



Short Answer Type Questions [4 Marks]

1. How has the European Union evolved over time from an economic union to an increasingly political one?

Answer: The European Union has evolved over time from an economic union to an increasingly political one. The EU has started to act more as a nation state. While the attempts to have a constitution for the EU have failed, it has its own flag, anthem, founding date, and currency. It also has some form of a common foreign and security policy in its dealings with other nations. The European Union has tried to expand areas of cooperation while acquiring new members, especially from the erstwhile Soviet bloc. The process has not proved easy, for people in many countries are not very enthusiastic in giving the EU powers that were exercised by the government of their country. There are also reservations about including some new countries within the European Union.

2. Explain the political, diplomatic influence of European Union as a supernational organisation.

Answer: Political and Diplomatic Influences:

(a) Two members of the EU — Britain and France hold permanent seats in the Security Council to influence the UN policies.

(b) The EU also includes various non-permanent members of the UNSC.

(c) The European Union plays an influential role in diplomacy and negotiations except the military force

i. e. the EU's dialogue with China on human rights and environmental degradation is remarkable.

3. What led to the evolution of the EU from an economic union to an increasingly political one?

Answer: The European Union has now started to act more as a nation state because-

(i) European Union has its own flag, anthem, founding date and common currency.

(ii) European Union bears common foreign and security policy.

(iii) The EU has made efforts to expand areas of cooperation while acquiring new members especially from Soviet bloc.

4. What are the objectives behind the formation of ASEAN?

Answer: The objectives behind the formation of ASEAN are as follows:

1. Territorial disputes should not escalate into armed confrontations.

2. To accelerate economic growth through social progress and cultural development.

3. To promote regional peace and stability based on the rule of law and the principles of United Nations charter.

4. To establish Dispute Settlement Mechanism to resolve economic disputes.

5. To create Free Trade Areas for investment, labour and services.

5. Describe any four significant characteristics of ASEAN.

Answer:

1. To create common market and production based activities within ASEAN States.

2. To aid social and economic development.

3. To resolve economic disputes, the existing dispute settlement

mechanism has been improved.

4. Free Trade Areas for investment, labour and services have also been created.

6. What role has been played by European Union in solving the problems of the European countries?

Answer:

1. The EU functions as an important bloc in international organisation as World Trade Organisation to intervene in economic areas.

2. The EU has expanded areas of cooperation while acquiring new members especially from Soviet bloc.

3. The EU has an influential role in the UN policies because its two members—Britain and France hold permanent seats in the UN Security Council.

4. The EU is influential in the areas of diplomacy, economic investments and negotiation.

7. Why India and China both view themselves as rising powers in global politics in spite of tensions between them? Substantiate your answer by giving any four events that have brought cordiality in their relationship.

Answer: Due to Indian initiatives, Indo-China relations improved. In 1954, India signed famous Panchsheel starting a new era of Indo-China friendship. But after 1957 some contentious issues had been arisen between them:

(i) Tibet Problem

(ii) Border Issues

(iii) Chinese Attack in 1962

(iv) Chinese Assistance to Pakistan.

Gradually, both the countries came together to develop harmonious relations between themselves:

1. Attempt to normalise relations were restored by exchange of ambassadors.

2. Joint Working Group was set up by both the countries to resolve border dispute.

3. Both of them committed to reduce the forces on Indo-China border.

4. Indian and Chinese leadership and official visits with great frequency.

5. Increasing transportation and communication links, common economic interests and global concerns.

8. Why was European Union founded? What were its objectives and significance?

Answer: The European Union was founded in 1992 for a common foreign and security policy, cooperation on justice and home affairs and to create a single currency. Objectives:

1. The circle of gold stars on the flag stands for solidarity and harmony between European Union States.

2. To expand areas of co-operation while acquiring new members especially from Soviet bloc.

9. Why ASEAN was established?

Answer: ASEAN is the regional association to provide a political forum to discuss political and security concerns-

1. Before and during the Second World War, the southeastern region of Asia suffered the economic and political consequences of repeated colonialism, both European and Japanese.

2. At the end of war it confronted problems of nation building, the progress of poverty and economic backwardness and the pressure to align with one great power or another during cold war.

10. "China has emerged as third alternative to world power".

Examine.

Answer: China emerged as the third alternative to world power

since its economic reforms of 1978 as China has been the fastest growing economy since the reforms first began there-

1. China is projected to overtake the US as the world's largest economy by 2040.
2. Its economic integration into the region makes it drive of East Asian growth.
3. Its strength of economy are population, landmass, resources, regional location, political influence, added to its power.

11. How did China end its political and economic isolation?

Answer: China had adopted Soviet model of economy. Despite development, China faced economic crisis as industrial production was not growing fast, international trade was minimal. Under these situations some major policy decisions were taken-

1. China established relations with the US in 1972.
2. China proposed four areas of modernisation as agriculture, industry, science and technology in 1973.
3. Open door policy was introduced to generate higher productivity by investment of capital and technology from abroad.
4. Privatisation of agriculture and industry in 1982 and 1998.
5. China set Special Economic Zones to remove trade barriers.

12. "Chinese economy has been recognised at the global level".

Justify.

Answer: China has introduced open market economy which is moving China towards global economy due to following facts-

1. The integration of Chinese-economy and interdependencies has enabled China to have considerable influence with its trade partners.
2. The open door policy has stabilised the ASEAN economy.
3. China's outward looking for investment and aid policies in Latin America and Africa are protecting China as a global player.

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