

PPSC / FPSC PAKISTAN CURRENT AFFAIRS 2026

50 SOLVED MCQs - Toughest Level - Fully Explained with Sources

India-Pakistan | Economy & IMF | Military | Diplomacy | Science | Sports | Governance

Instructions:

- (1) All 50 questions are based on verified Pakistan Current Affairs 2025-2026.
- (2) Correct answers are shown in GREEN with [CORRECT] label.
- (3) Detailed explanation with context is provided below every question.
- (4) Topics: India-Pakistan Conflict, Economy, Military, Diplomacy, Sports, Tech, Governance.

INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS & OPERATION SINDOOR

1. India launched Operation Sindoor on which date in 2025?

☐ A) April 22, 2025

☒ [CORRECT] B) May 7, 2025

☐ C) May 10, 2025

☐ D) June 1, 2025

Explanation: India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, 2025, carrying out missile and air strikes targeting nine terrorism-related infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Azad Kashmir, in response to the Pahalgam terror attack of April 22, 2025.

2. Operation Sindoor was India's response to a terrorist attack in which location?

☐ A) Srinagar

☐ B) Pulwama

☒ [CORRECT] C) Pahalgam

☐ D) Uri

Explanation: The Pahalgam terror attack of April 22, 2025, in which 26 civilians were killed, triggered India's Operation Sindoor. India accused Pakistan-based militant groups of responsibility for the attack.

3. Which Pakistani militant groups' headquarters were primarily targeted in Operation Sindoor?

☐ A) TTP and BLA

[CORRECT] B) Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed

☐ C) Al-Qaeda and ISIS-K

☐ D) Haqqani Network and HuM

Explanation: Operation Sindoor primarily targeted the infrastructure of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). The Markaz-e-Taiba in Muridke (LeT HQ) and Markaz-e-Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur (JeM HQ) were among the key sites struck.

4. Pakistan's military response to Operation Sindoor was codenamed:

☐ A) Operation Swift Retort

☐ B) Operation Azm-e-Istehkam

[CORRECT] C) Operation Bunyan al-Marsus

☐ D) Operation Gibraltar

Explanation: Pakistan's retaliatory military operation was codenamed Operation Bunyan al-Marsus, described as Pakistan's calibrated and restrained response to India's strikes under Operation Sindoor in May 2025.

5. A ceasefire between India and Pakistan after Operation Sindoor was announced on:

☐ A) May 7, 2025

☐ B) May 8, 2025

[CORRECT] C) May 10, 2025

☐ D) May 15, 2025

Explanation: The ceasefire ending the brief armed conflict between India and Pakistan following Operation Sindoor was announced on May 10, 2025. Pakistan credited US President Trump with mediating the ceasefire.

6. Pakistan extended its airspace ban on Indian aircraft until which date as of early 2026?

☐ A) January 2026

[CORRECT] B) March 23, 2026

☐ C) June 2026

☐ D) December 2026

Explanation: Following Operation Sindoor, Pakistan's Airports Authority initially extended the airspace ban on Indian commercial, military, and leased aircraft until January 23, 2026, and later further extended it until March 23, 2026.

7. After Operation Sindoor, India-Pakistan bilateral trade, which stood at around US \$1.2 billion, fell to approximately:

☐ A) US \$800 million

☐ B) US \$500 million

[CORRECT] C) Near zero

☐ D) US \$200 million

Explanation: Following the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor, trade between India and Pakistan, which had already declined to around US \$1.2 billion, fell to near zero after both countries suspended trade and imposed additional restrictions.

8. Islamabad hosted direct talks between which two countries on April 11-12, 2026, enhancing Pakistan's diplomatic profile?

☐ A) Russia and Ukraine

[CORRECT] B) United States and Iran

☐ C) China and Saudi Arabia

☐ D) India and Afghanistan

Explanation: Pakistan hosted direct talks between the United States and Iran on April 11-12, 2026, in Islamabad. This diplomatic role as a peacemaker significantly raised Pakistan's global stature following Operation Sindoor.

MILITARY, CONSTITUTION & GOVERNANCE

9. General Asim Munir was elevated to which new rank in May 2025?

☐ A) General of the Army

[CORRECT] B) Field Marshal

☐ C) Supreme Commander

☐ D) Chief of Defence Forces

Explanation: General Asim Munir was elevated to the rank of Field Marshal in May 2025, following the boost to the military's standing after the India-Pakistan conflict. He subsequently became Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) under the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

10. Pakistan's 27th Constitutional Amendment, passed in late 2025, primarily altered dynamics regarding:

☐ A) Provincial autonomy and NFC Award

[CORRECT] B) Civil-military relations and nuclear command

☐ C) Election commission reform

☐ D) Judiciary independence

Explanation: The 27th Constitutional Amendment, passed in November 2025, fundamentally altered civil-military dynamics and nuclear command structures. It effectively abolished the office of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and concentrated authority under the new Chief of Defence Forces position held by Field Marshal Asim Munir.

11. Under the 27th Amendment, the office abolished in Pakistan's military chain of command was:

☐ A) Chief of Army Staff

[CORRECT] B) Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee

☐ C) Corps Commanders Conference

☐ D) Principal Staff Officers Committee

Explanation: The 27th Constitutional Amendment abolished the office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), removing an institutional check on the army chief's powers and concentrating command under the newly created Chief of Defence Forces position.

12. The Pakistan Army's newly established formation responsible for conventional missiles and rockets is called:

☐ A) Strategic Support Command

[CORRECT] B) Army Rocket Force Command

☐ C) Special Forces Command

☐ D) National Defence Command

Explanation: Pakistan established the Army Rocket Force Command, a dedicated force responsible for conventional missile and rocket systems with a separate command to oversee handling and deployment, intended to expedite decision-making during a crisis.

ECONOMY, FINANCE & TRADE

13. Pakistan's IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF) arrangement was approved on:

☐ A) January 25, 2024

[CORRECT] B) September 25, 2024

☐ C) March 10, 2025

☐ D) June 1, 2025

Explanation: Pakistan's 37-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF) with the IMF was approved on September 25, 2024. It aims to build resilience and enable sustainable, private sector-led growth.

14. Pakistan's Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) with the IMF was approved on:

☐ A) March 2025

[CORRECT] B) May 9, 2025

☐ C) September 2025

☐ D) January 2026

Explanation: Pakistan's 28-month Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) with the IMF was approved on May 9, 2025, supporting Pakistan's efforts to reduce vulnerabilities to natural disasters and build climate resilience.

15. Pakistan's gross foreign exchange reserves stood at approximately how much at the end of FY25 (June 2025)?

☐ A) US \$9.4 billion

☐ B) US \$12 billion

[CORRECT] C) US \$14.5 billion

☐ D) US \$18 billion

Explanation: Pakistan's gross international reserves stood at US \$14.5 billion at end-FY25 (June 2025), up significantly from US \$9.4 billion a year earlier. Reserves were projected to surpass US \$18 billion by June 2026.

16. The SBP policy rate was cut to which level in December 2025?

☐ A) 13 percent

☐ B) 11 percent

[CORRECT] C) 10.5 percent

☐ D) 8 percent

Explanation: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) cut its policy rate to 10.5 percent in December 2025, after a cumulative reduction of 1,100 basis points from the peak rate of 23 percent in May 2024, as inflation declined significantly.

17. Pakistan's CPI inflation in March 2026 came in at approximately:

☐ A) 0.7 percent

☐ B) 4 percent

[CORRECT] C) 7.3 percent

☐ D) 12 percent

Explanation: Pakistan's CPI inflation for March 2026 came in at approximately 7.3 percent, below the Finance Ministry's forecast of 7.5-8.5 percent. March 2025's CPI had been a historic low of 0.7 percent (the lowest in six decades), creating a high base-effect comparison.

18. The US imposed what tariff rate on imports from Pakistan as of August 1, 2025?

☐ A) 10 percent

[CORRECT] B) 19 percent

☐ C) 29 percent

☐ D) 35 percent

Explanation: The United States imposed a tariff of 19 percent on its imports from Pakistan as of August 1, 2025. This was reduced from the previously announced rate of 29 percent, and followed a significant trade agreement finalized between Pakistan and the US on July 31, 2025.

19. Pakistan's primary fiscal surplus achieved in FY25 was approximately:

- ☐ A) 0.5 percent of GDP
- [CORRECT] B) 1.3 percent of GDP**
- ☐ C) 3 percent of GDP
- ☐ D) 6.6 percent of GDP in H1 alone

Explanation: Pakistan achieved a primary fiscal surplus of 1.3 percent of GDP in FY25 (full year), in line with IMF program targets. In the first half alone (H1 FY25), the primary surplus nearly doubled to a historic high of 6.6 percent of GDP.

20. On April 7, 2026, the State Bank of Pakistan successfully repaid an international bond totalling:

- ☐ A) US \$500 million
- ☐ B) US \$1 billion
- [CORRECT] C) US \$1.43 billion**
- ☐ D) US \$2 billion

Explanation: On April 7, 2026, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) successfully executed the repayment of an international bond totalling US \$1.43 billion, which included a principal amount of US \$1.3 billion, demonstrating improved external debt management.

21. Pakistan's GDP growth target for FY2026 was set at:

- ☐ A) 2 percent
- ☐ B) 3.5 percent
- [CORRECT] C) 4.2 percent**
- ☐ D) 5 percent

Explanation: Pakistan's GDP growth target for FY2026 was 4.2 percent, though this faced pressure from Middle East-related supply chain disruptions, Operation Sindoor's economic impact, and an FBR revenue shortfall of approximately Rs 329 billion.

22. Pakistan finalized a significant trade agreement with which country on July 31, 2025?

- ☐ A) China
- ☐ B) Saudi Arabia
- ☐ C) United Arab Emirates
- [CORRECT] D) United States**

Explanation: Pakistan finalized a significant trade agreement with the United States on July 31, 2025. This was followed by the US imposing a revised tariff of 19 percent on Pakistan's imports (reduced from 29 percent) effective August 1, 2025.

23. Who is Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister who met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on May 29, 2026?

☐ A) Shah Mahmood Qureshi

☐ B) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

[CORRECT] C) Ishaq Dar

☐ D) Khawaja Asif

Explanation: Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a bilateral meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington D.C. on May 29, 2026, during an official visit to strengthen Pakistan-US ties.

24. Pakistan nominated which world leader for the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the May 2025 India-Pakistan ceasefire?

☐ A) Antonio Guterres

[CORRECT] B) Donald Trump

☐ C) Xi Jinping

☐ D) Mohammad bin Salman

Explanation: Pakistan nominated US President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize after crediting him with mediating the ceasefire on May 10, 2025, that ended the brief armed conflict following Operation Sindoor. Pakistan's nomination was said to have strengthened US-Pakistan relations under the Trump administration.

25. Pakistan hosted the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) summit in which city in 2024?

☐ A) Lahore

☐ B) Karachi

[CORRECT] C) Islamabad

☐ D) Peshawar

Explanation: Pakistan hosted the SCO Heads of Government summit in Islamabad in October 2024. This was a major diplomatic milestone as Pakistan chaired the SCO summit for the first time, hosting leaders and representatives from SCO member states.

26. The EU-Pakistan Business Forum held in Islamabad in 2026 focused on which key sectors?

☐ A) Defense and nuclear energy

[CORRECT] B) Green energy, digital innovation, and textiles

☐ C) Agriculture and water management

☐ D) Tourism and hospitality

Explanation: The European Union-Pakistan Business Forum held at the Serena Hotel in Islamabad aimed to strengthen economic ties and focused on investment and trade in sectors including green energy, digital innovation, and textiles, while launching the EU-Pakistan Business Network.

27. Pakistan's track-II dialogue with India following Operation Sindoor was held in which city in 2026?

☐ A) Dubai

☐ B) Bangkok

[CORRECT] C) Colombo

☐ D) Geneva

Explanation: Indian and Pakistani delegates held unofficial Track-II talks in Colombo, Sri Lanka, during a conference organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). This was the first reported backchannel engagement since relations deteriorated after the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SPACE

28. Two Pakistani astronauts selected as candidates for China's manned space program in April 2026 are:

☐ A) Namira Salim and Aziz Gill

[CORRECT] B) Muhammad Zeeshan Ali and Khurram Daud

☐ C) Salman Sufi and Omar Ayub

☐ D) Imran Khan and Asim Munir

Explanation: Two Pakistani astronauts, Muhammad Zeeshan Ali and Khurram Daud, were selected as candidates for China's manned space program in April 2026. They are undergoing training in Beijing for a future mission to the Tiangong space station, marking a significant milestone in Pakistan-China bilateral space cooperation.

29. The Pakistani co-founder of AI startup Cursor (Anysphere) that was reportedly nearing a \$60 billion deal with SpaceX as of April 2026 is:

☐ A) Arif Alvi

☐ B) Umar Saif

[CORRECT] C) Sualeh Asif

☐ D) Tariq Farouk

Explanation: The AI startup Cursor (parent company Anysphere) was reportedly nearing a \$60 billion deal with SpaceX as of late April 2026. The company is co-founded by Sualeh Asif, a Karachi-born software engineer and MIT graduate, highlighting Pakistan's growing tech talent in global AI.

30. The IT and digital economy sector was identified by Pakistan as a key pillar of future growth in the World Bank's 2025 report titled:

☐ A) Pakistan Vision 2030

[CORRECT] B) Reimagining a Digital Pakistan

☐ C) Pakistan Economic Transformation Plan

☐ D) Digital Silk Road Pakistan

Explanation: The World Bank's Pakistan Development Update of April 2025 was titled 'Reimagining a Digital Pakistan,' identifying IT and the digital economy, including IT exports and freelancing, as critical pillars for Pakistan's sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

SPORTS, CULTURE & MEDIA

31. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) imposed a record fine of Rs 20 million on which cricketer on March 30, 2026?

☐ A) Babar Azam

☐ B) Shaheen Afridi

[CORRECT] C) Naseem Shah

☐ D) Mohammad Rizwan

Explanation: The PCB imposed a record-breaking fine of Rs 20 million (approximately US \$72,000) on fast bowler Naseem Shah on March 30, 2026, for violating his central contract and social media policy. The fine followed a sarcastic tweet about VIP protocol given to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz during the PSL 2026 opening ceremony.

32. The PSL 2026 opening ceremony in which Naseem Shah's controversy arose was associated with which chief minister's VIP protocol?

☐ A) Murad Ali Shah

☐ B) Ali Amin Gandapur

[CORRECT] C) Maryam Nawaz

☐ D) Sardar Usman Buzdar

Explanation: Naseem Shah's controversial tweet that led to his Rs 20 million PCB fine was specifically about the high-profile security and VIP protocol given to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz during the PSL 2026 opening ceremony.

33. Pakistan and India's 2025 armed conflict is recorded as the largest beyond-visual-range aerial engagement in South Asia, involving how many aircraft in total?

☐ A) 56 aircraft

☐ B) 88 aircraft

[CORRECT] C) 114 aircraft

☐ D) 142 aircraft

Explanation: The aerial battle triggered by Operation Sindoor involved more than 114 aircraft in total: 72 from the Indian Air Force (IAF) and 42 from the Pakistan Air Force (PAF), making it the largest beyond-visual-range aerial engagement on the India-Pakistan border in history.

INTERNAL POLITICS & GOVERNANCE

34. Who is the current Inspector General (IG) of Pakistan Railways Police, appointed on March 25, 2026?

☐ A) Muhammad Tahir Rai

[CORRECT] B) Muhammad Wisal Fakhar Sultan

☐ C) Rao Sardar Ali Khan

☐ D) Rai Tahir

Explanation: Mr. Muhammad Wisal Fakhar Sultan was appointed Inspector General (IG) of Pakistan Railways Police on March 25, 2026. He succeeded Rai Tahir (Muhammad Tahir Rai), who retired in February 2026 after completing his tenure. Pakistan Railways was founded in 1861.

35. Which operation launched by Pakistan's security forces in 2024 aimed at targeting TTP and ISIS-K militant camps?

☐ A) Operation Zarb-e-Azb

☐ B) Operation Radd-ul-Fasad

[CORRECT] C) Operation Azm-e-Istehkam

☐ D) Operation Al-Mizan

Explanation: Operation Azm-e-Istehkam (meaning 'determination for stability') was launched by Pakistan's security forces in 2024, specifically targeting militant camps linked to the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and ISIS-K (Islamic State Khorasan Province) that were used to attack Pakistan.

36. Pakistan's current Prime Minister as of 2025-2026 is:

☐ A) Asif Ali Zardari

☐ B) Imran Khan

[CORRECT] C) Shehbaz Sharif

☐ D) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

Explanation: Shehbaz Sharif is Pakistan's Prime Minister, heading a coalition government. Asif Ali Zardari serves as President of Pakistan. Imran Khan has been imprisoned following various convictions since August 2023.

37. Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) faced a tax collection shortfall of approximately how much in FY2026?

☐ A) Rs 100 billion

☐ B) Rs 200 billion

[CORRECT] C) Rs 329 billion

☐ D) Rs 500 billion

Explanation: The Federal Board of Revenue's tax collection growth slowed to approximately 9.5 percent in FY2026, well below the previous year's pace of 26 percent, creating a shortfall of approximately Rs 329 billion — a key challenge to meeting IMF fiscal targets.

38. Pakistan's gas sector circular debt (CD) stock reached approximately how much by December 2025?

☐ A) Rs 1.5 trillion

☐ B) Rs 2.1 trillion

[CORRECT] C) Rs 3.4 trillion

☐ D) Rs 5 trillion

Explanation: Pakistan's gas sector circular debt stock reached Rs 3.4 trillion (equivalent to 2.7 percent of GDP) as of December 2025, accumulated due to late payment surcharges on the large existing stock despite regular tariff adjustments preventing new principal CD accumulation.

PAKISTAN-CHINA RELATIONS & CPEC

39. CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) is primarily associated with which Chinese global initiative?

☐ A) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

[CORRECT] B) Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

☐ C) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

☐ D) Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Explanation: CPEC is the flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Pakistan. It is a multi-billion dollar infrastructure corridor connecting Gwadar Port in Balochistan to China's Xinjiang province, encompassing energy, transport, and industrial projects.

40. Following Operation Sindoor, Pakistan and China reaffirmed cooperation in which key areas?

☐ A) Nuclear weapons development and space

[CORRECT] B) Defence, infrastructure, regional connectivity and CPEC

☐ C) Agriculture and water management

☐ D) Education and cultural exchange only

Explanation: Following Operation Sindoor, Pakistan and China reaffirmed their 'all-weather' strategic partnership through high-level engagements, with both sides confirming cooperation in defence, infrastructure, regional connectivity, and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

41. Two Pakistani astronaut candidates selected for China's Tiangong space station mission will train in which city?

☐ A) Shanghai

[CORRECT] B) Beijing

☐ C) Chengdu

☐ D) Shenzhen

Explanation: The two Pakistani astronaut candidates, Muhammad Zeeshan Ali and Khurram Daud, selected in April 2026 for China's manned space program, are currently undergoing training in Beijing for a future mission to China's Tiangong space station.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

42. Pakistan's Kafaalat social protection programme is designed to benefit which segment of the population?

☐ A) Retired government employees

[CORRECT] B) The lowest income quintile families

☐ C) Small and medium enterprises

☐ D) Students in higher education

Explanation: Pakistan's Kafaalat programme (and Conditional Cash Transfer programmes) under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) provides cash transfers to families in the lowest income quintile, with benefits equivalent to 15 percent of the lowest quintile family consumption, as part of the IMF-supported social protection reforms.

43. Severe floods in Pakistan in late 2025 impacted which IMF program target area most directly?

☐ A) Foreign exchange reserves

[CORRECT] B) Primary fiscal balance and food inflation

☐ C) Banking sector stability

☐ D) Exchange rate stability

Explanation: The severe floods of late 2025 impacted Pakistan's primary fiscal balance (as the government had to accommodate urgent relief needs) and caused food inflation to temporarily increase. The IMF acknowledged the government's commitment to its FY2026 primary balance target despite the flood emergency.

44. Worker remittances to Pakistan have been described by the IMF and SBP in 2025-2026 as:

- ☐ A) Declining and a concern
- ☐ B) Stagnant at \$2 billion monthly
- [CORRECT] C) A genuine bright spot running strongly**
- ☐ D) Replaced by FDI as the primary inflow

Explanation: Worker remittances to Pakistan have been described as a genuine bright spot running strongly. The SBP's January 2026 monetary policy statement highlighted strong remittances, and the IMF's third EFF review acknowledged their critical role in containing current account pressures and supporting external stability.

CONSTITUTIONAL & HISTORICAL CONTEXT

45. Pakistan Railways was founded in which year?

- ☐ A) 1847
- [CORRECT] B) 1861**
- ☐ C) 1875
- ☐ D) 1901

Explanation: Pakistan Railways was founded in 1861 during the British colonial period, originally as part of the broader Indian railway network. It remains one of the oldest railway systems in the region.

46. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto studied at which two foreign universities before entering politics?

- ☐ A) Harvard and Cambridge
- [CORRECT] B) UC Berkeley and Oxford**
- ☐ C) MIT and London School of Economics
- ☐ D) Yale and Princeton

Explanation: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (born January 5, 1928 in Larkana, Sindh) studied at the University of California, Berkeley (USA) and Oxford University (UK), where he qualified as a barrister. He entered politics by joining President Iskander Mirza's cabinet in 1958 as the youngest-ever cabinet minister.

47. India and Pakistan have fought how many full-scale wars since partition in 1947?

- ☐ A) Two
- ☐ B) Three
- [CORRECT] C) Four**
- ☐ D) Five

Explanation: India and Pakistan have fought four full-scale wars: in 1947-48, 1965, 1971, and the 1999 Kargil conflict (though Kargil is sometimes classified separately as a limited conflict). Major terror attacks have repeatedly derailed diplomatic engagement between the two countries.

48. Z.A. Bhutto served as Pakistan's Foreign Minister from:

☐ A) 1958-1962

[CORRECT] B) 1963-1966

☐ C) 1966-1971

☐ D) 1971-1977

Explanation: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto served as Pakistan's Foreign Minister from 1963 to 1966 under President Ayub Khan. He later founded the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in 1967 and became Pakistan's first elected civilian President (1971) and then Prime Minister (1973-1977).

49. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) described India's air strikes during Operation Sindoor as:

☐ A) A justified act of self-defence

[CORRECT] B) A grave violation of international human rights law

☐ C) An act requiring UN mediation only

☐ D) A proportionate response to terrorism

Explanation: The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) stated that the casualties of the Indian air strikes during Operation Sindoor were 'a grave violation of international human rights law and could constitute crimes against humanity,' highlighting significant civilian impact concerns.

50. According to Pakistan's IMF EFF program, the primary budget surplus target for FY2026 is:

☐ A) 0.5 percent of GDP

☐ B) 1.0 percent of GDP

[CORRECT] C) 1.6 percent of GDP

☐ D) 2.5 percent of GDP

Explanation: Under Pakistan's IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF) program, Pakistan is required to achieve a primary budget surplus of 1.6 percent of GDP in FY2026, progressing toward 2 percent of GDP in FY2027, as part of fiscal consolidation efforts to achieve long-term sustainability.