

CBSE Class 12 • Political Science

Important Questions 2027

Most repeated questions from the last few years of board and sample papers, grouped chapter-wise.

The End of Bipolarity

1. Analyse any three reasons for the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

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2. 'Although India has maintained good relations with all the post-communist countries, yet the strongest relations are still between India and Russia'. Explain the reasons with suitable arguments.

Seen in: Board 2024 · Sample 2026

3. Examine any three consequences of the Shock therapy.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2026

Alternative Centres of Power

4. Can Japan effectively function as an alternative centre of power? Support your answer with logical explanation.

Seen in: Sample 2025, 2026

5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the European Union as the most prominent regional organization.

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6. Analyse the 'ASEAN way' as a unique initiative of promoting peace in South-east Asian Countries.

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7. Which measure was adopted by China to solve its economic crisis? (A) Like USSR, China also followed 'Shock Therapy'. (B) China ended its economic isolation with the establishment of relations with most of the developing countries of the World. (C) China opened its economy for privatisation step by step for the development of its economy. (D) China focused more on export as compared to import.

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Contemporary South Asia

- 8.** Read the passage and answer the questions: 'The South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) is a major regional initiative by the South Asian states to evolve co-operation through multilateral means. It began in 1985. Unfortunately due to persisting political differences, SAARC has not had much success. SAARC members signed the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) in 2002 which promised the formation of a free trade zone for the whole of South Asia.' Sub-questions (1 mark each): (i) Which South Asian country is not a founder member of SAARC? (Nepal/Bhutan/Afghanistan/Bangladesh); (ii) The external power that affects the South Asian Countries the most is: (USA/Russia/France/Britain); (iii) The major objective of SAARC is - (to co-operate member states for economic growth, social progress and cultural development through multilateral means, etc.); (iv) Which one is NOT a core objective of SAFTA? (To establish a common currency for SAARC nations, etc.)

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- 9.** 'Despite the mixed record of democratic experiences, the people of South Asian countries share the aspiration for democracy.' Justify the statement with two suitable arguments.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2025

- 10.** Which one of the following countries is not included in 'South Asia'? (A) Bangladesh (B) China (C) Bhutan (D) Maldives

Seen in: Board 2022, 2024

- 11.** Study the cartoon and answer the questions: The cartoon shows the Sri Lankan government (Rajapakse) trying to balance between a lion and a tiger on either side. Sub-questions (1 mark each): (i) The tiger sitting on the right-hand side represents which organisation? (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam etc.); (ii) The conflict in Sri Lanka from 1983 onwards was based on which discrimination? (between two communities etc.); (iii) Which statement about the Sri Lankan crisis is true? (India signed an Accord with Sri Lanka and got involved etc.); (iv) What message does the cartoon convey? (it was very difficult to maintain balance between the two rival groups etc.)

Seen in: Board 2022, 2023

International Organisations

- 12.** 'After the end of the Cold War, the United Nation is working in accordance with the changed realities of the world.' Justify the statement with six arguments.

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- 13.** What steps should be taken to strengthen the UNO? Explain any four reasons as to why India should be given a permanent membership in the UN Security Council.

Seen in: Board 2024 · Sample 2026

- 14.** Name any three agencies of the United Nations and explain one function of each.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

Security in the Contemporary World

15. Describe two forms of cooperative security as per its traditional notion.

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16. Highlight any two traditional measures which may be used by different countries to maintain their national security.

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17. Explain any three differences between the Non-traditional and Traditional notion of security.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025

18. Explain any three security challenges faced by the newly independent countries of Asia and Africa after the Second World War.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025

Environment and Natural Resources

19. Agenda-21 is related to which one of the following? A) Rio Summit B) Antarctic Treaty C) Montreal Protocol D) Antarctic Environmental Protocol

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20. Suggest any four steps for the Indian Government to take to check the pollution and save the environment.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2025

Globalisation

21. Analyse any two causes of globalisation.

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22. Assertion (A): All over the world, the old 'welfare state' is getting more importance. Reason (R): Due to globalisation, the state withdraws from many of its earlier welfare functions and the market has become the prime determinant of economic and social priorities. Options: (A) Both true and R is the correct explanation of A (B) Both true but R is not the correct explanation of A (C) A is false, but R is true (D) A is true, but R is false

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23. On what grounds can globalisation be considered a multi-dimensional concept? Explain with example.

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Challenges of Nation-Building

- 24.** Which one of the following statements is NOT correct about the princely states? (A) Princely states were ruled by the princes. (B) All the princely states had accepted to be an integral part of India after the end of British rule. (C) The princes of princely states accepted British supremacy and enjoyed some form of control over their internal affairs. (D) After the end of British paramountcy, the provinces were free to join either India or Pakistan or remain independent.

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- 25.** Which one of the following is the reason that led to the formation of Andhra state in 1952? (A) Realising the need to reorganise the internal boundaries of Indian states at the end of colonial rule. (B) Reorganisation of the Indian National Congress on the basis of linguistic principle after Nagpur session in 1920. (C) Death of the Congress leader, Potti Sriramulu which caused great unrest and led to resignation of several legislators of Madras in protest. (D) The Tamil speaking people of old Madras province demanding the reorganisation of state on the basis of language.

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- 26.** Describe any three major challenges that independent India faced immediately after independence.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024

Era of One-Party Dominance

- 27.** 'One party dominance did not affect the very essence of Indian democracy.' Justify the statement with any two arguments.

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Politics of Planned Development

- 28.** Highlight any two objectives of establishing the Planning Commission.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 · Sample 2026

- 29.** List two models of development and give reason for the model adopted by India.

Seen in: Board 2024 · Sample 2025

India's External Relations

- 30.** Explain the role played by India under Jawaharlal Nehru in maintaining Afro-Asian Unity.

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 31.** 'India's Foreign Policy is as per the principles of International Peace and Security as laid down in Article 51 of the Indian Constitution.' Justify the statement with three examples.

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- 32.** What is the primary purpose of India's foreign policy? A) Pursuing Territorial expansion B) Promoting Economic exploitation C) National security and economic development D) Building exclusive military alliances

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Challenges to and Restoration of the Congress System

- 33.** In the given outline political map of India, four states have been marked as A, B, C and D. Identify these states on the basis of the information and write their correct names with serial number and alphabet. Clues: I) The state where a coalition called the SVD with the two socialist parties SSP and PSP came to power after 1967 election; II) The state where Congress did not get the majority but formed government with the help from others; III) The state associated with the defection in 1967 election; IV) K. Kamraj was the Chief Minister of this state.

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- 34.** Identify the State with which the phrase 'Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram' is related to. (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh (C) Haryana (D) Rajasthan

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- 35.** State the severe economic crisis prior to the fourth general elections of 1967.

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- 36.** Identify the main reason for the split in Congress Party in 1969. (A) Change in the ideology of Congress Party (B) Dominance of the Congress Syndicate (C) Difference of opinion among the opposition parties (D) Opposition parties came together

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The Crisis of Democratic Order

- 37.** Explain any four outcomes of Lok Sabha elections of 1977.

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- 38.** In the given political outline map of India, four states have been marked as A, B, C and D. Identify these on the basis of the information and write their correct names with serial number and alphabet. Clues: (i) The state related to student movement against inflation and corruption in 1974; (ii) The state related to the farmer's leader Chaudhary Charan Singh; (iii) The state related to Congress leader Jag Jeevan Ram; (iv) The state where Congress could not win even a single Lok Sabha seat in 1977 elections.

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- 39.** Describe the role of Jaya Prakash Narayan in Indian National Politics.

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40. In which year was the first coalition government formed in India and why?

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Regional Aspirations

41. 'The demands of various regional aspirations during 1980s was a step towards nation building.'
Support the statement with argument.

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42. Do you agree that the Assam accord was successful in establishing peace and stability in the State? Support your answer with any two arguments.

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Recent Developments in Indian Politics

43. Describe any four factors responsible for the rise of coalition governments at the centre after the year 1989.

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44. Describe any four issues on which a broad agreement has emerged among most political parties.

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45. Describe any three major developments that took place in Indian politics in the last decade of the 20th century.

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46. Arrange the following events in chronological order: (i) Assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi; (ii) Formation of the First Non-Congress coalition government at the centre; (iii) Sixteenth Lok Sabha elections; (iv) The Mandal Commission gave its recommendations. Choose the correct option.

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47. Describe any three recommendations of the Mandal Commission to solve the problems of the other backward classes.

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48. Explain any two changes that came in Indian politics after 2014 as compared to the period 1989 to 2014.

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