

Q<sup>6</sup> Discuss the emergence of SCO and BRICS as a challenge to American politicoeconomic dominance in world politics. What measures can be taken by the US to counter them?

## 1. Introduction

The world has moved from unipolar to multipolar world. With the emergence of China, US politicoeconomic influence is highly affected. Moreover, organizations like SCO and BRICS have adversely erode US dominance by taking away US allies. However, US can counter this influence by realigning with its countries and also by using vibrant policies instead of blunt.

## 2. Emergence of Shanghai Organization Corporation

Shanghai Organization Corporation (SCO) was initiated in 1997 with five countries China and mid Central Asian countries. In 2001, it becomes SCO after admission of Uzbekistan. With time, India and Pakistan also joined SCO. Presently, it represent almost half of world area, population and one-fourth of world's GDP.

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	Value in Percentage
Total Area	47.2%
Gross Domestic Product	24.7%
Population	51.92%

Source: Shanghai Cooperation Organization Reports 2024.

### 3. Emergence of BRICS

Initially BRICS was created by China, Russia, India and Brazil. With the time and rising influence of USA, BRICS became BRICS + 2 by including more countries. This includes countries members from various continents. This ~~demands~~ demands US influence in the nations.

	Value in Percentage
Total Area	56.17%
Gross Domestic Product	45.2%
Population	62.3%

Source: BRICS Report 2023

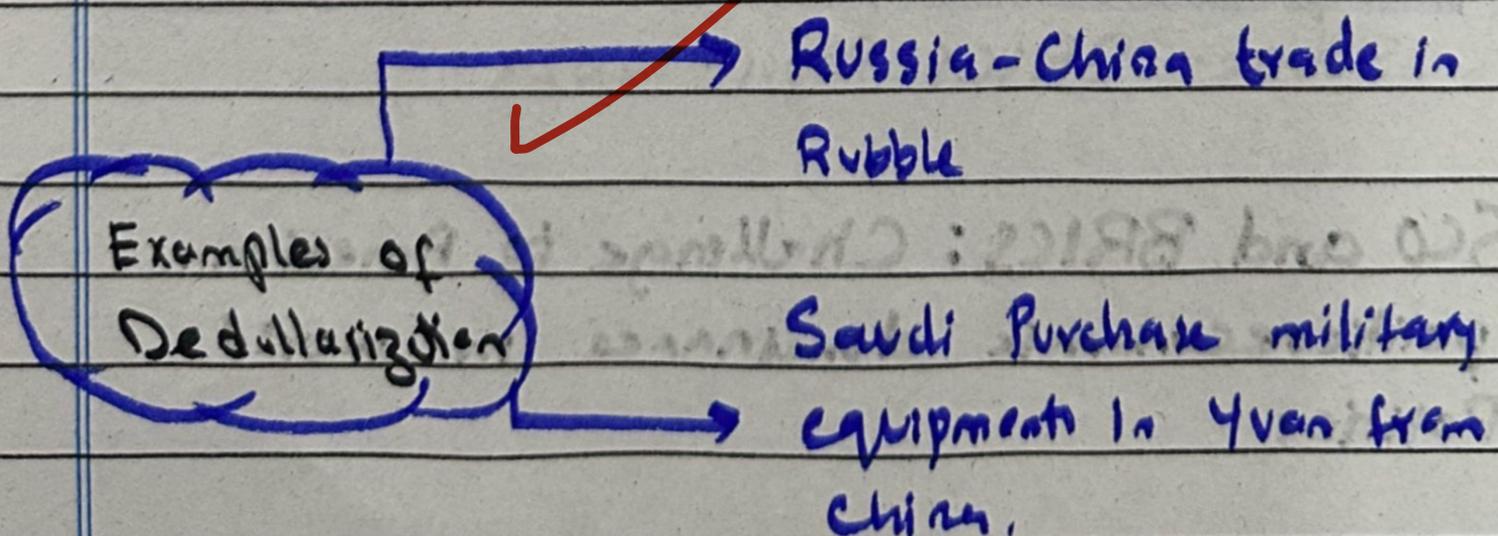
### 4. SCO and BRICS: Challenge to American politicoeconomic dominance in world Politics

#### A. Countries re-engineering their alliances

After the cold war, USA was only one. But emergence of SCO and BRICS have showed the effect of Post Cold war. As after the Trump administration, USA has been acting like a sole superpower in the world. ~~Only to~~ that has violated international laws, United Nation Charter, and treaties damaging countries sovereignty. At some place US has initiated war and at some place it has changed the regime. Only to this countries are moving from western-led power to the easternled power.

### B. SCO and BRICS: Aim to De-dollarization

Members nations are switching their exports and imports from dollars to local currency so that demand of dollar could decrease. This will ~~may~~ decrease the value of dollar.



### C. SCO and BRICS: Providing loans to developing countries without austerity measures

BRICS and SCO are providing financial loans to the developing countries like Pakistan, India and Bangladesh without any strict conditions that could impact local. They, more members are looking forward to take loan from New Development Bank (NDB) and rely less on western-led institutions like International Monetary Fund (IMF)

"Loan worth of 9150 million to Bangladesh for dam construction."

- New Development Bank - SCO

### D. SCO and BRICS: Creating a new payment system

BRICS is creating a new parallel payment system called Cross-Border Inter-bank Payment System replacing SWIFT.

Shift from SWIFT - USA-led

to

SCO-BRICS led CBIBPS

## E. SCO and BRICS: Purchase of military arsenal from Russia and China

Member states are purchasing military equipments and arsenal from Russia and China rather than relying on United States, France and United Kingdom, thus, harming US hegemonic role.

\$250 million worth deal between China and Brazil in 2021.

- The Financial Times

## 5. Measures taken by the US to counter SCO and BRICS influence

### A. fortified its alliance

Instead of imposing taxes, US must create and strengthened its ties and relation with its allies like European countries, and Arab kings. But Trump administration has created a lot uncertainty in the world.

"Possibility of annexation of Denmark"

- Al-Jazeera

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## B. Controlling internet connections to threaten nation

Majority of nation, depend on internet connection provided by the United States. US can used it as a tactics to stop the ~~growing~~ influence of SCO and BRICS nation.

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"135 countries use internet connection provided by the U.S.A."

-Mr. Donald Trump

## C. Use of soft power rather than hard power on global south nations.

USA need to negotiate them rather than threatening them to change regime and launching war against them. Just like it did in Iran.

"Capture of Venezuela's Prime Minister Nicolas Maduro on 5th January 2026 by US Dolphin force."

-BBC News

## D. Use of Diplomacy with Russia and China: The Pioneer of SCO and BRICS

China, Russia and the USA need to use diplomacy Track II for resolution of their trade war. Otherwise developing nations would ~~suffer~~ suffer from their ~~trade~~ wars and sanctions.

### E. US should also trade in other currency

This will also a gradual set back to dollar, but USA would have already ~~switched~~ switched to other currency then it would ~~not~~ not affect its economy adversely and drastically.

### f. Strengthen its bases located in SCO and BRICS member countries

This will also USA to maintain their strategic role in the member countries of SCO and BRICS. Such as USA has Airbus in Qatar.

add a few more arguments.....

## 6 Conclusion

The rise of SCO and BRICS has definitely challenge to American power and politico-economic dominance and hegemony. However, USA can control its influence by redefining its strategies, actions and relations with rest of world.