

## Question :-

The US and China have been in an ongoing war since 2018. In academic circles it has been argued as 2nd cold war. Critically evaluate the future world order with China, Russia and US.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The United States of America has emerged as a global Unipolar Superpower after the disintegration of USSR.

China, on the other hand, is an emerging global economic and military power. In 1978, China's GDP has only been 6% of America's and in 2018 it has become 66%.

Donald Trump, Former US President following the protectionist policy



started a Trade war with China. This rivalry and strategic competition has been termed by the scholars as Cold War 2.0. This changing geopolitical dynamics has profound effects on world's Changing World Order

## II. TRADE WAR HISTORY OF USA WITH CHINA

(i) Trump's Policy of protectionism :-  
Trump imposed tariffs on chinese products with the aim of :-

"Reviving local manufacturing market of USA and protecting USA products from intellectual theft"

Tariffs imposed by Trump's administration :-

Trump imposed Tariffs on electronic products; Huawei, machine products; washing machines, steel and



aluminium products cumulatively  
on \$400 bn + products in 4 steps:-

(i) \$100 bn

(ii) \$130 bn

(iii) \$130 bn

(iv) \$60 bn

(ii) CHINA'S retaliation; deeming it a move against China's economic power:-

China considered Trump's tariff policy:-

"A step in containing China's rising economic might"

Therefore, China retaliated by imposing tariffs on agricultural, mobile, Apple's company. China imposed tariffs in 3 steps:

(i) \$50 bn

(ii) \$30 bn

(iii) \$30 bn



III Cold War 2.0 has started between China and USA ; its manifestation Cold War has been called the rivalry between two countries on the grounds of ideological differences. OR Ideology was between two different forms of governments.

(i) USA's support of proxies in South China Sea

USA to contain the growing power of China in the region has started actively supporting China's rival "Taiwan". Recent high official visit of speaker of US house of Congress "Nancy Pelosi" is a remnant of US policy of containing China.



Pelosi in her statement has reaffirmed Taiwan of US' commitments. This act was termed by ~~US~~ <sup>China</sup> an extremely dangerous step and has been seen with severe retaliation.

## (ii) USA's National Security Policy 2022 :-

National Security Policy 2022 has been issued by US department of Defence in October 2022. In this policy, US has declared China its strategic competitor or rival. US has focused the containment of China and its rising allies; Iran, Russia.

## (iii) USA's Indo-Pacific Document 2022 and alliances renewing.

USA, in her Indo-Pacific document to achieve



Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused shocks in global food and energy supply chains. Owing to the record inflation in Europe, America. Joe Biden visited Saudi Arabia calling OPEC+ to increase the fuel supply. But Muhammad Bin Salman's cold response and blatant negation caused a high criticism of Joe Biden by Western analysts.

(ii) USA cannot fully help Taiwan in case of China-Taiwan War:-

Taiwan is 160 km far Island from China. Taiwan's biggest trading partner has been China. And recent August military drills and missile testing has assured



USA of China's boundaries.

(iii) CHINA'S growing economic and military strengths and growing influence in Middle East

China is the world's 2nd largest GDP of 19.92 Trillion. By an estimation China military spending would surpass USA's by 2050. China's recent visit of Saudi Arabia and a warm welcome by Muhammad Bin Salman is an indication of China's growing superiority.

(iv) Russia and China growing partnership :-

China has neither openly condemned Russian invasion of Ukraine ~~and~~ nor has assured Russia of help. Russia

and China are strengthening strategic partnership to contain USA.

### Critical Analysis:-

Growing US and China competition is a strong challenge for Pakistan's foreign policy. As CPEC, a flagship of BRI makes Pakistan a strong ally of China. US, on the other hand, has strong influence in FATF, IMF, which have been necessary for Pakistan's growing economy. Pakistan must not become a part of bloc politics and must ensure her economic growth by diversifying regional relations.

### Conclusion:-

China and US have become two strategic superpowers. The competition between these two superpowers are posing challenges to countries' foreign policy.