



UPSC
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POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

4. Examine the comparative advantages of democracy and autocracy in restraining political violence. Do you think that autocratic societies are more prone to political violence? Illustrate your answer with a comparative study of a few societies. 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Answer on any THREE of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

- a) Do you think that India's 'Look East' policy would help a common Asian market, unlike European common market
- b) In the context of developments on the nuclear weapons front in the neighbourhood, do you think that any change in India's defence strategy is indicated?
- c). Identify India's contributions and assistance in the process of nation-building in South Africa.
- d). To what extent is India's policy in regard to Afghanistan dictated by a vision of 'Global South', rather than compulsions?

6. Examine India's role in strategic terms with regard to the land-locked countries in South Asia. With regard to Nepal, to what extent has the involvement of major powers such as China, the US and the EU impacted India's strategic interests. 60
7. Analyze the basic causes of insurgency and terrorism in two major areas that are affected in the country. In this regard, to what extent have state policies to counter terrorism been effective in these areas? 60
8. "Domestic problems and Historic legacies, apart from other factors, constitute major strains on Indian foreign policy." Discuss this statement with suitable examples. 60