

INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY

Syllabus:

- **Indian Foreign Policy:** Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.

Previous year questions on the topic

1. Identify the elements of change in India's foreign policy. (2013)
2. "Federal units are critical in the making of India's foreign policy." Examine this statement with reference to the role of West Bengal vis-à-vis Bangladesh. (15 marks)
3. The Ministry of External Affairs is losing its importance in the making of India's foreign policy with the parallel rise of the P.M.O. Explain. (20 marks)
4. "Some of the major changes that occurred in India's foreign policy after the Sino – India war in 1962 were within the larger framework of continuity." Discuss. (15 marks)
5. The social structure of a country influences its foreign policy-making. How does the social structure of India impact the course and direction of its foreign policy?
6. How does the Parliament determine and influence the making of India's foreign policy?
7. 'Economic interest has emerged as the main component of India's foreign policy'. Discuss the statement in the light of India's initiatives to improve relations with China, Japan and the Central Asian republics.
8. Vision of a new world order has emerged as the major objective of India's foreign policy. Discuss the policy initiative taken by India in this regard and challenges faced by it.
9. Which determinant factors play an important role in making India's foreign policy? Illustrate with examples.
10. Examine the Indian National Movement and geographical location of India as determinants of India's foreign policy.
11. Do you agree with the view that Indian foreign policy is increasingly being shaped by the Neoliberal outlook? Elaborate. (150 words)
12. "India is often said to have a rich strategic culture." Discuss.
13. "India's current foreign policy marks significant qualitative shifts from that of the previous regimes." Discuss.
14. Discuss the role of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) in promoting India's soft power abroad.
15. Examine the role of 'parliamentary diplomacy' in India's foreign policy. 10 marks
16. Examine the increasing significance of maritime security in India's foreign policy. 20 marks
17. Describe the structure and function of the National Security Council of India. What role does it play in the formulation of Indian foreign policy?

Some important quotes:

- "America has no permanent friends or enemies, only interests"
— **Henry Kissinger**
- "A country that demands moral perfection in its foreign policy will achieve neither perfection nor security"
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