



Final Mock for Special CSS & Mock-6 for CSS-2024

September 2023

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

NOTE:

- i. Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
- ii. Attempt ONLY FOUR questions from PART-II. ALL questions carry EQUAL marks.
- iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.
- v. No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- vi. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

SUBJECTIVE PART — PART-II

- Q. 2. US India growing strategic partnership is primarily to contain China but it severely hurt the interests of Pakistan too. Critically evaluate the statement and find ways out for Islamabad to follow.
- Q. 3. Problems in the power sector has resulted in unimaginably expensive electricity that has far reaching negative implications on the economy, social and political life of the country. Critically evaluate the statement and suggest workable recommendations.
- Q. 4. Taiwan crisis in general and semiconductors industry in particular has become the new clash point between US and China. How do you see this situation and how tension could be diffused between the two global powers?
- Q. 5. The provisions of F-16 and other strategic weapons by US/NATO to Ukraine would result in the escalation of the war. How do you see this situation and what are the options with Russia and NATO to defuse the alarming situation?
- Q. 6. China and Pakistan are celebrating the Decade of CPEC. Critically evaluate success and failures of the project.
- Q. 7. In the increasingly multi-polar world there is the rise of the rest. But has there been a potential decline in US hegemony or has it maintained its global role as a leader? Give your arguments.
- Q. 8. The expansion of BRICS would have far reaching geo-economics and geo-political implications. Critically evaluate the statement and also highlight the major hurdles in the way of the organization.

Q: 4

Answer 1-

Introduction

"Taiwan is a part of
China."

(Chinese Media)

Taiwan crisis in general and semiconductors industry in particular has become the new clash point between the US and China. In fact, China is claiming over sovereignty of Taiwan that is hurt by the US influence. As a result, both powerful countries have clear policies regarding Taiwan. However, some recommendations will help in normalizing growing tensions between the US and Sino.

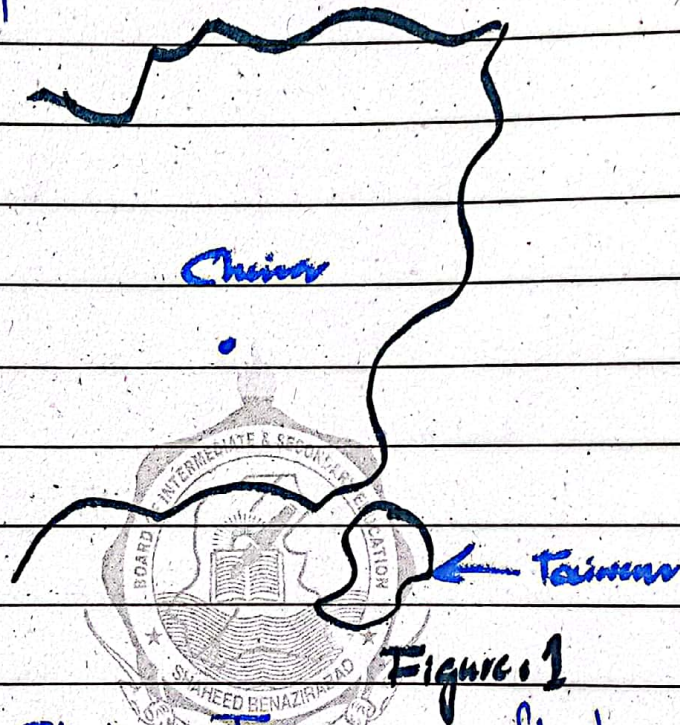
2- A bird's eye view of Sino-Taiwan conflict

"Taiwan is an
integral part of
China..."

(Xi Jinping)



China has claimed over territory of Taiwan. In fact, China regards Taiwan as its a core part.



Hence, China - Taiwan conflict is on territory of Taiwan.

3- The US - Sino policies over Taiwan

Following are policies:

a) Policies of China over Taiwan

China has following

main policies:

1) Claim on Taiwan as nine dash lines

China regards Taiwan as a part of its nine dash lines. Historically, China called Taiwan as its territory.

China and Taiwan are not two separate territories, but only one.

(Xi - Jinping)

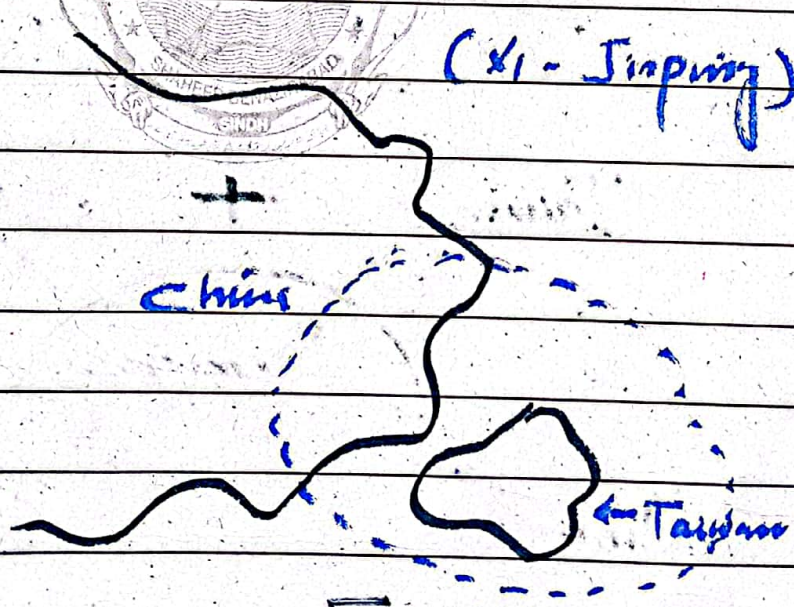


Figure 1

Thus, China claims on Taiwan territory.



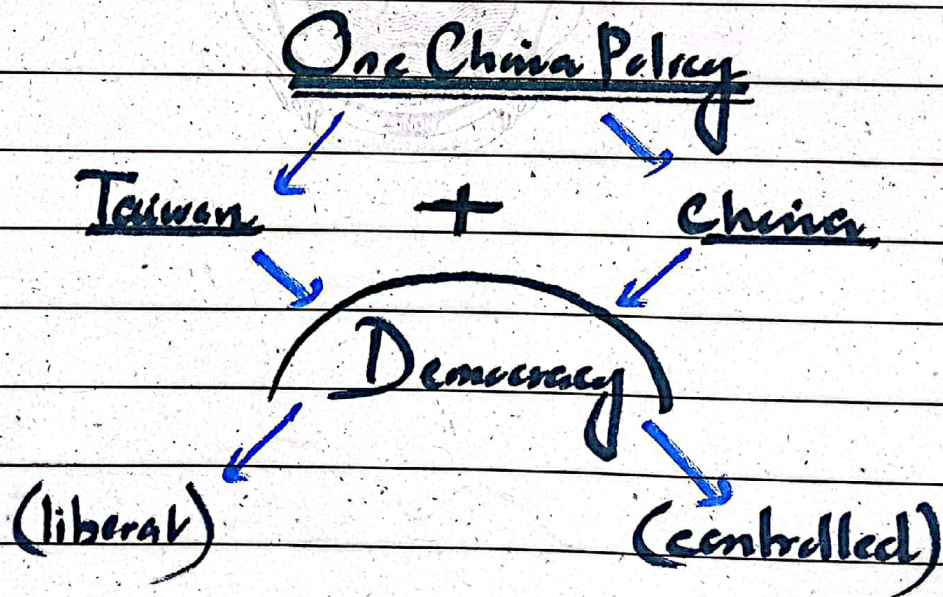
(ii) 'One China Policy' of China

Moreover, China has declared its "One China Policy." In fact, China wants own ideas regarding system of the country.

"One country, but two systems" but on
Chinas

ideology."

Hence, China has declared "One China Policy" over Taiwan.



b) Policies of the US over Taiwan

The US has follo-

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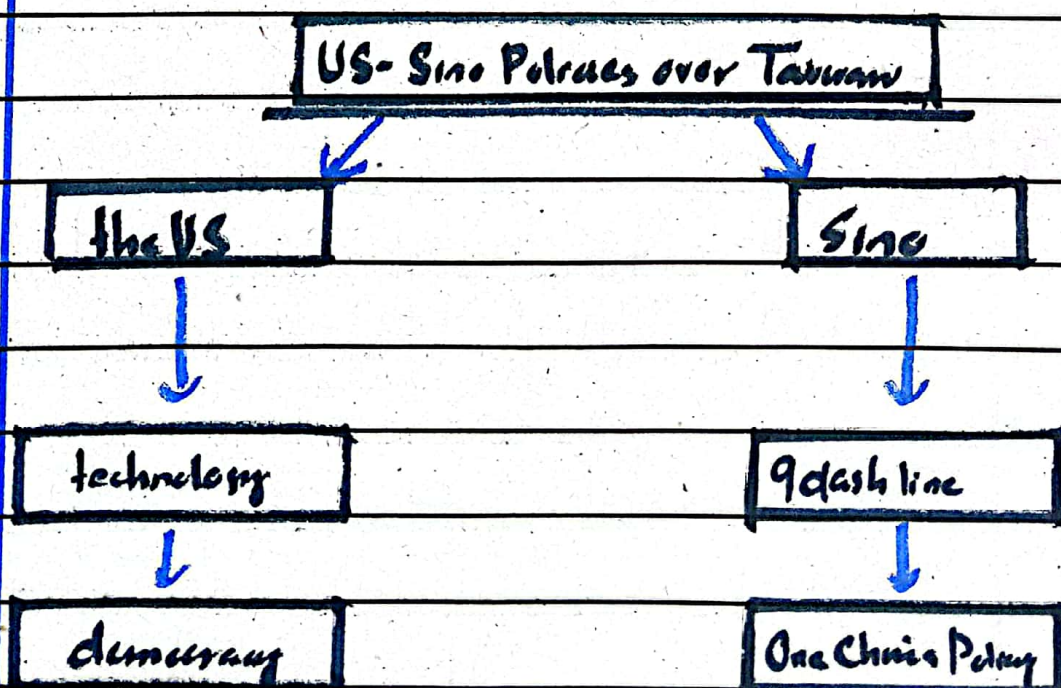
Q: No.	Answer
1	ning policies
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3	i) Technological inter-connectedness
4	with Taiwan
5	The US has supported
6	ted technological growth in Taiwan
7	clearly. In fact, the US wants to
8	collaborate with Taiwan for semi-
9	conductor chips.
10	"Trump Administration
11	opened the institution of
12	technology in
13	Taiwan."
14	(The CNN, 2022)
15	Thus, the US wants access to semi-
16	conductors chips of Taiwan.
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18	b) Enhancement of liberal democratic
19	ideology
20	Moreover, the US is

ambitious to enhance democratic system in Taiwan. Resultantly, the US is a great advocator of Taiwan's sovereignty.

"The US invited Taiwan in democratic summit of 2023, but not China."

(Toqeer Hussain, the US led democratic summit, 2023)

Thus, the US ideology of democracy hurt Sino interests over Taiwan.



4- Recommendations to diffuse tensions between two global powers

Following are recommendations:

a) Respecting sovereignty of Taiwan

Respecting sovereignty of Taiwan is a major step to normalize conflict. However, China claims over Taiwan; but, peace is in sovereignty.

Sovereignty is a symbol of permanency (Political ideology of John Austin)

Hence, ensuring sovereignty of Taiwan will help in diffusing tensions.

b) Ending hostile ideology between US-Sin

Moreover, ending hostile ideology can also help in

normalizing relations. In fact, both global powers have a responsibility of maintaining peace of the world.

"End of hostile ideology is a way of peace."

(Xi Jinping, from 12 points Agenda on Russia-Ukraine conflict, 2023)

Therefore, end of hostile ideology can also help in diffusing tensions.

c) Ensuring fair right of global trade

Furthermore, fair right of global trade can also ensure peace between two powers. In fact, trade war is a dominant conflict between two powers.

"There must not be a free trade, rather

fair trade policy."

(Xin-Jinping)

Hence, ensuring fair trade can also help in diffusing tensions.

5- Conclusions

"China is going to be a superpower with the second largest economy."

(Fitch - S.P. Moody)

Taiwan crisis in general and semiconductors industry in particular has become the new clash point between the US and China. Both have cleared policies over Taiwan that create tensions between two global powers. However, above recommendations can help in normalizing tensions between two powers.