

Q#08:

Taiwan is one of the most dangerous geo-political flashpoints between US and China

Introduction:

Taiwan is a sensitive issue between China and US. China considers Taiwan as a part of its territory and wants to join it to the mainland. On the other hand, US provides political assistance to Taiwan along with weapons. This has created a tension between both super powers.

Taiwan is the largest manufacturer of Semi-conductor chips and 25% of global trade is done through Taiwan's sea route. All these factors make Taiwan a bone of contention between China and US.

Importance of Taiwan for China and entire World

1. Strategic Location:

Taiwan is located in a very important location in the Pacific Ocean. So if China loses Taiwan, it will lose its claim over 25% trade which is done through the sea route of Taiwan. But, if China controls Taiwan, it would increase its influence in the region and limit U.S. military access.

2. Technology:

Taiwan is the largest semiconductor chip manufacturer in the world. About 60% of total chips come from Taiwan. These chips are used in electronic devices. European Union imports majority of electronics from Taiwan. If China controls Taiwan, its plan of becoming global economic hegemon will become reality.

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3. Trade Partnership:

Taiwan is China's 4th largest trading partner with 6.96 bn\$ worth of goods were exported to China in February 2025. If China loses Taiwan, it will impact its economy.

If China gets Taiwan, it will increase its exclusive economic zone which will benefit China's economy and will increase China's influence on global blue economy.

If US loses Taiwan, it will be a major blow to the US image in the world.

4. Chinese ideology:

China believes in One China two systems policy. China wants to control Taiwan for National Pride and unity. If China loses Taiwan, it will be a major blow to one China, two system policy. Loss of Taiwan will cause a Trickle down effect for Hongkong.

Avoiding Direct Confrontation:

A minor military mistake in Taiwan can lead to a serious war as Taiwan is of great economic importance.

(i) Indirect Support:

US should keep supporting Taiwan indirectly. It will help Taiwan in defending against China. But it will avoid direct confrontation, which will prevent war.

(ii) Diplomatic talks:

Diplomatic talks on regular basis between the leaders of both countries will help in decreasing tension.

(iii) Involving other countries

Regional countries, those in ASEAN can help in peace efforts and offer neutral grounds to discuss Taiwan issue to find a proper solution.

Track:

Measures should be taken to avoid direct war because Taiwan is the largest micro and nano chip exporter in the world. Direct war in Taiwan will directly impact technology as electronic devices will become costly.

Conclusion:

Taiwan is very important to both China and US for political, economic and strategic reasons. But a direct war in Taiwan will lead to a dangerous conflict which will affect whole world. Both countries need to act wisely and take peaceful steps to manage their differences and avoid a direct war.



Q#05:

Trump's Trade war

Introduction:

The US-China trade war reignited by President Donald Trump's aggression tariff policies in 2025, represents a significant escalation in global economic tensions. With tariffs as high as 25% on Chinese products and reciprocal measures from Beijing, it has destabilized global economic and political orders.

Impact on USA

This trade war by Trump has impacted US more than any other state.

Inflation:

US markets heavily rely on Chinese's goods like electronic items, toys and batteries. The

125% tariff that is imposed on Chinese products will drastically increase the prices for American consumers. Apple's iPhones are largely manufactured in China, the tariff pressure has led to a 20% drop in share prices.

Supply Chain:

US manufacturers face higher costs for Chinese products and components. It has increased the pressure for them to relocate their production units.

Impact on China

Decreased export:

China exports a large number of goods to the US worth 440 billion \$. But the massive taxes imposed on Chinese products has threatened the manufacturing sectors.

Technological Blockades:

US is increasing restrictions on advanced microchips and AI.

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technology exports to China. This stifles Beijing's ambitions in high-tech industries, though China may retaliate.

Conclusion:

Trump's tariffs aim to reduce the US trade deficit and revive manufacturing, they ignore economic interdependencies. The US cannot end its trade with China without self-harm.