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World History Test 23

As often happens in various nations across the world, the US had won independence in 1776 from external tyranny (the UK). However internal strife continued and exposed itself as the American Civil War in the 1780s.

Issues involved in American civil war

① major issue slavery

Southern states were labour intensive & required slaves to produce output.

② Capitalist exploitation

Southern states exploited labour coming through the triangular trade of Atlantic Ocean.

③ democratic rights & equality

after independence, liberalism took root & slaves demanded equal rights.



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Also mention about formation of Republican party and role of Abraham Lincoln.

④ political contest :- the north & the south were running for elections and contesting over the votes of big businessmen as well as the slave population.

were there <sup>two</sup> separate nations?

Discuss how the protection of certain industries also deepened the rift between the states

⑤ In a sense, the north & south were relatively contrasting and therefore separate.

⑥ Secondly, the northern states had fought for independence, not the southern states.

⑦ However, all the states eventually joined hands to create one unified state: the United States of America.

## Outcome

① The Gettysburg Address after the Gettysburg Battle declared all men & women equal.



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② Democracy upheld is a government  
of the people, by the people & for  
the people.

*Good but  
better include  
with mentioning about  
'not a war between two nations'  
but between two groups.*

This, the American Civil War was  
a battle between two opposing  
sections of one nation based on  
economic, political & sociocultural  
issues that brought about equal  
rights for all and sustained  
peace in the country.

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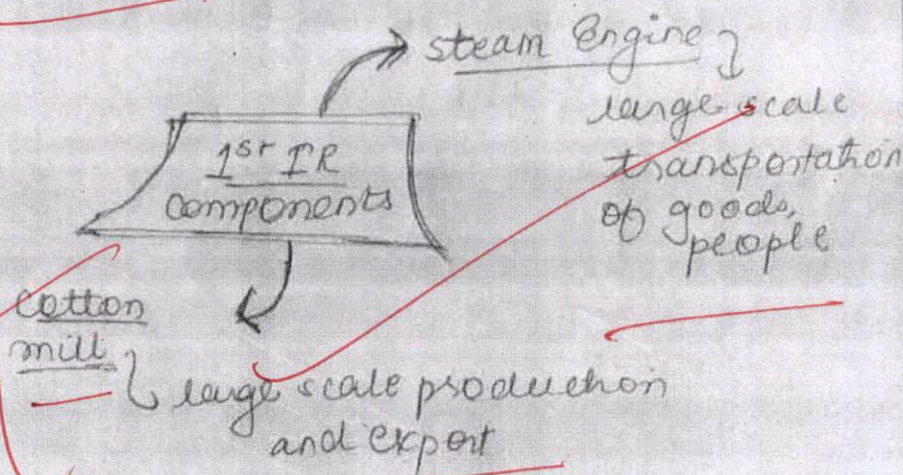
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18<sup>th</sup> century Europe was the  
"petri-dish" for innovation, change,  
progress & development. Gradual  
movement away from feudal vestiges  
alongside abundance of raw materials  
lead to the 1<sup>st</sup> Industrial Revolution

Beginning is  
fine with  
mentioning about  
Industrial revolution's  
Components



## Industrial Revolution & Social Life

Good point but  
explain how it  
changes society

① shift away from old-world  
feudal society towards capitalist  
norms.

② rise in inequality &  
a) such capital owners would  
invest & pocket the profits.



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b) poor workers/labourers would get daily wage only

③ Fall in health indicators

- overworked men & women
- sickness, disease, weakness

④ Child Labour

- children were preferred in factories because of their small size.
- Harmful working conditions

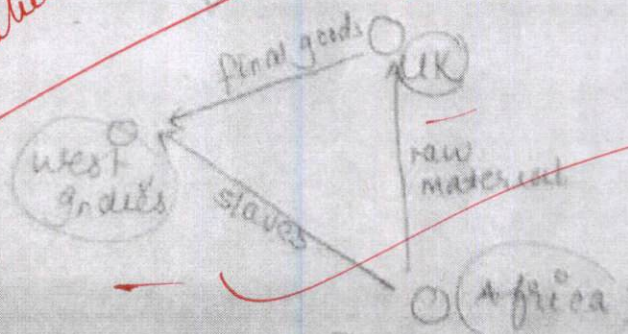
Explain it  
Concise  
How?

## Industrial Revolution & Economic Life

① Rise in production, exports

- profits came into the country which led to further investment

Triangular trade (International)



② profits and Capitalism

- IR marked the beginning of capitalism

Relevant  
points with  
good explanation



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Who discuss about  
Aspects of various  
developments like  
electrical telegraph  
steamboats  
etc.  
Include  
well

③ markets, expanded use of money  
as medium of exchange, standardization  
of weights and measures

④ Rise in banking & financial services  
as well as credit system.

The Industrial Revolution's social  
effects lead to the Luddite movement  
for workers rights while its economic  
effects lead to the rise of  
colonialism followed by communism  
and the demand for democracy.

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"new imperialism" refers to the continued exploitation of various 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries in the name of development and under the disguise of modern rules & regulation.

Introduce with briefly mentioning about technological advances in new imperialism.

## "Old" imperialism

- physical capture, control & use of lands by big economies
- Exploitation through forced labor, plantation work & drain of wealth
- flooding in finished goods through restrictive export-import laws
- NO data (NO 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution).
- social, economic, cultural exploitation

## "new imperialism"

- no longer physical, more based on financial transactions and MOVs between nations
- New methods used, eg: debt trap diplomacy, dumping & market capture
- flooding in cheap imports hurting domestic markets
- Use of data/digital sphere to create dominance
- mostly economic exploitation.

Differences are good but write in context of Africa.



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## New Imperialism in Africa

① Africa suffered from old imperialism majorly up to the 1960s after which it gained independence from the French, Dutch & English colonialists.

② China's debt trap diplomacy :-  
excessive investments in ports / cities / towns in Africa (eg: South Africa, Kenya, etc) putting Africa under debt followed by market capture.

③ Cheap imports flood markets & replace domestic industries causing unemployment & current account deficits.

④ Democratic Republic of Congo  
minerals exploitation  
gold, platinum, etc diamonds  
found in Africa are exported for processing elsewhere.

⑤ Inadequate industrial or services growth in Africa due to continued poverty and hunger. Thus, goods produced are low value.



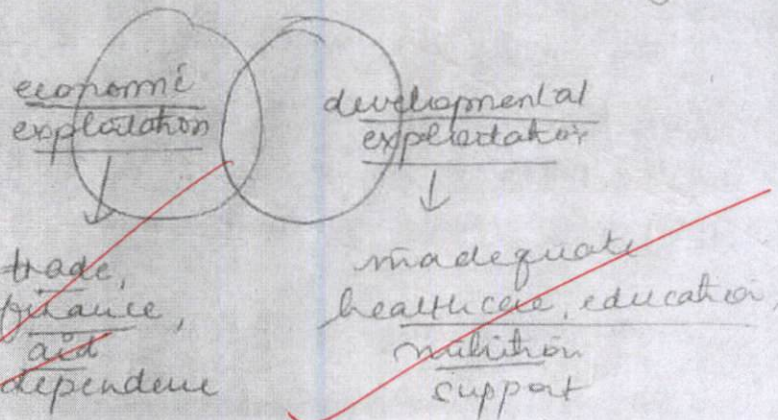
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thus Africa is a living example  
of new imperialism consisting of



New imperialism can only be  
halted through international  
cooperation and action by the  
IMF, World Bank and UNO.

Concluding  
Remarks are  
fine -

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Also  
Introduce the  
Cause of the  
Rev in brief.

the Bolshevik Revolution was a  
revolution that took place in Russia  
to overthrow Czar Nicholas II and  
establish the socialist regime USSR

Why did the Bolshevik Revolution  
succeed?

① Strong, Evident Cause that  
people were fighting for :-

- World War I was creating a  
burden on the peasantry
- extreme inequality and exploitation
- Incapable rulers did not take  
people's needs into account.
- Fight against fascist evils  
(Hitler, Mazzini)

② United Peasantry

- The exploitation was visible &  
widespread
- capitalism was clearly leaving  
them to die off while rich succeeded

Arguments are fairly  
relevant to the  
Context but explain  
how all these  
led to success  
in Conscious arguments



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## ③ Communist, Socialist ideology

- a) hand to the tiller was appealing  
to all lower class individuals.
- b) It signified the end of  
exploitation of man by man  
and pictured a classless  
society.
- c) Equality, fraternity were the new  
symbols.

## ④ Weak political balance & turmoil

- a) The war was a burden on the  
political class, leaving it vulnerable.
- b) The Bolsheviks early exploited  
this weakness.

How?  
Explain in  
brief.

## Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution in World History

① Yet another example of the power  
of common man against powerful  
rulers, even dynasties.

② Rise of the strongest communist state -  
USSR which inspired rise of  
China, Vietnam, North Korea.

How it  
influenced the  
rise of communist  
states

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③ Spread of socialist ideas

a) equality of man  
b) need for economic equality  
alongside political & social  
equality (as said by B.R.  
Ambedkar)

c) anti-colonial movements  
were supported by USSR

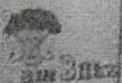
eg: India's CPI was set up in  
Tashkent with USSR support.

Good

millions  
billion

Thus, the Bolshevik Revolution  
marked the beginning of an alternate  
regime to the capitalist framework  
and eventually resulted in the  
Cold War & mixed market system  
ideology.

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The outbreak of the First World War (WWI) ~~was~~ has often been attributed to the singular event of the assassination of the Duke of Austria Francis Ferdinand by a Serb nationalist. However, WWI was the result of a multitude of factors.

Good into Starting

## Economic Causes of WWI

### ① Colonialist powers

a) there was a contest for raw materials, colonies, labour & markets.

b) limited colonies meant severe competition between colonizing nations eg India's French and British East India Companies.

Explain the Context & mentioned example properly

### ② Industrial Revolution

1st : steam engine

2nd : railways, transport, communication

contributed to the race for colonies & growing international jealousy of expanding economies.

Arising such was.



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## Social Causes of WWI

a) Rise of nationalist tendencies  
after the Napoleonic wars  
[Congress of Vienna]

- ↳ ~~Mettetrich & the~~  
~~Rismonck & the policy of~~  
~~"blood & iron" to unify Germany~~
- ↳ ~~Giuseppe Mazzini & Garibaldi~~  
~~Italian Republic~~
- ↳ ~~Russian / Serbian nationalism~~  
~~and Balkan's demand for~~  
~~nationalization.~~

b) Romantic notions of liberty,  
equality, fraternity stemming from  
the French Revolution.

Explain the  
mentioned argument  
point properly.

## Diplomatic & Political Causes of WWI

① Secret Alliances

↳ Allies: France, UK, USA, Japan, Russia.

↳ Central Powers: Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary.

How all these  
secret alliances  
caused WWI?

② Political instability and distrust

↳ France & Germany were  
constant enemies wary of each  
other.

Discuss the naval race  
between Britain and Germany.



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③ Alliances forced nations into the war making it a world war.

Thus, economic, political, social & diplomatic factors contributed to 4 years of trench wars & destruction, eventually resulting in USA President Wilson's 14 points & the establishment of the League of Nations.

Conclusion  
5 years

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The Treaty of Versailles was the treaty that ended the First World War, signed at the Palais De Versailles in France by the victors of the war.

The Treaty is considered a compromise between a treaty of force and a treaty of ideas.

• Ideas :- nation-state, identity, political self-determination & sovereignty.

• Force :- winners over losers

• Terms of the treaty were extremely harsh on Germany, the collective enemy of Allied Nations.

a) War reparation paid by Germany

b) Territories given up by Germany

• The rights of statehood and self-determination were thus denied to the losing states. Additionally, Russia was not included.

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These misdeeds brought about  
various consequences felt 20 years  
later in the form of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World  
War :-

① an angry Germany was happy to  
have a ruthless dictator in the  
form of Adolf Hitler.

② Extreme exploitation (Jewish Holocaust)  
because Germany wanted someone  
to blame.

③ Democratic ideals of liberty,  
equality had not been given support  
at the end of Versailles. Instead, the  
losing nation had been maligned  
although the Versailles Treaty

④ League of Nation failed to stem  
crisis because of lack of international  
cooperation.

The Treaty of Versailles, although  
ended a horrendous war, also  
sowed the seed for the rise of fascism  
and the drive to take revenge.

Thus, it was not a treaty of  
ideas, but instead a treaty of  
sheer force, as it :-

Points are fine  
but also  
Aspect of beauty  
Speech delivered by Hitler  
the promotion of free trade  
mandate for former colonies  
self determination of  
people Eastern Europe  
etc.

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- a) ~~did not emphasize on the~~  
~~ideas of growth, national self-~~  
~~determination.~~
- b) ~~distributed colonies amongst~~  
~~the winners~~
- c) ~~crushed a defeated nation~~  
~~and prolonged enmity.~~

WWI was thus a result of  
the Treaty of Versailles' use of  
force & compromise of ideas.

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Write overall  
analysis summary  
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Remarks



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The Cold War was a war of Ideology fought internationally between the USA and USSR and through proxy wars in various countries like North & South Korea & Vietnam.

Starting is good  
About Cold war

Factors leading to the end of Cold War

## ① Nuclear Threat

eg: Cuban missile crisis

It was clear (after the arms race had amplified) that one attack would lead to retaliation and end up consuming the entire human species.

## ② Weapons of mass Destruction Convention

a) Biological weapons Convention

b) Chemical weapons Convention

c) Nuclear Deterrance:-

↳ Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

↳ Nuclear Control Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)

↳ Nuclear supplier group

Explain the  
mentioned points  
what is weapons  
of mass  
Destruction  
Convention  
About?

## ③ The fall of the USSR in 1991

① Economic failure

② Political corruption & decay

How  
Explain the  
Cause



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① capitalist system had recovered quickly from 1930s depression.

④ International Efforts, eg. Non Aligned movement.

⑤ India, Egypt, Yugoslavia, Indonesia worked hand-in-hand to avoid joining a side and lead the 3rd world in sovereign nationhood.

⑥ Diplomacy at the United Nations, multilateral dialogue.

⑦ War fatigue and Demand for democratic international politics.

⑧ Americans condemned own government for Vietnamese aggression.

Functions some of principles of the policy

Write Contested reasoning to the sub-part

US ascendancy

⑨ Capitalism made the US rich, able to fund arms expansion, held economic power.

⑩ USSR withered away, the US was the sole winner (as UK and France had not capitalized as quickly as the US & while had deprived them).

who draw the UN Security Council



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② - Thus, the end of the Cold War  
signalled the beginning of a unipolar  
world order.

Today, the vestiges of the  
Cold war bipolarity are being reigned  
as a NATO - Russia tense  
national self-determination & sovereignty  
into question yet again.

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Remarks  
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The French Revolution, as any other, was the forceful expression of the sentiments & discontent of the people of the age.

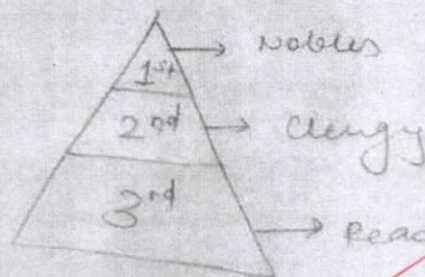
## Discontent of the French People

### (1) Economic Poverty

- a) excessive wars drained treasury
- b) overtaxed peasantry
- c) inadequate harvests contributed to hunger & poverty.

### (2) Social Poverty & Political Discontent

#### a) system of 3 estates.



1 estate:  
1 vote

Inequality of representation meant the people's mandate was overlooked.

#### b) Social suppression & discrimination

Introduce the French revolution with its origin, background and philosophical principles emerged out of it.

Good sentiment about the division of society.



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1) Nobles fight, Clergy pray,  
Peasants pay"

The 3rd estate was immensely discontent.

2) International Influence: American  
revolutionary success influenced the  
people of France.

Expression of Discontent - The Revolution

3) Tennis Court Oath by the National  
Assembly, alongside storming of  
the Bastille Prison on 14th July

4) Writings of Intellectuals

5) Declaration of the Rights of  
Man & Citizen (DOROMAC)

6) Declaration of the Rights of  
Woman & Citizen (DOROWAC)  
a feminist approach

7) Robespierre's Club and the call for  
revolutionary governance -  
ultimately leading to Robespierre's  
Reign of Terror.

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How it influences  
explain

Write bearing  
properly  
defining  
Context

Discuss about  
- Failure of economic  
- The definition of 1778.  
- Financial Bonapartism

What it was  
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Briefly mention



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① Ideas of liberty, equality & fraternity were spread far and wide by various writings and republican thought.

Write Contextual  
Analysis & i.e.  
Context of French  
Revolution

Thus, the French Revolution, especially the writings of the age were an expression of long standing discontent & people's strife towards progress and modernization with a focus on romantic ideals.

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Nationalism was the driving  
of 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe which  
resulted in the unification &  
establishment of various republics  
like Germany, Austria, Hungary &  
Italy.

## Reasons for Italian Nationalism

① Napoleonic wars had waged much  
destruction & instability in Europe  
and rulers wished to go back to the  
"old ways" of conservative rule.

② Congress of Vienna & the call for  
national borders and united progress

③ French Revolution had spread ideas  
of freedom amongst the people and  
this had to be controlled to ensure  
nobility remained in charge.

Thus, the unification of Italy  
was begun, bringing out various  
personalities over a long process.

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Introduce with  
the impact of  
Napoleonic and  
Vienna Congress  
on Italy.

Explain it

Write some of  
them with  
their contribution

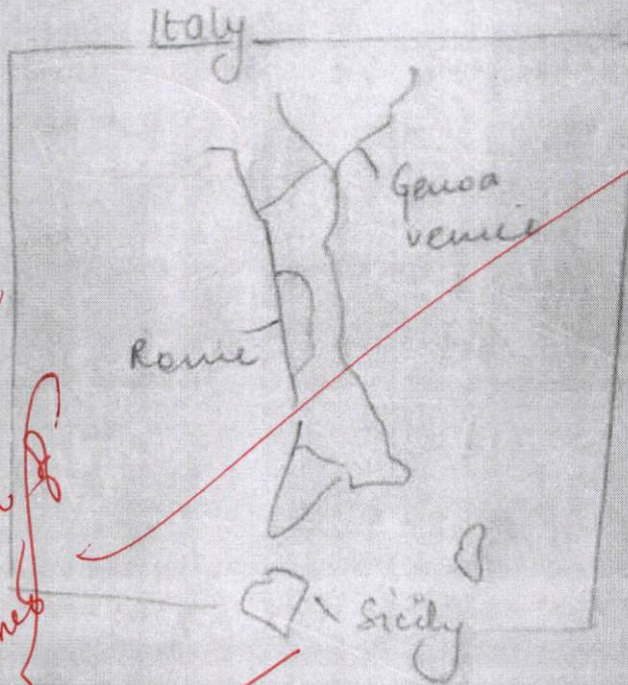


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Good definition of the mentioned point

Explain the Components of unification / explain the role of Mazzini Count Cavour International Political Situation

- ① Initially, Italy consisted of various states ruled by
  - ① Austria-Hungary
  - ② Dynastic families (e.g. Medici of Florence)
  - ③ France
  - ④ Clergy (Pope, etc.)

Valid point

② Giuseppe Mazzini & Giuseppe Garibaldi used various forms of warfare & diplomacy alongside short term alliances to bring these states under the ambit of one Unified Italian Republic.



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*Conclusion  
is given*

The unification of Italy is an example of the rise in nationalist thought and identity. People were moving away from feudal obligations towards a stronger identity of nationhood & citizenship consisting of rights & duties.

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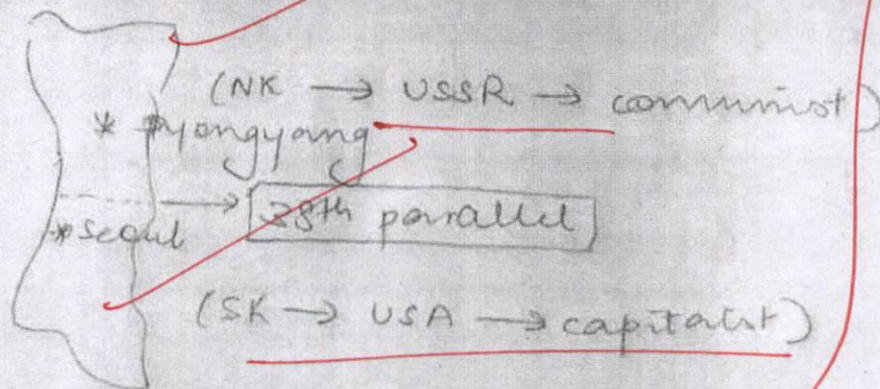
The Korean War was a "proxy war" fought between North & South Korea but essentially between USSR and USA.

Inter is given in brief.

## Historical Trend

- ① Korea was a Japanese colony in World War II.
- ② After the Axis powers lost, Korea was handed over to the Allies.
- ③ It was divided at the 38th parallel between North Korea (for USSR) and South Korea (USA).

Valid Argument point is mentioned.



- ④ Following this division, a long process of invasions and counterattacks took place along the parallel.



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## Out comes

② For USSR and USA :-

eventually these nations had to pull out, acknowledging that this was a proxy war. Neither big powers won anything substantial in the effort.

② For North Korea :-

- ↳ it continues to be a communist state lead by Kim Jong Un.
- ↳ it is a nuclear state, not aligned to any of the international nuclear treaties (NPT, CTBT)
- ↳ complete isolation from the global scenario.
- ↳ human rights violations are alleged by unions/escapees from North Korea.

② for South Korea :-

- ↳ capitalist nation
- ↳ immense growth & development
- ↳ high level of human welfare
- ↳ technological growth

Points are fine but explain in context of USA and USSR  
How they contributed by their involvement in the war?



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The 38th parallel remains intact  
and both nations remain hostile.

India's involvement

in what?

India was part of the Non-  
aligned movement

It advocated peaceful settlement  
of disputes and discouraged  
war or meddling of great powers  
in national matters.

It continues to advocate soft power,  
back channel diplomacy & peaceful  
relations between North & South  
Korea.

North & South Korea are examples  
of how political systems can shape  
the future of a country and its  
people. Peace is essential to global  
stability.

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