

~>NOTES ON GEOGRAPHY (PAPER 1, 2059/02)<~

<~Location of Pakistan~>

↗Latitude & Longitude:

- Pakistan is located between $24^{\circ} 35'$ north and $37^{\circ} 05'$ north latitude.
- Its longitude extends from 61° to 78° east.

↗Area of Pakistan:

- Its total area is 796,096 sq kilometers.
- It is 1600 kilometers from north to south.
- 885 km from east to west.

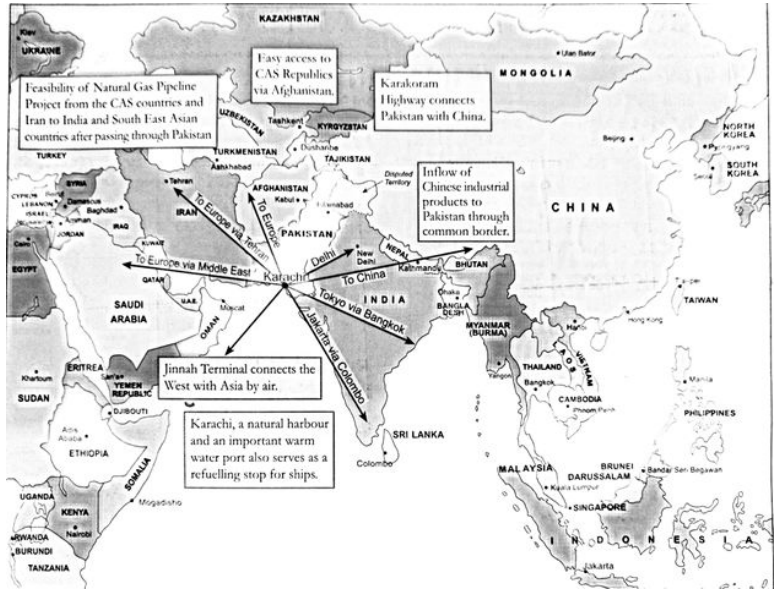
↗Location of Pakistan:



Location	Neighbouring countries
North-east	China (585 km long border)
West	Afghanistan (2252 km long border) known as Durand Line.
North-west	Wakkan (narrow strip of Afghanistan), it separates Pakistan from Tajikistan.
South-West	Iran
South	Arabian Sea
East	India

↗ Strategic Importance of Pakistan:

- ★ • The Khyber Pass provides a route to Afghanistan.
- ★ • The Karakoram Highway helps in trade & communication with China.
- ★ • The Gwadar and Karachi seaports provide crucial travel as well as trade facilities to the north and north-west.
- ★ • Its coastline at the Arabian Sea facilitates trade with West, Middle East, Far East, and Southeast Asia.
- ★ • Pakistan has a central location that provides air routes from west to east and the Jinnah International Airport facilitates it.
- ★ • It offers easy access to Central Asia (CAS) and its 6 republics through Afghanistan.
- ★ • Feasibility of Natural Gas Pipeline Projects from CAS, India, Iran and South East Asia.



➡ Pakistan-Iran Gas Pipeline:

- If this project is completed, then Pakistan will get 21.5 cubic meters of natural gas from Iran.
- This can be used as a fuel (CNG) for vehicles.

- It can also be used to generate electricity from thermal power stations.

➡➡ Location of Provinces & Cities

Provinces of Pakistan:

- It has Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan and NWFP provinces.
- It also includes FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Kashmir.
- In 2009, the Federal Cabinet approved an ordinance that gave political autonomy to northern areas.
- A new name was also given to the Northern areas as Gilgit, Baltistan.
- In 2010, NWFP was renamed as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

FATA:

- It stands for Federally Administered Tribal Areas.
- It is located between Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

