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# INTERNAL SECURITY

## 1. DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS OF SOCIETY

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- Q. How do you perceive the evolving definition of national security beyond military aspects, incorporating elements like political, economic, cyber, and environmental security?
- Q. Can you highlight the interplay between these dimensions in contemporary global security challenges?
- Q. In your opinion, what role does a 'Whole-of-Nation Approach' play in ensuring comprehensive national security? How would you advocate for the integration of various sectors such as government, private industry, and civil society to address these multifaceted security concerns?

## 2. ETHNIC CONFLICTS AND THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY

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- Q. What are the causes and consequences of tribal conflict in Northeast India? What measures can be adopted to promote peace and harmony in the region?
- Q. How would you address the complex challenges of ethnic conflicts in regions like Manipur, considering illegal migration, narcotics, weapon smuggling, and external influences as significant threats to national security?
- Q. When addressing ethnic conflicts, how can a government effectively balance security measures with protecting fundamental human rights, especially concerning displacement, gender-based violence, and cultural preservation?
- Q. In what ways can regional cooperation and diplomacy be leveraged to resolve the complexities of ethnic conflicts, considering geopolitical influences and cross-border dynamics?
- Q. How can a nation ensure accountability for human rights violations during ethnic conflicts, given the challenges in identifying perpetrators and providing justice to affected communities?

## 3. THE IDEOLOGY OF KHALISTAN, A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY

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- Q. How might the historical grievances of the Sikh community be addressed within the framework of a unified, pluralistic India, balancing regional autonomy and national unity?

- Q. In your view, how does the global diaspora's support for the Khalistan movement impact India's internal stability and its international relations?
- Q. Do you believe that addressing socio-economic disparities and historical injustices in Punjab could contribute significantly to mitigating separatist sentiments within the Sikh community?
- Q. What measures could be implemented to effectively counter the Khalistan movement's ideological narrative without compromising on the democratic principles and secular fabric of the nation?
- Q. Considering the socio-political complexities surrounding the Khalistan ideology, how might fostering dialogue and inclusivity within the Sikh community aid in resolving their concerns within the framework of the Indian nation?

#### 4. MIGRATION AND THREAT TO SECURITY

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- Q. How would you navigate the delicate balance between addressing legitimate security concerns and upholding humanitarian values when formulating policies regarding migration, particularly in cases where migration is perceived as a threat to internal security?
- Q. In your view, what strategies could be implemented to mitigate the potential security risks associated with migration, especially concerning issues like terrorism, economic strain, and social instability, while still ensuring the protection of human rights?
- Q. Considering the multifaceted nature of migration's impact on internal security, how might a government effectively address concerns such as economic threats and social instability without compromising the principles of inclusivity and diversity?
- Q. When addressing the perceived threat of migration to internal security, how important is it to differentiate between genuine security risks and misconceptions or biases about migrants? How would you propose managing this distinction in policy-making?
- Q. Amid concerns about the rise of militancy and potential conflicts of interest due to migration, what measures would you advocate to foster social cohesion and prevent the exploitation of migration-related insecurities for divisive agendas?

#### 5. INDIA'S FIRST NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

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- Q. How should India balance transparency and safeguarding sensitive information while formulating its first National Security Strategy, considering diverse security challenges?
- Q. What steps would you suggest to unify differing viewpoints among government departments for India's cohesive National Security Strategy?
- Q. Why is it crucial for India to articulate a clear National Security Strategy amidst rising geopolitical tensions, and how can it manage the risks associated with revealing sensitive security information?
- Q. How would you address diverse security threats like information warfare, economic security, and environmental challenges in India's National Security Strategy?
- Q. In comparison to other nations, how might India's approach to its National Security Strategy align or differ, given its unique security complexities?

## **6. CATEGORISATION OF TERRORISM ON THE BASIS OF MOTIVATION IS 'DANGEROUS'**

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- Q. How would you navigate the complexity of categorizing terrorism based on motivations, considering India's stance that such categorization is hazardous?
- Q. In combating terrorism, how crucial is global cooperation in addressing challenges like terror financing and the use of emerging technology by terrorist groups?
- Q. Considering the challenges in enacting the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT), how would you advocate for its implementation to strengthen global counter-terrorism efforts?
- Q. What strategies would you propose to address the politicization of counter-terrorism measures by powerful entities like the P5, ensuring more effective identification and action against terrorist individuals and groups?
- Q. How can international efforts be bolstered to curb the exploitation of social networking platforms by terrorist networks, while also preserving freedom of speech and expression online?

## **7. VIOLENCE AND LEFT-WING EXTREMISM (LWE) IN INDIA**

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- Q. How effective do you consider the combined soft and hard approach in combating Left-wing extremism (LWE) in India, given the decline in civilian and security force casualties over the years?
- Q. In your opinion, which specific initiatives from the soft approach, like community engagement and skill development schemes, play a more pivotal role in addressing the root causes of LWE in affected regions?
- Q. Considering the decline in LWE incidents and affected districts, how would you prioritize ongoing strategies—such as police modernization, rehabilitation policies, or infrastructure development—in further reducing the LWE impact while fostering sustainable development in affected areas?
- Q. How important is it for the government to strike a balance between security-focused initiatives like the Security Related Expenditure Scheme and community-oriented programs like the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme in effectively tackling LWE?
- Q. In what ways could the success or limitations of the Surrender and Rehabilitation policy for Naxalites be measured, and how might it be enhanced to encourage more surrenders and long-term rehabilitation in LWE-affected regions?

## **8. EMERGING NEW THREATS**

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- Q. Cyberwarfare is considered by some defence analysts to be a larger threat than even Al Qaeda or terrorism. What do you understand by Cyberwarfare?
- Q. How can India effectively balance the need for technological advancement, crucial for national development, while safeguarding against emerging threats like cybercrime and disruptive technologies that have the potential to breach national security?

- Q. Considering the significance of border infrastructure in fortifying national security, how would you prioritize between modernizing armed forces and bolstering infrastructure development along India's borders to address both conventional and emerging threats effectively?
- Q. In light of the challenges posed by technology-driven threats like drones and sophisticated surveillance, how would you propose India adapt its security measures to effectively counter these evolving technologies without compromising on technological advancements for societal progress?

## 9. THE RISE OF 'COMMUNALISM', A THREAT TO INDIA

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- Q. How do you perceive the impact of communalism on social harmony, and what strategies do you think are crucial to address and mitigate its effects in a diverse and multicultural society?
- Q. How significant is the role of political parties in either perpetuating or mitigating communal tensions in India, and what measures could be taken to diminish the use of religion as a tool for political gain?
- Q. With communalism posing a threat to India's unity and secular ideals, how crucial is it for governmental bodies to proactively address the root causes and prevent communal violence, considering the ramifications on human rights and societal cohesion?

## 10. INTEROPERABLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

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- Q. Discuss the need for interoperable criminal justice system in India. What are the challenges in deploying this technology in policing?
- Q. How crucial is the role of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) in enhancing coordination among different pillars of the criminal justice system, and what impact could it have on improving overall law enforcement?
- Q. In your opinion, what potential challenges might arise in the nationwide implementation of the ICJS project, and how could these challenges be effectively addressed to ensure its success?

## 11. INTEGRATION OF CENTRAL AGENCY WITH CRIME AND CRIMINAL TRACKING NETWORK SYSTEM (CCTNS)

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- Q. How does the integration of data from Central agencies like CBI and NIA with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) contribute to a more psychologically informed approach for preventing crime?
- Q. What is Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS)? How will CCTNS help in creating effective policing in India?

## **12. SOCIAL MEDIA & RISKS ASSOCIATED**

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- Q. How can governments navigate the delicate balance between regulating social media platforms for security purposes and upholding freedom of expression in the digital realm?
- Q. What measures should social media platforms take to enhance accountability while respecting user privacy and preventing the spread of misinformation or extremist content?
- Q. In your view, how crucial is it for law enforcement agencies to adapt swiftly to the evolving landscape of social media for effective crime prevention and intelligence gathering?
- Q. What role should digital literacy and education play in mitigating the negative impacts of social media, such as addiction and the dissemination of false information?
- Q. How might increased collaboration between nations help address the challenges of cross-border social media monitoring and regulation, considering the complexities of jurisdiction and accountability?

## **13. SPLINTER-NET**

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- Q. In your opinion, what are the potential implications of countries implementing measures to control and restrict internet access based on factors like politics, nationalism, or religion? Can such measures strike a balance between national interests and maintaining a globally connected digital space?"

## **14. ANTI-TERROR LAWS IN INDIA AND ITS REPEAL**

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- Q. There has been a frequent change in anti-terror laws in India. What are the reasons behind such changes?
- Q. What measures can be undertaken for effective implementation of the present anti-terror laws?
- Q. Terrorism is a complex, man-made phenomenon with repercussions for every aspect of society.
- Q. Discuss along with measures taken by India toward strategic alliances with regional and international stakeholders on countering terrorism.
- Q. The scourge of terrorism is a grave challenge to national security. What solutions do you suggest to curb this growing menace?

## **15. ORGANISED CRIME AND ITS NEXUS WITH TERRORISM**

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- Q. How critical is international cooperation in combating the nexus between organized crime and terrorism, considering the globalized nature of criminal activities and their impact on national security?



- Q. What strategies would you advocate to break the symbiotic relationship between terrorist groups and organized crime, considering the exchange of resources like arms and finance for mutual benefit?
- Q. In your view, how crucial is it for governments to prioritize the implementation of specialized units and enhanced legal frameworks to effectively counter the growing nexus between organized crime and terrorism?
- Q. How might political commitment play a pivotal role in disrupting the unholy nexus between politicians, bureaucrats, and criminal groups, especially in regions where these ties facilitate criminal activities?
- Q. What role can public awareness and media play in addressing the challenges posed by organized crime and terrorism, especially in dismantling the networks that operate across borders and exploit technological advancements for illicit activities?

## 16. SOLUTION TO RADICALISATION IN INDIA

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- Q. What is the role of the internet and social media in radicalisation?
- Q. Suggest measures required to be taken to eradicate the menace of radicalisation in India.

## 17. DRUG TRAFFICKING

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- Q. How critical is international collaboration in curbing drug trafficking, especially considering its implications on both national security and global stability?
- Q. In your opinion, what role does public awareness play in combating drug trafficking, and how can it be effectively leveraged to mitigate the societal impacts and foster a more informed citizenry?
- Q. Considering the multifaceted challenges posed by drug trafficking, what proactive measures would you suggest to strike a balance between law enforcement efforts, rehabilitation programs, and addressing the root causes of drug abuse within society?
- Q. How might the integration of technology and modern surveillance methods aid in combating the increasingly sophisticated methods employed by drug traffickers, especially in the online domain?
- Q. In your view, how can countries like India strengthen their border security measures to effectively curb the infiltration of drug cartels and transnational criminal networks, thereby bolstering national security?

## 18. INSURGENCY IN NORTH EAST

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- Q. Considering the multifaceted nature of insurgency in the Northeast, how crucial is a balance between stringent security measures and socio-economic development in effectively addressing the root causes of conflict?
- Q. In your opinion, what role does regional autonomy and cultural integration play in mitigating insurgency, and how can these factors be strategically utilized to foster a sense of inclusivity and regional stability?



- Q. How significant is cross-border cooperation and management, especially regarding porous borders, in curbing the movement and operational bases of insurgent groups in the Northeast region?
- Q. Given the challenges posed by geographical terrain and cultural diversity, what innovative strategies could be implemented to enhance communication infrastructure and integrate the region more effectively with the mainland?
- Q. How might the merging of administrative bodies like DoNER with NEC contribute to more streamlined development initiatives and better coordination in addressing the socio-economic disparities that fuel insurgency in the Northeast?

## 19. CRYPTO CURRENCY & THREATS TO INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY

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- Q. Do you think Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 is relevant in the context of virtual assets.
- Q. What measure to be taken to combat the challenges arising from crypto currency?

## 20. INFILTRATION:

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- Q. How do you think the socio-economic development of border areas can serve as a dual-purpose strategy, enhancing national security and fostering a sense of inclusivity among border communities?
- Q. Considering the multifaceted challenges posed by infiltration, what innovative approaches could India adopt, blending technology and traditional security measures, to effectively manage and secure its porous borders?
- Q. In your opinion, what role does international cooperation play in curbing infiltration and cross-border threats, and how can India leverage diplomatic relationships to address these challenges?
- Q. Given the diverse factors contributing to infiltration, how crucial is it to balance security measures with diplomatic dialogue and economic development, especially in regions facing issues like alienation and social inequality?
- Q. How might the successful implementation of high-tech border security systems like BOLD-QIT contribute to not just intercepting infiltration but also preventing the associated consequences like terrorism, insurgency, and illicit smuggling across borders?