



TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS SOLVED

1. Mark correct or wrong against each of the following statements about the veto power:

- (a) Only the permanent members of the Security Council possess the veto power.
- (b) It's a kind of negative power.
- (c) The Secretary General uses this power when not satisfied with any decision.
- (d) One veto can stall a Security Council resolution.

Answer:

- (a) Correct
- (b) Correct
- (c) Wrong
- (d) Correct
- (e) India
- (f) Maldives
- (g) India
- (h) Nepal

2. Mark correct or wrong against each of the following statements about the way the UN functions:

- (a) All security and peace related issues are dealt within the Security Council.
- (b) Humanitarian policies are implemented by the main organs and specialised agencies spread across the globe.
- (c) Having consensus among five permanent members on security issues is vital for its implementation.
- (d) The members of the General Assembly are automatically the members of all other principal organs and specialised agencies of the UN.

Answer:

- (a) Correct
- (b) Wrong
- (c) Correct
- (d) Wrong

3. Which among the following would give more weightage to India's proposal for permanent membership in the Security Council?

- (a) Nuclear capability
- (b) It has been a member of the UN since its inception.
- (c) It is located in Asia.
- (d) India's growing economic power and stable political system.

Answer:

- (d) India's growing economic power and stable political system.

4. The UN agency concerned with the safety and peaceful use of nuclear technology is:

- (a) The UN Committee on Disarmament
- (b) International Atomic Energy Agency
- (c) UN International Safeguard Committee
- (d) None of the above.

Answer:

- (b) International Atomic Energy Agency

5. WTO is serving as the successor to which of the following

organisations:

- (a) General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
- (b) General Arrangement on Trade and Tariffs
- (c) World Health Organisation
- (d) UN Development Programme

Answer:

- (a) General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs

6. Fill in the blanks:

- (a) The prime objective of UN is
- (b) The highest functionary of the UN is called
- (c) The UN Security Council has permanent and non permanent members.
- (d) is the present UN Secretary General.

Answer:

- (a) to maintain peace and security
- (b) Secretariat
- (c) 5, 10
- (d) Ban-ki-Moon

7. Match the principal organs and agencies of the UN with their functions:

- A. 1. Economic and Social Council
- 2. International Court of Justice
- 3. International Atomic Energy Agency
- 4. Security Council
- 5. UN High Commission for Refugees
- 6. World Trade Organisation
- 7. International Monetary Fund
- 8. General Assembly
- 9. World Health Organisation
- 10. Secretariat
- B. (a) Oversees the global financial system.
- (b) Reservation of international peace and security.
- (c) Looks into the economic and social welfare of the member countries.
- (d) Safety and peaceful use of nuclear technology.
- (e) Resolves disputes between and among member countries.
- (f) Provides shelter and medical help during emergencies.
- (g) Debates and discusses global issues.
- (h) Administration and coordination of UN affairs.
- (i) Providing good health for all.
- (j) Facilitates free trade among member countries.

Answer: 1. Economic and Social Council — (c) Looks into the economic and social welfare of the member countries.

2. International Court of Justice — (e) Resolves disputes between and among member countries.

3. International Atomic Energy Agency — (d) Safety and peaceful use of nuclear technology

4. Security Council — (b) Reservation of international peace and security

5. UN High Commission for Refugees — (f) Provides shelter and medical help during emergencies.

6. World Trade Organisations — (j) Facilitates free trade among member countries.

7. International Monetary Fund — (a) Overseas the global financial system.

8. General Assembly — (g) Debates and discusses global issues.

9. World Health Organisation — (i) Providing good health for all.

10. Secretariat — (h) Administration and coordination of UN affairs.

8. What are the functions of Security Council?

Answer: Its main function is to maintain peace and security in the world and the other functions are as follows:

1. The Security Council recommends methods to adjust disputes among nations.

2. Security Council can take military action if required.
3. Security Council elects the judges of International Court of Justice and appoints the Secretary General by recommending to the General Assembly.
4. Security Council can apply economic sanction also to stop any aggression.
5. The Security Council can investigate the disputes in case a friction arises.

9. As a citizen of India, how would you support India's candidature for the permanent membership of Security Council? Justify your proposal.

Answer: As a citizen of India, we may support India's candidature for the permanent membership of Security Council in the following manner:

1. India is the most populous country in the world with one-fifth of world population.
2. India is world's largest democracy.
3. India's economic emergence on the World Stage.
4. India is a regular financial contributor to the UN.
5. India signifies a growing importance in world affairs in conduct of its foreign policy.
6. India participated in all the initiatives of the UN.

10. Critically evaluate the difficulties involved in implementing the suggested reforms to reconstruct the UN.

Answer: The following are the question marks in implementing the suggested reforms to reconstruct the UN:

1. How big an economic and military power may qualify to become UNSC membership?
 2. What level of budget contribution should be enabled?
 3. No guarantee to be effective as Council Member in respect for democracy and human rights.
 4. Why should the issue of equitable representation decided by geography? Why not by levels of economic development?
 5. Why not to give more seats to members of developing world?
- All the above mentioned criteria which were adopted but not universally accepted. Hence, the difficulties were involved.

11. Though the UN has failed in preventing wars and related miseries, nations prefer its continuation. What makes the UN an indispensable organisation?

Answer:

1. Interdependence and globalisation is not possible without the international organisations such as the UN.
2. To enforce cooperation on the issues of poverty, unemployment, environmental degradation, crime rate etc.
3. To provide financial assistance to developing countries to stabilise economy all over the world, the UN and its specialised agencies are always required.
4. The UN works as a forum to solve any international dispute among nations and sort out the best possible way.
5. Hence, though the UN has failed in preventing related wars and miseries, despite the nations require its continuation due to above mentioned reasons to promote international peace and understanding.

12. "Reforming the UN means restructuring of the Security Council". Do you agree with this statement? Give arguments for or against this position.

Answer: Yes, we agree with the statement because Security Council plays a crucial role in functioning of the UN. In today's scenario power equations have been changed with the disintegration of USSR and many new countries are entering into the UN:

1. The UN charter has given a privileged position to permanent members to bring stability all over the world. This position remains

the same and no one is allowed to enter.

2. Except permanent members enjoy veto power to be placed in a valuable position.

3. Permanent members category is from industrialised developed country which should be balanced by enhancing representation from developing countries to become either permanent or non-permanent members.

4. Hence, Security Council should reform and improve its working to make the UN more effective i.e., inclusion of member states should be judged on the basis of contribution to peace keeping initiatives.

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