**PAKISTAN STUDIES (SS-113) Assignment**

**Q: Can the era of Ayyub Khan be termed as successful for Pakistan? Write your opinion in detail.**

**Answer:** First of all let us discuss that who was Ayyub Khan, a short introduction about him. He was born on May 14, 1907 in small town of Khyber Pakhtoon Khuwa (KPK), Rihanna (name of the town). He was the first native Chief- in- Chief and 2nd President of Pakistan, he contributed his many wills towards his country and he lastly breathed on April 19, 1974.

Now let us discuss that can the era of Ayyub Khan be termed as successful for Pakistan, in my personal opinion I would always say that yes, the era of Ayyub khan be termed as successful for Pakistan, and there are many reason behind my opinion so, let us discuss those reason, Ayyub Khan started his career as an Army Officer in British Army and served on many fronts, so that he has much experience of their Army and their training he would have given suggestions and training tips to our Army that might be helpful and he was the first native Chief- in- Chief of Pakistan Army controversially on January 17, 1951, before him no any Pakistani had become a Chief of Army there were two Britishers named (General Sir Walter and General Douglas David), who ruled over Pakistan Army and he (Ayyub Khan) replaced them and become the first Chief- in- Chief and get rid of Britishers. He was in alliance with America and he personally believes that, opting the way that America has developed, Pakistan will also get developed. His policies were capitalist and he was thinking very advance. In 1962, he gave second constitution of Pakistan in the name of Army as he was Chief- in Chief of Pakistan Army and President of Pakistan as well. Era of Ayyub Khan is known as decade of development, because in his era Pakistan was getting very famous and it was becoming a developing country. Ayyub Khan focuses more on making of Industries because he believes that through industries countries get more development in the world, and in his era Industrialization get developed by 9%, he works on rural development, manufacture growth get developed by 8% in his era, things got developed fast. He encouraged the people of private sector very much. He laid the foundation of energy in Pakistan as he built Mangla Dam and Tarbela Dam in the west of Pakistan and Kaptai Dam in the east of Pakistan (Bangladesh), on the other hand all the Dams in Pakistan which are built were made in his era or were started in his era and later completed. Karachi nuclear power plant was also established by Ayyub Khan in his era, he started space program as well because he believes that by science and technology we will be rising more. First time in the history of Pakistan agriculture reforms came into being and it started from his era and continuing till now. In Ayyub Khan’s era Pakistan’s GDP growth rises to 15%, which was 6% annually growing GDP, which is highest growth till now, and in these days it has fallen to approximately 3.5% - 4.5% annually, so from this point we can easily say that his era was successful and how it was advanced. On the other hand, in his era Pakistan lend some money to Germany now you can compare Germany and Pakistan how Germany has developed, and in that era there were very low taxes as compare to now, people didn’t get worry about taxes in that time, like now people are. There were also some cons instead of pros but the thing is about the country how Pakistan was in that time, how it was developing.

So in the end, it is clearly seen from the above points that the era of Ayyub Khan was much better than any other one’s era till now, and in my personal opinion, I can surely say ‘YES’ and I can term his era as one of the successful era in the history of Pakistan.