

## MORE QUESTIONS SOLVED

Very Short Answer Type Questions [1 Mark]

1. Fill in the blanks:

The South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) was signed by the members of in the year

Answer: SAARC, 2004.

2. Whose mediation resolved the Indus River water dispute between India and Pakistan?

Answer: The World Bank.

3. How long did East and West Pakistan remain together? Answer: From 1947 to 1971.

4. What was the reason for the formation of SAARC? Answer: The states of South Asia recognised cooperation and friendly relations among themselves which gave birth to the formation of SAARC for mutual trust and understanding among its member states.

5. What is the full form of SAARC?

Answer: SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation.

6. Mention present status of Sri Lanka.

Answer: Sri Lanka has maintained a democratic political system alongwith a considerable economic growth i.e. Sri Lanka is one of the first developing countries to control population growth rate, liberalised economy and bears highest per capita Gross Domestic Product despite ongoing conflicts.

7. What does the MDP stand for?

Answer: MDP stands for Maldivian Democratic Party.

8. Who took the command over Pakistan after its first constitution was framed?

Answer: General Ayub Khan.

9. What does SPA stand for?

Answer: SPA stands for Seven Party Alliance to protest against monarchy in Nepal.

10. What was the former name of Sri Lanka?

Answer: Ceylon.

11. Mention changes that occurred in Maldives. Answer:

1. Transformed into a republic with a presidential form of government in 1968.

2. In June 2005, parliament voted unanimously to introduce multi-party system.

3. Democracy strengthened after 2005 elections.

12. What is meant by Geo-politics?

Answer: Geo-politics refers togetherness of countries who are bound with each other geographically and their interests are also interlinked politically and economically.

13. What do you mean by South Asia? Answer: South Asia signifies a group of seven countries i.e. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and the Maldives who stand for diversity in every sense but still constitute one geo¬political space.

## 14. How did LTTE emerge?

Answer: LTTE emerged 1983 onwards on the negligence of Tamil interest by Sri Lanka government. Hence, 'Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam' (LTTE) took birth demanding a seperate state for Tamil in Sri Lanka.

15. What does SAFTA stand for? Answer: SAFTA: South Asian Free Trade Area Agreement.

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