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## GS Advanced Program 2023

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Q.1)

India-USA relationship have seen a multidimensional spurt in recent times especially in 21st century.

Traditional ties

During cold war  $\Rightarrow$  India-US relation have been minimal due to  $\rightarrow$

- India - soviet friendship treaty
- USA opposition to India's nuclear testing
- US - pakistan ties

CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS

- 2+2 Dialogue  $\rightarrow$  ministerial level partnership ~~to~~ (Defence & foreign affairs). It started in 2018 & till now 4 such dialogues have happen
- India signed all 4 fundamental agreements in defence with USA
  - $\hookrightarrow$  BECA (latest)
  - $\hookrightarrow$  COMCASA
  - $\hookrightarrow$  LEMOA
  - $\hookrightarrow$  GSOMIA (earliest)
- A USA has given STA-I status
- Geopolitical & Regional groupings with
  - USA  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{QUAD} \\ \rightarrow \text{I2U2} \end{cases}$



• Greater Impact of Energy from USA

REASONS for changing relations

- countering chinese rising ambitions in a. asia & world
- common understanding of Indo-Pacific
- more cooperation in Defence & bilateral trade
- India is diversifying its options in wake of Russia-china axis

Impact of new relations on Indo-US

- ~~Deepening~~ Multidimensional cooperations in new areas
- Special waivers for India from CAATSA is due to special importance of India in US strategy as specified in US security ~~state~~ strategy

Despite the improving Indo-US relations, bilateral trade issues such as removal from generalized preferences remains. India & US should cooperate in new areas such as Technology, climate change.

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Q.2) Russia-Ukraine conflict is a major European crisis that has impact whole world due to rise in bloc politics, inflation, food shortages & energy crisis

### INDIA'S STAND ON THE ISSUE

- India has called for diplomatic solution through negotiations between the countries
- Neutral & Balanced stand in UN by Abstaining in UNSC

Reasons for  
Strain in  
Relationship  
with West

- India has not condemned Russia's actions in Ukraine, internationally
- Continued purchase of oil by using Rupee to circumvent the sanctions
- UNSC abstaining on resolutions

India is continuing its ~~the~~ balancing role since the war began.



### How TO STRIKE BALANCE

- India has remained neutral by following the national interests of India
- Continued Engagements with both west & Russia are visible as India is part of various multilateral grouping involving both.
- Call for Diplomatic solution has been and upholding UN charter as the war unfolds.

Mexico has suggested India to play a deliberative & mediative role due to India's balancing role & relationship with both west & Russia.

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Q.3)

Sino-India relations have been strained in recent times despite being part of various regional groupings & platforms.

### POINTS OF FRICTION

- Historical reasons → The war of 1962 have been a contentious point of that ~~not~~ ingrained mistrust amongst two
- BORDER ISSUES → border & boundary disputes leading to frequent skirmishes in last few years including Pokran & Galwan
- Sovereignty & territorial integrity → such as Belt & Road initiative that includes CPEC that was built through Pok
- UNSC & other international differences → Chinese blocking UNSC permanent membership of India, NSG inclusion of India & veto on terrorists list
- Economic → High trade deficit, alleged Chinese investment & takeovers, cybersecurity breaches.



NEED FOR COOPERATION

- Success of various groupings such as BRICS SCO
- Regional stability by cooperating on terrorism issue
- Investments needs of India → China & India are part of AIIF, New Development bank

WAYS TO COOPERATE

- Bilateral negotiations to solve border disputes in order to avoid future stalling of relations
- Correcting trade balance & greater cooperation in Economic & technology arena
- combating Terrorism through mutual training & capacity building
- people to people contacts, cultural exchange

Asian century could be realised through greater cooperation between the two.

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Q.4)

India-UK has historical relations & that continued post independence too. The proximity & similarity in functioning & ideology is ~~not~~ prominent

### POLICY CONSTRAINTS

- No policy on Economic engagement as free trade agreement could not be completed despite several targets
- Immigration & people movement have been a contentious issue between the two
- Extradition constraints in recent times have been visible
- Security issues as various Khalistani elements are present.
- Cooperation in Indo-Pacific has not seen a spurt as India has remained out of AUKUS & despite UK's presence due to overseas territories.

### Opportunities created by BREXIT

UK has left European union  
thereby all the treaties & agreements  
will have to be reexamined with  
UK by other countries

- Expeditions Free trade agreement, Investment deals
- more favourable deals on visas &  
Indian people movement
- Greater cooperation in climate change,  
Security & terrorism can be expected

India-UK relations could be a game  
changer as but political instability  
in UK, greater willingness to cooperate  
& negotiate is needed in order to  
use this post BREXIT opportunity

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- Q.5) France & India have historical relationship ~~that~~ that goes back to 17<sup>th</sup> century & the convergences between the two are manifold.

### FRANCE SUPPORT ON KEY PRINCIPLE ISSUES

- France has been one of <sup>just</sup> few countries that supported India's nuclear testing (due to its security compulsions)
- Pioneer in India's Nuclear energy cooperation
- Support for NSG (Nuclear supplier grouping) & UNSC permanent membership of India
- climate energy & other technologies such as collaboration in International solar alliance
- Defence cooperation since ~~past~~ India's independence  $\Rightarrow$  Today Scorpene submarine, Rafal multi role etc.

## SCOPE FOR GREATER COOPERATION

- Bilateral trade has remained just half of Germany-India. There is not FTA (free trade agreement) between the two as EU-BTIA has not been signed.
- Stalled projects → France is India's 4<sup>th</sup> largest investor but projects such as Taipan plant have been stalled.
- Indo-Pacific cooperation of India & France should be explored more. Recently Blue economy cooperation was reiterated.
- Migration & Mobility of people needs a renewed agreement.
- Technological & security cooperation needs to be deepened further through technology transfer, terrorism cooperation.



In order to realise these newer objectives :→

- joint working groups can be formed for expeditions ~~to~~ <sup>complementations</sup> of projects
- upgrading to 2+2 similar to other major powers.

India-France have seen a consistent bonhomie ~~as against~~ and no sudden shifts between the two were witnessed as against other. Further deepening of relationship is needed ~~as~~ as France is a crucial party in Indo-Pacific & share common interests

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- Q.6) USA has emerged as a hegemon post 1991 when cold war ended and USSR disintegrated but the renewed threat in form of china has emerged.

### Threat of Russia to USA

- Ideological threats were the main reason due to Russia's ~~test~~ communism ideology
- Historical cold war bloc politics is still going on & renewed post Russia-Ukraine war & crimean issue
- High Defence & Nuclear capability of Russia is a major deterrent
- Natural resource & oil capability due to vast size

But today china is seen as major threat to USA due to :-



- CHINA'S RISE - a greater threat
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- Economic rise of china → by becoming manufacturing hub for the world has challenged USA. China is largest economy in PPP (purchasing power parity terms)
- Technological → ~~for~~ china's Research & development & technological advancement is visible
  - patents Rise
  - Tokamak, Space station
  - Rare Earth metals exploration
  - solar energy, ~~etc~~
- Ideological → chinese characteristics to the capitalism as emerged as newer dimension to the debate of the (binary) communism & capitalism
- military power → 2nd largest military & the conventional & hybrid warfare

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Q.7

- Maritime Domain & Debt trap  
diplomacy is seen as threat which  
Russia did not adopt.

China is seen as greater threat to  
hegemony of USA due to which USA  
has started alliances formation  
(Quad, AUKUS) in Indo-Pacific,  
Economic trade war with China,  
focus on chips manufacturing.

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Q.7)

India-Japan have civilisational ties that have tested the times. India has remained a crucial Japanese partner since independence.

### CURRENT RELATIONSHIP

→ Economic ties → Japan's investment in India have been instrumental such as in Dedicated freight corridor, Delhi Metro

→ Defence ties → ~~Vijaya~~ QUAD, Dharma Guardian, Malabar, Shinyu Maitri

Common interest in Indo-Pacific

→ Nuclear Energy cooperation (2016 Deal)

→ outside India → Asia-Africa Growth corridor, third countries such as Bangladesh

→ North east connectivity → Japan played a crucial role in India's act east.

## NEED FOR NEWER COOPERATION

- US-china rivalry in Indo-Pacific is impacting ~~India~~ Japan & India's interests
- Chinese assertiveness needs cooperation
- Complementary Relationship

JAPAN  
ageing population  
Manufacturing  
Capital

INDIA  
Demographic Dividend  
Service Industry  
Economic growth

## NEWER AREAS

- Disaster Risk reduction of Japan could be leveraged by India
- Technological → supercomputing, ~~etc~~ submarine ~~cable~~ cable system other areas
- Greater cooperation in Indo Pacific  
→ Blue economy, sustainability



↳ Multipolar Asia though open & secure Indo-Pacific requires cooperation in security & counter terrorism,

↳ Knowledge Exchange on developing manufacturing capability of India

Japan can help in realising the strategic connectivity between South Asia & South East Asia

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