

TEST: 6 - IR + WORLD HISTORY

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR)

UPSC Syllabus

- India and its neighborhood- relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests,
- Indian diaspora
- Important International institutions, agencies and fora, their structure, mandate

Sub-Topic Listing

(1) INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

■ Evolution and Challenges

- ▶ Evolution of India's foreign policy (Including NAM, Look East and Gujral Doctrine)
- ▶ Determinants and challenges of India's Foreign Policy

■ Recent Policies

- ▶ Neighborhood first policy
- ▶ Act east policy
- ▶ Link west policy
- ▶ Indian ocean outreach
- ▶ Soft Power and Hard Power diplomacy
- ▶ Defence and Nuclear Diplomacy
- ▶ Space diplomacy
- ▶ Para diplomacy-A New Way for Indian Foreign Policy?
- ▶ Middle Power Coalition
- ▶ Significance of PMO in foreign policy making
- ▶ India's Strategic Connect with the World
- ▶ Rise of Realpolitik in India's Foreign Policy in recent times
- ▶ Indian Diaspora

(2) INDIA AND ITS NEIGHBOURS

■ India-China

- ▶ Border dispute
- ▶ China's string of pearls

- ▶ China's Belt and Road Initiative: Prospects and Pitfalls

- Maritime Silk Road" linking the Indian and Pacific Oceans
- Why India is alarmed regarding BRI?

- ▶ India's trade deficit with China
- ▶ China's Malacca Dilemma
- ▶ 2+1 Dialogue mechanism proposed by China
- ▶ A rising China: Challenges the US primacy in Asia and role of India
- ▶ Chinese project of diverting Tibetan waters
- ▶ South China Sea: objection of China to India's presence
- ▶ China denies CPEC backing as 'debt trap' for Pakistan (Debt trap diplomacy of China)
- ▶ The Unintended Consequences of India's Policy on Citizenship for Tibetan Refugees
- ▶ China's Economic Slowdown

■ India-Pakistan

- ▶ Indo-Pak Relations : Border Dispute and J&K issue
- ▶ Terrorism emanating from Pakistan
- ▶ Indus waters policy shift
- ▶ Dispute over Gilgit-Baltistan
- ▶ CPEC in PoK
- ▶ Nuclear India-Pak-US
- ▶ Indian stance regarding Baluchistan

■ India Bhutan

- ▶ Bhutan's significance for Indian Foreign policy
- ▶ India-Bhutan Friendship Treaty
- ▶ Objection of Bhutan to India's Motor vehicle agreement
- ▶ Bhutan's rejection of China's BRI

■ India-Nepal

- ▶ Indo-Nepal Relations : Fluctuating ties
- ▶ Nepal's tilt towards China
- ▶ Nepal-China Transit Agreement: An Evaluation
- ▶ India's concern about Nepal's new Constitution
- ▶ The Issue of Water and Hydropower Cooperation
- ▶ Nepal Bharat Maitri Project

■ India-Myanmar

- ▶ Democracy in Myanmar
- ▶ Scope for cooperation between N-E India & Myanmar
- ▶ Rohingya issue
- ▶ Buddhist Chauvinism
- ▶ Major Projects: Kaladan multi-modal corridor, India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway

■ India-Bangladesh

- ▶ Indo-Bangladesh Relations
- ▶ Water Dispute Teesta water issue & Ganga river dispute
- ▶ Bangladesh demand to stop the construction of the Tipaimukh Hydro-Electric Power Project on the Barak River
- ▶ Differences in approach of India and China towards Bangladesh
- ▶ Illegal Immigration
- ▶ Understanding Bangladesh's Unexpected Development Success

■ India-Afghanistan

- ▶ Instability in Afghanistan and role of India
- ▶ India's cooperation in Afghanistan
- ▶ Moscow Format

■ India-Maldives

- ▶ Geostrategic Importance of Maldives
- ▶ Recent developments in Maldives exemplifying recalibration of ties
- ▶ FTA Between China And Maldives - Warning For India

■ India-Srilanka

- ▶ Sino-Sri Lanka Relationship

- ▶ Fishermen issue

- ▶ Issues on 13th amendment (Tamil & Minority Rights)
- ▶ Human Right violations & OHCHR Resolution on Sri Lanka

■ Indian Ocean Region

- ▶ Indian Ocean region and world affairs
- ▶ India is a "Net Security Provider" of the Indian Ocean
- ▶ Increasing Chinese influence in the Indian Ocean
- ▶ 20 years of formation of IORA
- ▶ Piracy in the Indian Ocean
- ▶ Seychelles' parliament refusal to ratify an Indian naval base plan on the Assumption Island
- ▶ Importance of Seychelles to India

■ Indo-Pacific

- ▶ Concept of Indo-Pacific from perspectives different countries
- ▶ East Asia Summit acts as a bridge for Indo-Pacific region
- ▶ India-Pacific Regional Dialogue

■ SAARC/BIMSTEC/BBIN

- ▶ SAARC: Challenges and Prospects
- ▶ Intra-low regional trade
- ▶ BIMSTEC as an alternative to SAARC
- ▶ Nepal withdrew from first ever BIMSTEC's military drill in India.
- ▶ Progress of BBIN project

■ Global Issues

- ▶ Disarmament
- ▶ Climate Change
- ▶ Terrorism
- ▶ Global Governance
- ▶ Indian Diaspora

(3) INDIA AND EXTENDED NEIGHBOURHOOD

■ India-Indonesia

- ▶ Indonesia's vision as a "Global Maritime Axis." and its significance for India

■ India-Singapore

- ▶ India-Singapore Bilateral Agreement for naval cooperation

■ Thailand

- ▶ Indo-Thai relations: Challenges & opportunities

■ India-Vietnam

- ▶ India -Vietnam's strategic cooperation

■ India-ASEAN

- ▶ Importance of ASEAN in establishing peace and stability in region
- ▶ ASEAN-India Relations: Prospects and Challenges in Economic Partnership
- ▶ India's cooperation with the ASEAN has been less than China and Japan

(4) Central Asia

- ▶ Connect Central Asia Policy
- ▶ Importance of central Asia
- ▶ Golden Crescent
- ▶ Connectivity Projects (INSTC, Ashgabat Agreement, TAPI Pipeline)

■ India Mongolia

- ▶ India-Mongolia Bilateral Cooperation
- ▶ Mongolia launched construction of first strategically oil refinery ,constructed by India

(5) West Asia/Middle East

- ▶ Importance of West Asia for India
- ▶ Change in West Asian strategic thinking
- ▶ China's engagement in West Asia and challenges to India
- ▶ Reasons behind India's active strategic engagements with West Asian countries without participating in West Asian turmoil
- ▶ Shia-Sunni wedge in West Asian countries
- ▶ Importance of Saudi Arabia ,Challenges in India-Saudi Arabia Relations
- ▶ Plight on Indian migrant workers.
- ▶ Relations between India and United Arab Emirates
- ▶ Middle East to India Deep water Pipeline (MEIDP)

■ India-Iran

- ▶ Consolidating India-Iran Cooperation
- ▶ Connectivity- Importance of Chabahar port
- ▶ Iran nuclear deal: Iran Sanctions & India's Options

■ India Israel:

- ▶ From 'in the closet' into a fast-developing open relationship
- ▶ strategic significance of the Indo-Israeli relationship
- ▶ De-hyphenation of Israel and Palestine

(6) INDIA AND WORLD

■ India-Africa

- ▶ India-Africa Trade relations: Prospects
- ▶ Contribution of Indian Diaspora in various

fields in Africa.

- ▶ African co-operation in ensuring security and peace in Indian Ocean region
- ▶ India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Africa's hydrocarbon sector.
- ▶ Strategic Partnership between India and South Africa

■ India-Europe

- ▶ The first India-Nordic Summit
- ▶ What is GDPR? its implication for India
- ▶ influx of refugees into Europe
- ▶ irritants between India-EU (FTA)
- ▶ A new European Union strategy for India
- ▶ Ukrainian Crisis' has lead to resurgence of cold war
- ▶ Brief on India-UK relations
- ▶ Brief on India-France relations

■ India and USA

- ▶ Brief of India-US relations
- ▶ Mutually supportive Defence cooperation relationship
- ▶ logjams in implementation of civil nuclear cooperation agreement between India and the USA
- ▶ Bilateral Social Security Agreements
- ▶ The rise of protectionist regime in USA and the challenges for the Indian
- ▶ Importance of New Security strategy (NSS)of USA for India
- ▶ Recent US extraterritorial Sanctions and their potential impacts on India
- ▶ Potential impact of US sanctions towards Russia, Iran and North Korea using CAATSA on US-India relation,
- ▶ USA pulls out of INF treaty-Its implication for India
- ▶ Pivot to the East policy of the USA
- ▶ The Arithmetic of India-U.S. Relations and the Russian Factor
- ▶ The First India-US 2+2 Dialogue: An Assessment
- ▶ Challenges in Implementing JCPOA after the US Withdrawal
- ▶ LEMA-Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement
- ▶ Visa, Free Trade and WTO

■ India-Canada

- ▶ Uranium Deal

■ India-Russia

- ▶ India's increasing defence deal with USA, Israel

- ▶ Russian arms deal with Pakistan
- ▶ Stagnation between India-Russia Relations
- ▶ Russian proposal of 'Eurasian Economic Union

■ India-Japan

- ▶ Japan's funding of major projects in India
- ▶ Nuclear Pact
- ▶ Japan's Pacifism
- ▶ 13th annual India - Japan summit

■ India-Australia

- ▶ Australia's "An India Economic Strategy to 2035", a vision document
- ▶ Nuclear cooperation between India-Australia

(7) INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION AND GLOBAL ISSUES

■ United Nation and UNSC

- ▶ UNSC Reforms : Importance and Challenges

■ BRICS

- ▶ Advantages of setting up the New Development Bank
- ▶ Prospects and Challenges of BRICS

■ Commonwealth

- ▶ Shared history of Commonwealth
- ▶ Relevance in current time and Areas of Cooperation

■ Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- ▶ Benefits and challenges of India's entry in SCO

■ IMF – The International Monetary Fund:

- ▶ issues concerning the reforms in Bretton Wood twins and needs structural reforms to reflect post globalization realities of the world

■ NATO – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization:

- ▶ Relevance of NATO in post USSR era

■ TPP – The Trans-Pacific Partnership:

- ▶ Will RCEP prove to be a competitor of TPP in the Asia-Pacific region

■ WTO – The World Trade Organization:

- ▶ Doha round and Singapore Agenda: Challenges in implementation
- ▶ USA-India dispute
- ▶ Need to revamp WTO

■ Arctic Council:

- ▶ Arctic is attracting global interest

■ IAEA

- ▶ India's nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards

■ Sub Topic: UK Referendum – Brexit

- ▶ consequences of Brexit for United Kingdom and European Union,
- ▶ effect of Brexit on China and India

■ Sub Topic: Refugee problem:

- ▶ Does the world need a new UN convention on refugees
- ▶ United Nations member states (except the U.S. and Hungary) agreed on a Global Compact for Migration to better manage international migration

■ Sub Topic: Terrorism:

- ▶ Reasons of rise of far right wing politics in many developed and developing countries
- ▶ the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT)
- ▶ UNSC's 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee on Jaish-e-Mohammad Chief Masood Azhar
- ▶ Security Council Resolution 2322 to enhance the efficacy of international legal and judicial systems
- ▶ Lone-wolf attacks.

■ Yemen Crisis-

- ▶ Yemen Crisis: Reasons and impacts

■ South China Sea

- ▶ Contention over South China Sea and South China Sea Ruling
- ▶ Senkaku and Diaoyu conflict between China and Japan
- ▶ Role of India in the wake of increasing South China Sea dispute

■ Other

- ▶ World coming towards a new multi-polar order with USA as a waning superpower and China-Russia axis as an emerging challenger
- ▶ India and the International Solar Alliance
- ▶ Venezuela-Columbia Border Issue
- ▶ AIIB & The Changing World Order
- ▶ Multilateral export control regimes : Significance and challenges of India's Entry
- ▶ US-Venezuela Stand-off : Impact on Global Oil Prices
- ▶ Renaissance and Reticence in India's North-South Connectivity Platform
- ▶ Strategic Petroleum Reserves: Stocking Oil for Rainy Days

- ▶ QUAD: Strategic and economic benefits
 - ▶ India has been accorded associate member status by IEA,: Its importance for India
 - ▶ Why RIC is as important to India as JAI and BRICS?
 - ▶ Rising Protectionism and Currency Wars
- **Indian Diaspora**
 - ▶ Role played by Indian Diaspora
 - ▶ Issue of safety of Indians abroad
 - ▶ Schemes for Welfare of Overseas Indian
 - ▶ Indian Diaspora in Gulf
 - ▶ Nitaqat law and Present Status

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(1) Foreign Policy of India

- Foreign Policy of India
- Virtue of Soft Power
- Middle Power Coalition
- Terrorism
- Appendix: Global Terrorism Index 2017
- Diplomacy of Buddhism
- Indian Navy at the Front Seat of Indian Foreign Policy
- Indian Diaspora
- Indian Diaspora in Gulf

(2) Neighbours

- India's Neighbourhood Policy
- China
- South China Sea ruling
- Water Diplomacy through Dams
- Chumbhi Valley and Doklam Plateau
- Why China is Winning over India's Neighbors?
- India, China ink fi rst-ever Internal Security Cooperation Agreement
- Nepal
- Rebooting India Nepal Ties
- Nepal Withdrew From First Ever BIMSTEC's military drill in India
- Pakistan
- Shift Indus Waters Treaty Policy
- Afghanistan
- Heart of Asia Conference
- Sri Lanka
- Bangladesh
- Myanmar
- Maldives
- FTA between China and Maldives - Warning

for India

- Bhutan

(3) Bilateral Relations

- Act East Policy
- Australia
- Indonesia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Philippines
- Iran
- Saudi Arabia
- U AE
- Slowdown in West Asia
- Return of Retrenched Workers
- Race for Resources in Central Asia
- Kazakshtan
- Mongolia
- Island Nations
- Africa
- Nigeria

(4) GLOBAL POWERS

- USA
- A new European Union strategy for India
- Germany
- Japan
- Appendix: Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC)
- France
- Russia
- Decline in Indo-Russia Relations
- Why RIC is as important to India as JAI and

- BRICS?
- UK
- Brazil
- Israel
- India's De-hyphenated Policy

(5) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AGREEMENT

- IMF
- World Bank
- WTO
- G-20
- ASEAN
- BIMSTEC
- Indian Ocean region and world affairs
- BRICS
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and India
- Multilateral Negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Ban
- Wassenaar Arrangement and India

- India Admitted to Australia Group
- IAEA
- Nuclear Security Summit
- Non-Alignment Movement (NAM)
- UNSC Reform

(6) GLOBAL ISSUES

- International Terrorism
- Migration Crisis in Europe
- Rising Protectionism and Currency Wars
- Greek Debt Crisis
- Iran Nuclear Deal
- Us Sanctions on Iran
- Global Initiative Launched to Fight Fake News
- What does US Recognition of Jerusalem Means?
- YEMEN WAR and Implications
- Why Saudi Arabia is Moving Towards Reforms?
- Rohingya Repatriation Deal Signed

(7) Etc.

WORLD HISTORY

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- History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redraw of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization
- Political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism, etc. their forms and effect on the society.

Sub-Topic Listing

(1) Industrial Revolution

- Decline of feudalism
- Beginning of Renaissance
- Pre-industrial Europe
- Factors that led to industrial revolution and its Impact

(2) French Revolution

- Causes of the revolution in France
- France under Napoleon
- Impact and Significance of revolution

(3) Nationalism in Europe

- Rise of the nation- state system
- Unification of Italy and Germany

(4) Colonialism and Imperialism

- Colonialism and its Analysis
- The age of Imperialism (1870-1914)
- Imperialism in Asia

(5) Emergence of USA

- Foundation of American Colonies
- The Independence of USA
- The American Revolutionary War and its impact
- Political Effects of the Revolution
- How did the American Revolution influence the French Revolution?

(6) World War-I

- Causes and Course of the war
- Consequences of World War I
- Aftermath of World War I
- League of Nations

(7) Russian Revolution

- Major events in pre-revolution Russia
- Causes and Course of revolution
- Consequences and Aftermath of the war
- Post-Lenin Russia

(8) Inter-War Years (1919 To 1939)

- The Great Depression- an economic perspective
- Rise of Fascism in Italy&Nazism in Germany
- Soviet Union (USSR)

(9) World War- II

- Causes &Course of the war

- Aftermath &Analysis of the war
- Decolonization Phase

(10) Development In Middle East

- Democratic reforms in Middle East
- Arab nationalism
- Israel and Palestine

(11) Cold War Era

- Impact in India
- Indian Policy

(12) Post Cold-War World

- Global issues since 1991
- Integration of Europe
- Rise of global Islamic terrorism
- Rise of China

(13) Communism, Socialism and Capitalism

- Capitalism (concept, types and example)
- Communism (concept, types, example)
- Relevance of capitalism in present era
- Socialism
