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The End of Bipolarity

1. Reasons for the disintegration of the USSR / end of bipolarity

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 4/6 marks

Analyse any three reasons for the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

2. Strength of India-Russia relations among post-communist states

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2026 · 4/6 marks

'Although India has maintained good relations with all the post-communist countries, yet the strongest relations are still between India and Russia'. Explain the reasons with suitable arguments.

3. Effects/consequences of shock therapy after Soviet disintegration

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 6 marks

Examine any three consequences of the Shock therapy.

Alternative Centres of Power

4. Can a given country emerge as an alternative centre of power

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 6 marks

Can Japan effectively function as an alternative centre of power? Support your answer with logical explanation.

5. EU as the strongest/most effective regional organisation

Asked 3× · Board 2022, Board 2023, Sample 2025 · 6 marks

Evaluate the effectiveness of the European Union as the most prominent regional organization.

6. Features and nature of the ASEAN Way of cooperation

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1/2/4 marks

Analyse the 'ASEAN way' as a unique initiative of promoting peace in South-east Asian Countries.

7. Steps/measures behind the rise of the Chinese economy

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2026 · 1/6 marks

Which measure was adopted by China to solve its economic crisis? (A) Like USSR, China also followed 'Shock Therapy'. (B) China ended its economic isolation with the establishment of relations with most of the developing countries of the World. (C) China opened its economy for privatisation step by step for the development of its economy. (D) China focused more on export as compared to import.

Contemporary South Asia

8. SAARC as a regional cooperation initiative and SAFTA

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 4 marks

Read the passage and answer the questions: 'The South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) is a major regional initiative by the South Asian states to evolve co-operation through multilateral means. It began in 1985. Unfortunately due to persisting political differences, SAARC has not had much success. SAARC members signed the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) in 2002 which promised the formation of a free trade zone for the whole of South Asia.' Sub-questions (1 mark each): (i) Which South Asian country is not a founder member of SAARC? (Nepal/Bhutan/Afghanistan/Bangladesh); (ii) The external power that affects the South Asian Countries the most is: (USA/Russia/France/Britain); (iii) The major objective of SAARC is - (to co-operate member states for economic growth, social progress and cultural development through multilateral means, etc.); (iv) Which one is NOT a core objective of SAFTA? (To establish a common currency for SAARC nations, etc.)

9. South Asian peoples share an aspiration for democracy

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4/6 marks

'Despite the mixed record of democratic experiences, the people of South Asian countries share the aspiration for democracy.' Justify the statement with two suitable arguments.

10. Which countries are part of South Asia

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2024 · 1/2 marks

Which one of the following countries is not included in 'South Asia'? (A) Bangladesh (B) China (C) Bhutan (D) Maldives

11. Ethnic conflict / civil strife in Sri Lanka (LTTE)

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2023 · 2/4 marks

Study the cartoon and answer the questions: The cartoon shows the Sri Lankan government (Rajapakse) trying to balance between a lion and a tiger on either side. Sub-questions (1 mark each): (i) The tiger sitting on the right-hand side represents which organisation? (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam etc.); (ii) The conflict in Sri Lanka from 1983 onwards was based on which discrimination? (between two communities etc.); (iii) Which statement about the Sri Lankan crisis is true? (India signed an Accord with Sri Lanka and got involved etc.); (iv) What message does the cartoon convey? (it was very difficult to maintain balance between the two rival groups etc.)

International Organisations

12. Strength/role/relevance of the UN with examples

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Sample 2025 · 2/6 marks

'After the end of the Cold War, the United Nation is working in accordance with the changed realities of the world.' Justify the statement with six arguments.

13. Reform of the UN Security Council and India's claim

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2026 · 4/6 marks

What steps should be taken to strengthen the UNO? Explain any four reasons as to why India should be given a permanent membership in the UN Security Council.

14. Key UN agencies and their functions

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 4/6 marks

Name any three agencies of the United Nations and explain one function of each.

Security in the Contemporary World

15. Cooperative security forms: CBM, arms control, disarmament
Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/2 marks

Describe two forms of cooperative security as per its traditional notion.

16. Traditional notion and measures of national security
Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2026 · 1/4 marks

Highlight any two traditional measures which may be used by different countries to maintain their national security.

17. Difference between traditional and non-traditional security
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1/6 marks

Explain any three differences between the Non-traditional and Traditional notion of security.

18. Security challenges of newly independent Asian-African nations
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 4/6 marks

Explain any three security challenges faced by the newly independent countries of Asia and Africa after the Second World War.

Environment and Natural Resources

19. Earth Summit / Rio 1992 and global environmental politics
Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2026 · 1 marks

Agenda-21 is related to which one of the following? A) Rio Summit B) Antarctic Treaty C) Montreal Protocol D) Antarctic Environmental Protocol

20. Measures/steps to conserve resources and protect the environment
Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4 marks

Suggest any four steps for the Indian Government to take to check the pollution and save the environment.

Globalisation

21. Causes/main cause of globalisation
Asked 4× · Board 2022, Board 2023, Board 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/2/4 marks

Analyse any two causes of globalisation.

22. Welfare state being replaced by the market under globalisation
Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2026 · 1/4 marks

Assertion (A): All over the world, the old 'welfare state' is getting more importance. Reason (R): Due to globalisation, the state withdraws from many of its earlier welfare functions and the market has become the prime determinant of economic and social priorities. Options: (A) Both true and R is the correct explanation of A (B) Both true but R is not the correct explanation of A (C) A is false, but R is true (D) A is true, but R is false

23. Multi-dimensional nature of globalisation
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 2/4 marks

On what grounds can globalisation be considered a multi-dimensional concept? Explain with example.

Challenges of Nation-Building

24. Integration/accession of the princely states (Patel/Manipur)

Asked 4× · Board 2023, Board 2026, Sample 2026 · 1/4/6 marks

Which one of the following statements is NOT correct about the princely states? (A) Princely states were ruled by the princes. (B) All the princely states had accepted to be an integral part of India after the end of British rule. (C) The princes of princely states accepted British supremacy and enjoyed some form of control over their internal affairs. (D) After the end of British paramountcy, the provinces were free to join either India or Pakistan or remain independent.

25. Linguistic states and the role of language in nation-building

Asked 3× · Board 2026, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/6 marks

Which one of the following is the reason that led to the formation of Andhra state in 1952? (A) Realising the need to reorganise the internal boundaries of Indian states at the end of colonial rule. (B) Reorganisation of the Indian National Congress on the basis of linguistic principle after Nagpur session in 1920. (C) Death of the Congress leader, Potti Sriramulu which caused great unrest and led to resignation of several legislators of Madras in protest. (D) The Tamil speaking people of old Madras province demanding the reorganisation of state on the basis of language.

26. Challenges India faced after independence

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 6 marks

Describe any three major challenges that independent India faced immediately after independence.

Era of One-Party Dominance

27. Did Congress one-party dominance affect Indian democracy

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 2/4 marks

'One party dominance did not affect the very essence of Indian democracy.' Justify the statement with any two arguments.

Politics of Planned Development

28. Objectives, role and early initiatives of the Planning Commission

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2026 · 1/2 marks

Highlight any two objectives of establishing the Planning Commission.

29. Development models and the path chosen by India

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2025 · 2/4 marks

List two models of development and give reason for the model adopted by India.

India's External Relations

30. India's role in Afro-Asian unity (Bandung Conference)

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/4/6 marks

Explain the role played by India under Jawaharlal Nehru in maintaining Afro-Asian Unity.

31. India's foreign policy pursuing international peace (Article 51)

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 4/6 marks

'India's Foreign Policy is as per the principles of International Peace and Security as laid down in Article 51 of the Indian Constitution.' Justify the statement with three examples.

32. Objectives/purpose of India's (Nehru's) foreign policy

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2026 · 1 marks

What is the primary purpose of India's foreign policy? A) Pursuing Territorial expansion B) Promoting Economic exploitation C) National security and economic development D) Building exclusive military alliances

Challenges to and Restoration of the Congress System

33. Map: identify states from Congress-system era clues

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 4 marks

In the given outline political map of India, four states have been marked as A, B, C and D. Identify these states on the basis of the information and write their correct names with serial number and alphabet. Clues: I) The state where a coalition called the SVD with the two socialist parties SSP and PSP came to power after 1967 election; II) The state where Congress did not get the majority but formed government with the help from others; III) The state associated with the defection in 1967 election; IV) K. Kamraj was the Chief Minister of this state.

34. Defection and the 'Aya Ram Gaya Ram' phenomenon

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1/2 marks

Identify the State with which the phrase 'Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram' is related to. (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh (C) Haryana (D) Rajasthan

35. Economic crisis/problems before the 1967 general elections

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1/2 marks

State the severe economic crisis prior to the fourth general elections of 1967.

36. Reasons for the split of the Congress Party in 1969

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2025 · 1/2 marks

Identify the main reason for the split in Congress Party in 1969. (A) Change in the ideology of Congress Party (B) Dominance of the Congress Syndicate (C) Difference of opinion among the opposition parties (D) Opposition parties came together

The Crisis of Democratic Order

37. Reasons and outcomes of the 1977 Lok Sabha elections

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2026 · 4 marks

Explain any four outcomes of Lok Sabha elections of 1977.

38. Map: identify states from Emergency/1977 era clues

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 4 marks

In the given political outline map of India, four states have been marked as A, B, C and D. Identify these on the basis of the information and write their correct names with serial number and alphabet. Clues: (i) The state related to student movement against inflation and corruption in 1974; (ii) The state related to the farmer's leader Chaudhary Charan Singh; (iii) The state related to Congress leader Jag Jeevan Ram; (iv) The state where Congress could not win even a single Lok Sabha seat in 1977 elections.

39. Role of Jayaprakash Narayan and Total Revolution

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2025 · 2/4 marks

Describe the role of Jaya Prakash Narayan in Indian National Politics.

40. Formation and instability of the first coalition (Janata) government

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2023 · 2 marks

In which year was the first coalition government formed in India and why?

Regional Aspirations

41. Regional aspirations as democratic politics / nation-building / unity in diversity

Asked 5× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2026 · 2/4/6 marks

'The demands of various regional aspirations during 1980s was a step towards nation building.' Support the statement with argument.

42. Assam movement against outsiders and the Assam Accord

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 4/6 marks

Do you agree that the Assam accord was successful in establishing peace and stability in the State? Support your answer with any two arguments.

Recent Developments in Indian Politics

43. Rise of coalition/multi-party politics and end of Congress system after 1989

Asked 3× · Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 2/6 marks

Describe any four factors responsible for the rise of coalition governments at the centre after the year 1989.

44. Areas of emerging consensus among political parties after 1989

Asked 3× · Board 2022, Board 2026, Sample 2026 · 6 marks

Describe any four issues on which a broad agreement has emerged among most political parties.

45. Major political developments of the 1989-1999 period

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 6 marks

Describe any three major developments that took place in Indian politics in the last decade of the 20th century.

46. Chronological ordering of coalition-era events/PMs

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Arrange the following events in chronological order: (i) Assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi; (ii) Formation of the First Non-Congress coalition government at the centre; (iii) Sixteenth Lok Sabha elections; (iv) The Mandal Commission gave its recommendations. Choose the correct option.

47. Recommendations of the Mandal Commission

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 2/6 marks

Describe any three recommendations of the Mandal Commission to solve the problems of the other backward classes.

48. Changes in Indian politics after 2014

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2024 · 2/6 marks

Explain any two changes that came in Indian politics after 2014 as compared to the period 1989 to 2014.

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