

CLASS NOTES

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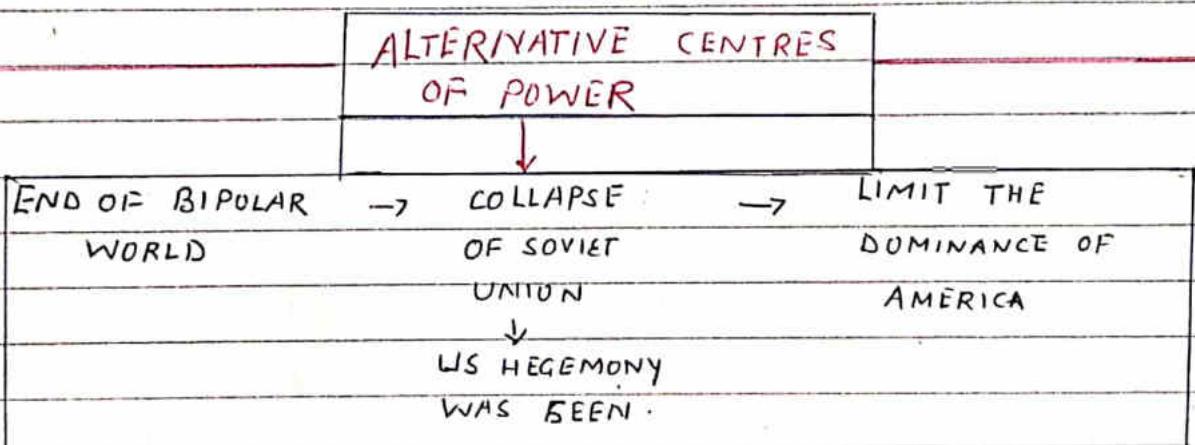
Date: **CH- 4 (ALTERNATIVE CENTRES)**

Subject: **POLITICAL - SCIENCE**

Topic: **OF POWER**

CONCEPT - MAP (FOR READING ONLY)

EUROPEAN UNION: European integration after 1945 was aided by the Cold War. MARSHALL PLAN | OEEC
The collapse of the Soviet Bloc put Europe on a fast track and resulted in the establishment of the EU in 1992.
World's biggest economy with a GDP of more than 12 trillion in 2005. EU's combined armed forces are the second largest in the world.



RISE OF THE CHINESE ECONOMY

- Chinese economic success since 1978 has been linked to its rise as a great power.
- After the inception of PRC, its economy was based on the Soviet model.
- China chose to sever its links with the capitalist world & it decided to substitute imports by domestic goods.

OPEN DOOR POLICY led to eco. growth.

ASEAN (1967)

- Established by 5 countries through signing Bangkok declaration.
- Objective was to accelerate eco. growth and social progress & cultural development.
- Vision 2020 Outward looking in international community

Let us look at some of these emerging alternative centres of power and assess their possible role in the future:

NOTES (To be written)

① EUROPEAN UNION: (Please see the EU Flag given on Pg. 52 and EU map on Pg. 53.)

- * Marshall Plan: America extended massive financial help for reviving Europe's economy under 'Marshall Plan'. Under the Marshall plan, the OEEC (Organisation for European Economic Cooperation) - 1948 - to channel aid to the West European states.
- * The four common symbols that make the EU look like a nation-state are Flag, anthem, founding date and currency.
- * The symbol of 'twelve golden stars' in the EU flag signifies - perfection, completeness and unity. The circle of the golden stars stands for solidarity and harmony between the people of Europe.

Given below is the list of questions (4 marks) 6 marks) that are generally asked from EU. Keeping all these questions in mind, I will give you notes which you need to write in your notebook.

- Q. ① How has the EU evolved over time from an economic union to an increasingly political one?
- ② Explain the economic and military influence of the EU.
- ③ Evaluate any three major factors responsible for making the EU a political force.
- ④ Analyse any three factors responsible for the EU to be highly influential regional organisation.

Influence of EU in economic fields:

- ⑤ The EU is the world's biggest economy.
- ⑥ Its currency, the Euro, can pose threat to the dominance of the US dollar also.

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- (c) Its economic power gives it influence over its closest neighbours as well as in Asia and Africa.
- (d) Its share of world trade is 3 times larger than that of the US allowing it to be more assertive in trade disputes with the US & China.

Influence of EU in political fields :

- * Two members of the EU (Britain and France) hold permanent seats in the UN Security Council. It also includes several non-permanent members. This has enabled it to influence some UN policies such as the current US's position on Iran's nuclear programme.
- * European Economic Community in 1957 acquired a pol. discussion leading to its creation of European Parliament.
- * It has its own flag, anthem, founding date and currency.

Influence of EU in Military fields :

- (a) The combined armed forces of EU are the second largest in the world.
- (b) Its total population spending on defence is second after the US.
- (c) Its two members, Britain and France, also have nuclear arsenals of app. 550 nuclear warheads.

Diplomatic influence

Its use of diplomacy, economic investments, and negotiations rather than coercion and military force has been effective as in the case of China on human rights & environmental degradation.

ASEAN - Association of South East Asian Nations.

Q. Why was ASEAN established?

- Ans. * to accelerate the economic growth
* for social progress and cultural development.
* to promote regional peace and development.

Q. What does the logo of ASEAN flag

The logo of ASEAN flag symbolises that the ten stalks of paddy represent the ten south-east Asian countries bound together in friendship and solidarity. The circle represents the unity of ASEAN.

Q. What does 'ASEAN Way' stand for?

- A form of interaction that is informal, non-confrontational and co-operative.

Respect for national sovereignty is critical to the functioning of ASEAN.

Q. What are the components of the ASEAN ^{Vision 2020} Way?

- * ASEAN will play an outward-looking role in the international community.
- * ASEAN will encourage negotiation over conflict in the region.
- * ASEAN will try to solve the problems of the country through mediation.

Q. When was the ASEAN Region Forum established?
What was its main objective?

Ans. It was established in 1994. The main objective of ARF was: written in Q.no. 1

Q. What are the objectives of establishing regional organisations?

- Ans.
- * To make the economy of the region at par with the global economy.
 - * to accelerate the economic growth
 - * To promote regional balance of power.

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