

# "Current Affairs"

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## Subjective Part

### (PART-II)

#### Question #05

### I. Introduction

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit held in Islamabad, Pakistan between 15-16 October. This was a significant achievement for the government amid economic and security crisis. The major takeaways for Islamabad were numerous. It encompasses Enhancement in the Diplomatic Standing, Pakistan's commitment to ensure security and stability, and promotion of sovereignty, among others. The measures for Islamabad to follow are promotion of economic initiatives, policy reforms and governance, investment in technology and innovation, and regional connectivity.

## II. The Major Takeaways for Pakistan from SCO Summit :-

The major takeaways are illustrated below:

### Takeaways

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| i. Enhancement in Diplomatic Standing | ii. Pakistan's Commitment to security |
| iii. Promotion of Sovereignty         | iv. Promotion of non-interference     |
| iv. New Technological Cooperations    | v. Economic Cooperation               |

## I. Enhancement in Pakistan's Diplomatic Standing

The SCO Summit has boosted Pakistan's diplomatic profile. This showed the visibility of the country to the member countries of the organisation. As a result, it has enhanced Pakistan's diplomatic relations with member countries.

For example,

The recent visit of Russian Federal Assembly speaker, Valentin Matvienko, to Islamabad.

It indicates the building trust of the Pakistan over member countries at the diplomatic level.

## ii. SCO Summit showcased Pakistan's Commitment to Security

The Summit ~~was~~ showcased Pakistan's will power to curtail security threats. It is the evidence that Pakistan is committed to clean the remaining of terrorism. As a result, Pakistan won the confidence of member countries.

Therefore

The Chinese Premier and Russian Prime Minister acknowledge Pakistan's security efforts.  
(-Dawn)

Hence, this shows the Pakistan's active commitment against security threats.

### iii The Summit Promoted Pakistan's Sovereignty and non-Interference

The Summit played pivotal role in promoting Pakistan's sovereignty and non-Interference. The entire world watched the Pakistan's Prime Minister <sup>opening</sup> ~~was~~ address to the member countries. Pakistan successfully showcased its interests and regional cooperation.

For instance,

Pakistan demonstrated itself as a central hub for trade and connectivity.

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Hence, this indicates Pakistan's promotion to Sovereignty.

### III. The Measures for Islamabad to Follow:

The key measures for Islamabad are recommended below:

#### i. Continuation of Security Protocols

The continuation of security protocols for Islamabad is one of the important measures. It will maintain the trust of the member countries as the other regional countries. As a result, Pakistan can boost its economic sector and diplomatic role.

For Example,

Collaboration with China on security matters.

## ii. Policy Reforms and Governance

The Policy reforms and Governance are also very important for Pakistan to maintain its diplomatic standing. In policy reforms and Governance, use of technology in service delivery, security matter and ease of doing business among others.

According to WB, Pakistan ranks 108 in ease of Doing Business (EoDB).

Therefore, the country needs reforms and Governance in order to improve its image.

## iii. Focus on Regional Connectivity

This is also one of the important-



measures for Islamabad. The country needs to promote regional connectivity, particularly with Central countries, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan. As a result, it will endure Pakistani economic, diplomatic and social stability.

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## Conclusion

There is no doubt that hosting SCO summit, 2024, is a significant diplomatic achievement of Pakistan. In takeaways, it boosted Pakistan's diplomatic profile, showcased Pakistan's sovereignty and commitment to security. In recommended measure, Islamabad needs to continuation of security protocols, policy reforms, Governance, regional connectivity, and promotion of economic initiatives.

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## Question #02

### I. Introduction

It is true that Taiwan is a potential conflict between the two great powers: China and the U.S.. It encompasses various reasons. The first and foremost is Taiwan's hegemony in producing semi-conductors and chips. The other is Taiwan's geographical location that hampers China's expansion in Indo-Pacific. Moreover, there are also other significant reasons. However, both countries need to avoid conflict in the region. It is because the conflict can exacerbate the militarization of the Indo-Pacific region, and also it can provoke directly military conflicts in the region. By considering this, there is need of workable measure to avoid the conflict.

## II. Why Taiwan is a Potential Conflict between China and the U.S. : Reasons

The Substantial reasons for this conflict are outlined below:

### 1. Taiwan's Geography

The Taiwan's geography is one of the important reasons for this conflict. The Taiwan is in the Indo-Pacific oceans in the face of China.

“The Taiwan impedes China's expansion in Indo-Pacific due to its geography.”

It lies in the face of China.

## 2. China's "One China Two Systems" Policy

It is under the great vision of China. China view Taiwan as a part of greater China, Taiwan is a breakaway province. In this the U.S. support Taiwan militarily and diplomatically to avoid reunification. This hurts China's ambitions. Therefore, this issue emerge conflict between two powers. For China

Taiwan is a breakaway province of mainland China.

## 3. Taiwan's leading Role in Producing Semi-conductors and Chips

The Taiwan's ability of making advanced chips and semi-conductor is also bone of contention between two countries.

According to CNGA, Taiwan produces world's more than 50% of semi-conductor and 90% advanced chips.

Therefore, these facts make both countries cautious, as both highly rely on semi-conductor and chips in order to maintain economic and technological dominance.

### III. Why both countries must avoid conflict:

The both warring countries must avoid conflict.

due to the following reasons:

i. The militarization of the Indo-Pacific

The escalation of conflict between the two countries will lead towards militarization. It can hamper and disturb world trade. It is because

Around 60% of Global sea trade is handled by this region.

- WB

Therefore, in case of conflict will erupt militarization.

ii. The chances of the China's Excession of Taiwan

This can lead to the lowest

worst. It is because China has the model of Russia-Ukraine war. Similarly, China can adopt to same model to seizure Taiwan.

### iii. Escalation of Direct Conflict btw China and the U.S.

This cold war between the two great powers can lead to direct conflict over Taiwan. It can cause a massive level of damage for the warring countries along with Taiwan and other regional countries.

The U.S. Navy in Taiwan and the China's Navy exercises in the region already exist.

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How both countries  
can avoid the  
conflict:

The actionable  
solutions are  
described below:

- i. The withdrawal of  
the U.S. Navy  
from Taiwan.
- ii. The stoppage in  
the expansionism  
policy of China  
in the Indo-  
pacific
- iii. The discontinuation  
of the U.S.  
diplomatic and  
military support  
to Taiwan.
- iv. The stoppage of  
western led alliances  
in the Indo-Pacific  
- AUKUS  
- QUAD



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## Conclusion

Indeed, Taiwan is a potential conflict b/w the two great powers. There are numerous reasons that can erupt this conflict. In order to maintain peaceful global trade in Indo-Pacific and demilitarization of the region the both countries must avoid the conflict over Taiwan.

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## (Question #03)

### I. Introduction

It is crystal clear that the U.S. has left no stone unturned to support Israel in war crimes against Palestine. This has led a very dark picture in Arab countries for the U.S. They view the U.S. as hypocrite, promoter of double standards, and the promoter of genocide against one community. However, it gives Russia and China a space to penetrate in the Middle East in many ways. It includes Russia, and China's growing engagements with Iran, and Russia's military engagements in Syria, among others.

## II. How the U.S. Support for Israel against Palestine affects its image in Arab countries :-

The important points are outlined below:

### i. Public Opinion and Distrust-

The U.S. supports for Israel amid conflict against Palestine has created negative public opinion. The people in Arab countries now view the U.S. as hypocrite.

### ii. Arab leaders condemned the funding of war by the U.S.

The Arab leaders condemned the U.S. funding to war.

As the Qatar foreign  
Minister quoted Biden  
Administration as,

In a formal  
meeting, the  
Qatar foreign Minister,  
condemned the  
Biden Administration  
funding to war.  
— CNN

iii Arab leaders  
will not Trust  
in Future over  
the U.S.

In the future,  
the Arab world  
will be conscious  
to make any  
agreement to the U.S.  
Moreover, it will end  
all commitments.

The gradual erosion  
of Petro-Dollar  
Agreement.

### III. How it provides space to China and Russia to penetrate into the Middle East:-

This U.S. support to the Israel can create space for Russia and Palestine in many ways:

#### i. China's Growing Engagements with Iran in Middle East

This space is completely exploited by the China to enhance its presence in the middle east.

For Instance,

The China-Iran Petrol deal in local currency.

Moreover, Iran's joining of BRICS

also create space for Russia and China - in the middle East.

ii. Russia's Military Engagement with Syria in the Middle East

This engagement also creates space for Russia in the Middle East. Gradually, Russia can expand this presence in Iraq and other countries.

iii. KSA Ambitions to join BRICS, led by China and Russia.

This will also be a big blow to the U.S. if KSA joins the organisation.

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## conclusion

It is crystal clear that the U.S. has unconditional support to Israel in conflict that left negative foot prints in the minds of Arab world. However, this space ~~has~~ is being filled by the Russia and China in different contours.

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