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SECTION-A

1 (a)

Foreign Policy according to JN Dixit is the
sum total of various positions and steps taken
to portray a certain image and to pursue
certain national interest of the country.

Foreign policy is not formed in
vacuum and is not static. A prominent
feature of Indian ~~philosophy~~ policy is the
connection with certain philosophical roots.

As philosophical approach to
political theory puts focus on elements of
normative tradition — values, liberty, equality
and justice and also fraternity. These elements
also form basis of our foreign policy.

India's commitment to
sovereignty and strategic autonomy
derives from its roots in liberty of
nations.

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India's stand at UN and other platform for reformed multilateralism and equal participation shows India's commitment to fraternity.

India has also stood for climate equity and justice in various meetings related to environment through its support for common but differentiated responsibilities.

Apart from these values, Indian political thought like Kautilyan realism, Gandhian humanism also form base of our foreign policy.

Thus Indian foreign policy stands on strong foundations of deep rooted philosophy as a guide.

1(b)

According to functionalism theory, a region is a geographic continuous area in international relations that is engaged in cooperation on various issues - SAARC is one such example of regionalism in South Asia.

Despite being some 43 years old now; according to a World Bank study 'Glass Half Full' the SAARC constitutes only 5% of total trade in the region as compared to ASEAN where the figure is 19%.

SAARC's lackadaisical performance is primarily due to poor political interaction among countries due to bilateral mistrust and also due to perception of India as the big brother.

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Prabir De says that SAARC trade also suffers due to poor connectivity - there are ~~the~~ undeveloped trade and transit routes like the MVA (BBIN)

Sanjay Keshwara points out that trade policies followed by countries have long Negative lists, high Non Tariff Barriers - which reduces the regional trade. Also the nations of South Asia are engaging much more profitably to countries outside the region - like USA, China.

In context of COVID-19 where global Supply chains are broken SAARC FTA should be revived to strengthen the trade regionally

2(c)

Indo-Pacific has risen in importance in international politics which shows the changing balance of power or changing geopolitics from the Atlantic to this region.

Indo Pacific was first officially constructed by Obama administration in the wake of rising Chinese influence in the region with its policies like OBOR. For USA, India with its geographical position at the centre of the Indian Ocean is an ally against China.

Thus for USA; Indo Pacific is primarily a geo-political construct to oppose China.

Indian response to this construct came through Modi's

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Shanghai to Dialogue where it was
specified that Indo Pacific for India
was a region to take benefits for all.

India didn't endorse any 'anti china'
sentiment.

India has understood this
region in much more inclusive way
from African shores to USA. India
has always stood for 'free and open
Indo Pacific'.

Indo-Pacific construct also
finds India new alignments like
QUAD; EU as EU came out with Indo
Pacific Document; ASEAN on Indo Pacific
through ASEAN centrality.

As India's foreign policy is
a mix of continuity and change. India
has embraced this new concept while
staying true to its national interest.

(9)

Foreign Policy making is an arduous and skillful task and needs special acumen to arrive at favorable policy outcomes. Indian Foreign Service as the Indian apex diplomatic arm has done extremely well like dealing with the recent Nuclear Shogun controversy in the Gulf.

But ^{it} ~~a~~ pointed out by Pillar committee, the IFS needs much more streamlined training to meet desired outcomes. Harsh V. Pant also says that Indian foreign services are extremely inadequate in the times when India sees itself as a rising power in various multi-dimensions.

Lateral entry or calling specialists in mid career level can

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be beneficial in addressing the
inadequacy of ~~some~~ personnel, being in
specialist knowledge in the generalist
IFS system. Certain NRIs as lateral
entrants can be very beneficial as they
would have contextual knowledge.

But lateral entry is also
seen with sketicism as being political
appointees and not trained enough for
the situational • problems that can arise.

In this case we can take
cue from 2nd ARC ^{that} ~~has~~ ^{ways to}
bring lateral entry with ^{proper} ~~proper~~ training
and in a transparent manner.

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2(e)

Indian foreign policy is the
amalgamation of many tasks performed
by various actors. ~~Chief of Defence Staff~~
Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
was first introduced by Kargil Review
Committee as the body that can streamline
the defence forces, make effective use of
defence facilities; push for integration
Theatre Command and advise governments
on defence policy.

Defence and Foreign Policy
are both connected. As Morgenthau
had pointed out - to achieve
national interests - diplomacy done
by foreign policy and military seen
by defence policy are both crucial.
The CDS can emerge as the
fulcrum joining the two.

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CDS can communicate
decisions of defence ministry to the
foreign ministry. It can ensure that
defence forces are always ready
to support diplomatic efforts.

In cases where diplomacy fails
and military intervention becomes
necessary, CDS can ensure that
there is quick assembly of force.

In foreign policy discusses
various strategic concerns like military
exercises, trade in arms. CDS can also
play a role here to streamline defence purchases.

Thus various bodies and
actors have to work in tandem
to achieve a successful foreign policy.

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Q3: (a)

QUAD first emerged when
post Tsunami of 2004 there was humanitarian
assistance among countries of Australia-India-
Japan and USA. In 2007 with the
speech of 'Conference of Seas'; Shinzo Abe
put the focus on Indo Pacific and
need for the four to come together.

But because of Chinese
Strong aversion to such grouping, the
QUAD was dormant till 2017 when it
was realised that 'Chinese Rise'
is no longer peaceful but was
belligerent. Thus QUAD countries announced
the security alliance. But it remained
without any clearcut agenda till in
2021 when leaders of the four
country came together to rediscover
the future course of the grouping.

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S. Jaishankar in this direction
has repeatedly said that QUAD's agenda
is shaped according to changing needs.

If we see theoretically, Neorealism (Waltz)
says that the anarchical structure
decides the state behaviour. With
Chinese ascent, the old balance of power
in support of Pan Americans seems to be
waning and Pan Africa is rising; QUAD
is response to this changing geo-politics.

Also Morgenthau in 6 principles
says that National Interest guides
State behaviour. Through QUAD all
four countries want to achieve
some gain - USA wants to directly
oppose China with strong partners,
Japan wants to restore its Asian
power status and Australia wants

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Support economically and militarily.

For India QUAD is a way
to balance China externally and internally.
QUAD members can help India in
situation of maritime war with China.

But India ~~is~~ also finds itself in a
unique position - which certainly makes it
weak - it shares land border with
China. In times of a land-based war,
India will have to enhance internal
capabilities to put a strong opposition.

~~But~~ But calling India is the
weakest pillar will be wrong. India

has always stood for strategic autonomy
and made its own decisions. Even
when it joined QUAD, Sergei Lavrov,
Russian foreign minister said that

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India is sacrificing Russian-Chinese
relations due to this QUAD.

QUAD has been called
the ASIAN NATO by China and
blamed of being "bloc politics oriented" but
India has always said that QUAD
is a handshake of like minded
countries for strategic reasons and
not against any country. Thus
India has always stood for QUAD
against fiercest opposition.

The recent forming AUKUS
has posed a dilemma for India about
USA's intention. Thus India needs
to make decisions very carefully
as in IP "There are no permanent friends
or enemies"

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3 (b)

India - Japan relations can be seen through eyes of Kautilyan wisdom seen in Mandala theory where neighbour's neighbour becomes an ally (her neighbour being China).

Historically connected through religious and civilisational ties, Takenaka Hanmoto notes that the two distances due to post World War Japanese alignment with USA. But since the end of cold war and Indian liberalisation; the relations have been very strong; some scholars describe it as being cheery blossom phase.

Trade ties which were stagnant have risen. Japanese investments have flown to Indian infrastructure.

Geo-strategically, we see them together in military deals; (ACSA)

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military exercise like Dharma Guardian
and the signing of Civil nuclear agreement
despite Japanese apprehensions of
nuclear power. Both also meet under 2+2
architecture for closer ties.

People to people ties are strong.
There is exchange of tourists and
students. Even political bondsmen is
very strong as was seen in Modi-Abe
relationship.

At the world stage, their
partnership is impeccable. They
are together in G4 coalition for
expansion of UNSC. They collaborate
against Chinese debt diplomacy in
Africa with Asia - Africa Growth
Corridor. QUAD also forms an
important platform of joint
concerns.

Economy is a strong pillar in the bilateral relationship. Post liberalisation of both countries trade has risen. Japan has found India as a big market for its technology and automobile. Indian infrastructure is financed by Japanese company (JICA) like - fast train. ~~Even~~ Japanese investment is also part of North East development.

But Japanese have criticised Indra of the red tapism and corruption. Even China - Japan trade is five times as compared to Indian.

Shinzo Abe in his book the "Beautiful Country" had underlined the vast potential of the relationship when he said in 10 years both ~~will~~ will have the strongest partnership

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3 (c)

Dennis Kux had said that
India and USA relationship has
seen huge change from being
estranged to engaged democracies. One
of the most important pillars of the
relations ~~is~~ is the global strategic partnership

Global Strategic Partnership
refers to combined endeavour of both
countries to the changing Balance of Power
in the world. To interact closely,
now they are in the status of
'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership';
② have signed foundational agreements
like LEMOA, COMCASA, BECA, G15MOA and
are STA-1 level partners.

Democratic values of
equity, partnership, participation and
empowerment is seen in their

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partnership. Their 'Indo Pacific' construct
is based on free and open Indo Pacific
and is against any kind of dominance.

They also support rule
based world order and question
Chinese dismissal of UNCLOS decision on
South China Sea.

Indian interests are first
point of the partnership. USA ~~is~~ supports
Indian inclusion in UNSC as
permanent member. USA has also
ended the atomic apartheid regime
by signing the Civil Nuclear Agreement
and giving access to nuclear material.

Terrorism also forms
arena of cooperation when
both want sanctions to certain
people.

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But as states are inherently
selfish ; USA's partnership is also
not free from criticism.

USA's recent formation of AUKUS
and ignoring India puts a question
mark on USA's credibility as a partner.
In the context of Ukraine War, USA
has tried to paint India in a
negative picture because it did
not agree to a resolution moved
by it ; thus showing signs of
dominance. Even sanctions on
Russia & Iran were just by
Selfish considerations by USA.

Thus India needs to
be selective in its engagements with
USA. as Chintamani Mohapatra says
"USA is like a sun - too ~~far~~ far you are in
dark; too close - you burn"

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SECTION - B

Q 5a)

Geography becomes one of the static determinants of foreign policy. Within the hydro-politics or politics around shared water resources is crucial because India is one of the water stressed countries and finds itself in middle of various disputes.

Indus Water Treaty for Dwight Eisenhower was a 'silver lining' in the relationship between India and Pakistan. Brokered by WB in 1960, it gives exclusive rights of eastern Indus rivers to India while almost all western river rights to Pakistan but India is allowed to construct dams.

IWT has worked well over the years ~~but~~ but there are certain long lasting disputes for which solutions

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have been elusive.

Pakistan has objected to
certain dams by India like the Kishenganga.

Also the Permanent Indian Commission
has not been meeting regularly. Recently a
Parliament committee pointed out that
with changing climate; IWT needs to
be revised.

IWT also needs to come
at certain agreeable solutions & on
stalled projects because livelihoods
of people are at stake. IWT also can
broker collaboration on joint hydroelectricity
generation.

Given the protracted
suspicion between India and
Pakistan, IWT is a functional
area which can have
spill over effect (D. Mishra)

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5 (b)

South Asia is one of the most important regions in the world politics today. But due to various obstacles, this region remains least politically and economically integrated.

~~the~~ Cross border Terrorism is indeed an issue because this region is home to various kinds of terrorism. ~~also~~ religious terrorism arising from Pakistan and Afghanistan have broken cooperation as seen in the break in India - Pak relation post 26/11. Now with US exit from Afghanistan, the risk doubles.

It was also noted that in Nepal and Bangladesh there were outfits of ISIS working against India.

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Terrorism in itself leads to
erosion of democracy, stability and peace.
While it also gives rise to related
crimes like - gunrunning; trafficking
and rare terrorism.

Countries outside the South Asian
region like China have been supporting
such terror outfits as seen in Chinese
blocking sanctions on many terrorists.

Terrorism has
a potentially devastating effect that
needs to be tackled as also pointed
by FATF.

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5(C1)

Latin America is one of the regions in Indian foreign policy to which India has reached late due to geographical distance. But now with 15 diplomatic missions in the region; Latin America has emerged as the 'Next Big Thing'.

Trade forms a growing arena of cooperation with some \$40 Billion to trade. India also has FTAs and deals planned with MERCOSUR. Natural resources like crude oil, Lithium and Copper form key source of trade. Indian trade is strongest with Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

People to people ties have been strong as there is mutual exchange of tourists and students.

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India also becomes a source of
medical tourism.

Space and science again are
strong areas of cooperation. Both are
researching on green energy. Recently
India launches Brazilian satellite
Amazonia.

South-South cooperation
become the key plank of
cooperation between the two. They both
• want UNSC expansion (64);
NIEO revival and climate justice.

S. Badri Maharaj (IDSA)
suggests that India needs not
to be transactional with LAC but
engage with full commitment.

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5(1)

UN Peacekeeping is the collective
security architecture within UN
which works for peacebuilding and
peacekeeping. ~~Modi~~ Modi calls
peacekeepers as 'messenger of peace'.

India has been ^{one} of the
largest contributors of troops with some
0.25 million troops in some 40 missions
also bearing casualties like recently
seen in Congo (2 BSF personnel killed).

Since its inception India
has contributed in missions like
1st Arab war; Korean war, Congo and
Vietnam during old war times.

It has also given
all India woman force in Liberia.
Indian role is not just limited
to troop contribution but also

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medical and engineering services
As conflict have changed
India's engagements have changed but
the commitment to consent, non use of violence
remains strong.

Sujan R. Chiny points out
that despite such huge contribution,
Indian forces are underpaid. India
not being member of UNSC is not
able to make crucial decisions. The
troops also have to face very tough
condition like - terrorists in Syria
without proper training and technology.

In this context, India
through Agenda for Action framework
and UNITE Aware App wants
capability building of peacekeepers.

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5(e)

Hannia Ansari points out that West Asia finds itself at the centre of the world and also in various controversies. The state of Israel is one such issue. India - Israel relations have seen turbulence.

~~It~~ from not accepting its formation due to domestic milieu in 1940s to Israel being one of the strongest ally today; we have come a long way.

India - Israel relations have been able to flourish because of ideological convergences. Democracy is one such idea which is common to them and makes them peaceful to each other. (Democratic Peace theory)

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Both countries are committed to
their territorial & sovereignty and are
contending hostile neighbours to emerge
as story players.

New-liberal ideology and
Commitment to free market makes them
interact in trade and technology.

Both are also following the
idea of de-hyphenation. India
sees Israel separate from Palestine and
Israel sees India ^{separate} from Pak - thus
a closer relation.

While there is a debated
whether Israel is a natural ally
(vajpayee) or not, this relation is
definitely one to watch for

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Q6
6)

West Asia is a unique region due to its geography as it finds itself in the middle of Africa, Europe and Asia. India and West Asian relations have been civilizational as noted in documents found in 5th sides.

West Asia forms the part of extended neighbourhood policy in the foreign policy dynamics. Mandirhan doctrine guided us to be focused on economy and not be involved in the internal conflicts of the regions. This forms the basis of our geo-political dimension to the region even today.

India in the past has balanced relations among Israel-a Jew country not liked by Arabs,

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the Arabic states and Iran - which
follow the Shia Islam which is different
from the rest.

But today the region is
undergoing a geo-political game. The
American influence has fallen post
Trump's disengagement. The countries of the
region themselves are interacting
with each other as seen in AI Ula
Dialogue between Qatar and Saudi
and the Abrahamic accords between
Israel and Arab States. The old religious
barriers have been broken to
come close.

India has reached positively
to such changes as seen in the formation
of 1202. Thus the tightrope balancing
between Arab-Israel has eased.
With Iran, India finds tough to establish

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very positive ties ~~on~~ amidst USA sanctions,
stalled Chabahat project but the Afghanistan
issue has given a way to go forward.

West Asia is also very
important to India economically due
to investments, energy security and
remittances from diaspora.

As pointed out by C.R. Mohan,
India is ^{not} ~~not~~ seeing West Asia only
through lens of oil diplomacy but
diversification under policies like
Sagard vision 2030. Indian companies
like ONGC Videsh are investing in
this region.

Recent India - UAE CEPA
is a comprehensive trade deal
which opens door for more such
trade deals.

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AJ.Nye points out ; international
politics is increasingly shaped by
transnational factors like - terrorism,
NGOs, MNCs, climate change.

Terrorism forms an
important cause of concern as West
Asian countries like Yemen & Syria are
seen as safe havens for terrorists.

But West Asian relations
often come in jeopardy when seen through
lens of Pakistan and OIC who point out
that India is treating muslims as
inferior

Thus this calls for deeper
diplomatic engagements in the region
so as to create a favorable image of
India.

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16(b)

Since the advent of cold war,
balance of power has been defined by
possession of Nuclear deterrence. India
through its Nuclear Doctrine of 2003
clarified its No first Use Policy.

No first Use Policy according
to B. Karmad & R. Basurur is
a foundational pillar of India's
doctrine and not just symbolism.

India's commitment
flows from its deeply rooted strategic
culture as also pointed by R. Sora - in
non violence and pacifism.

India has also kept its
facilities in dismembered state.
It has also developed second strike
capability to respond to any
first aggression.

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As Ashley Tellis points
out Indian nukes are more
political in nature rather than
military. So our commitment to
NFV is not just mere symbolism.

~~But~~ But as pointed by
like
many scholars ~~like~~ B. Karnad;
NFV puts India in a position of
peril in this hostile neighbourhood
with two nuclear powers. It creates
a sense of fear.

Thus to gain substance,
India needs to move towards
more flexible doctrine as pointed out
by P. K. Chakri. In this
changing interdependent world
India needs a flexible policies.

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Massive Retaliation needs
to be replaced by Credible deterrence
so as to save resources in
building this retaliatory response.

India should also keep
NFU open in times of need.

India should also clarify on
its stand on biological and chemical
weapons.

A lot of elements of the
doctrine is not yet in the open
thus there needs to be rethink
of a doctrine that suits the current
security situation.

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World order is a way to
understand the positions of various
players in the international relations
according to the power and capabilities
possessed.

For real realists, the world
order is anarchic and is decided by
capabilities of states.

A similar understanding
is given by plurality thesis; here
world order is decided by
the positions of different poles (strong powers)
in the international system.

For liberals, world order
is defined by various norms and
principles. A liberal world order
is guided by freedom of state.

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and equality of states.

Post cold war world order
has been a matter of debate. ~~It was~~

It was said that it was driven by
USA's hegemony but post 9/11 and
2008 financial crisis; this ~~is~~ has
reduced.

Indian vision of world order
is driven by its strategic culture
where states are equal players. It
thus supports multipolarity and
multialignment and multilateralism.

Krishna V. Shringla said
that Indian world order is
driven by '5S' policy - Samman
(Respect), Samridhi (prosperity) etc.
These are the values to be
possessed by all countries.

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Indian world order favors
rules based order and reformed
multilateralism. It has engaged
in coalition diplomacy at WTO, UN,
BRICS to stand by these.

Thus Indian world order
is inclusive for all in contrast
to Pan Americana where there
was domination and neo-imperialism.

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Q 3
(a)

Africa called the black continent is attracting a lot of attention by great powers due to its vast lands, untapped resources and exquisite location in the middle of Atlantic and new Indo-Pacific.

Indo Africa's relationships have been civilisations and Id. In modern history we have the role of Gandhian movement as the linking factor between the two. Post independence both were in deeper embrace with shared visions of decolonization, anti-Racism — called the Afro Asian Unity as seen through partnership in NAM.

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Recently, there is a new
found interest in Indo African
relations due to various drivers.
Indian ambition of being the Vishwaguru,
net security provider has taken Indians
close to African shores.

Even Indian businesses are
key in this renewed relationship
as there is labour, market and
raw material availability in the region.

Chinese presence and interest
seen in 2006 China - Africa summit
also made India recalculate its
African outreach.

India traditionally has
engaged mostly in ITEC and
development diplomacy as seen since
1964 for capacity development.

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Ruchita Berry (IDSA) points out that this diaspora - driven diplomacy has changed and Indian engagement is now diverse.

In defence, both recently met under aegis of Indo Africa Defence Ministers summit. ~~For~~

In trade, India and ~~Amma~~ Mauritius signed the CECPA which S. Jaishankar believes can be the ~~to~~ key to the larger India-African Continent Free Trade Agreement.

Development diplomacy is seen through humanitarian aids to Madagascar during disasters and also digitally enabled health (e-Sanjvani) initiatives.

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Michael Scott; an ex
diplomat suggests that Indian
engagement should be more continuous.

R. Berry also suggests to revive demands
of UNSC seat for Africa.

What really sets the
Indo African relations different
is the principle behind it. During
a speech at Ugandan parliament,
PM Modi had said that the
relations are driven by 10 principles
called the Kampala principles
which focus on "development as equals";
sustainable and inclusive development
for all.

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Q7(B)

UN was the result of Nations commitment to liberal institutionalism in post cold war times. India has been one of the key founders of UN and shown unwavering commitment to the platform.

India's contribution credential is so ~~is~~ strong that it has been elected to UNSC non permanent seat 8 times. In the most recent stint, India brought issues of- peacekeeping, Afghanistan, Maritime security (Panchsheel), and antiterrorism.

Indian contribution to peacekeeping is also noteworthy. It has helped in regions like Syria, Yemen, Ukraine

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Under climate change negotiation
under UNFCCC at both Paris (2015)
and Glasgow (2021) India has
supported ~~eco~~ equity. It has also
launched the International Solar Alliance
that enjoys observer status in UNGA.

India also has hosted
important conferences like UNCCD at
~~Kolkata~~ Delhi in 2019.

India has also been
elected to Human Rights Council and
it has raised concerns ^{over} ~~with~~ higher
muslims etc.

India has also stood
by strategic autonomy and
resisted any ^{political issues} attempts to
discuss internal ~~platforms~~ like
Kashmir by Pakistan.

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Indian engagement have been
strategic because it has planned the role
in a holistic way. The UNSC permanent
seat and recently Modi calling out
reforming the UN platforms like Ecosoc
are strategic steps.

Sanctions on terrorists are
a strategic step ^{also} ~~while~~ putting focus
on Afghanistan crisis has strategic
 motive.

Indian diplomats have
proved their mettle in UN negotiations
but still steps have to be taken
for issues like - global disarmament.

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7 (C)

Robert Kaplan due to
Afghanistan's location at crossroads
had called it 'geostrategically breathtaking'.
USA recently made an exit from
Afghanistan post 20 years of its policy
war intervention.

This puts in focus Indian
engagement with Afghanistan which
is mostly driven by development
and aid diplomacy. India has
invested \$3 Billion in projects like -
parliament buildings, roads, dams (Salma)
and also capacity building of
Afghan networks. India also welcomes
a huge Afghani population to
India for studies on a scholarship
basis.

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Indian diplomacy of development is appreciated if being non-conditional, transparent and inclusive rather than Chinese aid diplomacy which is 'predatory' in nature.

But with Taliban taking over the government, India's development oriented diplomacy is not sufficient.

As there is a threat of Wahabi Sunni terrorism, narrow terrorism, high refugee population entering India; there is look out for new roles. The fear of Pakistan - China axis getting strategic depth is also a cause of concern (Ekanwal sibbal)

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Thus India has taken up
a more prominent geo-strategic
role by engaging in regional diplomacy
with the favorable group of Taliban.

The 3rd Regional dialogue of
NSAs was hosted by India. India
is also engaging with like minded
partners like Iran & Russia for
reaching favorable outcomes.

Vivek Kojouhar, an ex diplomat
in this direction, ^{urges} ~~urges~~ India to
understand Afghanistan and its
history and people better. A mix of
development and diplomatic engagement
can help India sail through this
New GREAT GAME in Afghanistan.