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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR**

- Q. Is the conflict between Russia and Ukraine now a war of attrition?
- Q. In midst of Russia-Ukraine war, what should be the position of India?

2. **WAR CRIMES AND RULES OF WAR:**

- Q. Why is India not a party to the Rome Statue? And Should India consider joining the same?
- Q. What are the current mechanisms with respect to redressal of grievances for war crimes?

3. **NATO AND INDIA'S STRATEGIC AUTONOMY:**

- Q. What are the pros and cons of the scenario with respect to India joining the NATO?
- Q. Compare Quad and NATO.

4. **WOLF WARRIOR DIPLOMACY OF CHINA:**

- Q. Has the lone wolf diplomacy of China helped it escape the accountability that it should have been held to for the COVID pandemic?
- Q. Is it correct to say that China's Lone Wolf strategy is based on the ideology of "Offence is the Best Defence"

5. **INDIA'S REFUGEE POLICY:**

- Q. Why is India not a signatory to any major international agreement on refugees?
- Q. Should India create a focused policy on refugees?

6. **INDIA-NEPAL: MOVING BEYOND THE HURDLES OF THE PAST:**

- Q. Suggest measures to revitalize relations between India and Nepal
- Q. What is the position of Nepal in India's Neighborhood First policy

7. INDIA'S ADVANCE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON ACT EAST POLICY:

- Q. What does Net Security Provider mean?
- Q. What factors bind the defense relations between India and East Asian countries?

8. INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Q. Is G-20 more about posturing than about actual substance?
- Q. Major take aways from New Delhi Declaration

9. INDIA-US 2+2:

- Q. State the objectives of India-US 2+2 arrangement
- Q. What does India stand to gain from LEMOA, COMCASA and BECA specifically?
- Q. What do you understand by the term Indo-Pacific? And what is its importance for India?

10. ROLE OF UNHCR:

- Q. What are the reasons for UNHCR not being as effective as it should be?
- Q. Do you think UNCHR's approach towards helping refugees is selective?

11. INDIA'S ANTARCTIC ACT, 2022:

- Q. Is India's Antarctica Act 2022 oriented towards both scientific and strategy goals?
- Q. How will Antarctica Act create extra-territorial jurisdiction?

12. INDIA-UK AND CHANGING DYNAMICS:

- Q. What stands in the way of India and UK signing a comprehensive free trade agreement?
- Q. Have India's relations to UK seen an upswing since Rishi Sunak took up the Prime Ministership?

13. INDIA-AUSTRALIA BILATERAL RELATIONS:

- Q. How is China becoming the binding factor between India-Australia relations?
- Q. Has Quad become the Marshall Plan of the current century?

14. INDIA-GERMANY MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

- Q. Explain the importance of Germany in India's foreign trade initiatives
- Q. What is the importance of Germany in today's continental Europe?

15. INDIA'S SOFT POWER:

- Q. Define Soft Power
- Q. Is soft power substitute for hard power?

16. INDIA'S AFRICA OUTLOOK:

- Q. Why is Africa termed as the Continent of tomorrow?
- Q. What are the areas of convergence with respect to India and Africa?

17. FATF AND PAKISTAN:

- Q. Has FATF failed in its responsibility to curb terror financing?
- Q. What are the implications of FATF removing Pakistan from the grey list?

18. US-CHINA RELATIONS:

- Q. Has the vision of G-2 seen a dead-end?
- Q. To what extent do the relations between US and China impact India?

19. US-RUSSIA RELATIONS:

- Q. Has India become the fulcrum between US and Russia?
- Q. Have the iron curtains yet again fallen on Eastern

20. UN REFORMS

- Q. What is the Koffee Klub?
- Q. What are the main obstacles in the reforms of United Nations Security Council?
- Q. What is G-4?

21. WHO'S ROLE IN RECENT TIMES

- Q. Taking lessons from the global pandemic of COVID-19 what reforms are needed in WHO to make it more effective?
- Q. What major programmes of WHO are run in India?

22. RESTRUCTURING OF GLOBAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

- Q. Why is democratization of international financial institutions difficult to be achieved?
- Q. How has India's relations with IMF and World bank evolved over the period of time?

23. CHANGING WORLD ORDER:

- Q. What is NIEO?
- Q. What would be the essence of the New World Order?

24. EMERGING CLIMATE DIPLOMACY:

- Q. What are India's commitments in Paris Peace Agreement? And has India commitment more than its share for the purpose of halting climate change?
- Q. What is International Solar Alliance? And has it let to elevation of India's stature at the world level?

25. INDIA-EGYPT SIGN PACT TO ELEVATE TIES TO 'STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP':

- Q. Despite friendly relations between India and Egypt, why haven't the two seen boom in their bilateral trade?
- Q. Elaborate on the importance of Suez Canal for India

26. INDUS WATER TREATY:

- Q. Elaborate on the main provisions of Indus Water Treaty?
- Q. Despite the ups and downs in India-Pakistan relations, Indus Water Treaty has more or less remained sacred. What are the reasons for the same?

27. EU'S NEW CRYPTO-LEGISLATION:

- Q. What can India learn from the crypto-legislation that EU has adopted?
- Q. Will crypto be the new avenue of "hot money"?

28. INDIA-GREECE TIES UPGRADED TO STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:

- Q. How important is Greece from the point of view India's foreign trade with continental and eastern Europe?
- Q. What is the Blue Growth Strategy?

29. INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (IMEC):

- Q. What benefits will accrue to India through the IMEC?
- Q. Will IMEC progress in bringing the divided Arab World together?

30. INDIA-CANADA DIPLOMATIC ROW

- Q. What are the reasons for strong Khalistani Movement to be active in Canada?
- Q. What is 5-eye intelligence?
- Q. What would be repercussions of deterioration of India-Canada relations?
- Q. How can the relations between India and Canada be repaired after the recent setback?

31. HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR

- Q. What has been and what should be India's position with respect to Hamas-Israel conflict?
- Q. How would Hamas-Palestine war effect India's relations with the Arab World?
- Q. What steps should be taken by India to bring the Arab-Palestine conflict to end?