

- And reports have also pointed to the centrality of the African people in the AAGC as compared to the emphasis on trade and economic relations in OBOR

**AAGC is important for all stakeholders. The reasons for this are as follows:**

- It aims to capture the vast and untapped potential among, and in-between, Asia and Africa, which needs to be explored for shared growth, development, peace, prosperity and stability of these regions
- The AAGC would consist of four main components: development and cooperation projects, quality infrastructure and institutional connectivity, capacity and skill enhancement and people-to-people partnerships. These four components are complementary to promote growth and all-round development in both the continents
- Digital connectivity will also support the growth of innovative technology and services between Asia and Africa.
- There is scope for Asia to share its experiences of growth and development with Africa, according to persons involved in the project.
- Quality infrastructure connects people, towns, regions and countries, and helps unleash their potential for growth. It consists of five remarkable aspects.
  - Effective mobilisation of financial resources;
  - Their alignment with socio-economic development and development strategies of partner countries and regions;
  - Application of high-quality standards in terms of compliance with international standards established to mitigate environmental and social impact;
  - Provision of quality of infrastructure taking into account aspects of economic efficiency and durability, inclusiveness, safety and disaster-resilience, sustainability as well as convenience and amenities; and
  - Contribution to the local society and economy
- The quality infrastructure as envisaged by the AAGC “would remain in harmony with the local environment, community, and people’s livelihoods”.

### **Conclusion:**

The AAGC is designed to be responsive to the needs of equitable and sustainable growth. Its development programmes and projects are based on equal partnership, mutual trust, and cooperation. AAGC aims for an open, inclusive, sustainable and innovative growth of the entire Asia Africa region, in cooperation with the international community.

## **2. What do you mean by the term Imperialism? Enumerate various factors that contributed in the rise of Imperialism.**

### **Approach**

1. **Briefly define the term Imperialism. (30 words)**
2. **Write various factors that contributed in the birth of age of imperialism. (90 words)**
3. **Conclusion (30 words)**

### **Hints:**

Imperialism was a mid -19<sup>th</sup> century invention. The period after 1870 in the world history has come to be known as the age of Imperialism. Imperialism is a policy or ideology of extending a country’s rule over foreign nations, often by military force or by gaining political and economic control of other areas.