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Test - 7 (PSIR)

- ① Apply Various IR A paper-2 theories to explain your points
- ② Draw Contextual Connectivity Maps/ Diagrams
- ③ Quote Contextual Ambassadors/ Scholars



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Q. MEA digital diplomacy. [10]

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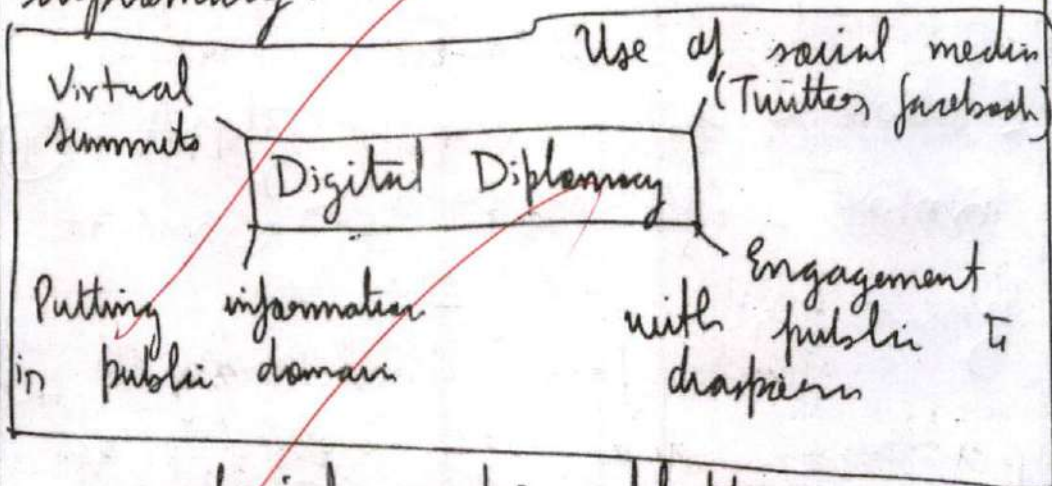
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1. a)

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has adapted itself well to the changing & evolving digital space.

This is most evident from the use of digital diplomacy.



social media platforms such as Twitter has been used for continuous engagement between world leaders. Customary greetings are offered through tweets. This also helps in building people-to-people ties where are a witness to it.

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MEA

Digital platforms such as Youtube is utilised to spread knowledge about India. The Youtube channel of MEA 'Public Diplomacy' holds several videos on Indian history & culture.

Virtual summits have also been held between leaders esp. Post Covid 19 crisis. The summit of NAM, SAARC have also been held.

Apart from that, digital platforms are also used to spread information domestically and create informed public opinion.

Thus, digital diplomacy has added a new dimension to traditional diplomatic practices.



Q. Strategic significance of India's Act East. [10]

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India unveiled its Act East Policy (AEP) in 2015. It is an upgrade of Look East Policy-1 (1992) & Look East Policy-2 (2003).

Draw Map of the Region

The AEP carries strategic significance as:

① It provides for sustained political dialogue in South East Asian and East Asian Regions (Japan, S. Korea).

② A.E.P. will provide a reliable partner for ASEAN nations in the Indo Pacific. This assumes significance with increased Chinese aggression in the region.

③ Complementarity of economies → India is a services exporter while ASEAN are manufacturing



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hubs (along with S. Korea). Recently Samsung opened its largest manufacturing unit in Noida.

⑤ Cultural and historical linkages with the region could be maintained. This helps us in building our soft power esp. through Buddhist diplomacy.

⑥ Development of India's North East regions which is a central part of our AEP.

⑦ Security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. India conducts military exercises with individual nations (Thailand, Singapore, Japan etc.)

⑧ In consonance with our approach of multi-alignment in a growing multipolar world order.



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c)

Nehruvian consensus were a set of policy directives and ideological stance based on principles of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

It was the thinking of India's intellectual elite & political leaders of the time. It included:

① Centrist, all inclusive politics taking everyone together in nation building

② Society based on the ideas of socialism for social & economic democracy. It would be achieved through policies such as land reforms.

③ Non-alignment of foreign policy → This was ruined by

Describe in terms of Institutional & Ideological Set-Ups



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Nehru as a rational response to growing ideological bipolarity of the world.

④ Mixed ~~eco~~ economy model with public sector at the commanding heights of the economy.

⑤ push for development in science, technology and higher education.

Scholars have pointed out that Nehruian consensus faced opposition from both within and outside. There was a challenge but not any trace of alteration.

Diversify your answer



Q. Indian diaspora as strategic asset. [10]

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d)

India has its diaspora spread throughout the world. It is also because India shares a cultural connect with almost all regions of the world (except, perhaps, Latin America).

The Indian diaspora is also a strategic asset in our foreign policy.

The diaspora enables us to engage in trade - 3 diplomacy. This is evident in South Korea, Japan and other South East Asian nations.

In some countries such as U.S., diaspora holds several important political positions. There is also Indian business forums and policy advocacy groups.

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Global  
Migration  
Report  
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terms of

- ① Remittance
- ② STEM
- ③ Soft power
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in U.S.  
West Asia holds the largest part of diaspora (>50%). This enables us to engage with oil rich countries which have some of their largest workforce as Indians. India has also diaspora cement with several of the African nations. This first I could prove useful in a region where India is looking for increased engagement. Similar diaspora also exists in small Pacific island nations.

Thus, the large Indian diaspora is also a strategic asset which engages in track 3 diplomacy.



Q. India's disarmament policy. [10]

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India has, since independence, advocated the policy of global disarmament. This is also in line with Art 51 of our Constitution which directs the state to maintain international peace and security.

During 1950s to 1960s, India's disarmament policy was because of idealism. We took a moral high ground in our foreign policy, esp. during the Nehruvian years.

The 1962 China war was a wakeup call for India. It exposed us to the power politics. India then engaged with Pakistan in a war in 1965. This necessitated armament. The tenure of



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Indira Gandhi ~~is~~ saw a realist  
team with India conducting  
a nuclear test in 1971.

India also refused to  
sign the Nuclear non-  
proliferation treaty in 1968.

Post 1990, we have  
taken a pragmatic stance.  
David Malone points out

that this was the time  
India realised the ineffectiveness  
of disarmament calls and  
embarked on armament. It  
tested several nuclear bombs  
in 1998.

India, today, too stands  
for global disarmament. But,  
it should be mutually  
agreed and not discriminatory.

Write  
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Q. Factors that make India's f.p. dynamic & responsive? Explain challenges to India's I.R. & f.p. goals. [15]

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The Indian foreign policy is regarded as one which shows both continuity & change. The 'change' factor reflects the dynamic & responsive nature of Indian foreign policy.

Examples → 1962 U.S. dispatch of fleet to Bay of Bengal (China War)  
→ 1971 treaty with USSR  
→ Increased engagement with U.S. since 2000.

Several factors have made our foreign policy both responsive & dynamic:

① Changing external environment → There was ideological bifurcation post 1945. This led us to non-alignment. Then, there was unipolar world and now multi-polar world leading us to adopt multi-alignment.



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② Changing domestic milieu → India has also grown and developed by leaps and bounds since independence. Now, we carry export potential as well as provide attractive market.

③ Globalisation → has also impacted India. This is also evident from increased economic content in our diplomacy.

④ Changing neighbourhood → China has increased inroads into the South Asian region. This has made India to respond in form of Neighbourhood first.

India's international relations & foreign policy goals also face several challenges. First, lack of consensus on various policy issues. This inhibits us to maintain a unified foreign policy - It was



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incident during India Nuclear Deal with U.S. (2008) when Govt. even faced a no-confidence motion.

Second, limited resources and small size of the foreign services. Only recently we have opened several embassies in African nations.

Third, lack of outreach with Latin American & several European nations. They are potential voting bloc ~~and~~ in WTO & UN.

Fourth, declining utility of multilateral institutions such as U.N. India have always stood for strong multilateralism.

Lastly, the anti India rhetoric by Pakistan in U.N. & OIC countries prove to be a challenge to achieve foreign policy goals.

Diversify  
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S. Jaishankar  
↓  
Hesitations of  
History  
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Q. Central-arguments for NAM 2.0 [15]

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Describe  
Brijesh Mishra  
Shyam Sharma  
Shir Shankar Menon  
C. Raja

NAM 2.0 was a policy and vision document launched in 2012. It was co-authored by Shyam Saram, Anantash Mittal, and Pratap Bhramu Mehta among others of Centre for Policy Research.

The main aim of NAM 2.0 is to course a foreign policy for India in the changed global order.

There were several central arguments for NAM 2.0. First, India needs to chart a course for a world which is becoming multipolar (Joseph Nye's 3D chess board model).

Second, centrality of Indian ocean in India's foreign policy. This could be seen



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in our current stance for  
Indo-Pacific. Former foreign  
secretary Vijay Gokhale once  
remarked that 'Asia-Pacific' was  
a colonial concept and there  
is need to call it 'Indo Pacific'

Third, the importance of  
neighbours in our foreign  
policy. NAM 20 stressed an  
increased focus on neighbours  
esp. with China making inroads  
into the region. The Neighbourhood  
First policy undertaken by India  
is a testament to it.

Fourth, continuous engagement  
with world powers such as  
U.S., Russia, EU among others.  
This has been reflective in  
our growing relations with  
U.S. Our foreign minister S. Jaishankar



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Apply IP  
Theories

undertook a marathon visit of West & North European nations last year highlighting the importance of the region.

Lastly, the NAM 2.0 called for adjusting to globalisation and pushed for economic diplomacy. It is also important in light of the fact that no powerful nation could last long without strong economy.

This, NAM 2.0 aimed for a foreign policy stance for a changed world. In a fractured global order (Shashi Tharoor, Sumit Sarmah), it is important that our foreign policy is adjusted accordingly.





Q. India's soft power diplomacy in context of Buddhism : soft power diplomacy in 1kg. including winning 'hearts & minds' : [20]

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2. c)

Soft power was the term coined by Prof Joseph Nye. It implies the power of attraction and persuasion. It is different from hard power (military power) and using of monetary resources.

India has, since Independence, employed soft power by basing our foreign policy on morality. In the present context, Buddhism is an important part of our soft policy.

India's continued engagement with Himalayan states is based on Buddhism. Bhutan, Nepal, erstwhile Tibet share spiritual and religious roots in Buddhism. Apart from that, India and Nepal

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host several important locations linked to life of Gautam Buddha. Ex - Lumbini (Nepal), Gaya (India).

Buddhism also provides us civilisational & cultural linkages with other neighbours such as Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Afghanistan. India's development assistance in Burma, Afghanistan (where Burman Buddha resides) is a testament to centrality of Buddhism in relations.

Lastly, India in the extended neighbourhood of Japan, South East Asia, too points to shared Buddhist culture. The revival of Nalanda University is an example of soft power diplomacy. It could also improve



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relations with China as comical  
Chinese scholar Hein Tsang &  
Fa Men visited here.

Afghanistan is an  
important partner of India.  
The relation is not limited  
to governments in New Delhi  
& Kabul but stretch stretches to  
cultural and people-to-people  
contact.

India's soft power diplomacy  
in Afghanistan involves winning  
hearts and minds.

For winning hearts, we  
have played snicket games  
with Afghanistan, cultural exchange  
programmes have been organised  
in both countries. We have  
also provided Afghanistan with  
food (wheat, protein beans) and  
is involved in building a

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Map of  
the  
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round in Bamyan where Bamyan  
Buddha resides.

For winning minds hearts, India  
has embarked upon training of  
Afghan Parliamentarians. Afghan  
diplomats are trained at  
FSI in New Delhi. In  
addition to that, India has  
also helped in building the  
Afghan Parliament.

The situation in  
Afghanistan is very complex.  
Nonetheless, India has been  
able to create a goodwill  
for itself. This has been  
possible because of use of  
soft power diplomacy.

Global  
Ambassador

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Q. Various challenges of SAARC. Can Covid 19 rejuvenate coalition of SAARC nations? [15]

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3. a)

SAARC - 101 South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation is an association of eight South Asian nations.

SAARC has been facing several challenges and have not held its summit meeting scheduled in 2016.

First, the creation of SAARC was out of the thinking that only South Asia does not have dedicated regional association.

Second, lack of enthusiasm among members. Only 22 summit level meetings have been organised since its formation in 1985.

Third, bilateral conflict between India & Pakistan tend to hijack the agenda of SAARC.

Quote  
W.B. Report



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Fourth, mutual suspicion among members of SAARC. S.D. Muni has highlighted how large size of Indian forces the other smaller states towards apprehension over our actions. Lastly, antagonistic security perceptions and a common economic basket acts as a hindrance to any meaningful engagement.

The COVID 19 crisis brought the nations together. PM Modi commenced a virtual conference and also started a SAARC COVID 19 fund contributing \$125mn to it. Thus, it promises a hope of revival of SAARC. The conclusion is re respect of boundaries and



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requires close cooperation and  
mutual help among nations to  
control the menace. SAARC  
nations could also formulate  
a common agenda for  
vaccination and caution against  
future outbreaks.

Nonetheless, it would be  
very early to hope for  
rejuvenation of SAARC. Structural  
constraints such as unsettled  
boundaries still remain. Terror  
infiltration from Pakistan has  
continued even amidst the  
pandemic. Similarly, relations with  
Nepal also had a minor  
setback with Nepal's new map  
showing Indian territories as  
part of Nepal.

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Q. India not opposed to infra dev in S. Asia, but concerned about strategic implications of certain Chinese led initiatives. [15]

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2.b)

India attaches highest importance to its neighbourhood. It is evident from our Neighbourhood First policy and attendance of SAARC (2014) & BIMSTEC (2014) Head of governments during swearing-in of PM Modi.

This could be seen in the backdrop of increased Chinese initiatives in the region. Although, India is not against infrastructure development in South Asia but there were concerns about strategic implications of certain Chinese led initiatives, esp. through the BRI project.

A. Pakistan

The CPEC project passes through Pok which is Indian territory.

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This has long term strategic implications. Similarly, development of Lyadon port close to Chahabhar (where India is invested) also poses a challenge.

B. Sri Lanka

The development of Hambantota port is seen to have strategic implication. It could provide space in Indian ocean to them.

C. Bangladesh

The development of ports in Bangladesh could prove to be a challenge. It would give access to upper and lower reaches of Brahmaputra to them.

D. Nepal

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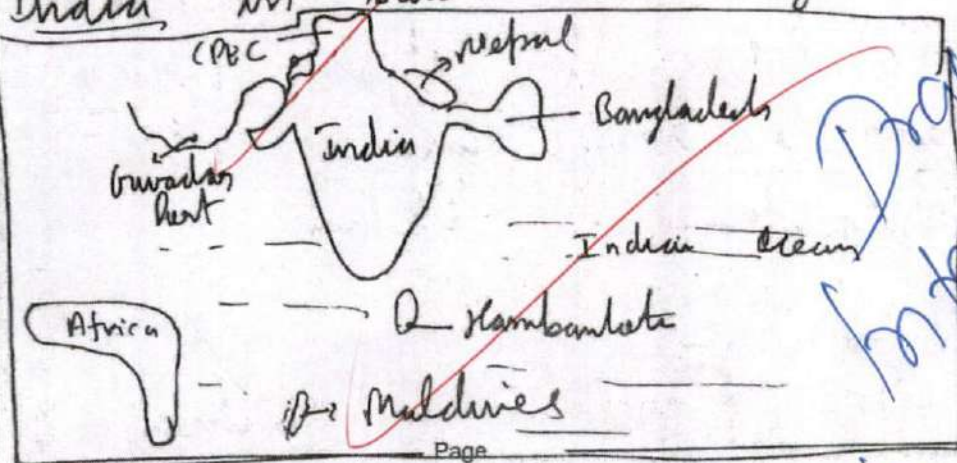
*Quote Ambassador's Views*

roads is aimed to lure Nepal away from India.

E. Maldives

The buying of islands in Maldives and deft trap hints to Chinese ingression close to Asian coast.

similar infrastructure project are also undertaken in Afghanistan, Myanmar. This could be seen as a subset of 'String of pearls' theory. Here, China could be seen as encircling and thus containing India in South Asian region.



*Draw in last*



Q. India's eastward drive since 1992 underscored importances of Asian region. Examine A.E.P. to promote economic & cultural relations. [20]

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3. c

India undertook the Look East Policy in 1992. It was a pragmatic step in the backdrop of LPIs reforms and changing world under post cold war.

Since then, we have upgraded the policy to Look East - 2 (2003) and Act East (2014).

The Act East policy aims to promote greater political, economic, social, cultural and security relations with the regions of East. The regions include South East Asian nations (of ASEAN), Japan, South Korea and few island nations of the Pacific.

The Act East policy would thus promote economic and

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cultural relations with the region.

## Economic Relations

India and ASEAN share complementarity in economic relations. ASEAN is one of the manufacturing hubs for which India could provide market. Similarly, ASEAN could provide market for India's services exports.

Similar complementarities also exist with South Korea. It is evident from the opening of one of the largest manufacturing unit of Samsung in India.

This is also in resonance with 'Make in India'.

Japan is an important investor and reliable partner of



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India. It has provided soft  
loans on low interest rates  
for infrastructural projects. Japan  
has also provided technical  
& economic assistance. For  
Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor  
Prof. Amitabh Mukherjee has noted  
that India Japan relations have  
been going through 'cherry  
blossom phase'.

## Cultural Relations

India and the extended  
neighbourhood in the East  
share several cultural linkages.  
The Cholas had a flourishing  
trade and cultural ties  
with ASEAN nations. It is  
evident from Angkor Vats,  
the largest Hindu temple, in  
Cambodia. Apart from that.



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there is spiritual affinity in the form of Buddhism. In present context, Indian movies and music has also found flavour in the region.

Similarly, with Japan, we have shared Buddhist heritage. The 'Act East' policy provides platform for Buddhist diplomacy in the region.

Thus, India's Act East policy is a pragmatic step to build relations with our intended neighbourhood in the east. There are several economic and cultural complementarities to the relations.



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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is the nodal ministry of India dealing with foreign affairs. It's functions are:

- ① policy formulation & implementation with regard to various nations
- ② presenting notes for the cabinet on foreign issues
- ③ sending Ambassadors & High Commissioners, establishing embassies and consulates
- ④ issuance of passport and visas
- ⑤ parent ministry and controlling authority of Indian foreign service officers
- ⑥ answering questions related

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Current  
Affairs

to foreign policy between before  
Parliament & its committees

① Liaisoning with embassies  
& missions of different  
nations in India

② reading treaty documents,  
formulating joint declaration  
and texts

③ a resource centre to help  
in informed decision making

It is also been  
pointed out that the  
functions of MEA have  
been hindered due to emergence  
of a powerful PMO and  
other authorities such as  
National Security Advisers,  
Strategic Policy Group.



Q. Impediments to exercise of soft power. [10]

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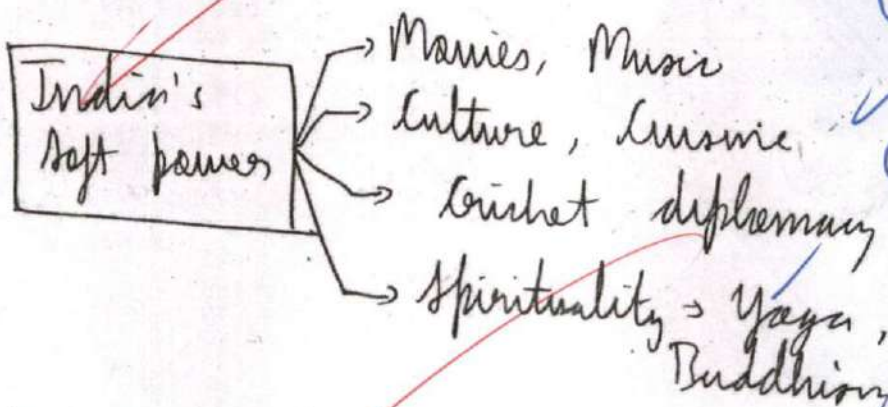
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soft power, defined by Joseph Nye, is the power of attraction and persuasion.



\* Impediments in exercise of soft power:

① India's soft power needs to be backed by hard power. Without which, it is less effective.

② Lack of adequate resources to push for soft power.

③ Inconclusive research on several aspects of soft power.

Appear  
Soft power Index  
for India  
Role of  
ICC/Disarmament  
Domestic  
Politics  
Institutions  
Role of  
Aid/Grants  
Goodwill  
Creating  
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(60)  
Nepal has been mounting  
challenge in name of  
Buddhism.

⑤ Lack of domestic policy  
consensus to mount  
unified soft power externally





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The debate on  
credible minimum deterrence  
emerge from the First Use  
(NFU) policy of nuclear  
weapons.

For

- ① It creates a balance of  
terrors (K. Waltz) due to  
mutually assured destruction
- ② It provides a second  
striking capacity.
- ③ It is a deterrence against  
adversaries.

Against

- ① Ruth has put forward  
Rational Deterrence theory. He  
had argued that credible  
deterrence would work only  
against a rational actors.

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① Ashok Kapur, in context of India & Pakistan, argues that both nations use nuclear weapon rhetoric for domestic and international consumption. Thus there is no deterrence. Nonetheless, Amb. K.C. Singh points out that it was the 'credible minimum deterrence' of India that Kargil War (1999) did not convert into a full fledged war.

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Matter





Q. A.E.P. and the role of N.E. [10]

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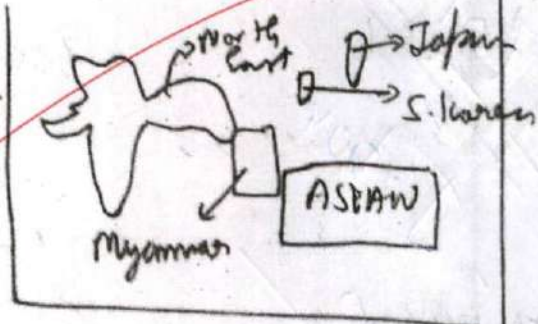
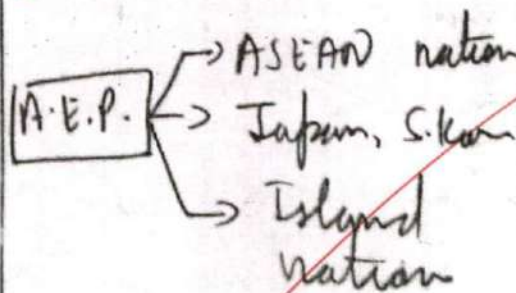
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India embarked on an  
Act East Policy in 2015. It  
is upgradation of Look East  
Policy (H) 1 (1992) & LEP-2 (2003) -



India's north east  
region has a central role  
in A.E.P.

① Connectivity projects were  
envisaged through the N.E.  
region. The India - Myanmar -  
Thailand trilateral highway is  
an example of it.

② It's close proximity with  
Myanmar provides for people-



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to people contact and trade  
diplomacy.  
North East also provides  
easy access via sea through  
parts of Myanmar and  
Bangladesh.  
The S.E. Asian and Asian  
nations could provide for  
avenues for development of  
the north east

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(e) security coop. of India with Maldives.

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India & Maldives could cooperate in creating a free and open Indo Pacific.

It is part of Indian Ocean Rim Association Joint Military exercises are also conducted.

It has also proximity with African islands of Madagascar which is strategically important to India.

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Q. Geography & Nature of leadership as factors of India's foreign policy. [15]

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2. a)

The Indian foreign policy is regarded as one which shows both continuity and change. It decides our relations with other nations.

Geography as a factor of f.p.

Napoleon Bonaparte once remarked that a nation's location determines its foreign policy. This is also true in case of India.

There are several aspects to our geographical location.

One is the centrality of India in the Indo-Pacific region. Although different nations have different visions of Indo-Pacific (S. Jaishankar's 'The India's Way'), India appears a natural partner for everyone.

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AT Mahan  
MacIndee  
Gyeshman  
Napoleon  
Pajir Sikoro  
India's location



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Quote  
Afghanistan  
Geopolitics

Second is long land borders with seven nations. It includes tense borders such as Pakistan & China. In this regard, former PM A.B. Vajpayee remarked that we can change our friends but not our neighbours.

Lastly, the topography of India with sharing of rivers with various nations (Indus → Pakistan, Brahmaputra → China, Teesta → Bangladesh) and common Himalayan heritage.

## (Nature of Leadership)

Henry Kissinger holds Charismatic leadership as one of the ways of formulating foreign policy. In India too, our first prime minister Mr. Nehru was the architect of our non aligned stance. He introduced



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morals and principles into new foreign policy. During the tenure of Indira Gandhi, India took a realistic turn. This is evident from nuclear test (1974), Bangladesh war (1971) and merger of Sikkim into India (1975).

The Luzon Doctrine is associated with our former PM I.K. Gujral. It called for increased engagement with neighbours. Similarly, Mr. Vajpayee brought moderate realism, Mamohan Singh focused on economic diplomacy and PM Modi has added a personal touch in his approach.

Although, limited by domestic political considerations & bureaucratic procedures, nature of leadership is still important.

Quote  
Modi  
Doctrine  
Soft + Hard  
Surgical  
Balakot



1 Strategic analysis of NAM in contemp. world order. [15]

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NAM or Non Alignment Movement was formalised after the Belgrade conference (1961).  
It was the brainchild of PM Nehru.

NAM → non-alignment with any of the power blocs  
→ active engagement with all without alliance

In this regard, A.K. Damodaran held that NAM was the 'real power to choose form.'

In contemporary world order, NAM presents both challenges and opportunities.

The foremost challenge has been the end of cold war bipolarity. Currently, the world order is fractured





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(S. Tharoor, Sumit Saran) and  
the ideology of NAM are  
not held relevance. In  
addition to that, NAM is  
a very generalistic organisation  
lacking a specific objective  
in present times.

But, it should not  
be seen that NAM has  
lost relevance. NAM as a  
movement may have lost  
relevance, but a foreign  
policy stance is still  
strategically valid. It could  
help us maintain our  
'strategic autonomy'. Apart  
from that, NAM could provide  
a platform for deliberation  
among various Third world  
nations. In the current,



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multipolar world, NAM has also shifted towards 'multi-alignment'.

Thus, NAM still holds strategic importance. It is relevant from the fact that in a recent NAM virtual summit, PM Modi labelled NAM as the 'moral voice' of the world. There is need to adjust NAM as per changing global order.



Q Realist paradigm in Indian f.p. Trace emergence & practice of multi-alignment in India's f.p. post cold war. [20].

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7.C.

Indian foreign policy is characterised by continuity and change. Although, it started with Nehru's idealism but we could see several realist shifts.

Even during the tenure of Nehru, U.S. dispatched a naval fleet in Bay of Bengal during 1962 China War. But, the real realisation then started to emerge from tenure of Indira Gandhi. The bifurcation of Pakistan (1971), Treaty of perpetual peace & friendship with USSR (1971) and testing of first nuclear bomb (1974) are few of the examples of it.

Apply various theories  
Kant/Ge/Machiavelli  
Sardar Patel  
Pt Nehru  
Idealist



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This realist ~~foreign~~ was also visible in 1980s when India intervened during the Sri Lankan crisis.

During the 1990s, India's realism was ~~backed~~ by pragmatism. Diplomatic relations were established with Israel (1992) and <sup>India</sup> engaged in South East Asian Nations (Look East Policy 1992). This was a realist response to end of cold war.

By the end of century, India conducted another nuclear test (1998). The Arab Nuclear deal with U.S. (2008) also hints at realism. The surgical strikes in Uri (2016) & Balakot Air strike (2019) also points to realist paradigm.



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## Multialignment

Multialignment emerged as a concept after the end of cold war. The end of bipolarity and ideological divisions regarded by F. Fukuyama as 'end of history', put the non-alignment stance in a limbore. In the backdrop of this, multi-alignment emerged.

Multi alignment is a response to increasing multi polar world. It implies that India would have engagements / alignments with different nations. But, these alignments would not be permanent but 'issue



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based' alliance (S. Jaishankar).  
Thus, it provides us  
opportunity to engage with  
different nations without  
permanently aligning with  
any.

A good example of  
this would be India's  
engagement with W. Asia.  
Here India stands for  
(2) 'two state solution' but has  
also aligned with Israel  
esp. on defence and science  
& technology issues. India  
also has good relations  
with both S. Arabis &  
Israel.

Quote  
S. Jaishankar  
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