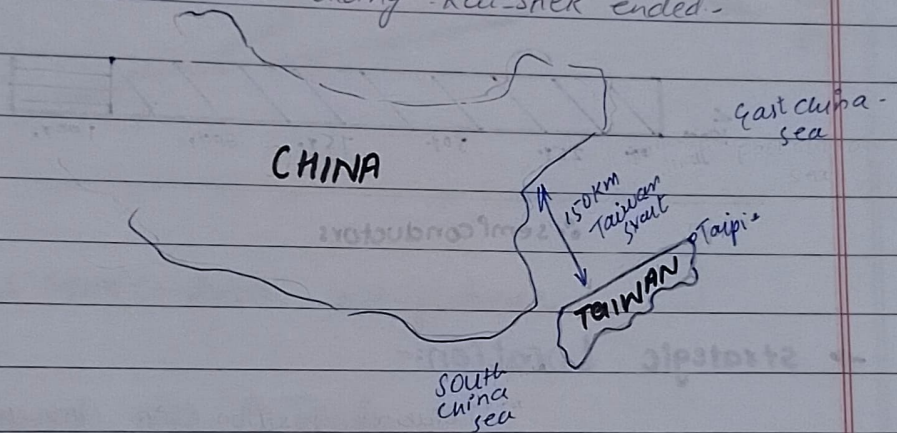


QUESTION NO: 02

Taiwan is a potential conflict b/w china and USA. Critically evaluate the reasons and why -----?

⇒ Introduction :-

Taiwan is an island located off the Southeastern coast of mainland china. People of Republic of china (PRC) views it as a part of china. They believe on one china policy while Taiwan declares them itself as Republic of China (ROC) in 1949, when china civil war between MAO and chong kai-shek ended.



⇒ Importance of Taiwan :-

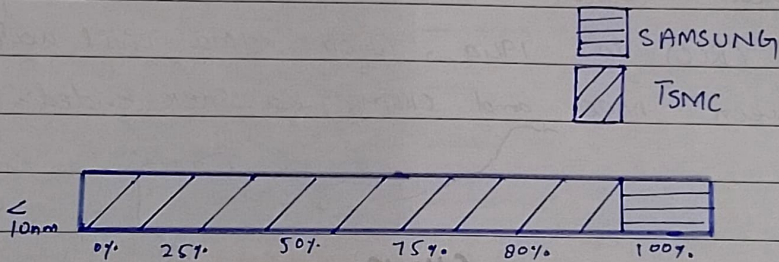
Taiwan holds significant importance globally due to its strategic location, technological leadership, and role in international geopolitics. The key reasons are:

**Semi-conductor Hub :-**

Taiwan is one of the world's top producers of semi-conductors and microchips, essential components for electronics, from smartphones to military

system, computers, laptops and so on.

Taiwan Semiconductor manufacturing company (TSMC) is a leader in this field. It produces almost 90% of most advanced chips in the world. It is one of the only two companies that produces chips below 10 nanometer (10nm) and 7nm while Semiconductor manufacturing international cooperation (SMIC) in china has been working to develop more advanced semi-conductor like TSMC and Samsung.



• semiconductors

### → Strategic Location:-

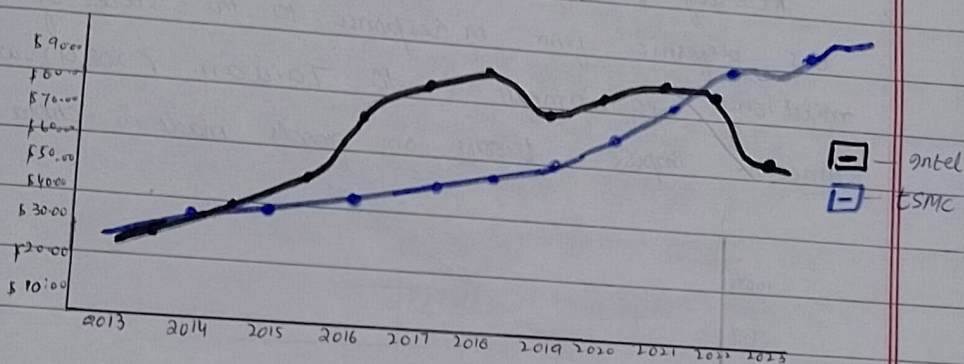
Taiwan's position in the western Pacific ocean places it along the "first island chain", which is significant for military and trade routes. It's close to key players like China, Japan, and the Philippines, making it central to the balance of power in East Asia.

Reasons behind the potential conflict between China and USA on Taiwan:

### Chip war :-

AS Taiwan Semiconductor manufacturing

Company produces 90% of the world chip with 3 trillion dollars of world economy. U.S., Europe, Japan, South Korea, China are all major producer of chips but Taiwan is the central point of world chip industry. It is the largest producer of raw material used in semi-conductors. Secondly, it produces world cheapens and latest chip unlike America. For example, Intel currently producing chips of approximately 10nm with delayed electropages.



∴ Semiconductor manufacturers

## Economic ties / Trade :

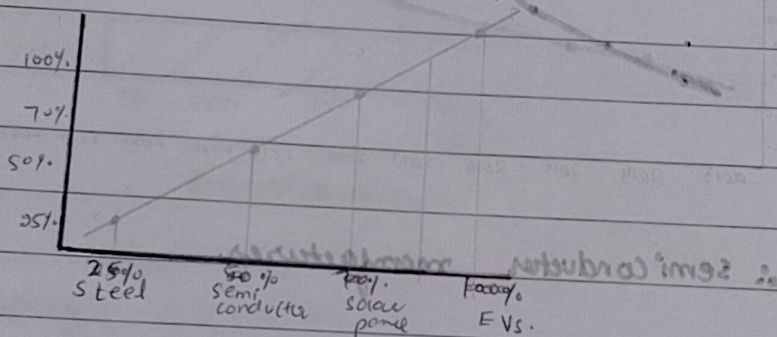
it's another reason of conflict between them in Taiwan. US feels that he would be a major loses in this competition of not only chip industry but also world transport come under control of China. US. don't want Taiwan to go into Chinese control. That is the reason US. is providing military and diplomatic support to Taiwan.

US approves Taiwan about \$80 million of military aid. ~ (Aljazeera)  
once US. president Joe Biden said

"US would defend Taiwan in case of Chinese invasion"

Also US Nancy Pelosi visit to Taiwan in 2022, further accelerates the tension between China and America. On this, Chinese president Xi Jinping had warned US against showing support for Taiwan.

Recently, China has imposed sanctions on US defense firm in response to the sales of military equipment to Taiwan. (2024) while America impose tariffs on goods made in China.



### Reason to avoid the conflict:-

Supply chain disruption



China is largest supplier

consumer goods, US is technology

partner & consumer market.

Risk of regional destabilization



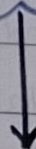
Japan, South

Korea, Philippines

have security agreement with

US

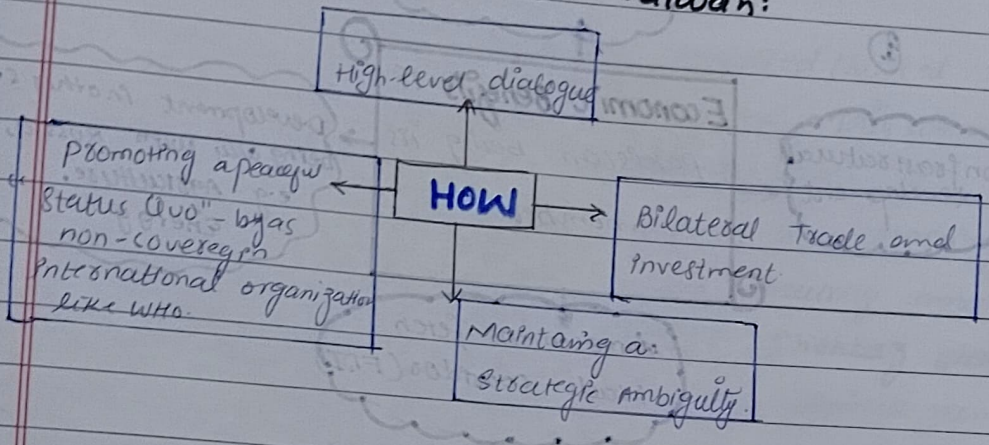
Risk of Nuclear escalation



Both possess

nuclear weapons and confrontation over Taiwan could risk miscalculation.

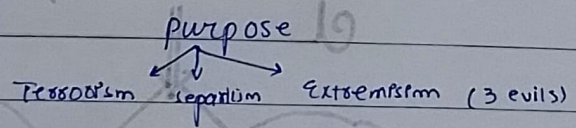
How to avoid the conflict b/w China and US over Taiwan:



### QUESTION no: 05

#### → Introduction of SCO:-

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is a regional organization, formed in 2001. It aimed at promoting regional security and regional peace, fostering economic growth, cultural exchanges and addressing shared challenges such as terrorism, separatism, and extremism.



#### Pakistan and SCO :-

Pakistan became the member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization in 2017, 9 June. While it has nine founding members. Being a member of this organization have several benefits economically, politically, militarily.

## SCO Conference in Pakistan (2024):-

Pakistan has successfully conducted/hosted Shanghai Cooperation Organization 21<sup>st</sup> Summit held between 15 - 16 October, 2024, in Islamabad. It was focused on enhancing regional cooperation, trade, security among member states. Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** chaired the summit, which saw leaders from eight member countries, including China and Russia engage in discussion resulted in signing of eight key agreements.

### Key agreement in SCO Summit:-

- (1) SCO Budget and secretariat operation
- (2) Regional counterterrorism efforts
- (3) Trade and economic development
- (4) Science and technology cooperation
- (5) Digital Economy
- (6) Information Security
- (7) Support of UN Resolution
- (8) Socio economic cooperation

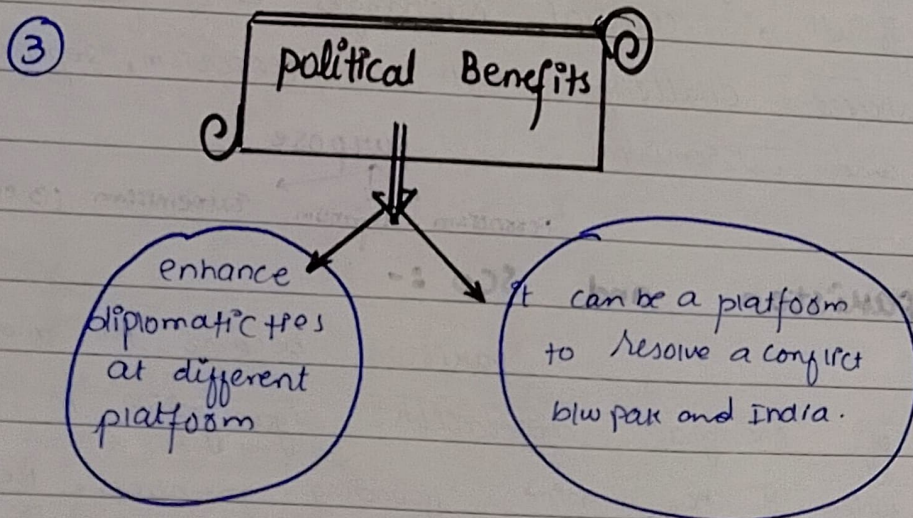
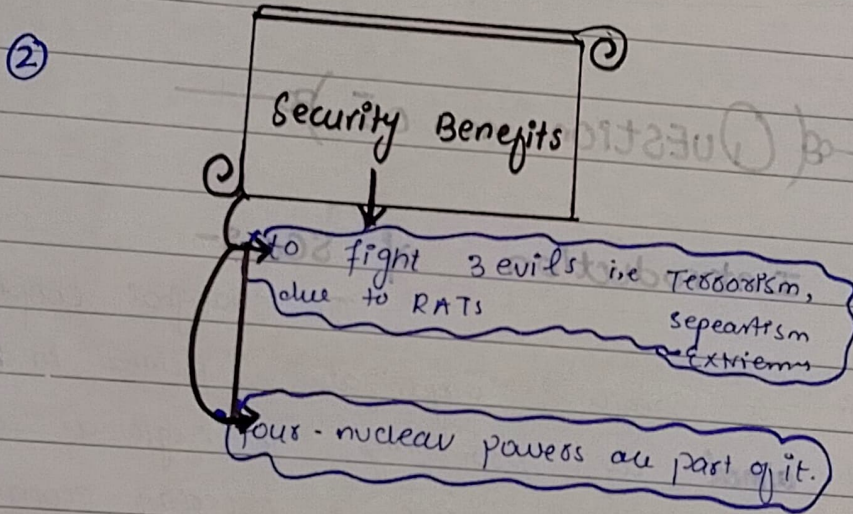
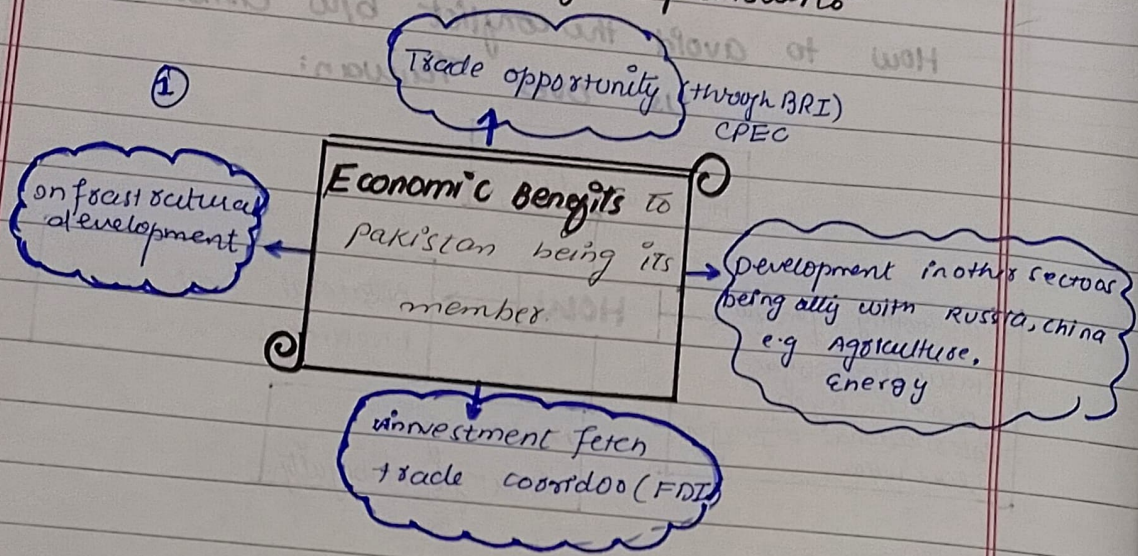
### Joint statements came from SCO members in the Summit:-

- (1) All of member states rejected unilateral sanctions
- (2) All members agreed for the promotion of social, economic, stable relations among member states & multi-lateral trade by 2030

- (3) Development of 'SCO Bank'
- (4) member developed member states will promote trade through the use of national currency i.e. Dedollarization.
- (5) All member appreciated BRI initiative of china accept india delegation.

As in SCO, Charter, Article 1 states:  
"The member states should have an active military conflicts, work towards stabilizing the border regions while building military trust for maintaining peace and stability."

# ⇒ Major takeaways for Pakistan:-





## Measures or Recommendation :-

### (1) Foreign policy :-

(1) Pakistan need to expand its relation or have good foreign policy with countries especially with SCO members <sup>because</sup> it has potential to solve different conflicts. Because world emerging powers are part of it.

### (2) International Relations :-

(2) Pakistan need to build pressure globally to solve their conflict with india over Kashmir and this platform can be used as a way to break the ice.

### (3) Trade :-

(3) Pakistan can have another medium / platform

through which it can also have an access to less expensive oil e.g from Iran and Russia. As SCO members have 50% of world gas reserves and 25% of oil reserves. It can be done by signing bilateral and multilateral trade agreements with them to facilitate trade.

④ Cultural exchange:-

Also, Pakistan should promote cultural exchange, educational programs, and tourism activities to foster mutual understanding among SCO countries. It would help Pakistan as well to increase their economic growth.

⑤ Better Infrastructure:-

Pakistan can invest on infrastructure for better regional connectivity such as on rail and road networks to facilitate trade. i.e train project

⑦ Security :-

Further, Pakistan should take more steps to security enhance security especially for foreigners i.e Chinese workers in CPEC project. so that they can trust us.

