

### **1. India's Foreign Policy**

1. What is your opinion on India's foreign policy? Are you satisfied with its direction? Should India enhance its diplomatic capabilities? If yes, in which areas?
2. What steps has the Indian government taken to address the exploitation of Indian laborers in Gulf countries?
3. How can India improve her relations with the Global South and Least Developed Countries?
4. Why are Lakshadweep and Andaman important? Is it just for strategic purposes?

### **2. India and Her Relations with Neighbors**

1. What issues currently strain India-Maldives relations? What would you do to address these tensions if appointed India's ambassador to the Maldives?
2. Why is India providing aid to the Maldives despite its growing ties with China?
3. What are the contemporary challenges in the India-Maldives relationship? How can India navigate these issues?
4. Discuss the current state of India-Turkey relations.
5. What is the Kaladan project, and what is its current status?
6. How can India improve its relations with neighboring countries? What steps should be taken?
7. How did India respond to recent Iranian attacks on terrorist bases in Pakistan?
8. What is the Doklam dispute involving India, Bhutan, and China? What is India's stance?
9. What is India's role in the Indian Ocean Region?
10. India has increased oil imports from Russia after the Ukraine war, which has drawn criticism. What is your opinion on this?

### **3. West Asian Politics**

1. What is the current situation in West Asia, particularly in relation to the Israel-Hamas conflict? What are the implications for the region?
2. Why do you think there was an intelligence failure in the Israel-Hamas conflict? Was the West unaware of the developments?
3. Did Iran play a role in the Israel-Hamas conflict? Discuss potential future scenarios and the risk of regional escalation.
4. Why is India deeply concerned about the Red Sea crisis?
5. What are the Houthi attacks, and how do they impact India?
6. What is the situation in the Middle East with groups like Hamas and Hezbollah? Which countries support them?
7. Who is to be blamed for the Israel-Hamas War?

8. You must be following the Israel-Palestine issue. Do you think the conflict will escalate or will peace be restored?
9. Explain the geopolitical significance of the Bab al-Mandab Strait.

#### **4. Russian Invasion of Ukraine or Individual Countries**

1. How is Russia managing to sustain its economy despite the ongoing war in Ukraine?
2. What would happen to Ukraine if the West decided to withdraw its support?
3. Is there a risk of the Russia-Ukraine conflict spreading regionally? Did the Abraham Accords influence this possibility?
4. Could the Russia-Ukraine war develop into a situation similar to the Israel-Palestine conflict?
5. Do you see the Russia-Ukraine war ending in the next year? What miscalculations did Putin make in the conflict?
6. Could the Russia-Ukraine war have been avoided?
7. Was it correct for EU and NATO countries to support Ukraine in the war?

#### **5. India's Bilateral Ties (France, Turkey)**

1. Discuss the relationship between India and France. What are the strategic reasons for their alignment?
2. What explains the strategic alignment between India and France?
3. Discuss the current state of India-Turkey relations.

#### **6. Functioning of International Organizations**

1. Are international institutions like the WTO and IMF fair to developing nations?
2. What are UN reforms, and what role should they play? How have regional groupings contributed to global governance?
3. What is the relevance of the United Nations in today's world? What reforms are necessary?
4. What is I2U2? What are its focus areas?
5. What is the World Economic Forum?

#### **7. Global / World Order**

1. How is the global order changing, and what is the current state of the world order?
2. Is the Global South leaning toward China? Does this give China an edge as a rising power?
3. Discuss the notion of the decline of American hegemony and the rise of China. Do you agree with this perspective?
4. Are we currently living in a unipolar or bipolar world?
5. What is the G20? What are its key initiatives? Who is the current president? Can you explain the concept of a "troika" within the G20 context?

#### **8. Contemporary Global Challenges**

1. Many countries are experiencing rising debt. What is your opinion on this issue? Should developing countries be worried about their debts? How does this differ for developed nations like the United States?
2. Why is there a growing trend of challenges to democracy worldwide?
3. What are the three major global challenges today?
4. What are the key takeaways from the Gaza war?
5. Despite committing atrocities against Uighurs in Xinjiang, why is there no significant international pressure on China?

**9. India's Relations with SE Asian Region**

1. What is India's Look East Policy? Are we merely observing, or are there concrete actions?
2. Which countries is India collaborating with in Southeast Asia? What is the significance of the port being developed in Indonesia?
3. Discuss the potential for Southeast Asian economic integration.
4. What is China's interest in conducting hydrographic surveys near the Maldives? How does this impact India?