

SCO IN TERMS OF ANTI-WESTERN

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BLOCK in ASIA

How do you see SCO in terms of Anti-western bloc in ~~Developing~~ Asia.

1. Introduction:

SCO was formed in back 2001, with 5 ~~first~~ countries. China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan with the name of "Shanghai Spirit fire". Later on other countries joined, currently, 10 full member of and name changed to Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

SCO share of world	
Land	~ 24% of global land area
Population	~ 43% of global population
GDP	~ 23% of global GDP
Nuclear Power	≈ 4 nuclear powers.

This above table shows ~~the~~ the real power of SCO in comparison to the rest of world.

give the main heading first and relate your headings to the qs statement.

2. Core Aims:

The main aims of SCO includes security, China as emerging power controlling the world, trade, Russia competing the USA and evolution to change the unipolarity world to the multipolarity, decreasing USA's hegemony and dominance.

Security	Counter-terrorism, border stability
China	Counter U.S. "Pivot to Asia"
Russia	Resist NATO and EU expansion post cold-war
Evolution	Shifted from regional security to challenging western hegemonic hegemony.

3. Anti-Western Alignment

(a) Security:-

do not use one word/vague headings. they should be elaborate and self explanatory,

SCO countries had conduct joint military ~~drill~~ drills in 2022 to gain the control in the region. RATS intelligence share is being used to eliminate every possible security threat and combating 3 evils, terrorism, extremism and superstition.

(b) Economy:-

Local currency is used for trade such as Ruble, Yuan and PKR to reduce reliance and dependence from dollar. Moreover, energy deals such as Russia-Pakistan pipeline to evade sanctions. CPEC is merged with Eurasia Economic Union.

add and highlight references/examples against these arguments.

(c) Diplomacy:-

Each member state support each other in UN voting block against western resolutions, such as Kashmir, Ukraine and Xinjiang. Also condemn to the unilateral sanctions in SCO joint declaration.

(d) Institutions:-

SCO is creating financial institution which can

challenge to the IMF. The working of SCO bank is under development process. SCO is creating parallel governance structure.

4. Key member's divergent agendas

China is using SCO platform to promote BRI and counter Chinese presence in the region. Russia is trying to break post-Ukraine isolation. Iran is sanctioned state and joining SCO member to create Nuclear weapon. Pakistan is looking for alternative alliance after USA ~~silence~~ silence on Kashmir issue. India want to create balance here with U.S. And SCO member states.

5. Limitations to Anti-Western Unity

There is no mutual defense clause unlike NATO. Charter avoids collective security of its member countries. There have been skirmish conflict between India and Pakistan, over water dispute, Kashmir and terrorism which can weaken the SCO ~~member~~ ^{from} & its main objective. Moreover, Kazakh oil fields use US and EU technology. ~~Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are having U.S bases.~~ and EU is the Kazakhstan's number 1 trade partner of amount \$48 billion. So, after the years which create limitation to Anti-western unity.

Strategic Utility: A "soft" Anti-Western Bloc

SCO promotes multipolarity and Asian values which provide alternatives to western liberal hegemonic interventionism. SCO encourages and supports local currency trade and alternative payment systems to reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar and SWIFT. It provides Iran a platform to build diplomatic alternatives and western Sanctions amid US-~~IS~~ Israel and Iran war. Still, SCO is not a formal anti-western alliance. ~~As it represents a coalition of~~ Credence for seeking strategic autonomy, regional influence and multipolar diplomacy.

"SCO is not against anyone, but it offers a non-western model of governance. Its essence is sovereignty, is not anti-Americanism"

Zhang Ming, SCO Secretary-General, 2023

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments and be on 7-9 pages.

end with conclusion.