



MORE QUESTIONS

Very Short Answer Type Questions [1 Mark]

1. Who is present Secretary General of the United Nations?

Answer: Ban-Ki-Moon from South Korea.

2. Name any two member states of the European Union who are permanent members of the UN Security Council.

Answer: Britain and France

3. What is the main objective of the United Nations?

Answer: To prevent international conflict and to facilitate cooperation among states.

4. Mention any two agencies of the United Nations.

Answer:

1. International Monetary Fund.

2. World Health Organisation.

Amnesty International is an NGO, which was established to campaign for protection of human rights all over the world. Its objective is to promote respect for all the human beings and human rights in the universal declaration of Human Rights.

5. How many member countries have got veto power in the UN Security Council and why?

Answer: Five permanent member countries i.e France, Russia, UK, the US, China got veto power because they have been emerged as industrialised developed countries to stall any decision.

6. Mention any two advantages of having international organisation in the world?

Answer:

1. To help countries in the matters of conflicts and differences.

2. To make the countries cooperate and create better living conditions for humanity.

7. State any two objectives of the UN.

Answer:

1. To maintain international peace and security.

2. To facilitate cooperation among member countries by avoiding conflicts and war.

8. State any two objectives of Human Rights watch.

Answer:

1. To draw global media's attention to human rights abuses.

2. To help in building international coalitions like the campaigns to ban land-mines, to stop the use of child soldier, and to establish international criminal court.

9. What reforms in the UN are required?

Answer: Following reforms are required in the UN:

1. Reform of the organisation's structures and processes.

2. A review of the issues that fall within the jurisdiction of the organisation.

3. Reforms are required due to certain limitations to the UN i.e. only five members on permanent basis in the UN Security Council and their veto power, dominance of few powerful countries etc.

10. Discuss the resolution adopted by General Assembly in 1992 over the reform of the UN Security Council.

Answer: In 1992, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution, which reflected three main complaints:

1. The UN Security Council no longer represents contemporary political realities.
2. Its decisions reflect only western values and interests and are dominated by a few powers.
3. It lacks equitable representation. Considering above mentioned demands for restructuring of the UN on 01 January 1997, the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan initiated an enquiry into how the UN should be reformed.

11. What is the veto power? Should it be modified?

Answer: The veto power is a negative vote to stall any decision by five permanent members of UN Security Council. Sometimes the moves have been made to modify this but it is presumed to have a danger to lose interest by great powers, and without their support and involvement such organisation would become ineffective.

Short Answer Type Questions [4 Marks]

1. Critically evaluate the difficulties involved in implementing the suggested reforms to reconstruct the U.N.

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1. India's nuclear weapon capabilities

2. If India is included, some emerging powers (Brazil, Germany, Japan, South Africa) will also be accommodated.

3. France and the US advocate that Africa and South America must be represented for they do not have any representation in the present structure.

2. What steps should be taken to make the UN more relevant in the changing context?

Answer:

- (a) Creation of Peace Building Commission.
- (b) Acceptance of responsibility of international community in case of failures of national governments to protect their own citizens from atrocities.
- (c) Condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
- (d) An agreement to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

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