

Rajasthan Board Political Science Syllabus for Class 12

Contemporary World Politics

1. Cold War Era in World Politics

Emergence of two power blocs after the second world war. Atomic of the cold war

Challenges to Bipolarity: Non-Aligned Movement, quest for new international economic

order, India and the cold war

2. Disintegration of the "Second World" and the Collapse of Bipolarity

New order in world politics: Russia, Balkan states and Central Asian states

Introduction of democracy politics and capitalism in post-communist regimes: India's

relations with Russia and other post-communist countries

3. US Dominance in World Politics

Emergence/Growth of unilateralism: Afghanistan, the Cold War, response to 9/11 and

Iraq vs Iraq, Disasters and challenge to the US in economy and ideology: India's

repercussions of its relationship with the USA

4. Alternative Centres of Economic and Political Power:

Role 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

Democratization and its reversal in Pakistan and Nepal: Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka

Impact of economic globalisation in the region: Conflict and efforts for peace in South

Asia: India's relations with its neighbours

6. International Organisations in a Complex World

Reconstructing and the future of the UN, India's position in the international UN, Role of

new international actors, new international economic organisations, NGOs, etc.

Accountable and accountable are the new institutions of global governance?

7. Security in Contemporary World

Traditional concepts of security and politics of disarmament, Non-traditional or human

security: global poverty, health and education, human rights and migration

8. Environment and Natural Resources in Global Politics

Environment movement and evolution of global environmental issues, Conflicts over

traditional and common property resources, Rights of indigenous people, India's stand

in global environmental debates

9. Globalisation and Its Critics

Economic, cultural and political globalisation, Debates on the nature of contemporary

globalisation, Anti-globalisation movements, India as an arena of globalisation and

struggle against it

Publics of India Since Independence

10. Nation Building and Its Problems

Nehru's approach to nation building, Legacy of partition, Challenge of 'outlets'

separatism, the Kashmir problem, Organisation and reorganisation of states, Political

conflicts over language

11. Rise of One-Party Dominance

First three general elections, nature of Congress dominance at the national level, reasons

Dominance at the state level, coalitional nature of Congress, Major opposition parties.

12. Politics of Planned Development

Five year plans, objectives of state sector and the role of state economic institutions.

Formative and expansion of five year plans, Congress revolution and its political failures

13. India's External Relations

Nehru's foreign policy, Sino-Indian war of 1962, Indo-Pak war of 1965 and 1971.

India's nuclear programme and shifting alliances in world politics.

14. Challenges to and Reformation of Congress System

Political succession after Nehru, Non-Congressism and electoral upset of 1967.

Congress split and reformation, Congress' victory in 1971 elections, politics of 'panda

hunt'.

15. Crisis of the Constitutional Order

Search for 'corrective' 'democracy and justice', Neotribalism movement in Orissa and the Bihar movement, Emergency context, constitutional and extra-constitutional dimensions, resistance to emergency, 1977 elections and the formation of Janata Party.

Role of civil liberties organisations.

16. Regional Aspirations and Conflicts

Role of regional parties, Punjab crisis and the anti-Sikh riots of 1984, The Kashmir

question, Challenges and responses in the North-East.

17. Rise of New Social Movements

Peasants' movements, Women's movement, Environment and Development oriented

people's movements, Implementation of Mandal Commission report and its aftermath.

18. Recent Developments in Indian politics.

Participatory approach in 1990s, Role of the Janata Dal and the BJP, Increasing role of

regional parties and coalition politics, UP and NDA governments, Election 2004 and UPA

government.

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