



GENERAL STUDIES (MAINS) – Questions Pattern & Trends Analysis

INDIA AND WORLD FOREIGN POLICY OF INDIA

1. Answer the following (*Answer to each question should be in about 20 words*): (00/10)
 - (a) What does track two diplomacy stands for?
 - (b) Non-alignment is a need, not a creed. Elaborate.
 - (c) Differentiate between Peace-making and Peace keeping.
 - (d) What is deterrence?
 - (e) Why has the indigenous development of Cryogenic Engine become necessary for India.
2. How can India accommodate her foreign policy principle of 'non-intervention' with the emerging right to 'intervention'? (00/15)
3. Differentiate between Collective security and Cooperative security. (00/2)
4. What does 'Gujral doctrine' stand for? (02/2)
5. "NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) is relevant in Unipolar World as well." Comment. (02/15)
6. Discuss the role of 'intelligence' in the making of foreign policy. (04/15)
7. Examine the relevance of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's ideas in the international relations of today. (04/15)
8. Present a complete picture of India's efforts for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council. (05/15)
9. Write about Panchsheel in India's Foreign Policy. (07/2)
10. Write about Relevance of NAM. (07/2)
11. Write about India's Ocean Development Policy. (08/2)
12. Write notes on India and the New World Order. (08/30)

SECURITY AND DEFENSE RELATED MATTERS NUCLEAR POLICY, ISSUES, AND CONFLICTS

1. On what grounds did India not sign the CTBT? (97/10)
2. Differentiate and state the significance of Pokharan I and Pokharan II. (00/15)
3. Differentiate between Explosion and Implosion. (00/2)
4. Outline the salient features of India's nuclear policy and explain the reasons for India's refusal to sign the C.T.B.T. (01/15)
5. What were the major recommendations of the 'group of ministers' on Indian National Security System? (01/15)
6. Account for India's opposition to Comprehensive Test Ban treaty. (02/15)
7. Explain India's 'No First Use' policy in context of Nuclear Weapons. (02/2)
8. Discuss India's policy towards international terrorism. (03/2)
9. Write about Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. (06/2)

INDIA – PAKISTAN

1. India's Kargil victory rested on its successful effort at combining diplomacy with the use of force. Discuss. (00/15)
2. What do you know about Siachin Dispute ? (00/2)
3. Why does India object to Kashmir being treated as a disputed territory? (01/2)
4. Discuss the importance of the Agra Summit on Indo-Pakistan relations. (03/2)
5. What has been the nature of "Track II diplomacy" between India and Pakistan?(03/2)
6. Discuss the role played by the United States in promoting/hindering improved relations between India and Pakistan. (04/15)
7. Write short note: Hot Line between Islamabad and New Delhi. (04/2)
8. Write about MFN status to India by Pakistan. (05/2)
9. Write about Simla Agreement. (06/2)
10. Write about Major hurdles in Indo-Pak ties. (08/2)

INDIA – UNITED STATE

1. How did U.S. respond to the problem of Cross-border terrorism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir after the Kaluchak events? (02/15)
2. Discuss the major issues in Indo-US relations in recent times. (03/15)
3. Write about: Camp David Accord of 1978. (05/2)
4. What is the 'strategic partnership' between India and United State of America? What are its implications for both the partners? (06/30)
5. Write about Indo-US military cooperation. (06, 2)
6. Write about Hyde Act of 2006 (07/2)

INDIA - RUSSIA

1. Discuss the impact of the collapse of the Soviet Union on Indo-Russian relations.(03/15)
2. Explain India's strategic relationship with Russia. (04/15)
3. Indo-Russian Defense Co-operation. (07/15)

INDIA – CHINA

1. Discuss the major irritants in Indo-China relations and highlight the latest moves to overcome these. (02/15)
2. Discuss the recent trends in India's relations with China. (03/15)
3. Write short note on Indians in China. (05/2)
4. Write notes on India and China: Strategy to Boost Ties. (08/30)

INDIA – EUROPEAN UNION

1. Answer on European Union's trade restrictions against India. (04/2)
2. Write about Indo-EU Economic Ties. (08/2)

INDIA – SOUTH EAST ASIA

1. Which organisation prepares the report entitled 'Our Global Neighbourhood'?
What are its major recommendations? (95/6)
2. Why has 'Baring' been in the news? Who has been held responsible for its present situation? (95/6)
3. What is India's 'Look East Policy'? (01/2)
4. Explain the problem of infiltration in eastern parts of India. (01/2)
5. Write about Look East Policy and North-East India. (08/2)

INDIA - SRI LANKA, NEPAL, BANGLADESH AND BHUTAN

1. Discuss Indian-Sri Lankan relations in recent years. (00/15)
2. What is the significance of Pyrdiwah and Boraibari in Indo-Bangladesh relations? (01/2)
3. Explain India's stand on LITE. (02/2)
4. How does India benefit from good neighborly relations with Bangladesh? (02/2)
5. Discuss the major irritants to Indo-Bangladesh relations. (03/2)
6. In what sense is Indo-Nepal cooperation important for both countries' national security? (03/2)
7. Weak-spots in India-Nepal relations. (04/2)
8. Write short note on Pakistan's role in Sri Lanka. (06/2)
9. India's response to political crisis in Bangladesh. (07/15)
10. Write notes on Indo-Bhutan Relations. (08/15)
11. Write about India-Bangladesh Border Road cum fencing. (08/2)

INDIA – ISRAEL & IRAN

1. Examine the latest phase of Indo-Iran relations. (01/15)
2. Write short note: India-Israel Cooperation. (04/2)
3. Explain the political and economic implications of the Indo-Iran gas pipeline. (05/15)
4. Write about India-Israel cooperation in the field of agriculture. (06/2)

THE INDIAN DIASPORA AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA AND THE WORLD

1. Answer the following. (*Answer to each question should be in about 20 words*) :
 - (a) What does the Global organisation of people of Indian origin stand for?
 - (b) What is the impact of economic sanctions against India on NRIs ?
 - (c) Why is Fiji crisis of May 19, 2000 a specific concern for India?
 - (d) Examine the role of NRIs in the liberalisation process of India.
 - (e) Mention few NRIs who have brought name and fame for India. (00/10)

2. Answer the following (*Answer to each question should be in about 20 words*) :
 - (a) In what fields have N.R.I.'s excelled in the developed countries?
 - (b) In which specialties Indians are most wanted abroad?
 - (c) What efforts are being made by Indian Government to look after N.R.I.'s ?
 - (d) What is the contribution of the N.R.I.'s to India's development?
 - (e) Why do N.R.I.'s retain their emotional attachment to India? (01/10)

3. Answer the following (*Answer to each question should be in about 20 words*) :
 - (a) What are the problems NRIs have to face if they decide to settle in India?
 - (b) What was India Millennium Deposit Scheme?
 - (c) What has been the impact of Gulf remittances on India's economy?
 - (d) Name the nodal agency to deal with issues relating to Indians abroad and explain its main task.
 - (e) What is distinction between 'Non Resident Indian' and 'People of India origin'? (02/10)

4. Answer the following (*Answer to each question should be in about 20 words*)
 - (a) Under what conditions are NRIs permitted to remit deposits in India in any currency of their choice?
 - (b) How can NRIs be attracted to invest in India?
 - (c) What is the significance of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in modern India?
 - (d) In what ways did Idi Amin make life difficult for the people of Indian origin in his country?
 - (e) What is "Brain drain" ? (03/10)

5. Answer the following (*Answer to each question should be in about 20 words*)
 - (a) Categorize the People of Indian Origin (PIO).
 - (b) Point out the difference between the Jewish Diaspora and the Indian Diaspora.
 - (c) What are the references made to the NRI in the Union Budget July 2004?
 - (d) What is known as reverse migration?
 - (e) Why was January 9 chosen to observe the NRI (Pravasi Bharatiya Divas) Day ? (04/10)

6. Write about the following (in about 20 words each) :
- (a) Contribution of the NRIs to GCC countries
 - (b) Future of Indians in Fiji
 - (c) Indians in the House of Lords, UK
 - (d) Contribution of Indians in Silicon Valley
 - (e) Exodus of persons of Indian origin from Uganda (06/10)
7. Write about Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana, 2006. (07/2)
8. Write about Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. (07/2)
9. Write about Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas. (08/2)
10. Write about Indian Diaspora in Singapore. (08/2)
11. Write about Indian Diaspora and Bollywood (08/2)
12. Write about Council for Promotion of Oversea Employment (CPOE). (08/2)
14. Write about Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Scheme. (08/2)

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