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**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

(India and Neighbours)

Max. Marks: 20

**Instructions to Candidate**

- There are 2 questions.
- Every page of the written answer should carry Name, Roll No. and Batch Information, in the same order.
- Content of the answer is more important than its length.
- Answers must be written in the space provided.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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Name Vinay patil.

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1. The sudden capture of power in Afghanistan by the Taliban has substantially changed the geopolitics of the region. What will be the likely impact of this change on India and what are the policy options available with India? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Impacts of power capture by Taliban in Afghanistan  
On India →

① Afghanistan is hub for terrorism and radicalisation there. For first time major impact on India is Indian security.

② Afghanistan also hub for opium trade and organised crime. So narco-terrorism also big issue for India.

③ India lacks direct connectivity with Afghanistan so new route by passing Pakistan through Chabahar port is threatened by US-Iran tensions and growing closeness between Iran and China.

④ Pakistan's Friendship with China and inclusion of Afghanistan in BRI can marginalise India in Afghanistan.

⑤ And question of investment and debt to Afghanistan by India is important for India.

- Policy options of India →

① India reopened its embassy in Kabul after 10 months of Taliban take over of Afghanistan.

Remarks

First write  
impressive  
introduction  
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context of question  
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Explain  
impact  
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Also  
discuss  
impact on  
geopolitics  
of  
region



② India is head of UNSC Taliban sanctions committee. India drafted UNSC response of banning all Taliban leaders from travelling abroad after new sharia conditions imposed on women in Afghanistan.

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③ India should continue its back channel diplomacy with Taliban to safeguard Sikh minority in Afghanistan and to stabilise relations between countries.

④ According to M. K. Narayanan, India should take on mediating role among different countries anxious to involve in Afghanistan and produce formula that help to maintain Afghanistan's neutrality.

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India is realistic enough to know that it doesn't have power to unilaterally define Afghanistan's future. But India needs to develop some leverage and influence in outcomes in Afghanistan through proactive diplomacy and purposeful action on ground.

Remarks



2. China is rapidly strengthening its infrastructure in Border areas of the Tibetan region. Discuss the impact of these developments on the relationship between the two countries. Also, highlight India's counter-strategy in this regard. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

• Impact of Border infrastructure in India and China →

- ① It may lead to larger military conflict
- ② Indian public sentiments on china turning sour due to pandemic and border clashes.
- ③ Border infrastructure is major threat to border security as well as Nepal, Bhutan
- ④ In India working for reducing dependency on china's imports.
- ⑤ India and china military gathering standing on both sides with war preparation.

• India's Counter-strategy →

- India planning to boost infrastructure along china border and started it with Atal tunnel.
- India trying to build power-balancing alliances, by such improving its bilateral relationships with other countries which worried about china's growing influence such as Australia, Japan, Vietnam.
- India banned over 100 chinese Apps under Information Technology Act 2000.
- Government introduced changes in FDI Rules

Remarks



which required Prior Approval from central government, for this was considered to be aimed at china.

- certain ministries and states announced that chinese companies will not be allowed to take part in projects. example - Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

- India and china did 16 negotiating army conferences to deal with demilitarising LAC area.

- Seeing current circumstance, India should strategize an action plan aimed towards protecting its Sovereign interests. From long term perspective resolving differences in perceptions of LAC and reaching permanent solution to solve border issue is imperative for peaceful relations between two Asian giants.

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