

**Day 2 : INTERNATIONAL RELATION**

**Sectional Mock Test Topics:** BRICS, BIMSTEC, ASEAN , QUAD & SCO

**Total Questions:** 100

**Max Time :** 90 Mins

**Total Marks :** 100

**Q1. BIMSTEC was established through which declaration?**

- A. Dhaka Declaration
- B. Bangkok Declaration
- C. Colombo Declaration
- D. Kathmandu Declaration

**Q2. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of BIMSTEC?**

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Myanmar

**Q3. The 1st BIMSTEC Youth Summit was held in:**

- A. Bangkok
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam

**Q4. Which ministry was NOT mentioned as an organiser of the BIMSTEC Youth Summit?**

- A. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
- B. Ministry of External Affairs
- C. Ministry of Commerce
- D. CII Young Indians

**Q5. Arrange the following BIMSTEC events chronologically:**

1. Youth Summit
2. 6th BIMSTEC Summit

3. Agriculture Ministerial Meeting

4. Ports Conclave

- A. 1-2-3-4
- B. 1-3-2-4
- C. 1-2-4-3
- D. 2-1-3-4

**Q6. Bangkok Vision 2030 seeks to create:**

- A. A militarily integrated BIMSTEC
- B. A prosperous, resilient and open BIMSTEC
- C. A common BIMSTEC currency area
- D. A Bay of Bengal customs union

**Q7. Which of the following was NOT identified under the “Prosperous” pillar of Bangkok Vision 2030?**

- A. Trade and investment
- B. Supply chains
- C. Food security
- D. Tourism cooperation

**Q8. The BIMSTEC Maritime Transport Cooperation Agreement primarily seeks to:**

- A. Establish a naval alliance
- B. Improve maritime logistics and connectivity
- C. Create a regional shipping tax regime
- D. Establish a Bay of Bengal Coast Guard

**Q9. The India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway is planned to be extended to:**

- A. Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam
- B. Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore
- C. Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh
- D. Mongolia, China and Russia

**Q10. The proposed BIMSTEC Power Grid aims primarily at:**

- A. Defence integration
- B. Green energy integration and electricity trade
- C. Creation of a common energy regulator
- D. Establishment of nuclear cooperation

**Q11. Which initiative was proposed for annual training of BIMSTEC youth?**

- A. MAITRI
- B. BODHI
- C. BIMReN
- D. AITIGA

**Q12. The BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence announced by India was related to:**

- A. Disaster Management
- B. AI Governance
- C. Maritime Security
- D. Agriculture Trade

**Q13. Which institution was mentioned for cancer-care training of BIMSTEC countries?**

- A. AIIMS
- B. NIMHANS
- C. Tata Memorial Centre
- D. IISc

**Q14. BIMReN stands for:**

- A. BIMSTEC Maritime Research Network
- B. BIMSTEC–India Marine Research Network
- C. Bay of Bengal Marine Research Network
- D. BIMSTEC Regional Ecology Network

**Q15. Which of the following best explains BIMSTEC's growing importance?**

- A. It functions as a collective defence alliance.
- B. It connects South Asia and Southeast Asia.

- C. It has a common currency.
- D. It is a customs union.

**Q16. India assumed BRICS Presidency for:**

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028

**Q17. BRICS originally consisted of:**

- A. Brazil, Russia, India and China
- B. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- C. Brazil, Russia, India, China and Iran
- D. Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa

**Q18. Which of the following was NOT listed among India's BRICS priorities?**

- A. Climate finance justice
- B. Ethical AI governance
- C. Technology democratization
- D. Military interoperability

**Q19. The New Development Bank was established in:**

- A. 2010
- B. 2012
- C. 2015
- D. 2020

**Q20. The headquarters of NDB is located in:**

- A. Beijing
- B. Shanghai
- C. Moscow
- D. New Delhi

**Q21. Which BRICS contradiction was highlighted in relation to the West Asia conflict?**

- A. Iran and UAE had differing positions.
- B. India and Russia had differing positions.
- C. China and Brazil had differing positions.
- D. South Africa and India had differing positions.

**Q22. India's BRICS strategy aims to prevent:**

- A. ASEAN expansion
- B. Excessive Chinese dominance and bloc polarization
- C. SCO enlargement
- D. BIMSTEC integration

**Q23. Which of the following countries was mentioned among expanded BRICS members?**

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. Vietnam

**Q24. Which institution is specifically associated with infrastructure and sustainable development financing?**

- A. RATS
- B. BIMReN
- C. NDB
- D. ARF

**Q25. The BRICS 2026 theme is:**

- A. Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- B. Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience
- C. Humanity Through Prosperity
- D. Sustainable Global Governance Through Integration

**Q26. Consider the following statements regarding BRICS:**

- 1. BRICS decision-making is based on consensus.
- 2. BRICS was originally conceived as a military alliance.
- 3. BRICS expansion has increased its relevance in global energy markets.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

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**Q27. Arrange the following in chronological order:**

- 1. BRIC First Summit
- 2. South Africa joined BRICS
- 3. NDB established
- 4. India assumed BRICS Presidency

- A. 1-2-3-4
- B. 2-1-3-4
- C. 1-3-2-4
- D. 3-1-2-4

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**Q28. Which of the following best explains India's "Humanity First" approach within BRICS?**

- A. Focus on welfare-oriented cooperation
  - B. Collective military security
  - C. Strategic containment of major powers
  - D. Currency integration
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**Q29. Which one of the following most accurately reflects the purpose of BRICS expansion?**

- A. Formation of a military bloc
- B. Expansion of Global South representation and strategic influence
- C. Establishment of a customs union
- D. Creation of a common parliament

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**Q30. Which of the following was identified as a challenge before BRICS?**

- A. Lack of headquarters
- B. Internal contradictions among members
- C. Absence of economic cooperation
- D. Non-existence of institutional mechanisms

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**Q31. The 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits were held under the chairmanship of:**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Laos
- D. Thailand

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**Q32. The theme "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience" was associated with:**

- A. ASEAN Summits in Vientiane
- B. ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur
- C. ASEAN–ROK Summit
- D. East Asia Summit

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**Q33. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. ASEAN Centrality is a recurring principle in India's ASEAN engagement.
- 2. ASEAN is considered central to India's Act East Policy.
- 3. ASEAN is a military alliance.

Which are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

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**Q34. Timor-Leste's admission into ASEAN was significant because:**

- A. It was ASEAN's first expansion since 1999
- B. It created ASEAN's military wing
- C. It replaced Cambodia in ASEAN
- D. It led to ASEAN currency integration

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**Q35. Which of the following was emphasized during the ASEAN–India Summit?**

- A. Review of AITIGA
- B. Nuclear sharing agreement
- C. ASEAN Defence Treaty
- D. Common customs area

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**Q36. AITIGA is important primarily because it relates to:**

- A. Maritime security
- B. Trade and market access
- C. Defence cooperation
- D. Climate adaptation

**Q37. Which of the following best explains ASEAN's relevance in rare earth discussions?**

- A. Control over Arctic routes
  - B. Role in strategic supply chains and economic resilience
  - C. Common currency mechanism
  - D. Nuclear energy cooperation
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**Q38. The transition from Look East Policy to Act East Policy reflects:**

- A. Passive engagement to active engagement
  - B. Security to agriculture focus
  - C. Maritime to land focus
  - D. Isolationism to protectionism
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**Q39. Which of the following connectivity projects is directly linked with Act East Policy?**

- 1. India–Myanmar–Thailand Highway
  - 2. Kaladan Multimodal Project
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. Both 1 and 2
  - D. Neither 1 nor 2
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**Q40. ASEAN's role in the Indo-Pacific is best described as:**

- A. Military dominance
  - B. Central diplomatic architecture
  - C. Energy cartel
  - D. Currency union
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**Q41. QUAD originated from cooperation during:**

- A. Asian Financial Crisis
  - B. Indian Ocean Tsunami
  - C. SARS Outbreak
  - D. Iraq War
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**Q42. The first QUAD Leaders' Summit was held in:**

- A. 2017
  - B. 2019
  - C. 2021
  - D. 2024
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**Q43. Which of the following leaders participated in the Wilmington QUAD Summit?**

- 1. Narendra Modi
  - 2. Joe Biden
  - 3. Anthony Albanese
  - 4. Fumio Kishida
- A. 1 and 2 only
  - B. 1, 2 and 3 only
  - C. 1, 2 and 4 only
  - D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
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**Q44. Which of the following best captures QUAD's current character?**

- A. Collective defence alliance
  - B. Strategic partnership focused on practical cooperation
  - C. Customs union
  - D. Energy cartel
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**Q45. The MAITRI Initiative under QUAD is primarily associated with:**

- A. Maritime capacity building
- B. Climate negotiations
- C. Agricultural innovation
- D. Financial integration

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**Q46. The Quad Critical Minerals Initiative seeks to strengthen:**

- A. Tourism cooperation
- B. Supply chain resilience
- C. Common currency system
- D. Nuclear sharing

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**Q47. India's contribution of \$10 million to WHO's Global Initiative on Digital Health reflects emphasis on:**

- A. Digital Public Infrastructure
- B. Defence exports
- C. Trade liberalization
- D. Maritime surveillance

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**Q48. Which one of the following best explains India's role within QUAD?**

- A. Promotion of development-oriented cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
- B. Creation of a military alliance
- C. Formation of an Asian NATO
- D. Establishment of a common market

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**Q49. Which challenge was mentioned in relation to the delayed QUAD Summit?**

- A. Climate negotiations
- B. India–US tensions
- C. ASEAN expansion
- D. SCO enlargement

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**Q50. QUAD's focus on semiconductors, critical minerals and resilient supply chains is primarily aimed at:**

- A. Economic security and technological resilience
- B. Tourism promotion
- C. Agricultural productivity
- D. Cultural exchanges

**Q51. Consider the following statements regarding SCO:**

1. SCO evolved from the Shanghai Five mechanism.
2. SCO was initially focused on security and confidence-building measures.
3. Economic cooperation became part of SCO's agenda only after India's entry.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

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**Q52. The original purpose behind the creation of the Shanghai Five mechanism was:**

- A. Trade liberalisation among Eurasian economies

- B. Border security and confidence-building measures
- C. Energy cooperation
- D. Currency integration

- A. ASEAN
- B. BRICS
- C. SCO
- D. BIMSTEC

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**Q53. The phrase "Three Evils" in SCO refers to:**

- A. Poverty, Hunger and Disease
- B. Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism
- C. Corruption, Smuggling and Piracy
- D. Drug trafficking, Money laundering and Terror financing

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**Q57. The SCO Development Strategy till 2035 is primarily intended to:**

- A. Create a military alliance structure
- B. Provide a long-term roadmap for cooperation and development
- C. Replace the United Nations
- D. Create a common currency

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**Q54. Which of the following developments best reflects the evolution of SCO beyond its original mandate?**

- A. Expansion into AI governance and digital economy discussions
- B. Restriction to border disputes only
- C. Exclusive focus on military alliances
- D. Withdrawal from economic cooperation

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**Q58. Which of the following institutions were approved at the Tianjin Summit?**

- 1. SCO Anti-Drug Center
  - 2. Universal Center for Countering Challenges and Threats
- A. 1 only
  - B. 2 only
  - C. Both 1 and 2
  - D. Neither 1 nor 2

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**Q55. Consider the following chronology:**

- 1. India became SCO Observer
  - 2. India became SCO Full Member
  - 3. Iran became SCO Full Member
  - 4. Belarus became SCO Full Member
- A. 1-2-3-4
  - B. 2-1-3-4
  - C. 1-3-2-4
  - D. 3-1-2-4

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**Q59. India's approach within SCO is best represented by:**

- A. Security, Connectivity and Opportunity
- B. Trade, Tourism and Technology
- C. Defence, Diplomacy and Development
- D. Security, Trade and Energy

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**Q56. The Tianjin Declaration is associated with:**

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**Q60. India's emphasis on Chabahar Port and INSTC within SCO reflects:**

- A. Maritime militarization
- B. Trust-based connectivity and Eurasian

integration

C. ASEAN Centrality

D. Defence cooperation

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**Q61. Which one of the following best captures the essence of the Shanghai Spirit?**

A. Collective defence commitments

B. Mutual trust, equality and common development

C. Economic sanctions against adversaries

D. Currency harmonisation

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**Q62. SCO Plus Meeting demonstrates:**

A. Wider multilateral engagement beyond core membership

B. Exclusive security cooperation

C. Expansion into military alliances

D. Restriction of membership

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**Q63. Kyrgyzstan's future SCO priorities include:**

1. Digitalisation

2. Transport infrastructure

3. Long-term stability

4. Water-related issues

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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**Q64. Which of the following best explains India's continued participation in SCO**

**despite the presence of China and Pakistan?**

A. Collective defence obligations

B. Eurasian engagement and strategic autonomy

C. Currency integration

D. ASEAN-led diplomacy

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**Q65. Consider the following organisations:**

1. BIMSTEC

2. ASEAN

3. QUAD

4. SCO

Which of the above are explicitly connected with India's Indo-Pacific vision in the notes?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1, 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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**Q66. Which grouping most directly serves as a bridge between South Asia and Southeast Asia?**

A. SCO

B. BIMSTEC

C. BRICS

D. QUAD

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**Q67. Which organisation is most closely associated with ASEAN Centrality?**

A. BRICS

B. ASEAN-led regional architecture

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- C. SCO
  - D. NDB
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**Q68. The concept of the Global South appears most prominently in discussions relating to:**

- A. BRICS and SCO
  - B. QUAD only
  - C. BIMSTEC only
  - D. ASEAN only
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**Q69. Which of the following groupings explicitly focus on maritime cooperation according to the notes?**

1. BIMSTEC
  2. ASEAN–India partnership
  3. QUAD
- A. 1 only
  - B. 1 and 2 only
  - C. 1 and 3 only
  - D. 1, 2 and 3
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**Q70. The strategic importance of critical minerals appears prominently in:**

- A. ASEAN discussions and QUAD initiatives
  - B. SCO only
  - C. BIMSTEC only
  - D. BRICS only
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**Q71. Which of the following best explains India's use of multiple regional platforms such as BRICS, QUAD, SCO, BIMSTEC and ASEAN simultaneously?**

- A. Bloc politics
  - B. Strategic multi-alignment
  - C. Economic isolationism
  - D. Non-participation
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**Q72. A common theme across BIMSTEC, ASEAN and QUAD in the notes is:**

- A. Nuclear deterrence
  - B. Maritime cooperation and connectivity
  - C. Currency integration
  - D. Collective defence
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**Q73. Which of the following best represents a recurring challenge across major regional organisations discussed in the notes?**

- A. Lack of headquarters
  - B. Implementation deficit and differing member interests
  - C. Absence of summits
  - D. Lack of membership expansion
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**Q74. India's role across BIMSTEC, BRICS, ASEAN, QUAD and SCO can best be described as:**

- A. Regional isolation
  - B. Balancing development, connectivity, security and strategic autonomy
  - C. Military alliance leadership
  - D. Economic protectionism
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**Q75. Consider the following statement:**

"India seeks to simultaneously strengthen Act East Policy, SAGAR Vision, Indo-Pacific

engagement, Global South leadership and Eurasian connectivity."

The above statement is best supported collectively by participation in:

- A. ASEAN, BIMSTEC, QUAD, BRICS and SCO
- B. ASEAN and BIMSTEC only
- C. BRICS and SCO only
- D. QUAD only

**Q76. Which of the following best explains why BIMSTEC has gained greater relevance in recent years?**

- A. It has evolved into a collective defence organisation
- B. It links South Asia and Southeast Asia through connectivity-led regionalism
- C. It has established a common market and currency
- D. It functions as a substitute for ASEAN

**Q77. The long-term viability of BIMSTEC depends primarily upon:**

1. Implementation of connectivity projects
2. Sustained political commitment
3. Reduction of bilateral tensions among members

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

**Q78. Which of the following best explains India's support for BIMSTEC over SAARC in recent years?**

- A. BIMSTEC excludes all South Asian countries
- B. BIMSTEC provides a platform connecting India's eastern neighbourhood and Southeast Asia
- C. BIMSTEC has a stronger military framework
- D. BIMSTEC has a common currency arrangement

**Q79. The concept of "connectivity-led regionalism" is most closely associated in the notes with:**

- A. SCO
- B. BIMSTEC
- C. BRICS
- D. NDB

**Q80. Which of the following best captures the future direction of BRICS under India's leadership?**

- A. Transformation into a military bloc
- B. Emphasis on resilience, innovation, sustainability and Global South cooperation
- C. Creation of a supranational government
- D. Replacement of the United Nations

**Q81. A major structural limitation of BRICS highlighted in the notes is:**

- A. Lack of institutional mechanisms
- B. Divergent geopolitical interests among members
- C. Absence of economic cooperation
- D. Lack of annual summits

**Q82. Which of the following most accurately explains India's balancing role within BRICS?**

- A. Aligning completely with China and Russia
  - B. Preventing BRICS from becoming exclusively anti-Western
  - C. Transforming BRICS into a security alliance
  - D. Restricting membership expansion
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**Q83. The increasing importance of BRICS in global energy markets is mainly due to:**

- A. Its control over the World Bank
  - B. Presence of major energy producers and consumers within the grouping
  - C. Common energy taxation policies
  - D. Collective military control of energy routes
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**Q84. Which of the following best explains ASEAN's continuing importance in Indo-Pacific geopolitics?**

- A. It possesses collective military capabilities
  - B. It occupies the central position in regional diplomatic architecture
  - C. It controls global shipping routes directly
  - D. It functions as a monetary union
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**Q85. The significance of ASEAN Centrality lies in:**

- A. ASEAN's geographical location only
- B. ASEAN's role as the hub of regional multilateral engagement

- C. ASEAN's military superiority
  - D. ASEAN's control over regional currencies
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**Q86. India's concern regarding virtual participation in ASEAN Summits stems mainly from:**

- A. Trade restrictions
  - B. Diplomatic optics and strategic visibility in Southeast Asia
  - C. Defence procurement issues
  - D. Climate negotiations
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**Q87. Which challenge to the Act East Policy was repeatedly emphasized?**

- A. Excessive ASEAN integration
  - B. Delays in connectivity projects
  - C. Lack of trade agreements
  - D. Military disputes with ASEAN
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**Q88. The strategic significance of AITIGA review is best understood in terms of:**

- A. Improving trade balance and market access
  - B. Military interoperability
  - C. Currency integration
  - D. Maritime law harmonisation
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**Q89. The emergence of rare earth supply-chain discussions within ASEAN reflects:**

- A. Growing importance of strategic minerals in modern economies
- B. ASEAN's transition into a military alliance

- C. ASEAN's move towards monetary union
  - D. Declining relevance of trade
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**Q90. Which of the following best describes QUAD's approach toward Indo-Pacific governance?**

- A. Security-only framework
  - B. Practical cooperation across technology, health, maritime security and supply chains
  - C. Exclusive military alliance
  - D. Trade bloc with common tariffs
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**Q91. QUAD's focus on semiconductor supply chains reflects concerns regarding:**

- A. Electoral reforms
  - B. Strategic technological resilience
  - C. Cultural cooperation
  - D. Tourism promotion
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**Q92. India's contributions under QUAD indicate preference for:**

- A. Hard military balancing
  - B. Development-oriented regional engagement
  - C. Economic protectionism
  - D. Strategic isolation
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**Q93. The importance of the Quad Critical Minerals Initiative is that it seeks to:**

- A. Increase military deployments
  - B. Reduce vulnerabilities in critical mineral supply chains
  - C. Create a common mining authority
  - D. Establish a regional currency
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**Q94. Which of the following best explains why QUAD is often described as a "force for global good"?**

- A. Its commitment to collective defence
  - B. Its emphasis on public goods and regional capacity building
  - C. Its military alliances in the Pacific
  - D. Its role as a trade union
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**Q95. SCO's evolution demonstrates a transition from:**

- A. Economic integration to security cooperation
  - B. Security cooperation to a multidimensional Eurasian platform
  - C. Maritime cooperation to defence cooperation
  - D. Cultural diplomacy to military alliance
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**Q96. The SCO Development Strategy till 2035 seeks primarily to:**

- A. Institutionalize military cooperation
  - B. Provide a long-term framework for economic and developmental cooperation
  - C. Replace national economic policies
  - D. Establish a common currency
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**Q97. Which of the following best explains India's continued engagement with SCO?**

- A. Desire to form a military alliance with China and Pakistan
- B. Need for Eurasian connectivity, counter-terrorism cooperation and strategic outreach
- C. Dependence on SCO financial

institutions

D. Obligation under a defence treaty

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**Q98. The Shanghai Spirit differs from traditional alliance systems because it emphasizes:**

- A. Collective military action
  - B. Consensus, equality and mutual benefit
  - C. Economic sanctions
  - D. Territorial expansion
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**Q99. A recurring theme across BIMSTEC, ASEAN, QUAD, BRICS and SCO is:**

- A. Creation of common currencies
  - B. Greater connectivity, cooperation and regional resilience
  - C. Formation of military alliances
  - D. Elimination of national sovereignty
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**Q100. Which of the following best captures India's overall strategy across BIMSTEC, BRICS, ASEAN, QUAD and SCO?**

- A. Alignment with a single geopolitical bloc
- B. Strategic multi-alignment balancing connectivity, development, security and autonomy
- C. Withdrawal from multilateral institutions
- D. Exclusive focus on military partnerships