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SYLLABUS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

1. Month wise guide on book completion:

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POST EXAM term 2
Text 2: CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS
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Students need to use:
TEXT, HANDOUTS & PPT’s.

Student needs to do all:
1. Class 12 question bank
2. Practice papers
3. ALL UNIT TESTS AND TERM PAPERS.
Syllabus and course content: Class XI Book -1

1. Cold War Era in World Politics
Emergence of two power blocs after the second world war. Arenas of the cold war. Challenges to Bipolarity: Non Aligned Movement, quest for new international economic order. India and the cold war.

New entities in world politics: Russia, Balkan states and, Central Asian states, Introduction of democratic politics and capitalism in post-communist regimes. India’s relations with Russia and other post-communist countries.

3. US Dominance in World Politics:
Growth of unilateralism: Afghanistan, first Gulf War, response to 9/11 and attack on Iraq. Dominance and challenge to the US in economy and ideology. India’s renegotiation of its relationship with the USA.

4. Alternative Centres of Economic and Political Power:
Rise of China as an economic power in post-Mao era, creation and expansion of European Union, ASEAN. India’s changing relations with China.

5. South Asia in the Post-Cold War Era:

6. International Organizations in a unipolar World:
Restructuring and the future of the UN. India’s position in the restructured UN. Rise of new international actors: new international economic organisations, NGOs. How democratic and accountable

7. Environment and Natural Resources in Global Politics.
Environment movement and evolution of global environmental norms. Conflicts over traditional and common property resources. Rights of indigenous people. India’s stand in global environmental debates.

Economic, cultural and political manifestations. Debates on the nature of consequences of globalisation. Anti-globalisation movements. India as an arena of globalization and struggles against it are the new institutions of global governance?

7. Security in Contemporary World:
ASSIGNMENT 1
COLD WAR

Q1 Explain the concept of mutually assured destruction (MAD) and discuss how valid it was as a strategy to prevent war.

Q2 Discuss the role of NPT. Why did India not sign it?

Q3 What is arena of Cold War? Name two.


Q5 Did the West “win” the cold war? Give reasons for your answer.

Q6 The cold war was a complex relationship combining elements of both conflict and stability?

Q7 Who was the president who decided to turn Cuba into a base?

Q8 What was the logic of deterrence? What was its relevance?

Q9. What was the Marshall plan, why did the USSR denounce it as “Dollar Imperialism”

Q10. Mention 3 countries each under the headings 1. Capitalist countries 2. Second world countries 3. NAM members mark on the world map

Q11. Discuss the role of the NIEO. Why was it set up?

Q12. Why were military satellites important to the superpowers?

Q13. Sometimes it is said that “the Cold War was the simple struggle for powers and that ideology had nothing to do with it. It never became a hot war”. Give reasons to support your answer

Q14. Inspite of the intense rivalry the cold war never became a hot war. Comment.

Q15. What do you think of the statement that NAM has become irrelevant today?

Q16. What is India’s response to the cold war? What interest did non alignment have with reference to Indian foreign policy.

Q17. What was India’s foreign policy towards the USA/USSR during the cold war? Do you think that this policy helped India’s interests?

Q18. Why did the superpowers have military alliances with smaller countries? Give reasons.
   The cold war was a struggle for power or was it for ideology. Give reasons which aspect you support with examples
ASSIGNMENT 2
CHAPTER BIPOLARITY

Q1 Who was Gorbachev
Q2 What was the Soviet system?
Q3 Mention the year and the relevance of the breaking of the Berlin wall?
Q4 What role did the World Bank play in integrating the Soviet states?
Q5 As a result of shock therapy to which economic system, each state of the Soviet bloc was gradually to be absorbed?
What is the CIS?
Q6 Mention two characteristics of the Soviet political system. (2008)
Q7 Mark the states that emerged from the Soviet Union on a political map of the world
Q8 Mention areas of diplomacy between India and USSR?
What is the CIS? What is collective security?
Q9 Bring out the difference between multipolar, bipolar and unipolar world
Q10 Mention any three features that distinguish the Soviet economy from that of a capitalist country like the US
Q11 What were the major consequences of the disintegration of the Soviet Union for countries like India?
Q13 India’s relations with Russia are important aspects of Indian foreign policy. How was it of great benefit to India
Q14 Write a short note on the leaders of the USSR: Lenin Stalin and Yelstin
Q15 How did the shock therapy destroy the social welfare system of Russia.
ASSIGNMENT 3
US HEGEMONY

Q1. What is the jeans culture?
Q2. The hegemony of the USA is also based on its cultural presence. Explain
Q3. Write short notes on the following
   1. Operation Infinite reach
   2. Operation Enduring freedom
   3. Operation Iraqi Freedom
Q4. Describe the bandwagon strategy? Do you think it is relevant today?
Q5. What is a Hard power, give example
Q6. Discuss the US hegemony in the Clinton years?
Q7. What is the New World Order?
Q8. What are the constraints on US hegemony?
Q9. What does history teach us about hegemony?
Q10. Discuss the changing pattern of Indo US relations since 1991.
Q11. “The predominance of the USA in the world today is based on its military power, economic prowess and cultural presence” . Explain
ASSIGNMENT 4
Alternative Centers of Power

Q1 On a World Map identify
   Two old and two new member countries of The EU
   Two countries which were in the Soviet bloc but are now a part of the EU
   Two countries which were a part of the USSR but are now a part of the EU.

Q2 Why does the EU flag have 12 stars? What do they signify?

Q3 What are the ASEAN way, and Look East Policy??

Q4 What do ASEAN and FTA stand for?

Q5 What are the objectives of establishing regional organizations?

Q6 What are the components of the ASEAN Vision 2020?

Q7 Name the pillars and the objectives of the ASEAN Community.

Q8 What is a SEZ? How many were there in China?

Q9 What are the military features of the European Union and what are the factors that limit the ability of the EU

Q10. What makes the European Union a highly influential regional organisation?

Q11. The emerging economies of China and India have great potential to challenge the unipolar world. Do you agree with the statement? Substantiate your arguments.

Q12. How has China revived its economy? How is its present economy different to its command economy?


Study the above cartoons and explain the message that they want to convey
ASSIGNMENT 5
Contemporary South Asia

Q1 What is South Asia?
Q2 Why is South Asia prone to conflict
Q3 What are SAPTA and SAFTA?
Q4 Mention the member states that form the SAARC
Q5 What was the IPKF
Q6 Name two army dictators in Pakistan
Q7 The movement for freedom in Bangladesh was led by which leader in the 1970’s
Q8 What are some of the commonalities and differences between Bangladesh and Pakistan in their democratic experiences?
Q9 List three challenges to democracy in Nepal.
Q10 Name the principal players in the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka. How do you assess the prospects of the resolution of this conflict
Q11 How are the external powers influencing bilateral relations in South Asia? Write and give examples to illustrate your point
Q12 Discuss the role and the limitations of SAARC as a forum for facilitating economic cooperation among the South Asian countries. What are the factors that have made our neighbors suspicious of India’s role in the association?
Q13 India’s neighbors often think that the Indian government tries to dominate and interfere in the domestic affairs of the smaller countries of the region. Is this a correct impression? Give your opinion.
ASSIGNMENT 6
International Organizations

Q1. Why are international organizations important?
Q2. In its initial years why was the UN a largely described as a talking shop?
Q3. Name the international organization that draws attention to Human Rights abuse
Q4. What is the role of the IMF and the World Bank?
Q6. Correct the following statement – In the Security Council the five permanent members are China, Australia, Russia, USA and UK
Q8. Mention two aims of the UN. What is the Veto Vote

Q9. Discuss the structure of the UN
Q10. What are the functions of the Secretary General, is his position ornamental
Q11. What are the changes the world has seen in the last fifty years?
Q12. What are the four criteria that have been proposed for permanent and non-permanent members of the Security Council?
Q13. Critically evaluate the difficulties involved in implementing the suggested reforms to reconstruct the UN

Q14. Though the UN has failed in preventing wars and related miseries, nations prefer its continuation. What makes the UN an indispensable organization?
Q15. ‘Reforming the UN means restructuring of the Security Council’. Do you agree with this statement? Give arguments for or against this position
Q16. What are the factors that have contributed to the UNO still being a relevant body today discusses its role in the last 60 years?
Q17. How has the US hegemony come in the way of the UNO functioning?
Q18. Why are international organizations important?
Q19. Mention any 2 objectives of the UNO.
Q20. What is the Veto Vote?
Q21. When was the UNO founded?
Q22. What are the qualifications needed to become a member of the UNSC?
Q23. What are the changes needed to be brought in the UNSC, do you think these changes are justified?
Q24. How has the US hegemony come in the way of the UNOP functioning?
Q26. What has India’s role been in the functioning of the UN?
Q27. Is the U.N. relevant today, give reasons to support your answer?
Q28. Name any 3 Secretary Generals, Mark the countries they come from.
ASSIGNMENT 7
Security in the contemporary world

Q1 What is human security?
Q2 What are health epidemics, name a few.
Q3 What are confidence building measures?
Q4 What are BWC’s and CWC’s?
Q5 Who are Migrants and Refugees?
Q6 1. Define the following
   i. Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)
   ii. Arms Control
   iii. Alliance
   iv. Disarmament
Q7 What are the four components of Traditional security?
Q8 How can a problem qualify as a threat?
Q9 Is terrorism a traditional or non-traditional threat to security?
Q10 What are the choices available to a state when its security is threatened, according to the traditional security perspective?
Q11 What are the objectives of military alliances? Give an example of a functioning military alliance with its specific objectives.
Q12 How has Global poverty contributed to insecurity in the world?
Q13 Looking at the Indian scenario, what type of security has been given priority in India, traditional or non-traditional? What examples could you site to substantiate the argument
ASSIGNMENT 8
Environment and Natural resource

Q1 Why do issues of environment fall within the sphere of world politics?
Q2 What is Agenda 21?
Q3 What is sustainable development?
Q4 What were the outcomes of the Earth Summit and the Kyoto Protocol?
Q5 What are global commons?
Q6 What are environmental movements?
Q7 What is meant by the global commons? How are they exploited and polluted?
Q8 What is meant by ‘common but differentiated responsibilities’?
Q9 Who are indigenous people? How has unplanned development impacted their lives?
Q10 List out the major problems with reference to ecological issues.
Q11 Read this extract from the Rio Declaration and answer the following questions:
   “States shall cooperate in the spirit of global partnership to conserve, protect and restore the health and integrity of the earth’s ecosystem. In view of the different contributions of the global environmental degradation, states have common but differentiated responsibilities.”
   (a) Give two examples of the ecosystem being talked about here.
   (b) Which part of the world has greater responsibility for environmental protection? And why?
   (c) To what extent was this spirit followed by the states in their action since the Rio Summit?
Q12 Compromise and accommodation are the two essential policies required by states to save planet Earth. Substantiate the statement in the light of the ongoing negotiations between the North and South on environmental issues.
ASSIGNMENT 9
Globalization

Q1. How has technology contributed to globalisation?
Q2. Discuss the resistance to globalization.
Q3. How is globalization different from the flow of ideas and took place through much of Human history?
Q4. What are meant by flows in relation to globalization
Q5. What is meant by world wide interconnectedness? What are its components
Q6. How has cultural globalization impacted your life?
Q7. What has been the impact of globalization on marginal cultures?
Q8. What is cultural homogenization
Q9. Read this passage and answer the following questions:
   “If globalisation is about the flows of ideas, capital, commodities, and people, it is perhaps logical to ask if there is anything novel about this phenomenon. Globalisation in terms of these four flows has taken place through much of human history. However, those who argue that there is something distinct about contemporary globalisation point out that it is the scale and speed of these flows that account for the uniqueness of globalisation.”
   (a) Give an example of each of these four flows that distinguishes globalization from similar flows in earlier times.
   (b) Can we conclude from this way of looking at globalisation that it is essentially economic and always positive? Give examples to support your position. (4+2)
Q10. How has globalization impacted on India and how is India in turn impacting on globalisation?
Q11. Do you agree with the argument that globalisation leads to cultural heterogeneity?
COURSE CONTENTS FOR CLASS XII
2015(50 marks)
This book will be done first and topics should be all done by term 1 examination.

1. Era of One-Party Dominance:
First three general elections, nature of Congress dominance at the national level, uneven dominance at the state level, coalitional nature of Congress. Major opposition parties.

2. Nation-Building and Its Problems:
Nehru’s approach to nation-building: Legacy of partition: challenge of ‘refugee’
Resettlement, the Kashmir problem. Organization and reorganization of states; Political Conflicts over language.

3. Politics of Planned Development.
Five year plans, expansion of state sector and the rise of new economic interests. Famine and suspension of five year plans. Green revolution and its political fallouts.

4. India’s External Relations
India’s nuclear programme and shifting alliances in world politics.

5. Challenges to and Restoration of Congress System:
Political succession after Nehru. Non-Congressism and electoral upset of 1967, Congress split and reconstitution, Congress’ victory in 1971 elections, politics of ‘garibi hatao’

6. Crisis of the Constitutional Order:

7. Regional Aspirations and Conflicts

8. Rise of New Social Movements:
9. **Democratic Upsurge and Coalition Politics**

10. **Recent issues and challenges**
ASSIGNMENT 1
Challenges of Nation building

1. What were the challenges before India at the time of independence?
2. Who was Potti Sriramulu?
3. What was the SRC who were its members and when did it come into existence?
5. What were the main concerns/challenges of partition?
6. How was the division and resettlement of the Eastern region different to the western?
8. What was the vishal Andhra movement how did language evolve into a political controversy?
9. Discuss Nehru’s approach to nation building? Do you think his reasons were prudential or sentimental?
10. How were the princely states integrated? Were they willing to join India or were they coerced?
11. How did poets influence Indian unity?
12. How did Manipur integrate with India?
13. What was the task of the States Reorganization Commission? What was its most salient recommendation? Name any one of its members.
14. Discuss the governments approach to the integration of Hyderabad and Manipur.
15. Discuss the major differences to nation building for the Eastern and Western regions of the country at the time of independence.

16. Read the following passage and answer the questions below:
   “In the history of nation-building only the Soviet experiment bears comparison with the Indian. There too, a sense of unity had to be forged between many diverse ethnic groups, religious, linguistic communities and social classes. The scale – geographic as well as demographic was comparably massive. The raw material the state had to work with was equally unpropitious: a people divided by faith and driven by
debt and disease. ” — RAMACHANDRA GUHA
(a) List the commonalities that the author mentions between India and Soviet Union and give one example for each of these from India.
(b) The author does not talk about dissimilarities between the two Experiments. Can you mention dissimilarity?
(c) In retrospect which of these two experiment worked better.
(d) What has India in her foreign relations followed from the Soviet Union? How have their relations developed in the last decade?
ASSIGNMENT 2
Era of One-Party Dominance

1. What is the congress system?
2. How was the communist victory in Kerala unique?
3. Write a short note on the Swatantra party?
4. What was the PRI?
5. Who founded the BJS? Was it a powerful force in Indian politics?
6. Was Opposition needed in the years after independence?
7. Describe the nature of Party system in India between 1947-67
8. Highlight some of the features of the Swatantra party.
9. Who was Sukumar Sen?
10. Write a short note on the Swatantrata party?
11. How was the victory in Kerala unique? Discuss
12. Who was Shyama Prasad Mukherjee?
13. Did the prevalence of a ‘one party dominant system’ affect adversely the democratic nature of Indian politics?
14. Bring out three differences each between Socialist parties and the Communist party and between Bharatiya Jana Sangh and Swatantra Party.
ASSIGNMENT 3

Politics of Planned Development.

1. Where did India get the concept of planning?
2. What was the Bombay Plan?
3. Why did India adopt planning?
4. State 2 advantages of planning?
5. What is a plan holiday/ When did India go through this similar phase?
6. What were the key thrust in the first 5 year plan?
7. Write a short note on the 2nd plan?
8. Explain the food crisis in Bihar?
9. What were the early initiatives of planning?
10. Give a brief outline to the process of plan formation?
11. What was the Nehruvian model of planning?
12. What was the white revolution?
13. What was the Mahalanobis model of development?
14. What was the limitation of the first five year plan?
15. Discuss the role of the Planning commission?
16. What was the zoning policy? How did India overcome the food crisis?
17. How did land reforms prove to be a failure?
ASSIGNMENT 4

India’s External Relations

1. List the DPSP which are related to the promotion of International peace and security.
2. What was the impact of Nehru in the framing of Indian foreign policy?
3. Discuss the two impacts of the 1962 war on politics in India.
4. How has the issue of Tibet embittered relations between India and China?
5. What is the CTBT? Why did India not sign it?
6. What is the no first use deterrence approach of India?
7. What was the Tibet crisis? How has it affected Indo-China relations?
8. What is the LOOK EAST policy? Why is it relevant to India?
9. What was the Tashkent declaration?
What was the Shimla Accord?
10. Briefly discuss India’s Nuclear policy.
11. Write a short note on the following:
   1. Panchsheel
   2. Simla Accord
   3. Tashkent declaration
   4. DPSP wrt foreign policy.
12. Discuss the factors that influenced India’s foreign policy?
13. Write a note on India’s nuclear policy?
14. How has leadership affected our foreign policy?
15. What was the “logic” given about the Chinese invasion in 1962 by Nehru in Parliament?
16. What contributed to the communist party split?
17. Was Non-alignment compromised in 1971 with the signing of the Indo-Soviet friendship treaty?
18. Fill in the blanks:
   Vajpai went to China in ______. The communist party split in ______. Nehru’s defense minister was______.ARC was held in the year____ and the 1st NAM summit was held at______ in____.
ASSIGNMENT 5
Challenges to and Restoration of Congress System:

1. Define the term syndicate?
2. Define the Grand alliance?
3. What was the Aya and Gaya Ram issue?
4. Fill in the blanks: Coalition politics started in ______. Two states where the Congress fared well in 1967 elections were_______and _______. Emergency was declared in_______.
5. What were the 2 major challenges faced by P.M Shastri?
6. What was the Privy purse issue? What were its larger repercussions?
7. How do you think a party should resolve its internal differences? Explain with examples.
8. What were the reasons for the Congress doing poorly in fourth elections?
9. Write a short note on the Presidential elections of 1969?
10. What were the factors which led to the popularity of Mrs. Gandhi’s government in the early 70’s?
11. The cartoon and answer the following questions pg 90©
   1. Which year was this?
   2. Name any two political parties seen here?
   3. Why does the sign read as “KEEP RIGHT, NO TURN LEFT”
12. How was the Congress of 1970 different from the earlier Congress?
13. Why were the 1967 elections results described as a ‘political earthquake’?
14. Critically discuss the Congress party under the leadership of Ms Gandhi.
15. What does the term ‘syndicate’ mean in the context of the Congress party of the sixties? What role did the Syndicate play in the Congress party?
ASSIGNMENT 6.

Crisis of the Constitutional Order: Regional Aspirations and Conflicts

1. What were the reasons which led to the mid-term elections in 1980?
2. Who in India was the leader of the Naxalite movement?
3. Who was Jayaprakash Narain? Mention one achievement of his?

4. The Shah Commission was appointed in 1977 by the Janata Party Government. Why was it appointed and what were its findings?
5. Match the following
   (a) Charan Singh       (i) Congress for Democracy
   (b) D. K. Barooah     (ii) Bharatiya Lok dal
   (c) Jagjivan Ram       (iii) Congress (R)
   (d) Morarji Desai      (iv) Congress (O)

6. What was the relevance of the garibi hatao slogan?
7. Name the 2 states where agitation began prior to the emergency? Give one emergency excess in Delhi.
8. What made the party system look like a 2 party system in 1977?
9. What was the Shah commission? Why it set up and what were its findings?

10. What caused splits in the Congress and Janta parties
11. What were the lessons we learnt from the emergency?
12. Under which Article was emergency declared in June, 1975?
13. What was the naxalite movement?
14. What were the causes for the emergency?
15. What were the reasons for the mid term elections of 1980?
16. Critically discuss the 1977 elections.
ASSIGNMENT 7

Rise of New Social Movements:

1. What are the situations that can lead to a popular movement?

2. On the same map of India as the one above mark the states where the Sardar sarovar project and the Narmada sagar project are coming up.

3. What does the term “Dalit” mean; on the map mark 1 state where they are a powerful group.
   Name any one leader, and one contemporary poet.
   Who are dalit panthers, how have they realized their political and social ambitions?

4. How are social movements different to revolutionary ideologies, what are the problems of social movements.

5. Name any two women’s movement and write short notes on each


7. Do movements and protests strengthen democracy? Justify your answers with examples.

8. What is the B.K.U. name on of their leaders; also give 2 features of this movement

9. Do movements and protests in a country strengthen democracy? Justify your answer with examples

10. Discuss the lessons learnt from popular movements of the 1980’s.
ASSIGNMENT 8
Regional aspirations

1. Define the concept of regionalism?

2. What is the Jammu and Kashmir problem?

3. What was the Dravidian movement, what lessons did the centre learn from it?
   OR
   Why was language a crucial issue in the anti Dravidian movement?
   What lessons did we learn for regional movement? How has the constitutional framework enabled us to deal with such movements?

4. What is the relevance of articles 370, 371 and the 6th schedule?

5. Why did the Anandpur sahib resolution become so controversial?

6. The Assam movement was a combination of cultural pride and economic backwardness. Explain. OR
   “Assam movement was a combination of cultural pride and economic backwardness”. Justify the statement

7. Read Hazarika’s song on page 171 and answer the following
   1. Which part of India does he talk about? 2. What is the Government’s policy for this part of the country?
   3. Name the states carved out of Assam. And name 2 princely states in this region.

8. What was the Punjab accord? Name two politicians of Punjab in the 1980’s around whom the politics revolved then.

9. Correct the Statement- Goa was not merged with Maharashtra as the central government did not want it? (2008)
ASSIGNMENT 9
Recent issues and challenges

1. What was the Babri Masjid issue?
   What were the major reasons for the Gujarat riots?
   What do you mean by the leftist and rightist forces in Indian politics?
2. What was the result of the Ayodhya crisis?
   How was the state government of Uttar Pradesh punished after the Ayodhya issue?
3. What are the “M’s” that rule Indian politics today?
4. Define a coalition? Mention in point form the coalitions that we have seen since 1977.
5. Write a note on the rise of the backward classes and OBC’S.
6. Discuss the term coalition, how far do you agree that it has come to stay in Indian politics?
7. Who were the parties in the National Front alliance?
   Since 1989 until the elections of 2004 which party has been gaining strength in Lok Sabha?
   Discuss the rise of the BJP as a powerful force after emergency?
8. What do you understand by the concept of “growing consensus;” discuss the four elements that comprise it. Which do you think is more relevant today?
9. How has:
   a. the Kashmir issue play a important part in India’s domestic as well as international policy?
   b. North East played a similar role.
10. Do you agree that the Congress still dominates the politics of this country? Give reasons
12. Discuss the North East problem with reference to integration.
14. Discuss the Mandal issue.
15. Discuss the integration of Goa, how was it different to that of Sikkim.
16. What do you understand by the concept of “growing consensus;” discuss the four elements that comprise it. Which do you think is more relevant today?

17. Do you agree that the Congress still dominates the politics of this country? Give reasons.

18. Explain the J&K problem, do you think it is justifiable, give reasons for your answer.

19. What are the lessons learnt from the regional issues accommodation and integration.
PRACTISE TEST -1

Q1. Name the western alliance and the year it came into existence.  

Q2. Why did the cold war produce an arms race as well as arms control. Name 2 treaties.  

Q3. Write against each true and False if false give the correct answer:  
1. All members of the Security Council have a right to the veto vote.  
2. It is a negative vote  
3. One vote can stall the entire decision of the Security Council.  
4. Pakistan exercised veto power in the Kashmir issue.  

Q4. Fill in the blanks:  
1. The U.N. agency that is concerned with the peaceful use of nuclear technology is__________  
2. The__________provides shelter and medical help during emergencies.  
3. _________ was the soviet leader involved in the cuban crisis.  
4. _________ was the soviet leader involved in invading Afghanistan.  

Q5. Name any two Baltic Republics that broke away from the USSR.  


Q7. How did ideology lead to the cold war? Mention any two arenas of the cold war?  

Q8. Discuss the role of the U.N.O. in the unipolar world today.  

Q9. What was the Shock Therapy. Give the consequences of this therapy.  

Q10. Discuss India’s relations with the USA and USSR during the cold war. How has the policy served India’s interest?  

OR  
Critically discuss India’s Non alignment policy, is it still relevant today?
PRACTICE TEST 2

General Instructions:

a) All questions are compulsory. There are 4 printed sides.
b) 1m questions have a limit of 20 words
c) 2m questions have a limit of 40 words
d) 4/m questions have a limit of 100 words
e) 6m questions have a limit of 150 words

Q1. Correct the following statement – In the Security Council the five permanent members are China Australia Russia USA and UK

Q2. How has India benefited by maintaining relations with Russia?

Q3. What is Agenda 21?

Q4. Fill in the blanks:
   1. The emergency of 1975 was proclaimed on grounds of ______
   2. Bangladesh was a part of Pakistan from the year ___ to ______
   3. The 7th coalition up to 2004 was the _______

Q5. Explain the concept of mutually assured destruction (MAD) and discuss how valid it was as a strategy to prevent war.

Q6. What was dual party membership? Why did it become an issue?

Q7. When was the Election commission set up and who was the first Chief Election Commissioner?

Q8. The breaking of the Berlin wall was a symbol of which historical event?

Q9. Match the following four leaders with their parties just before the Lok Sabha elections held in 1977
   (a) Charan Singh (i) Congress for Democracy
   (b) D. K. Barooah (ii) Bharatiya Lok dal
   (c) Jagjivan Ram (iii) Congress (R)
   (d) Morarji Desai (iv) Congress (O)

Q10. Name two poets who wrote during partition. What role did they play

Q11. Mention two features that differentiate the Soviet Economy from the Capitalist one.

Q12. What were the Shah commission’s findings?

Q13. Briefly discuss and mention the article under which emergency was declared in June 1975?
Q14. What were the Anandpur Sahib’s controversial points?  

Q15. Mention two aims of Nehru’s domestic policy?  

Q16. What do the following relate to  
   • Jai Jawan Jai Kisan  
   • Garibi Hatao  
   • Indira Hatao  
   • Grand alliance  

Q17. State two differences in the policies followed by China before and after 1978?  

Q18. Give two suggestions for the reform of the structure and processes of the UNO.  

Q19. “Among the objectives identified in independent India land reforms did not take place effectively”. Explain.  

Q20. a. Name two army dictators who usurped power in Pakistan from democratic governments?  
    b. The movement for freedom in Bangladesh was focused on which issue.  
    c. Name the principal players in the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka  
    d. Mention some of the recent agreements between India and Pakistan?  

Q21. How is the ASEAN different from the EU? Is this the reason for the limited success of the EU?  

Q22. On the map of India mark with a key the following:  
   1. A state associated with the green revolution  
   2. A State that had protectorate status  
   3. A north Eastern area upgraded to a state.  
   4. A State that had regional aspirations based on linguistic identity along with tension with the Centre.  
   On the Map of Asia mark with a key the following:  
   1. Where the 1st Afro-Asian conference was held.  
   2. The latest country to join the SAARC.  
   3. The first country to liberalize its economy in the South Asian region.  
   4. The only Asian G-8 member.  

Q24. What are common property resources? In the context of India highlight some of the ways in which they are protected.
Q25 Discuss briefly the rise of the B.J.P. as a significant force in post 
emergency politics?  

Q26 Why does the syndicate mean in the context of the Congress party in the 1960’s. 
What role did it play in the Congress party?  

Q27 What is the NFF? How is the fish worker’s life threatened in a big way? What 
steps has it taken to claim its demands?  

Q28. Mention the reasons that led to the mid term elections of 1980?  

Q29. How has India’s security strategy countered traditional and non-traditional 
threats?  

Q30. How did the deaths at the top levels of Soviet leadership change the approach of 
the Soviet Union toward the United States? What do you think would have 
happened if the old leadership had remained? What was different about 
Gorbachev?  

Q31. How has Globalization impacted India and vice versa?  

OR 

Why and how has resource Geopolitics contributed to interstate rivalry? Discuss 
with reference to Oil and Water.  

Q32. Critically discuss how India’s relations with the super powers during the cold 
war years helped to develop her national interest.  

OR 

India’s foreign policy was built around the principle of peace and cooperation. 
But India fought three wars in the space of ten years, between 1962 to 1972. Was 
it a failure of the Indian foreign policy or the demands of the international 
situation? Give reasons for your answer.
Q33. What were the factors that led to the popularity of Mrs. Indira Gandhi’s government in the early 1970’s? Discuss the 1971 elections; did they bring back the lost glory of the Congress?

OR

Discuss the effects of Emergency on the following aspects of our polity.

- Effects on civil liberties for citizens.
- Impact on relationship between the Executive and Judiciary
- Functioning of Mass Media
- Working of the Police and Bureaucracy.

Q34. “In the midst of severe competition and many conflicts, a consensus appears to have emerged among most of the political parties”. In the light of the above statement highlight any three points of consensus.

OR

“Even after six decades of independence certain issues pertaining to national integration are yet to be resolved”. In the light of this statement, explain any three unresolved issues.
PRACTICE PAPER -3

DO ALL THE QUESTIONS FOR PRACTISE. THESE ARE NOT TIMED TESTS.

General Instructions:
All questions are compulsory.
1m questions have a limit of 25 words
2m questions have a limit of 50 words
4m questions have a limit of 80 words
6m questions have a limit of 120 words

1. Name 2 International agreements on global commons? 1

2. To be categorized as a security problem the issue must have certain qualifications, name one. 1

3. What is an instrument of accession? 1

4. What is the open door policy? 1

5. Name the UN agency which is concerned with the safety and peaceful use of nuclear technology? 1

6. Define the term CTBT? 1

7. Mention two characteristics of the Soviet political system. 1

8. State if the statement is true/false about military alliances made by the superpowers
1. Member countries to support the super power both in terms of ideology and military strategy 1
2. Super powers assist all the member countries to develop their own nuclear weapons. 1

9. The first general elections were held in______ and was the simultaneous elections of the____ with the Lok Sabha. 1

10. What is the Veto vote; name the countries that have it. 1

11. How is disarmament different to arms control? 2

12. What was the dilemma faced by the Socialist party in India after its formation? 2
13 Why were there protests in E. Pakistan after independence?  
14 What were the inbuilt problems in the Soviet system?  
15 Name the following countries:  
   1. One country which has recently signed the Kyoto protocol.  
   2. A NATO member  
   3. A SAARC member  
   4. Member of the Warsaw pact.  
16 Why was the communist victory in Kerala in 1957 so unique and why was its dismissal so controversial?  
17 Mention one benefit each for India and Russia in their warm relationship.  
18 Why were the first elections the biggest gamble in history?  
19 What was the vishalandhra movement?  
20 What was India’s concern with respect to states being linguistically organized?  
21 Cartoon attached answer the following questions  
   1. How are India and China taking away jobs from developed countries?  
   2. Mention one economic and one political consequence of the concept being discussed in this cartoon.  
22 On the map of India mark the princely states of 1. Mysore  2. Cooch Behar  
23 Bring out the major differences between the challenges to nation building for the Eastern and Western regions of the country at the time of independence.  
24 Write a short note on the Swatantra party.  
25 Look at the map of India attached at the end study the performance of parties and answer the 4 questions : (1x4)  
   1. Did the Congress maintain the increase in the members in these elections?  
   2. Which political party continued to gain seats in all the elections?  
   3. Name the political parties which contested only two of the three elections  
   4. What can you interpret from the map about the Indian political system?  
26 Match the following:  
   1. Deen Dayal Upadhya - a. Communist leader from Kerala
2. A.K. Gopalan b. Education minister in the cabinet of free India.
3. Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur c. Member of the Bhartiya Jana Sangh

27 Can the UNO serve as a balance against US dominance? Give reasons for your answer. 5

28 What would you consider as the main differences between Mexico and India under one party domination? 5

29 Name the achievements of Sri Lanka despite its continuing ethnic crisis; name the main players in the conflict. 5

30 What is the ASEAN Way? Why is the ASEAN more successful than the SAARC? 5

31 Read this extract from the Rio Declaration and answer the following questions: 6

“States shall cooperate in the spirit of global partnership to conserve, protect and restore the health and integrity of the ecosystem. In the view of different contributions of the global environmental degradation, states have common but differentiated responsibilities”

1. What is the ecosystem being discussed here?

2. Which part of the world has greater responsibility for the environmental protection and why?

3. To what extent was this spirit followed by the states in their action since the Rio declaration

32 The transition from communism to capitalism was not a smooth one. Explain. 6

33 Discuss India’s security policy. 6
**General Instructions:**

All questions are compulsory.

1. Describe the role and function of the Planning commission. What makes it unique.

2. How did land reforms prove to be a failure?

3. Would you consider the anti-arack movement as a women’s movement?

4. Who are Dalit panthers, what is their ideology and issues they address?

5. Discuss India’s nuclear policy.

6. Give one reason to suggest why social movements in India emerged and one factor to suggest why they are successful.

7. What are voluntary sector organisations?

8. Give reasons to suggest that:

   1. NAM allowed India to get assistance from both USA and the USSR.

   2. Cold war affected the relationship between India and Pakistan.

   9. What was the Bombay Plan?

   10. What is a plan holiday? Why are some years called plan holidays?

   11. What was the red: white: and green revolution, name a person involved with each.

   12. What is the difference between right and left parties?
PRACTISE MORE QUESTIONS-5

This question paper has many different marks, just work on them for a quick practise.

General Instructions:

All questions are compulsory. There are 4 printed sides.
1m questions have a limit of 20 words
2m questions have a limit of 40 words
4m questions have a limit of 100 words
6m questions have a limit of 150 words with an internal choice.
All questions have to be done in serial order

1. Give one example when India used its foreign policy of Non-alignment policy for its economic advantage. 1
2. Name one Central Asian Republic. 1
3. What is meant by “flows” in globalization? 1
4. Mention one impact of Partition on our domestic and foreign policy. 1
5. Name the EU countries that have a veto vote? 1
6. What was the “Congress System”? 1
7. Why were the first elections the biggest gamble in history? 1
8. Which among the following statements does not reflect the objectives of NAM: 1
   1. Enabling newly decolorized countries to pursue independent policies.
   2. No to joining any military alliances
   3. Following a policy of neutrality on global issues
   4. Focus on elimination of global economic inequalities
9. Why were there protests in E. Pakistan after independence? 1
10. WTO is serving as the successor to which of the following organizations 1
    a. General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
b. General Arrangement on Trade and Tariffs  
c. World Health Organization  
d. UN Development Programme  

11. Name the international body/agency/organ which performs the following function:  
   1. Oversees global financial system  
   2. Provides good health to all  
   3. Debates and discusses global issues  
   4. Solves international disputes  

12. What was the significance of the State Reorganization Act of 1956?  

13. “Congress had to taste bitter defeat in Kerala in 1957. Discuss”  

14. Justify the statement that “cold war remained cool”. Give two points to support your arguments.  

15. Mention two limitations of the SAARC?  

16. Bring out two differences between the Socialist and Communist party of India.  

17. Match the following:  
   i. Confidence Building Measures  
   ii. Arms Control  
   iii. Alliance  
   iv. Disarmament  
   a. Giving up certain types of weapons  
   b. A process of exchanging information between nations on a regular basis  
   c. A coalition of nations meant to deter or defend against military attacks  
   d. Regulates the acquisition of arms  

18. What was dual party membership?  

19. Complete this: The first general elections of ________ were unique due to the simultaneous elections of the ______________.  

20. Give two reasons for Srilanka being in danger.  

21. What are the factors that were responsible for the Congress dominance at the
22. Explain three ways in which USA’s super power role is different today from the cold war era?

23. Bring out the major differences between the challenges to nation building for the Eastern and Western regions of the country at the time of independence.


Also why did the accession of these states prove more difficult than the rest? (2+2)

25. What is ‘Balance of Power’? How could a state achieve this?

26. What are common property resources? In the context of India highlight some of the ways in which they are protected

27. Why did the two super powers need smaller allies during the cold war? Give four reasons.

28. What are the reasons being used by Nehru for keeping India secular? Do you think these reasons were only ethical or sentimental? Or were there some prudential reasons as well?

29. How were the Clinton years in US administration different from the Bush years?

30. Cartoon attached answer the following questions (nuclear countries chapter on security)

1. Name the countries and leaders involved?

2. Mention the political consequence of the concept being discussed in this cartoon. Discuss in detail on the outcome in Global affairs.
31. Evaluate the difficulties involved in the reforming of the Security Council with reference to the following:

1. No agreement on criteria to determine who would get a permanent seat
2. Animosity and distrust among the member nation states

OR

Suppose the cold war had not taken place and there were several major powers at the end of the 2nd world war. How would the situation have affected India’s foreign policy? Identify any three aspects or regions and imagine the difference.

32. Describe the growth of Chinese economy since the 1970's. Mention one area of conflict and one area of cooperation in Sino-Indian relations

OR

“The ability to manufacture consent is more effective than any military or economic power”. Discuss with examples from day to day life in world politics.

33. Read this extract from the Rio Declaration and answer the following questions:

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1. What is the ecosystem being discussed here?
2. Which part of the world has greater responsibility for the environmental protection and why?
3. To what extent was this spirit followed by the states in their action since the Rio declaration.

34. Assess Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel’s role in nation building?

35. What were the reasons which led to Hyderabad’s accession to India?
SAMPLE PAPER-6

Q1 Why is Tibet an issue with India? 1
Q2 What is a proxy war? 1
Q3 When and Why did the 1st split of the Communist party take place? 1
Q4 Fill in the blanks:
   1. The 5th General elections to the Lok Sabha were held in__________ (month and year) 1
   2. The popular movement associated with the Sardar Sarovar Project is called the_  
Q5 Fill in the blanks 1
   1. Fisheries is a _______ subject. NFF stands for____________________________.  
Q6 Name the organizations banned during the emergency? 1
Q7 What was the Shah Commission? 1
Q8 What is meant by “to supersede” explain this in context to the 1970’s. 1
Q9 _________ returned his Padma Shri and _______ returned his Padma Bhushan at the time of Emergency. 1
Q10 How is the POSCO plant protest different from the recent Air India strike. 1
Q11 Define the terms: i) SVD ii) Goongi gudiya 2

Q12 **On the map of India mark** 2
   1. Shade Deccan states and Kolhapur.
   2. Where the congress lost in the Lok Sabha in 1977
   3. The state where the famous”socialist “session of the congress was held.
   4. State where the chipko movement started.
Q13 What is meant by” non party based movements”? 2
Q14 Why are the results of 1967 elections in India called a political earthquake? 2
Q15 Why was the Bangladesh war an issue between India and Pakistan? 2
Q15 Who is the leader and name one feature of the Dalit Panthers movement? 2
Q17 Who was Kamraj and what was his plan? 2
Q18 What do you mean by the term “Emergency excesses”? Cite one such excess during the emergency period campaign that was controversial. 2
Q19 Discuss the role of Morarji Desai in the politics of India. 2
Q20 What was the Grand Alliance? Why was it a grand failure? 2
Q21 What is meant by opposition in a democratic system? Describe any two activities of the opposition during the first two parliaments of 1952—1957? 4
Q22 Discuss the major issue, which led to the split in the Congress in 1969? 4
During the famine of the 1960’s, answer the following questions:
1. On which country did India depend for food aid.
2. What was the new strategy adopted by the Govt. to tackle shortage and bring in sufficiency.
3. What was the effect of this strategy?
Q23 What were the three challenges that India faced at the time of her independence? 4
Q24 Discuss the key controversies in the approach towards development at the time of independence? How has the debate been resolved? 4
Q25 What issues does the BKU address? Write a short note on this movement. 4
Q26 What is meant by the Privy Purse, and why was Mrs. Gandhi keen to abolish it? 5
Q27 Discuss the nature of the contest in 1971. How was the Congress (O) different from the Congress (R)? 5
Q28 What is meant by ‘Shock therapy’? What were its consequences for the Post-communist countries? 5
Q29 Write a note on the ‘Restoration of the Congress? What shape did it take gradually? 5
Q30 Write a note on the Anandpur Sahib Resolution 6
Q31 Examine the process of political transformation in India from Nehru’s era to Mrs. Indira Gandhi’s era 6
Q32 In what sense was the Congress an ideological coalition? 6
Q33 Analyze any 3 reasons for imposing emergency on 25th June 1975. Did the Government misuse its emergency powers? Give any three arguments in support of your answers. 6
Q34. Discuss the nuclear policy of India.

Q35. Do movements and protests in a country strengthen democracy? Justify your answer with examples?

Recapitulate………

Q1 Who was Kanshi Ram?

Q2 What are the “M’s” that rule Indian politics today?

Q3 Correct the Statement- Goa was not merged with Maharashtra as the central government did not want it.

Q4 How are social movements different to revolutionary ideologies?

Q5 Name a protectorate state that became the 22nd state of India. Who was the leader of the movement of this state?

Q6 What is article 370?

Q7 Discuss the lessons learnt from popular movements of the 1980’s.

Q8 Explain the J&K problem, do you think it is justifiable, give reasons for your answer.

Q9 What does the term” Dalit” mean; mention a state where they are a powerful group. Name any one leader, and one contemporary poet.

Q10 What is the Anandpur Sahib Resolution, why was it controversial?

Q11 Who was B.P. Mandal’s what has been his contribution to Indian politics.

Q12 What do you understand by the concept of” growing consensus;” discuss any two elements that comprise it.

Q13 What was the Ayodhya dispute? What was the outcome?

Q14 Read the cartoon…..( LANGUAGE MOVEMENT)

What was the movement?
Name the leader of this movement?
What were the issues of this agitation?

Q15 What are the challenges to the party system today? Why is it necessary for parties today to accommodate and aggregate a variety of interests?
FINAL TEST- 1

Q1. Define ASEAN way? 1
Q2 Why is Manipur regarded as the 1st part of India to hold elections on the basis of Universal adult franchise? 1
Q3 What was unique about the Kerala Model of planning? 1
Q4 What are safety nets? 1
Q5 Identify the logo and the agencies. WTO/ IAEA/ WORLD BANK 1
Q6 Name the actors involved in the Sri Lankan conflict. 1
Q7 What were the outcomes of the Agenda -21? 1
Q8 What is the CTBT discriminatory? 1
Q9 What is sustainable development? 1
Q10 Match the following: 1
   1. Division of Vietnam 1. 38th parallel
   3. Division of Korea 3. Reconstruction of Western Europe
   4. Truman Doctrine 4. 17th Parallel
Q11 What is“ Common but differentiated responsibilities” in relation to the environment? 2
Q12 Fill in the blanks: 2
   1. The border dispute between China and India was principally over _________and ___________ region.
   2. The ARF was established in the year_______
   3. The major country China entered into bilateral relations in 1972 was_________.
Q13 What makes the European Union a highly influential regional organization?  
Q14 Give the ideology of the Swatantra party?  
Q15 Give the importance of the international organization?  
Q16 Name the operations started by the following countries  
   a. US against Al-Qaeda and Taliban  
   b. Third world countries on Environmental concerns  
Q17 On the world map mark the following:  
   1. A member of the NATO and a permanent member in the UNSC  
   2. The country whose annual defense expenditure in 2004 was 2nd to the USA  
   3. The country where the South Asian leaders met to sign the SAARC Charter.  
   4. The only Asian G-8 member  
Q18 Read the headlines and answer the follow in  
   1. When did this occur? Food crisis… Hindustan times advt on Planning in India.  
   2. How did India overcome this problem?  
Q19 What is logic of deterrence?  
Q20 Explain in brief how the General Elections of 1952 in India were a landmark in the history of democracy all over the world.  
Q21 What were the major consequences of the disintegration of the Soviet Union for the former republics of the USSR?  
Q22 Which among the following would give more weightage to India’s proposal for a permanent membership in the Security Council? Give reason for any two of the chosen options:  
   a. Nuclear capability  
   b. It is located in Asia  
   c. India’s growing economic power and stable economic system  
Q23 What are environment movements, briefly mention a few.  
Q24 Did the prevalence of a one party dominant system adversely affect the democratic nature of Indian politics?  
Q25 When did environment emerge as a significant issue of global politics?  
Q26 What are SLOC’s? What is their importance? Why has the US been able to achieve
supremacy in this?

Q27. How is the US dominance since the cold war different from its position as a super power during the cold war?

Q28. What are the choices available to the state when its security is threatened, according to the traditional security perspective?

Q29. Discuss the factors that have been responsible for Pakistan’s failure in building a stable democracy.

Q30. Describe any four circumstances for the proclamation of the emergency in 1975.

Q31. What are the political cultural and economic implications of Globalization? How has Globalization impacted India?

Q32. Looking at the Indian scenario, what type of security has been given priority in India, traditional or non traditional? What examples could you give to substantiate the arguments?

Q33. The emerging economies of China and India have great potential to challenge the unipolar world. Do you agree with the statement? Substantiate your arguments.

Q34. From 1989 to 2004 there have been nine coalition governments in India. Analyze the rise and fall of any two such coalition governments. Also mention an advantage and a disadvantage of a coalition government.

Q35. What do you understand by the term Regional Aspirations? Why do they frequently put pressure on the existing federal framework? Cite recent examples.
FINAL-TEST-2

Q 1 Fill in the blanks:

The Organization for European Economic Cooperation was established under the ------------------ Plan, in the year ----------------.

Q 2 Correct the following sentence:

LTTE stands for Liberation Task of Tamil Elam.

Q 3 When did India join the United Nations?

Q 4 What is meant by beginning of the New Global Order?

Q 5 Which theory was advanced by Muslim League? What was their argument?

Q 6 When was the EU established? Which members of the EU are permanent members of the Security council?

Q 7 Which leader was a strong opponent of the use of English language?

Q 8 Name the treaties signed under the prime ministership of Indira Gandhi?
   a) with Pakistan b) with Soviet Union

Q 9 What is the full form of MNF and A.G.P.?

Q 10 Name the Commission that has demanded reservation for the OBCs?

Q 11 Why did USSR make nuclear base in Cuba?

Q 12 Why did United States pay money to central Asian countries in 2001?

Q 13 Write a note on India–China conflict in 1962.

Q 14 This emblem is of an International Organisation. Name the organization. State
two of its main functions.

Q 15 What is terrorism?

Q 16 How did emergency affect the Fundamental rights of Indian citizen?

Q 17 Name the founders of Swatantra Party?

Q 18 Write a short notes on Assam Movement?

Q 19 What was ‘Kamaraj Plan’?

Q 20 What do you understand by the term ‘coalition’?

Q 21 What does cold war mean? State the role of India during cold war?

Q 22 What are the constraint in the way of American hegemony?

Q 23 What are the challenges before the economy of china though it has grown as an emerging center of power?

Q 24 Mention four areas of disagreement between India and Bangladesh?

Q 25 What are the objectives of SAARC?

Q 26 When did environment emerge as a significant issue of global politics?

Q 27 What do you mean by Dravidian Movement?

Q 28 Write a short note on the Chinese Revolution of 1949?

Q 29 Which two parties came out after the spilt in the Congress? What was the result of the next elections?

Q 30 How did anti-arrack movement originate? What were its effects?

Q 31 What is meant by ‘Shock therapy’? What were its consequences for the Post-communist countries?

OR

Who were the founders of NAM? What was the purpose of its formation?
Q 32 What are the basic principles of India’s foreign policy? Explain.

OR

Who are the indigenous peoples and what are their rights?

Q 33 Write a note on the Anandpur Sahib Resolution

OR

What were the reasons which led to Hyderabad’s accession to India?

Q 34 Mention some of the achievements of Indira Gandhi government

OR

Write a note on the ‘Restoration of the Congress? What shape did it take gradually?

Q 35) Write a short note on the regional aspirations in the North East?

OR

Examine the role of India in UN and also write about its aspiration of becoming permanent member of security council.