

UPSC Mains 2025 Aug 31, 2025 Political Science (Paper 2) Question Paper and Answer Key PDF

Q. No.	Question	Check Solution
Q1 (A)	Discuss the psychological approach to the study of comparative politics.	Check Solution
Q1 (B)	Neo-liberalism lightened neo-realism's dark view of international politics. Comment.	Check Solution
Q1 (C)	Explain the non-traditional security threats in the context of food and environmental crises.	Check Solution
Q1 (D)	Discuss the political socialization of open and closed societies.	Check Solution
Q1 (E)	Comment on the Red Lipstick Movement in the context of feminist rights.	Check Solution
Q2 (A)	The world currently has been in the throes of a twin process of 'democratic backsliding' and 'democratic backlash'. How would you explain this paradox?	Check Solution
Q2 (B)	The withdrawal of the United States of America from the World Health Organization is set to have far-reaching impacts on global health. Reimagining the existing WHO is vital for the global health agenda. Discuss.	Check Solution
Q2 (C)	Transnational actors have qualitatively transformed the world by the way of their fresh insights and actions. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.	Check Solution
Q3 (A)	Of late, centrist and centre-left political parties have been facing setbacks while centre-right parties have been in ascendancy the world over. Comment.	Check Solution
Q3 (B)	Collective security and responsibility to protect (R2P) are similar but different in scope, goals and methods. Explain.	Check Solution
Q3 (C)	Global South-sensitive model of globalization would prevent the danger emanating from overcentralized globalization. Discuss.	Check Solution
Q4 (A)	Latin America has made moderate success in countering US-led global economic order by forming various organizations emphasizing regional sovereignty, economic integration and alternative development. Discuss.	Check Solution
Q4 (B)	How successful has the 'ASEAN Plus Three' been in addressing regional problems? Support your answer with specific examples.	Check Solution
Q4 (C)	"Trump's return to the White House is a jolt to push the European Union to invest in its own defence and economic and technological revival." Comment.	Check Solution

Q5 (A)	China's growing footprint and a tangible shift in power dynamics Bangladesh has weakened India's leverage in Dhaka. Comment.	Check Solution
Q5 (B)	Would you agree with the contention that India's inclination to lean on a 'more aggressive hyper-realist posture' has gained a new momentum in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terrorist strike? Comment.	Check Solution
Q5 (C)	For India, a multipolar world order would also mean a multipolar Asia. Comment.	Check Solution
Q5 (D)	Does the Non-Aligned Movement have any future in the wake of India's growing indifference towards it?	Check Solution
Q5 (E)	Historical ties between India and Japan grew into a 'special strategic and global partnership'. Comment.	Check Solution
Q6 (A)	Critically analyze the different phases of India's foreign policy since independence. How justified, do you think, is S. Jaishankar's classification of the current phase as the phase of 'energetic diplomacy'?	Check Solution
Q6 (B)	India maintains strong ties with countries that will assure a free and open Indo-Pacific and guarantee greater connectivity with rest of the world. Analyze.	Check Solution
Q6 (C)	The tariff threats have pushed India and the European Union closer. Evaluate the India-EU partnership.	Check Solution
Q7 (A)	India continues to invoke its time-tested policy of strategic autonomy vis-à-vis both the United States of America and Russia by rejecting US' offer of mediation on Kashmir issue and by refusing to criticize Russia in its ongoing war against Ukraine. Comment.	Check Solution
Q7 (B)	Trump's unilateral imposition of reciprocal tariffs on scores of countries poses impending threat to the future of the rule-based multilateral global trading system under the WTO. What options do the WTO members have to salvage the organization?	Check Solution
Q7 (C)	NonAlignment 2.0 underscores India's unique aspiration to emerge as a site for an alternative universality. Comment.	Check Solution
Q8 (A)	India's reluctance to perceive any 'existential threat' inevitably made the multilateral path to nuclear security a 'default option' until it decided to cross the nuclear Rubicon in 1998. Identify and analyze some of the major reasons behind this shift in India's position on the nuclear question.	Check Solution
Q8 (B)	Discuss some of the key drivers of India's new interests in Africa which might help in developing long-term comparative advantage over China.	Check Solution

Q8 (C)	Discuss the potential role India can play in initiating a possible phase of trilateral economic engagement among India, China and Nepal.	Check Solution
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