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~~International Relations~~

Current Affairs

Ans 2 :

Introduction :

The US support for Israel in attacking Iran's nuclear sites has increased tensions in middle east. This action not only affects regional peace but also changes the way global powers like the U.S, China and Russia interact with each other. These three countries are the main players in today's world politics, and their roles are shifting because of this event.

1. US Involvement : Showing power and Support :

- **Support for Israel :** The US has always been close to Israel. By helping them now, the US wants to stop Iran from building nuclear weapons.
- **Preventing Iran's Influence :** Thus US also wants to limit Iran's growing power in countries like Iraq, Syria and Yemen.
- **Message to ~~their~~ Rivals :**
This action shows that the U.S is still ready to use its military power to protect its allies and challenges its rivals.

2. China's Response : Calm but Concerned

- **Oil Dependence :** China buys a lot of oil from the middle east. Any war or conflict in the region can hurt China's economy.
- **Peaceful image :** China wants to be seen as a peaceful country. It has recently helped make peace between Iran and Saudi Arabia.
- **Criticism of U.S :** China likely criticize the U.S for increasing tensions and harming peace efforts in the region.

3. Russia's Reaction : Taking Advantage :

- **Support for Iran :** Russia may stand with Iran to show that it is against U.S interference in other regions.
- **Distraction from Ukraine war :** This crisis helps Russia draw attention away from its war in Ukraine and puts the west in a difficult position.
- **Higher Oil prices :** If middle east oil is affected, prices will go up, which is good for Russia, since it sells oil too.

1. Global Effects of the Conflict :

- **New Alliances :** Iran may become closer to China and Russia, creating a stronger group against the west.

Risk of bigger War: The Conflict could spread to nearby countries like Syria or Lebanon, causing a regional war.

Nuclear danger:

Iran may speed up its nuclear program for self protection, which increases the risk of the nuclear weapons in the region.

Impact on Global Power:

- ① China and the U.S may fight more through diplomacy and influence rather than direct war.
- ② UN may become divided: Countries in the UN may not agree on how to handle the situation, making peace harder to achieve.

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The attack ~~or~~ will likely trigger a dangerous nuclear arm race in the middle east.

- Iran may rebuild its nuclear program secretly or speed it up to ensure deterrence
- Countries like Saudi Arabia and Turkey may also seek nuclear technology to protect their interest.
- Global Role: The Role of UN and IAEA will be challenged, as countries might lose trust in global regulatory bodies

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Answer : 4 India's move to unilaterally exit the Indus water treaty (IWT) signals a serious shift in South Asian water politics. The treaty brokered by the world bank in 19 was a rare symbol of cooperation between India and Pakistan.

Its collapse increases the risk of water based conflicts in the region, especially given Pakistan's heavy reliance on the Indus River for agriculture and drinking water.

At the same time, China's plan to construct the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra river near Arunachal Pradesh (claimed by both China and India) raises strategic and environmental concerns for both India and Bangladesh.

It gives China significant control over water flows which could be used as a geopolitical tool during conflicts.

Answer : 5 :

Introduction : Pakistan and India after facing conflicts, often turn to diplomacy to reduce tensions. These diplomatic efforts are important for regional peace and stability.

Post-Conflict Diplomatic drivers :

- ① **Ceasefire Restoration :** Both sides usually agree to maintain the 2003 line of control (LoC) ceasefire through military hotlines and mutual understanding.
- ② **Confidence building Measure (CBMs) :** Includes releases of prisoners, opening religious routes like Kartarpur Corridor, and easing visa policies.
- ③ **Trade Revival :** Limited trade is sometime resumed, helping both economies and promoting interdependence.
- ④ **Role of External powers :** Countries like the UAE or the U.S may quietly help start dialogue between both nations.
- ⑤ **Challenges :** Political pressure, media hostility, and public sentiment often create hurdles in the peace process.

Answer 6 :

The U.S ~~tax~~ tariffs on Chinese goods, especially under the U.S China trade war, pose several challenges for China:

- **Challenges :**
 - * Reduced exports to the U.S, which is a major market.
 - * Disruption in global supply chains, especially in electronics and manufacturing.

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- * Loss of foreign investment confidence in Chinese markets.

Opportunities :

- China is being pushed to diversify its export markets (eg: Belt and Road Countries)
- It is encouraging domestic innovation and reducing reliance on U.S tech (Semiconductors)
- China may strengthen trade relations with Europe and, Russia and ASEAN.

Answer 7:

Pakistan's economy suffers from low productivity, poor tax collection, energy crisis and a huge informal sector. Without structural reforms, any economic revival will be temporary.

Key required reforms include:

- * The tax system depends on too much on indirect taxes. More people and business should be brought into the tax net to increase fair revenue.
- * The power sector has huge losses and circular debt. Reforms are needed to improve electricity supply and stop financial leakages.
- * Many government-owned companies are losing money. They should be either privatized or restructured to stop

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wasting public funds:

Strong education and healthcare system are necessary to build a skilled and healthy workforce for long term growth.

Modernizing the Agricultural sector and industry as both sectors are outdated

New technology and better policies can help increase exports and improve productivity.

8) Critically evaluate Russia China growing relations and its implications on global power politics?

Russia and China are strengthening ties across energy, military and technology and diplomacy, especially after western sanctions on Russia due to the Ukraine war

Key implications:

Anti Western Alliance: Together, they challenge U.S led global order and promote a multipolar world.

Military Cooperations: Joint drills and defense partnership increase their regional influence

Economic ties: China benefits from cheap Russian energy; Russia finds a reliable buyer amidst sanctions.

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Geopolitical Competition in Central Asia
Historical mistrust and power imbalance
China is stronger economically.

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