

Question #02

Compare and contrast of BRI and IMEC and prediction of their future

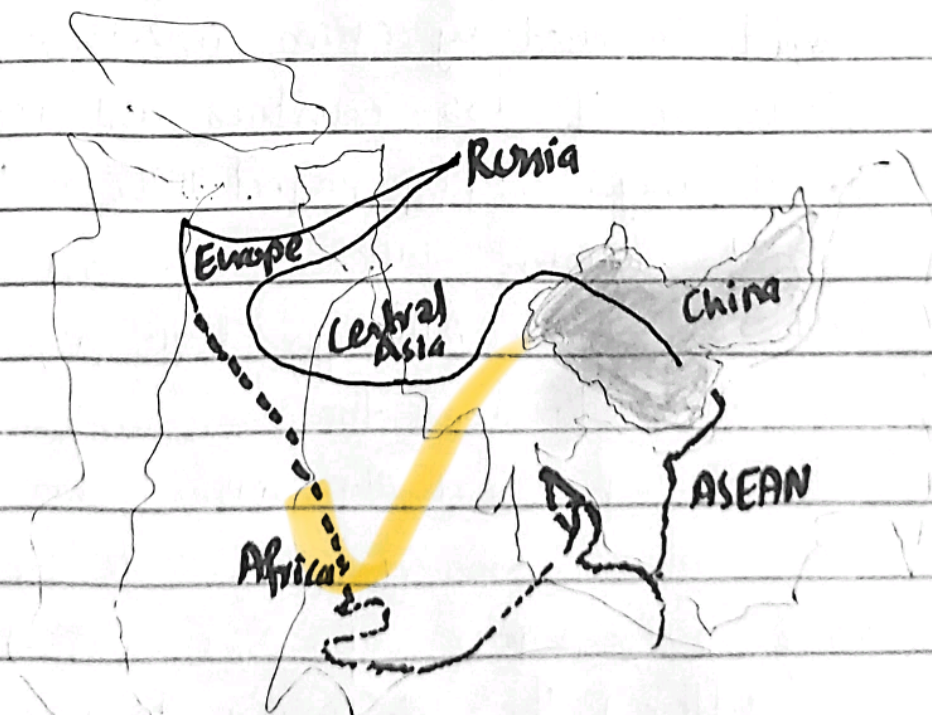
INTRODUCTION

"The US-China relationship, of course has elements of both cooperation and competition" ~ Thomas E. Donilon

The BRI (Belt Road Initiative) is a biggest project launched by China in 2013, with inclusion of 152 countries and CPEC is its major flagship project. IMEC is the recent initiative taken on the G20 summit held in India. Although both projects are there to show the economical strength but actually IMEC is formulated to contain China BRI. The scale, focus, mode and purpose of BRI and IMEC is different. The sole purpose of IMEC is to counter BRI, as USA wants to remain hegemony of the world.

China's Massive Belt and Road Initiative

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is China's main international cooperation and economic strategy. The BRI is also known as the "One Belt One Road" (OBOR), the Silk Road Economic Belt, and 21st-century Maritime Silk Road, or New Silk Road.

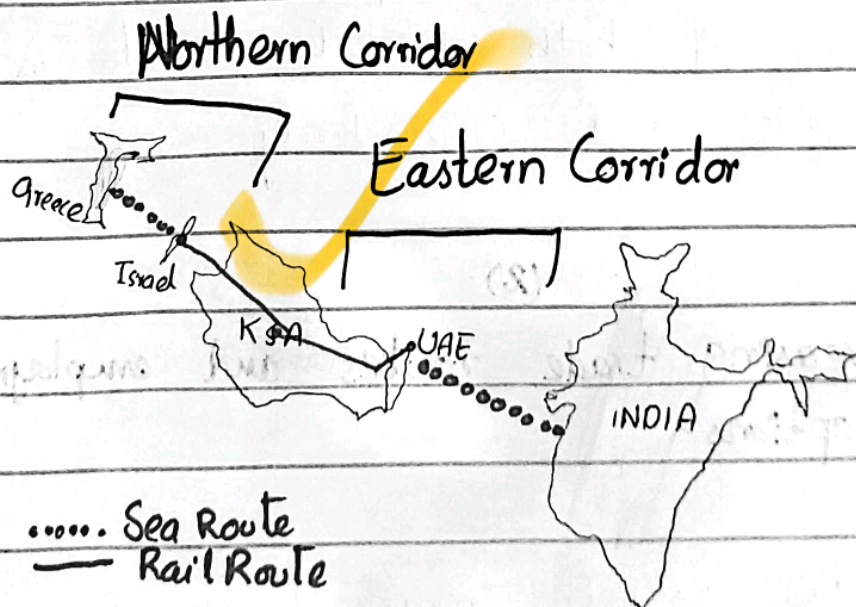


BRI: China is connecting the world through web of roads

India Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) ~

Another option to contain BRI

On September 20, 2023 on the 20th summit of G20, held in India, a (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding signed by eight signatories to formulate IMEC, a project Middle East, Europe and India through rail and sea route.



IMEC : India Middle East
Economic Corridor

Comparison of BRI and IMEC

(1)

BRI and IMEC both project main focus is connectivity and economic prosperity

The main focus of both projects is increase connectivity and economic prosperity in the region. China is already established project but IMEC is just on the page but main focus of both projects is to increase trade, and connectivity.

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Increasing trade routes and employment options

The projects main focus is to increase options of employment and trade routes in the world.

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Both Projects inclination is towards
geo-economics

The main theme behind these
projects is economic clout increment

It is evident that BRI is
established in 2013, and it has
started many projects, and increasing
economic clout in the South, and now
IMEC is doing the same.

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A ray of hope for the developing economies

China's BRI is basically a ray of
hope for the developing economies.
and now IMEC is another
way of enhancing the prosperity.

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Mutual cooperation at global level by
regional connectivity

The mutual cooperation at global level
is increasing regional connectivity.

Contrasting IMEC with BRI

(1)

BRI is a multidirectional while IMEC is uni-directional

BRI is a multidirectional project, it engulfs the Asia, Africa and Europe, ASEAN, Central Asia. On the other hand, IMEC is unilaterally just aligning the three main regions, and out of them two or developed

(2)

IMEC involves around 20 countries decentralized decision-making while BRI is the project of China

BRI is the project of China, and thus decision making is easy as compare to IMEC where decision making because different stakeholders are there to influence the country.

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BRI is in mature state, while IMEC is in embryonic phase

As BRI has been established by China in 2013, 10 years ago, so it is in its mature state, but IMEC is in its embryonic stage, as just memorandum has signed yet.

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BRI is larger in scale as compare to IMEC

Almost 152 countries, and 30 companies are signatories of BRI, but only eight countries are the signatories of the IMEC.

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BRI focuses on infrastructure and energy development while IMEC focuses on industrial co-operation, tourism and environmental protection

BRI main focus is on the

roads, bridges, industries, but

IMEC mostly focuses on the innovative projects and environmental protection.

FUTURISTIC VIEWS ABOUT THESE PROJECTS ~ BRI and IMEC

BRI ~ main purpose to increase connectivity and in the parallel, China's clout also increased

BRI has been established almost ten years ago, and in the

progress. Its main focus is to increase the connectivity but also

China wants to dynamic

of world politics. So, in the perspective of future, China's

BRI is in mode of success

and it is important for the

progress of developing nations

as compare to the other

projects.

IMEC ~ A tale of summit which is on paper as (MoU) Memorandum of understanding

USA wants to control the Asia, Middle East and the impetus behind this IMEC is USA's self interest: to contain China. The purpose of other stakeholders and USA India is different, and like B3W, IPEF, PSI, PSI II, this project is only on paper. And until further development, nothing is possible.

CONCLUSION

USA and China shares a complex relation. A new cold war is started and BRI and IMEC are their weapons. BRI is in strong position and IMEC is in the condition to counter the China. Both approaches are different and mode are same.

Question #04

Evaluation of chances of Israel expansion after war, and how this war would impact global power politics

INTRODUCTION

The war between Hamas and Israel has changed the world scenario. The Israel, whose dominancy was increasing with the help of USA and normalisation talks are in the pipeline. But now, the Israel intentions and decisions failed, and expansion of Israel is now dormant. The hollow strengthening capacities of Israel are helpless in front of Hamas fighters. Moreover, the Arab are changing their concept of normalisation, and USA hegemony is also dimming.

Israel-Hamas War: A brief scenario of recent time

"Gaza is witnessing the darkest hour of humanity which must grab a global attention now"
(World Health Organization)

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has claimed tens of thousands of lives and displaced many millions of people and has its roots in a colonial act carried out more than a century ago. Hamas fighters have killed more than 800 Israelis in assaults on multiple towns in southern Israel. In response, Israel has launched a bombing campaign in Gaza.

Gaza, at least 3,785 people including children killed, and 1,403 Israelis killed in this war.

EVALUATION: OF CHANCES OF ISRAEL AFTER WAR IN GAZA

(a)

US' and Israel dream to build
'new middle east' minus Palestine
is not possible

USA hegemony is wanting
to normalise the relations
between Arab countries and
Israel, but without just solution of
Palestine. It is not possible, and
this war proves this. Israel expansion
not possible

(b)

The myth related to Israel as impreg-
nable fortress has ^{been} diminished by
some 1400 determined Palestinian fighters

The Mossad and strong strategic
forces and hollow words of Israel
have been diminished and declared
themselves as foolproof

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(3)

Israel called itself safe haven, in Middle East, but war with Hamas showed his reality ~ normalisation become complex

Israel which called itself safe haven and wants the expansion in the Arab, is now crawling due to the war. And the dreams of normalisation and expansion has been diminished.

(4)

'Axis of Resistance' led by Iran is more resilient than 'Axis of Repression'; US and Israel failed on both diplomacy and strategic war.

The trioka of Hezbollah, Hamas and Iran backed fighter has break the strategic capabilities and Israel is in hot waters.

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Gaza war is first televised genocide in history which shows brutal reality of Israel

Although Israel wants to ban the telecast of Palestinian genocide but due to era of social media, this has not been done and Israel faces numerous backlash from all over the world.

IMPACTS OF ISRAEL AND HAMAS WAR ON GLOBAL POLITICS

(1)

Al Aqsa Storm is giving birth to a clear new global South-North divide.

The KSA Iran settlement, the failure of Abraham Accord, shows the clear divide of North and South.

(2)

USA hegemony in Middle East is fading ~ recent rapprochement of KSA and Iran

China brokered a deal between Iran and KSA and brought the two rivals on the table of peace and diplomacy. The war of Gaza further deteriorated the situation, and now Israel expansion became a concern.

(3)

USA is facing three-front situations: Ukraine war, New Cold War with China and the storm in Middle East

USA wants to make the countries as his puppets, but time has changed and now USA is facing severe backlash from all over the world. Joe Biden has failed in diplomatic talks.

(4)

Israel expansion and normalisation
is in hot water

Israel and Gaza war has changed
the world scenario. Now, it
is very difficult to expand in
Arab

(5)

World Order is changing from Uni-
polarity to Multipolarity

From the whole arena that is
happening in the world, it is clear
that world is changing from unipolarity
from multipolarity.

CONCLUSION

The Israel war with Hamas has
changed the whole scenario, and
now it is not possible to normalise
without finding solution of Palestine. Also this
has changed the world order - from
unipolarity to multipolarity.

Question #03

'Geo-political and economic expansion'
 Critical evaluation of this line in context
 with China, and reasons to show that
 China is better mediator as compare to US.

Introduction

China is the country with
 shrewd diplomacy skills. After the
 recent events that are happening
 in the world, the world is changing
 the order. China is taking benefit,
 it is following the footsteps of
 USA, and first BRI is used in
 to increase economic growth and
 now the BRICS, and rapprochement
 of Iran and USA has made
 her hero in the world. USA is
 using strict, harsh policies while
 China is working on smoother
 ways.

'Geo-political and economic expansion' in case of USA ~ A brief historical view

(1)

Cold War between USA and USSR: expansion of USA political clout

The cold war between USA and USSR has been ended in 1991, and USSR divided into 16 other states. This has increased the USA clout in the south Asia region all over the globe.

(2)

Petro-dollar deal ~ Shadowing the Middle East ground on economic table

The greatest petro-dollar deal between OPEC of USA, and USA has been done, and made the strong relation of USA and KSA.

"Geo-political and economic expansion" in the context of China

(1)

Belt Road Initiative ~ A road to connect world

Geo-economically China is using BRI, to connect the world and also to improve its economy. It is the geo-economical, strategic tool to hold the world.

(2)

'BRICS' ~ China, India and Russia on one platform

Another new organization for the emerging developing economies has been made by China, and it is changing the political arena.

(3)

Investment in developing nations ~
increasing political clout

CPEC and investment in Djibouti, Chabahar, Hambantota and many other overseas to show the soft tool of economic to increase its clout.

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CPEC; a flagship project of BRI is expanding China's reach to Indian ocean

The easiest way to reach the hot water through Gwadar is worth mentioning here, because it has made China a super power in the world.

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Indo-Pacific Region and China's hegemony

The Indo-Pacific Region is a new battleground and the New Map of the world shows that China is the hegemon of the world. The cold war started here, but China is playing shrewdly here to get hegemony.

(6)

'One China Policy' of China shows Chinese diplomatic acknowledgement in the region

It is the diplomatic acknowledgement of China's position that there is only one Chinese government. Under this policy, the US recognises and has formal ties with China rather than the Island of Taiwan, which China sees as a breakaway province to be unified one day.

China is better mediator as compare to USA

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Economic connectivity enhancement to promote peace in region

The economic program is increasing so that to make the peaceful region of the world. This is exemplary task done by China in recent time.

(2)

China won the mediation medal as Iran and Saudi Arabia diplomatic relations re-established

The greatest arch rivals come on the same page due to the diplomatic talks of The China.

(3)

Economic mediation among Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan

Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan are important for the BRI, so China is mediating to bring these countries closer.

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Wise Approach while tackling US's actions: Pelosi visit to Taiwan

China's approach is more diplomatic as compare to the USA, an example is Taiwan incident.

CONCLUSION

China is changing the world order with its extraordinary economic progress and diplomatic skills. And it get this lesson from the history book of USA.

Question #05

Factors needed for an organization to become a success story, Apply on BRICS and reasons of its bright future inspite of hurdles.

INTRODUCTION

An organization that wants to remain a successful organization needs strong leadership, membership from different countries and mutual decision. BRICS, is new EU in making, and it is important for the progress of South. Despite having border clashes, and different ideologies its future is bright - New development Bank and expansion is the start of this.

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Factors Needed For An Organization to become success story

European Union can be taken as example of successful organization story. Europe, which was once the initiator of war, is at peace due to this collaboration and cooperation. Key factors that engraved in the success story of EU or European organization are:

Key Characteristics of Successful Organization - EU as an example

- ↳ Strong Leadership
- ↳ Common Market
- ↳ Supranational Institutions
- ↳ Membership Criteria
- ↳ Common Foreign and Security Policy
- ↳ Multilingualism

These are the key characteristics that can make any organization a great success story. BRICS - a new sound echoing on the ground of South can be another success story in the future.

(a)

Shift in economic power - from the traditional western powers towards emerging economies.

The major emerging economies come under the umbrella of BRICS. They aspire to reach the 50% of global GDP by 2050, that would alter world economic landscape.

(b)

Trade Pattern would change and effect investment flows.

The major trade routes, or major canals lie in this region, and now addition of UAE and Saudi Arabia has turned another way.

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(c)

BRICS advocates the reforms in financial institution; International Monetary System

BRICS leaders' declaration repeatedly called for "greater representation of emerging markets and developing nations" in international institutions like IMF and World Bank. This major changing has been endorsed by BRICS.

(d)

De-dollarization is echoing on the platform of BRICS

BRICS leaders expressed their intent to reduce reliance on the US dollar in international trade. They are discussing about the possible creation of "common currency" this led to the de-dollarization.

(e)

BRICS nations are great resource-rich so it can influence the commodity markets - inclusion of leading oil Producers

The major oil producers are now in the row of the BRICS organization. This would be the major setback to the west and USA.

Moreover, the resource-rich countries do not depend on the raw materials ^{availability of}

(f)

'New Developmental Bank' can decrease the influence of west

Another major milestone is to develop bank "New Developmental Bank" to reduce the influence of West. The west is engulfing developing nations with debt.

HURDLES IN THE WAY OF BRICS SUCCESS

↳ **China and India border Rivalry:** New Chinese map demarcation shows the inclusion of Arunachal Pradesh in China's territory.

↳ **Politics of alliances:** India is a strong ally of America, and Brazil also, so the gratification of BRICS can be compromised. Moreover, China and Pakistan share strong friendship, and Pakistan India are arch-rivals. Moreover, Russia inclusion in BRICS is also concerning for USA.

↳ **Regional distance led to differences:**

Brazil, member of BRICS lies in continent America, South Africa is in African continent. Other member share border, but border

clashes are intensifying the differences

↳ Lack of political will to make

common currency: "There is not an immediate threat to the dollar over the next 10 years" Kremer told Fortune.

Strong political will is needed, which is biggest challenge.

BRICS SUCCESSFUL BRIGHT FUTURE DUE TO:

(a)

The West Dependency is diminishing; BRICS development cause ripple effects on globe

The dependency of west is diminishing and its causes the ripple effects, it is the

best time to advocate new policies in the BRICS.