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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 2

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q2. Taiwan is a potential conflict between China and USA. Critically evaluate the reasons and why and how the two countries might avoid the conflict.

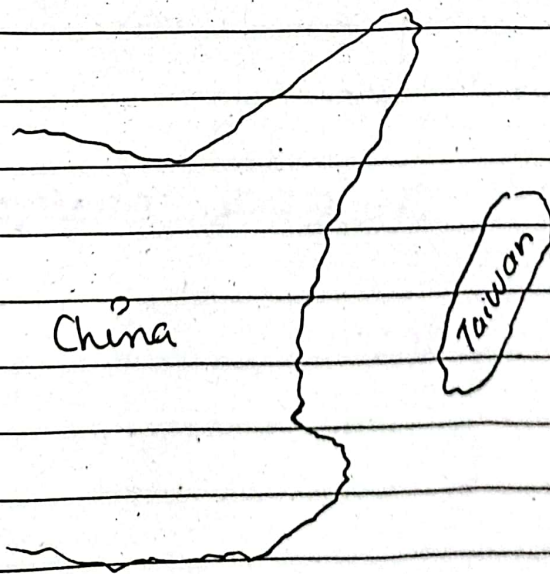
INTRODUCTION:

An emerging conflict between the two; China and USA is noteworthy. The two are in a constant conflict for gaining power and becoming dominant globally. Both of them want to have a strong position and for that they are spreading their power and gaining control over other important regions.

History of Taiwan:

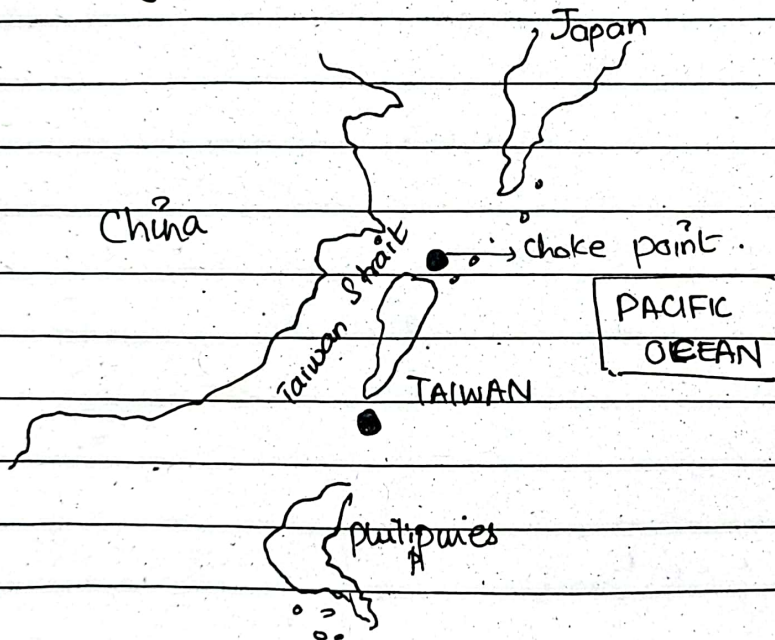
To comprehend the conflict between USA and China, one must understand the history of Taiwan.

Taiwan was once part of China. It belonged to China, but conflict between two groups — communists and capitalists lead to the migration of one group. The migrated group called itself China's Republic. However, on the west the China was not ready to accept it. Because of strategic position and manufacturing chips, China still believes that since it was part of China, it has to gain control over it.



③ Strategic location of Taiwan

Taiwan holds a great importance because of its position. Taiwan lies close to the Pacific oceans. Any among the two if gets control over Taiwan will get hold of the roots of trade that is closer to Pacific ocean.



USA'S Strategy:

USA is trying to spread its influence by gaining control over the regions that are closer to choke points. In the past, it had sent its troops and military to Taiwan.

for the reason of spreading influence, and ~~p~~ for protecting it from China's control. ~~#~~ Closer to Taiwan, ~~#~~ ^{part} the North and South, ~~is~~ ~~are~~ Japan and Philippines. USA has spread its tentacles towards these two so to stop the spread of China and to dwindle its influence.

On the other hand, China is trying to spread its influence and is striving to reduce the US influence in the regions. Both are in a constant struggle to overcome each others spread.

Choke points :

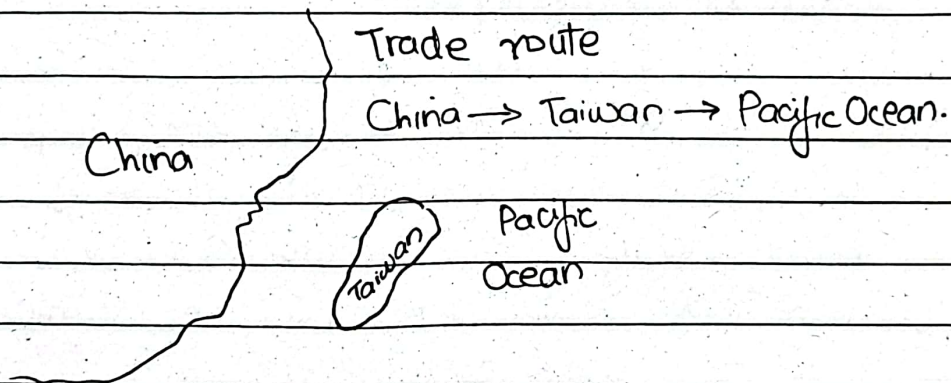
Closer to the Taiwan are the choke points. The chokepoints has a huge significance as it ~~allows~~ provides passage for trade. The Taiwan Strait if taken control of would make it easy for China

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3) to ~~send~~ trade towards other regions. This is one of the reasons why Taiwan ~~is~~ is important to China. ~~that~~

Contrarily, USA wants to take control as it wants to stop China from becoming powerful. Since the world is becoming multipolar, the two powerful countries — China and USA are barriers in each others paths.



Chip war:

One of the major reasons of the conflict between the two over Taiwan is 'Chip' ~~Taiwan~~

Producer of Chips:

① Chips are the devices used in technologies such as mobile, computers etc.

Taiwan holds a great importance as it is the producer of chips.

~~Any~~ Any among the two if takes control of Taiwan would mean ~~taking~~ having control over the production of chips.

Critical Analysis:

The world had become unipolar after the end of world war II, but slowly it became bipolar. ~~and~~ Now, its becoming multipolar as the ~~was~~ countries are trying to spread their influence. ~~China~~ and Similarly, China is the emerging power and USA is ~~in~~ making efforts to reduce its influence.

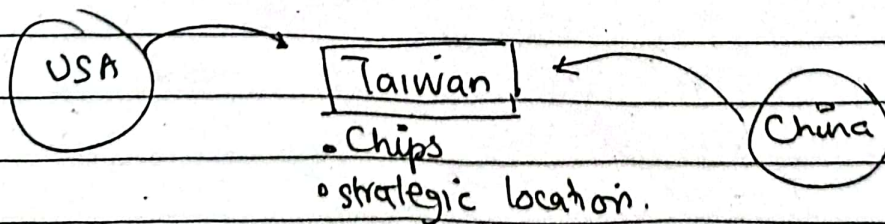
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⑦ China believes Taiwan was once part of it so it deserves to have control over it moreover, US is trying to keep Taiwan away from China. For this purpose it has spread its influence towards Japan and Philippines that is towards the North and South of Taiwan. However, the indigenous or Taiwanese are of the view that Taiwan should remain independent.

Conclusion

To conclude, Taiwan has a great importance and every power emerging country wants to have ~~it~~ control over it for its significant location near Pacific ocean, and for production of Chips. For this purpose USA and China are in a conflict with one another to ~~to~~ reduce each others influence.



Q3. Critically evaluate the unconditional support of US for Israel Middle East.

ANSWER:

INTRODUCTION:

The Middle East has been facing a huge crisis since the beginning of October, 2023. It has become the point of crisis due to war crimes of Israel on Gaza. Throughout US has been supporting ~~the~~ and aiding Israel in attacking Palestine. This has not only badly affected its image, but also helped China and Russia to gain penetrate into the Middle East.

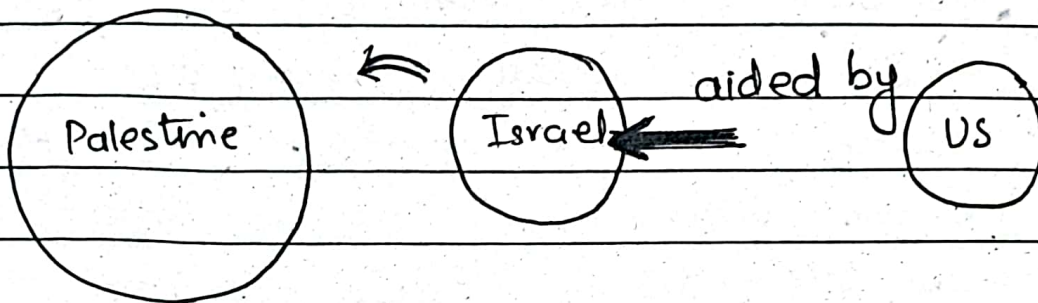
Support of US for Israel:

Throughout, Israel had been seen supported by US. President of Israel and the US President had have had close ties.

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Israel dreams of greater Israel and dreams of spreading its influence in the Middle East. US supports Israel because, Israel buying the arms and missiles benefits US economically.

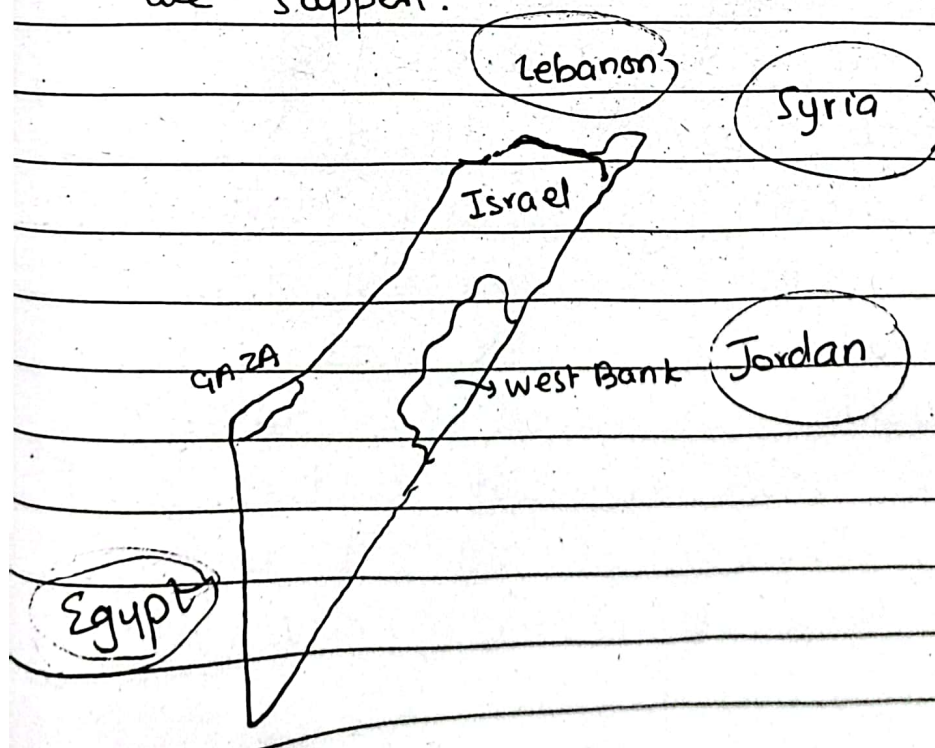


US Image in the Arab countries:

The aiding of Israel has ~~the helping of US~~ US has been criticized by the Arab countries due to its support for Israel. Most of the countries against the war crimes in Gaza has repeatedly criticized US due to its military aid to the country that is considered as the terrorist by other countries.

The Arab countries like Iran, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon etc are against the Israel concept of 'greater Israel', this makes them oppose the support of US for Israel.

US on the other hand continues to support the war crimes. The Presidential elections have also become a note worthy event in history of America. As in time where it is facing backlash from its citizens due to its support for Israel. However, both the contestants are ready to continue the support.



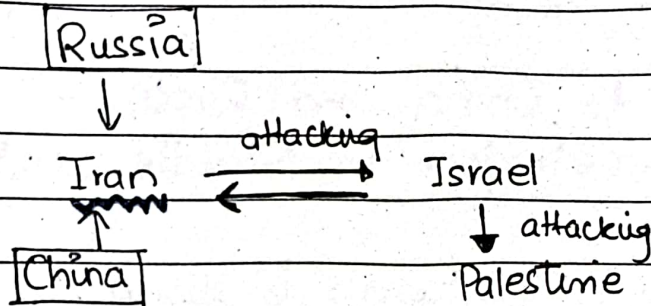
Israel has now spread its tentacles towards other Arab countries like Lebanon, Iran and Syria making Middle East the hub of war.

Space to China and Russia for penetration in Middle East:

~~Since~~ The world is slowly and gradually becoming multipolar. With the increasing influence of ~~China~~ USA; China and Russia is also trying to spread its power and influence.

In the Middle East, ~~which~~ ^{that} has become the point of war, the US is supporting ~~its~~ the Israel. ~~However~~, This provided a space for China and Russia to spread their influence by supporting other countries. China does not directly involve into the war however it had held meetings between Saudi Arabia and Iran in the initial days of war.

Moreover, Russia being the foe of US is helping Iran in ~~spreading~~ ~~its~~ backing Iran for its attacks on Israel.



Critical Analysis:

There are no friends and foes in international relations. Each one of them is backing another in order to increase its influence, and to gain more power and allies to become dominant.

Since Russia had not been a good partner of USA after the cold war and segregation of Russia. It slowly gained momentum and later attacked Ukraine for which it faced sanctions by USA. It did

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economically affect Russia. However, Russia continued to penetrate and reach out to areas which that oppose US.

Moreover, China one of the emerging powers also ~~trav~~ wants to spread its influence for which it finds spaces to penetrate and stop the US from ~~getting~~ gaining control and power.

The war in Middle East ~~had~~ is ~~been~~ highly beneficial for Russia and China, as many Arab countries are ~~were~~ opposing US, It ~~was~~ ^{is} a great setback for US. US ~~was~~ ^{is} backing Israel, because of which the ^{flames of} war might spread to other regions too. The world might see ~~to~~ The conflict of Israel and Palestine has become the conflict of ~~to~~ Russia, China and USA.

Conclusion:

The support for ~~US~~ Israel is a great setback for US. This also paved the way for Russia and China to make its influence loom over the Middle East.

Q.5. Pakistan successfully conducted SCO..... Islamabad to follow?

Introduction:

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was held in Islamabad on 15th and 16th October. The SCO summit had a great importance for Islamabad, be in the midst of crisis.

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The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is a regional organization that involves collective measures to counter the ~~the~~ regional issues.

SCO Summit in Islamabad:

Pakistan had been facing multifaceted challenges. During these challenges it arranged an ~~SCO summit~~ meeting between the SCO members where the heads of the member countries took part. However, India sent its Foreign Minister to participate.

The Success of the SCO in Islamabad:

The SCO was successful and highly praised as it discussed the issues that Pakistan was facing. It highlighted the challenges that need to be addressed.

Additionally all the member heads of the member states were warmly welcomed by the Prime Minister. Many praised the hospitality of the Pakistan's government.

Take aways of Pakistan:

a) ~~Terr~~ Countering terrorism:

Pakistan played a huge role in bringing the issue into discussion. The rising rising insurgency and terrorism ~~is~~ needs to be sorted out and advocated. For this reason regional cooperation is important. Terrorism is a mutual issue and cannot be eradicated by the effort of one country. It needs a collective effort and struggle to be thrown out of the region.

b) ~~Trade~~ Economic issues and solutions:

Pakistan is facing economic crisis and is at the abyss of collapse. The precarious situation of Pakistan's economy had been ^{was} discussed in the summit.

To counter the economic issues and to end inflation Pakistan discussed the challenges that needs to be addressed.

(c) The Palestine Issue:

One of the most important topic of discussion was the Palestine. ~~and~~ ~~attact~~ ~~to~~ Palestine has become the ~~the~~ hub of war. Many countries had not been speaking about the war crimes it has been facing. Pakistan brought the issue under discussion. ~~and~~ The meeting discussed ~~how~~ why ~~the~~ the war crimes in Middle East, specifically Palestine should come to an end.

Measures recommended for
Islamabad
to follow:

Through the summit the positive image of Pakistan was projected globally. Pakistan needs to arrange more meetings in a similar way to let the world know about its importance. Since the topic of discussion also included the CPEC projects, Pakistan needs to further strengthen its ties with China. Additionally, Pakistan needs to make efforts to end distance between India and Pakistan. The economy could be improved, and other tensions like the rise of insurgency could be mitigated.

Conclusion:

The SCO summit was a success. However, Pakistan still needs to focus on the issues it has been facing. Specially, the economic issues if addressed it could solve many other underlying issues.

Q7. Critically evaluate how Israel launched terror on Gaza has become a classical example of war crimes Arab world?

Introduction:

Since the initial days of October, 2023; Israel has started committing war crimes in Gaza. Initially, the Hamas attacked Israel. However, in response Israel retaliated, but the retaliation is akin to crimes against humanity. Many has tried to stop Israel, but Israel continues the attacks ~~is~~ on Gaza.

War Crimes in Gaza:

Israel has repeatedly launched missiles ~~and sent~~ on Gaza. Gaza has been partially destroyed due to the attacks of Israel on it.

~~destruction~~
a) loss of infrastructure

The attacks on Gaza has lead to multiple buildings and houses ~~fall~~ collapsing. According to a report it would take almost 15 years to remove the rubble from Gaza.

b) loss of lives:

Many has been killed due to the attacks in Gaza. A report says that more than 40,000 people has lost their lives including children, women and elderly.

c) loss of hospitals, schools etc

As Israel continues its attacks in Gaza while US provides it weapons and artillery.

Consequently, Gaza has faced loss and destruction of schools, hospitals. The Palestinian's have faced a ~~diminishing~~ decrease in

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medical facilities. many are dying because of lack of availability of medicines and medical staff; facilities.

d) ~~loss of Journalists:~~

c) Decrease in the number of Journalists:

Due to the attacks, there is a decrease in the number of journalists, which is akin to silencing the media. Through these journalists the world gets to know about the crimes; however, the large number of killing of journalists makes the war crimes of Israel evident.

Decision of ICJ:

The International Court of Justice have multiple times asked Israel to end the war crimes. It has also ~~sto~~ made efforts to stop US supporting the war crimes.

Response of US:

US, however, continues to support Israel, and upholds the concept of 'Greater Israel'.

For this purpose US has faced criticism from the Arab world and many other countries ^{which} ~~who~~ does not support the war ^{that} crimes against humanity.

Impacting relations with The Arab World:

The US has faced huge backlash because of its unconditional support for Israel. US has also provided military aid and missiles to Israel.

Due to this, most of the Arab countries and Muslim countries are ~~g~~ distancing itself from US which is a set back for US.

On the other hand, China and Russia are increasing its influence

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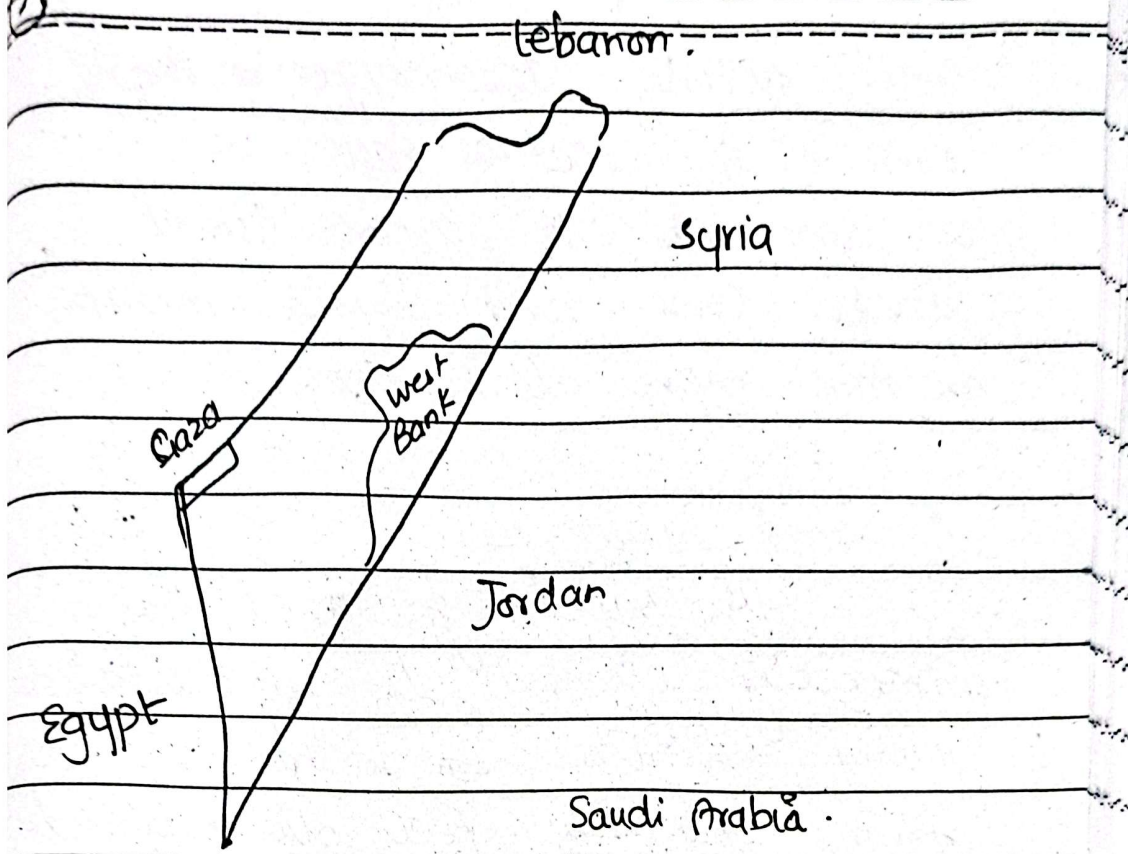
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and taking advantage of the crisis in middle east. If US continues to support Israel attacks, China and Russia might become more dominant.

Critical Analysis:

US support for Israel has immensely effected its ~~say~~ reputation. Many countries ~~are~~ that favors humanity feel dis-inclined towards US.

On the other hand, China and Russia ~~wh~~ that are trying to become dominant are a serious threat to US. US is in the midst of confusion where it either has to stop ~~war~~ supporting war crimes as it might lose its influence. But, it is hesitant to do so. ~~The~~ ~~A~~ Consequently, the Arab countries are more inclined to ~~are~~ ~~the~~ China and Russia, such as Iran.



Conclusion:

For us to maintain its influence in Arab countries it needs to stop supporting the war crimes. Because of its support, Palestine, specifically Gaza has become an open air prison. Many has lost their lives and the recovery would take many years.