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## **PSIR Test 10 Model Answers**

7. ***“At present, EU is losing its political moorings, EU can emerge as a strategic actor only if it can assert its sovereignty over political security and diplomatic decisions.” Discuss.***

*A/Q Samir Saran, the condition of the European union(EU) has without question, deteriorated rapidly .George Soros, in his article, 'How to save Europe' argues that there is no longer any point in ignoring the reality that a number of European union members have explicitly rejected the EU goal of 'ever closer union '. A/Q to Samir Saran, one of the most visible challenge to the European project is that the strong collective of European nations has achieved only social integration within its members.*

*A/Q to Rakesh Sood, the European union is losing its political strength in the charging world order where USA is pursuing protectionism with its policy of 'America First' and China is determined to emerge as the new global power. The most important factor weakening of its political standing is the fact that, despite being an economic giant , EU does not represent an union with deep political integration, which is evident in the BREXIT. A/Q to Rakesh Sood, today EU' S 28 member states are a heterogenous lot (Unlike the original six- Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxemburg and the Netherlands.) Originally, it was a grouping of west European democracies committed to a closer economic with NATO as the security provider. But, today right-wing populist leaders in some European countries have become more vocal in recent years. In addition the US commitment to NATO is undergoing a shift, which is evident from the fact that US is less engaged in West Asia and focusing more on the 'Indo-Pacific'.*

*Therefore it becomes important for the EU to recognize the changing global order and aim at regaining its political ground, for which it is necessary that EU assert it's sovereignty & political unity over its political, diplomatic & security decisions.*

*A/Q to Samir Saran, the 'Christian club' version of European identity is outdated & needs rebooting by at reaching to external regions, especially Russia. He argues that the EU needs a paradigmatic shift in its policy towards Russia and must aim for a partnership of equals with Russia in the future.*