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Explanation
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Q: India's priorities in the Gulf [10]

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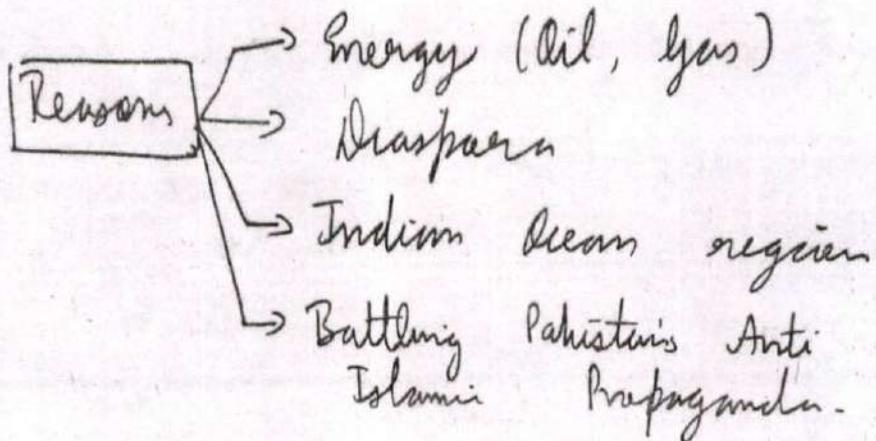
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1. a)

The Gulf / West Asia is an important strategic region for India.



The Gulf region is important for India's immediate energy requirements. Oil imports from S. Arabia, Kuwait & Iraq Imports from Iran are important for our economy. Saudi Arabia is also important in helping us build strategic petroleum reserves.

The Indian diaspora in Gulf is 8+9 million strong out of total 18 million. The safety

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and severity of this diaspora
is also over priority.
Dp. Rahut (2015) should be
seen in this context.

The gulf is alone
important as it borders the
Indian Ocean. It would
help India become a net
severity provider in the
region and safeguard oil
corridors. India has been
asserting ships in the
gulf of Aden.

India also looks for
a peaceful gulf as it helps
us navigate a challenging
region.

David Malone points out
that India has been able
to take truly 'pragmatic'
approach in the region.



Q Opportunities & challenges for India in SAO [10]

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1.b)

The Shanghai Cooperation region is 8 member political-economic-security organisation centred around Eurasia. India joined along with Pakistan in 2017.

Opportunities:

- ① Engagement with China and Pakistan in a multilateral setting.
- ② Interaction with Pakistan centred around anti-terrorism.
- ③ Continued engagement with central Asian nations.
- ④ Balance Quad which is viewed by many (esp. China) as 'Asian NATO'.
- ⑤ The Regional Anti Terrorism Structure provides for engagement to fight terror.

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① It bodes well with
India's current central Asia'
policy.

Challenges

① All SCO members are
BRI enthusiasts. There could
be pressure to give the
grouping.

② India-Pakistan bilateral
issues. This has already impacted
working of SAARC.

③ India should not be
perceived as anti-American
while working in SCO.

India's ability to
be in SCO as well as
highlight our multi-
vector foreign policy.

Q: India's contribution in UN peacekeeping. [10]

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1.07

The U.N Peace keeping operations (PKO) are deployed for conflict resolutions and to bring peace in conflict areas.

India's contribution to UNPKO could be divided under following heads:

1. Political Transition → India has helped in peaceful political transition in Yugoslavia (UNFOD) where the 1st female commander was our Lt. Gen. Sushila Namdeo. Similar efforts were also undertaken in Cambodia (UNTAAC).

2. Aiding peace efforts → in countries torn by civil wars such as Somalia (UNOSOM).

3. On the ground efforts → in providing personnel voluntary

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medical, engineering and other
services such as in south
sudan (UWMISS).

4. Troop contribution → India has
contributed the highest 2,00,000
troops to 49/71 UNPK missions.
168 Indian peacekeepers have
laid down their lives,
the highest by any nation.

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Q. Blue economy & India - Africa coop. [10]

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1.d.

India and Africa share historical relations due to similar anti colonial and anti imperial experiences.

In the present context, Blue economy provides for cooperation between both the regions. Blue Economy is a concept of African Union which seeks to utilise the coastlines of Africa for development of it's economy. India could play a key role in the union.

Technical and scientific assistance could be provided to the region. India could share it's own experiences. Apart from that, India could become net security.

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provides in the region.
The SAHAR (severely And frank
for All in the Region) Doctrine
could be utilised effectively.

India would also
provide assistance under the
ITEC program. India could
also emerge as an expert
destination for Africa's products

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The blue economy would
Africa emerge from a
green & energy driven economic
model. India could play
a key role in this
development.



Q: India's views on China & Quad. [10]

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1.e2

India and China are viewed as 'regional adversaries' and 'global friends'. Since the turn of the century, China has become increasingly assertive.

China has made forays into the Indian Ocean region & Pacific region esp. through south China sea dispute. The Quad forum of India, Japan, U.S., Australia could be seen as a response to Chinese assertion in the region.

The Quad, recently conducted a joint military exercise. All the Quad nations have a vision for 'free and open

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Indo Pacific'. Quad is also
vocal for 'freedom of
navigation' and 'rules based
order'. This could be
seen as a counter to
Chinese initiatives in the
regions. China calls Quad
as 'Asian NATO' and calls
it anti-China.

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Nonetheless Quad is not
a military alliance but a
dialogue forum. It has
increased India's options
in dealing with China.
It could also be seen as
India's approach of
peripheral diplomacy with
China.

Q. India's approach in C. Asia. Highlight India's efforts to connect with the region. [15]

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3. a)

The Central Asian region consists of five erstwhile socialist bloc countries viz. Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan.

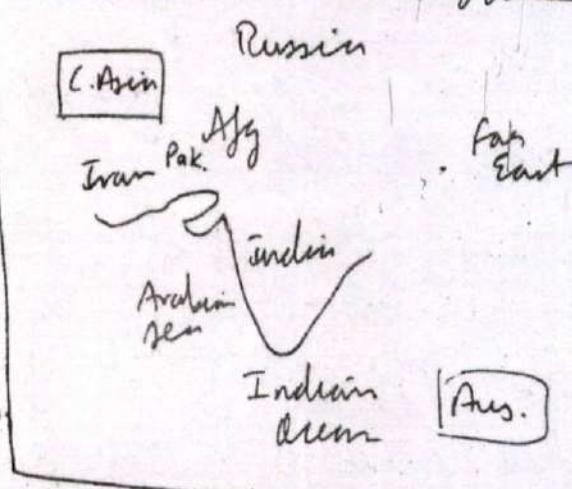
Since the end of the war,

the region has

come to acquire significance in India's strategic thinking.

The Indian approach is driven around energy requirements, trade as well as security considerations. India have a liberal as well as realist approach to the region.

Liberal to increase trade, connectivity and people-2-people contact. This would help forming



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'security communities' (Karl Deutsch). Through SCD's Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure and highlighting need of peace, India takes a cautious realist approach in the region. This could be gauged from the fact that India helped build Ayni Airbase in Tajikistan. The region is also important due to its proximity to Afghanistan and China.

India have also made efforts to connect with the region. India's 'Connect Central Asia' policy is exclusively designed for this purpose. The International North-South Transit Corridor, starting from Iran and terminating in Russia transverses through Central Asia. In addition to that, India is also involved

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in U.S. backed TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan - Pakistan - India) gas pipeline. This would provide India access to hydrocarbons market of the region.

India is also involved in building rail link from Iran to Black sea. This, too, includes the Central Asia region. Some, Central Asian nations are landlocked, these projects provide them access to Indian Ocean. India's efforts to connect with the region could be seen as a balance to increased Chinese presence esp. through BRI.

3: Security concerns of China and India in S. Asia as Asia's two largest nuclear powers. [15]

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3 b.

India and China were regarded as "global friends" and regional adversaries". They have been sharing a common border since 1950. They both are nuclear powers.

India's security concerns

India's concerns are centred around sovereignty & territorial integrity. LoC border territories from Pakistan is a primary concern. Apart from that Chinese intrusion into Indian territory. C. Raja Mohan analyses the Kashmir clashes as Chinese assertion of growing power differential with India.

In addition to that, India has disputes with both Nuclear weapon states of the

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region (Pakistan, China). growing
proximity between both of them
is another cause of concern.
Rising fundamentalism in other
S. Asian nations such as Bangladesh,
Maldives is also a concern.
China's security concerns

Although traditionally not
regarded as a 'south Asian'
nation, China shares border
with several nations of the
region. It's security concerns
are centred around waters
requirements (Brahmaputra) and
balancing India as the leading
power of the region. It
also wants to alter the
region as per its growing
profile.

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Common security concerns

Bath are concerned about
cross border terrorism. This
is evident from BRICS declaration
on adopting CCIT and cooperation
in SCO. Apart from that,
there is also concern
for livelihood security of
people in and around Himalayas.

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Both the nations are facing
impact of climate change
and resilience to it is
also important security concern.
They are also concerned
with the notion that South
Asian region is a 'nuclear
flashpoint.'

Q: Japan's ODA to India driven primarily by strategic considerations. [20]

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3.c.

India & Japan share historical relations rooted in religious and spiritual affinity. Post WW-II, India did not attend the San Francisco conference but concluded a separate treaty with Japan.

India & Japan are 'Strategic Partners' since 2013. India is the largest recipient of Japan's official development Assistance (ODA). It is in the form of:

- soft loans for infrastructural projects
- financial & technical assistance for Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor
- assistance in connectivity projects in India's North East

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It could be argued
that this ODA is driven
by strategic considerations.

First, Prof Harsh V. Pant
points out that India-Japan
relations is an institutional
response to China's Belt &
Road initiative.

Second, it could be seen
as Japan's way of balancing
China in the region (peripheral
diplomacy).

Third, Japan shares several
strategic objectives with India.
Both share a vision of
'Free and Open Indo-Pacific.'

Fourth, Japan and India's
cooperation is important for
UNSC reforms through BRIC.

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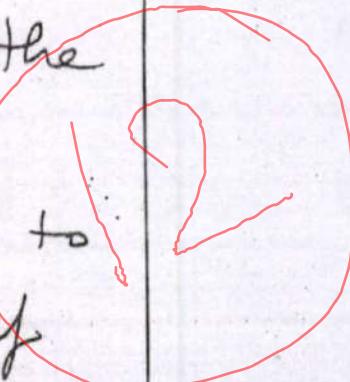
fifth, India provides
Japan with a large several
market esp. in manufacturing
goods and electronics.

Apart from strategic
considerations, there are also
other considerations for the
ODA.

India has proven to
be a reliable partner of
and for Japan. Japan does
not face any threat from
India.

There is also increased
cooperation in other fields
such as defence, civil nuclear
deals among others.

Japan is also attracted
by India's soft power. No



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South Asian nation has such
strong democratic credentials
and commitment to plurality
as India.

Finally, Prof Amitabh Mattoo
highlights that India-Japan
relations are going through
a 'cherry blossom phase'.

Increased official development
~~Assistance~~ is ~~a~~ natural
outcome of it.

*Discuss
India's
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Q. Institutional flaws in WTO. Major area of abjection to w.r.t negotiations raised by developing nation & India. [15]

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h. a>

WTO or World Trade Organisation is an intergovernmental organisation which aims to facilitate world trade among member nations.

Nonetheless, there are several institutional flaws in WTO.

① Consensus based voting makes decision-making arduous and complex. Negotiations on Doha Round (2001) are still ongoing.

② Dispute resolution mechanism is largely dominated by U.S. and at present dysfunctional.

③ The informal 'green room politics' which makes any fair and open discussions difficult.

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This has led nations
to pursue bilateral (FTA) or
multilateral (T.P.P.) arrangements.
There is also a stark North
& south divide in WTO
which makes negotiation difficult.

Developing nations including
India have raised several
objection to WTO negotiations.

① Dominated by Western
interests → TRIPS agreement, end
of export subsidy regime would
benefit the developed nations.

② Inclusion of new agenda
such as e-commerce and
women related issues.

③ Non commitment of
developed nations on India &
China backed 'Food security
Agreement'.

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② Increasing use of 'green'
norms' partitions.

③ The special & differential
treatment remains as paper
as developed nations have
resorted to technical barriers
(sanitary & phytosanitary measures).
Ex - Alphonse mango (India)
restriction on E.U.

~~The consequences of~~
All this has made
WTO largely dysfunctional and
struggling to maintain relevance.
There is need to align
national interests with global
interests and to settle out
issues amicably.

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Q) It is increasingly difficult to sustain a genuinely S.P. b/w India-Russia w/o solid economic pillar. discuss. [15]

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W.P.

India-Russia relations have largely been driven by friendship. Both nations have a fair understanding of each other's concerns & requirements.

Both the nations signed strategic Partnership in 2000 & upgraded it to 'Special & Privileged Strategic partnership' in 2010. But the relations continue to be driven by defense and security concerns.

To sustain this strategic Partnership there is need to strengthen the economic pillars. Bilateral trade stands at a lowly \$ 8 bn. This trade is also centred around India's energy needs. P. Shabdon has also highlighted the stark



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absence of economic component
in India-Russia relations.

The lack of economic relations have also reduced scope for people-to-people contact. The reduced economic presence have also opened gates for U.S. & Israel which would be a concern for Russia.

The proposed Chennai-Vladivostok sea route reducing 40 days of travel time to 26 days should be seen in this context. There is also increased Indian interest in Russia's far east regions.

India looks to fill the manpower shortage in the region. Increased economic

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relations would also help
to balance China in the
region.

The Soviet Union was
India's largest trading partner.
Russia and India have
not been able to keep
that up. President Pratibha Patil
once remarked that ~~the~~ economic
relations are a poor reflection
of India-Russia political relations.
Thus, there is a need to
convert this political trust
into economic engagement
in different sectors. This would
help in sustaining the
~~strategic partnership~~.

~~Discuss
with
concern
and
analyze
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Q. China's ascent to great power status is leading towards emergence of new cold war b/w U.S.-China. Examine. (Note: India's position) [20]

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H.C.

The fall of U.S.S.R. and an event regarded by Francis Fukuyama as 'End of History' led to a unipolar world under U.S. But, the turn of the century saw remarkable ascent of China, both economically and in defense.

* A new Cold War?

It could be argued that a new cold war has emerged between U.S. & China. This is evident from following:

1. U.S. continuous and sustained attack on China post-Covid 19 pandemic.

2. Arrest of Huawei CFO in Canada and her subsequent



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- deportation to US.
3. China showcasing 'peaceful rise of China' as a counter against U.S. Chinese Threat Theory.
4. Tariffs imposed on goods traded between both the nations.
5. U.S. charge of currency manipulation by China to benefit exports.
6. Increased Chinese presence in multilateral institutions and in U.N.
7. China's attack on U.S. dominated economic institutions such as World Bank, IMF.
- Thus, U.S. perceive China's rise as a challenge to its own hegemony.
- China, too, wants to alter
- Chinese moves with success*



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the international order as
per it's own liking. The
B.R.I. was originally labelled
as Xu Shandu's 'Chinese Marshall
Plan'. This also presents a
challenge to U.S.

India's position

India's position in this
'new cold war' is both
similar and different to its
response to old cold war
(U.S. - U.S.S.R.).

similar as India seeks
to maintain its 'strategic
autonomy'. We look to
leverage the rivalry for
our own benefit. The increased
India-U.S. relations could
be seen in this regard

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(foundational agreements, (quasi)).
But, our position is also different from one taken before. China is our neighbour and we have a long pending territorial dispute with them. Apart from that, India accepts that the world is increasingly becoming multi-polar. Thus, there is need of 'multi alignment' rather than non-alignment. S. Jaishankar has argued that given the changed considerations, India is also expected to take 'risks' on global issues.

The China-U.S. relations is an evolving situation & India could potentially benefit from it.



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S. n.

The Act West aims to signify the importance of West Asia to India's foreign policy objectives.

PM Modi hailed that India views Indo-Pacific as 'geography' rather than a 'strategy', or 'elite club'. Thus, West Asia becomes an important part of this vision.

Act West calls for continuous and sustained engagement with West Asian nations. There is need to diversify engagement. Currently, our engagement is focused on energy needs. The political or security component has



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been lacking. Act West would also help us navigate through turbulent West Asia. The three poles - Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iran have largely antagonistic. Linking West Asia with Indo-Pacific would also provide opportunities for developing trade relations.

~~with this success, we could be
conveniently positioned to consolidate
our national interests as
well as maintain peace
in the region.~~



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b:

The G-7 is regarded as an exclusive group of industrially and economically advanced nations.

Although, India is not a member of the grouping, but has attended several meetings on invitation.

~~with the views of Samir Jaabarbaras
the scholars like Alireza
of Alireza~~

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Q: In the past five years, India has become a member of several multilateral export control regimes. This include:

- Missile Technology Control Regime
- Australia group (Chemical & Biological Weapons).
- Wassenaar Arrangement (Dual Use Technology).

Although, we could not gain membership of NBCs, the above regimes highlight several important shifts.

first is the growing image of India as a responsible power. It shows our increased credibility.

second, international support to India in gaining membership



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of these regimes. This is
in stark contrast to
1998 when we faced several
sanctions part Paharao II.

India's membership of
these global regimes also
provides us opportunities.

This would enable us to
cooperate with other members
on key issues. It would
also help us champion the
cause of global disarmament.

There are also challenges.
The challenge of tackling
China who has not been
enthusiastic of India's
entry in these regimes.

Q. Defense & security relation b/w India and Israel. [10]

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d. India recognised Israel
in 1950 but full diplomatic
relations were established in
1992.

Defense and security
relations is a key area
of cooperation between India
and Israel.

It provides India with
a reliable partner. Apart
from that, it also helps
us to diversify our import
basket. For Israel, India is
the only export market for
arms.

India has brought
Anti Tank Guided Missiles,
small arms as well as
nightwear goggles from Israel.

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Israel also provides a good repayment period and regular maintenance. Cooperation could also be formed in security and anti-terror operations. Both India and Israel face terror challenges. India from Pakistan and Israel from Hamas and Hezbollah. Joint Counter-terrorism exercise could be conducted to share expertise. Israel also helped India in setting up Nat'l Investigation Agency in 2009.

*with discuss
- comments
- feedback
in history
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In this regard, Prof. Harsh V. Pant has argued that defense and security forms an important pillar in India- Israel relations.

Q. Geopolitical significance of Indo Pacific to security challenges
in the region. [10]

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Geopolitical significance

The Indo Pacific links two regions of Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean. Thus, it takes a united view than 'Asia Pacific' which former foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale termed as 'colonial concept'!

Indo Pacific also helps to link two important trade areas of the world. Shinzo Abe in his 'Confluence of the two seas' address argued that peace and prosperity of Indian Ocean is linked to peace and prosperity of Pacific Ocean. It also provides opportunity for coop. between major

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powers of both the regions
viz India, Australia, China, Japan, US.
It also provides ASEAN
unity which helps balance
China.

Security Challenges

The primary security
challenge is Chinese
intrusion in South China
sea which + it is
maintaining 'freedom of
navigations' and 'rules
based order'.

There is also the challenge
of climate change which
threatens the very survival
of several small island
nations. Internal strife such as
in Papua New Guinea is also
a challenge.



Q: Indian Ocean as zone of peace. Critically comment. [15]

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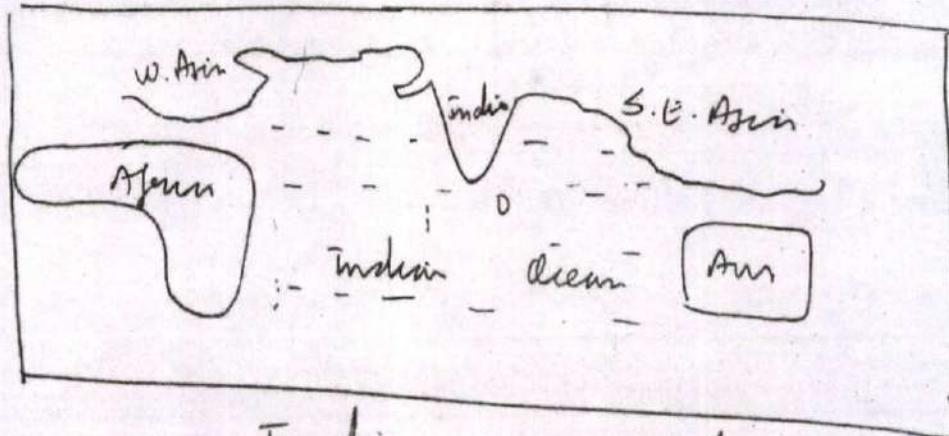
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8.u.

The Indian Ocean spreads from Africa in the West, India at the center and Australia in the East.



India commands a strategic and central location in the Indian Ocean. Indian Ocean as a zone of peace aims to keep the region free from armed conflicts, piracy and to safeguard trade routes.

This peace is challenged the most in the West Asian and African regions.

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(esp. North East Africa). Piracy
is a major concern through
somalian coasts. There is
also threat of maritime
terrorism. Similarly, security
of the oil routes is
also a concern. In the
central region, there is
long pending fishermen issue
between India & Sri Lanka.
There is also the looming
threat of climate change
impacting Maldives, Comoros,
Madagascar among others.

India has taken a
keen interest in the Indian
ocean and peace in the
region. The I.O. Naval symposium
& I.O. Rim Association are
examples of it. Apart from

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that SABAR (Security And
Growth for All in the
Region) Doctrine alone aims
for it. There is also
interest of other foreign
powers in the region such
as France (Reunion Island)
U.S.A. (Diego Garcia).

In his 'Confluence of
the two seas' address former
Japanese P.M. Shigeno Abe had
argued that peace & prosperity
of Pacific Ocean is linked. It
peace & the prosperity of
Indian Ocean. This strains
the importance attached to
Indian Ocean as a zone
of peace by non-Indian
nations.

Q) India's oil diplomacy in L. America. [15]

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8.b.

India's relation with Latin America have not been enthusiastic and largely driven by India's energy (oil) and defence (Brazil) requirements.

Nonetheless, the region have several oil rich nation esp. Venezuela and Colombia. Oil diplomacy in the region would help us in several ways.

First, it would help us diversify our oil basket. Currently, we are extremely dependent on West Asian region.

Second, this bodes well with our stance of multi-alignment and in a multi-polar world order. It would

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help us maintain our
'strategic autonomy'.

Third, Shashi Tharoor
had once remarked that
Latin America is a 'forgotten
continent' to India. It
would help build this
bridge.

Fourth, it would help
the debt burden nations of
Latin America. This would
improve India's image and
add to our soft power.

Lastly, it would help
us meet our pressing
energy needs.

Nonetheless, there are
several challenges to our
oil diplomacy in the

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regions.

One is the continued
political and economic
instability in the regions.
Venezuela is a prime
example of it.

Other is the V.S.
pressure and emergence of
U.S. as important oil
exporter to India.

~~Nevertheless, it is
prudent that India builds
its relations on the
region. Oil diplomacy provides
a solid foundation to it.~~

Utility of marine power as f.p. tool in light of proactive engagements of Indian Navy in I.O. & A-P region. [20]

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Q) India is blessed with a long coastline (7516 km) and a strategic locations in the Indian Ocean region.

This has made us to embark on naval diplomacy. It is evident from:

- vision of Indo Pacific
- forming reliable partners + Indian Ocean nations
- regional symposium (IOWS, IORN).
- emergence of net security provider.

This has helped us emerge as a political partner even in peaceful times.

Maritime power has immense utility as a foreign policy. This was recognised

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by A.T. Mahan way back in 1896. He argued that a nation who could provide security to trade areas by navy would emerge as a superpower. This remains true even far today.

India have also had proactive engagement in Indian Ocean and Asia-Pacific region.

Indian Ocean

Through the idea of Indian ocean as a zone of peace, India has been able to build credibility in the region. In addition to that, Indian Navy organised Indian Ocean Naval

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Symposium with other naval
powers of the region -

India has also emerged
as the net security provider
in the region. This India
has been providing security
to ships passing from Gulf
of Aden. India had also
been vocal against piracy
and maritime terrorism.

Asia-Pacific

Asia-Pacific or Indo-Pacific
has also been of key
interest to India. Primary
manifestation of it is the
Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
(Quad) between India, Japan,
Australia and U.S.

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Apart from that, Indian Navy has also been conducting Malabar exercise with Japan and U.S. TME is also conducted with Singapore & SIMBEX, Thailand among others. Indian firms also invested in Changi Naval base in Singapore.

India's efforts in the Asian Pacific would also help in balance of power in the region. India is also the more accepted power in the region.



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