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India & Its Neighbourhood — GS-II

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

14 Questions

Year range: 2013–2024

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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2024 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q17. Discuss the geopolitical and geostrategic importance of Maldives for India with a focus on global trade and energy flows. Further also discuss how this relationship affects India's maritime security and regional stability amidst international competition?

2022 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q17. 'India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka.' Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in the light of the preceding statement.

2017 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q16. China is using its economic relations and positive trade surplus as tools to develop potential military power status in Asia. In the light of this statement, discuss its impact on India as her neighbour.

2016 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q17. "Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in India and growing interference in the internal affairs of several member-states by Pakistan are not conducive for the future of SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)." Explain with suitable examples.

2016 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q19. Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy in the context of the post-Cold War international scenario.

2015 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q16. Project 'Mausam' is considered a unique foreign policy initiative of the Indian Government to improve relationship with its neighbours. Does the project have a strategic dimension? Discuss.

2015 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q17. Terrorist activities and mutual distrust have clouded India-Pakistan relations. To what extent the use of soft power like sports and cultural exchanges could help generate goodwill between the two countries? Discuss with suitable examples.

2014 GS-II 12.5M · 200W

Q14. With respect to the South China sea, maritime territorial disputes and rising tension affirm the need for safeguarding maritime security to ensure freedom of navigation and over flight throughout the region. In this context, discuss the bilateral issues between India and China.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q18. The proposed withdrawal of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) from Afghanistan in 2014 is fraught with major security implications for the countries of the region. Examine in light of the fact that India is faced with a plethora of challenges and needs to safeguard its own strategic interests.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q19. What do you understand by 'The String of Pearls'? How does it impact India? Briefly outline the steps taken by India to counter this.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q21. The protests in Shahbag Square in Dhaka in Bangladesh reveal a fundamental split in society between the nationalists and Islamic forces. What is its significance for India?

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q22. Discuss the political developments in Maldives in the last two years. Should they be of any cause of concern to India?

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q23. In respect of India - Sri Lanka relations, discuss how domestic factors influence foreign policy.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q24. What is meant by Gujral doctrine? Does it have any relevance today? Discuss.

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