



HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

SUMMER BREAK 2018-19

CLASS XII CBSE

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SCIENCE

Cold War Era

Long answer type questions.(5 Marks).

- 1) Why were nuclear missiles placed in Cuba by USSR?
- 2) What was the reaction of U.S to the placing of missiles in Cuba by USSR?

Why was it so?

- 3) What was the result of the Cuban Missile Crisis?

OR

How did the Cuban Missile Crisis end?

- 4) What was the significance of the Cuban Missile Crisis?

OR

Which event is considered as the high point of cold war?

- 5) What is the difference between a Cold War and a Hot War?
- 6) Describe Cold War situation after the Second World War.
- 7) Name the Allied and Axis powers during the Second World War.
- 8) Who won the Second World War?
- 9) Give the time duration of the First World War and the Second World War.
- 10) What was the result of the end of the Second World War?

- 11) How did the Second World War end? 17)What arguments were given for and against the dropping of atom bombs by

U.S over Japan?

12) How did the "logic of deterrence" work in the case of Cold War?

OR

Why did the Cold War remain cold not hot?

13) What were the main features of the Cold War?

14) Name the countries of "Western" and "Eastern" Alliances formed during the Cold War.

15) When did the Western and the Eastern Alliances come into existence?

16) Why did the smaller states join the alliances?

17) What does arena of 'Cold War' refer to?

18) Which were the main arenas of Cold War?

19) What factors contributed to the reduction of Cold War conflicts?

20) How did the Cold War lead to arms race?

21) What efforts were made to eliminate the arms race?

22) What came as a challenge to Bipolarity?

23) Name the five founders of NAM (leaders and countries).

24) When and where was the first NAM summit held?

25) What factors lead to the formation of NAM?

26) How many members were there in the first summit of NAM?

27) Explain the following statement:

"The policy of staying away from alliances should not be considered Isolationism or neutrality"

28) What do you mean by New International Economic Order?

OR

How did the idea of NIEO originate?

- 29) What economic reforms were suggested by UNCTAD report of 1972?
- 30) Why did NIEO fail by 1980's?
- 31) What role has India played in the Cold War situation?
- 32) How did Indias Non Aligned Policy help it?
- 33) On what grounds has Indias Non Aligned Policy been criticized?
- 34) What do you think about the statement that "NAM has become irrelevant today"? Give reasons to support your opinion.

The End of Bipolarity.

Long answer type questions(4 Marks).

- 1) Which three world events signify the end of Bipolarity?
- 2) What was the soviet system?
- 3) Why was the Soviet Union called a great power after the Second World War?
- 4) Why was Soviet Union system called authoritarian?
- 5) How did Gorbachev bring about disintegration of USSR?
- 6) Why were economic reforms necessary in USSR?
- 7) When did military coup take place in USSR? Who supported it?
- 8) Write a short note on the role of Boris Yeltsin.
- 9) What changes came in the Soviet system after the disintegration of the USSR?
- 10) Why did the Soviet Union disintegrate?
- 11) What were the consequences of Soviet disintegration on world politics?
- 12) What was known as "shock - therapy" in the Post – Communist regimes?
- 13) What did the "shock – therapy" involve?
- 14) What were the negative and positive consequences of "Shock – therapy"?

- 15) What kind of tensions and conflicts are seen in the Post-Soviet era in
 - a) Russia
 - b) Central Asian Republics
 - c) Eastern Europe
- 16) What kind of relations does India have with Post-Communist countries?
- 17) How can India get benefited by the Russian friendship?
- 18) How can Russia benefit due to India's friendship?
- 19) The soviet political system was based on which ideology?
- 20) Mention any three features that distinguish the soviet economy from that of a capitalist economy.

The US Hegemony in World Politics.

Long answer type questions(4Marks).

- 1) Which type of U.S Hegemony effected Ayesha, Jabu and Andrei?
- 2) Which events marked the beginning of the "New World Order"?
- 4) Explain the events associated with the First Gulf War.
- 5) Why did U.S launch Operation Desert Storm?
- 6) How did the First Gulf War help U.S to establish its Hegemony in the world affairs?
- 7) Which years are called Clinton Years?
- 8) What was the foreign policy of U.S during Clinton Years? How was it different from Gorge H. W. Bush's time?
- 10) Why did President Clinton order Operation Infinite Reach?
- 11) Why did U.S launch Global War Terror?
- 12) What happened on 11th September 2001?
- 13) When did U.S launch Operation Enduring Freedom?
- 14) Why did U.S invade Iraq on 19th March, 2003? Why is this invasion termed as military and political failure on the part of U.S?

- 16) What is the meaning of Unipolar System?
- 17) Explain three kinds of U.S Hegemony with the help of examples.
- 18) What are the constraints on American Power?
- 19) Evaluate India's changing relationship with the U.S.
- 20) What are the three possible strategies of Indo-U.S relations suggested by the three schools of thought?
- 21) What are the three possible ways of overcoming U.S Hegemony?
- 22) What is 'Band Wagon Strategy'?
- 23) What do you mean by 'Hide Strategy' to overcome U.S Hegemony?
- 24) How can non-state actors help in overcoming U.S Hegemony?
- 25) How is U.S dominance since the Cold War different from its position as a Super Power?

Alternative Centres of Power.

Short questions(2Marks).

- 1) Write the full forms of: EU, ASEAN, OEEC, UNSC.
- 2) When were the following found: OEEC, The Council of Europe, European Economic Community, European Union.
- 3) What are the aims of European Union?
- 4) What are the features of European Union?
- 5) Which factors brought about the formation of European Union?
- 6) How does EU exercise its economic, political, diplomatic and military influence?
- 7) Name the currency of EU.
- 8) Why was ASEAN formed?
- 9) When was ASEAN formed?

OR

Which development lead to the creation of ASEAN?

- 10) Name the five founding member countries of ASEAN.
- 11) What do you know about Bangkok Declaration?
- 12) What were the objectives of ASEAN?
- 13) What is the present membership of ASEAN?
- 14) Name the five new members of ASEAN.
- 15) What is the term 'ASEAN way' used for?
- 16) How is ASEAN different from EU?
- 17) How has broadened its objectives in 2003?
- 18) Name the three communities established by ASEAN.
- 19) What is the full form of ARF?
- 20) When was ARF formed? What work does it carry out?
- 21) What is FTA?
- 22) What is the ASEAN vision 2020?
- 23) Explain India's relationship with ASEAN countries.
- 24) With which two ASEAN countries has India signed FTAs?
- 25) Why is ASEAN primarily considered as economic association?
- 26) What work has been done by ASEAN Security Community?
- 27) What factors make China a strong economic power?
- 28) Which model of economy was adopted by China in 1949?
- 29) What were the benefits and shortcomings of the model?
- 30) Which major policy decisions were taken by Chinese leadership in the 1970's?
- 31) What were the new economic policies adopted by China in 70's, 80's, and 90's?

Contemporary South Asia

Short questions.(2 Marks)

- 1) What factors make South Asia a turbulent region?

- 2) What is South Asia? Name the countries.
- 3) What factors contribute to the distinctiveness of the South Asian sub continent?
- 4) What is the nature of political systems of the South Asian countries – Democratic or Non Democratic?
- 5) What is the attitude of South Asian people towards democracy?
- 6) What role has been played by military in Pakistan?
- 7) What factors have contributed to Pakistan's failure in building a stable democracy?
- 8) Bangladesh belonged to which country earlier? What was it made of?
- 9) Why did the people of Bangladesh want freedom?
- 10) What are the three principles of Bangladesh constitution?
- 11) Why was Sheikh Mujib killed?
- 12) Explain Bangladesh's struggle for democracy after its creation.
- 13) In which years was Bangladesh a part of Pakistan?
- 14) Name the political parties of the following:
 - a) Sheikh Mujib-ur Rehman
 - b) Ziaur Rehman
- 15) Name the Bangladesh military ruler who was made to step down in 1990.

Long answer type questions.(4Marks).

- 1) Explain the struggle for democracy in Nepal.
- 2) What is termed as triangular conflict in Nepal's struggle for democracy?
- 3) What happened in April 2006 in Nepal.
- 4) Why was LTTE formed in Sri Lanka?

OR

Explain the ethnic conflict of Sri Lanka.

- 5) What is the full form of LTTE?

- 6) Which Scandinavian countries tried to mediate in Sri Lanka?
- 7) What are the causes of conflict between India and Pakistan?
- 8) How have India and Pakistan solved their problem of sharing of river waters?
- 9) What are the areas of conflict between India and Bangladesh?
- 10) How have India and Bangladesh cooperated?
- 11) Why is it said that India and Nepal share a special relationship?
- 12) What are the areas of dispute between India and Nepal?
- 13) Explain the causes of conflict and efforts of cooperation between India and Sri Lanka.
- 14) Explain India's friendly relations with Bhutan and Maldives.
- 15) What are the full forms of SAARC and SAFTA?
- 16) Why was SAARC formed?
- 17) Why was SAFTA signed?
- 18) Does India try to dominate South Asian region? Give your views about this impression of India's neighbours.

Complete the following map works:

- The cold war era. NCERT book Page number 5 & 6.
- The End of Bipolarity Page number 24.
- The US Hegemony Page number 39.
- Alternatives Centres of Power Page number 53.

