 billion dollars per year. All together that is more than 2 trillion dollars per year that flows from some of the poorest parts of the world to the richest countries every year.

Rich governments like to say that they are helping poor countries develop but who is developing who here?

This makes me think that there is something wrong with the global economy. It cannot be okay that the wealth of the planet is becoming so concentrate in the hands of such a tiny number of people. For now the only hope is to change these rules and systems to stop this destruction from occurring.



Conclusion :

To put in a nut shell, it is clear now that few of the world richest people are like magnet get more and more money through the system of globalization and makes the poor work for them. Hence this causes that the poor remain poor so that the rich could get more and more wealthy.

Q3: a : Analyse Pakistan's contemporary problems and recommend solutions other than discussed in the lectures.

Answer:

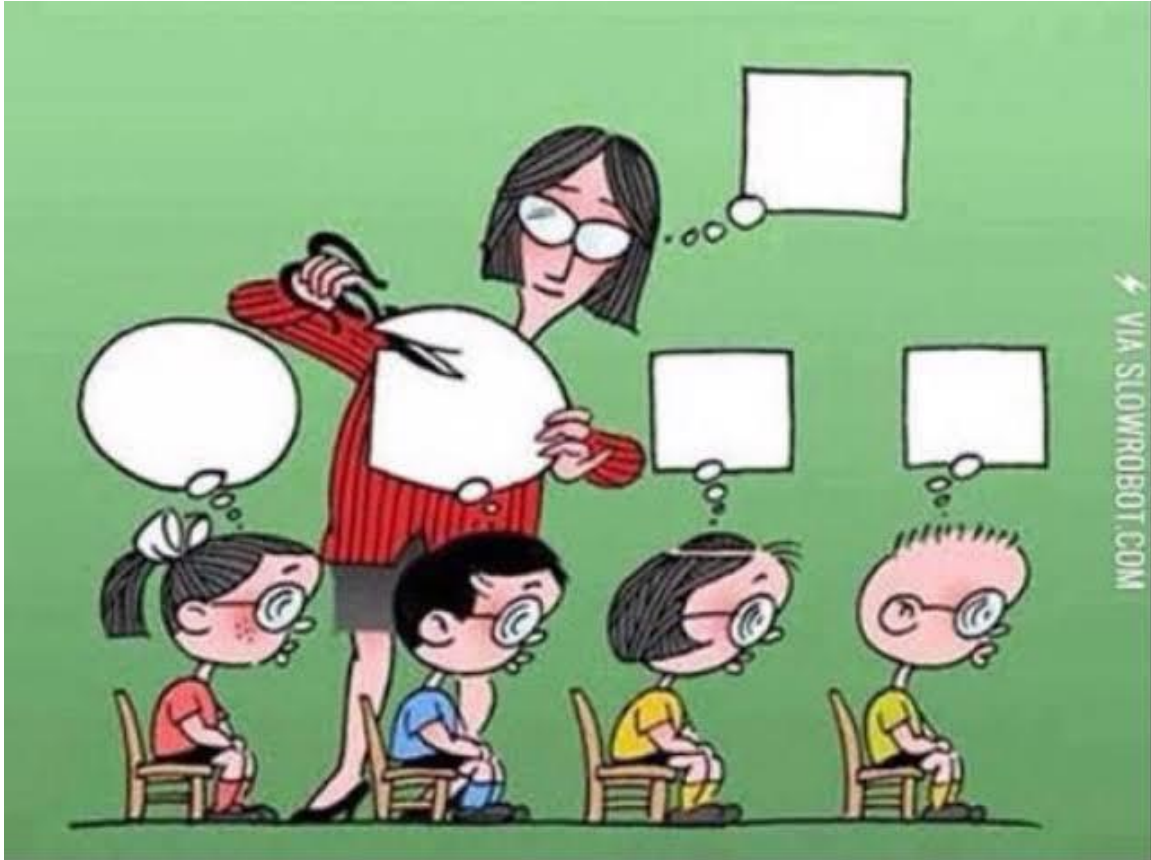
Some of the major issues facing by Pakistan are given below ;

1. Illiteracy
2. Poverty
3. Corruption
4. International interface
5. Unemployment
6. Education system

Education system :

Albert Einstein once said that everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by it's ability to climb three it will live it's whole life believing that it is stupid.

Let me write about modern day education system in Pakistan, it does nit only make fish climb a tree but also makes them climb down and do a 10 mile run. Turning people into robots killing creativity and individuality. People in competition with each other fighting for grades. Additionally, education in days of pandemic has worsen. Forcing students to be the fish to do a 10 mile run and then jump off the three like no matter what but institutions needs to earn.



Solution :

Small changes can have a major effect. To bring the change youth should be involved. For example youth for youth. No one can understand the problem of education of youth more than students themselves. Higher costs should be reduced. We are going towards capitalism which is a big mistake. They should have the chance to use their brain themselves not brains of others. In Pakistan education is a business thus needs to end.

Corruption in Pakistan :

Corruption is a huge issue Pakistan is facing since the beginning. Leaders change but the issue still remains. It has been getting worse more and more in all aspects. Bribe is much more than one can imagine in Pakistan.



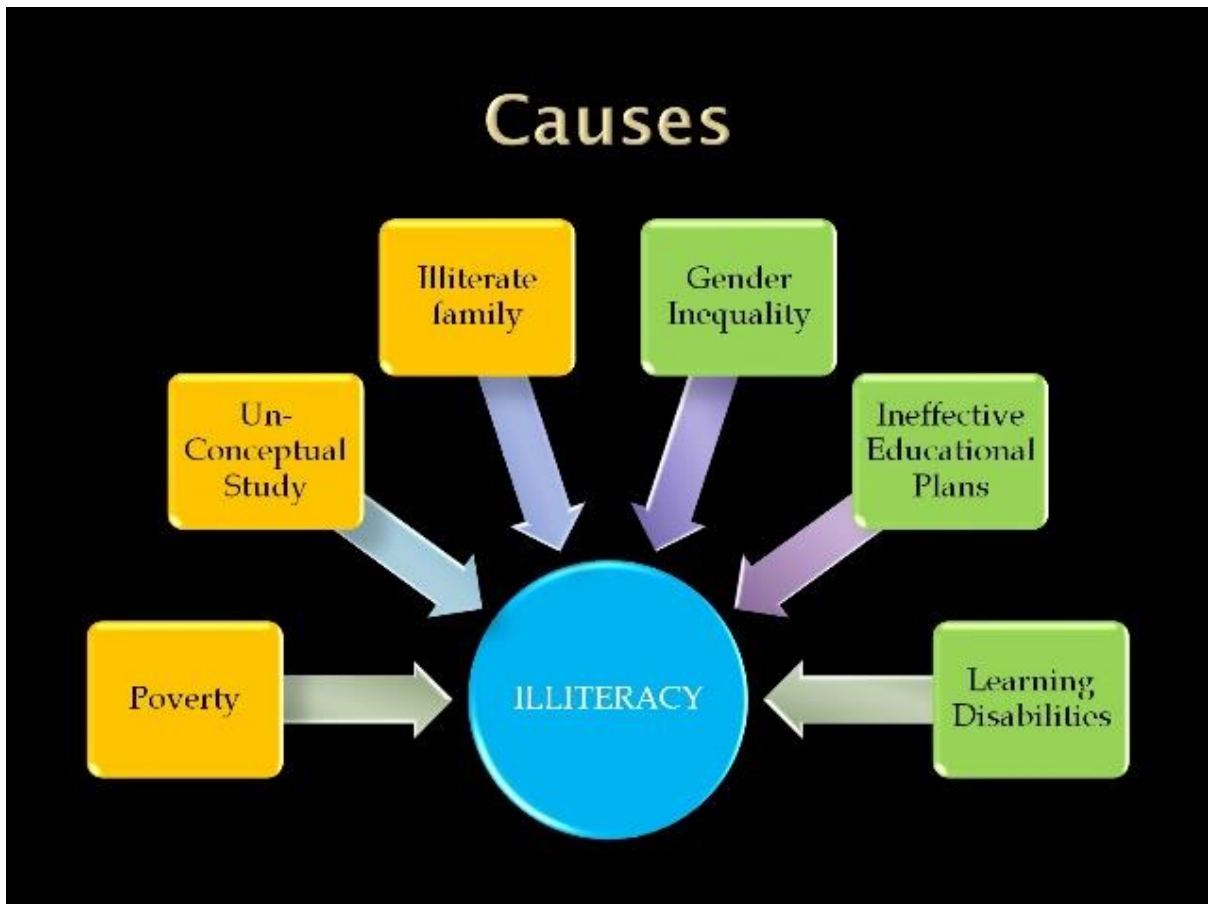
Solution :

Monitoring is the key to see if things were said are implemented or not. Also citizens should be engaged and asked in the forms of citizen report cards. An individual card might not sound that important but a collection of hundreds of those cards can make a difference. It is important to stand for integrity together. Voices of people makes a change. It is equally important to teach people about their basic rights.

For us, as Muslims to fight battle against corruption it is obligatory to keep Islam in our minds.

Illiteracy in Pakistan :

Illiteracy is said to be the mother of all problems. A huge population of Pakistan is illiterate. Illiteracy comes from many interconnected causes. Families may not own many books at home or sometimes, parents don't encourage their children to read and write. Due to poverty families may not be able to send their children to the schools. This causes increase in unemployment and other complications occurring. Therefore, it is must to reduce illiteracy in order to change the miserable situation of Pakistan



Solution :

Education should be provided to rich and poor. Schools should be build in everywhere. Even for adults to get the ability of reading and writing. Overcoming illiteracy starts from everyone’s own home. The individuals themselves should start to help each other voluntarily. As rummi says *if you want to change the world, change yourself first.*

International Interface :

Pakistan is in proxy war and it is difficult for Pakistan to move out of this situation. Therefore the following solution could solve this huge issue.

Solution:

Pakistan needs to meke decisions that can change it’s situation. This interface can lead to huge issues or can even damage Pakistan and it’s relationship with the other countries. Leaders need to think and decide properly to avoid this issue.

Unemployment :

Unemployment is another huge problem Pakistan is facing. It even caused many people who were quite educated to get depressed and commit suicide. Cost of living in Pakistan has been increased and people find it hard to combat this issue.

Comparing 1990 to 2020 one can see huge difference. Yet, income is also increased but very slightly. Therefore, to beat the huge costs you need to be employed but unfortunately, there is no employment.



Solution :

According to me there could be many solutions to end unemployment which are given as below ;

1. Accelerating growth of GDP.
2. Control over population.
3. Development of agricultural sector.
4. Encouragement of small scale enterprises.
5. Improvement in infrastructure.
6. Especial employment programs
7. Creating of self employment opportunities.
8. Reform of education sector.

Q:3 b: Analyse major world problems with possible solutions.

Answer :

Some of the biggest problems are given as bellow ;

1. Poverty
2. Hunger
3. Water and sanitation
4. Lack of educational opportunities
5. Inequality
6. Climate change

Solutions:**POVERTY :**

One in 500 people are living in less than dollar a day making poverty one of the world's most depressing issue. Tackling poverty requires a holistic approach that addresses it's interconnected challenges here is how a difference can happen ;

Increasing food production.

Increased funds

Education and gender equality

Enhanced infrastructure

Awareness

HUNGER :

36 million die out of starvation every year which is one person per second. This is upsetting because the planet produces enough food for the world population.

1/3 of world food supply goes to waste it is happening in farms, in grocery stores and even our own homes. The food can be use to fight hunger instead of hunger. One movement can change it. But, the question arises who will do it!

WATER AND SANITATION :

Water and sanitation two every day necessity many people take for granted. Many people in the planet struggle to access clean water and sanitation on a daily basis. To tackle this issue it is important to raise funds fir those areas in need we must know that 71% of earth is made up of water. So we can work in countries to get everyone a chance to get theri hands on clean drinking water. But decision makers are so busy in their own interests that they firgit these major issues killing millions on a daily basis.

LUCK OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES :

Scholarships, loans, financial aid could be a solution to this issue. Additionally, building schools and raising funds for schools and colleges could solve this issue.

CLIMATE CHANGE :

These days this is a huge problem to the world causing global warming and other health issues. Tackling this problem requires check and balance. Avoiding plastic bags and stuff that increases global warming. If governments introduce laws and punishments this huge issue can be solved across the globe. We humans are the cause of distraction of the world.

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