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PART-II

QUESTION 2:

TAIWAN - A POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN CHINA AND USA

INTRODUCTION

Taiwan has emerged as a potential site of conflict between China and USA. China makes historic and geographic claims to Taiwan under One-China policy. While these claims are recognized by USA, they pose a threat to economic, defence and ideological interests of USA. This has taken shape of conflict due to rising competition between USA and China. However, such potential conflict may harm global economy, global security regime and may spark another widespread World War. Both states must take measure to avoid any escalation that

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that may spiral up to become global threats. The matter should be resolved on table by recognizing genuine interests and claims of each other.

REASONS FOR EMERGENCE OF TAIWAN AS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT:

Taiwan is a large island that is located towards the East of China. It is a self-governed entity. However, it is not recognized as an independent state and is ~~cons~~ by many states including the US. It has huge importance for both USA and China and will be a decisive in the US-China competition for global hegemonic aims.

IMPORTANCE OF TAIWAN FOR CHINA

Historic Claim:

Historically, Taiwan was part of China. However, after the communist revolution in mainland China, the then

incumbent government of Republic of China took abode in Taiwan island and continued to govern there. However, after the recognition of communist government of newly established Peoples Republic of China by UN, it was recognized as a government of whole China.

On this historic claim, China aims to establish control in Taiwan and end the defeats of "century of shame." China has expressed to get control over this area by 2049, which marks a 100 year time to the establishment of communist China Government.

Geographical Importance

Taiwan is less than 100 km from mainland China. US has ~~its second~~ strong influence over Taiwan. Moreover, ~~it is important~~ This vicinity is a security threat to China. Moreover, Taiwan is also a link to open Pacific Ocean. Having control on Taiwan will give direct access to China to the Pacific Ocean.

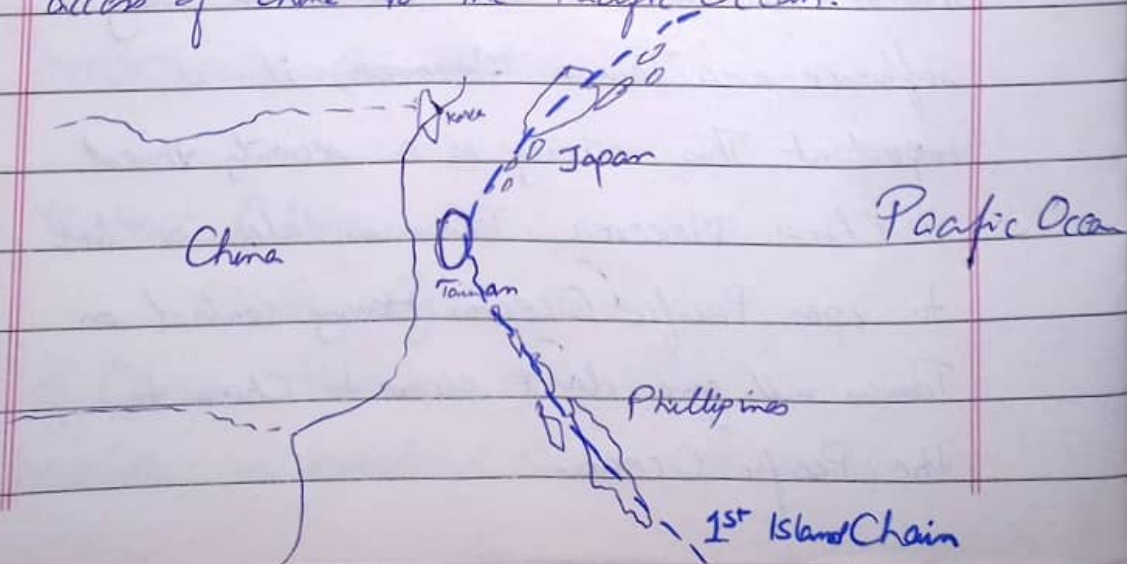
IMPORTANCE FOR USA :

Economic Interests :

Taiwan is hub of advanced manufacturing centers for computer chips. Its importance has further increased for after AI that requires advanced chips. ~~It~~ Owing to dependence of West on chips manufactured in Taiwan, the US ~~has~~ sees China's claims as a threat to its economic and technological advancement.

Defence Interests :

Taiwan due to its geographic location is of huge defence importance for USA. It is part of 1st Island Chain comprising Japan, Taiwan and Philippines, providing a Chain of US Allies to prevent open access of China to the Pacific Ocean.



Ideological Interests

US has been staunch in its support to ~~the~~ for democracies around the world. Taiwan is a democracy, but China not. Under this circumstances, it ~~defends~~ is necessary in continuation of democracy principle of its foreign policy to defend Taiwan.

EMERGENCE OF CONFLICT:

In the context of competition between China and USA, it ~~is~~ has become a site of potential conflict b/w the two states

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WHY THE CONFLICT MUST BE AVOIDED