

Q. 1 Although the treaty on Nuclear Non-Proliferation (NPT) has acquired universal acceptance, it remains deeply flawed. Analyse in the context of India's position.
(10 marks)

NPT was signed (formed) for putting an end to the armed race & for the disarmament of nuclear weapons.

- Most of the Nations around the world accepted the treaty.
- It was not signed by the Israel, Pakistan & India.
- The aim of treaty to end the nuclear Proliferation has not achieved as most of the signing nations has continue to increase their nuclear weapons.
- ~~If we look at~~
- & Most of the Nations are still continuing to increase their nuclear arsenals.

Indias Position

- India didn't signed the treaty
- Still India Received nuclear technology from USA for civil purpose
- USA has to change its 123 clause agreement
- India won't signed the NPT till its neighbouring nations china & Pakistan possess nuclear weapons.
- India has successfully tested its nuclear weapon though Received Sanctions
- India Maintains its policy of no first use.

India needs nuclear technology for the peaceful & civil purpose.

Q. 2 Highlighting the existing gaps in the South Asian energy cooperation, bring out the steps taken by India to promote energy cooperation with its neighbours. (10 marks)

SAARC has not been as successful as ASEAN due to many of its challenges one of it is the energy cooperation

India's neighbour in the context of Energy exchange

- ~~differs~~ direct passage of Natural gas ^{through} Pakistan to India - not possible
↳ Through Iran
- Bhutan as a provider of electricity faces challenges
- Issue with Nepal which provides energy (electricity)
- dispute for the Maritime Region which holds energy potential

* steps taken by India for energy cooperation

- Construction of "TAPI" - for energy access for to India from West & Central Asia
- Construction of hydel power plant by India in Bhutan
- India has maintain its stand on SAARC platform on the energy cooperation over the years
- South Asia has immense potential for the solar energy & should cooperate on this issue - stand by India

As South Asia is deficit for energy, SAARC should focuses on this issue for the development of the entire Region