

## Q#4

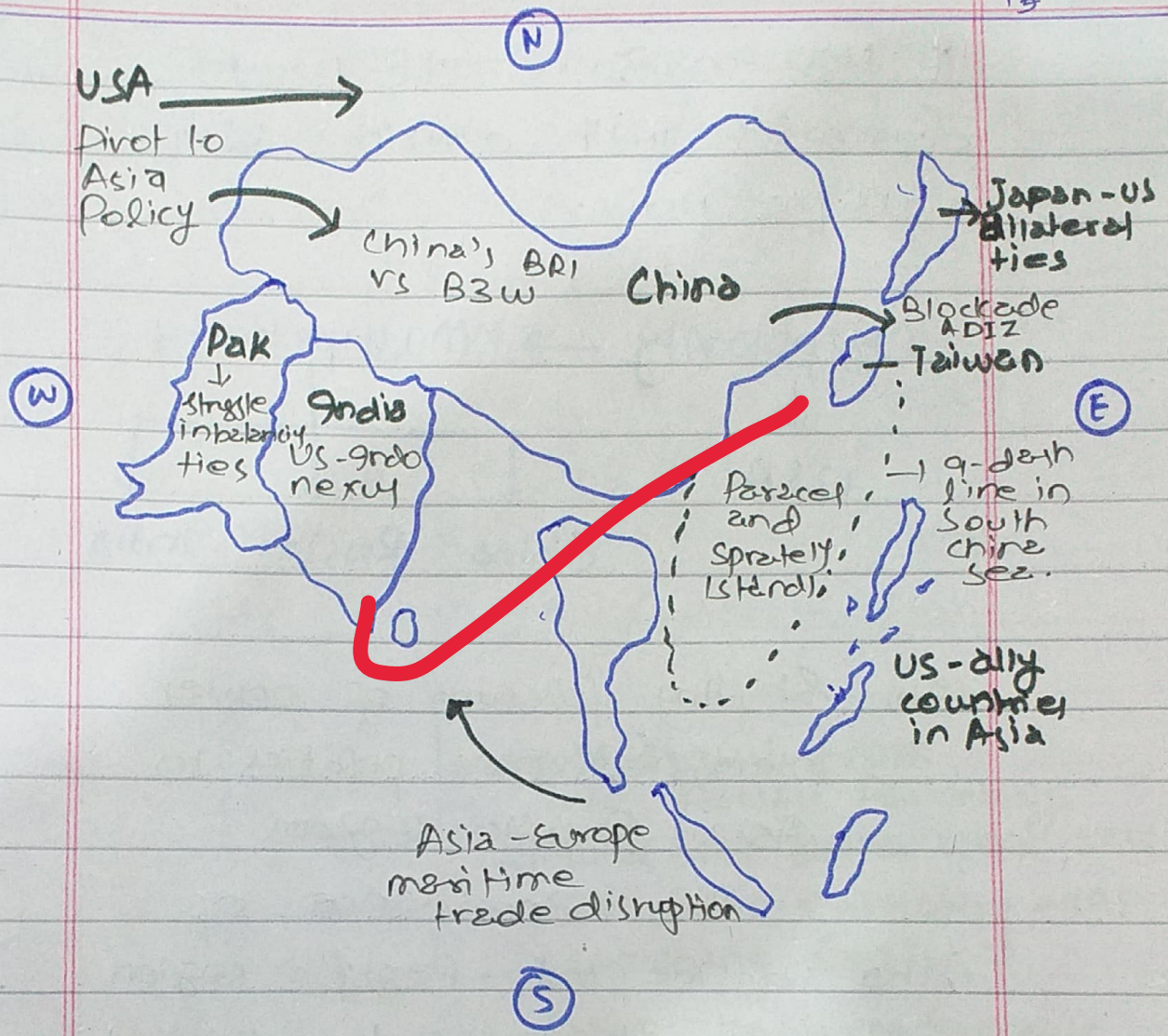
### 1- Introduction: Impacts of US-China Enmity On The Asia-Pacific Region:

The emerging economic power of China has threatened the power hegemony of the USA, therefore, the containment policies of both countries in the Asia-Pacific region have destabilized the region by dividing the region into two blocs. Moreover, it leads to arising multiple powers, exacerbating technology war, threatening weaker states, shifting fulcrum of power and disruption of maritime trade.

### 2- Destabilization Of Asia Pacific Region Amidst US-China Hostility:

“Let China sleep for when she wakes she is going to shake the world”

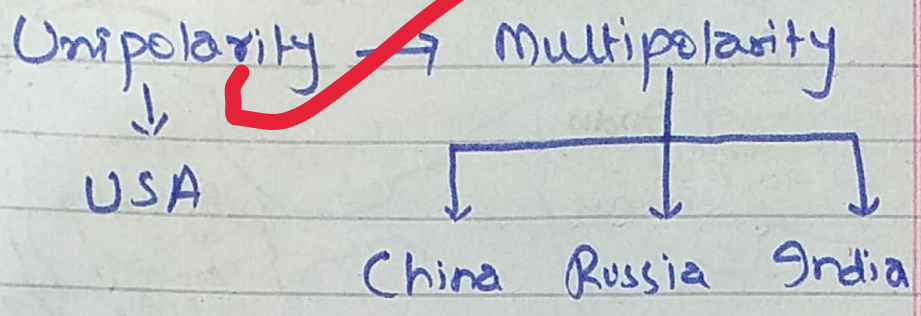
- Napoleon Bonaparte



Map Showing US- China Containment policies and its impacts on Asia-Pacific region

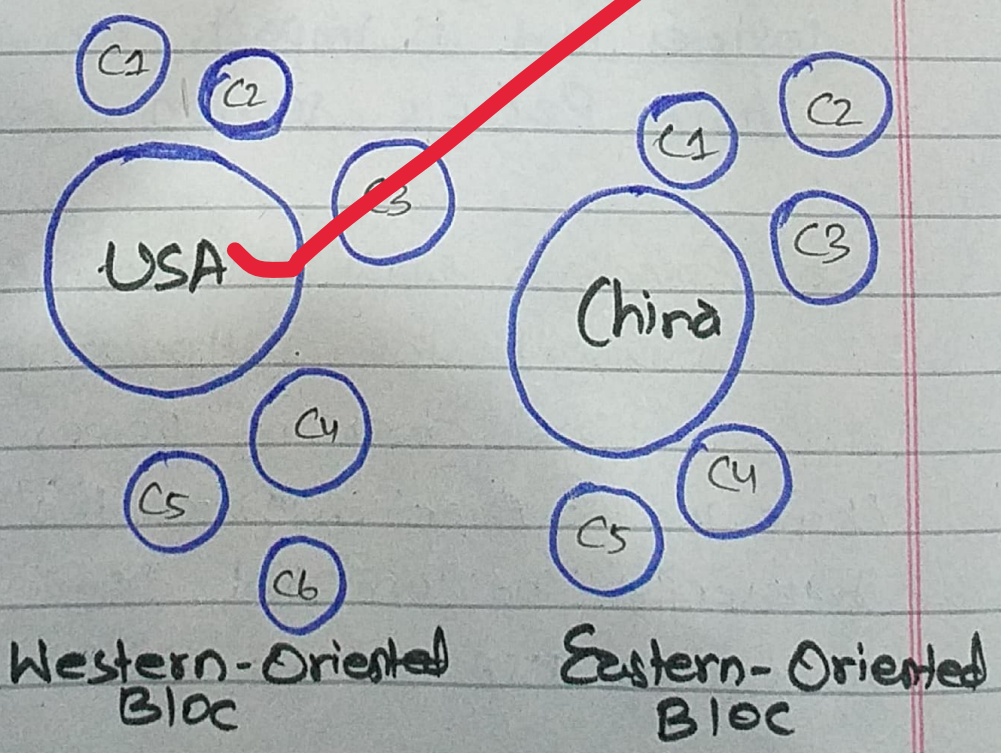
(2a) Paradigm shift in power from unipolarity to multipolarity:  
 The emerging power of China in the Asian region has threatened the unipolar dominant power of USA in the Asian region.

It has realigned the power dynamics with division along multiple powers.



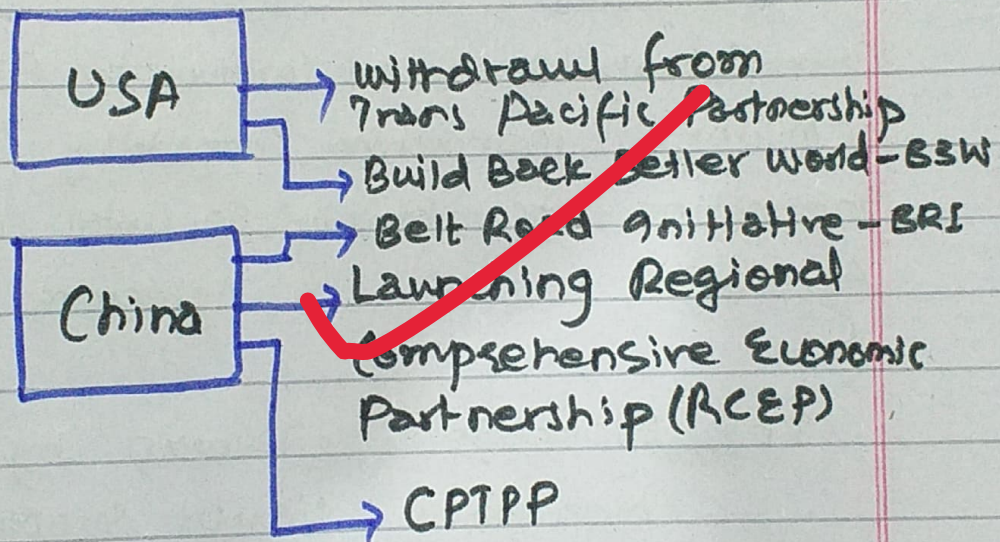
(2b) Shifting fulcrum of power intensified bloc politics in Asia-Pacific region:

The dominance of China in the Indo-Pacific region and South China sea has distributed power into two blocs.



(2c) Realignment of economic alliances has fostered the trade war in the region:

The expansionist economic policies of China and the isolationist policies of the USA, particularly inter-kump era has altered economic alliances, initiating trade war in Asian-region.

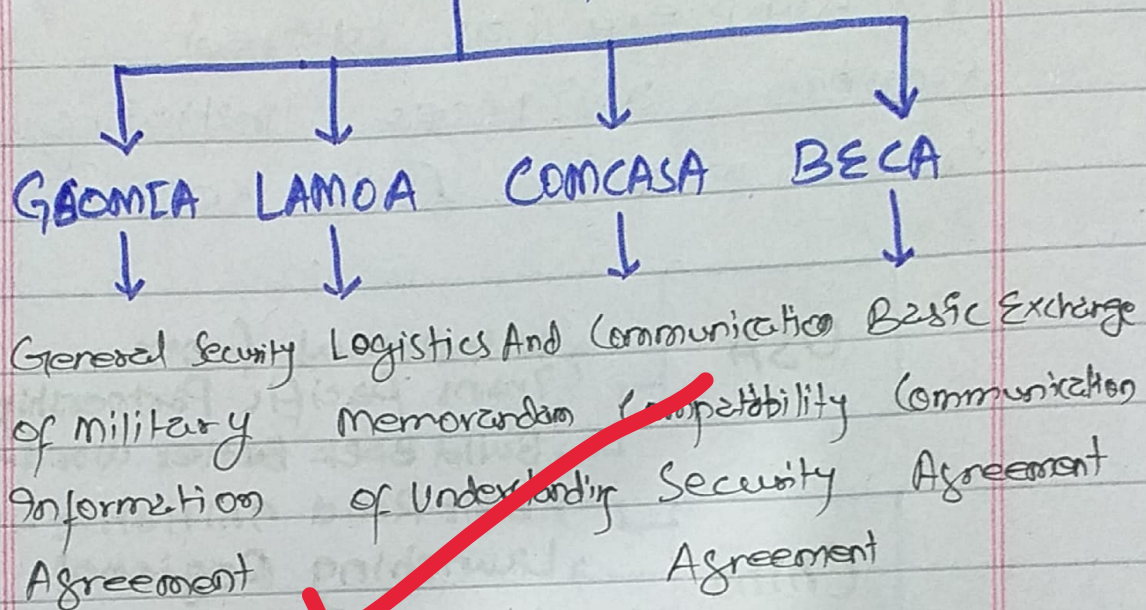


(2d) US strategic partnership with India to contain China: Fostered security dilemma in the region:

US and India nexus has threatened the security of various states. For instance,

Pakistan's sovereignty is on stake due to rising military power of India. It is a huge threat for stability of the region.

### US-India Defense Pacts



(2e) Blockade of Taiwan by China may disrupt supply chain of semiconductor:

A dilemma for technological innovation in the region:

As Taiwan has the largest semiconductor production industry, Taiwan issue can disrupt technological innovation in Asian region. Semiconductor

is pivotal part of green technology. For instance, Vietnam has one of the largest electronic production industry. It imports semiconductor from Taiwan. With disruption of import, its industrial growth would be stunted.

(2f) Threat to strategic chokepoints

in Indo-Pacific region:

Disruption of maritime trade:

Indo-Pacific region is responsible for almost two-third maritime trade between Asia and Europe and 60% global oil trade passes through this region. Moreover, strategic chokepoints such as Strait of Malacca lie in this region.

Therefore, US - China rivalry has bolstered maritime trade war in this region.

(2g) Conflict in South - China Sea is a dent to economic stability in the region.

As South - China Sea is an important sea-lane where two-third global oil trade passes. Moreover, this region has reserves of minerals and oil. It will impact economic stability in the neighbouring countries, particularly those who depend on fisheries.

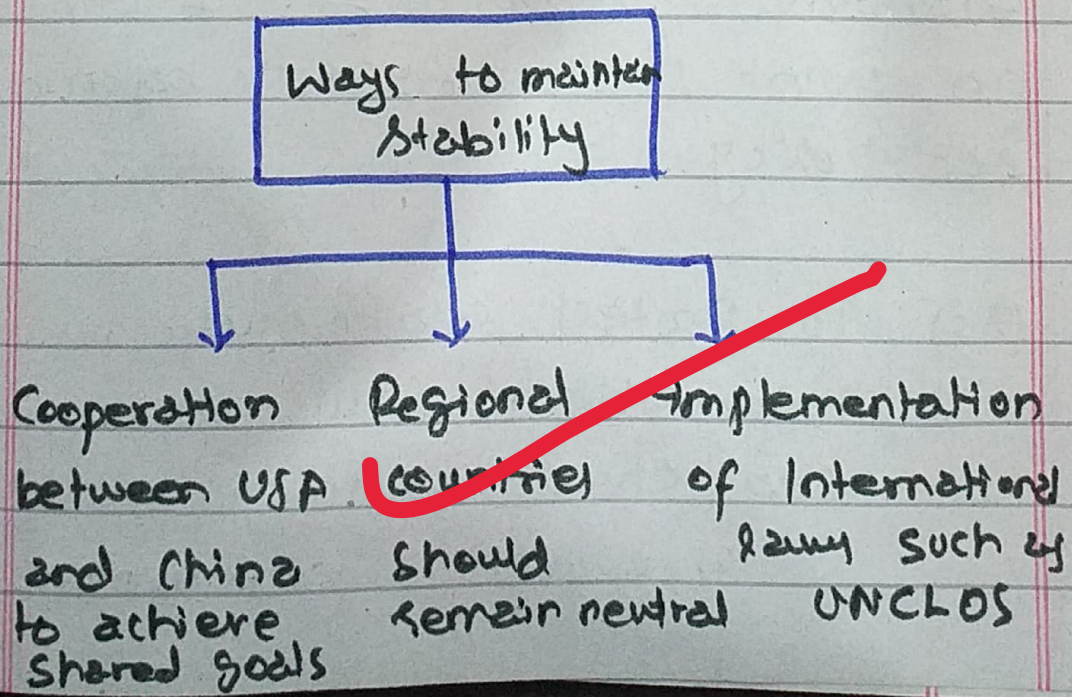
(2h) Use of Artificial intelligence in advanced weaponry: Threat to the sovereignty of regional countries:

China is extensively using AI in making unmanned submarines such as marine drones and militarization of Paracel and Spratly Islands. It poses great threat to the bordering countries. It is also the violation of UNCLOS.

(2i) USA's Pivot to Asia Policy as a challenge to weaker states in balancing their ties with China and USA:

USA has countered China in the Asian region by making strategic ties with ally countries. Such as AUKUS, and QUAD. To counter USA, China has launched its String of Pearls Strategy. This rivalry is a challenge to least developed countries like Pakistan, ASEAN countries and Central Asian states.

### 3- How can stability be Achieved in the Asia-Pacific Region?





(3a) Engagement instead of Estrangement between USA and China:

It can be achieved by shared economic development of both countries such as economic alliances and development in the region.

(3b) Stability can be achieved through development of regional countries by adopting neutral policy:

Countries like Pakistan should remain neutral in this great power rivalry. They should focus on their economic stability. A case in point is the ASEAN's balancing Act policy.

(3c) To protect sea route, international laws on sea should be implemented. The robust enforcement

of laws requires regional cooperation. In this way, economic stability of the region can be maintained.

#### 4- Conclusion:

The US-China rivalry has divided the countries in the Asia-Pacific region between US-centered bloc and China-centered bloc. It has shifted alliances and power game in the region. However, with concerted efforts, the stability in the region can be enhanced.

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Overall, good attempt!

**Q.4** *In what ways has the US-China rivalry affected the stability of the Asia-Pacific region, especially regarding Taiwan and the South China Sea? (20)*

**Q.5** *In what ways does the concept of strategic stability influence the stability of the Asia-Pacific region?*