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CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES

[Field of Study Code : SASP (115)/ESSP (116)/CASP (117)]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

All questions carry equal marks

Attempt **five** questions in all

Select at least **two** and not more than **three** questions
from Section—A (General)

The remaining questions should be answered from *any one* of the **Sections**,
i.e., either Section—B (South Asian Studies), or Section—C (South-East Asian and
South-West Pacific Studies), or Section—D (Central Asian Studies)
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SECTION—A

(General)

1. How do you define colonialism and nationalism? What are their legacies in the post-colonial context?
2. What are the challenges to federalism in any of the Asian countries?
3. Critically examine the major determinants of foreign policy in any Asian country.
4. Discuss the role of religion in shaping the nationalist consciousness among masses in any of the Asian countries.
5. Critically examine the impact of Global Economic Recession in any of the Asian countries.
6. Write an essay on the role of women in the conflict and peace.
7. Define Governance. Discuss the main problems of governance in any of the Asian countries.

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8. Examine the role of foreign direct investment in economic development in any of the Asian countries.
9. Examine the role of civil society in institution-building by drawing illustrations from any of the Asian countries.
10. Critically examine the nature of the post-Cold War international system.

SECTION—B

(South Asian Studies)

11. Write a critical essay on the development of Hindu nationalist ideology and politics in the Indian nationalist movement.
12. Why did M. K. Gandhi choose Jawaharlal Nehru as his political heir? Make a comparative analysis of Gandhi and Nehru's contribution to Indian national movement.
13. What are the major challenges to secularism in India?
14. Why does India occupy a position of centrality in Pakistan's domestic politics and foreign policy?
15. Critically examine India's strategic interests in Afghanistan.
16. Discuss India-Bangladesh relations during the Awami League regime. How do you think the bilateral relations between the two governments can be strengthened?
17. Discuss the political impediments in the constitution-making process in Nepal.
18. Write an essay on the post-Civil War developments in Sri Lanka and assess India's response.
19. Do you think that India is emerging as a great power in the international system?
20. Define the term 'regional order'. Has the South Asian region undergone drastic changes in the post-Cold War period?
21. Write an essay on regional economic cooperation in South Asia.
22. Write short notes on any two of the following :
 - (a) US-Afghan-Pak Strategy
 - (b) Recent developments in Maldives
 - (c) SAARC Summit in Thimpu, 2011
 - (d) Memogate Scandal in Pakistan

SECTION—C

(South-East Asian and South-West Pacific Studies)

23. Examine the role of Red Shirts in the politics of Thailand since 2006.
24. Critically analyze the concept of Bhumiputera and its role in national integration of Malaysia.
25. Evaluate post-2020 Election developments in Myanmar.
26. Discuss the plight of Indo-Fijians in the post-1987 era.
27. Critically examine the security concerns of the small island States of South Pacific.
28. Examine the success of ASEAN as a regional organization.
29. Assess the process of democratization in Indonesia in the post-Suharto period.
30. What are the salient features of India's 'Look East Policy'?
31. Examine US re-engagement with South-East Asia.
32. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) Yingluck Shinawatra
 - (b) Julia Gillard
 - (c) Aung San Suu Kyi
 - (d) Corazon Aquino

SECTION—D
(Central Asian Studies)

33. Write an essay on the establishment of Soviet power in Central Asia.
34. What are the problems and prospects of regional economic cooperation in Central Asia?
35. Critically evaluate the foreign policy of Mongolia in the post-1991 period.
36. Write an essay on the energy resources of Central Asia and its significance for India.
37. Discuss the importance of recent elections in the Tibetan Government-in-Exile.
38. "Central Asia is India's extended neighborhood." Discuss with particular reference to India's policy towards post-Soviet Central Asia.
39. Critically examine China's counter-insurgency measures in Xinjiang.
40. Write a critical essay on the role of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Central Asia.
41. Write short notes on any two of the following :
 - (a) East Turkestan Islamic Party
 - (b) Loya Jirga
 - (c) Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan

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SECTION—A

(General)

1. Define the term 'soft power'. How does soft power influence foreign policy? Substantiate your arguments in the context of any one of the Asian countries.
2. What do you mean by 'open regionalism'? Critically evaluate the functioning of any inter-regional groupings involving any Asian power.
3. What is the role of leadership in anti-colonial movements? Discuss the role of any two national leaders belonging to two different Asian countries.
4. Discuss the role of electronic media in politics. Does it influence the electoral politics? Substantiate your arguments in the context of any Asian country.
5. Analyze the role of religion in politics in any one of the Asian countries.
6. What are the major challenges to global security?
7. Critically evaluate the changing role of State in the context of globalization.

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8. Give reasons whether non-alignment is relevant in the present circumstances.
9. Discuss pros and cons of the restructuring of the UN Security Council.
10. What are Millennium Development Goals? Discuss any one of these and explain how far this can be achieved by the target date.
11. How does culture contribute to the formation of national identity? Do you think pluralism is a hurdle to State-building? Give reasons.

SECTION—B

(South Asian Studies)

12. Define South Asia as a region. How do you think that the domestic factors influence foreign policy? Analyze the question in the context of any two countries in South Asia.
13. Define counter-terrorism. Discuss counter-terrorism strategy of any two countries in South Asia.
14. What do you understand by the term 'nation-building'? Analyze the challenges to nation-building in one of the South Asian countries.
15. Critically analyze India's neighbourhood policy. Do you consider India to be a 'regional hegemonic power'?
16. What are the major challenges to governance in India?
17. Critically analyze the idea of Pakistan. How does it affect Pakistan's India policy?
18. Analyze the growth of religious extremism in Pakistan and its impact on the society.
19. Is provincial autonomy a possible solution to ethnic conflict? Substantiate your arguments in the context of recent developments in post-war Sri Lanka.
20. What are the major fiscal and monetary instruments to control inflation in any economy? Critically examine any two national experiences in South Asia.
21. Discuss the role of SAARC Summit meetings in promoting regional cooperation.
22. Discuss the continuity and change in India-Bangladesh relations under the present Awami League regime.
23. Bhutan and Maldives have followed different paths to democratization and achieved different outcomes. Discuss.

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SECTION—C

(South-East Asian and South-West Pacific Studies)

24. Explain India's cultural and strategic relations with South-East Asia.
25. Examine the political developments in Fiji after the Coup d'état of 1987.
26. Discuss the recent trends in Australian Foreign Policy especially in the post-Howard period.
27. Analyze the problems of development in the context of small island States in South Pacific.
28. Briefly evaluate the implications of recent political developments in Myanmar.
29. Has the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) succeeded in fulfilling its role as a mechanism to deal with regional security issues?
30. Explain the major domestic sources of security threats to South-East Asia.
31. Assess the role of ASEAN in the promotion of regionalism in South-East Asia.
32. Evaluate the role of East Asia Summit (EAS) in the promotion of regional economic cooperation.
33. Write short notes on any two of the following :
 - (a) Suharto
 - (b) Than Swe
 - (c) Ratu Sir Kamises Mara
 - (d) Red Shirt Movement

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SECTION—D
(Central Asian Studies)

34. Write a critical essay on the 'Great Game' in Central Asia during the nineteenth century. How is it different from the 'New Great Game' played by great powers in Central Asia now?
35. Critically examine the problems and prospects of developing India-Central Asia relations. Suggest ways to overcome the existing problems, if any.
36. Discuss the salient features of Russia's Central Asia Policy after the break-up of the USSR.
37. What are the problems and prospects of peace and stability in Afghanistan? Discuss.
38. Give the salient features of the US and NATO strategy in Afghanistan.
39. Write a critical essay on the problem of ethnic-religious separatism in Xinjiang.
40. Evaluate the process of democratization in post-1991 Mongolia.
41. "Tajikistan lies at the bottom of the scale in terms of Human Development Index." Explain this in the light of human security concerns.
42. Critically analyze the role of Tibet factor in Sino-Indian relations.
43. Write short notes on any two of the following :
 - (a) 17th Gyalwa Karmapa
 - (b) Durand Line
 - (c) TAPI
 - (d) Fergana Valley

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(General)

1. Examine the changing nature of terrorism and its challenges to international security.
2. Critically analyse the major determinants of foreign policy in any Asian country.
3. How do you define colonialism and nationalism? What are their legacies in the post-colonial context?
4. How do you define civil society? What role does it play in resolving the socio-economic and political tensions?
5. Discuss the causes of the recent global financial crisis. Analyse the policies to cope with the crisis.
6. What do you understand by regionalism in Asian context? Do you think that too many regional groupings work at cross purposes?
7. Write an essay on the role of women in conflict and peace.

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8. Define Democracy. What are its essential institutions?
9. Critically examine the climate change negotiations at Copenhagen.
10. What are the emerging trends in international politics?

SECTION—B

(South Asian Studies)

11. Define a Region. Examine its characteristics in the context of South Asia.
12. What are the challenges to peace and development in South Asia?
13. Critically evaluate the functioning of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
14. What do you understand by Food Security? What are the challenges to achieve food security in South Asia?
15. Critically analyse the need and scope for energy cooperation in South Asia.
16. What do you mean by post-conflict reconstruction? Analyse the challenges to reconstruction in Sri Lanka.
17. Critically analyse the debate over Pakistan in India and the complexities surrounding it.
18. Was Indian nationalism inclusive?
19. Why has 'Pakistan' Army been playing a central role in Pakistan's domestic and foreign policy?
20. Critically examine the role of caretaker government in Bangladesh politics.
21. Discuss the challenges to constitution making in Nepal.
22. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) Political changes in Maldives
 - (b) Changing role of monarchy in Bhutan
 - (c) The US' Afghan-Pak Policy
 - (d) Sheikh Hasina's 2010 visit to India

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SECTION—C

(South-East Asian and South-West Pacific Studies)

23. Discuss the evolution of regionalism in the South-East Asia or South Pacific.
24. Analyse the key issues in maritime security of South-East Asia.
25. Assess the development of multiculturalism in Australia, especially in the context of recent attacks on Indian students.
26. Whether democratic principles or national interests should guide India's policy towards Myanmar?
27. Discuss in detail India's economic engagement in South-East Asia.
28. Critically analyse ASEAN-China Free-trade-agreement.
29. What are the salient features of Singapore's foreign policy?
30. Assess the role of military in post-Suharto Indonesia.
31. Examine the impact of 2006 Coup D'etat in Fiji.
32. Point out the achievements of Vietnam in the post-Doi Moi era.
33. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) Asian Values
 - (b) ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)
 - (c) Treaty of Rarotonga
 - (d) Commodore Bainimarama

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SECTION—D

(Central Asian Studies)

34. Write an essay on the 'Great Game' in Central Asia during the 19th century. How is it different from the current great power interest in the region?
35. What are the challenges faced by landlocked States? Discuss with the help of taking any case of Central Asian Republics.
36. Write an essay on Tibet as a factor in India-China relations.
37. Write a critical essay on problems and prospects of cooperation between India and Central Asia.
38. What are the problems and prospects of economic development in any one of the Central Asian Republics? Discuss.
39. What is Regionalism? Critically examine the role of Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Central Asia.
40. Critically evaluate the main trends in Mongolia's Foreign Policy in the post-Cold War period.
41. What are the challenges faced by the international community in bringing peace and security in Afghanistan?
42. Critically analyse China's response to recent terrorist attacks in Xinjiang.
43. Write short notes on any two of the following :
 - (a) Durand Line
 - (b) Hizb ut-Tahir
 - (c) Sino-Tibetan Agreement of 1951
 - (d) Aral Sea

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