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## Course: PAKISTAN AND NEIGHBOURS (9363) Semester: Spring, 2025

## Level: M Sc/BS Pakistan Studies

## Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, BEd, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.

2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.

3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guide or allied material.

4. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.

5. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.

6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.

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**Total Marks: 100** **Pass Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units: 1–4)**

Q.1 Pakistan is considered a gateway to Central Asia which is rich in energy resources. Until now why had Pakistan been failed to capitalize on this aspect of its geographical position? Explain with facts. (20)

Q.2 Critically analyze Sir Creek issue and its possible solutions to improve India Pakistan relations. (20)

Q.3 What is the impact of détente between China and India on future of China Pakistan relations? Explain with cogent arguments. (20)

Q.4 Discuss in detail the issue of cross border terrorism between Iran and Pakistan which led the two neighbors on the brink of a war in January 2024. (20)

Q.5 In the face of Pakistan’s growing engagement with the United States, the future of CPEC seems to be in danger. Elaborate with facts the future of CPEC. (20)

**Total Marks: 100** **Pass Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

## (Units: 5–9)

Q.1 How can SAARC become as much effective as European Union? Explain with plausible suggestions. (20)

Q.2 Discuss Pakistan’s economic relations with Central Asia through the platform of ECO. (20)

Q.3 After the recent revolution, Bangladesh is building closer ties with Pakistan. Discuss different aspects wherein these two countries may build strong ties? (20)

Q.4 Due to Indian intransigence, there is no possibility of cooperation in South Asian Countries. Elaborate the possibility of development in South Asia without regional cooperation. (20)

Q.5 Critically analyze the issue which are marring the good relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan recently. (20)

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**PAKISTAN AND NEIGHBOURS**

**Unit 1: Geography of Pakistan**

* Geographical description of Pakistan
* Neighbouring Countries of Pakistan
* China’s link to Middle East
* A check to Indian hegemony in the Arabian Sea
* A gateway to Central Asia

**Unit 2: Pakistan-India**

* History of relations
* Old problems and new initiatives
* Major impediment to normal relations
* The challenge of terrorism
* Importance of relation between the two countries
* The future directions

**Unit 3: Pakistan-China**

* Early Historical Contacts and Geographical Linkage
* Dawn of Diplomatic Ties (1949-53)
* Bandung Diplomacy and Pakistan-China-India Border Disputes (1954-1970)
* Pakistan-China Relations and South Asian Politics in Cold War Scenario (1949-1990)
* Pakistan-China Bilateral Strategic Relationship
* Pak-China socio-economic relations in the Era 2000-2012
* CPEC

**Unit 4: Pakistan-Iran**

* History, Geography and Culture
* 1947-1979: An Era of Harmony
* The 1980's and 1990's: Diverging Geopolitical and Ideological Interest
* 9/11, U.S., Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran
* Economic and Trade Cooperation

**Unit 5: SAARC and Indo-Pak Relationship**

* Formation of SAARC
* Diversities in SAARC Countries and Route to Development
* Divergent and Convergent Interests of India and Pakistan
* Efforts of Friendly Relations under SAARC Summits conducted in India and Pakistan
* SAARC and Trade between India and Pakistan

**Unit 6: Pakistan’s Ties with Central Asian States: Irritants and Challenges**

* Challenges in Pakistan’s Relations with CAS
* Pakistan’s Great Hope: Energy and Commerce
* Geography
* Teething problems

**Unit 7: India, Pakistan and Bangladesh: ‘Trilateralism’ in South Asia**

* Introduction
* Indo-Pakistan Relations
* Indo-Bangladesh Relations
* Pakistan-Bangladesh Relations
* Developing ‘Trilateralism’

**Unit 8: Economic Growth and Development in South Asia, With/Without Regional Cooperation**

* The Historical Legacy
* Pre-Colonial Era
* The Colonial Interlude
* The Geopolitics of Regional Cooperation
* Economic Growth in India and Pakistan

**Unit 9: The New US Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan: The Emerging Scenario**

* **Introduction**
* Pakistan-US cooperation: Concerns in Afghanistan
* Security Perspectives of Pakistan and Afghanistan
* **Hitches in ‘Afghan-Pak' Strategy**
* **Overwhelming Burden of Anti-Terrorism Campaign**
* Centrifugal force: Divergence of US's and Pakistan's Objectives
* **Lack of Mutual Trust and Territorial issue**

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS:**

1. Iran and Pakistan: Security, Diplomacy and American influence by Alex Vatanka
2. The China-Pakistan Axis: Asians New Geopolitics by Andrew Small
3. Estranged neighbours: India and Pakistan 1947-2010 by General K M Arif
4. Pakistan on the Brink: the future of Pakistan, Afghanistan and the West by Ahmed Rashid
5. India vs Pakistan by Husain Haqqani
6. Readings in Pakistan’s Foreign Policy 1971-1998 by Oxford University Press
7. A deadly triangle: Afghanistan, Pakistan and India by Brookings Institutions
8. Pakistan-China Relations: Search for Politico-strategic Relationship by R.B.S.A. Publishers, 1986
9. China-Pakistan Relations: A Historical Analysis by Ghulam Ali