



**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**PRELIMS - SYLLABUS AND PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTIONS**  
**PRELIMS PREVIOUS YEARS' QUESTIONS**

No.	Topics	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
1.	India-Neighborhood Relations	-	-		1	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Bilateral Relations	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Regional Organisations	2	-	2	1	3	1	-	-	-
4.	Global Organisations	1	3	1	2	1	1	-	-	-
5.	International issues	-	2		1	1	1	-	-	1
6.	Nuclear Disarmament	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
7.	India's Foreign policy	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>

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**TOPIC WISE ANALYSIS**

**2019**

1. Recently, India signed a deal known as 'Action Plan for Prioritization and Implementation of Cooperation Areas in the Nuclear Field' with which of the following countries?
  - (a) Japan
  - (b) Russia
  - (c) The United Kingdom
  - (d) The United States of America
2. Consider the following statements:
  1. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air'.
  2. The UNCAC is the ever-first legally binding global anti-corruption instrument.
  3. A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the inclusion of a specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly.
  4. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its member States to assist in the implementation of both UNCAC and UNTOC.Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4 only  
(c) 2 and 4 only                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

3. Which of the following adopted a law on data protection and privacy for its citizens known as 'General Data Protection Regulation' in April 2016 and started implementation of it from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018?

- (a) Australia  
(b) Canada  
(c) The European Union  
(d) The United States of America

4. With reference to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements:

1. AIIB has more than 80 member nations.
2. India is the largest shareholder in AIIB.
3. AIIB does not have any members from outside Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                                  (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only                        (d) 1, 2 and 3

2018

1. What is /are the consequence/consequences of a country becoming the member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group'?

1. It will have access to the latest and most efficient nuclear technologies.
2. It automatically becomes a member of "the treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)"

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

2. "Rule of Law Index" is released by which of the following?

- (a) Amnesty International  
(b) International Court of Justice  
(c) The Office Of UN Commissioner for Human Rights  
(d) World Justice Project

3. The term "two-state solution" is sometimes mentioned in the context of the affairs of

- (a) China  
(b) Israel  
(c) Iraq  
(d) Yemen

4. International Labour Organization's Conventions 138 and 182 are related to

- (a) Child labour  
(b) Adaptation of agricultural practices to global climate change  
(c) Regulation of food process and food securities  
(d) Gender parity at the work place

5. In the Indian context, what is the implication of ratifying the 'Additional Protocol' with the 'International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'?

- (a) The civilian nuclear reactors come under the IAEA safeguards.

- (b) The military nuclear installations come under the inspection of IAEA.
- (c) The country will have privilege to buy uranium from the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).
- (d) The country automatically becomes a member of the NSG.

6. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Regions sometimes Mentioned in the news</i>	<i>Country</i>
1. Catalonia	- Spain
2. Crimea	- Hungary
3. Mindanao	- Philippines
4. Oromia	- Nigeria

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3      (b) 3 and 4 only      (c) 1 and 3 only      (d) 2 and 4 only

2017

1. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Nuclear Security Summits are periodically held under the aegis of the United Nations.
- 2. The International Panel on Fissile Materials is an organ of International Atomic Energy Agency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 only      (c) Both 1 and 2      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

2. With reference to 'Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD), consider the following statements:

- 1. The first APMCHUD was held in India in 2000 on the theme 'Emerging urban Forms – Policy Responses and Governance Structure'.
- 2. India hosts all the Annual Ministerial Conferences in partnership with ADB, APEC and ASEAN.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 only      (c) Both 1 and 2      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. What is the importance of developing Chabahar port by India?

- (a) India's trade with African countries will enormously increase.
- (b) India's relations with oil-producing Arab countries will be strengthened.
- (c) India will not depend on Pakistan for Access to Afghanistan and Central Asia.
- (d) Pakistan will facilitate and protect the installation of a gas pipeline between Iraq and India.

4. With reference to the role of UN-Habitat the United Nations programme working towards a better urban future, which of the statements is/are correct?

- 1. UN-Habitat has been mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities to provide adequate shelter for all.
- 2. Its partners are either governments or local urban authorities only.
- 3. UN-Habitat contributes to the overall objective of the United Nations system to reduce poverty and to promote access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3      (b) 1 and 3 only      (c) 2 and 3 only      (d) 1 only

5. Consider the following in respect of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium(IONS):

1. Inaugural IONS was hold in India in 2015 under the championship of the Indian Navy.
2. IONS is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime co-operation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

2016

1. Consider the following pairs:

Community sometimes of mentioned in the news	In the affairs
1. Kurd	: Bangladesh
2. Madhesi	: Nepal
3. Rohingya	: Myanmar

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only                      (c) 2 and 3                      (d) 3 only

2. With reference to 'Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW); consider the following statements:

1. It is an organization of European Union in working relation with NATO and WHO.
2. It monitors chemical industry to prevent new weapons from emerging.
3. It provides assistance and protection to States (Parties) against chemical weapons threats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only                      (c) 1 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3

3. 'Belt and Road Initiative' is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of

- (a) Africa Union
- (b) Brazil
- (c) European Union
- (d) China

4. Which of the following is not a member of 'Gulf Cooperation Council'?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Oman
- (d) Kuwait

5. 'Doctors Without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres)', often in the news, is

- (a) a division of World Health Organization
- (b) a non-governmental international organization
- (c) an inter-governmental agency sponsored by European Union
- (d) a specialized agency of the United Nations

6. Consider the following statements: The India – Africa Summit

1. held in 2015 was the third such Summit
  2. was actually initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1951
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

1. Amnesty International is  
(a) an agency of the United Nations to help refugees of civil wars  
(b) a global Human Rights Movement  
(c) a non-governmental voluntary organization to help very poor people  
(d) an inter-governmental agency to cater to medical emergencies in war-ravaged regions

2. India is a member of which among the following?  
1. Asia-Pacific Economic cooperation  
2. Association of South-East Asian Nations  
3. East Asia Summit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3                        (d) India is a member of none of them

3. In the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, an initiative of six countries, which of the following is/are not a participant/participants?  
1. Bangladesh  
2. Cambodia  
3. China  
4. Myanmar  
5. Thailand

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4                      (c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 5

4. With reference to 'Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC)', consider the following statements:  
1. It was established very recently in response to incidents of piracy and accidents of oil spills.  
2. It is an alliance meant for maritime security only

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following countries:

1. China    2. France    3. India    4. Israel    5. Pakistan

Which among the above are Nuclear Weapons States as recognized by the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, commonly known as Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)?

- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1, 3, 4 and 5                      (c) 2, 4 and 5                      (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

6. The area known as 'Golan Heights' sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to

- (a) Central Asia  
(b) Middle East  
(c) South-East Asia  
(d) Central Africa

2014

1. Consider the following countries:
  1. Denmark
  2. Japan
  3. Russian Federation
  4. United Kingdom
  5. United States of America

Which of the above are the members of the 'Arctic Council'?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 2, 3 and 4                      (c) 1, 4 and 5                      (d) 1, 3 and 5

2. With reference to a grouping of countries known as BRICS, consider the following statements:
  1. The First Summit of BRICS was held in Rio de Janeiro in 2009.
  2. South Africa was the last to join the BRICS grouping.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Recently, a series of uprisings of people referred to as 'Arab Spring' originally started from
  - (a) Egypt
  - (b) Lebanon
  - (c) Syria
  - (d) Tunisia

2011

1. With reference to Look East Policy of India, consider the following statements:
  1. Indian wants to establish itself as an important regional player in the East Asian Affairs
  2. India wants to plug the vacuum created by the termination of cold War
  3. India wants to restore the historical and cultural ties with its neighbours in Southeast and East Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only                      (c) 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3

2. Southeast Asia has captivated the attention of global community over space and time as a geostrategically significant region. Which among the following is the most convincing explanation for this global perspective?
  - (a) It was the hot theatre during the Second World War
  - (b) Its location between the Asian powers of China and India
  - (c) It was the arena of superpower confrontation during the Cold War period
  - (d) Its location between the Pacific and Indian oceans and its pre-eminent maritime character.
3. Recently, the USA decided to support India's membership in multi-lateral export control regimes called the "Australia Group" and the "Wassenaar Arrangement". What is the difference between them?
  1. The Australia Group is an informal arrangement which aims to allow exporting countries to minimize the risk of assisting chemical and biological weapons proliferation, whereas the Wassenaar Arrangement is a formal group under the OECD holding identical objectives.

2. The Australia Group comprise predominantly of Asian, African and North American countries, whereas the member countries of Wassenaar Arrangement are pre-dominantly from the European Union and American continents.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2

4. The “New START” treaty was in the news. What is this treaty?

(a) It is a bilateral strategic nuclear arms reduction treaty between the USA and the Russian Federation

(b) It is a multilateral energy security cooperation treaty among the members of the East Asia Summit

(c) It is a treaty between the Russian Federation and the European Union for the energy security cooperation

(d) It is a multilateral cooperation treaty among the BRICS countries for the promotion of trade



