

Q: 3

Ans:

1. Introduction

In 1991, Soviet Union finally collapsed. The reasons behind its collapse have been numerous. From realist perspective, due to decline in relative power, the Soviet Union disintegrated. Liberalism calls strong alliance of the USA raised its cost of war, leading its failure. On the other hand, Gorbachev's new ideas caused its collapse as per constructivism.

2. Causes of collapse of Soviet in light of theoretical framework:

Following are described various theoretical explanations regarding collapse of Soviet Union:

A) Causes of Soviet disintegration explained by Realism:

Realism has provided following reasons of the Soviet Union's failure.

a) Declining relative power

of Soviet Union:

Owing to declining relative power, the Soviet Union was miserably failed. In balance of power system, there should be equivalent strength to maintain the system. However, the Soviet Union miserably failed due to decrease in military and economic strength unlike the United States.

b) Disruption to balance

of power system:

Furthermore, the balance of power system was disrupted to maintain bipolarity. The USA was economically might as well as militarily. This shifted balance of power to the favour of the west.

c) Insufficient security based Soviet Union to disintegration:

Sometimes nations enter into confront security dilemma. They remove it through a large scale investment in defence. However, the Soviet Union was economically under pressure and it could not secure itself much like the USA.

B. Reasons in view of Liberalism for collapse of the Soviet Union:

In view of liberalism, following were reasons:

a) Multilateral pressure on Soviet Union:

The Soviet Union had faced an overwhelming pressure from the majority of countries from the west as well as some Asian countries. This put up pressure over the Soviet Union. This also became one reason of its failure.

b) Strong alliance of the USA to weaken military power of Soviet Union:

To weaken military power of Soviet Union, strong alliance was created by the USA. For example, Mujahidin supported by Pakistan and Arab countries worked with the USA to wage war against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

c) Raising cost of non-cooperation and war for the Soviet Union by American alliance:

The Soviet Union initially was barred from its old allies of the second world war to stop seizing territory of Iran and East European, but it did not retreat. This non-cooperation had finally resulted in its collapse in 1991.

C. Explanation of Soviet Union's failure in light of constructivism.

Following were cause of the USSR's collapse according to ^{constructivism}

a) Changing ideas and identities with Gorbachev's policy of perestroika and glasnost:

Having seen declining power and weakening of its union, the Soviet leader came up with new ideas to deconstruct the old ones. His policy of perestroika and glasnost had shifted the focus on domestic reforms and away from the war. Hence, it had paved the way for collapse.

b) Ideological resistance to communism:

Besides, communism was ideologically resisted by several countries, especially Muslims. As for them, godless ideology was

until, this also weakened the Soviet Union

3. conclusion

To conclude, the Soviet Union had been collapse due to various reasons. The realism approach cited a decline in relative power as a reason of its failure. Liberals give its failure of non-cooperation with the west as reasons. However, constructivism views that creation of new ideas by Gorbachev led its failure.

Add references with events as well
Write answer 7-8 sides
Elaborate more with realism



Q:4

Ans:

1. Introduction:

Clash of civilization theory came after the end of cold war. By calling that future wars will be fought over civilization, it has based its framework in global arena. It is organized movement against Islam because it reinforces Islamophobia, violence against Muslims and ignores the image of Islam.

2. Brief account of clash of civilization:

In his book "Clash of civilization," Samuel P. Huntington described the theory about civilization. He writes that the future wars will be based on conflicts among different civilization, predominantly between Islam and the west.

3. How the concept of clash of civilization often sounds to be an organized campaign to demean Islam:

Following ways, the concept of clash of civilization seems anti-Islam

a) Clash of civilization

giving impetus to xenophobia:

Clash of civilization has given impetus to xenophobia.

As a result, many Muslims across the globe are maltreated solely based on their religion.

For example, Muslims in

Denmark and Sweden are

maltreated by desecration of the Holy Quran.

b) Huntington calling Islam as bloody religion:

Huntington has clearly written in his book, "Islam has bloody borders." This clearly gives baseless arguments against

muslims. Hence, it sounds to be organized campaign to demean Islam.

c) Alliance between Islamic and Confucian civilizations allegedly called a threat to global peace:

Huntington has also given unbounded statement in his theory of clash of civilization regarding the alliance between Islam and Confucian. It called formation of such alliance as threat to world peace. Resultantly, the West was encouraged to actively break such alliance.

d) Noam Chomsky's view calling 'Clash of Civilization' as biased ideas of USA to remain relevant in aftermath of cold war:

Noam Chomsky has rejected thesis of Clash of

Civilization and called it a theory introduced by the USA. It was introduced to keep the USA relevant in aftermath of cold war.

e) Empowering Nationalism and causing Islamophobia:

This theory also empowers the wave of nationalism. It may created anti-Islam notion in the west and nationalist tendencies in the west and beyond to ban muslim emigrants. For instance, white-supremacism in the west acts against muslims.

f) Ignoring soft image of Islam:

This thesis has deliberately ignored soft image of Islam. It did not include peaceful image of Islam. Even the

western leader Tony Blair, "Tolerance is defining characteristics of Islam."

g) Creating public opinion against Islam:

Media and literature shape public opinion. Through writing biased thesis, it has created anti Islam public opinion in the west. This seems like an organized campaign to demean Islam.

4. Conclusion

To conclude, clash of civilization theory has been a deliberate attempt to demean Islam. It has called Islam an aggressive religion and tried to create xenophobic attitude and public opinion in the west.

You need to write and link it more specifically with 9/11 incident after which it got popular

Q: 6

Ans:

1. Introduction:

Peace will not prevail in South Asia without peace in Afghanistan and resolution of Kashmir issue. Terrorism is looming large due to the IS-Khorasan and the TTP residing in Afghanistan. Pakistan and India have downgraded relations owing to Kashmir issue.

2. How Peace and stability in South Asia cannot be build without stable Afghanistan and resolution of Kashmir issue:

Following are some arguments that stress the given statement:

a) Insecurity raised by terrorism from Afghan side:

Terrorism has at large been originated in South

Asia due to unstable Afghanistan.
As long as peace does not prevail
there, South Asia will see troubling
environment.

b) Unstable Afghanistan and
meagre regional trade
and connectivity:

According to
Global Terrorism Index 2022,
Afghanistan topped the list
of terrorism. From militant
groups to unstable economic
strength, the country is
facing instability. Due to
this reason, regional connectivity is
stalled in the doldrums.

According to the former
Foreign Minister of Pakistan
Bilawal Bhutto, "Peace and
stability in Afghanistan are
key to regional stability."

c) Kashmir issue: a bone of contention in stable South Asia:

Kashmir issue has remained a bone of contention between Pakistan and India, unless the issue is resolved, peace building in South Asia will not bear fruits. India and Pakistan have not evolved their relations due to unfinished business of Kashmir. Maleeha Lodhi says, "Peace in South Asia depends on resolution of Kashmir issue in line with the UNSC resolutions."

d) Human development of region depending on resolution of Kashmir issue:

Human development also remained abysmal due to dysfunctional SAARC in South

Asia. However, the SAARC cannot be made effective with Indo-Pak détente.

3. HOW ^{Peace} making and peace building in South Asia is hindered through irresponsible behaviour of India:

in following ways
Peace building in South Asia is hindered by India.

a) Indian hegemonic design in South Asia:

Indian hegemonic design has kept South Asia in unstable state. India has border issues with Pakistan over Kashmir, Bangladesh over water, Nepal over land. However, India has adopted unilateral approach in every dispute. The change of status quo of Kashmir unilaterally in August 2019, showing aggressive design of India.

b) Indo-US nexus and disrupted balance of power:

Indo-US nexus has deeply disrupted balance of power in India. India has got sophisticated defence equipment from the USA and triggered arms race in south Asia, disrupting regional balance of power.

BECA (Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement) between India and USA ^{is} causing disrupted BOP.

c) Dysfunctional SAARC:

South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation has remained dysfunctional due to Indian hegemony. India has pressurized other members of SAARC to attend OIC to be held Pakistan in 2016. Since 2016, no meeting of SAARC at leadership level has happened.

d) Indian new alternative to SAARC (BIMSTEC):

The BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi sectoral and Technical and Economic Cooperation) has ^{been} attempted by India to replace SAARC. It aims to exclude Pakistan in regional order. It is another step irritating peace in South Asia.

How eliminating India's threat would bring peace??

Seems like current affairs question

Quote IR concepts and theories

4. CONCLUSION

To conclude, South Asia cannot observe peace and stability unless Afghan and Kashmir issues are not resolved. Due to these issues, terrorism and insecurity prevail in South Asia. On the other hand, India has attempted to disrupt peace with its aggression.

Q: 5

Ans:

1. Introduction

The United States Foreign Policy under Joe Biden has remained contradicted on various fronts. Human rights and democracy are supported in its foreign policy. But human rights violations in its allies' territory are ignored. Its foreign policy is inclined to regain global hegemony.

2. US Foreign Policy is

full of contradiction:

The US foreign policy documents calls for defending its national security, national interests, democracy and human rights. On the other hand, Biden's foreign policy has also been central around China and Russia.

In short, his foreign policy also reflects contradiction.

3. Promises of Biden's foreign policy from theoretical lens:

Following are promises of Biden's foreign policies:

a) Supporting Democracy and Human Rights (Liberal view)

According to liberalism, human rights and democracy are values of liberal world order. Being guarantee of liberal world order, Joe Biden has given stressed in its foreign policy. For example,

recently Joe Biden hosted Democracy summit

b) Territorial integrity and Securing Global Interests (Realism)

In line with realism, the US foreign policy gives support to ~~territory~~

territorial integrity and national security.

For example, during China's spy balloon tragedy, the USA echoed for territorial integrity.

c) Supporting multilateral institutions: (Liberalism)

It lays great emphasis on multilateralism. Joe Biden has reversed almost all unilateral foreign policy decisions as made by the previous administration. Joe Biden rejoined Paris Climate Agreement 2015, supporting multilateralism.

d) Promising global cooperation on pandemic and climatic security (critical view):

In its foreign policy, Joe Biden has promised to achieve pandemic and climate security. For example, Biden has vowed to strengthen WHO through raising funds as well as making efforts on climate change resilience.

e) Adhering to global alliance:

in Europe and Indo-Pacific:

Biden's foreign policy is also inclined to alliance system. Biden actively participated in NATO, G-20 and G-7 summits. For example, with G-7, it has been promised by the USA to carry out B3W Project across ^{low income} ^{countries}

3. Realities of the Biden's

Foreign Policy:

There are, however, some reality of his foreign policy:

a) Occupied with Prisoner's dilemma and security dilemma to contain China (Realism)

The Prisoner's dilemma and security dilemma have pushed Biden to rethink its foreign policy with China. It has build a network of alliance against China.

From Quad alliance to AUKUS, the USA has made efforts to contain ^{China}

b) Deepening Indo-US nexus and disrupting balance of power in South Asia:

In South Asia, Biden foreign policy has caused some disturbances to balance of power.

From Quad alliance to BECA agreement, there has been disrupting triggers of balance of power in South Asia.

c) Double-standards on human rights:

The USA under Biden supports democracy and human rights. However in reality, there has been a double standard in its foreign policy.

For example, despite grievous human rights record in Kashmir, the USA under Biden has not pressurized India.

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esilience.

d) Taiwan issue and uneasy relations with china:

Taiwan issue has been in china's red issues. The USA has constantly intervened in "one china policy" despite chinese warning. Besides, Biden has called that the USA can help Taiwan if war happens between china and Taiwan.

e) Pushing NATO expansionism and role in Ukrainian war: (Neorealism)

The USA has consistently pushing NATO to expand to Russian border, infuriating Russia. It has also been blamed for triggering war in Ukraine.

John Meisheimer, a Neo-realist said, "The USA has been responsible to trigger war Ukraine by consistently pushing Ukraine to join NATO."

General Instructions for attaining good marks in International Relations

Add IR theories and approaches as much as you can

4. CONCLUSION:

use IR jargons to differentiate it from Current affairs paper

try reflecting IR concepts or words in your heading

no need to apply all theories in one question but one or two that may justify your arguments

Justify your arguments with at least 8-9 headings

Add current developments as an examples to support arguments

add IR philosophers e.g. Morgenthau, Mearcheimer etc and their philosophies

add graphs charts and critical analysis for bonus marks

each question has 2 or 3 parts, give equal weightage to all parts

Add more points

Add stance on climate change as

Add references and events

