

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter Name : The end of bipolarity

Q1 Which among the following statements that describe the nature of the Soviet economy is wrong?

- (a) Socialism was the dominant ideology
- (b) State ownership/control existed over the factors of production
- (c) People enjoyed economic freedom
- (d) Every aspect of the economy was planned and controlled by the state

Answer. (c) People enjoyed economic freedom

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Q2 Arrange the following in chronological order

- (a) Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan
- (b) Fall of the Berlin Wall
- (c) Disintegration of the Soviet Union
- (d) Russian Revolution

Answer.

- (a) Russian Revolution
- (b) Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- (c) Fall of the Berlin Wall
- (d) Disintegration of the Soviet Union

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Q3 Which among the following is not an outcome of the disintegration of the USSR?

- (a) End of the ideological war between the US and USSR
- (b) Birth of CIS
- (c) Change in the balance of power in the world order
- (d) Crises in the Middle East

Answer. (d) Crises in the Middle East

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Q4 Match the following:

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| i. Mikhail Gorbachev | a. Successor of USSR |
| II. Shock therapy | b. Military pact |

- iii. Russia
- iv. Boris Yeltsin
- v. Warsaw
- c. Introduced reforms
- d. Economic model
- e. President of Russia

Answer.

i. Mikhail Gorbachev	(c) Introduced reforms.
ii. Shock therapy	(d) Economic model.
iii. Russia	(a) Successor of USSR.
iv. Boris Yeltsin	(e) President of Russia
v. Warsaw	(b) Military pact.

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Q5 Fill in the Blanks

- (a) The soviet political system was based on ----- Ideology.
- (b) ----- Was the Military Alliance started by USSR.
- (c) ----- Party dominated the Soviet Union's political system.
- (d) ----- initiated reforms in the USSR in 1985.
- (e) The fall of the ----- symbolised the end of the Cold War.

- Answer.
- (a) Socialist
 - (b) Warsaw Pact
 - (c) Communist
 - (d) Gorbachev
 - (e) Berlin Wall

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Q6 Mention any three features that distinguish the Soviet economy from that of a capitalist country like the US.

Answer. The three features that distinguish Soviet economy from a capitalist economy were :

- (a) The majority of the economic avenues like land, employment etc were dominated by the state.
- (b) In Soviet Economy, privation was not present and the welfare of the people was given primacy.
- (c) The economic goods were present in a sama quantitative value as of USA but the qualitative aspect was quite modified in USA's economic structure.

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Q7 What were the factors that forced Gorbachev to initiate reforms in the USSR?

Answer. The factors that forced Gorbachev to initiate reforms in the USSR are :

- (a) The quality of the economic goods in the Soviet economic sectors was not as good as in the USA.
- (b) The governmental structures were hegemonizing the economic and political avenues, which left little space for the non-governmental structure to work for the development of the country.
- (c) The political and electoral structure was dominated by CPSU (Communist Party of Soviet Union) , which resulted in undemocratic control.
- (d) The employment sector was in shambles as there was no space for private sector.
- (e) The 15 republics, faced hegemonization from Russia as a dominating power as it resulted in the negation of diverse interests.

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Q8 What were the major consequences of the disintegration of the soviet union for countries like India?

Answer. The disintegration had more benefits for India rather than harms , as it was primarily because of its close proximity with Soviet-Russia because:

- (a) India had signed a treaty of friendship with Russia (1971), which maximise the economic cooperation between the two countries.
- (b) India had signed 81 bilateral agreements with Russia.
- (c) India had close economic relations with Russia as the Bokaro , Bhilai and Visakhapatnam steel plants have always been in trade- relations with Russia.
- (d) The military imports from Russia, also helped India to develop its structural and hard power.
- (e) As a soft power also, Indian artists have a large social capital in the societal paradigm of Soviet-Russia.

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Q9 What was shock therapy? Was this the best way to make a transition from Communist to capitalism?

Answer. Shock therapy was actually an economic model, or the model of transition in East-European countries, Russia and Central Asian Republics to change their economic structure from communist pattern to a capitalist one.

No, it was not the best way to make a transition because:

(a) It resulted in the economic degradation of the respective countries as 1500 banks and hundreds of enterprises or corporates were in shambles.

(b) It resulted in the bankruptcy of all the major areas, as Russia is still recovering from the effects of Shock Therapy since 2001.

(c) It resulted in the under-valued condition of Rouble in comparison to other major economies.

(d) It corroded the economic, political and social institutions of the major republics as it led to the formation of authoritarian governments.

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Q10 Write an essay for or against the following propositions: " With the disintegration of the second world, India should change its foreign policy and focus more on friendship with the US rather than with the traditional friends like Russia.

Answer. No, the disintegration of the USSR should not essentially effect the relations of India with Russia as the major avenues of political, military and economy of the country are deeply dependent upon the structures present in Russia. In economic sense, the steel plants of 'Bokaro, Bhilai and Vishakapatnam' have an economically dependent inclination towards Russia. In the sector of hard power, India is the second largest buyer of arms and ammunitions from Russia. In political sense, the constant support by Russia on the issues of Kashmir and Pakistan have helped India at the international level. The respective cultural and social relations should be constant , as the world has witnessed the change in the political structures. The avenue of ' unipolarity' is considered as an illusion as it will definitely result in the transition to 'multi polarity', due to the impact of 'Globalisation'.

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