



Long Answer Type Questions [6 Marks]

1. Describe any six criteria for the new membership of Security Council as suggested after 1997.

Answer: A new member, as suggested after 1997, should be

- (i) A major economic power
- (ii) A major military power.
- (iii) A substantial contributor to the UN budget.
- (iv) A big nation in terms of its populations.
- (v) A nation that respects democracy and human rights
- (vi) A country that would make the Council more representative of the world's diversity in terms of geography, economic system, and culture.

2. Examine the role played by India in the implementation of UN policies and programmes.

Answer:

- 1. India believes that a strengthened and revitalised UN is desirable in the changing world.
- 2. India also supports an enhanced role for the UN in promoting development and cooperation among states.
- 3. India believes that the development should be central to the UN's agenda as it is a vital precondition for the maintenance of international peace and security.
- 4. India debates more representation in Security Council may enjoy greater support in world community.
- 5. India has major concern about restructuring of UN Security Council.
- 6. India supports the role of developing countries should be represented in Security Council in decision making.

3. How far did the UN perform its role successor fully in maintaining peace in the world? Explain.

Answer:

- 1. Interdependence and globalisation is not possible without the international organisations such as the UN.
- 2. To enhance 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 specialized agencies are always required.
- 4. The UN works as a forum to solve any international dispute among nations and sort out the best possible.
- 5. Hence, though the UN has failed in preventing any related wars and miseries, despite the nations require its continuation due to above mentioned reasons to promote international peace and understanding.

4. Suggest any six steps since 2005 to make the United Nations more relevant in the changing context.

Answer: In September 2005, the UN celebrated its 60th anniversary and leaders decided to make it more relevant in the changing context by following steps:

- 1. Creation of Peace Building Commission.
- 2. Acceptance of the responsibility of the international community in case of failures of national governments to protect their own citizens from atrocities.

3. Establishment of a Human Rights Council (Operational Since 19 June 2006).
4. Agreements to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.
5. Condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
6. Creation of a Democracy Fund.
7. An agreement to wind up the Trusteeship Council.

5. Can the UN serve as a balance against the US dominance?

Answer: No, the UN can not serve against the US dominance in a comfort zone because:

1. The US has been the only superpower after 1991 and may ignore international organisations economically and militarily.
2. Its veto power can stop any move damaging its interests.
3. The US enjoys a considerable degree of say in the selection of the UN Secretary General.

Besides the above mentioned grounds, the UN is playing an effective role to argument against the US attitudes and policies and makes compromises and concessions even or the part of the US. The EU performs as an important bloc in International Economic Organisations such as WTO but SAARC has initiated SAFTA only to cooperate economically among its member states.

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