

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – UPSC MAINS PYQS (BRAINSTORMING SHEETS - 45 YEARS PYQS COVERED)

MACRO TOPIC - INDIA & NEIGHBOURHOOD				
#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
1.	Maldives	2024	15	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?
2.	Regional Organizations	2022	15	Do you think that BIMSTEC is a parallel organisation like the SAARC? What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the two? How are Indian Foreign Policy objectives realised by forming this new organisation?
3.	India-SriLanka Relations	2022	10	'India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka'. Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in light of the preceding statement.
4.	India-Sri Lanka relations	2013	10	In respect of India-Sri Lanka relations, discuss how domestic factors influence foreign policy.
5.	India- China Relations	2017	10	'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.
6.	India-China Relations	2012	15	Do you think that China's emergence as one of the largest trading partners of India had adversely affected the settlement of the outstanding border problem?
7.	India-China Relations	2010	15	Bring out the FDI and employment implications of China being a manufacturing hub and India a services hub.
8.	Act East / Look East Policy	2016	15	Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy in the context of the post-Cold War international scenario.
9.	Cultural Diplomacy (Project Mausam)	2015	15	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.
10.	India-Pak Relations & Soft Power	2015	15	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.
11.	String of Pearls Strategy	2013	10	What do you understand by 'The String of Pearls'? How does it impact India? Briefly outline the steps taken by India to counter this.
12.	Maldives Political Instability	2013	10	Discuss the political developments in Maldives in the last two years. Should they be of any cause of concern to India?
13.	Gujral Doctrine	2013	10	What is meant by Gujral doctrine? Does it have any relevance today? Discuss.
14.	Gujral Doctrine	1997	10	What is meant by Gujral Doctrine? Write its specific principles.
15.	Nepal Political Crisis	2012	15	Discuss the contentious issues that have caused the prolonged constitutional logjam in Nepal.
16.	Indus Water Treaty	2012	15	'The situation today is far different to that prevalent fifty years back when the Indus Water Treaty was signed.' Highlight the complexity of the current challenges. Do you think that a review of the Treaty is in India's best interests?
17.	String of Pearls (Security Dimension)	2011	15	Critically examine the security and strategic implications of the so-called 'string of pearls' theory for India.
18.	Terrorism (Pakistan/ Afghanistan)	2006	10	Terrorism: Source in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
19.	Afghanistan Post-Taliban	2005	10	Examine the developments in Afghanistan in the post-Taliban period.

20.	South-East Asia Engagement	2004	10	Account for India's increasing involvement in the South-East Asian region.
21.	Indian Ocean Geopolitics	1996	10	Mention the advantages which India enjoys being at the head of the Indian Ocean.
22.	India-Nepal Trade Issues	1989	15	What are the differences in the approaches of India and Nepal to the transit-trade question? How is this question complicated by other issues?
23.	IPKF & Sri Lanka	1987	20	Has the IPKF been able to achieve the goal set before it by the terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement? What are the options available to India?
24.	Economic Relations with Neighbours	1980	30	Review briefly the present state of India's economic relations with the neighbouring countries.

MACRO TOPIC - EXTENDED NEIGHBOURHOOD

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
25	India-Africa Partnership	2025	10	India-Africa digital partnership is achieving mutual respect, co-development and long-term institutional partnerships. Elaborate.
26	India-Africa Influence	2021	10	If the last few decades were of Asia's growth story, the next few are expected to be of Africa's." In the light of this statement, examine India's influence in Africa in recent years.
27	India-Japan Relations	2019	10	The time has come for India and Japan to build a strong contemporary relationship. Comment.
28	India-Japan Relations	2013	10	Economic ties between India and Japan. Elucidate the policy constraints which are inhibiting this growth.
29	India-Israel Relations	2018	10	"India's relations with Israel have, of late, acquired a depth and diversity, which cannot be rolled back." Discuss.
30	Central Asia Geopolitics	2018	10	A number of outside powers have entrenched themselves in Central Asia. Discuss the implications of India's joining the Ashgabat Agreement, 2018.
31	US-Iran Nuclear Issue	2018	15	In what ways would the ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond?
32	Central Asia Strategy	2024	15	Critically analyse India's evolving diplomatic, economic and strategic relations with the Central Asian Republics (CARs) highlighting their increasing significance in regional and global geopolitics.
33	South China Sea Issue	2014	12.5	With respect to the South China sea. discuss the bilateral issues between India and China.
34	International Funding Agencies	2014	12.5	Some of the International funding agencies have special terms. Discuss on merits of such terms in the India context.
35	Africa Underdevelopment	2012	20	Why have the resource rich African and South Asian countries remained poor for decades? Explain.
36	US Sanctions on Iran	2012	20	How have the US sanctions against Iran affected India's bilateral relations with Iran?
37	Central Asian Republics	2011	15	List the Central Asian Republics and identify those of particular strategic and economic importance to India.
38	Non-Alignment	2000	10	Was Jawaharlal Nehru justified in adopting the principle of non-alignment.
39	Intervention vs Non-Intervention	2000	10	How can India accommodate her foreign policy principle of 'non-intervention' with the emerging right to 'intervention'?
40	Israel Expansion Issue	1998	15	Discuss the implications of Israel's expansion plan.

41	Nuclear Cooperation Iran	1991	10	What has been India's stand in respect of the proposed sale of a nuclear reactor to Iran?
42	Non-Alignment Success	1980	15	The policy of nonalignment. Has this policy been fruitful?

MACRO TOPIC - MAJOR POWERS

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43	West vs China Strategy	2024	15	'The West is fostering India as an alternative to reduce dependence on China's supply chain and as a strategically to counter China's political and economic dominance.'" Explain this statement with examples.
44	NATO & India	2023	10	'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.' What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons and examples.
45	India-US Friction	2019	15	What introduces friction into the ties between India and United States. Explain with suitable examples.
46	US Protectionism Impact	2012	20	Discuss the likely negative impact of the protectionist measures proposed by the US on India's software industry.
47	India-Russia Relations	2004	10	Explain India's strategic relationship with Russia.
48	US-China Rivalry	1995	15	What strategic moves have recently been made by the USA and China in the South Pacific region?
49	India-US Relations	1994	15	Examine the present status of Indo-US relations. What are the major irritants.
50	Technology Transfer US	1985	15	How far is the recent Indo US agreement on technology transfer likely to help us?
51	India-USSR treaty	1981	10	When was the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between India and Soviet Union signed?

MACRO TOPIC - INSTITUTIONS

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
52.	India's Location	1989	10	What geopolitical and economic advantages are enjoyed by India due to its location in the southern part of the Continent of Asia?
53.	Global South	1987	10	What is 'South-South Commission'? When and where was it formed?.

MACRO TOPIC - GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL GROUPINGS

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
54.	UN Reforms	2025	15	"The reform process in the United Nations remains unresolved, because of the delicate imbalance of East and West and entanglement of the USA vs. Russo-Chinese alliance." Examine and critically evaluate the East-West policy confrontations in this regard.
55.	UN Counter Terrorism	2024	15	'Terrorism has become a significant threat to global peace and security.' Evaluate the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) and its associated bodies...
56.	SCO Challenges	2023	10	'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO' In the light of the above statement point out the role of India in mitigating the problems.
57.	IMO Role	2023	10	'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos' Discuss... the role of the IMO (International Maritime Organisation) in protecting environment and enhancing maritime safety and security.

58	I2U2 grouping	2022	15	How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?
59	AUKUS	2021	15	The newly tri-nation partnership AUKUS is aimed at countering China's ambitions. Discuss the strength and impact of AUKUS.
60	SCO Importance	2021	15	Critically examine the aims and objectives of SCO. What importance does it hold for India?
61	QUAD	2020	15	Quadrilateral Security Dialogue is transforming itself into a trade block. Discuss
62	WHO COVID Role	2020	10	Critically examine the role of WHO in providing global health security during the COVID-19 Pandemic
63	India Global Leadership	2019	15	"The long sustained image of India as a leader of the oppressed. has disappeared." Elaborate
64	UNESCO Issues	2019	10	'Too little cash, too much politics, leaves UNESCO fighting for life.' Discuss.
65	WTO Reforms	2018	15	What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive. keeping in mind the interest of India?
66	ECOSOC	2017	10	What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)?.
67	WTO Doha Round	2016	15	"The broader aims and objectives of WTO. Doha round. Discuss in the Indian perspective.
68	SAARC Issues	2016	15	"Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks not conducive for the future of SAARC." Explain.
69	UNESCO Commission	2016	10	What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO?.
70	UNSC Seat India	2015	15	Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UN Security Council.
71	IT Agreements	2014	12.5	The aim of Information Technology Agreements (ITAs) impact on India's interests?
72	NDB & AIIB	2014	12.5	India has recently signed... New Development Bank (NDB) and Asian Infrastructure Bank (AIIB)...
73	WTO Food Security	2014	12.5	WTO is an important international institution. Critically analyse India's stand on Food security.
74	World Bank & IMF	2013	12.5	The World Bank and the IMF. Elucidate.
75	IBSA vs BRICS	2012	20	Compare the significance of IBSA and BRICS in the context of India's multilateral diplomacy.
76	Arctic Issue	2011	10	As regards the increasing rates of melting of Arctic Sea ice. Explain.
77	WTO Agriculture	2008	15	Discuss India's stand on agricultural issues in WTO's Ministerial Conferences since Doha Round.
78	Dumping	2007	15	What is Dumping? Evaluate the remedial measures.
79	Doha Round Basics	2006	10	What do we understand by 'Doha Round' of talks?
80	WTO Importance	2006	15	Discuss the importance of WTO to Indian economy.
81	UNSC Seat Effort	2005	10	Present a complete picture of India's effort for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council.
82	WTO Criticism	2004	10	What is WTO? What are India's objections to its overall functioning?
83	Amnesty International	2004	10	Describe the role of the Amnesty International in securing human rights.
84	UN Veto	2003	10	What is the 'Veto' in the UN-system?
85	NATO Role	2003	10	Discuss the role of the NATO after the end of the Cold War.
86	UN Human Rights	2003	10	Discuss the role of the United Nations in the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

87	SAARC Failure	1995	15	SAARC Summit has been considered as a 'non-starter'. Explain the two viewpoints.
88	NATO Summit	1991	10	What main topics were discussed at the NATO Summit at Rome.
89	Law of Sea	1983	10	Mention the main provisions related to the treaty. Law of Sea Convention.
90	NAM Summits	1982	10	How often did the heads of the State. Non-Aligned countries meet?
91	Commonwealth	1980	10	What is 'Commonwealth' of Nations?
92	ASEAN Formation	1980	10	Why was ASEAN formed?

MACRO TOPIC - DIASPORA

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93	Indian Diaspora Benefits	2023	10	Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India.
94	Diaspora Role West	2020	10	Indian diaspora has a decisive role to play in the politics and economy of America and European Countries". Comment with examples.
95	Diaspora SE Asia	2017	15	Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in South-East Asian countries' economy and society.
96	New vs Old Diaspora	2012	10	Write a short analytical note on Indian Diaspora. How is the "New Diaspora" different from the "Old Diaspora"?

MACRO TOPIC - ENERGY

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97	Energy Security & Foreign Policy	2025	15	"Energy security constitutes the dominant kingpin of India's foreign policy, and is linked with India's overarching influence in Middle Eastern countries." How would you integrate energy security with India's foreign policy trajectories in the coming years?
98	Climate Policy	2022	15	'Clean energy is the order of the day'. Describe briefly India's changing policy towards climate change.
99	India's Energy Security	2017	15	The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries.
100	Nuclear Doctrine	2007	10	Elaborate on India's Nuclear Doctrine.
101	Iran Gas Pipeline	2005	10	Explain the political and economic implications of the Indo-Iran gas pipeline.
102	Oil vs Gas Century	1997	15	20th century was century of oil. 21st century would be the century of natural gas. Comment.

MACRO TOPIC - GLOBAL ISSUES

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103	Globalization vs Nationalism	2025	10	"With the waning of globalization, post-Cold War world is becoming a site of sovereign nationalism." Elucidate.
104	NATO & Global Politics	2023	10	'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.'
105	US vs China Threat	2021	10	"The USA is facing an existential threat in the form of a China, that is much more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union." Explain.
106	Afghanistan Withdrawal	2013	12.5	The proposed withdrawal of ISAF from Afghanistan in 2014. Examine.

107	West Asia Peace	1991	15	Who were the main participants at the West Asian Peace Conference in Madrid.
108	USSR Disintegration	1991	15	Briefly describe the chain of major events dissolution of the Soviet Union.
109	German Reunification	1991	10	Briefly indicate why problems were faced by the United Germany consequent on its unification.
110	Iraq-Kuwait Conflict	1990	15	What were the basic differences between Iraq and Kuwait repercussions on India?
111	USSR in Afghanistan	1980	10	Why did USSR send troops to Afghanistan? India's response.

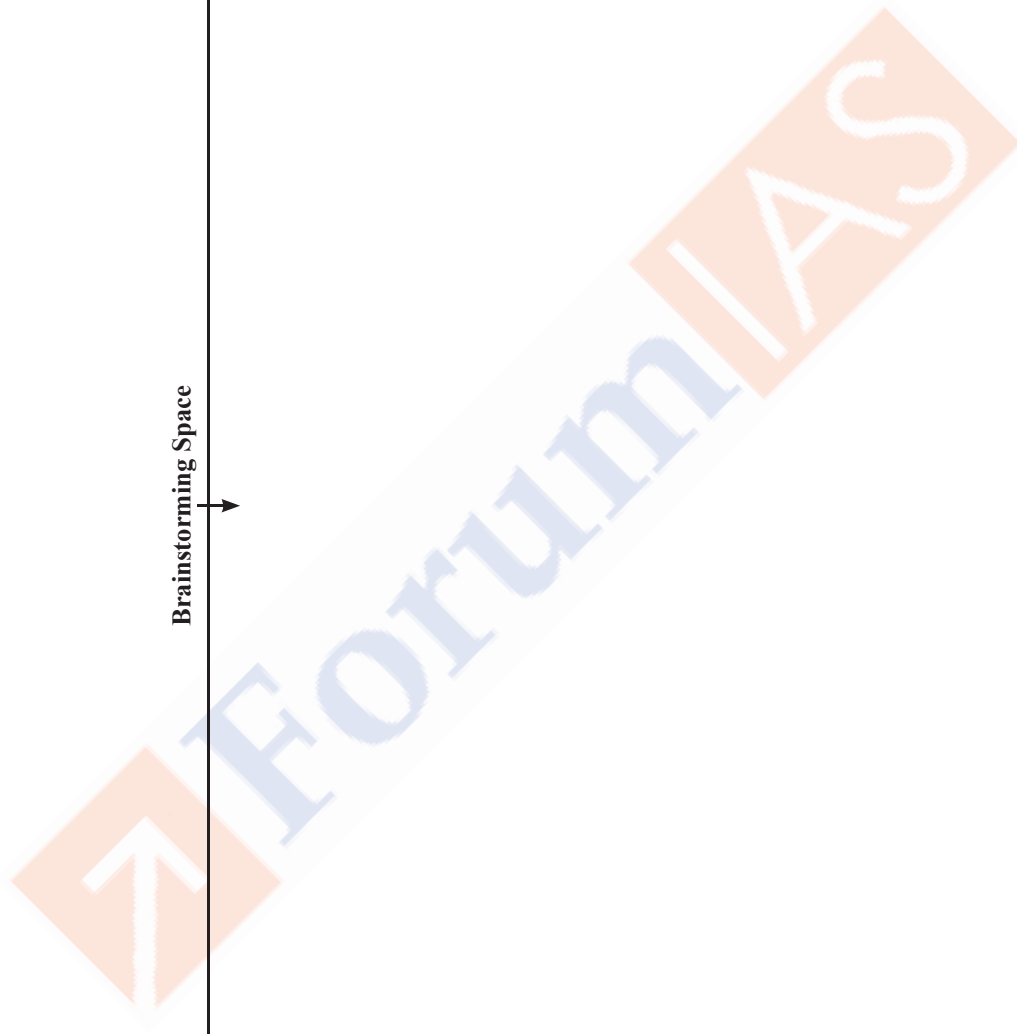
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(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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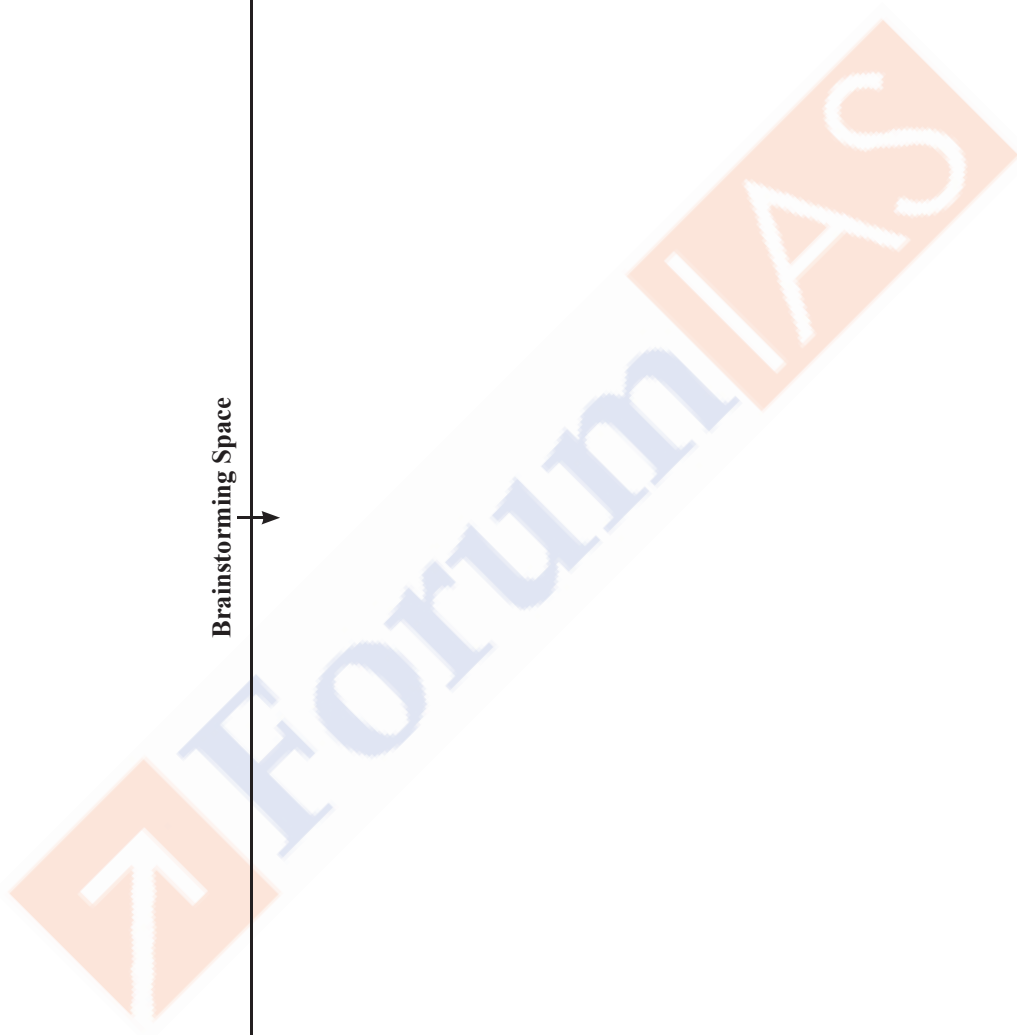
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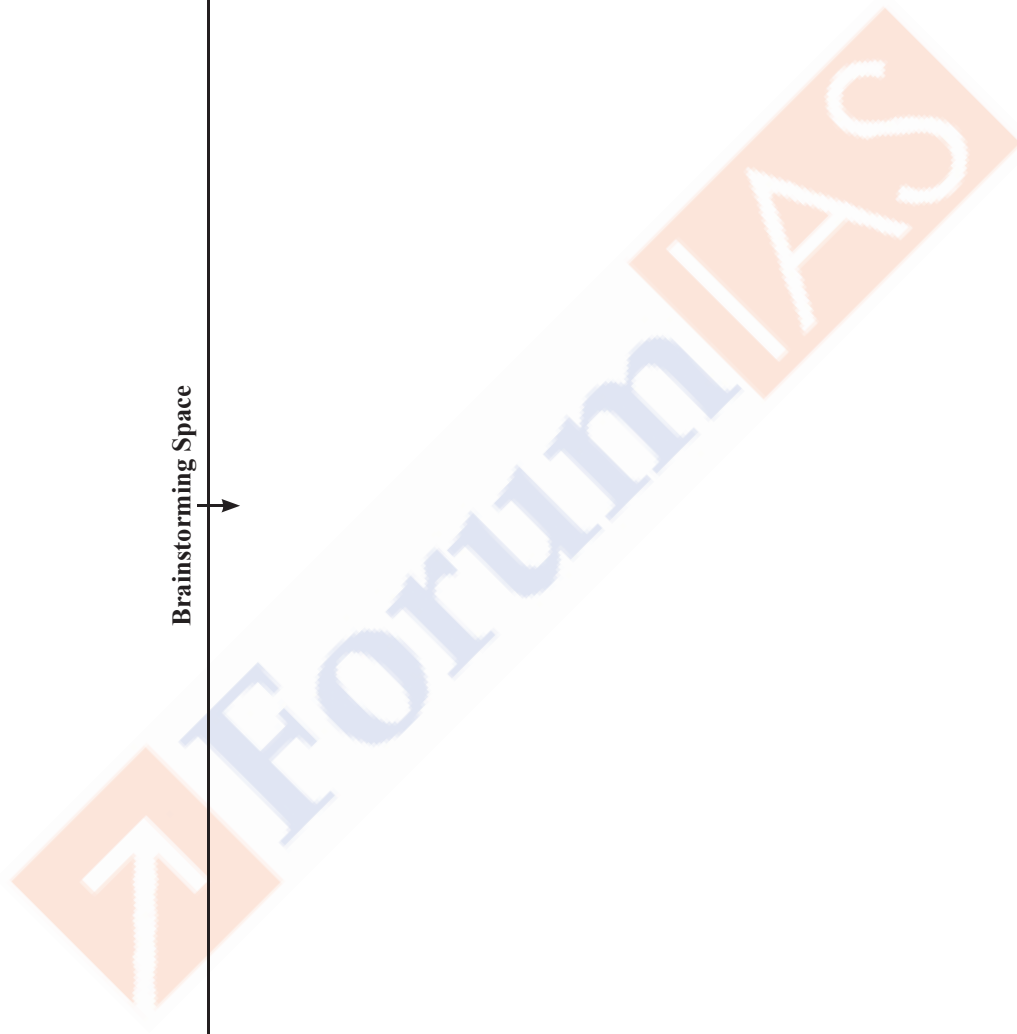
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

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Q.4) 'In respect of India-Sri Lanka relations, discuss how domestic factors influence foreign policy. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2013]

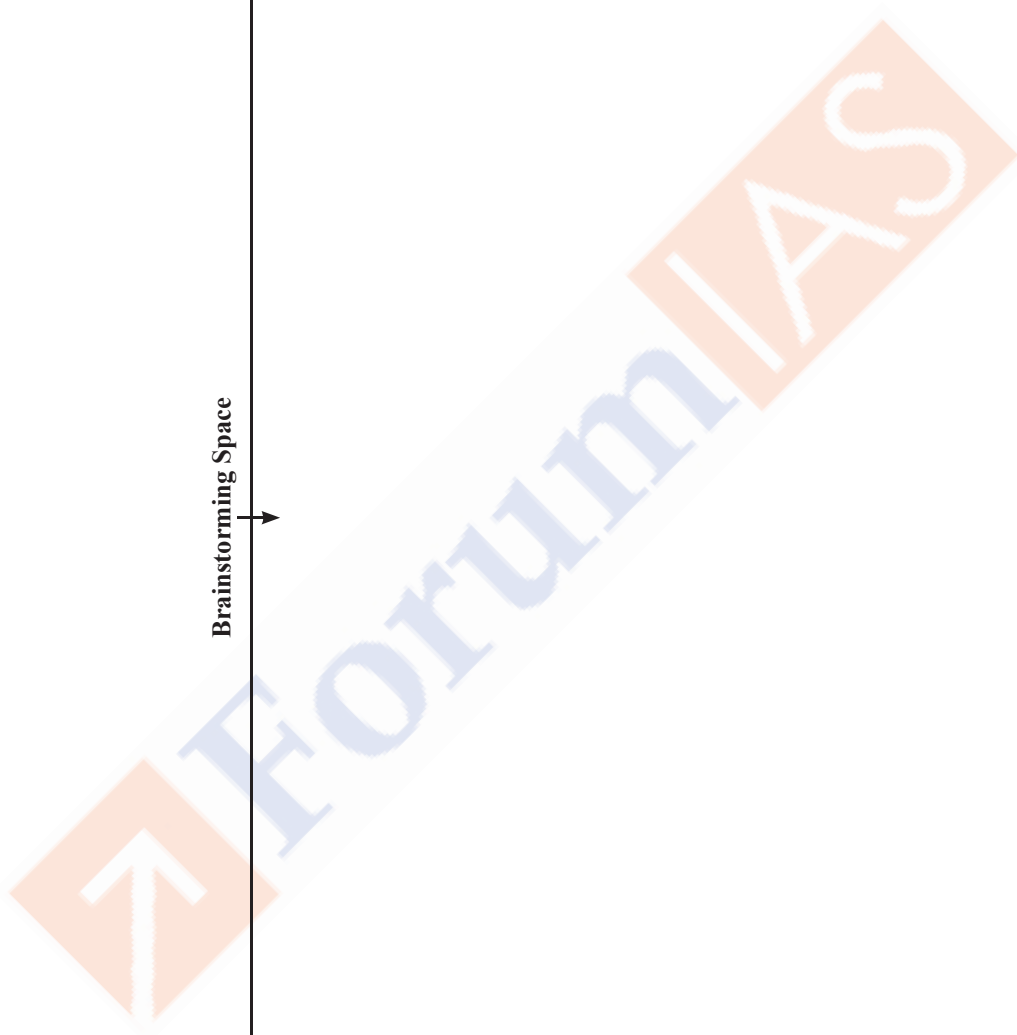
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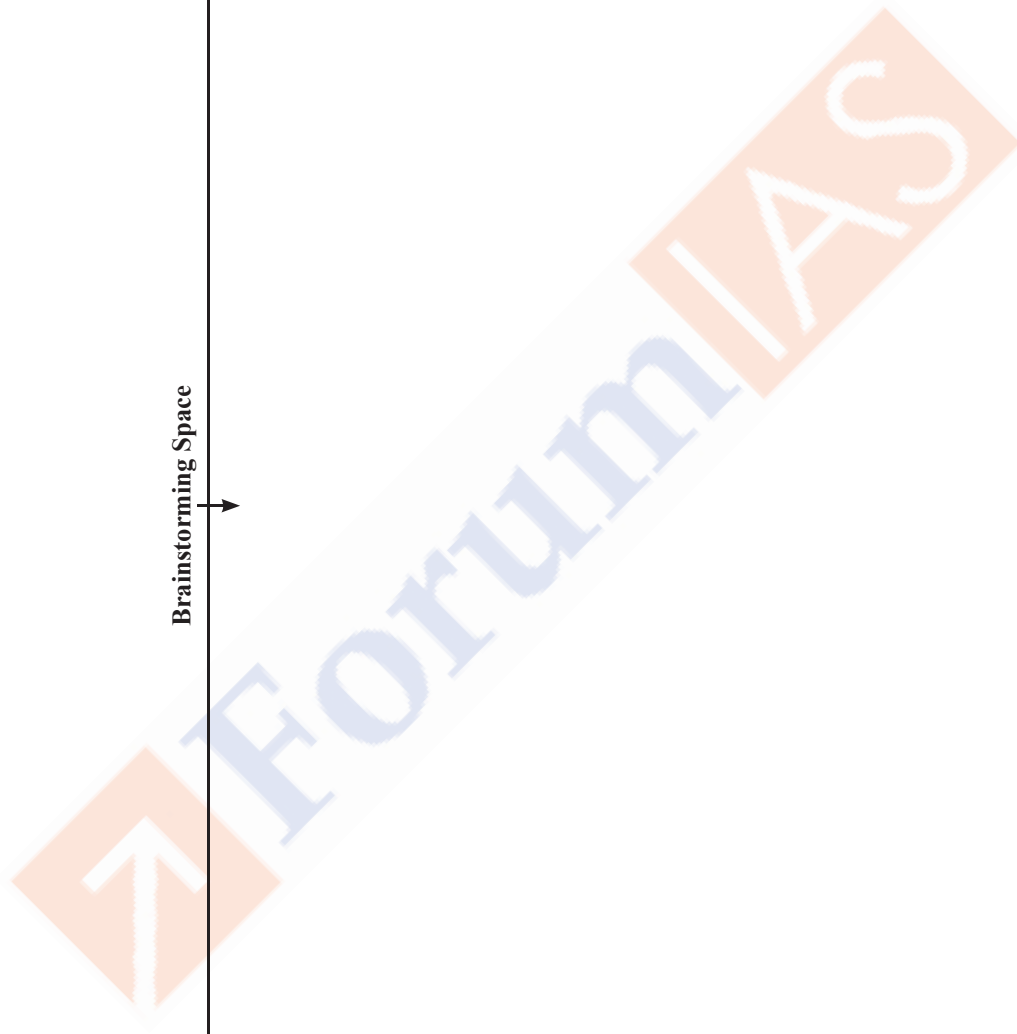
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

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Q.6) Do you think that China's emergence as one of the largest trading partners of India had adversely affected the settlement of the outstanding border problem? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2012]

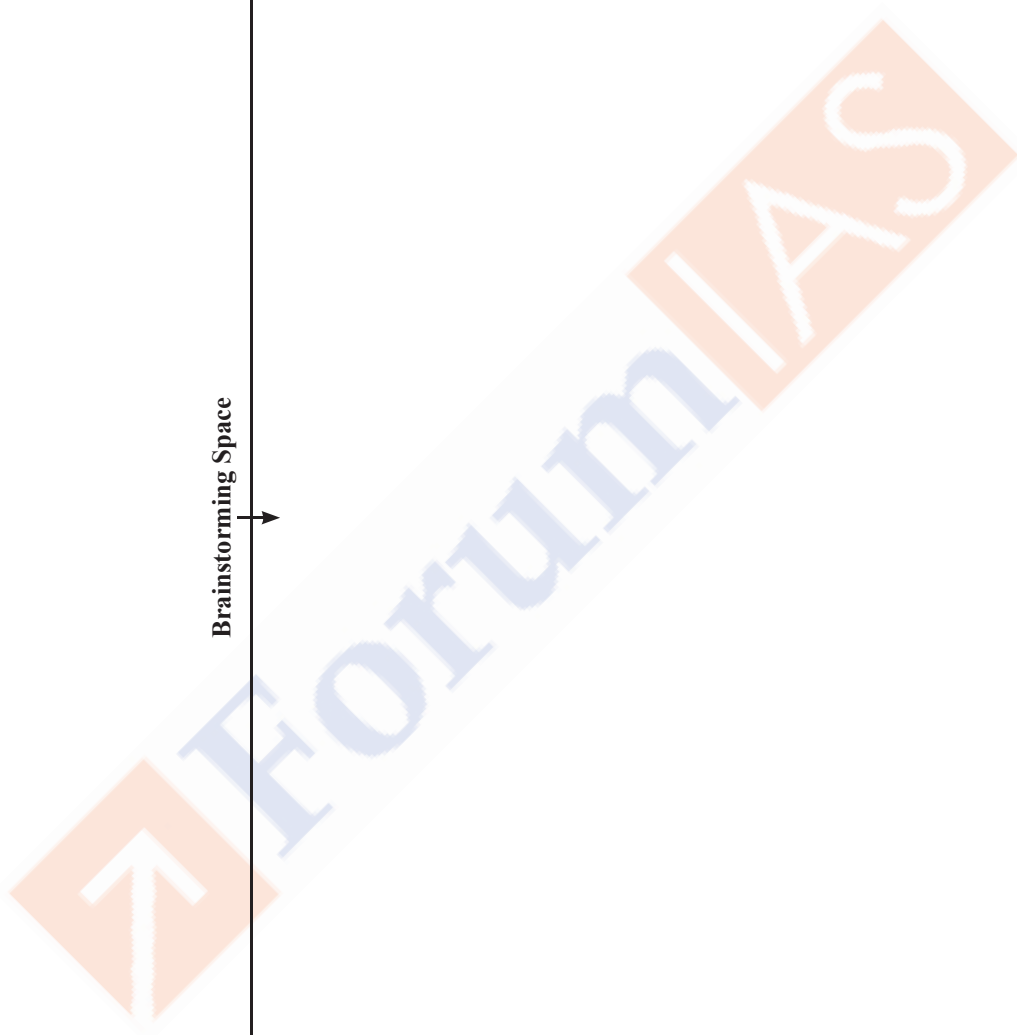
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Q.7) Bring out the FDI and employment implications of China being a manufacturing hub and India a services hub.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2010]

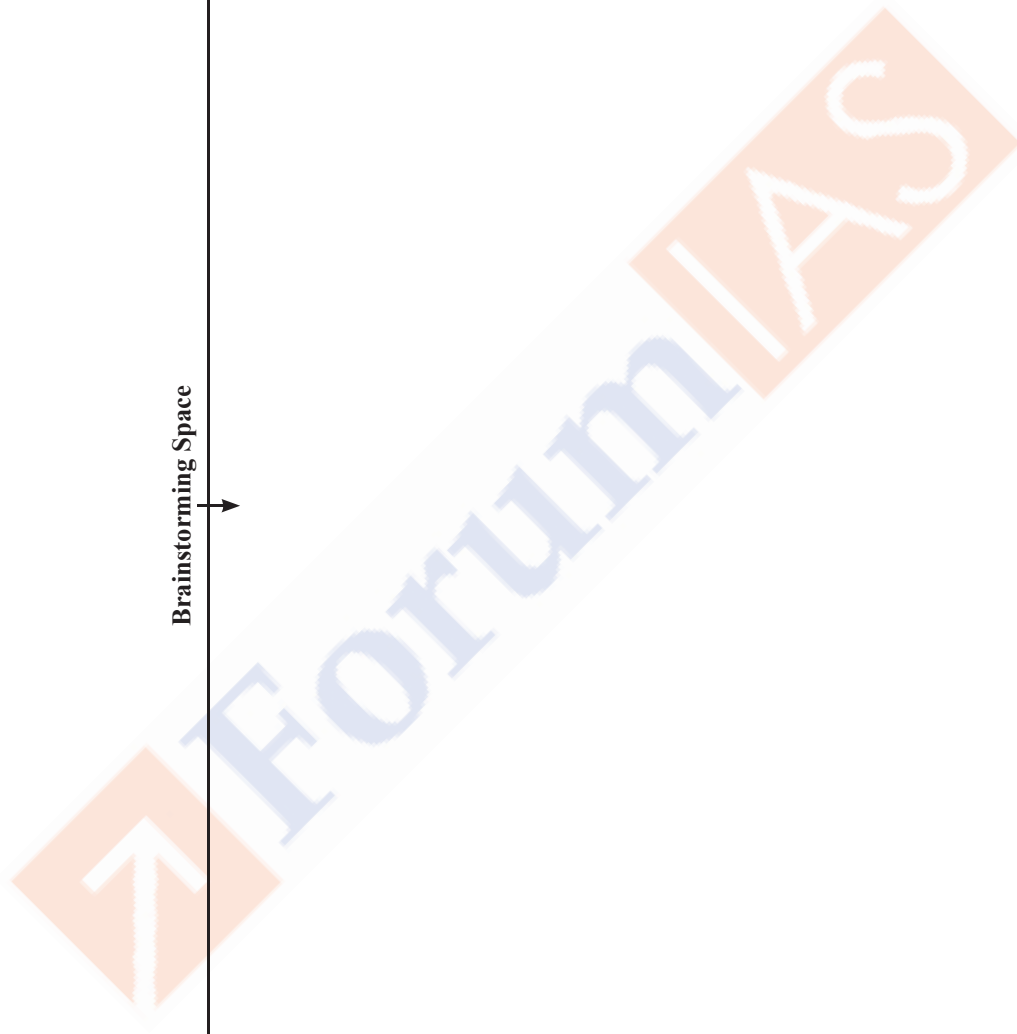
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Q.8) Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy in the context of the post-Cold War international scenario.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2016]

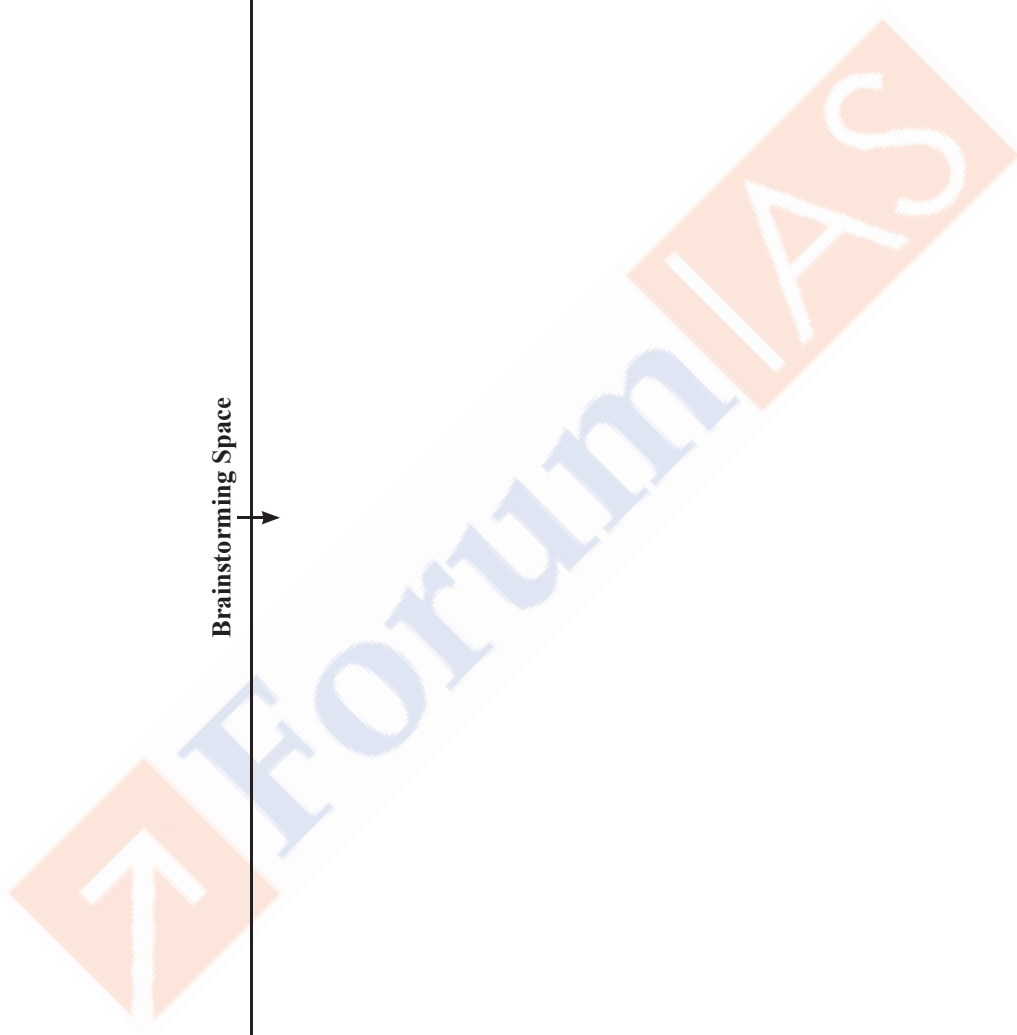
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Q.9) Project `Mausam` is considered a unique foreign policy initiative of the Indian Government to improve relationship with its neighbours. Does the project have a strategic dimension? Discuss.

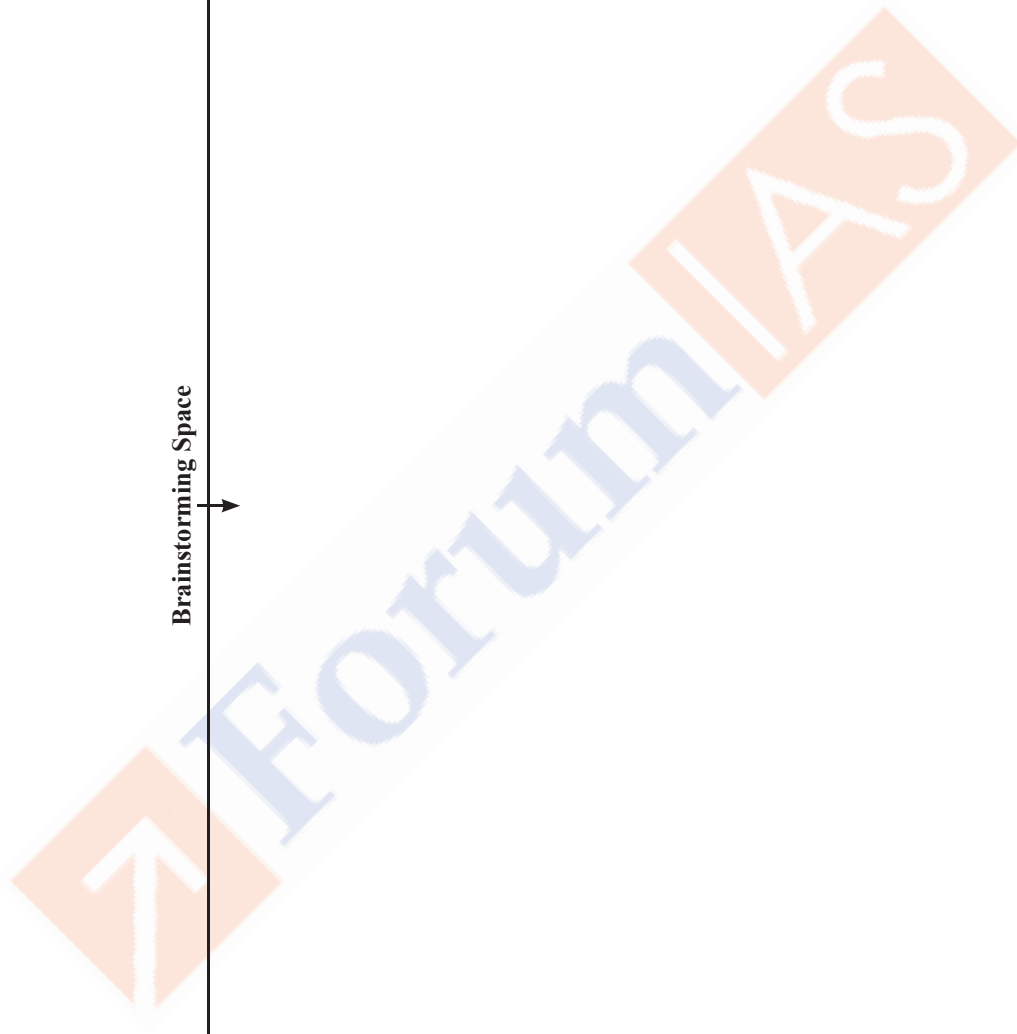
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2015]

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Q.10) 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. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2015]

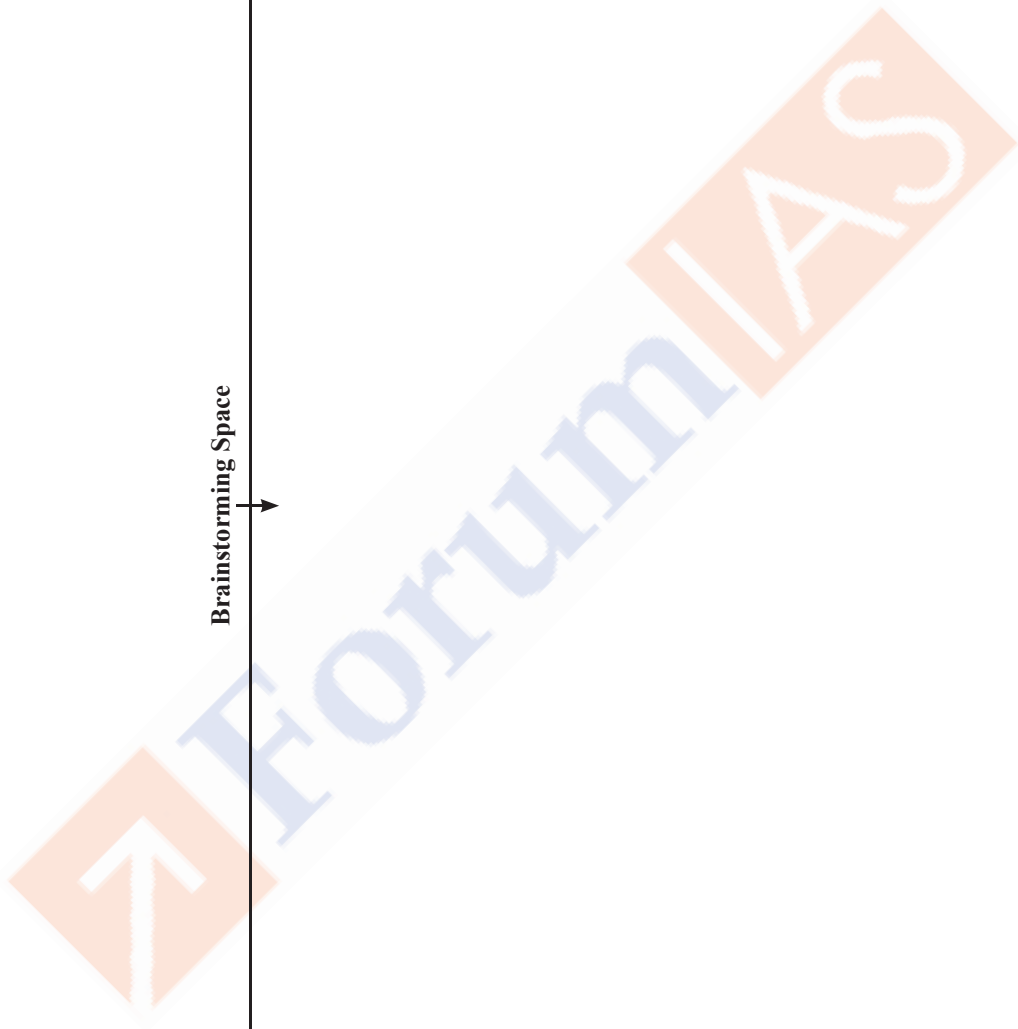
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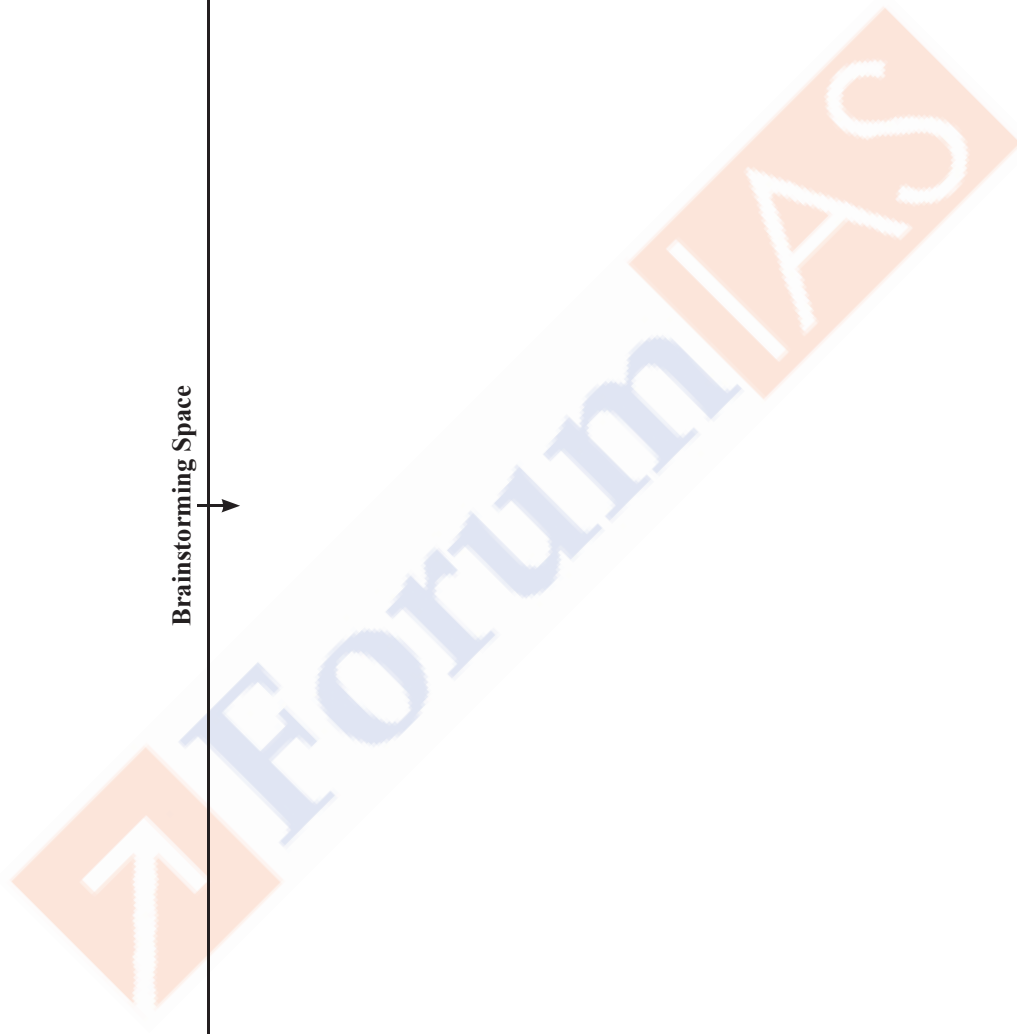
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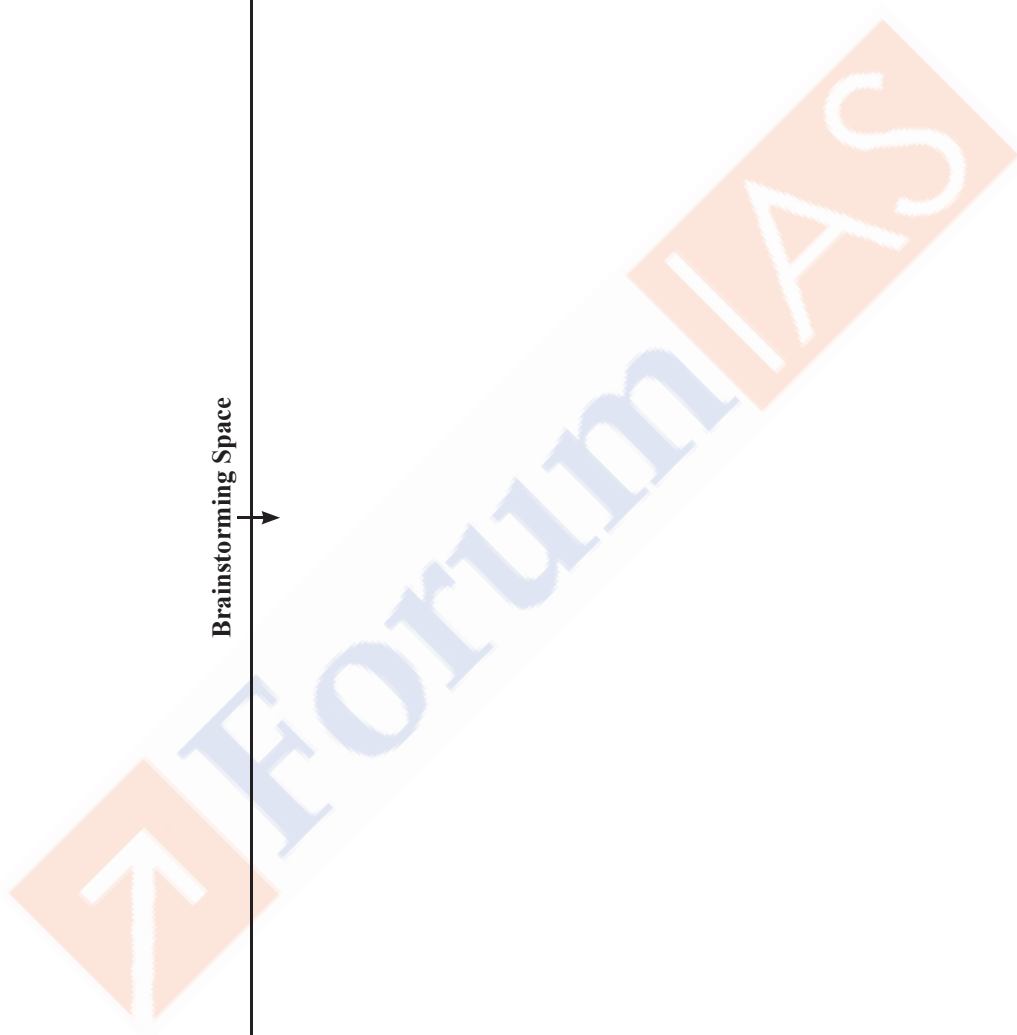
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2013]

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Q.13) What is meant by Gujral doctrine? Does it have any relevance today? Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2013]

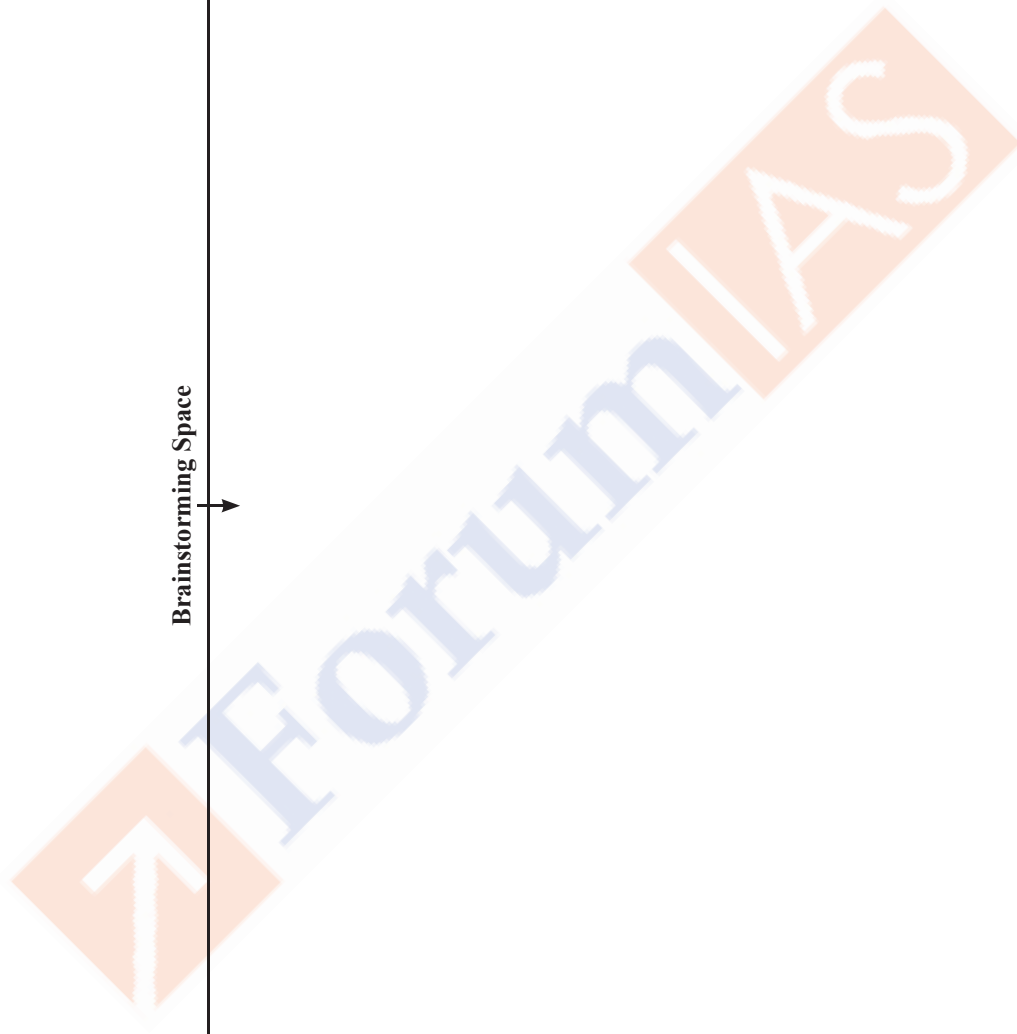
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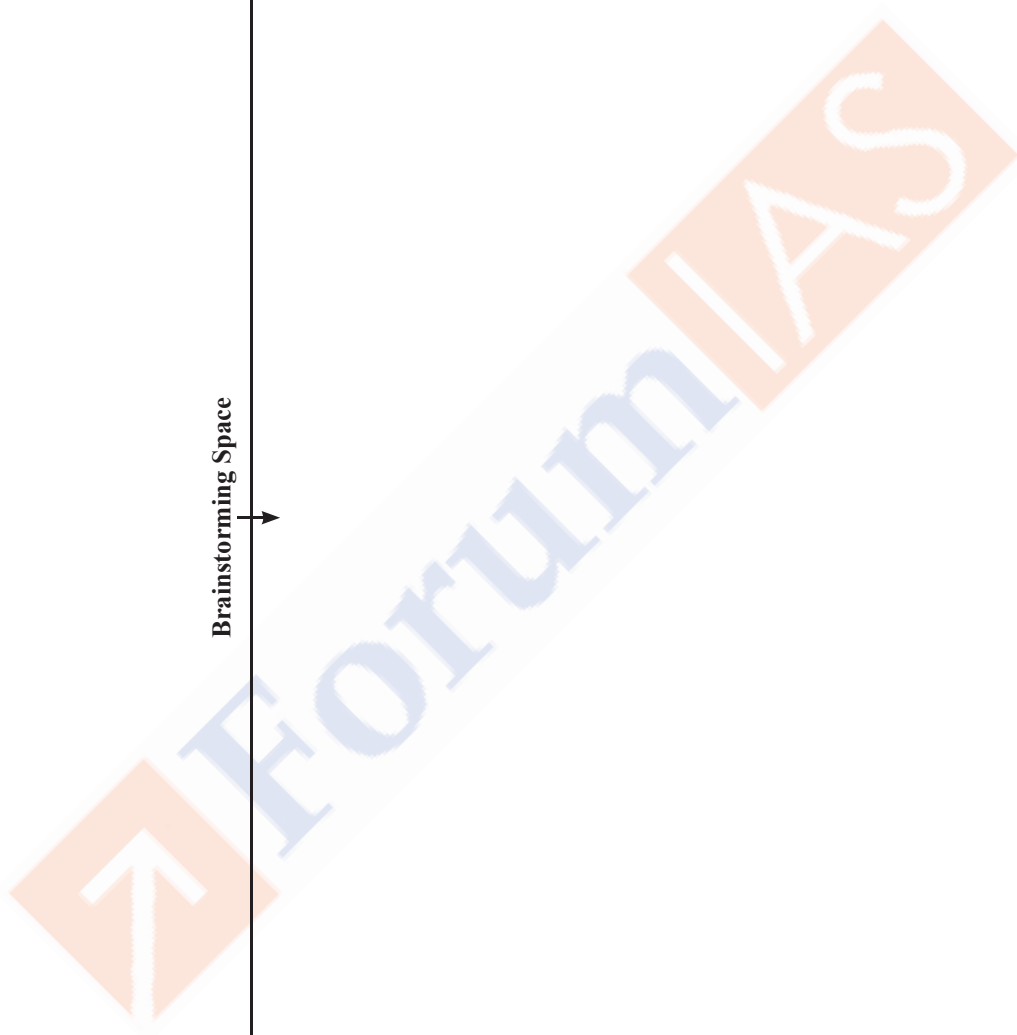
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1997]

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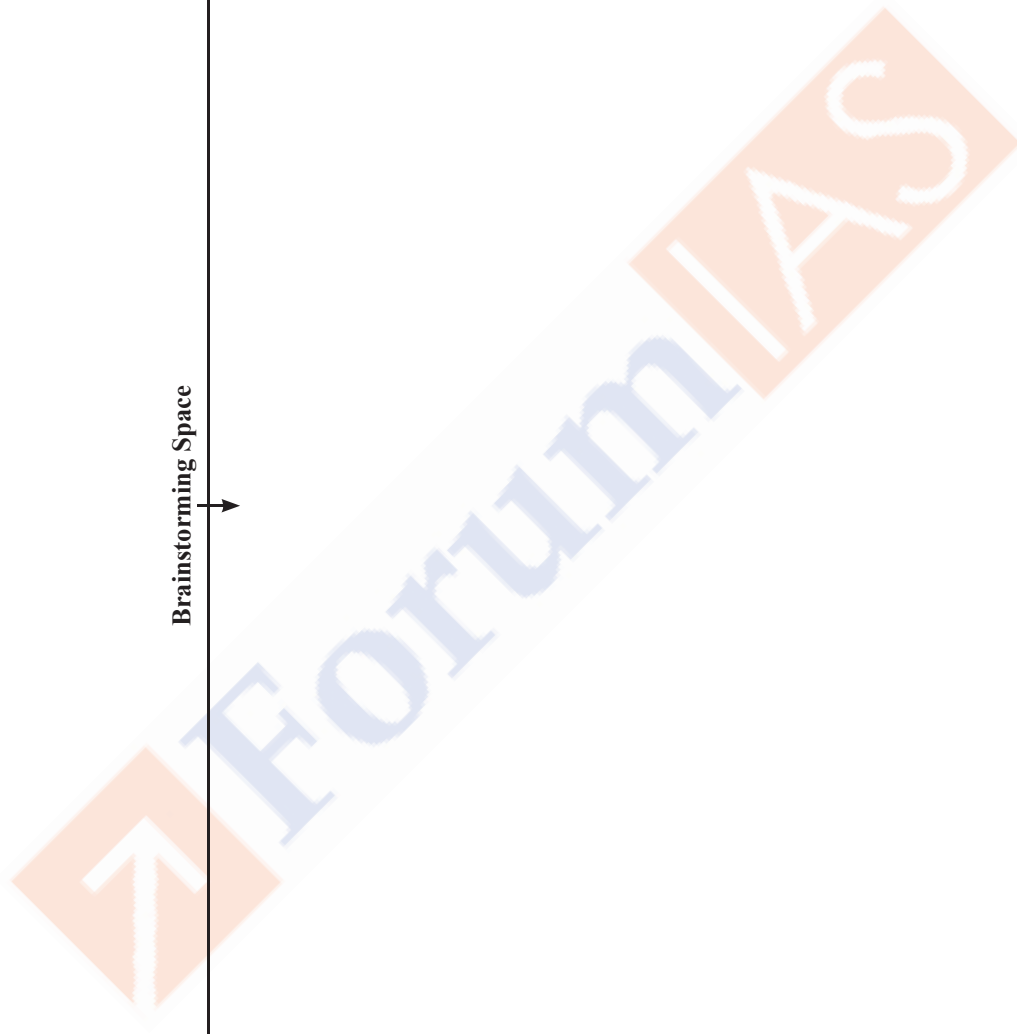
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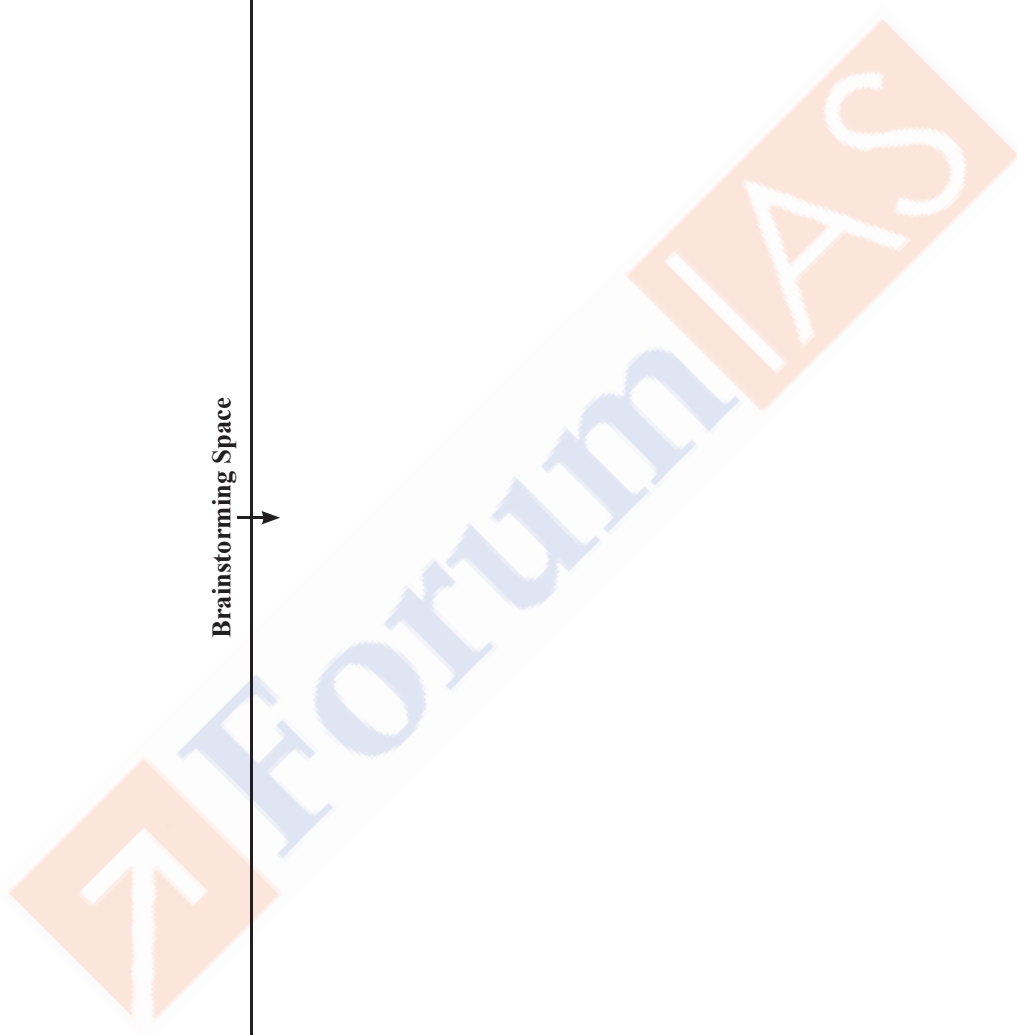
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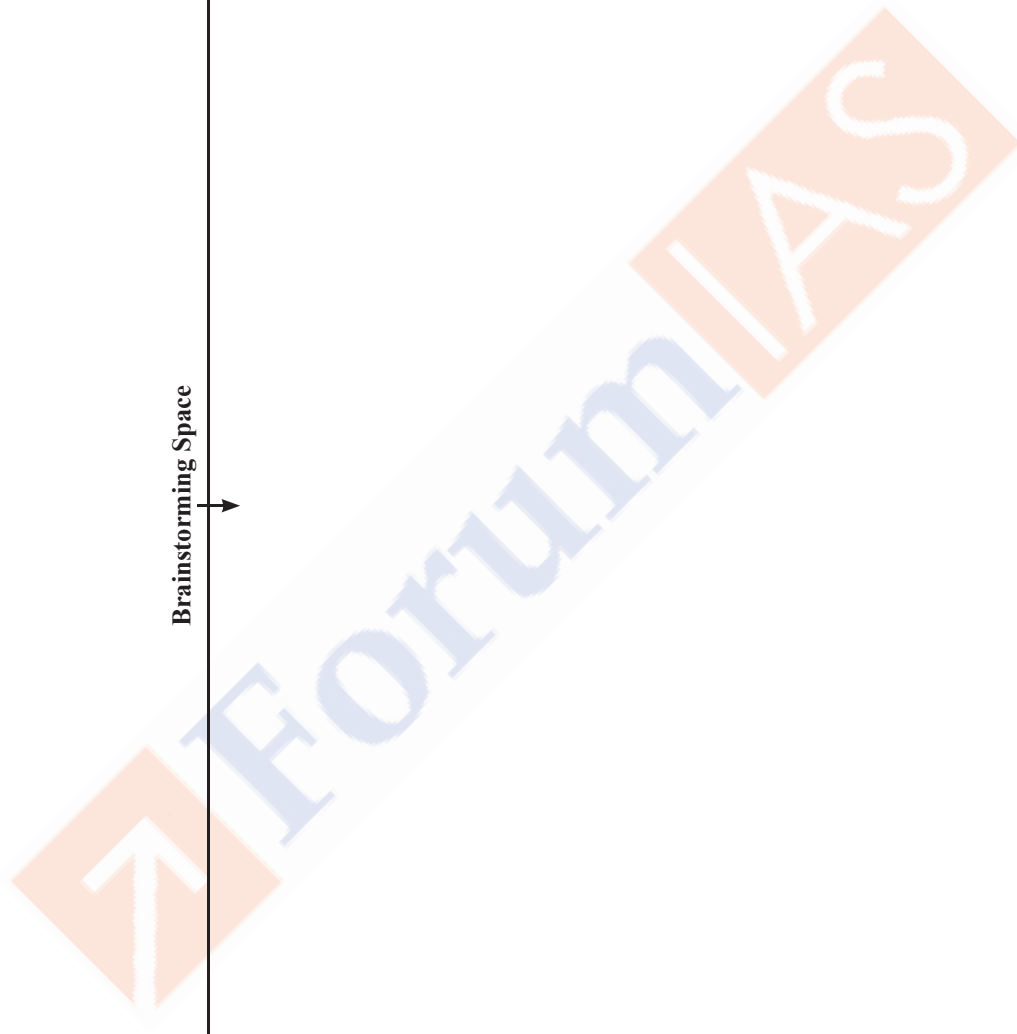
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Q.18) Terrorism: Source in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

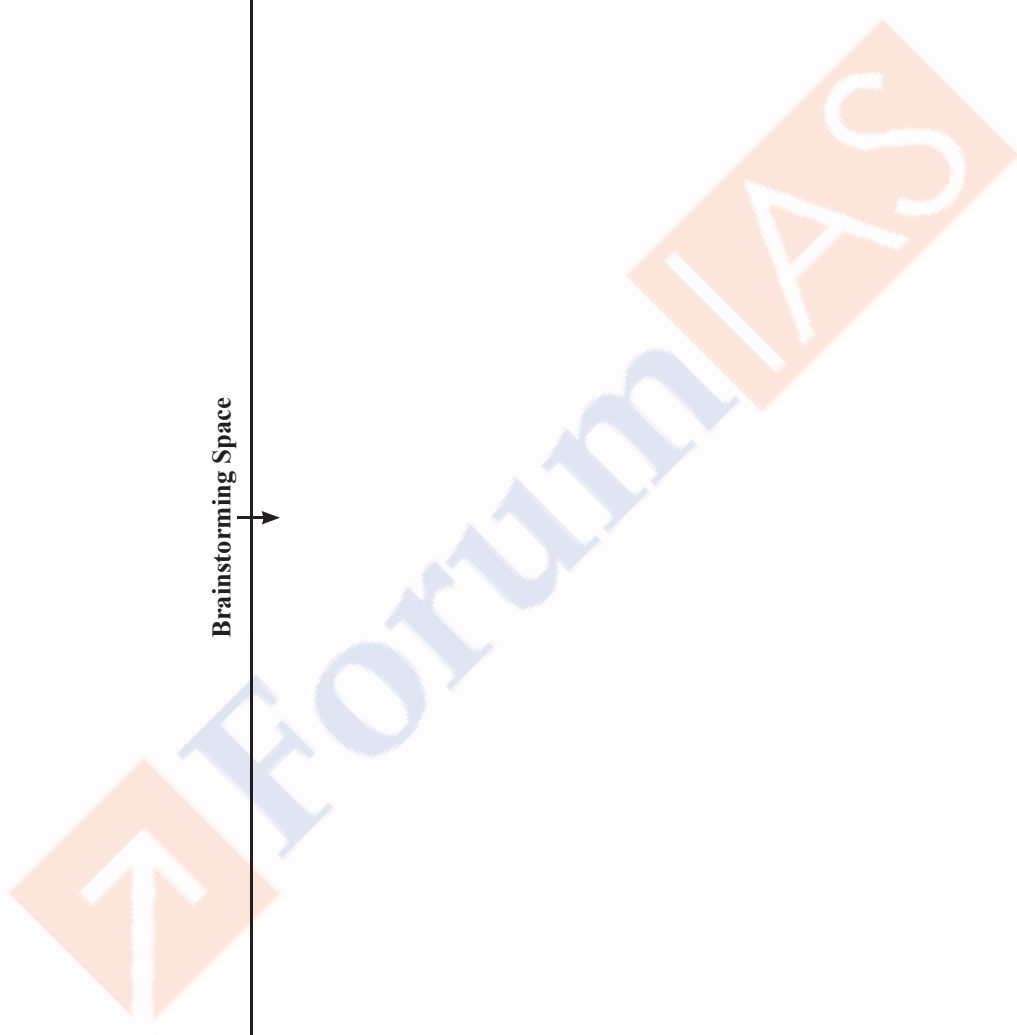
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2006]

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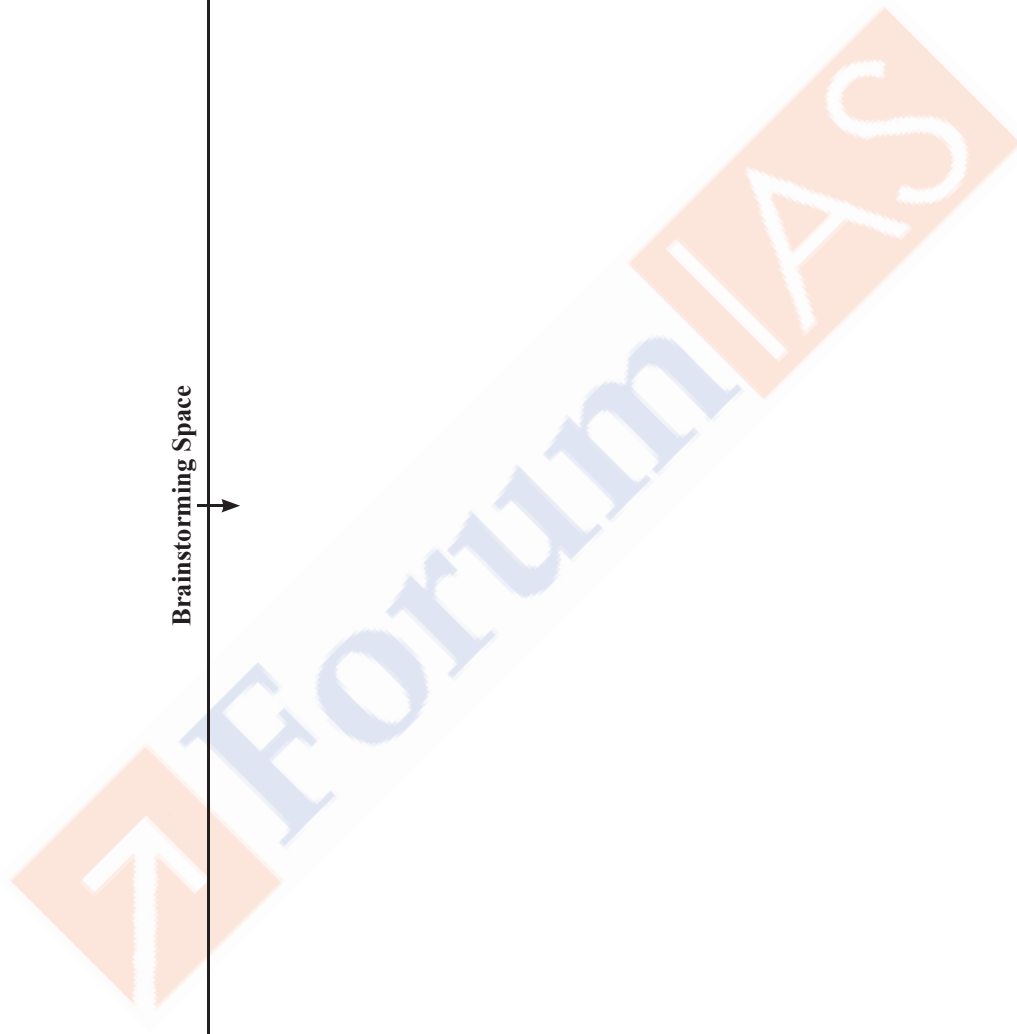
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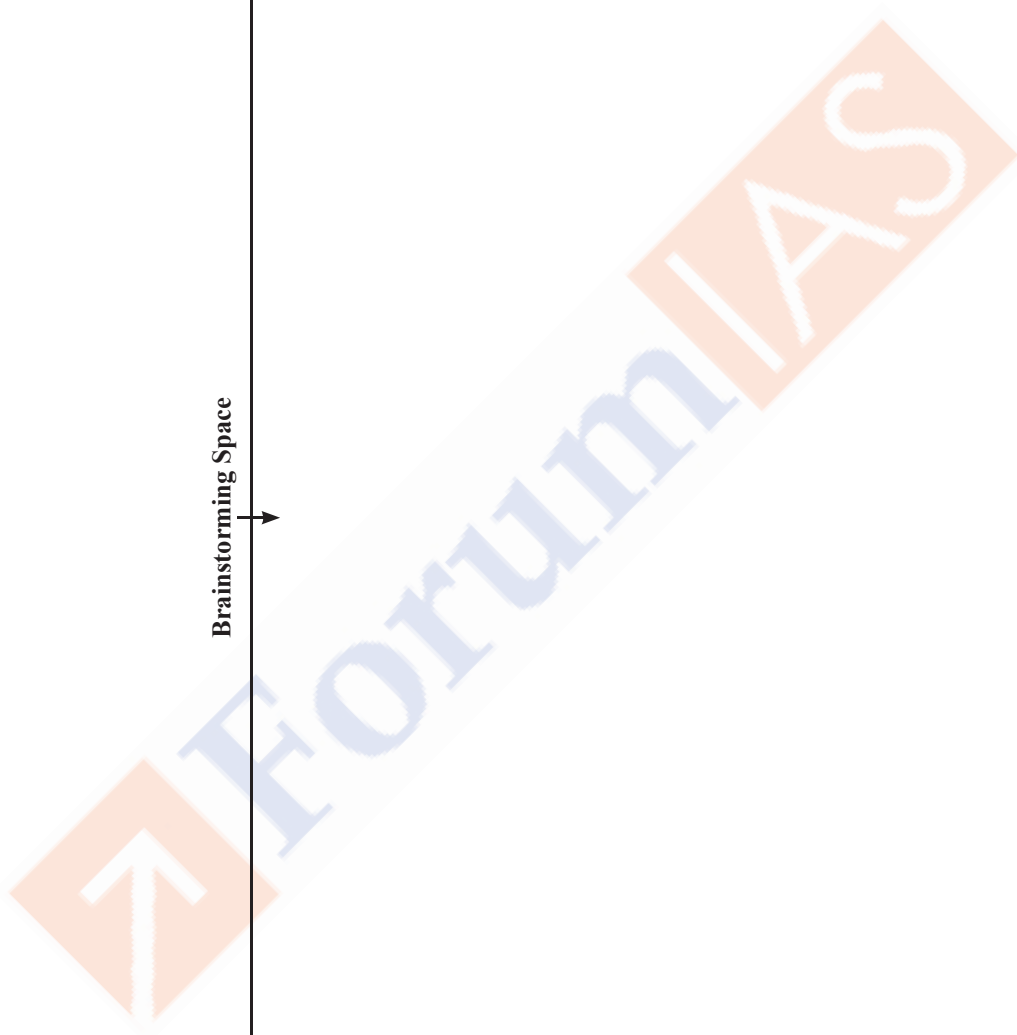
Q.20) Account for India's increasing involvement in the South-East Asian region. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

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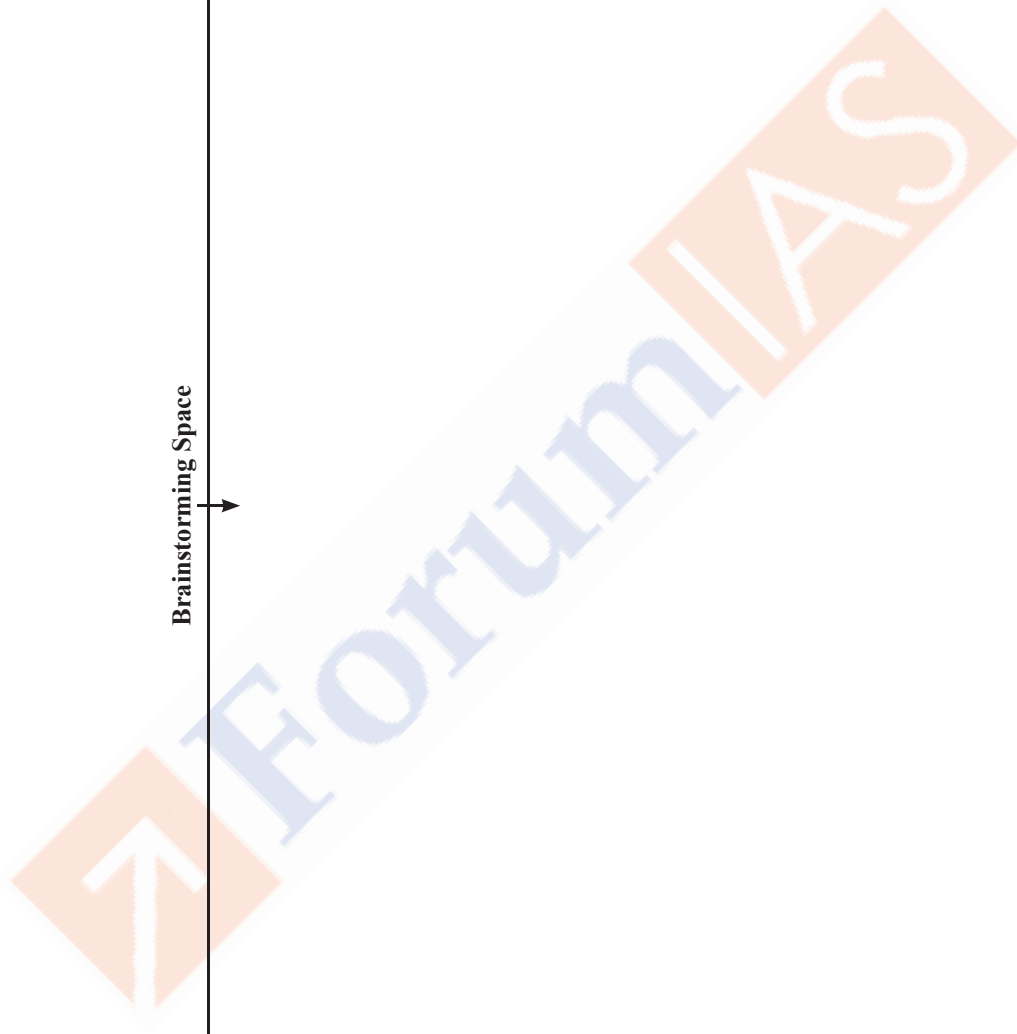
Q.21) Mention the advantages which India enjoys being at the head of the Indian Ocean. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1996]

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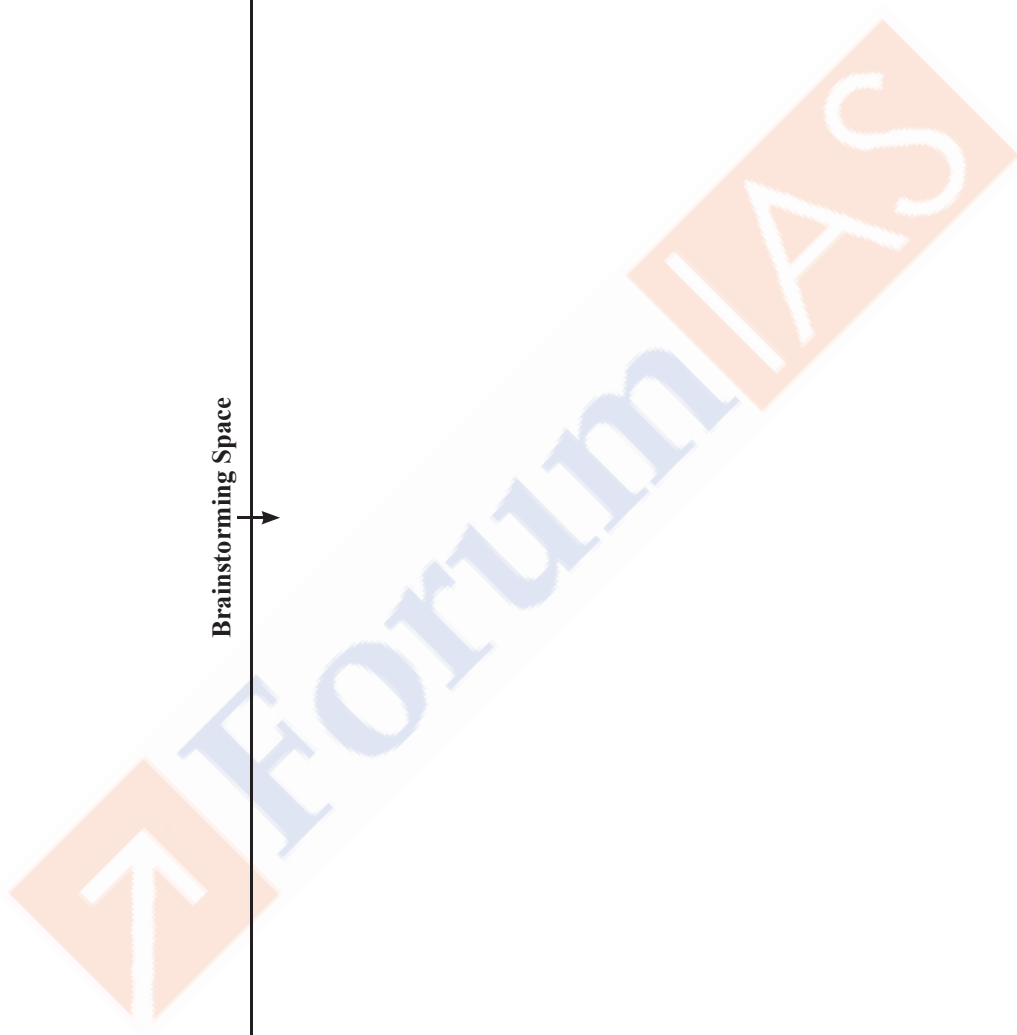
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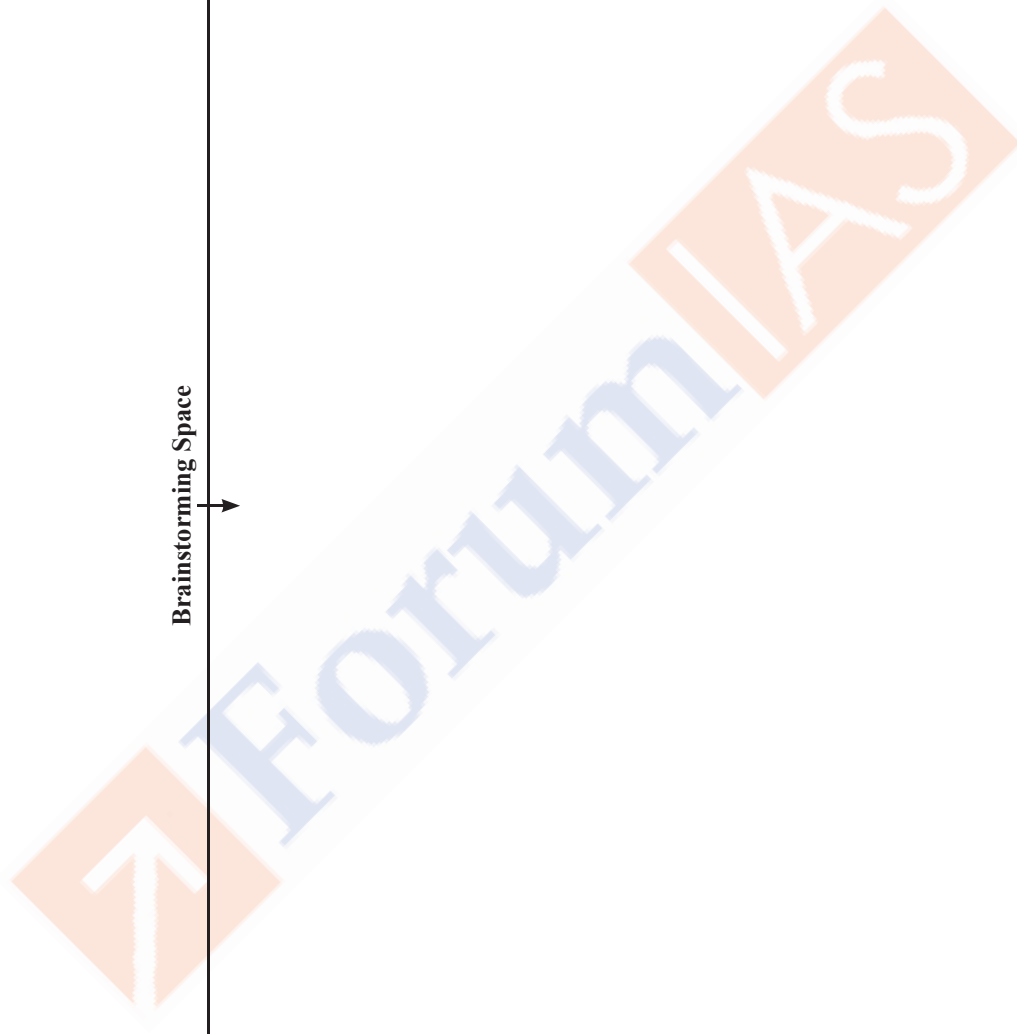
Q.23) Has the IPKF been able to achieve the goal set before it by the terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement? What are the options available to India? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1987]

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Q.24) Review briefly the present state of India's economic relations with the neighbouring countries. (30 Marks, 250 Words) [1980]

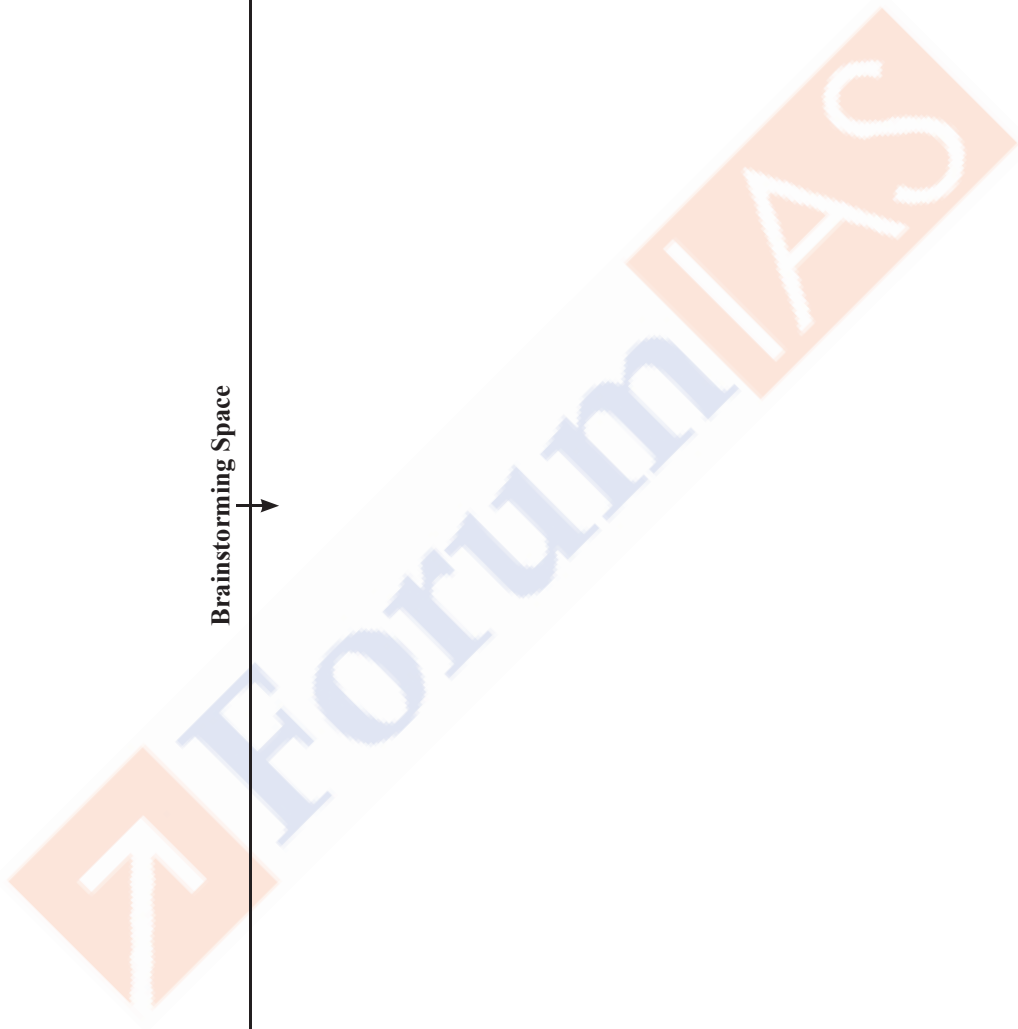
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Q.25) India-Africa digital partnership is achieving mutual respect, co-development and long-term institutional partnerships. Elaborate.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

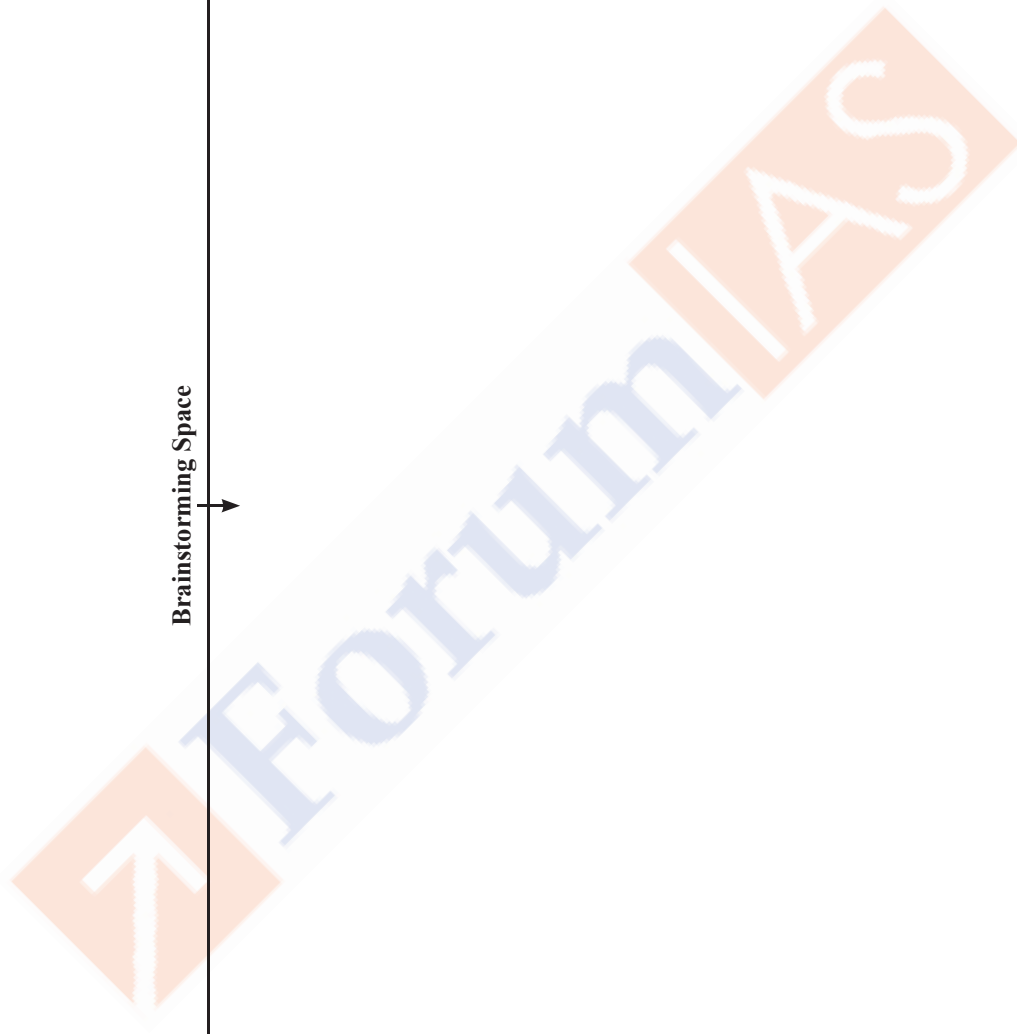
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Q.26) If the last few decades were of Asia’s growth story, the next few are expected to be of Africa’s.” In the light of this statement, examine India’s influence in Africa in recent years.

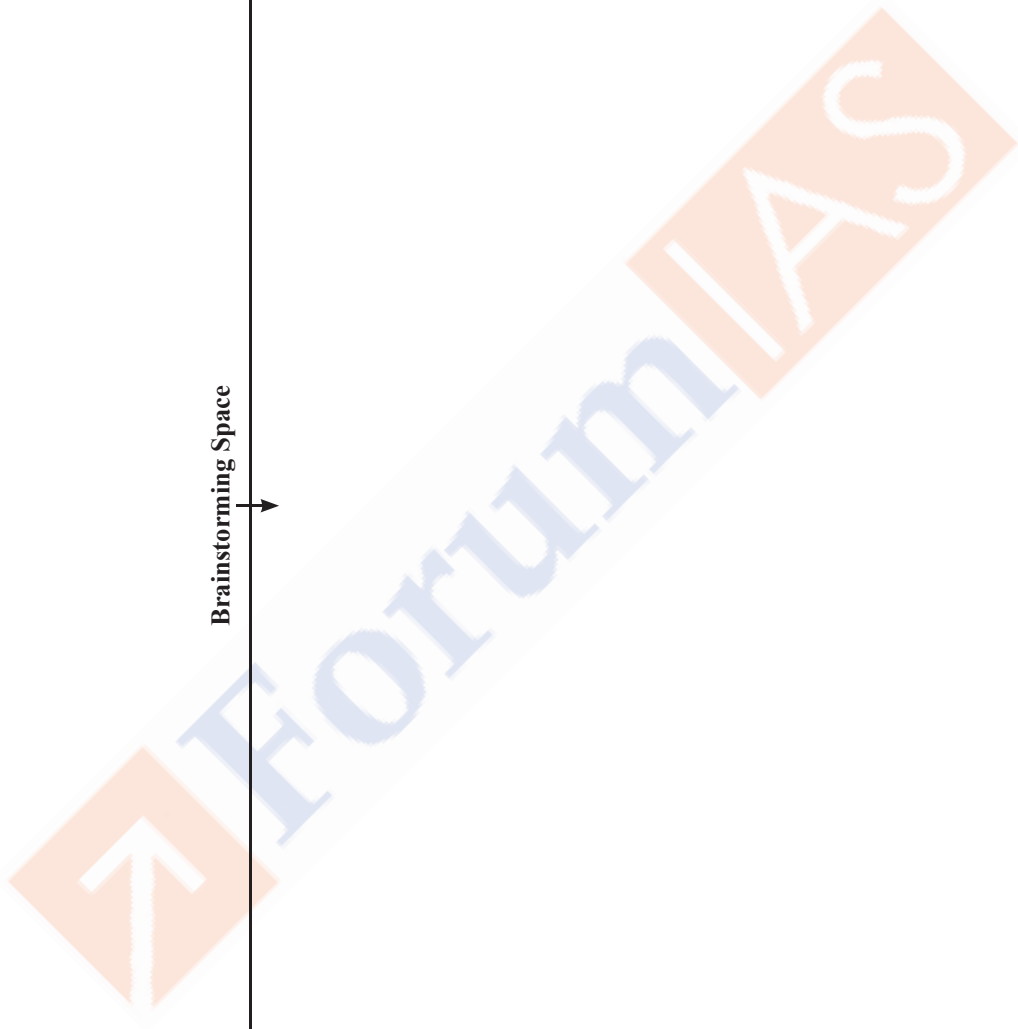
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2021]

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Q.27) The time has come for India and Japan to build a strong contemporary relationship... Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

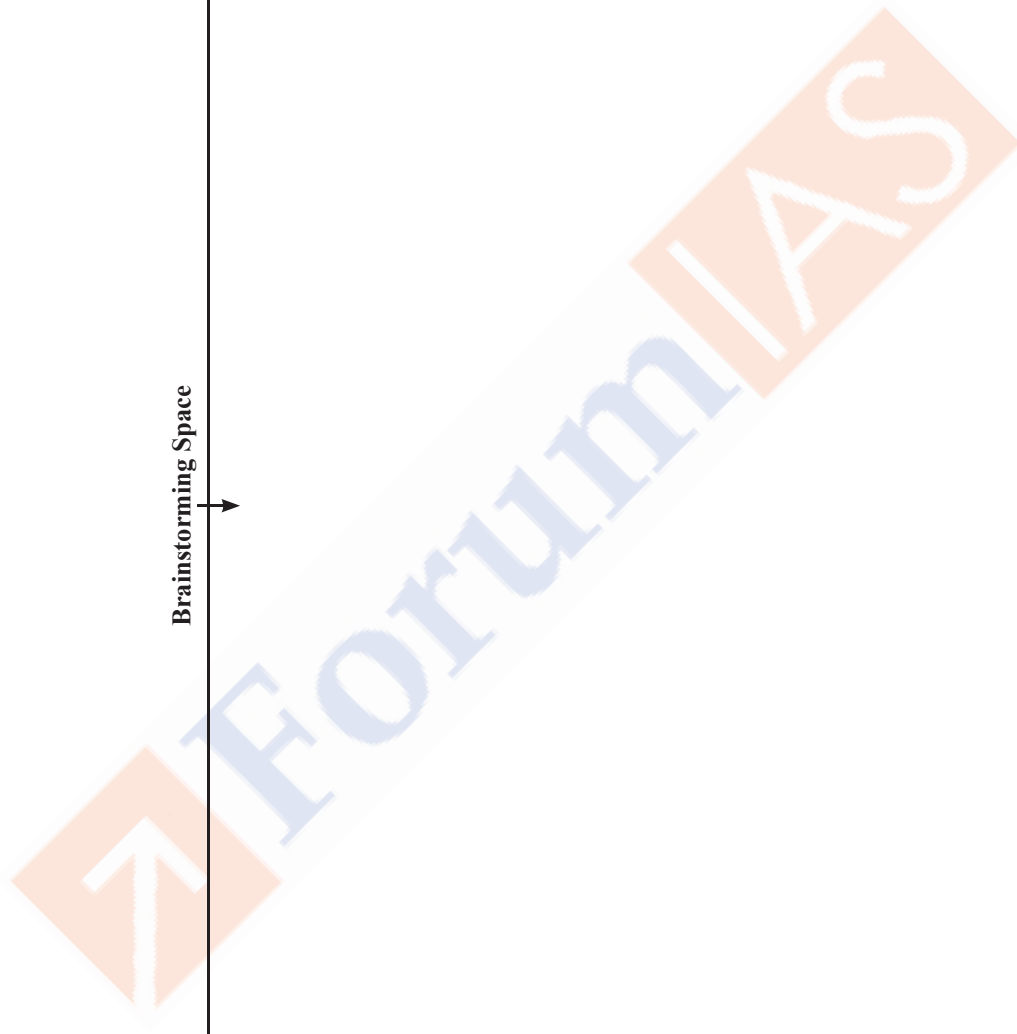
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Q.28) Economic ties between India and Japan. Elucidate the policy constraints which are inhibiting this growth.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

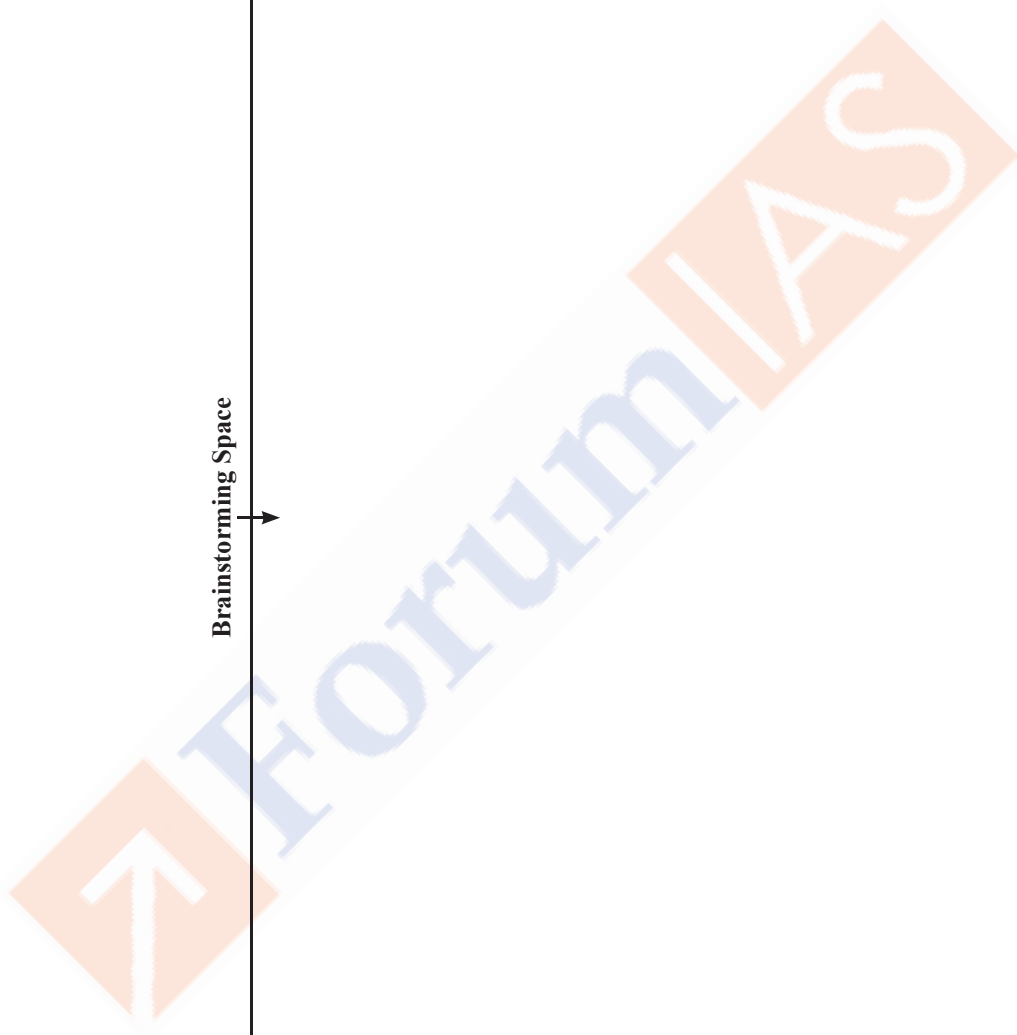
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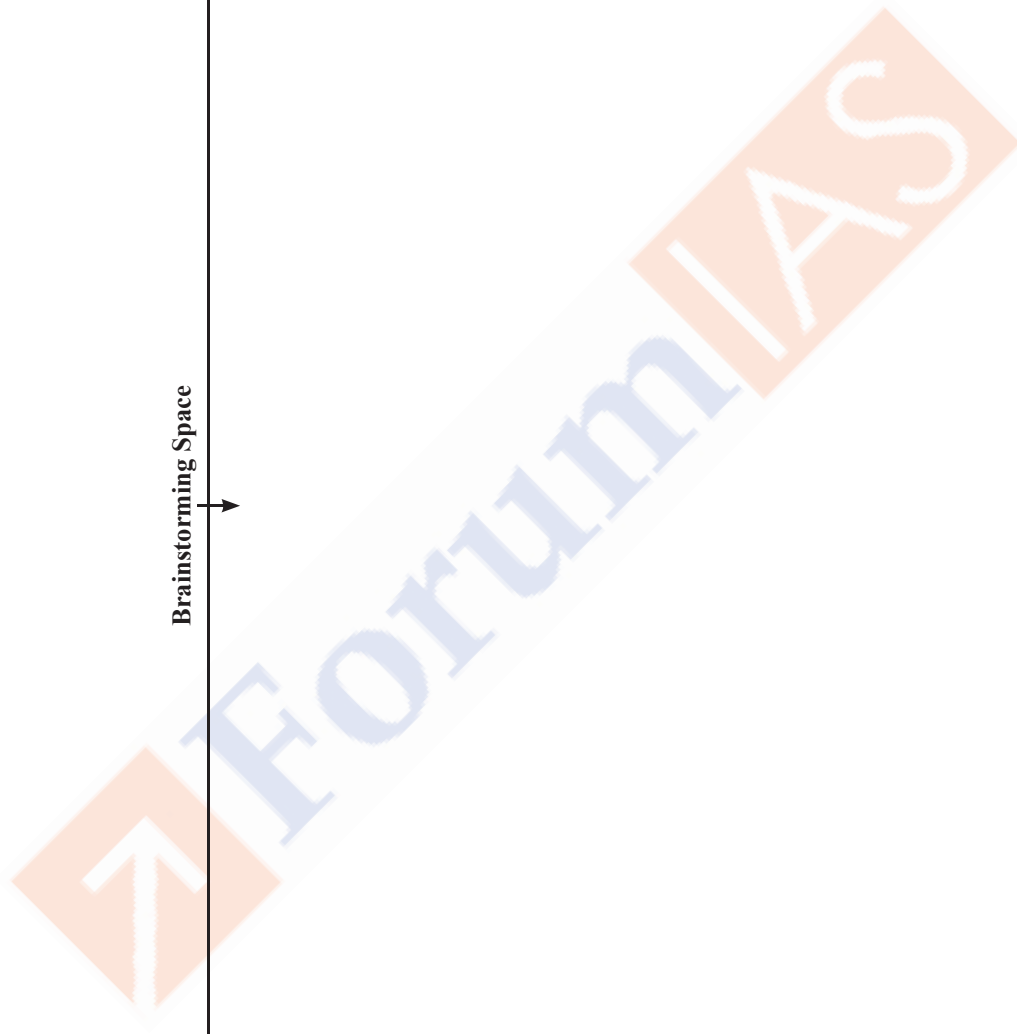
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

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Q.30) A number of outside powers have entrenched themselves in Central Asia. Discuss the implications of India's joining the Ashgabat Agreement, 2018. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

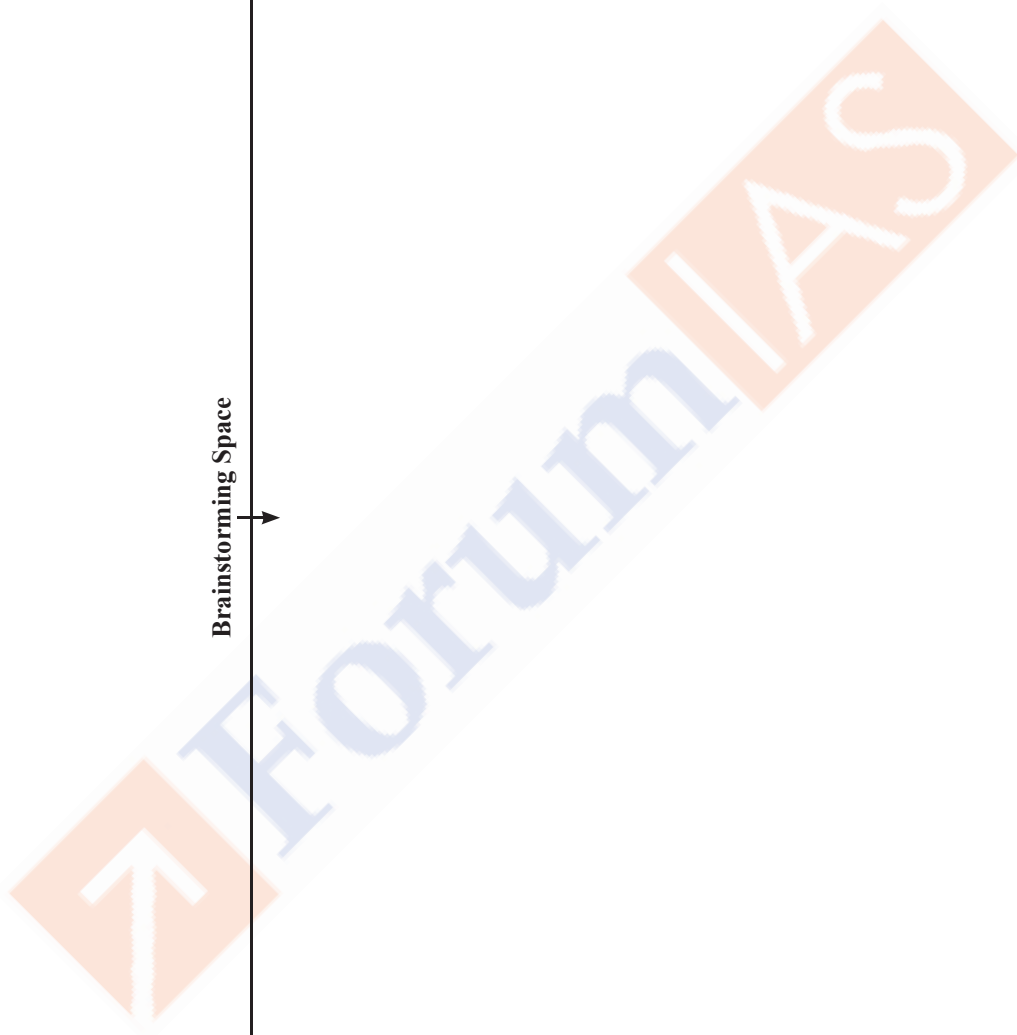
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Q.31) In what ways would the ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2018]

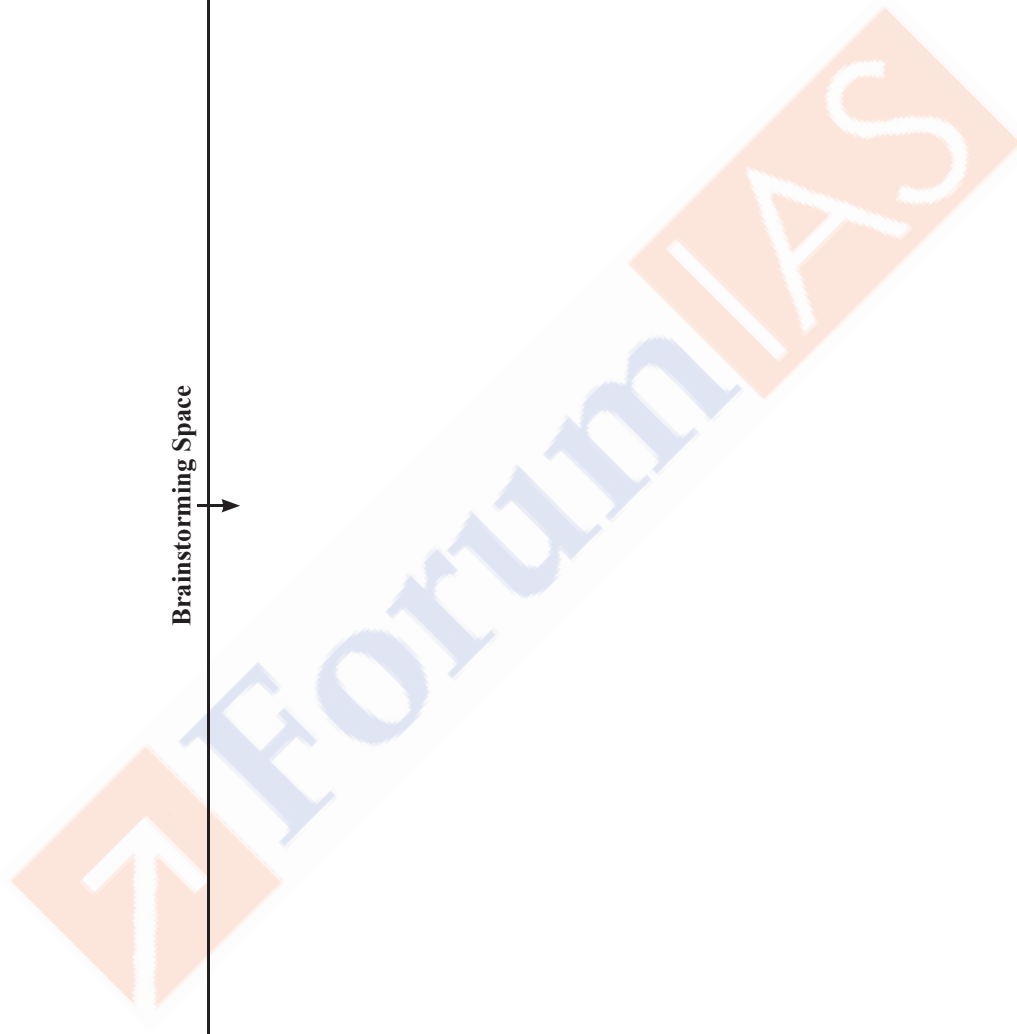
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Q.32) Critically analyse India's evolving diplomatic, economic and strategic relations with the Central Asian Republics (CARs) highlighting their increasing significance in regional and global geopolitics.

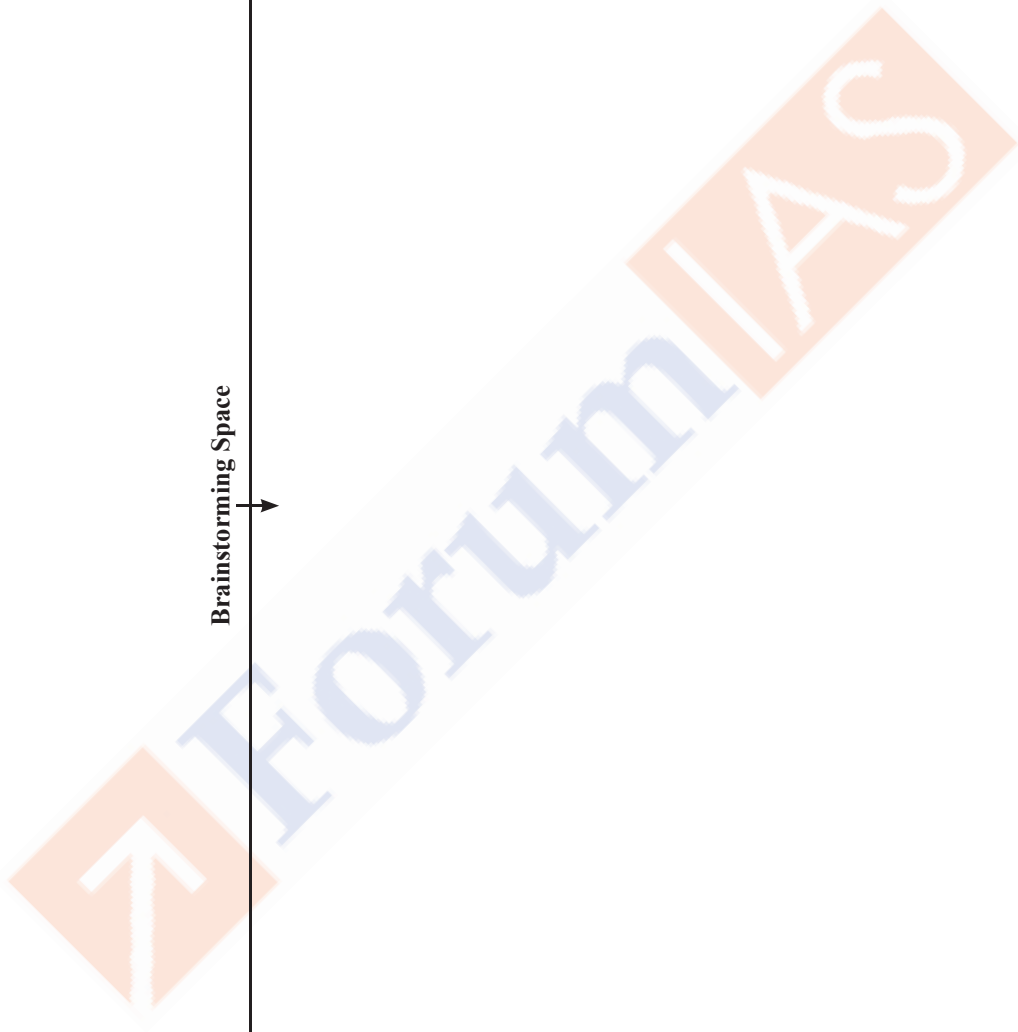
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Q.33) With respect to the South China sea. discuss the bilateral issues between India and China. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

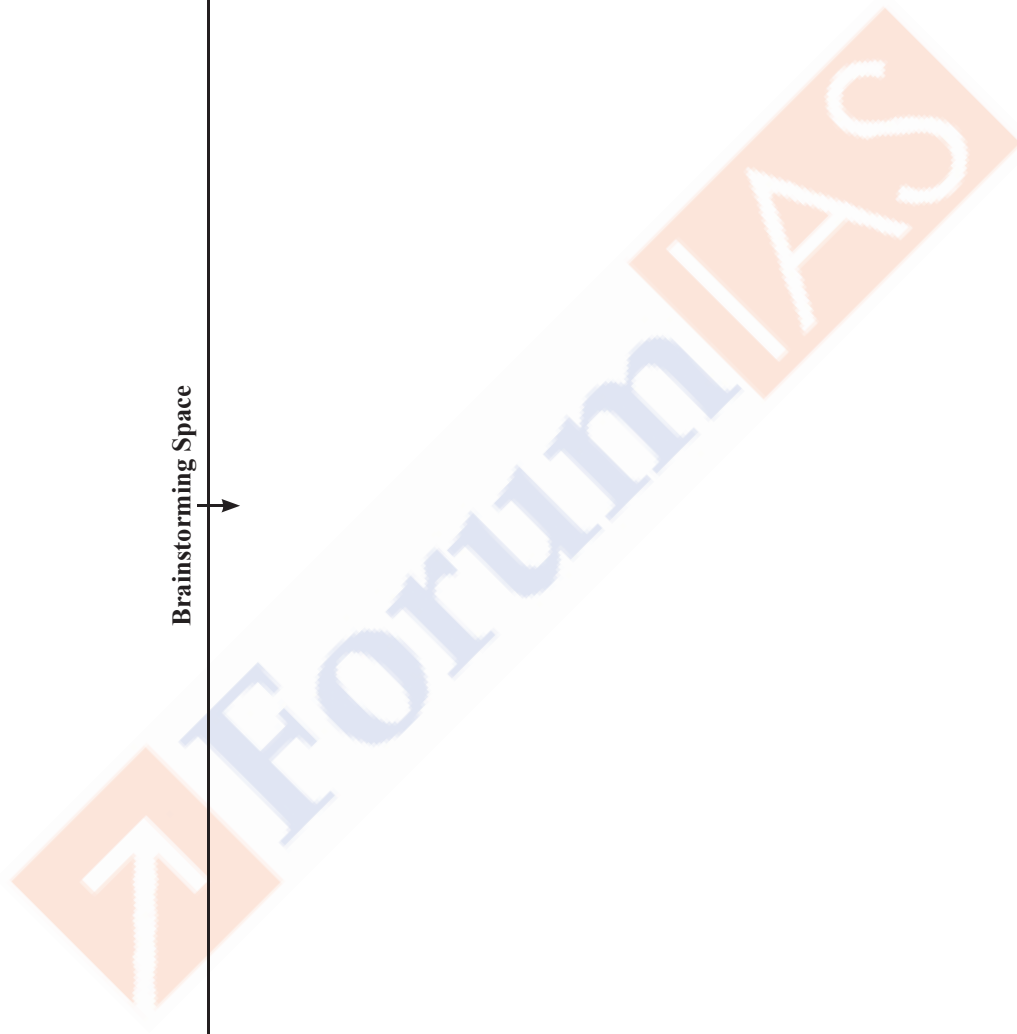
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Q.34) Some of the International funding agencies have special terms. Discuss on merits of such terms in the India context.

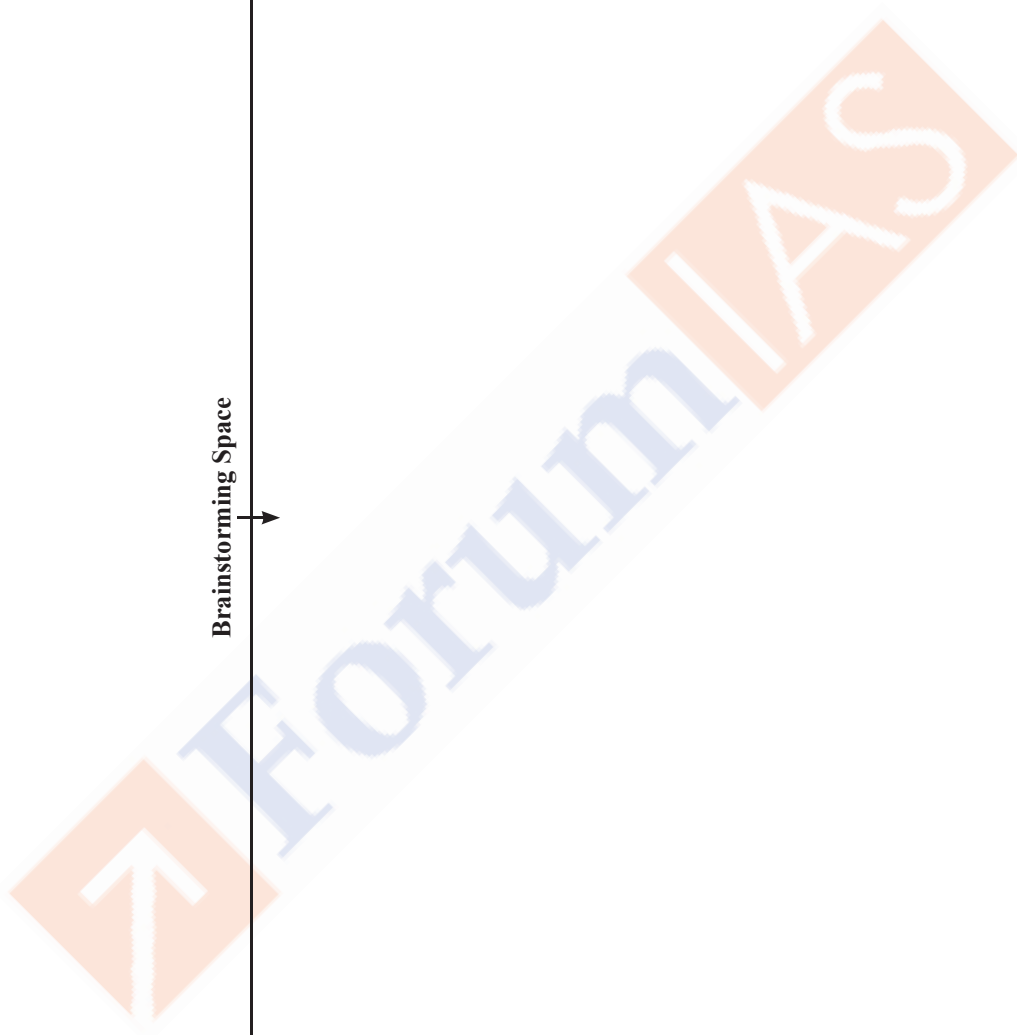
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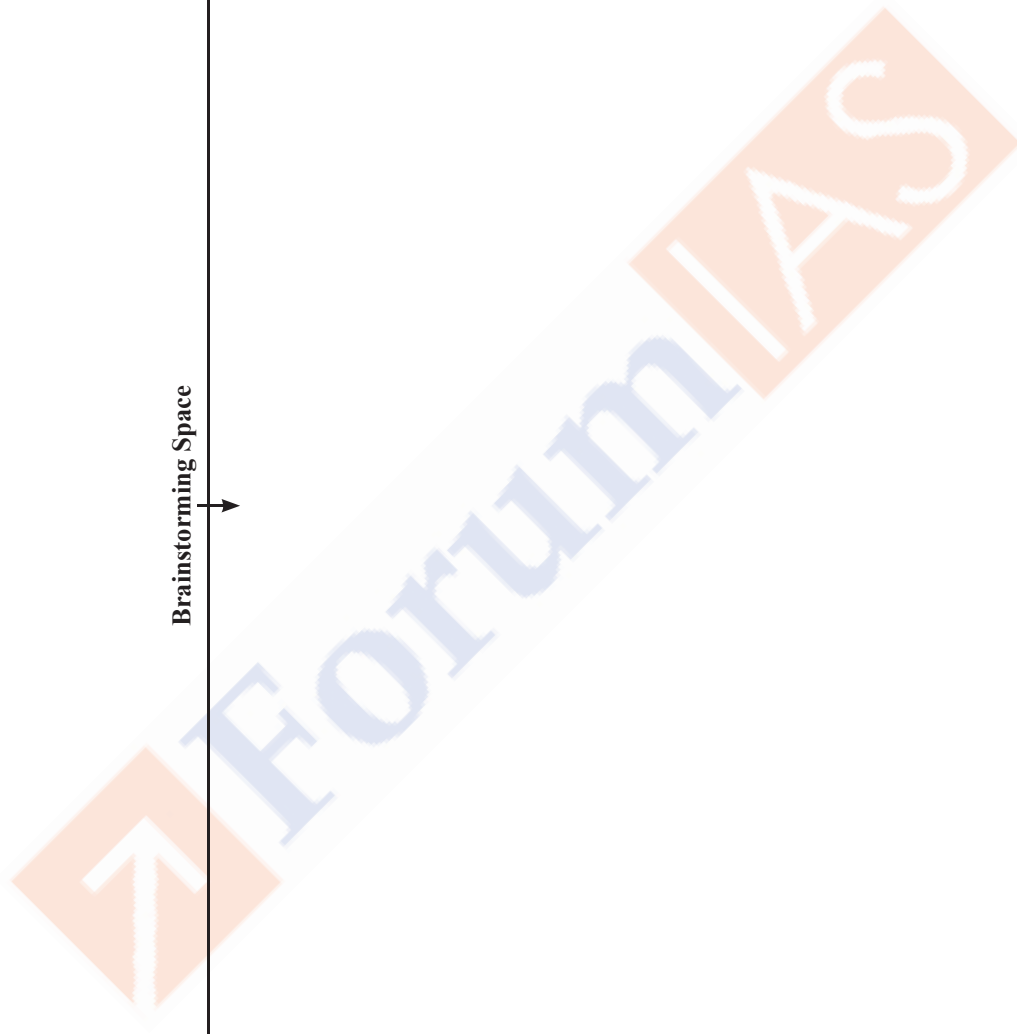
Q.35) Why have the resource rich African and South Asian countries remained poor for decades? Explain. (20 Marks, 250 Words) [2012]

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Q.36) How have the US sanctions against Iran affected India's bilateral relations with Iran?
(20 Marks, 250 Words) [2012]

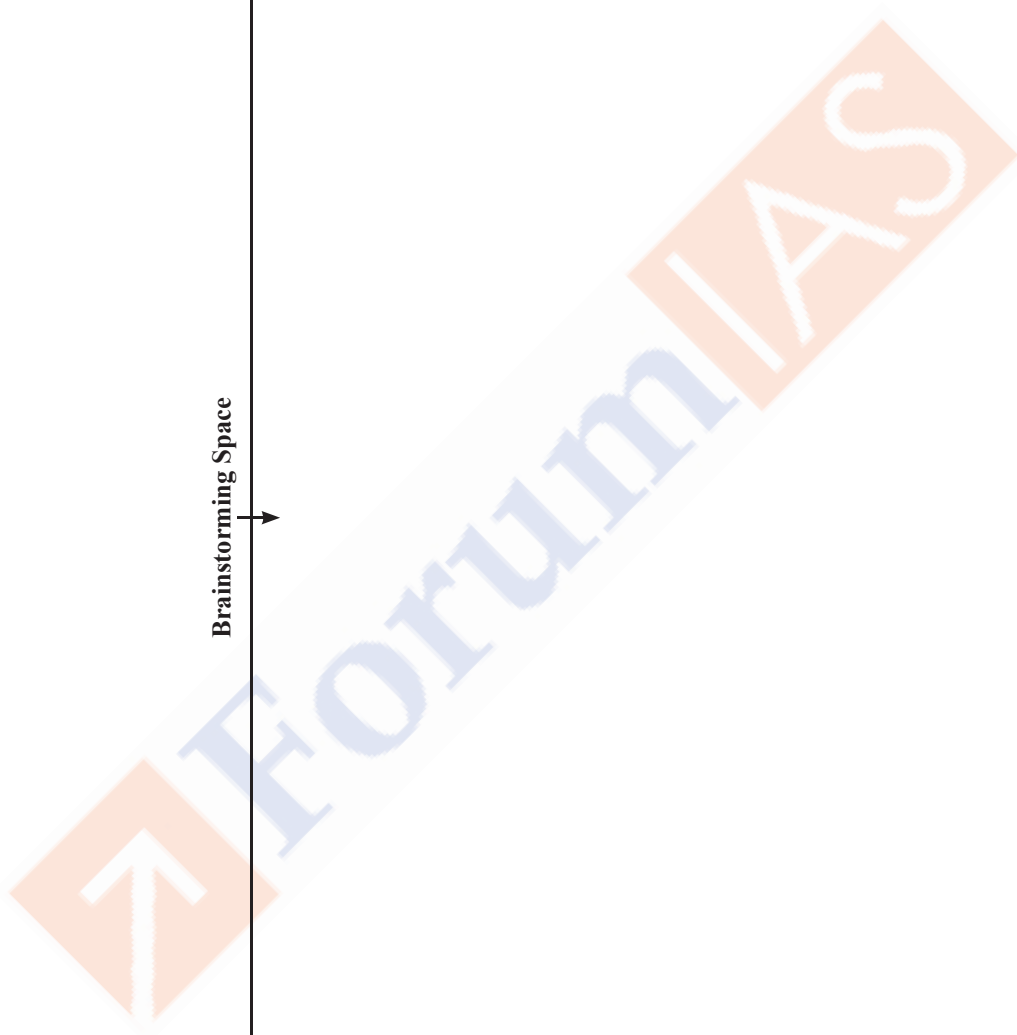
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Q.37) List the Central Asian Republics and identify those of particular strategic and economic importance to India.

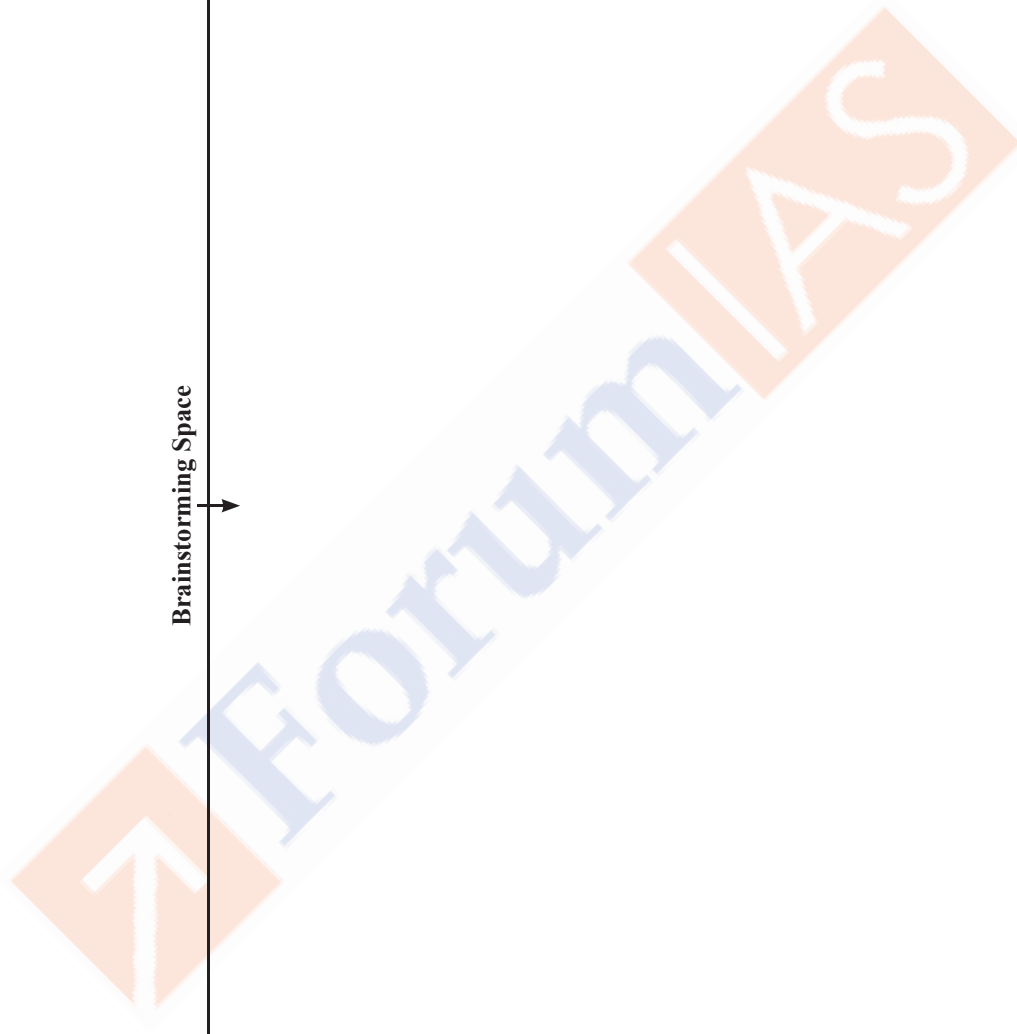
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2011]

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Q.38) Was Jawaharlal Nehru justified in adopting the principle of non-alignment.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2000]

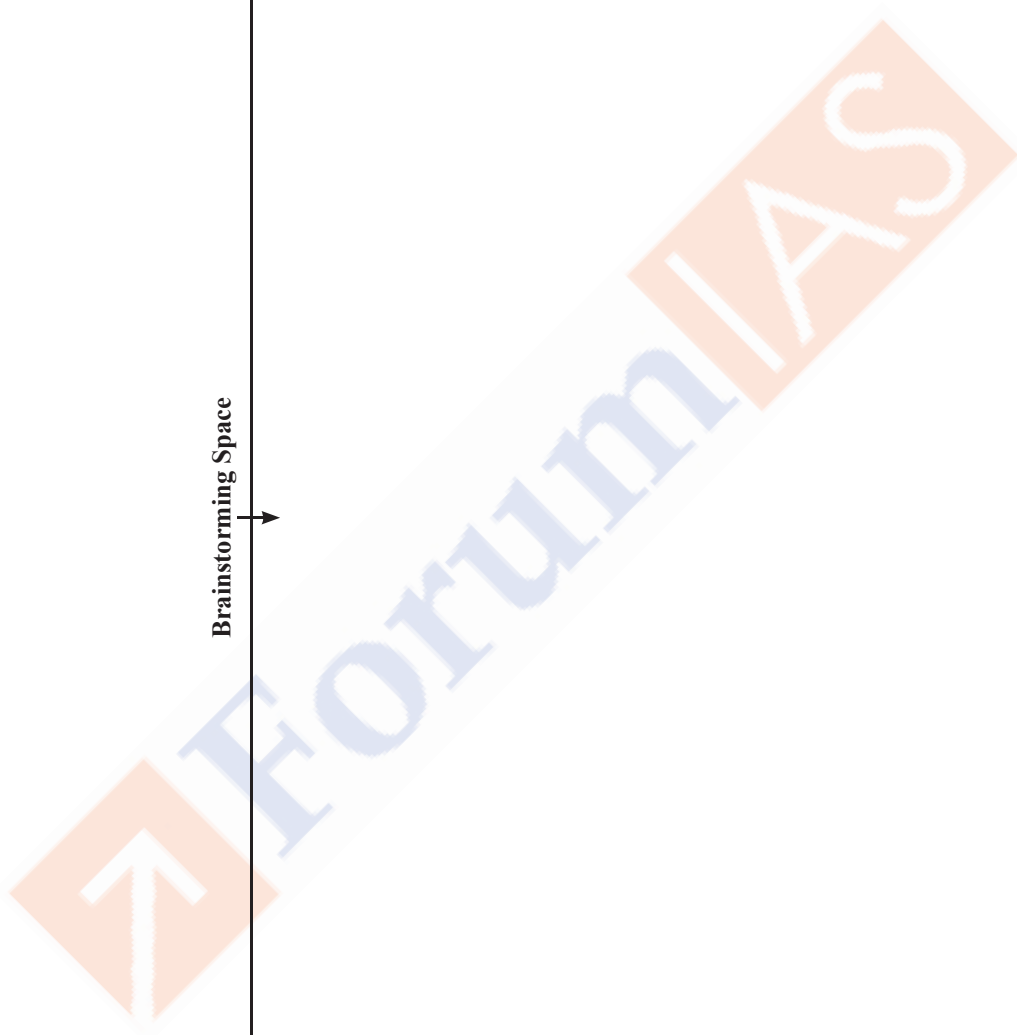
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Q.39) How can India accommodate her foreign policy principle of 'non-intervention' with the emerging right to 'intervention'?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2000]

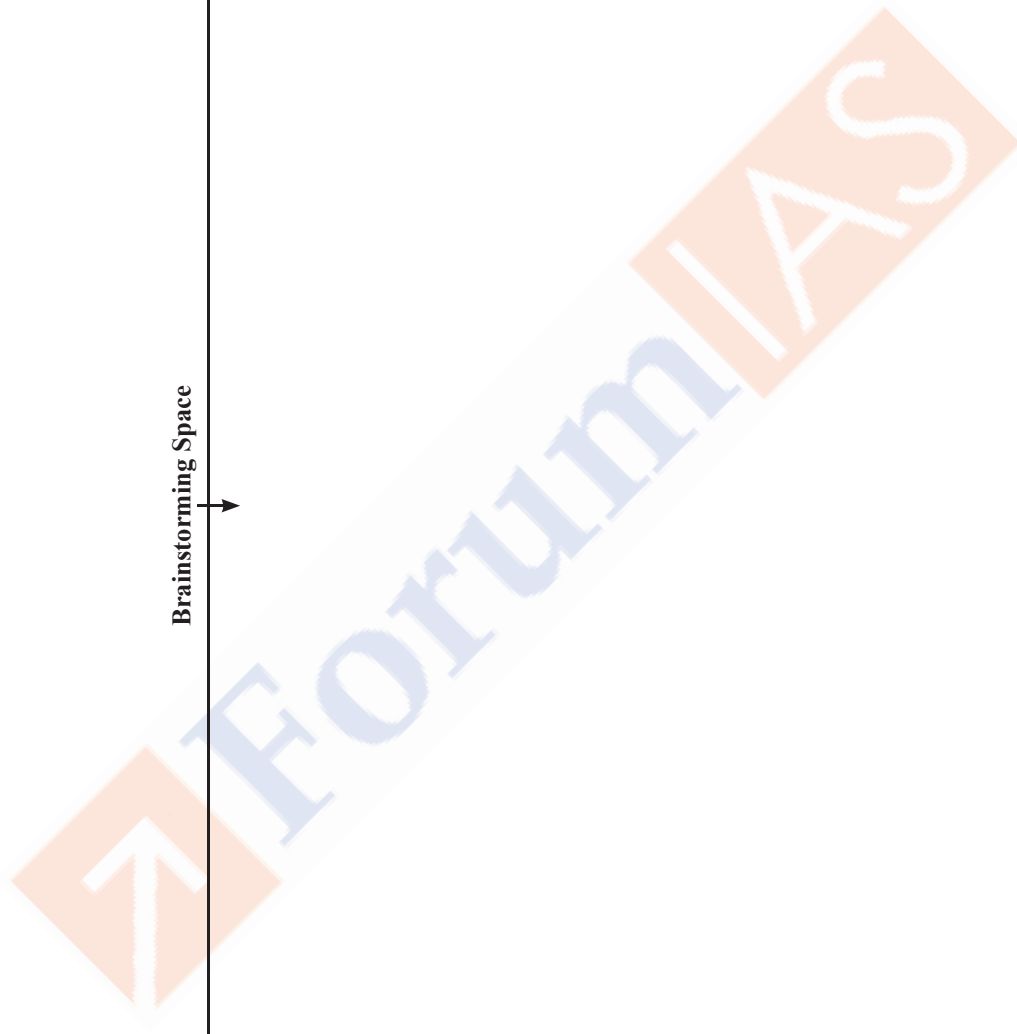
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Q.40) Discuss the implications of Israel's expansion plan.

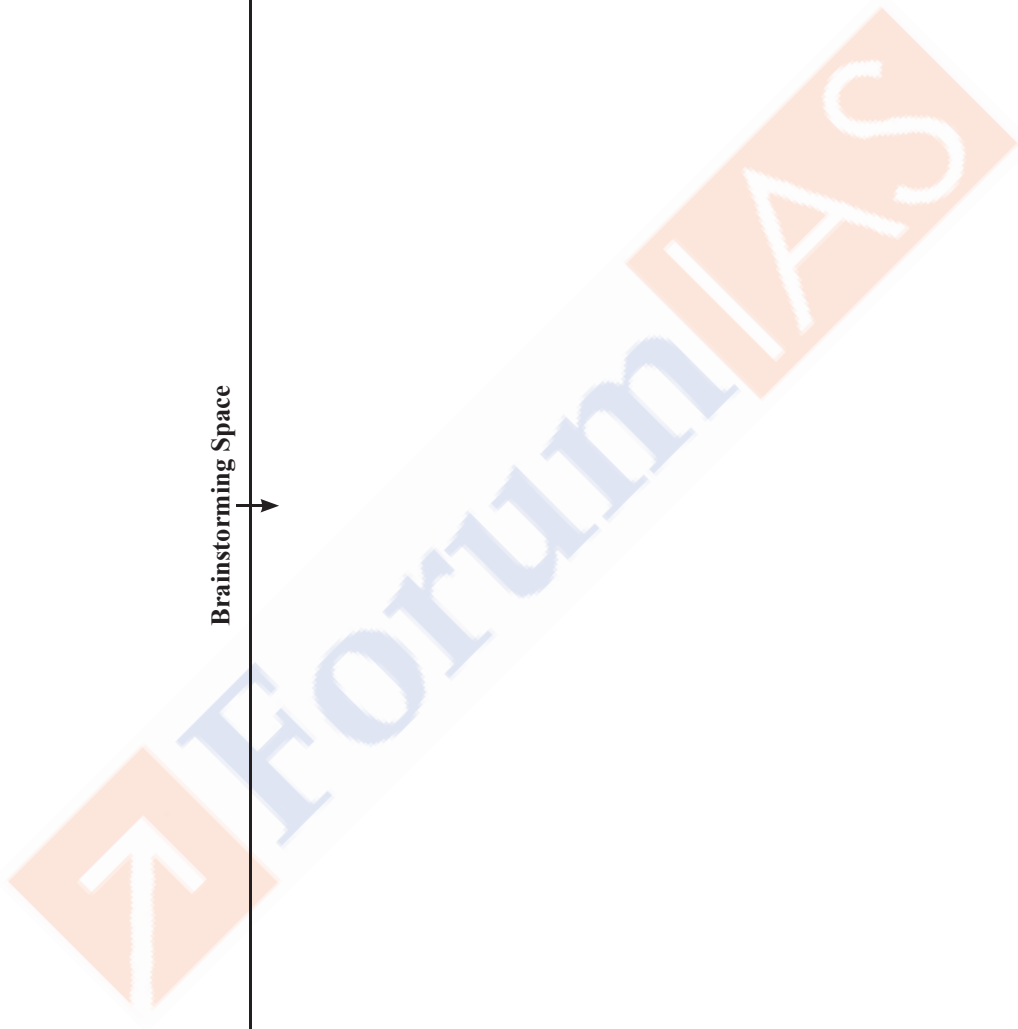
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1998]

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Q.41) What has been India's stand in respect of the proposed sale of a nuclear reactor to Iran? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

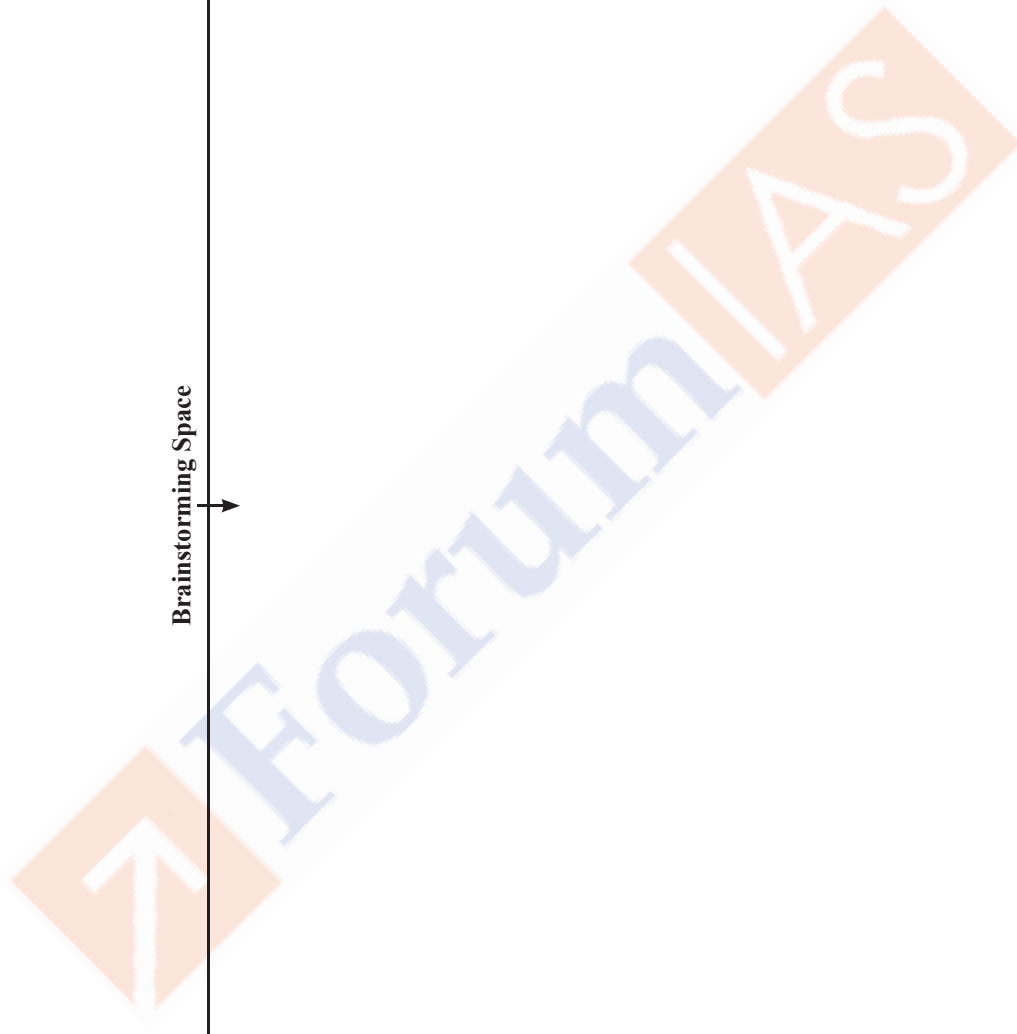
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Q.42) The policy of nonalignment. Has this policy been fruitful?

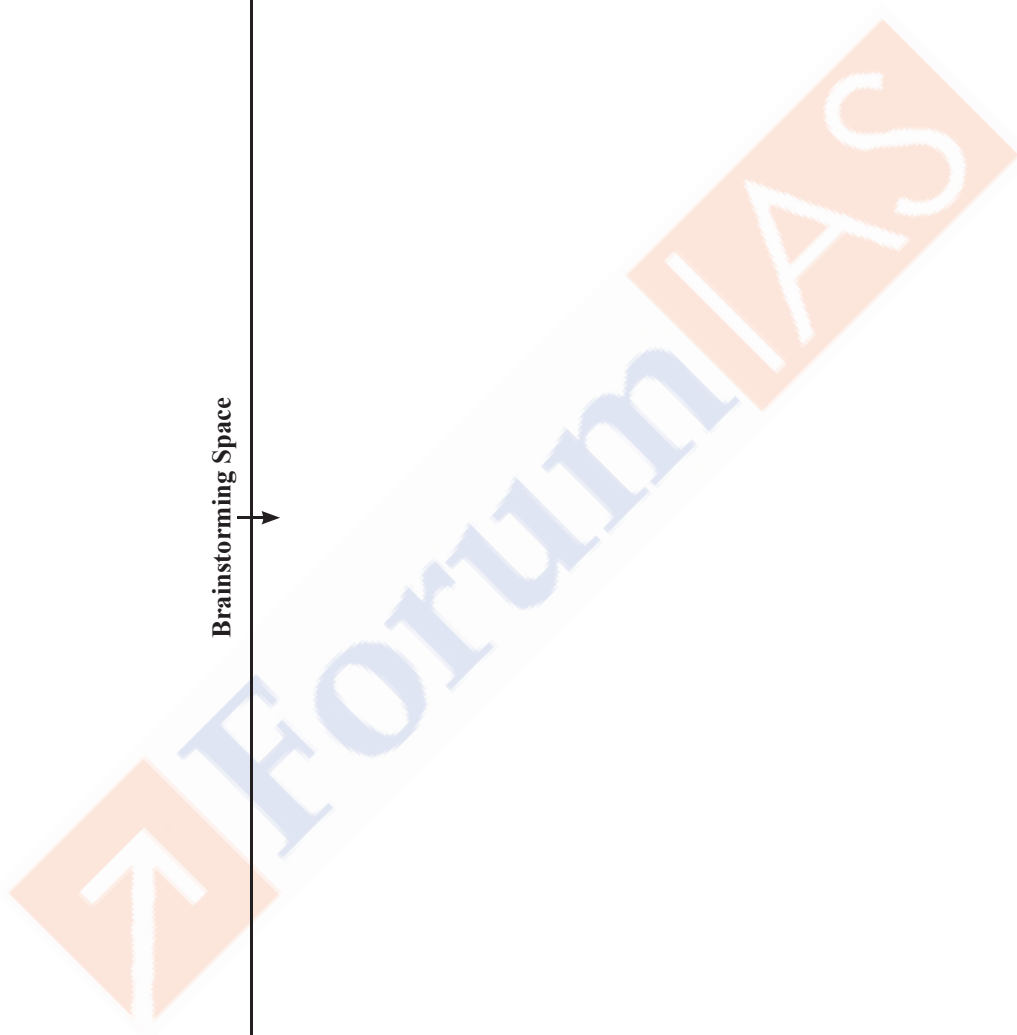
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1980]

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Q.43) ‘The West is fostering India as an alternative to reduce dependence on China’s supply chain and as a strategically to counter China’s political and economic dominance.’ Explain this statement with examples. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

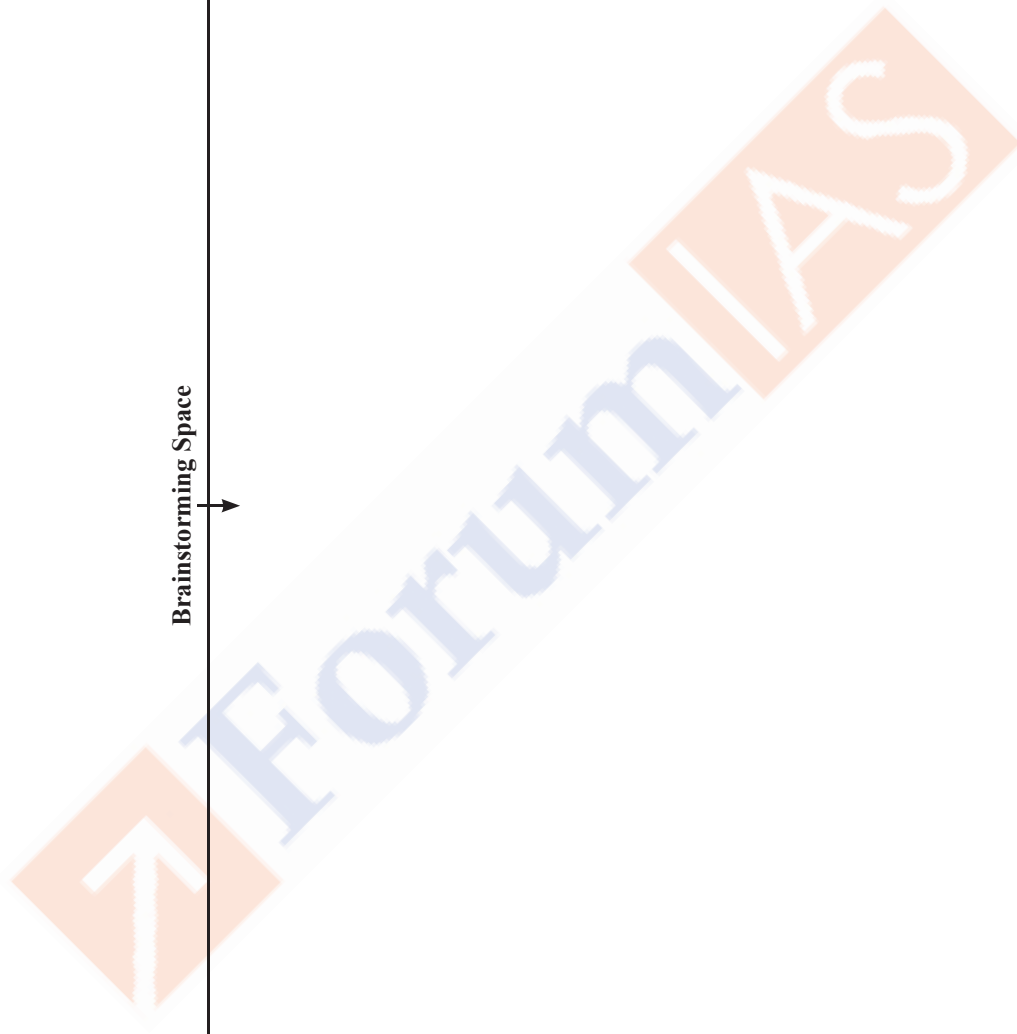
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Q.44) 'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.' What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons and examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

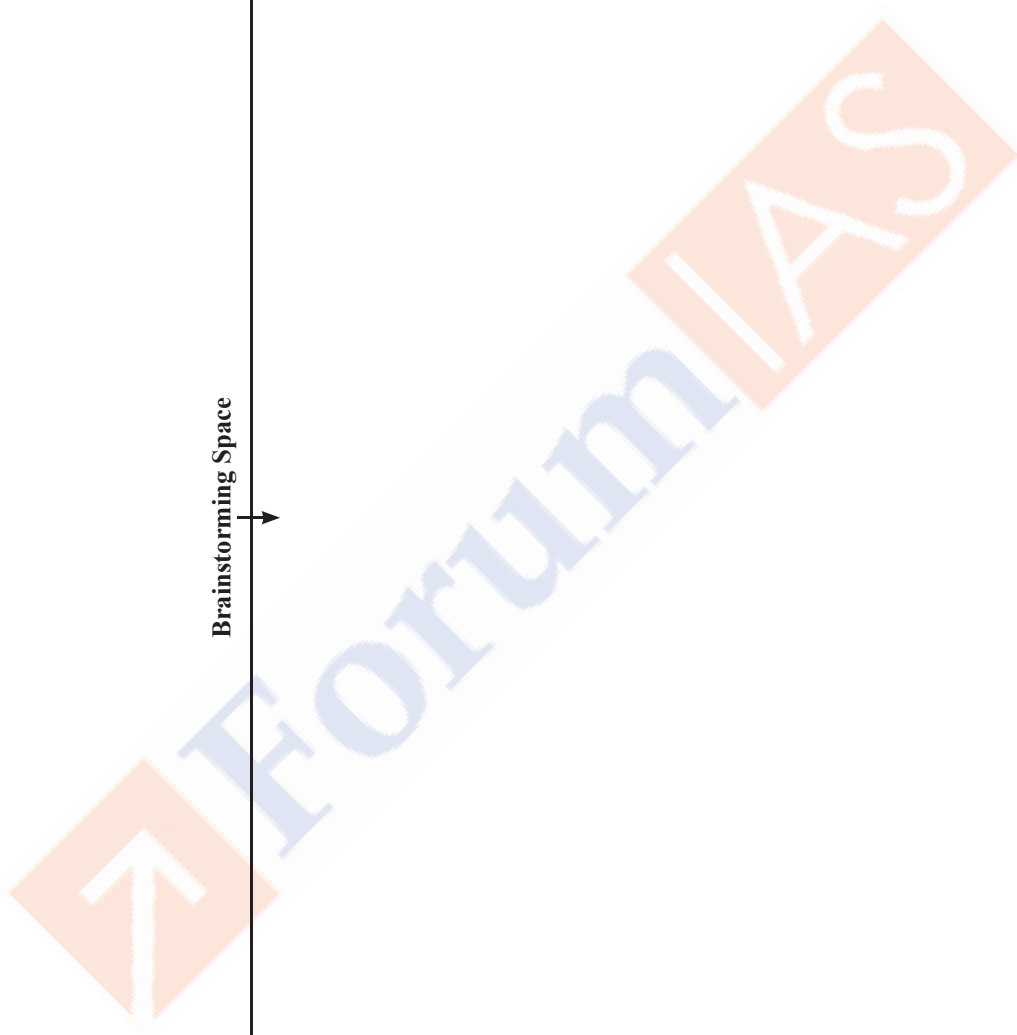
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Q.45) What introduces friction into the ties between India and United States... Explain with suitable examples.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

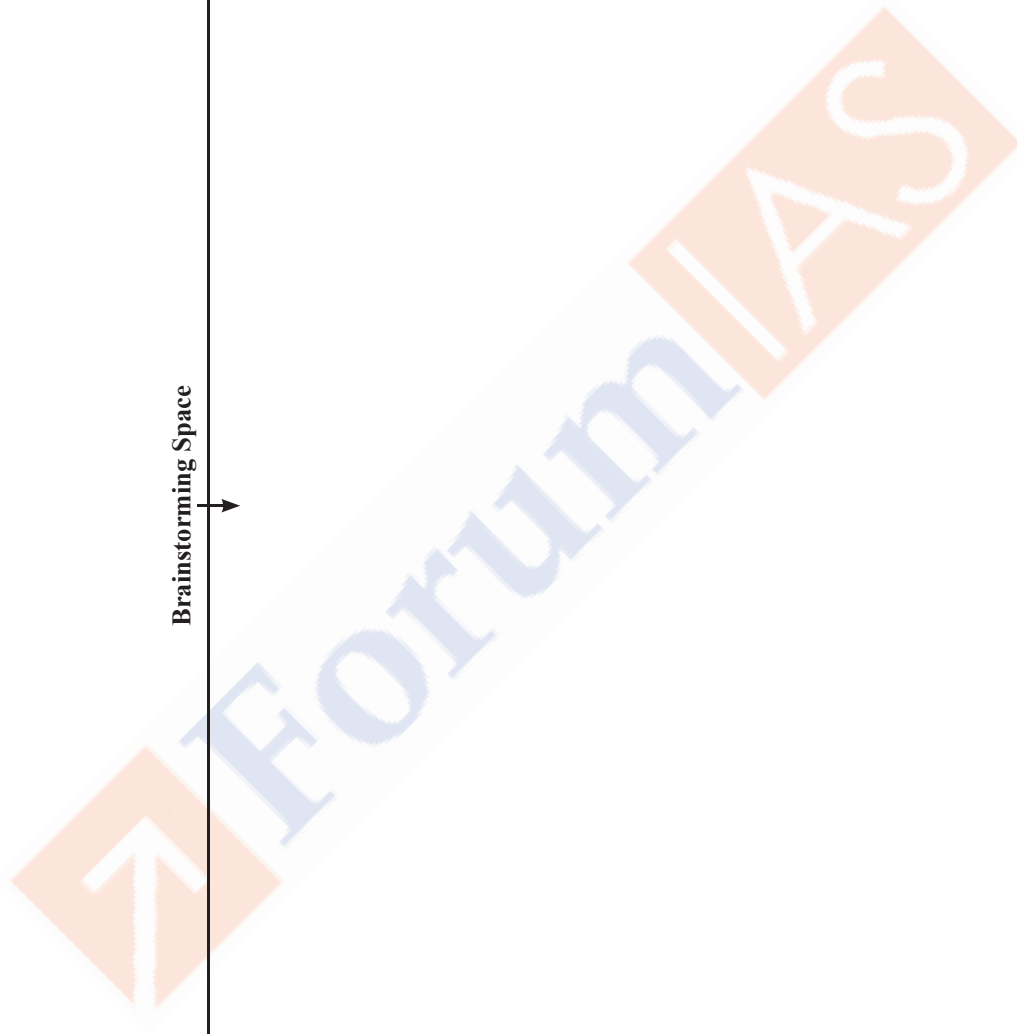
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Q.46) Discuss the likely negative impact of the protectionist measures proposed by the US on India's software industry.

(20 Marks, 250 Words) [2012]

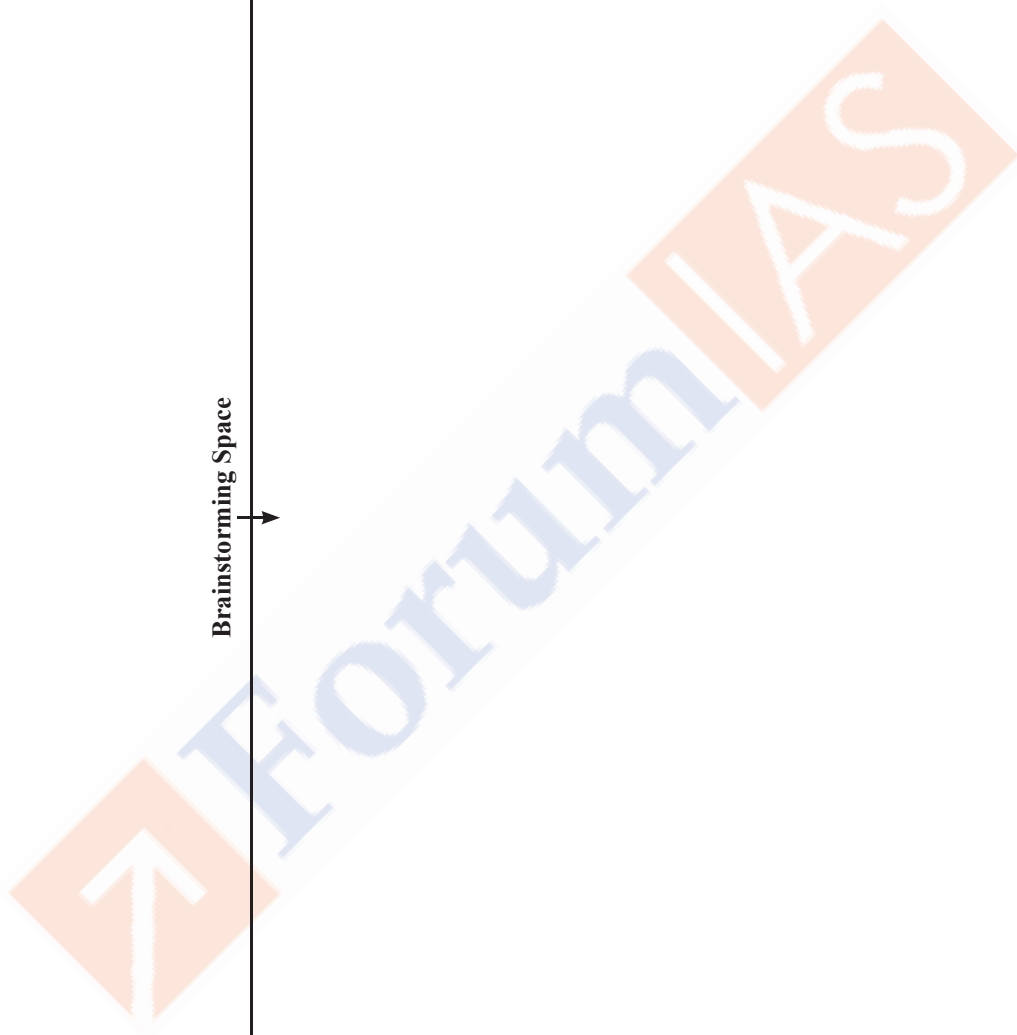
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Q.47) Explain India's strategic relationship with Russia.

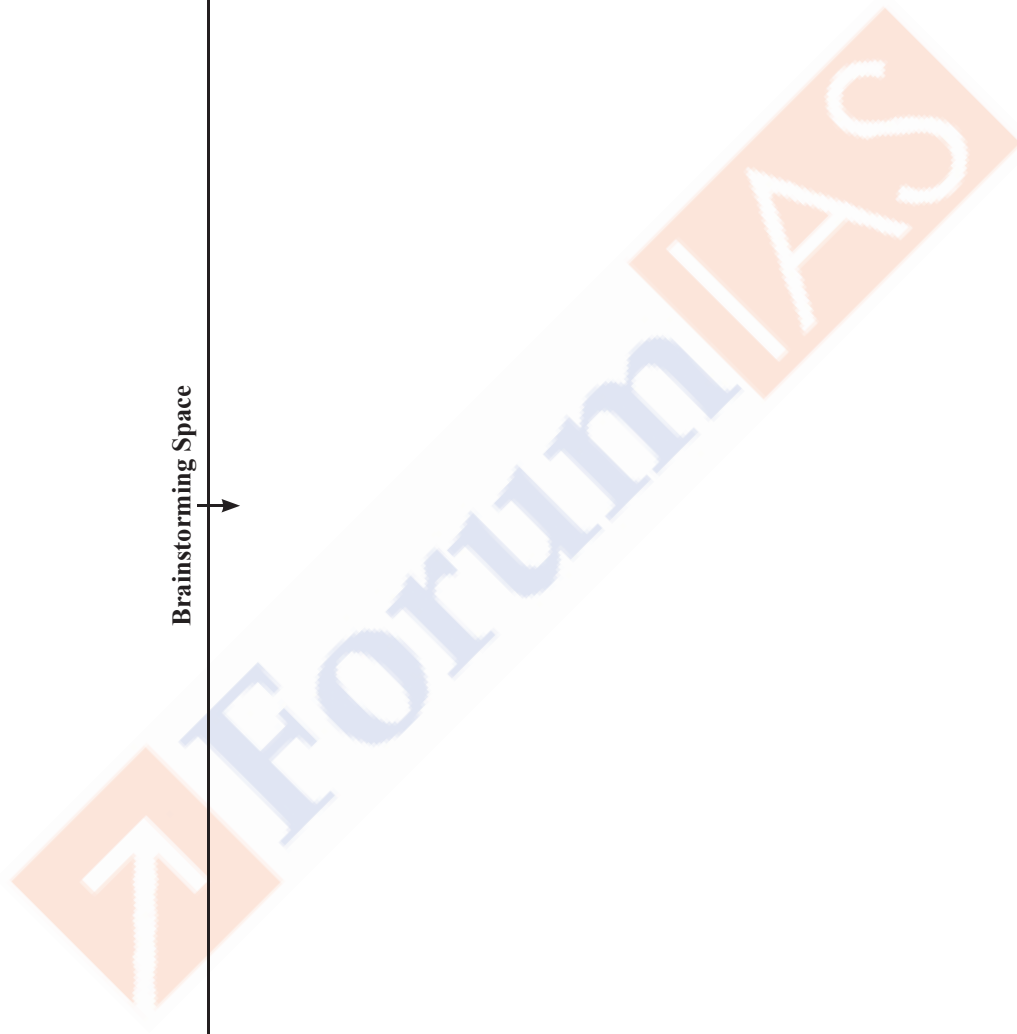
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

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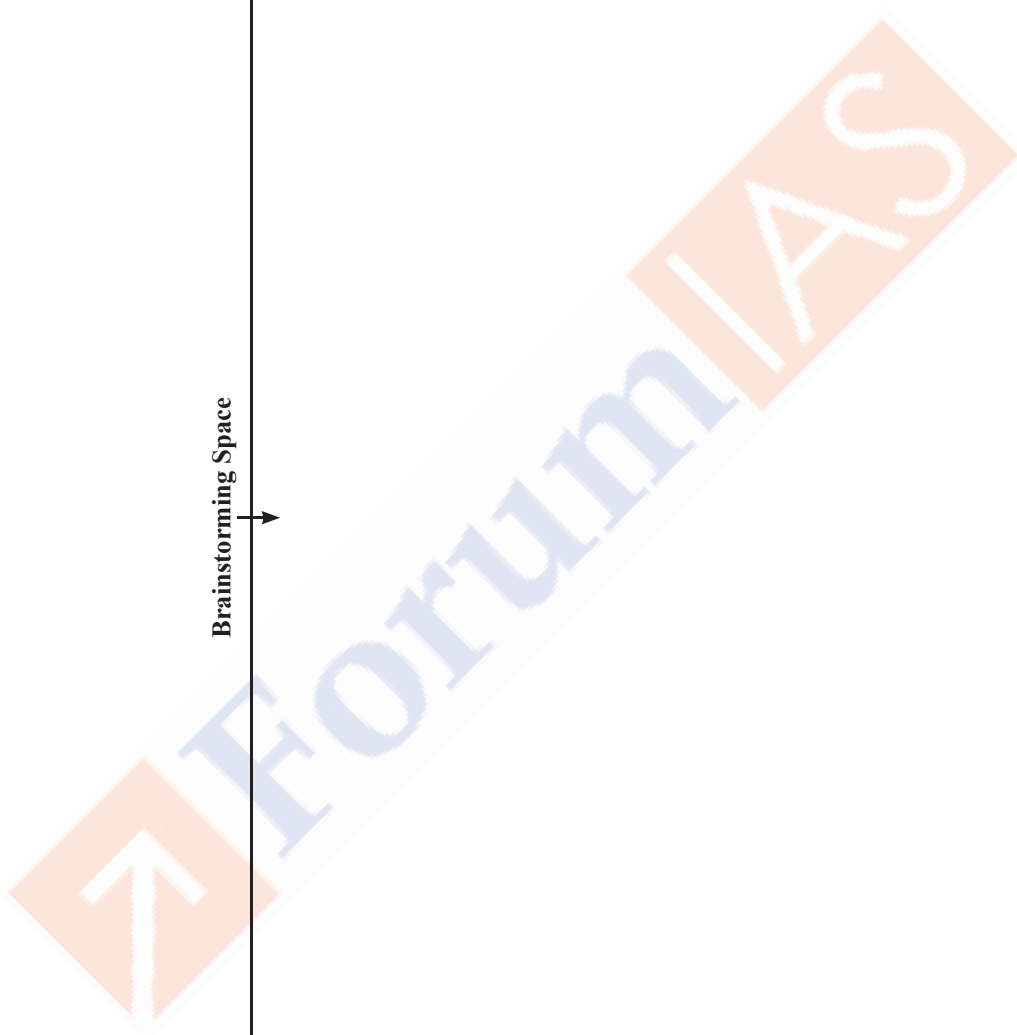
Q.48) What strategic moves have recently been made by the USA and China in the South Pacific region? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1995]

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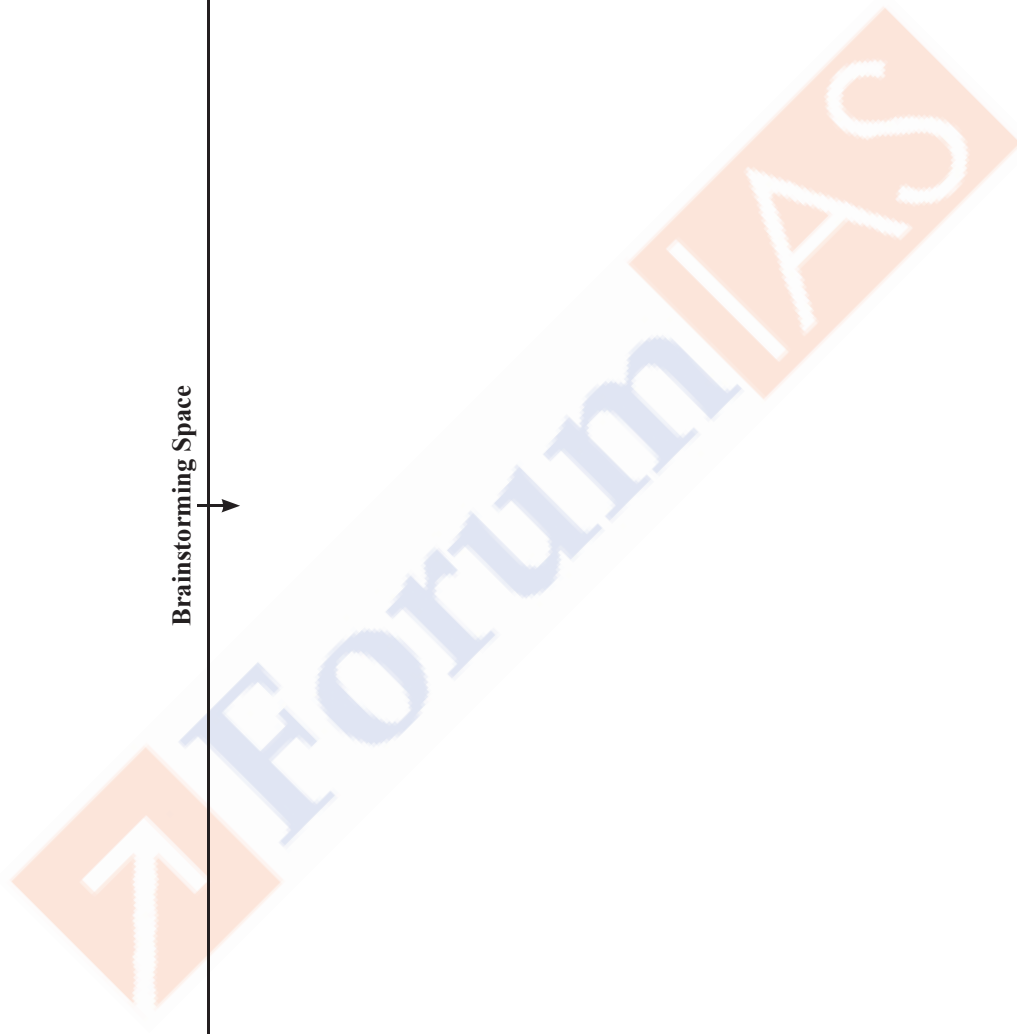
Q.49) Examine the present status of Indo-US relations. What are the major irritants. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1994]

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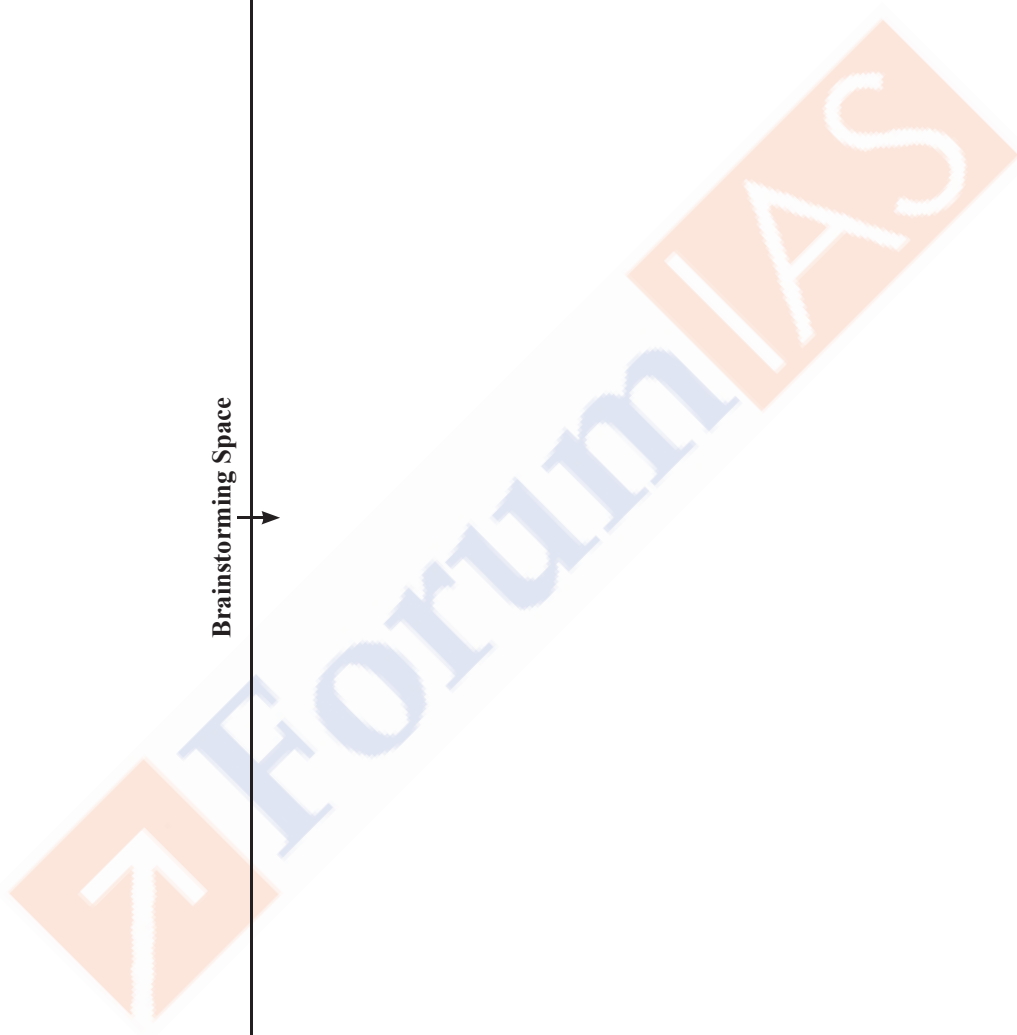
Q.50) How far is the recent Indo US agreement on technology transfer likely to help us? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1985]

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Q.51) When was the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between India and Soviet Union signed?. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1981]

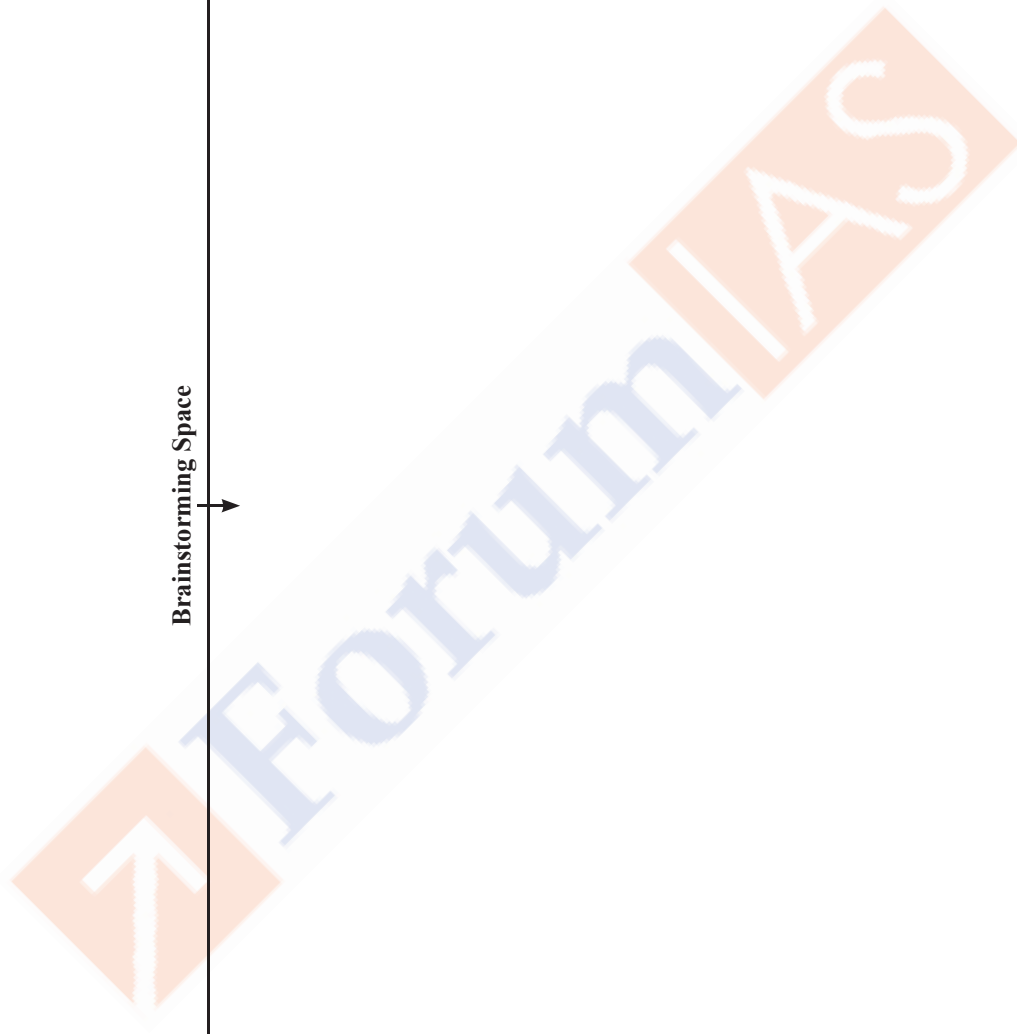
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Q.52) What geopolitical and economic advantages are enjoyed by India due to its location in the southern part of the Continent of Asia?

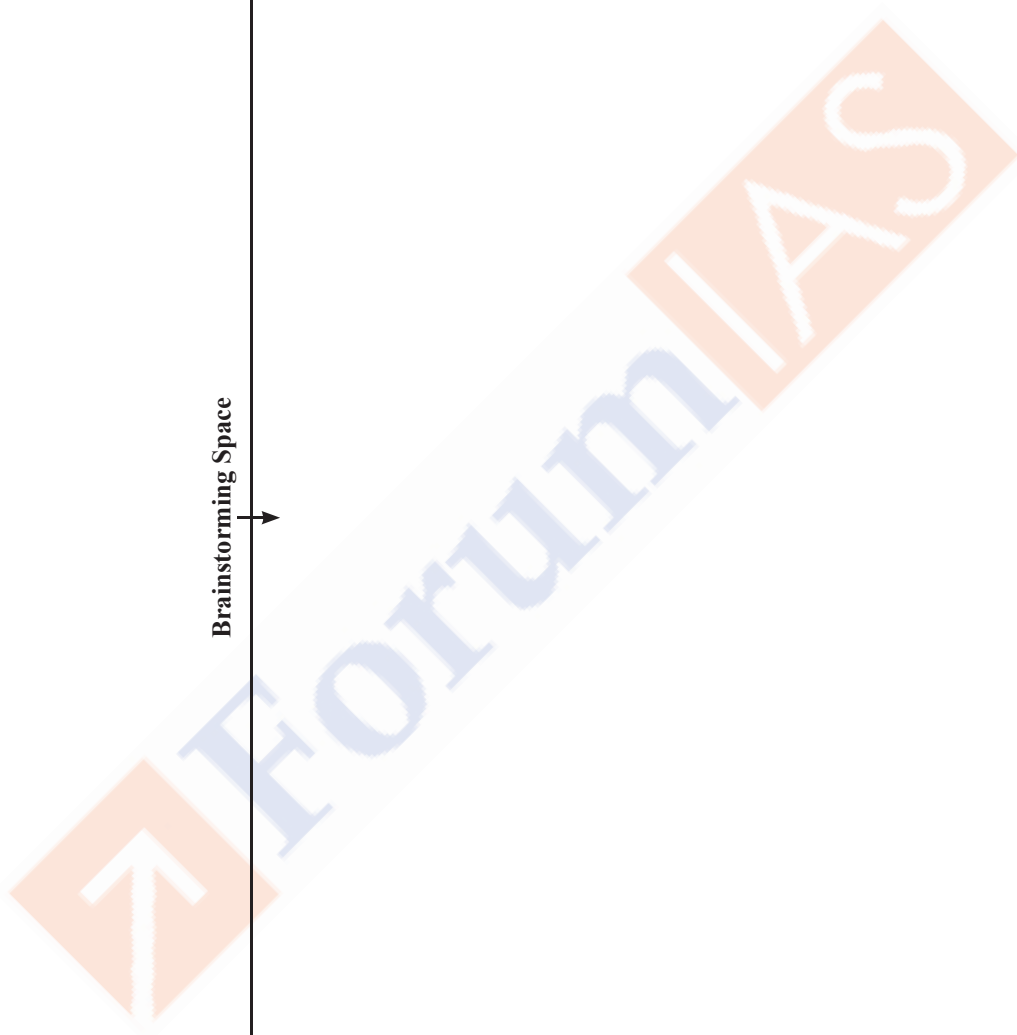
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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Q.53) What is 'South-South Commission'? When and where was it formed?.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1987]

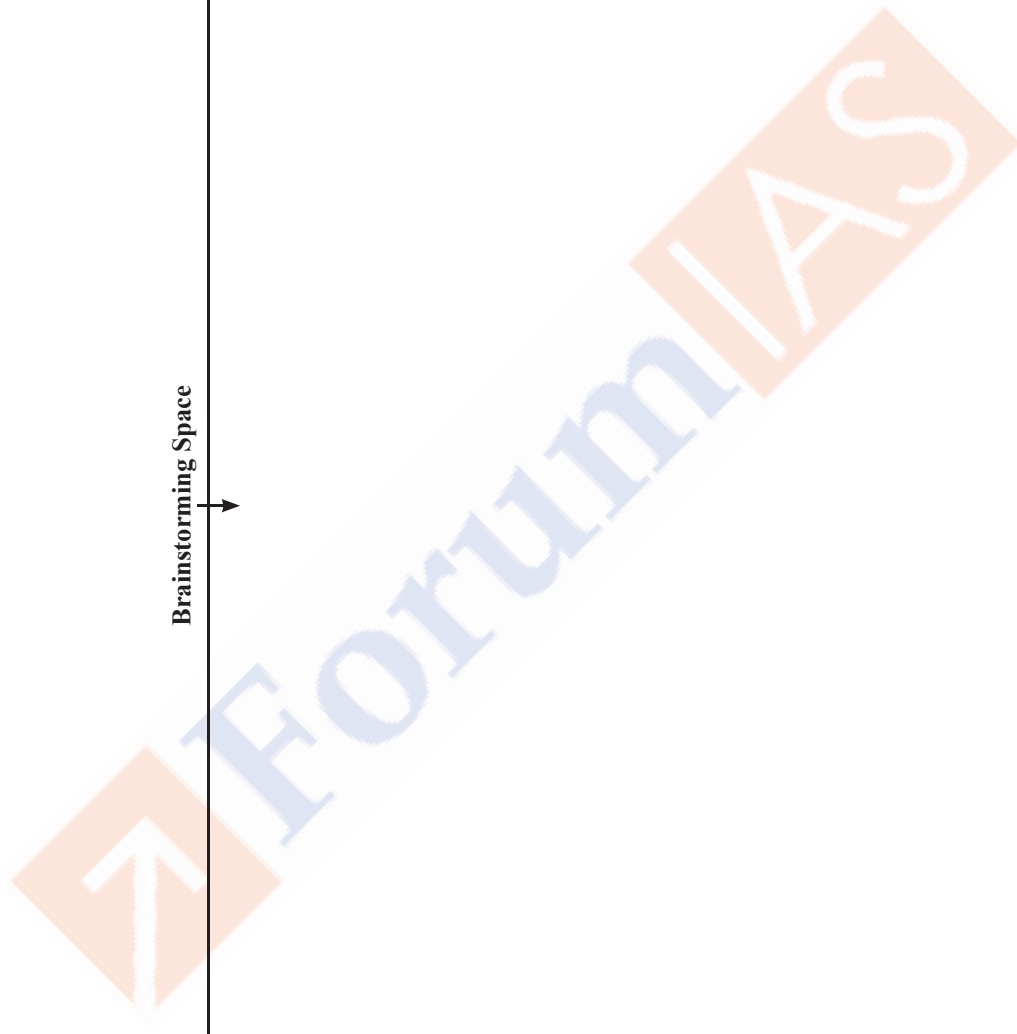
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Q.54) “The reform process in the United Nations remains unresolved, because of the delicate imbalance of East and West and entanglement of the USA vs. Russo-Chinese alliance.” Examine and critically evaluate the East-West policy confrontations in this regard.

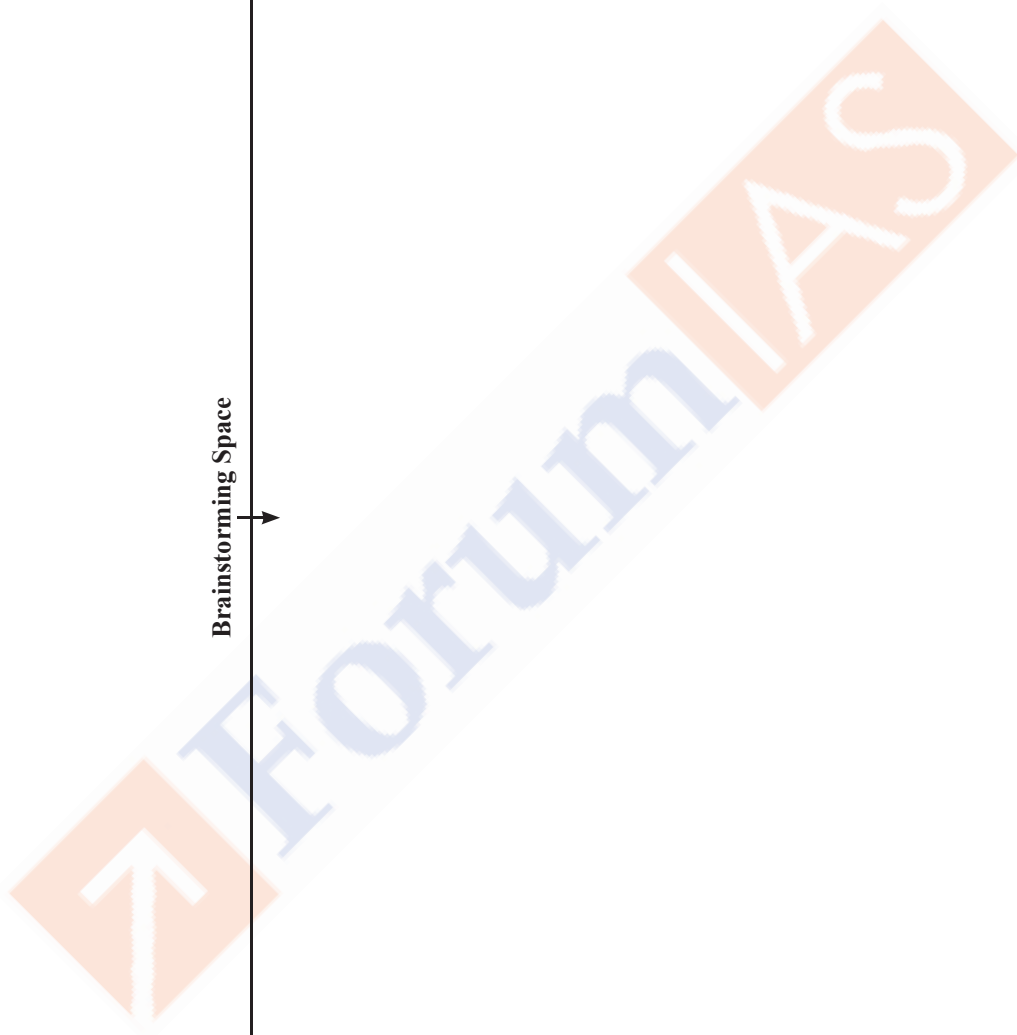
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

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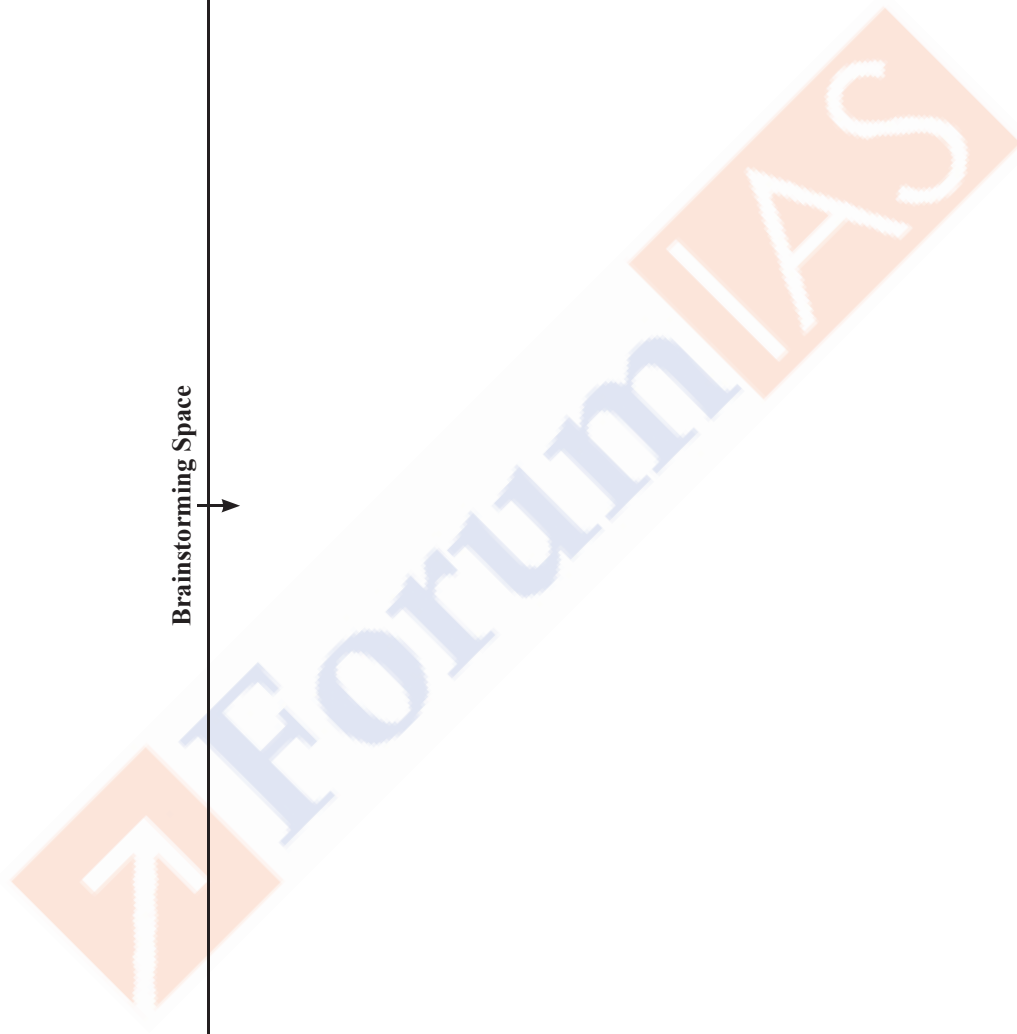
Q.55) 'Terrorism has become a significant threat to global peace and security.' Evaluate the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) and its associated bodies. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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Q.56) 'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO' In the light of the above statement point out the role of India in mitigating the problems. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

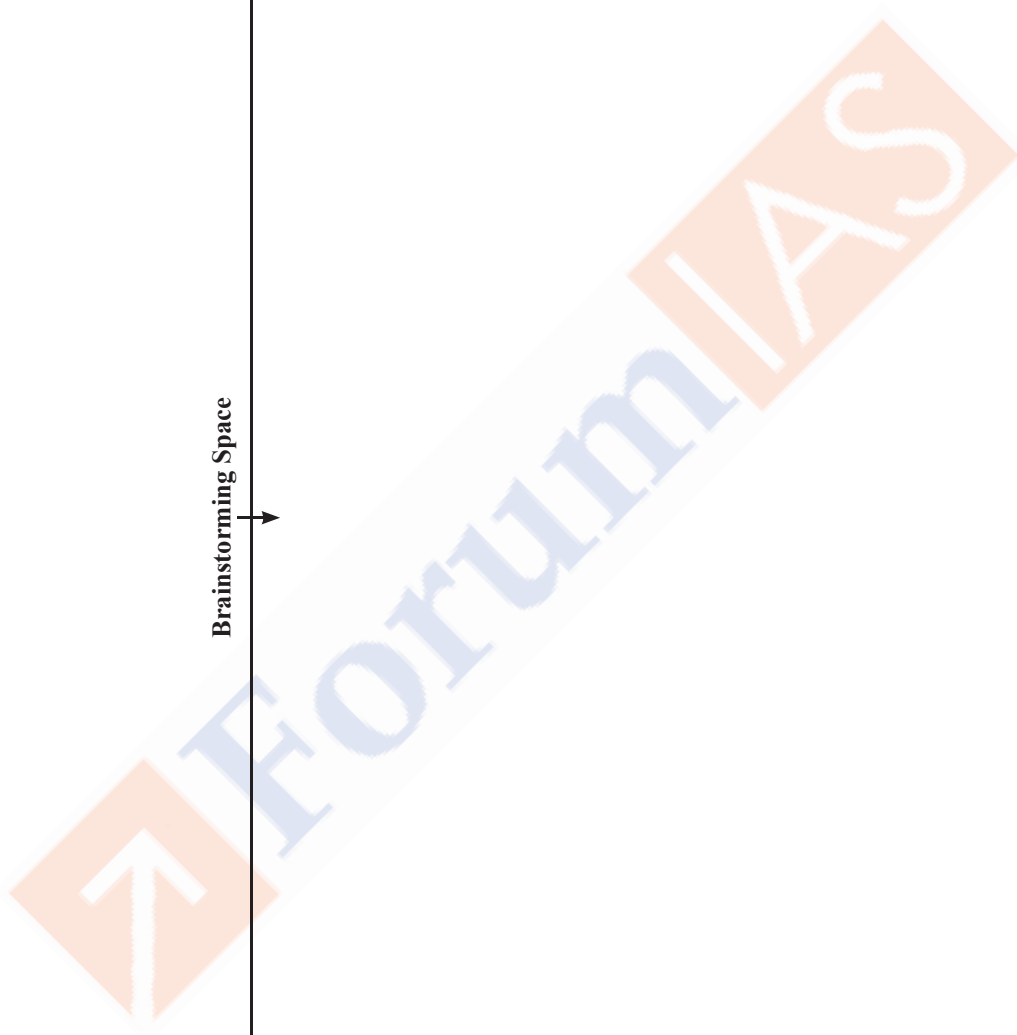
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Q.57) 'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos' Discuss... the role of the IMO (International Maritime Organisation) in protecting environment and enhancing maritime safety and security.

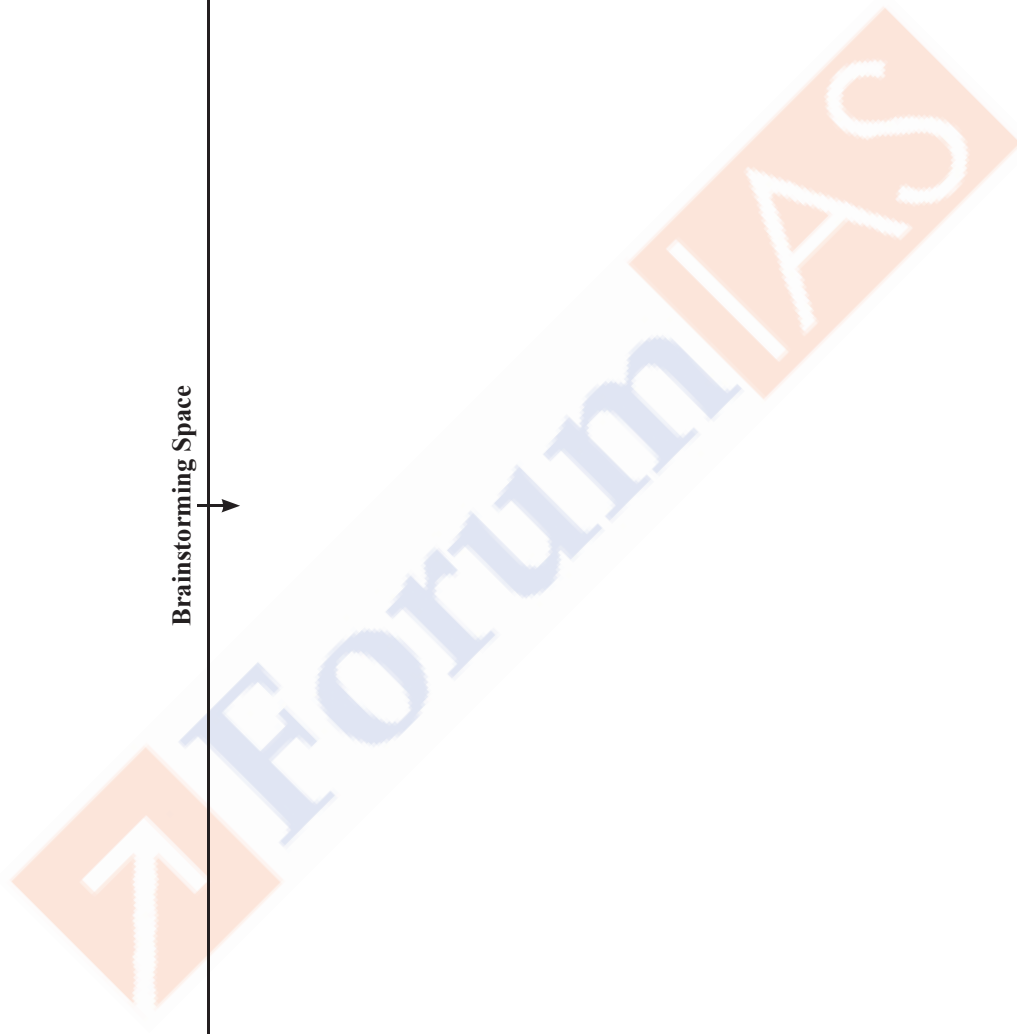
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

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Q.58) How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2022]

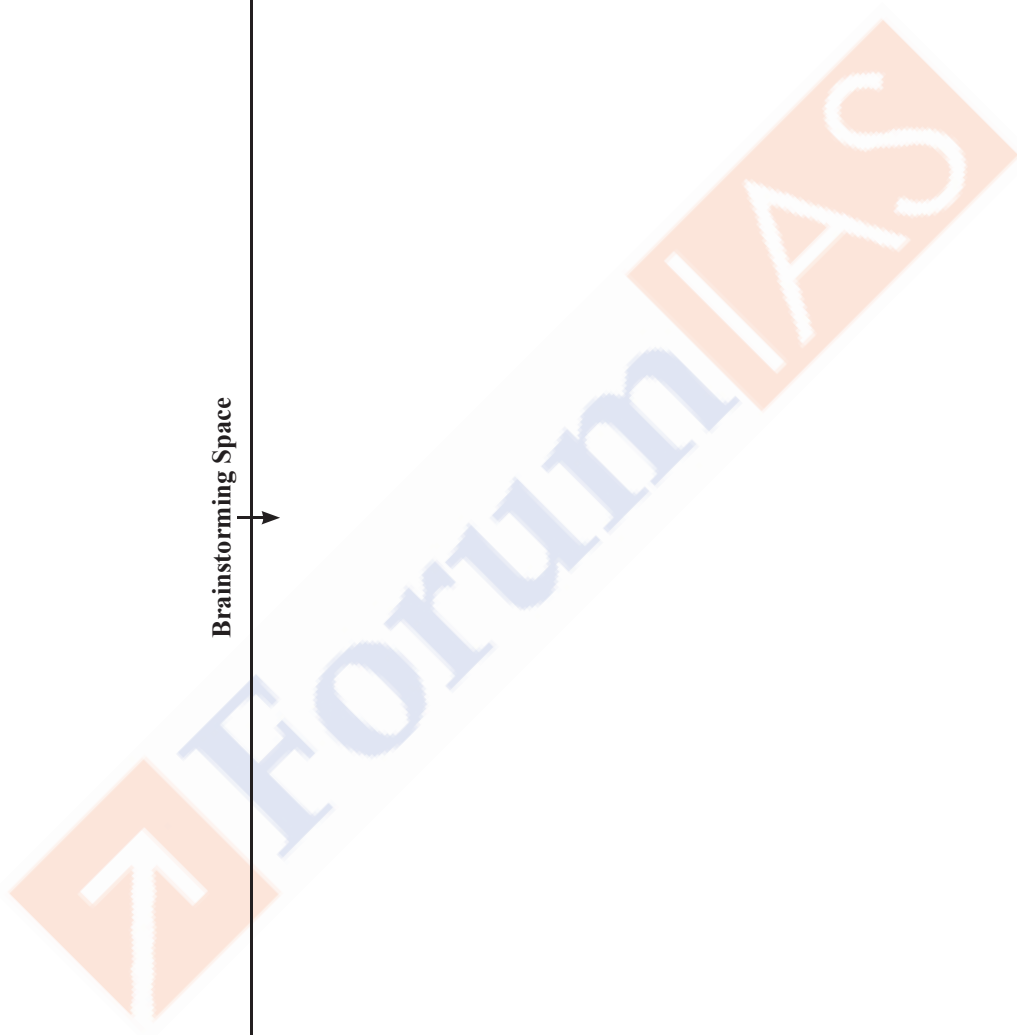
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Q.59) The newly tri-nation partnership AUKUS is aimed at countering China's ambitions. Discuss the strength and impact of AUKUS.

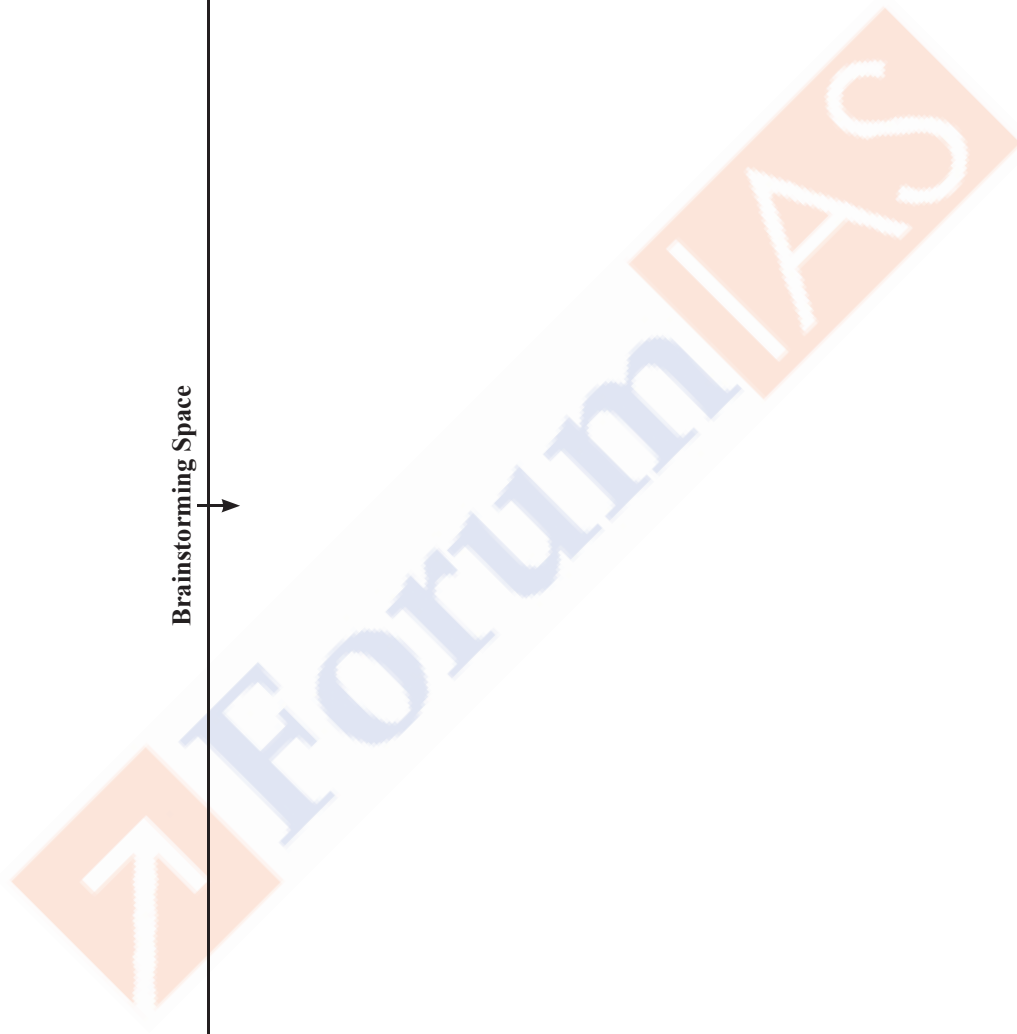
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

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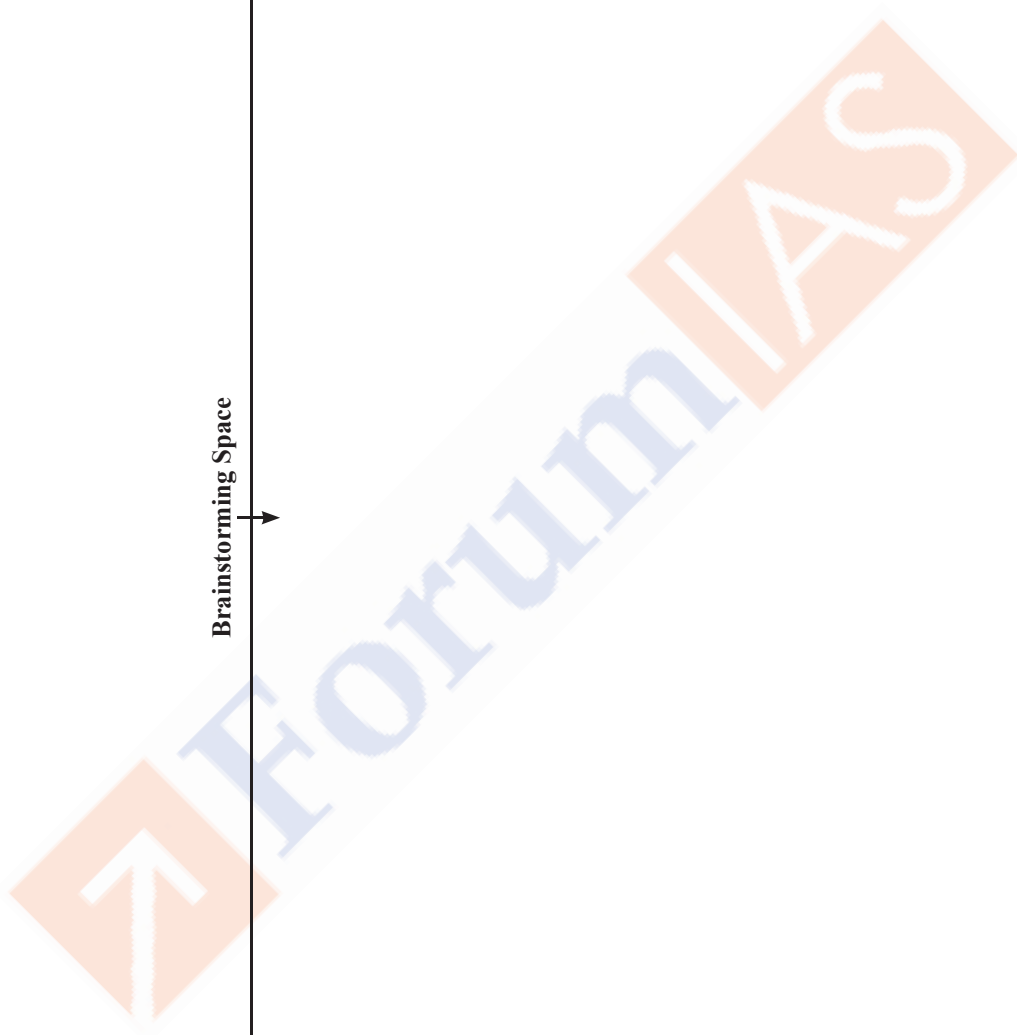
Q.60) Critically examine the aims and objectives of SCO. What importance does it hold for India? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

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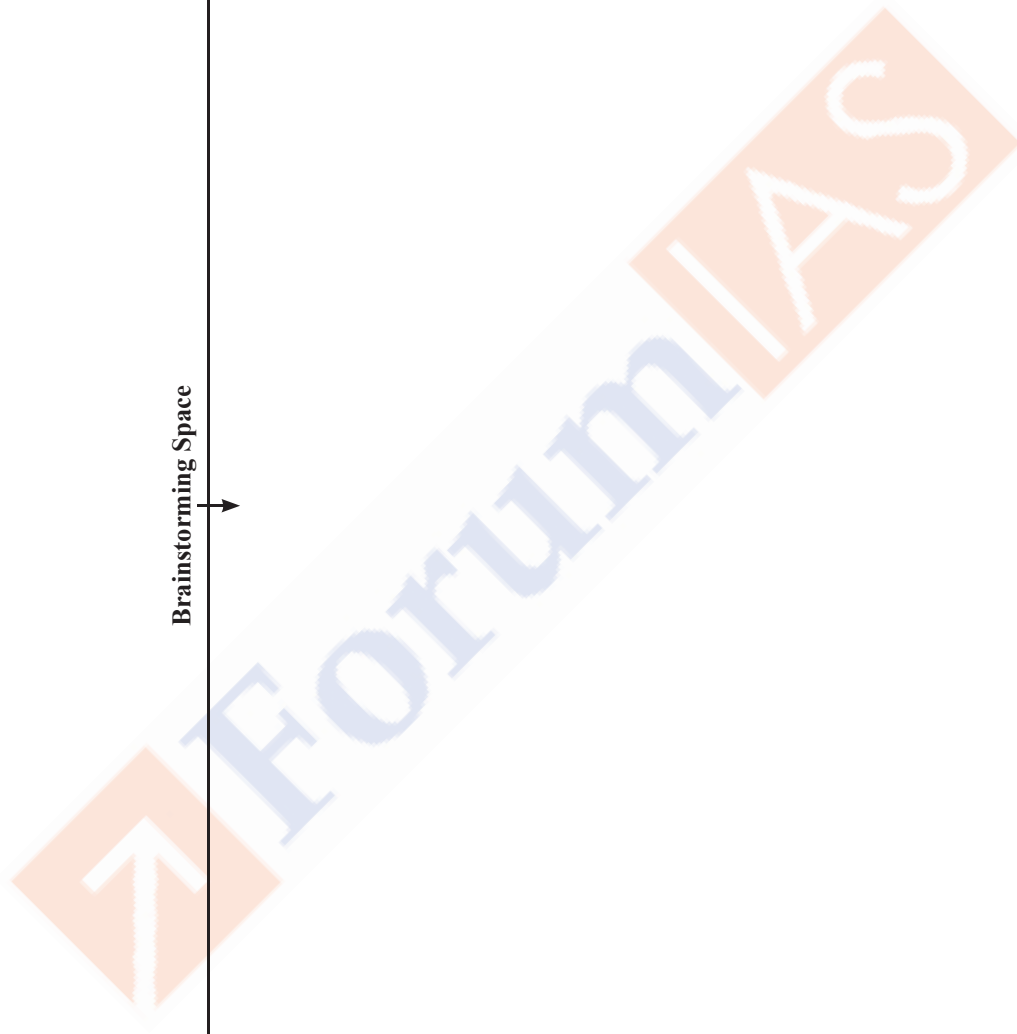
Q.61) Quadilateral Security Dialogue is transforming itself into a trade block. Discuss (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

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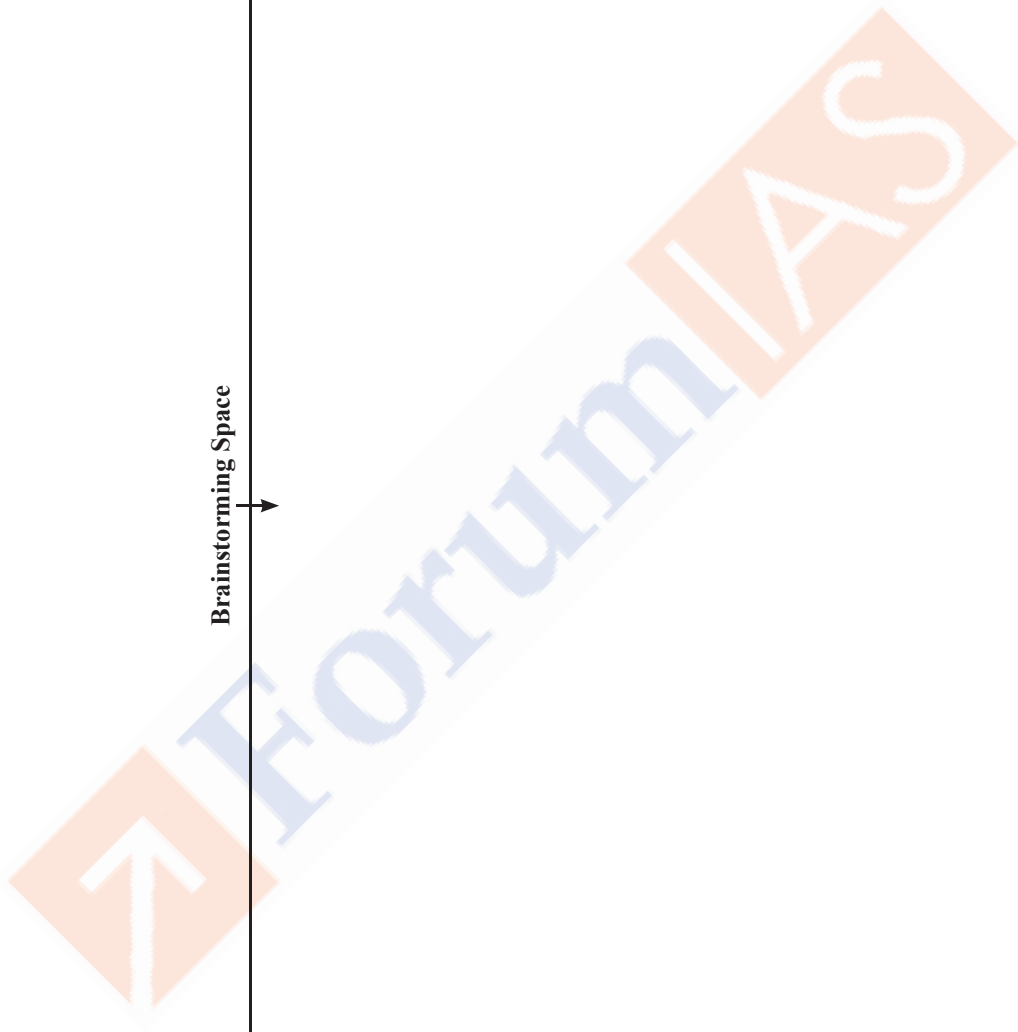
Q.62) Critically examine the role of WHO in providing global health security during the COVID-19 Pandemic (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

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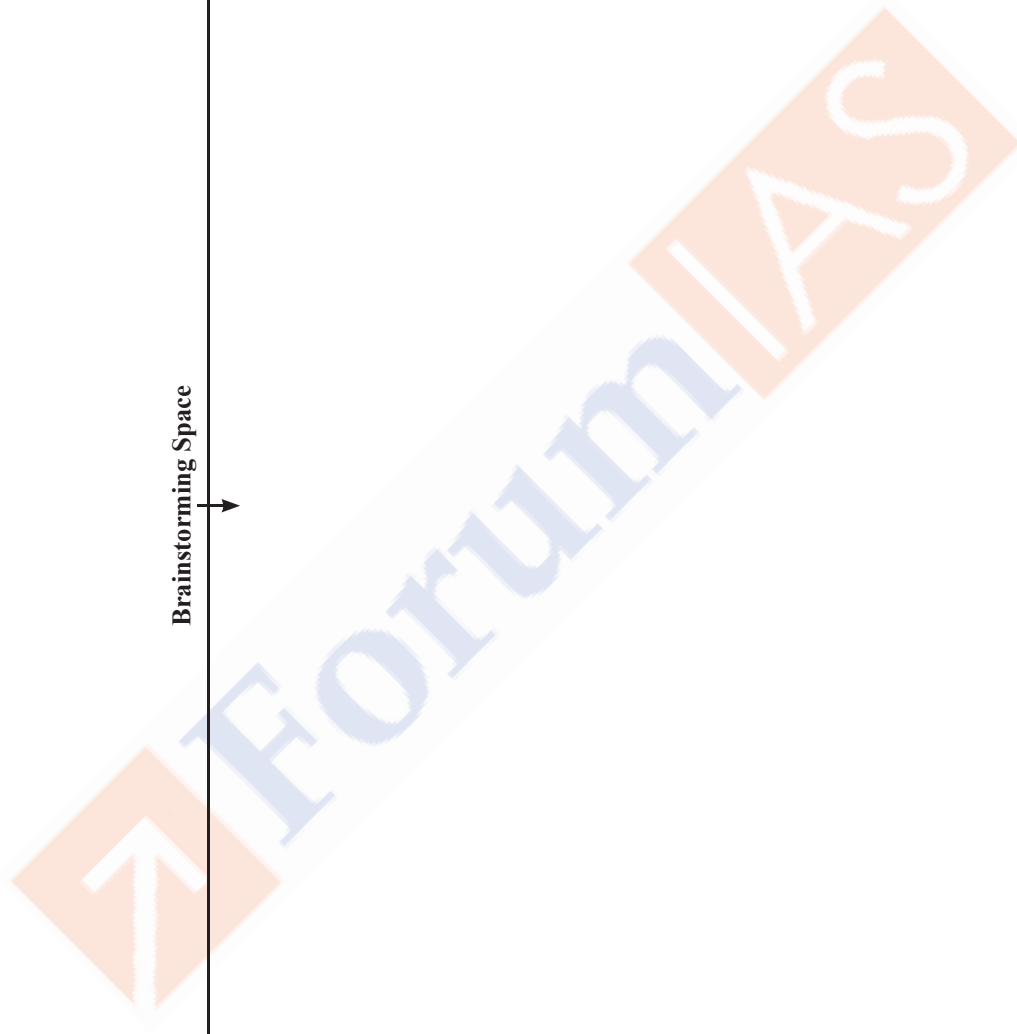
Q.63) “The long sustained image of India as a leader of the oppressed has disappeared.” Elaborate (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

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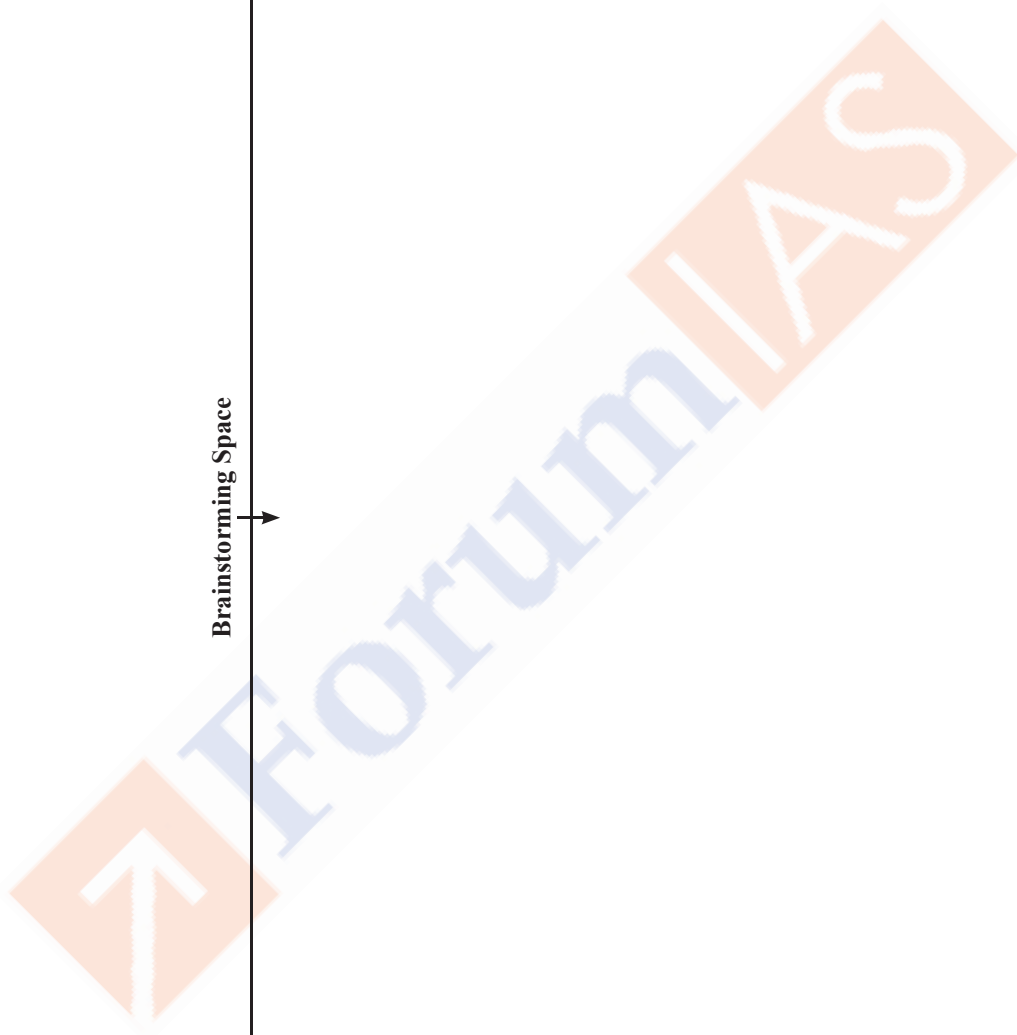
Q.64) 'Too little cash, too much politics, leaves UNESCO fighting for life.'
Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

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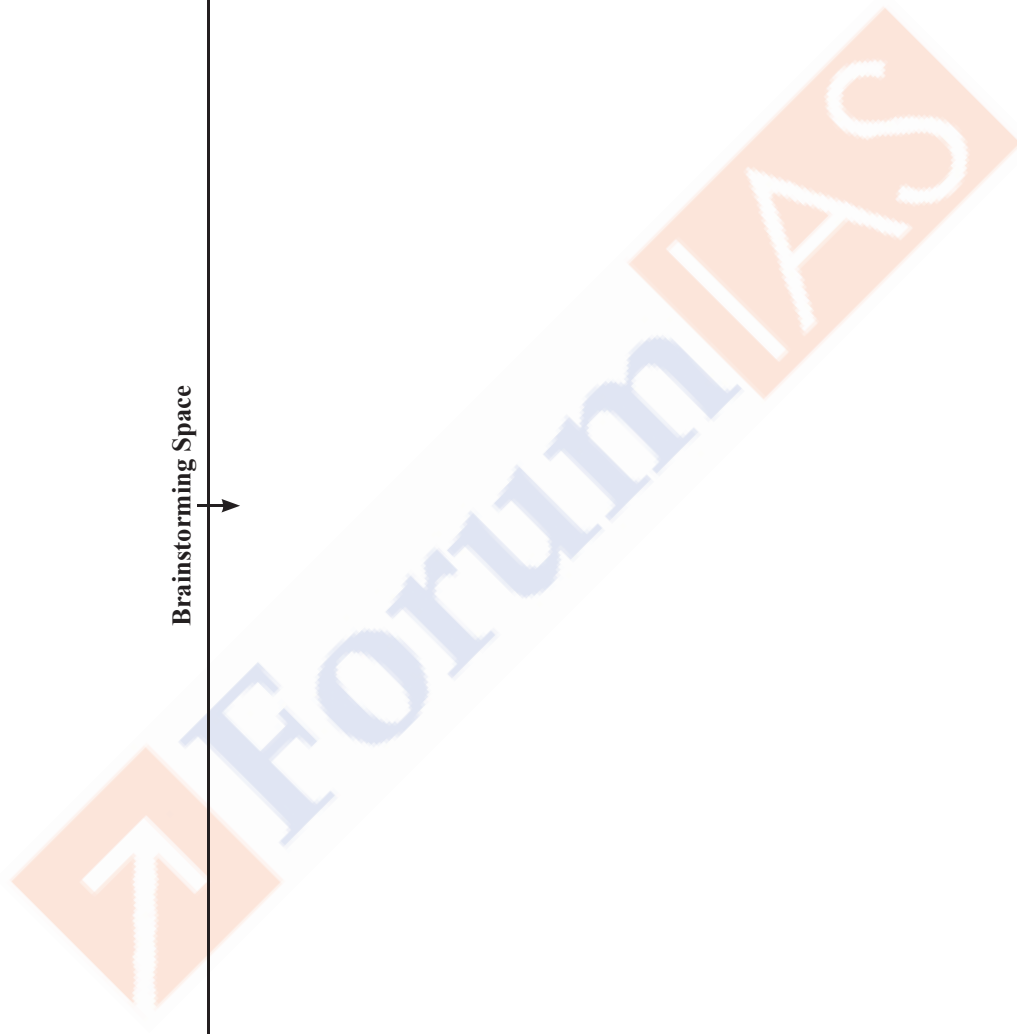
Q.65) What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive keeping in mind the interest of India? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2018]

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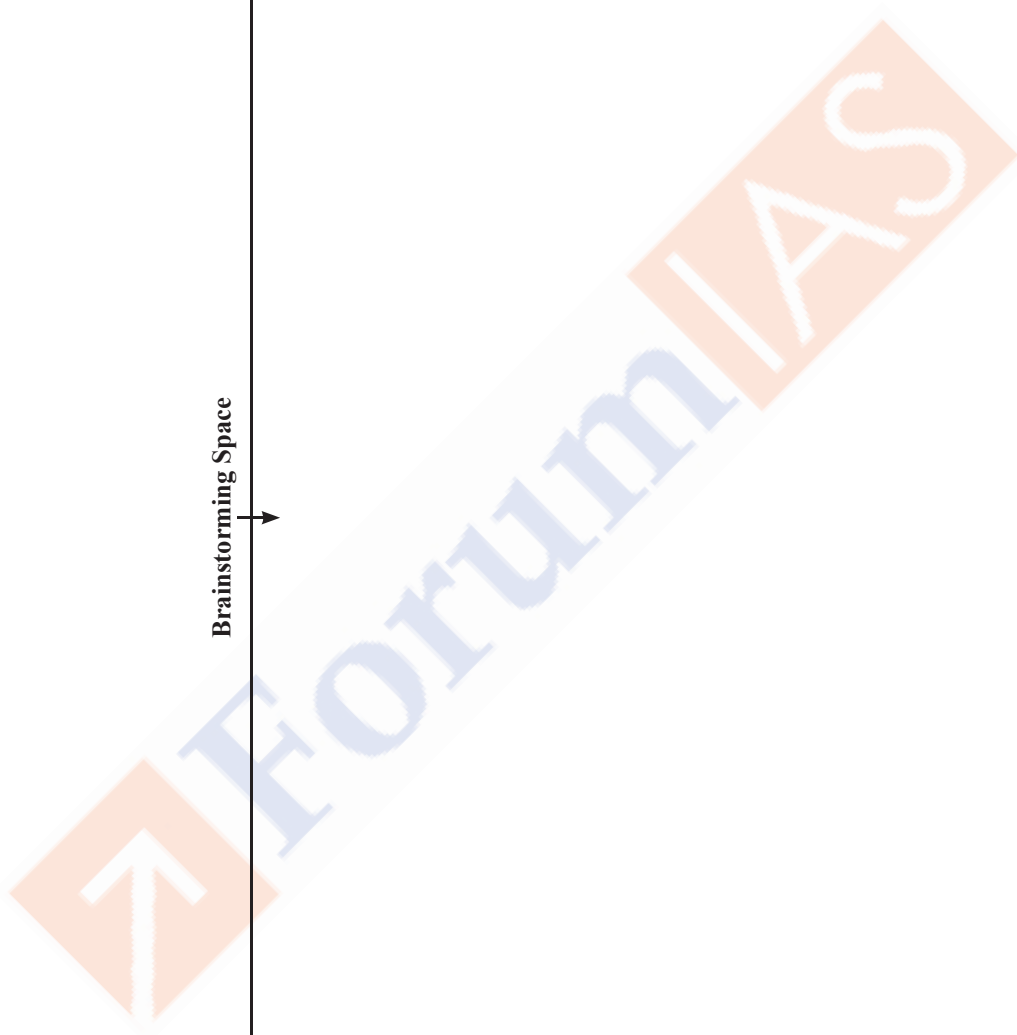
Q.66) What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

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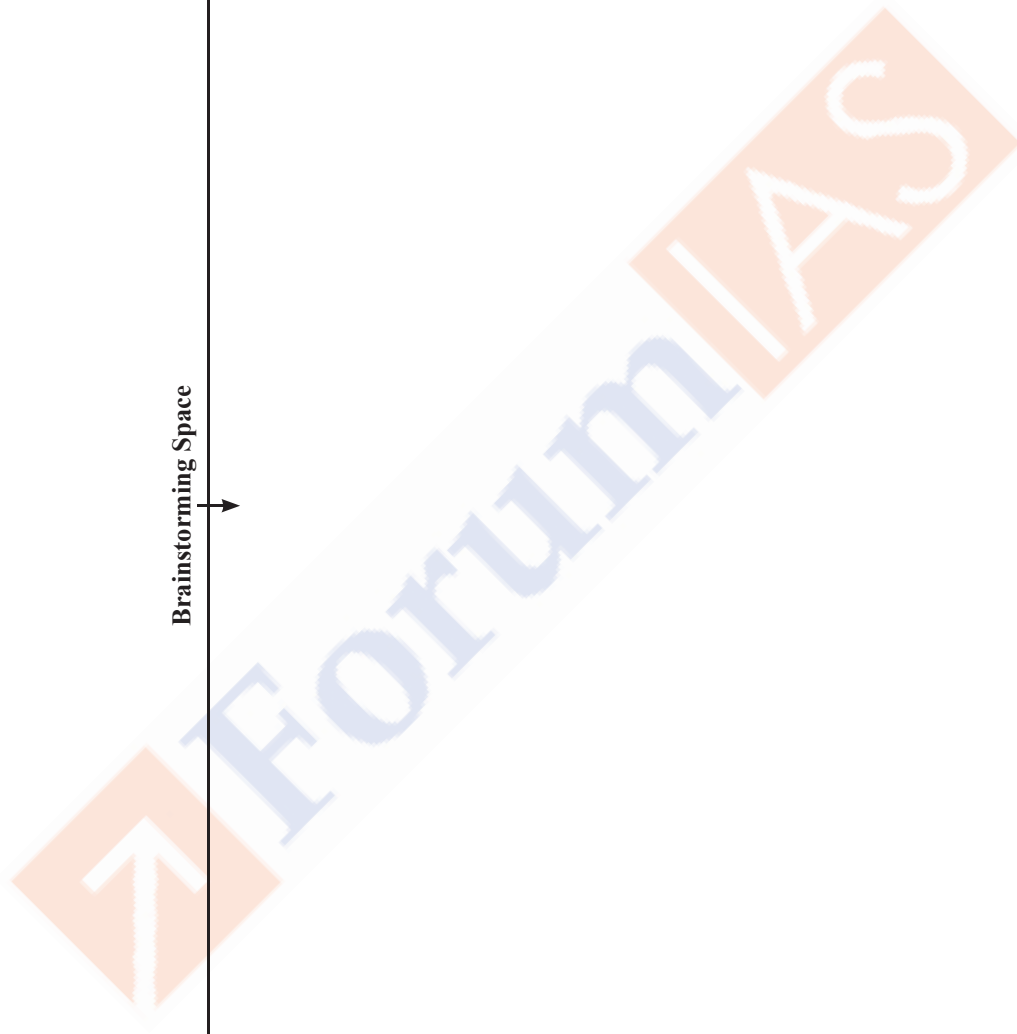
Q.67) “The broader aims and objectives of WTO Doha round. Discuss in the Indian perspective. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2016]

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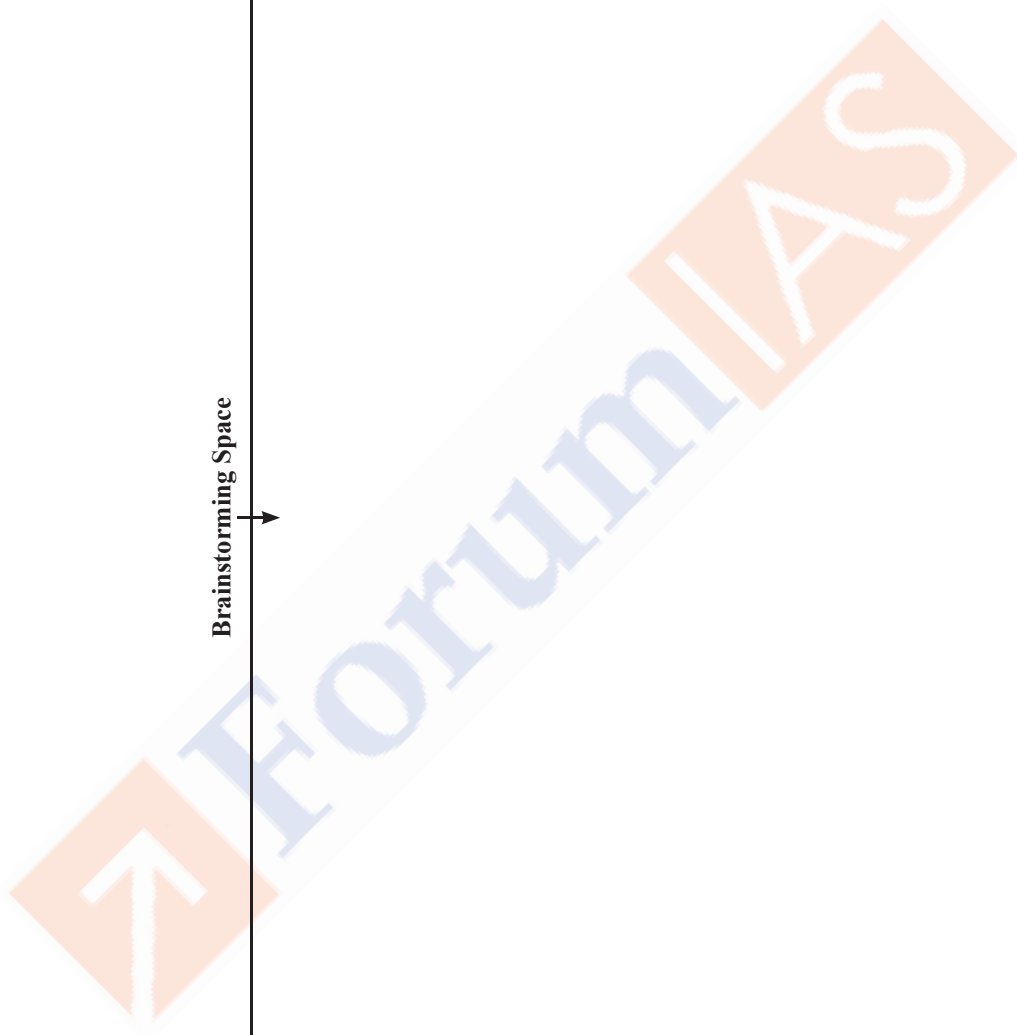
Q.68) “Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks not conducive for the future of SAARC.” Explain. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2016]

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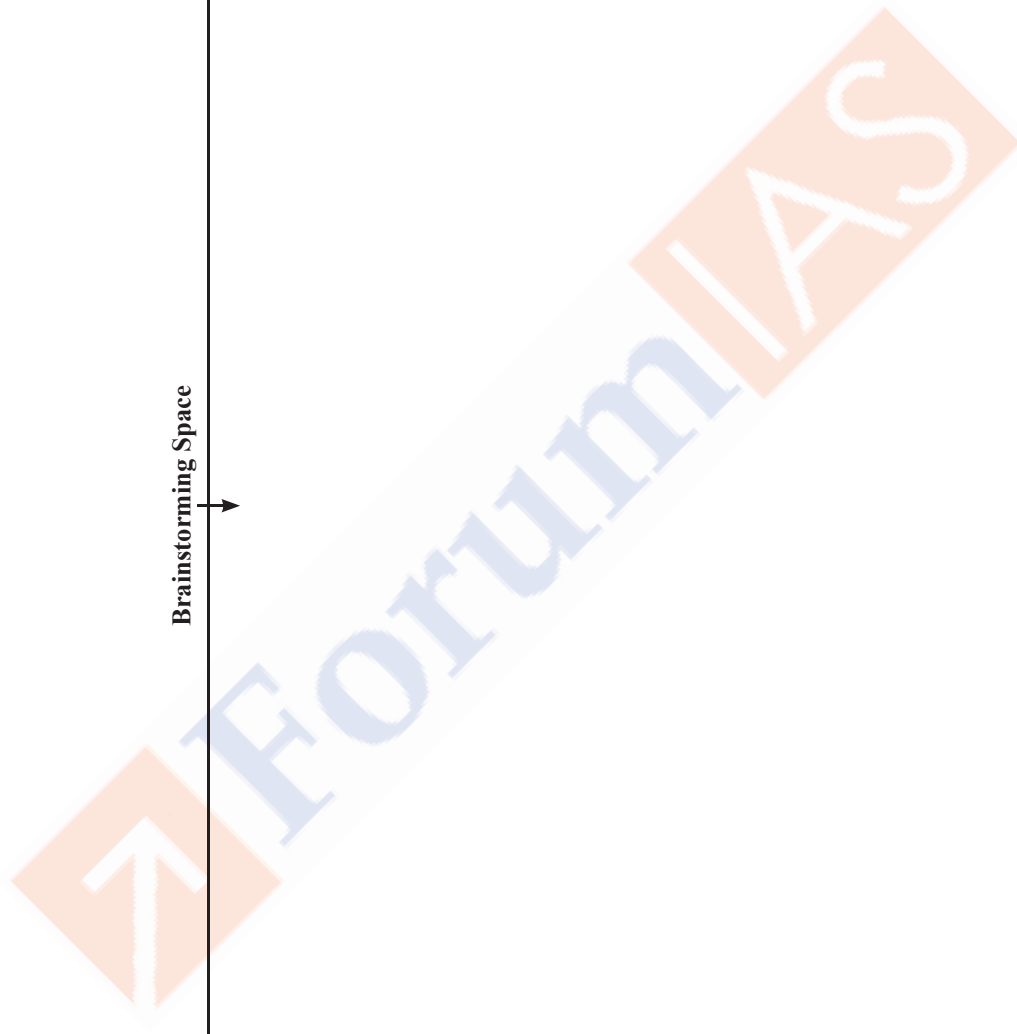
Q.69) What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO?.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2016]

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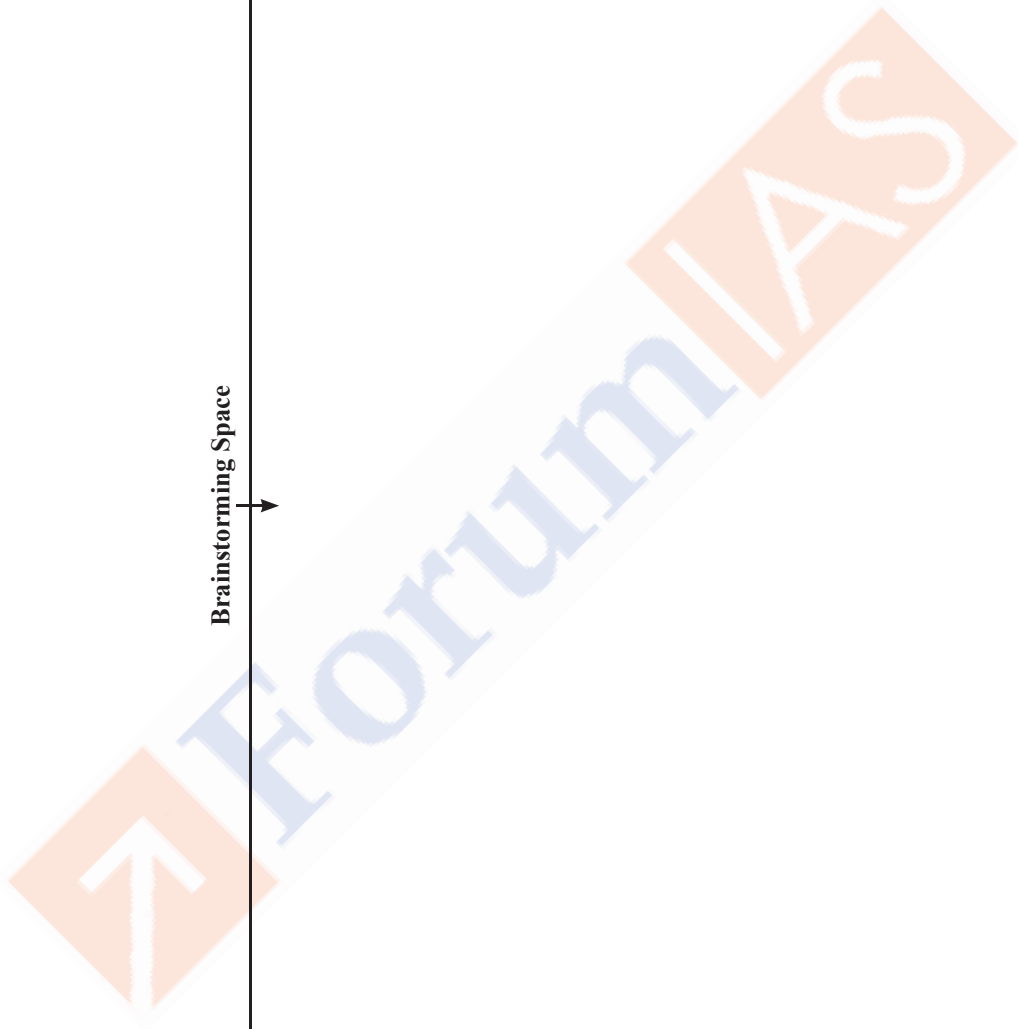
Q.70) Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UN Security Council. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2015]

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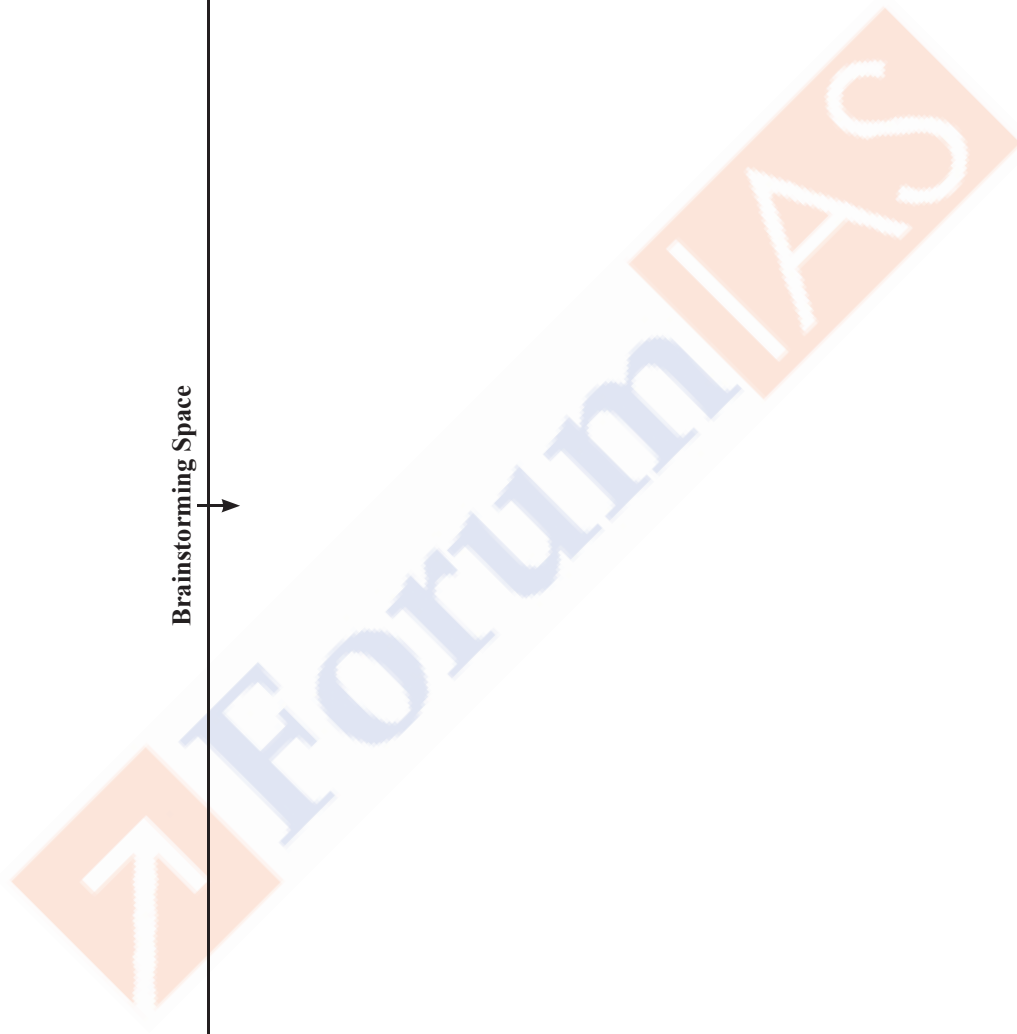
Q.71) The aim of Information Technology Agreements (ITAs). impact on India's interests? (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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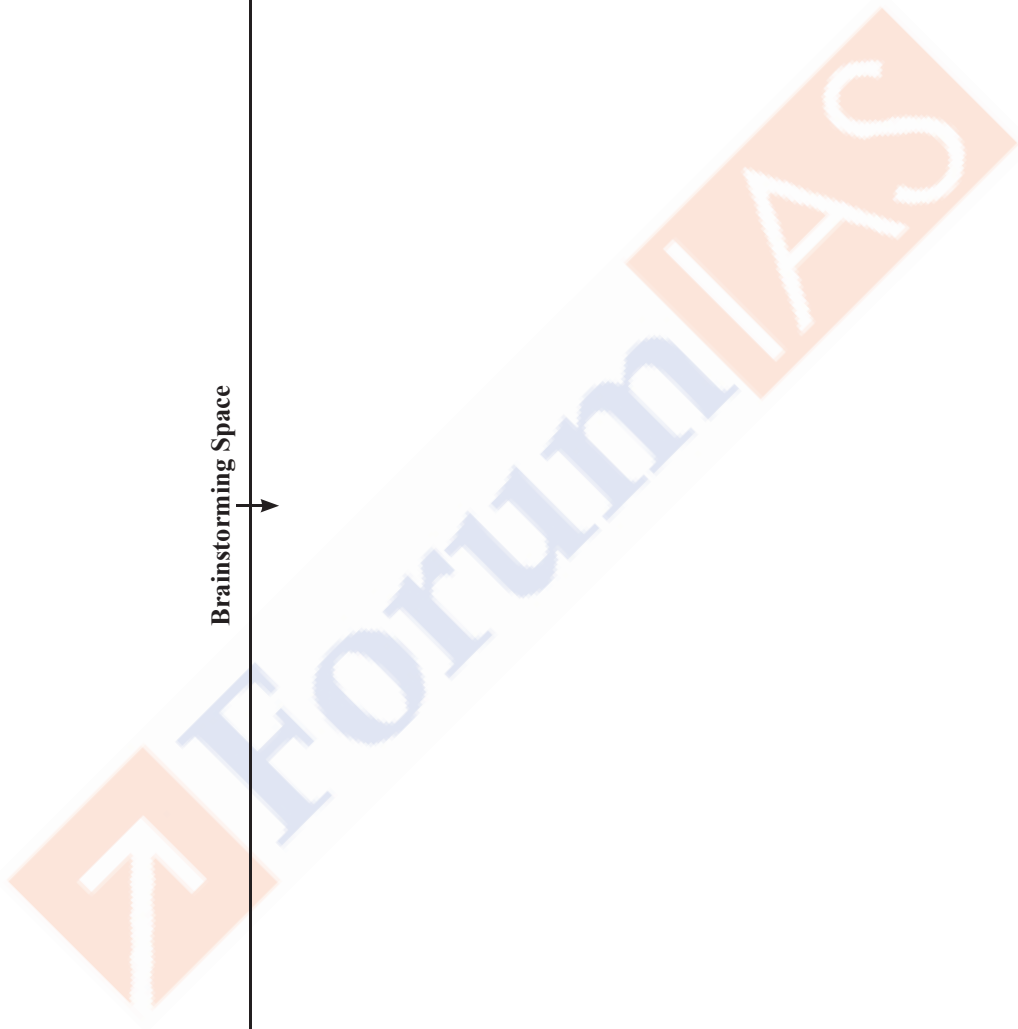
Q.72) India has recently signed. New Development Bank (NDB) and Asian Infrastructure Bank (AIIB). (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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Q.73) WTO is an important international institution. Critically analyse India's stand on Food security. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

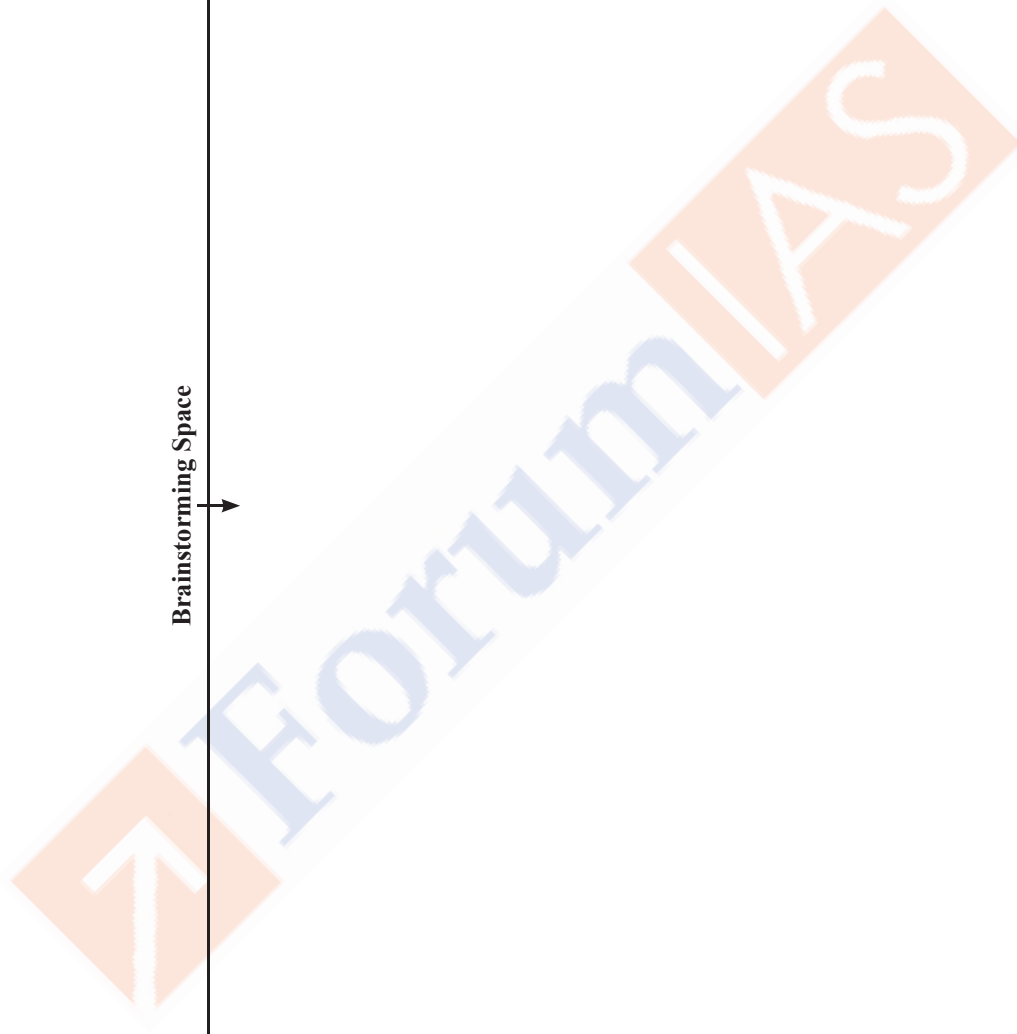
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Q.74) The World Bank and the IMF. Elucidate.

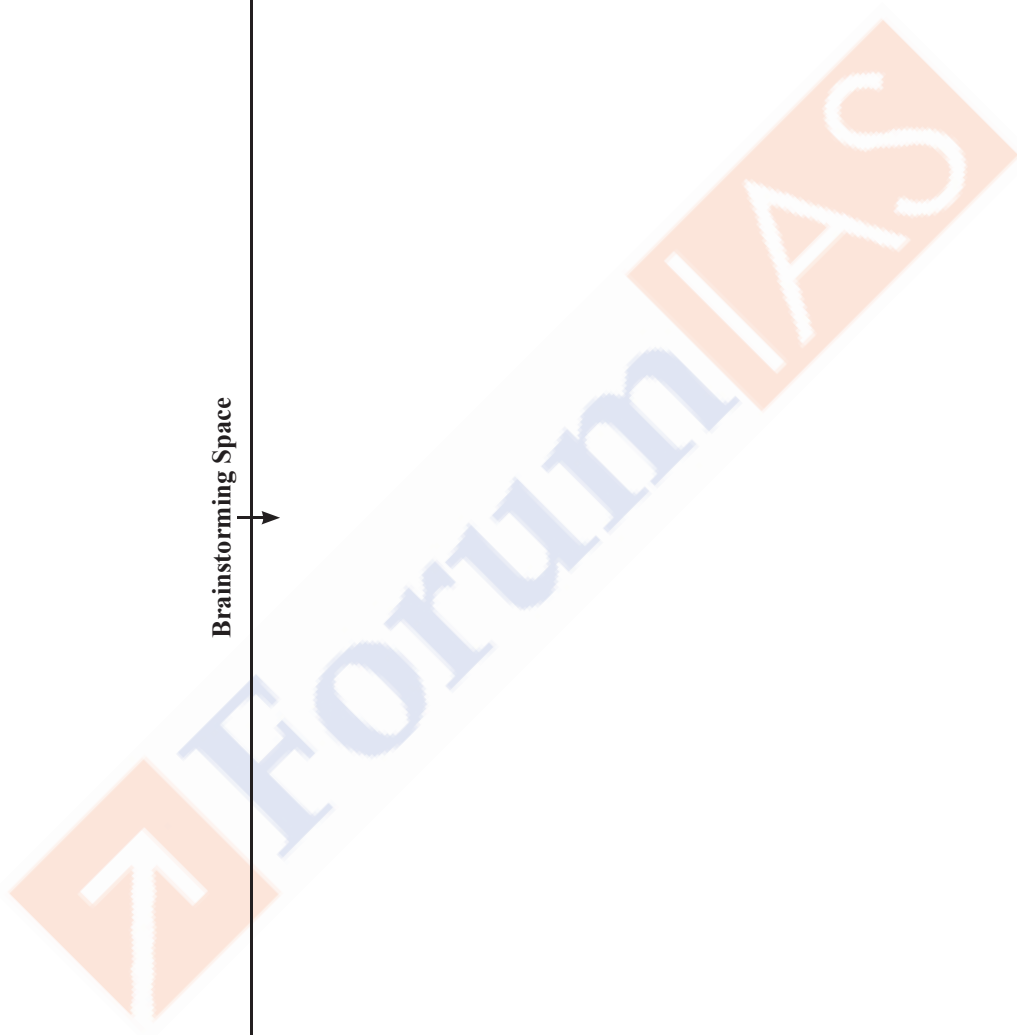
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

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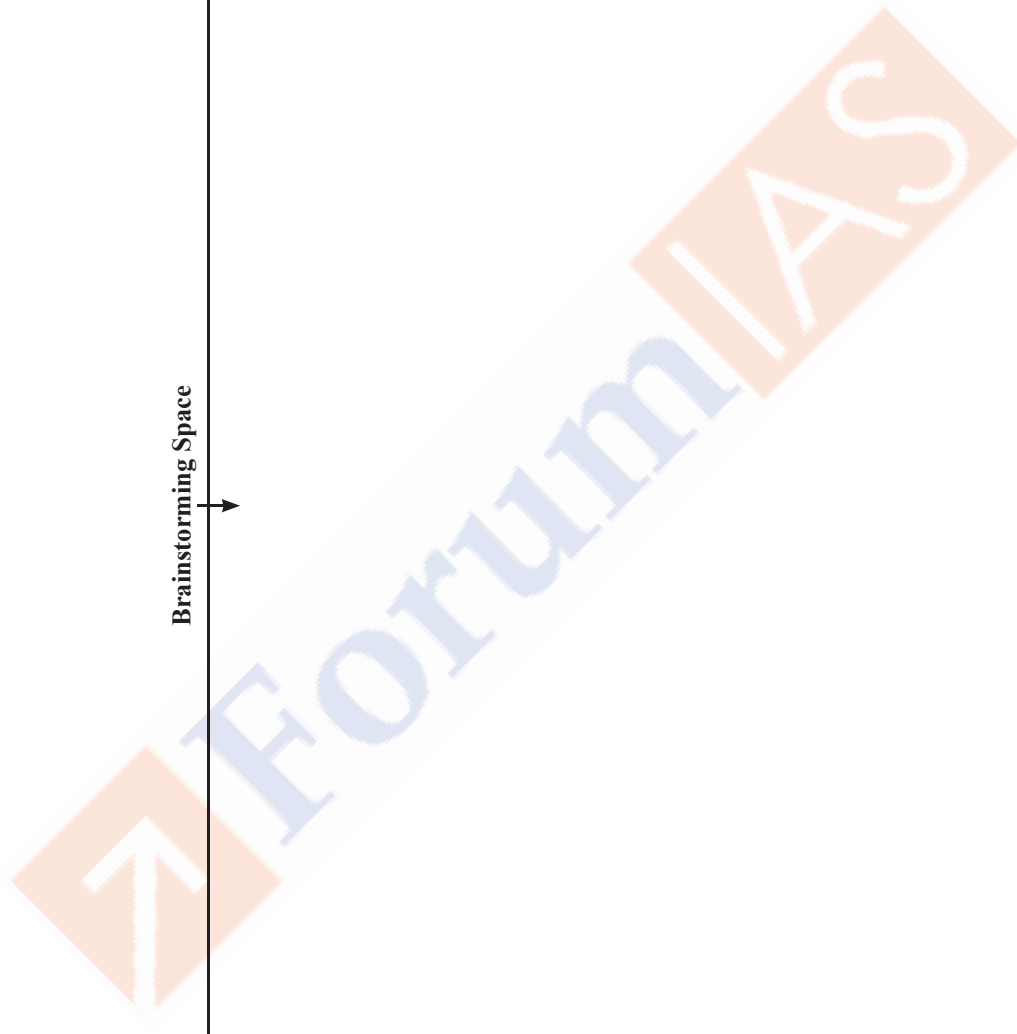
Q.75) Compare the significance of IBSA and BRICS in the context of India's multilateral diplomacy. (20 Marks, 250 Words) [2012]

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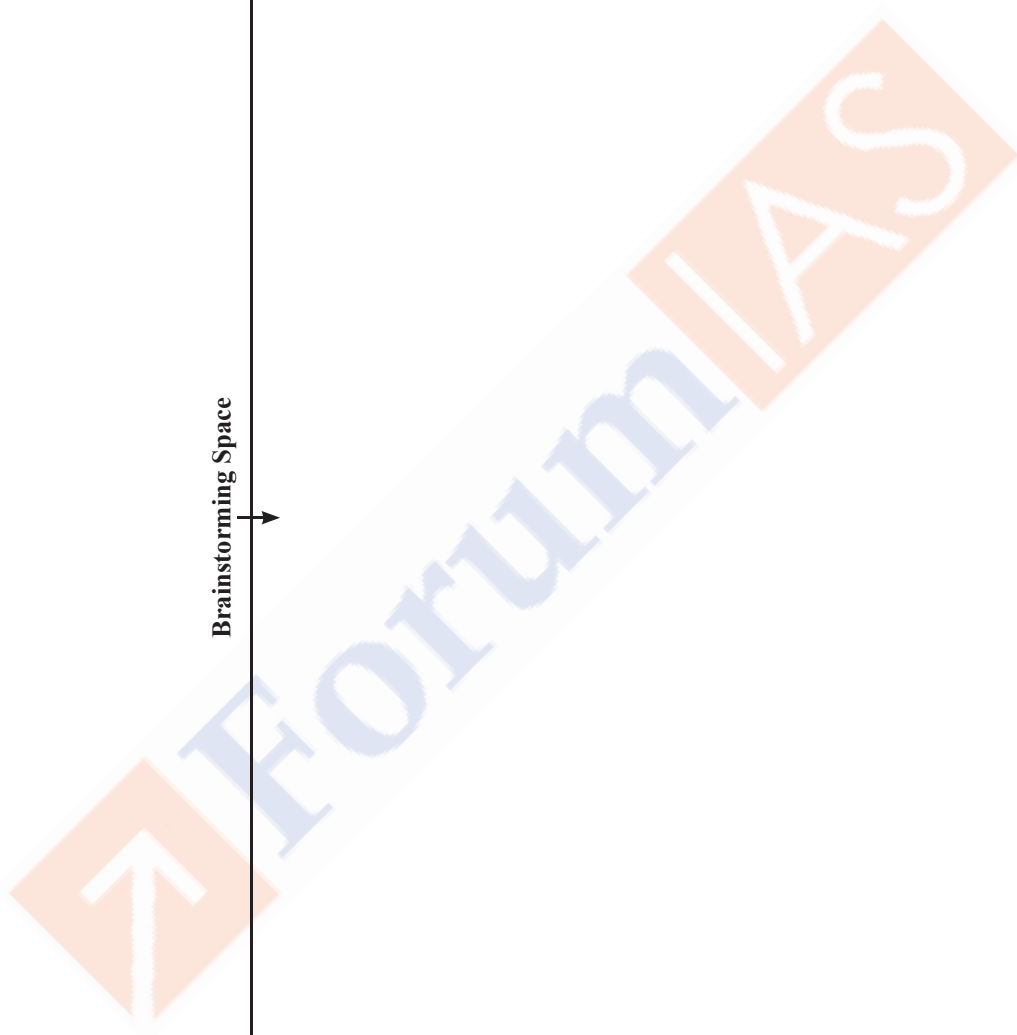
Q.76) As regards the increasing rates of melting of Arctic Sea ice. Explain.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2011]

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Q.77) Discuss India's stand on agricultural issues in WTO's Ministerial Conferences since Doha Round. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2008]

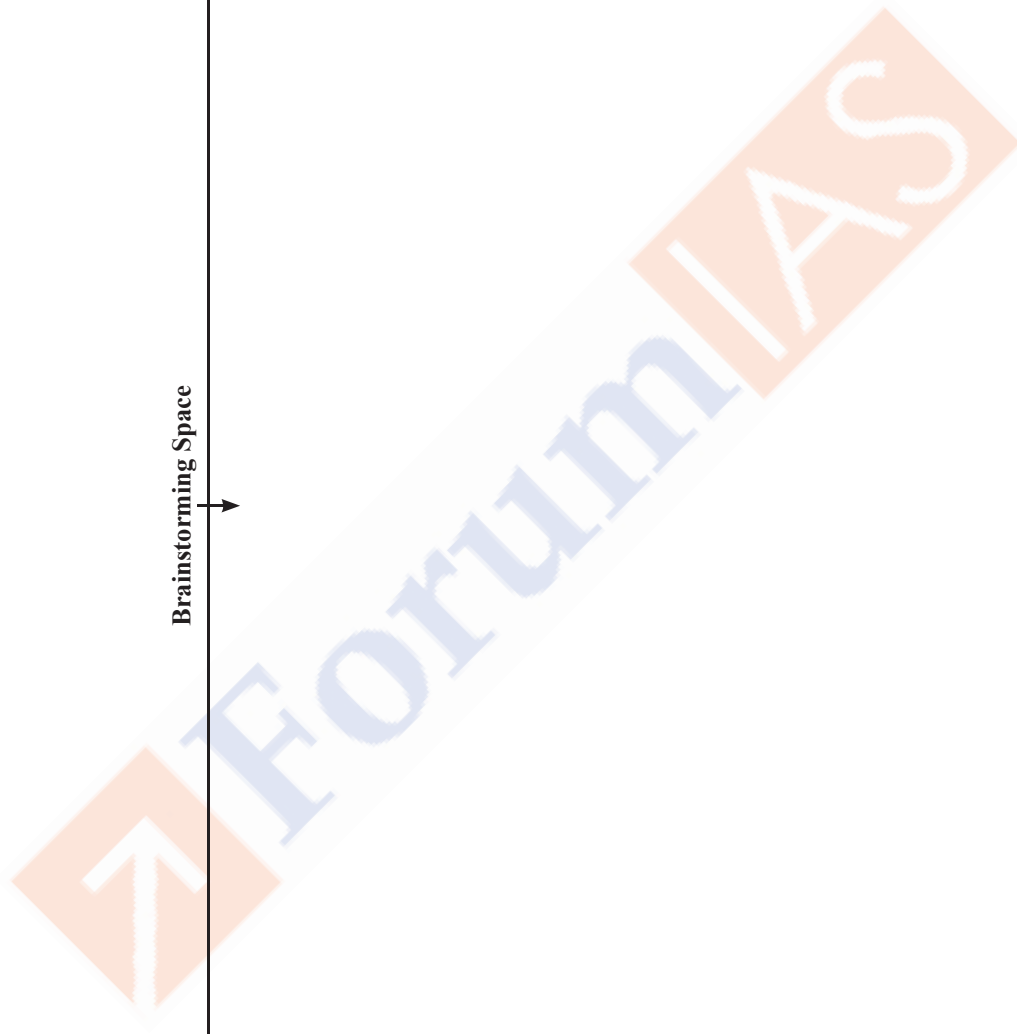
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Q.78) What is Dumping? Evaluate the remedial measures.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2007]

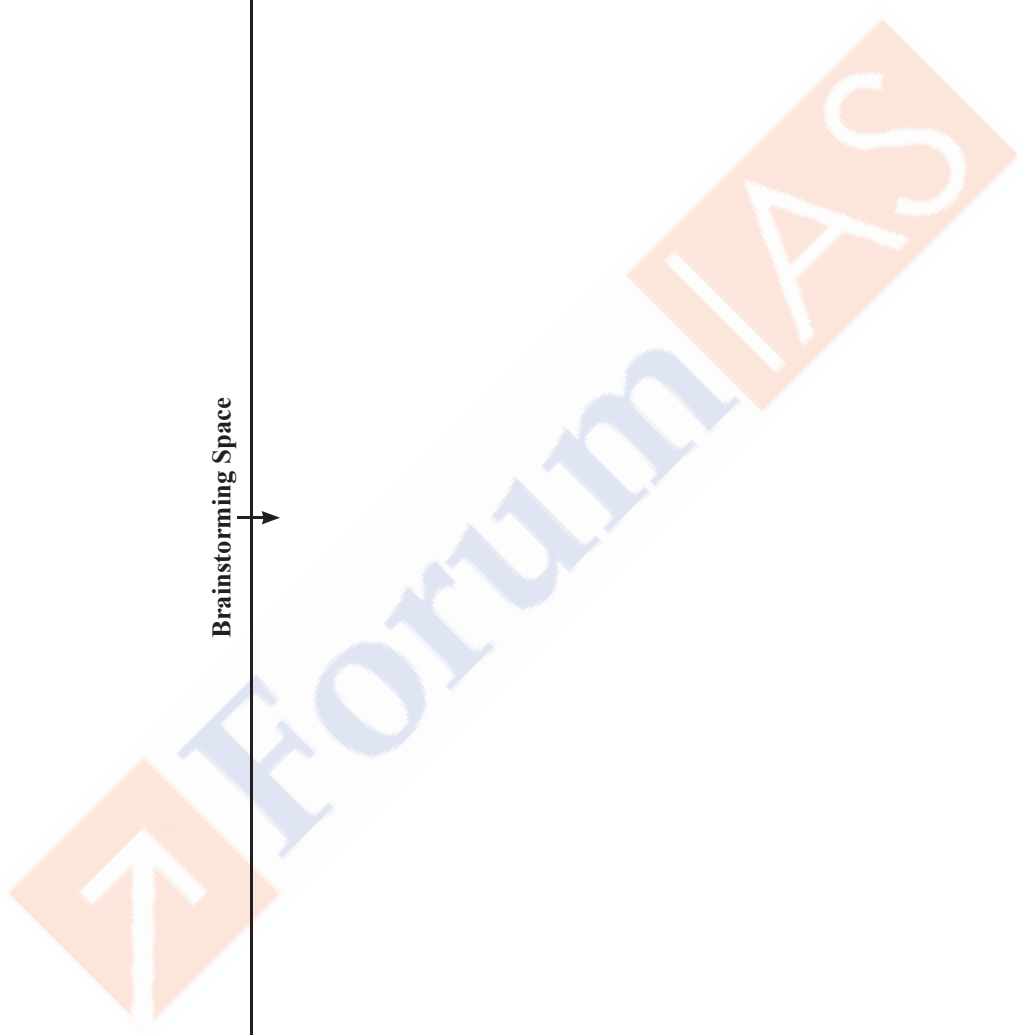
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Q.79) What do we understand by 'Doha Round' of talks?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2006]

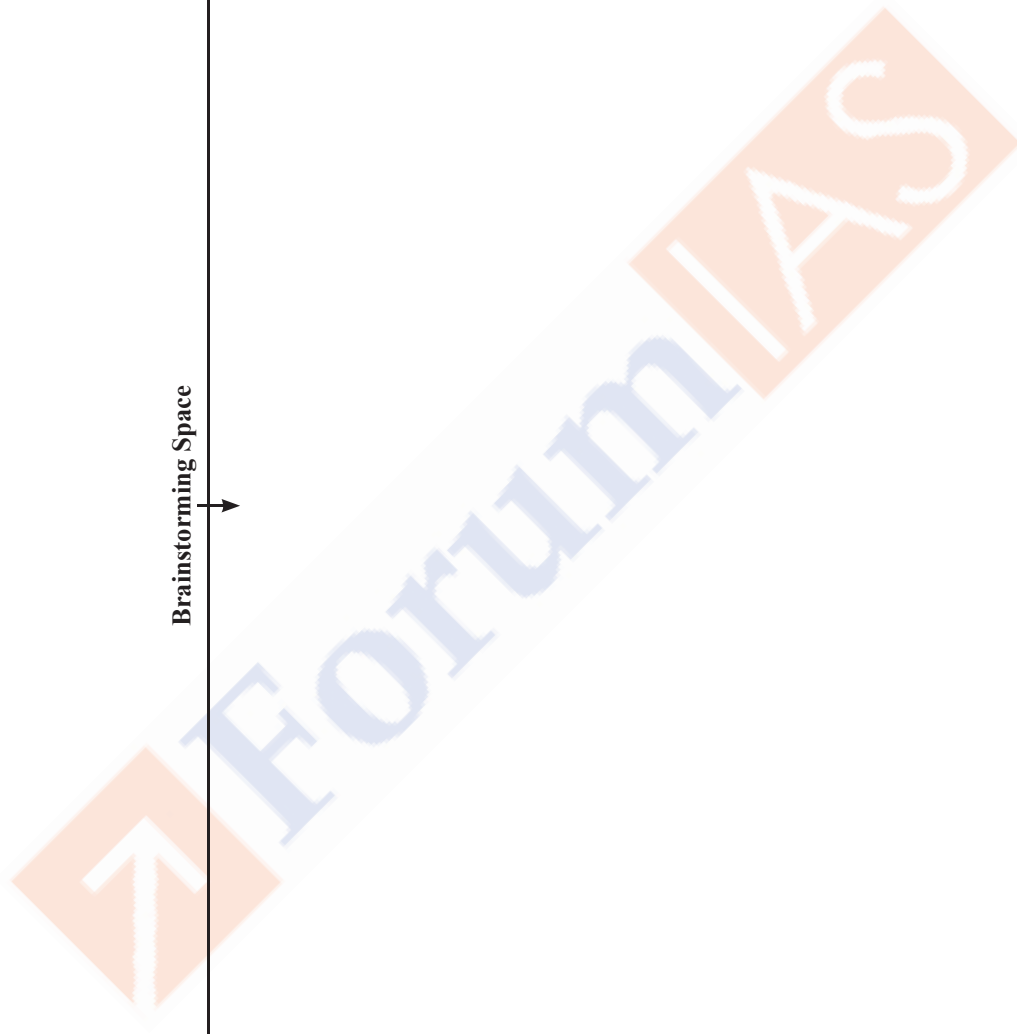
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Q.80) Discuss the importance of WTO to Indian economy.

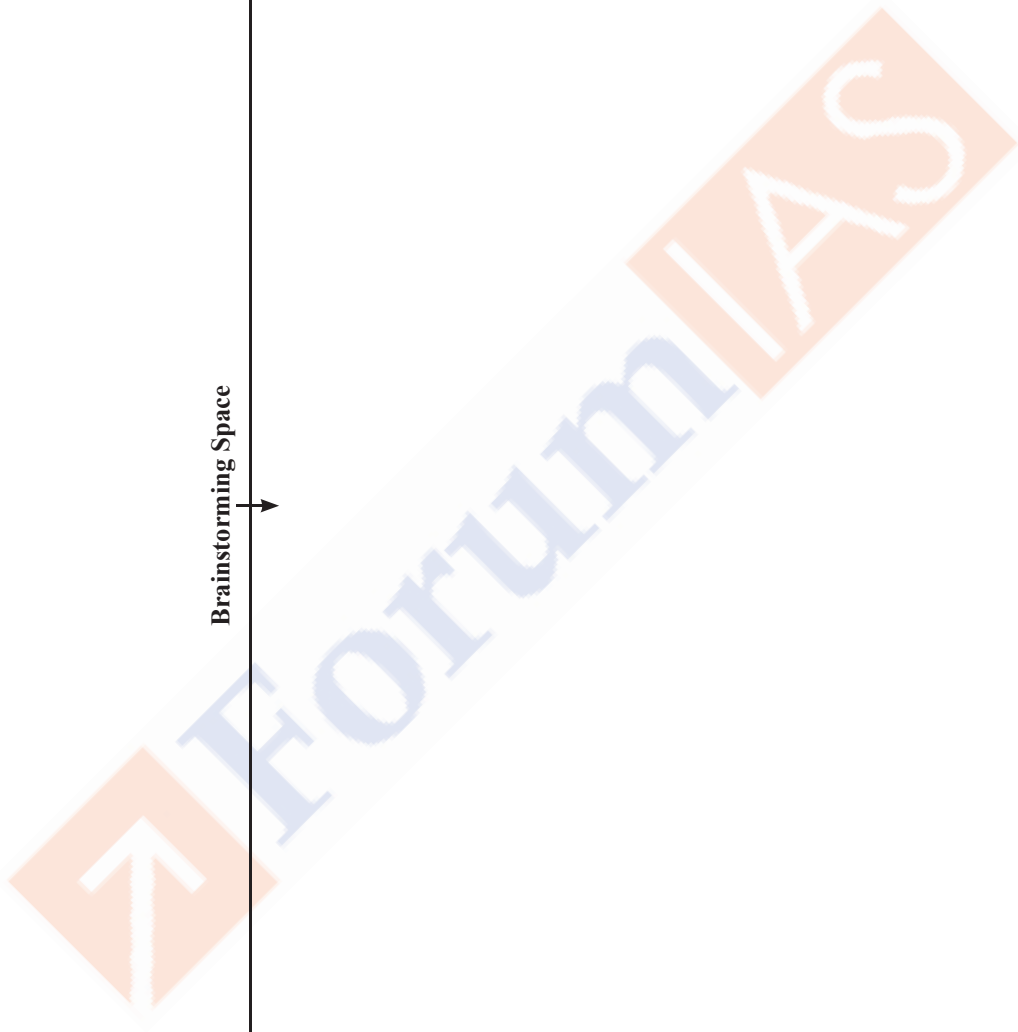
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2006]

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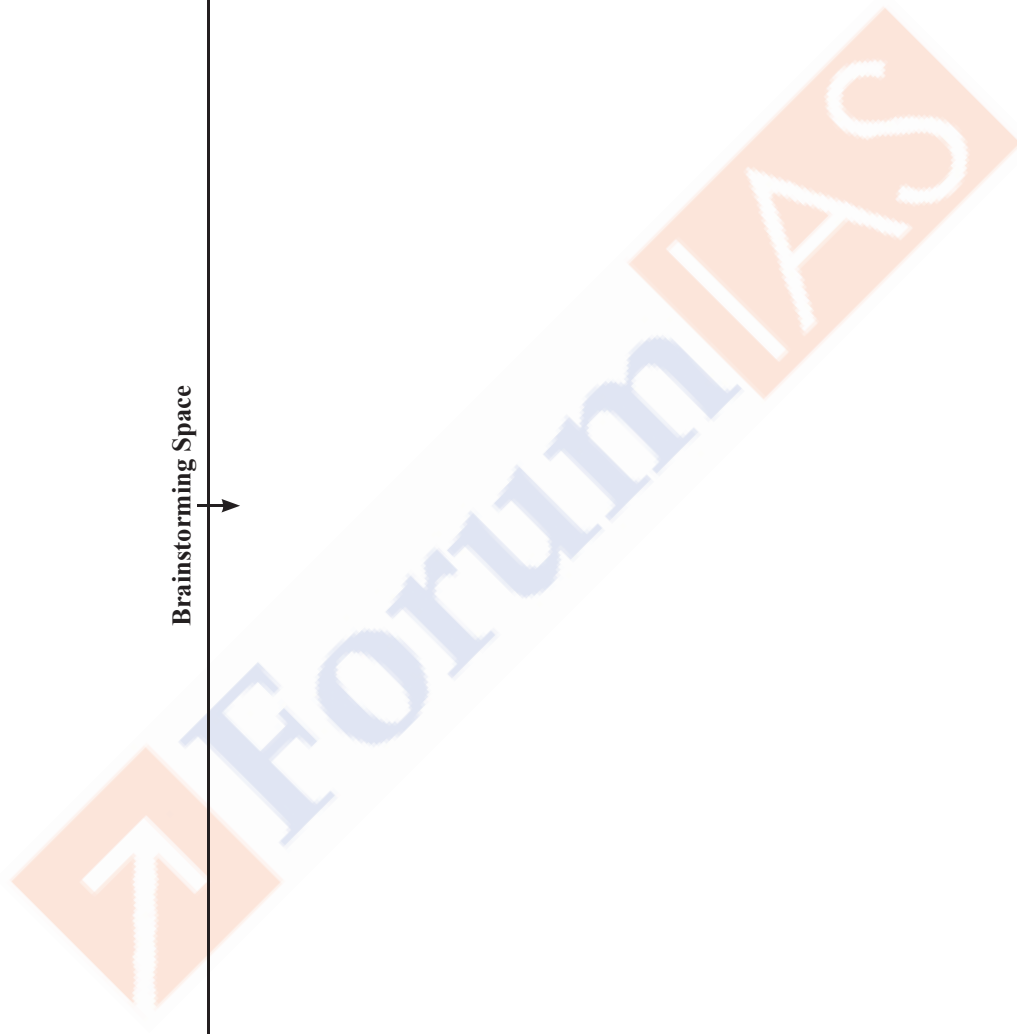
Q.81) Present a complete picture of India's effort for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2005]

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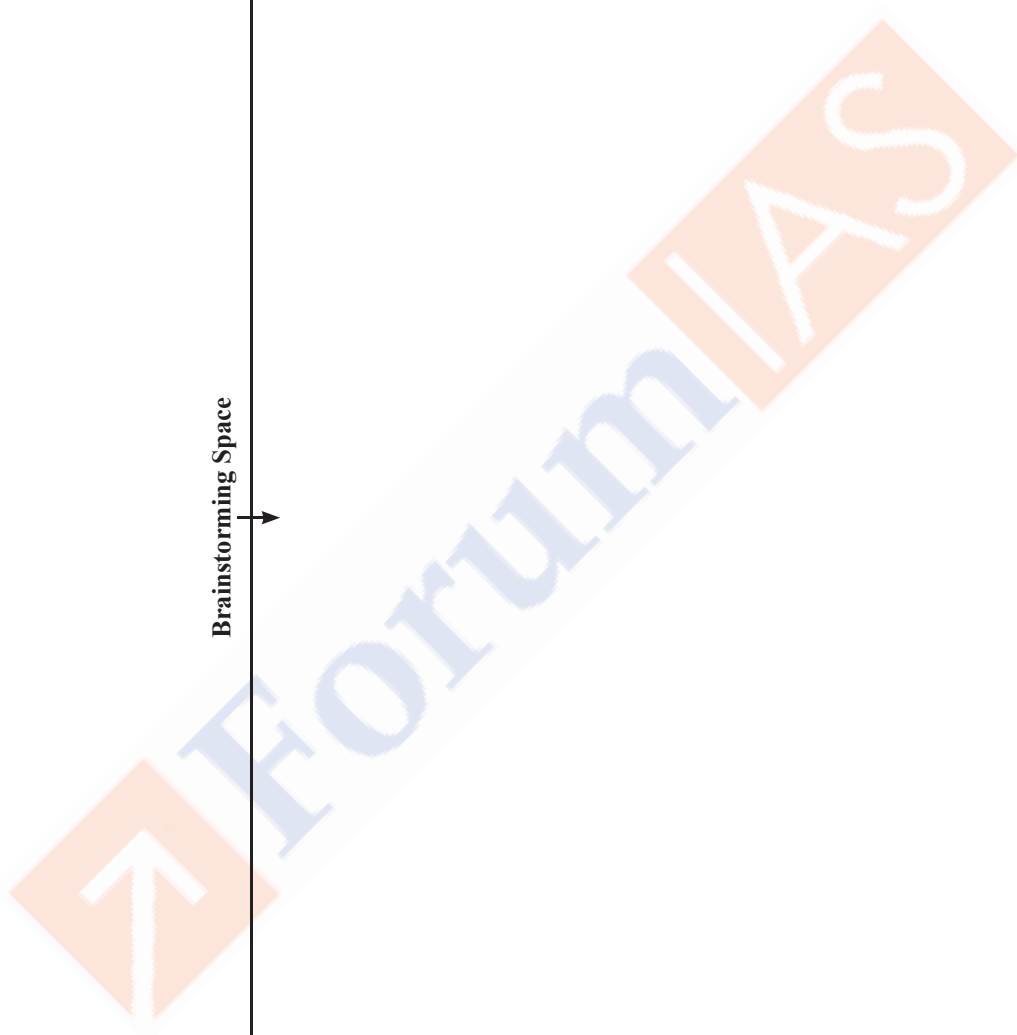
Q.82) What is WTO? What are India's objections to its overall functioning?
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

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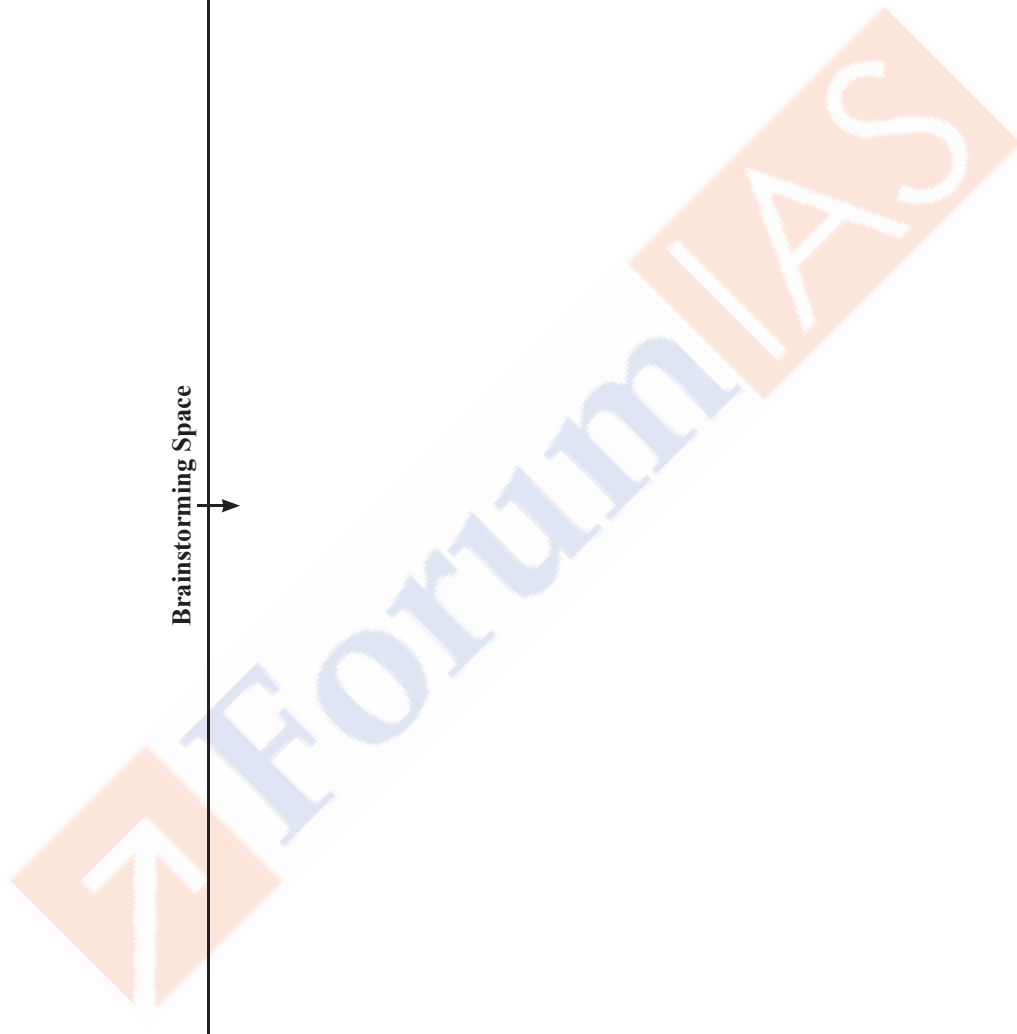
Q.83) Describe the role of the Amnesty International in securing human rights. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

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Q.84) What is the 'Veto' in the UN-system? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

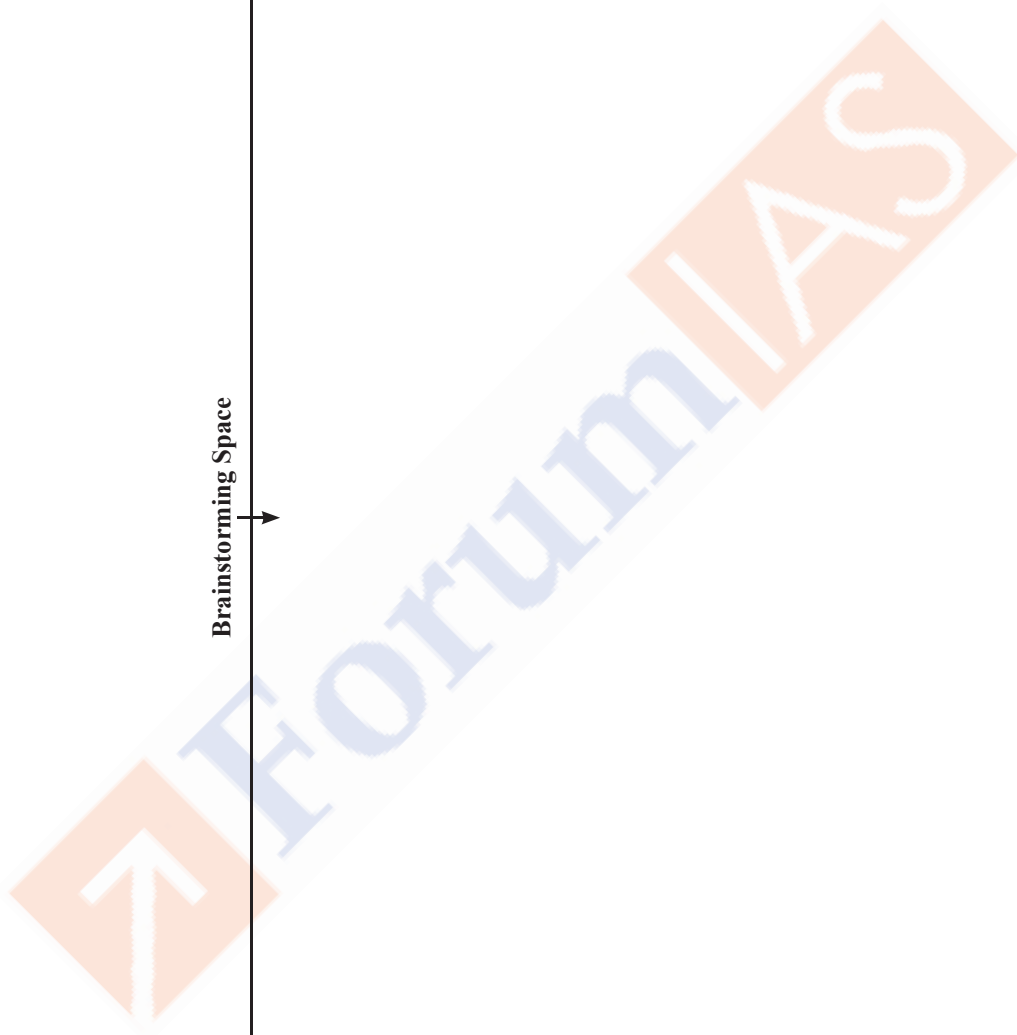
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Q.85) Discuss the role of the NATO after the end of the Cold War.

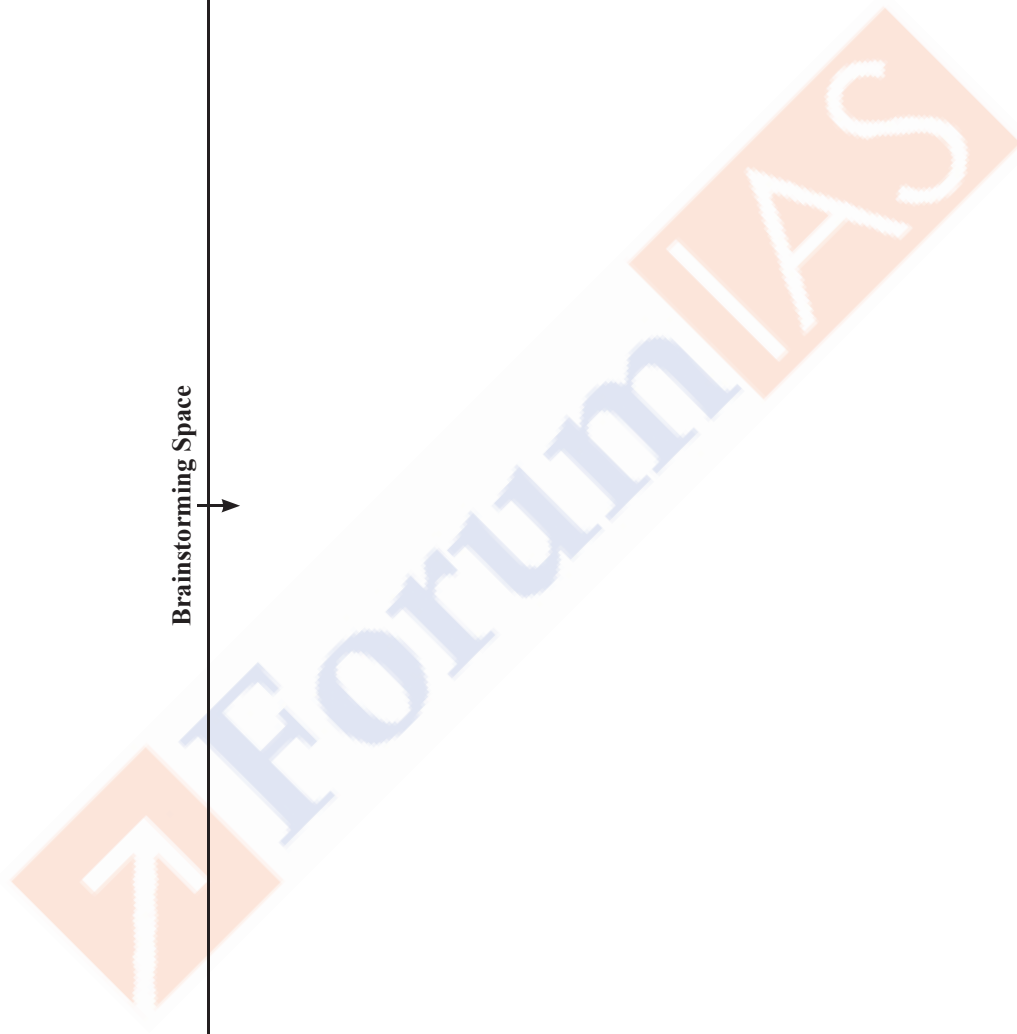
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

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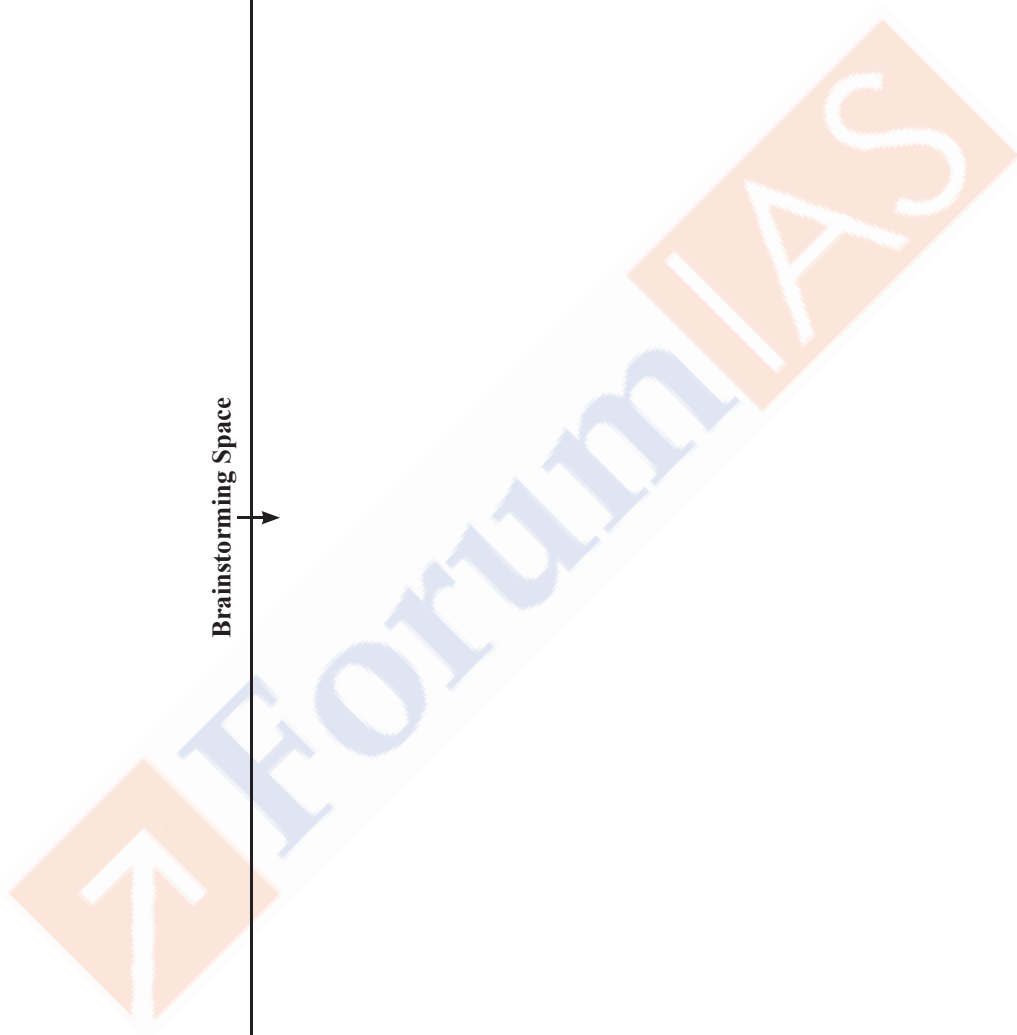
Q.86) Discuss the role of the United Nations in the protection and promotion of Human Rights. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

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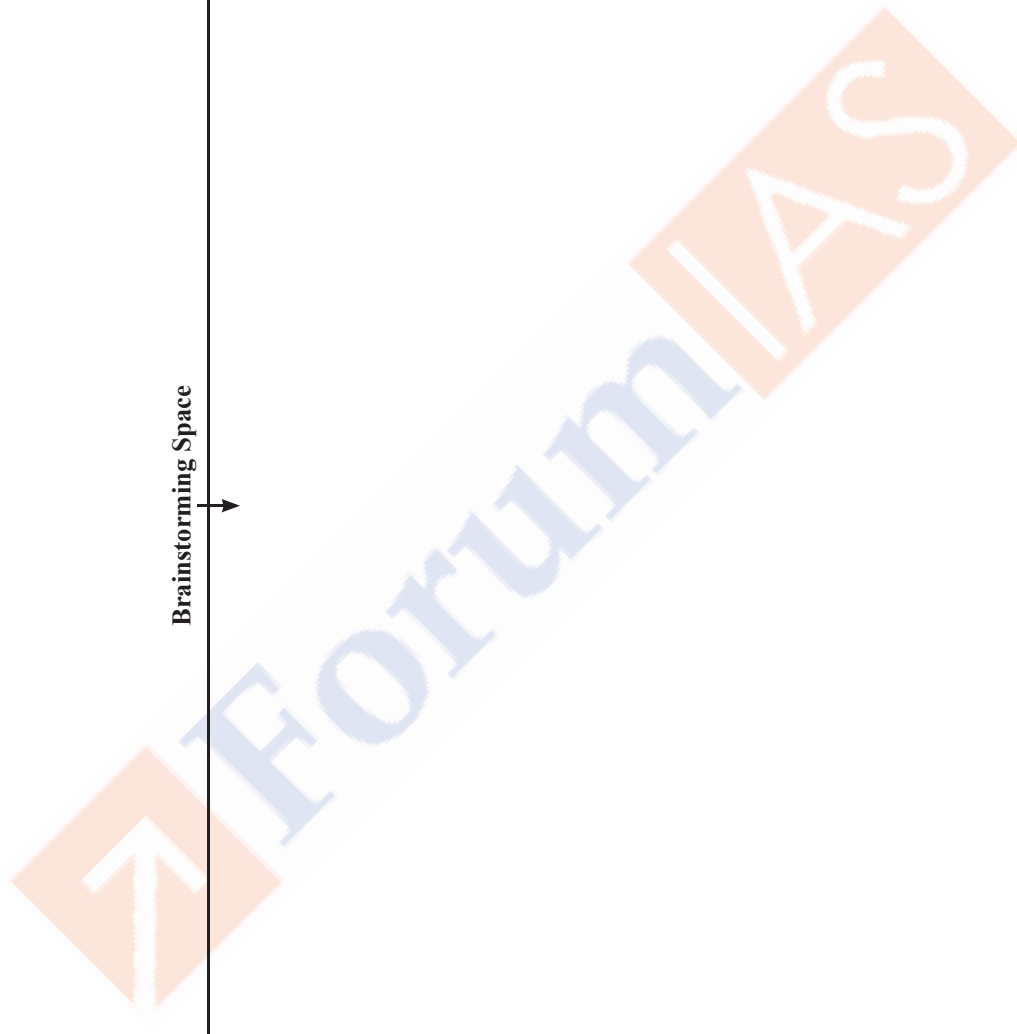
Q.87) SAARC Summit has been considered as a 'non-starter'. Explain the two viewpoints. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1995]

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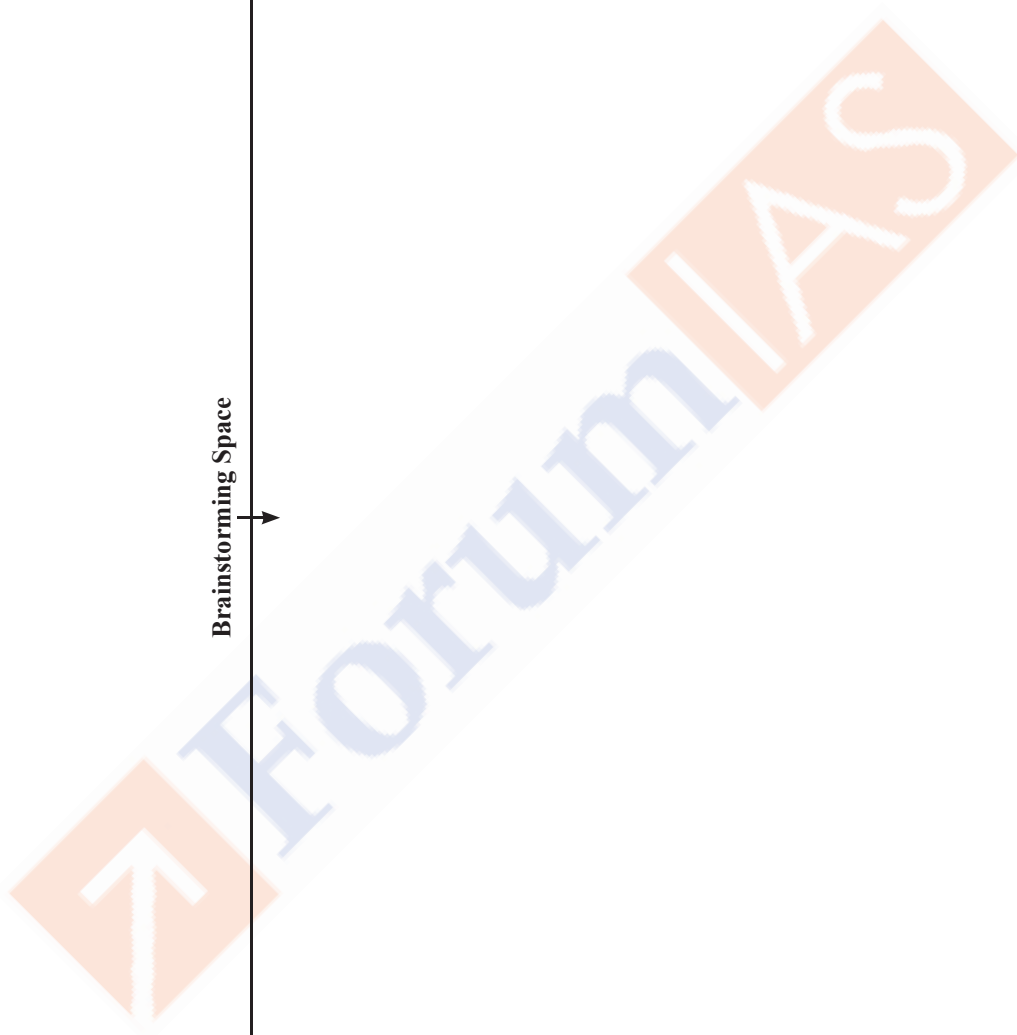
Q.88) What main topics were discussed at the NATO Summit at Rome.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

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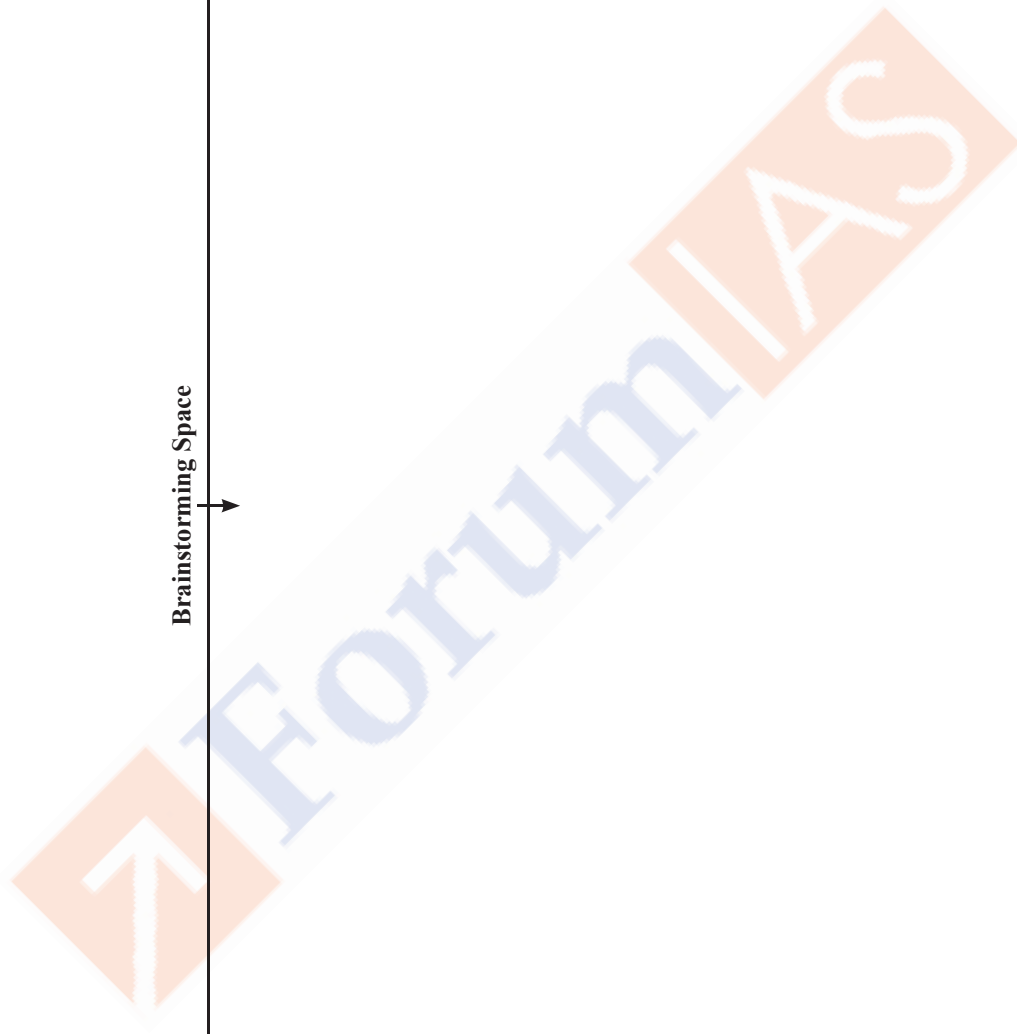
Q.89) Mention the main provisions related to the treaty. Law of Sea Convention. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1983]

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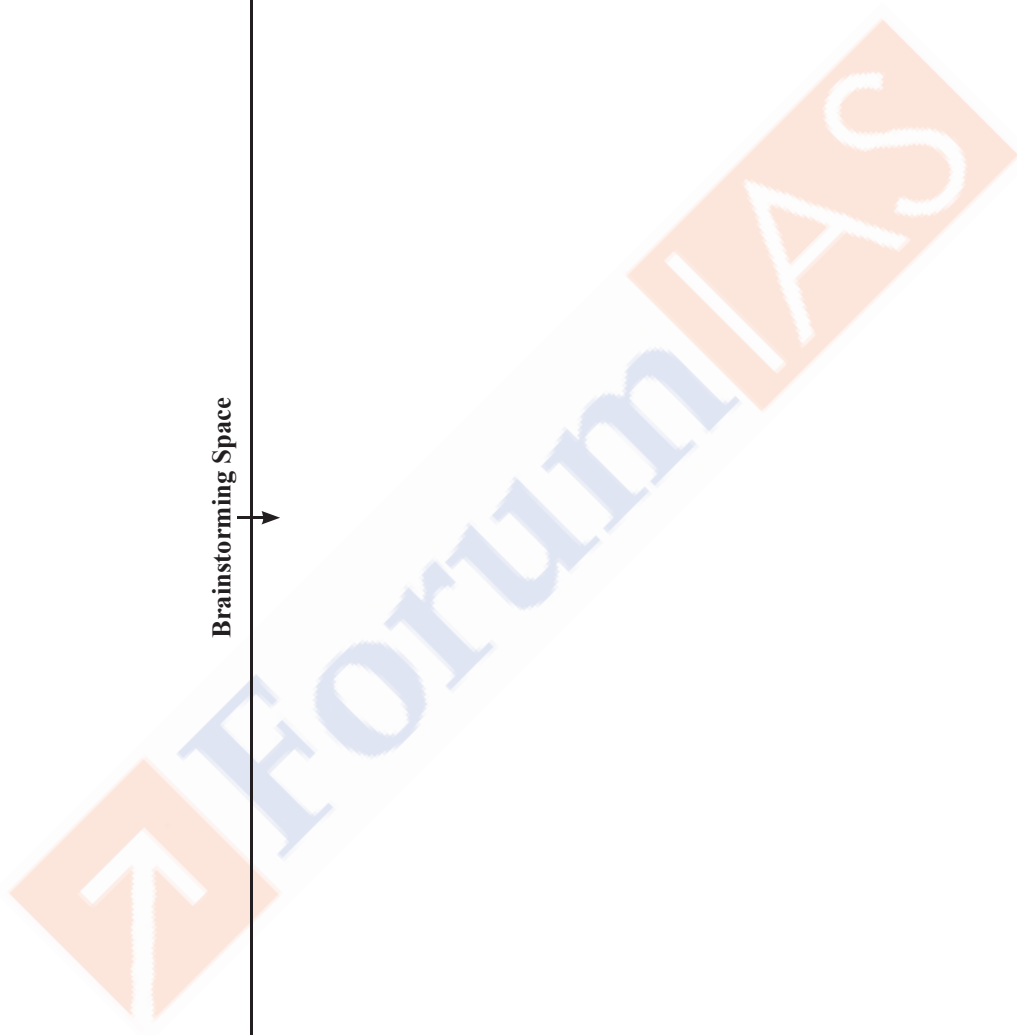
Q.90) How often did the heads of the State. Non-Aligned countries meet?
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1982]

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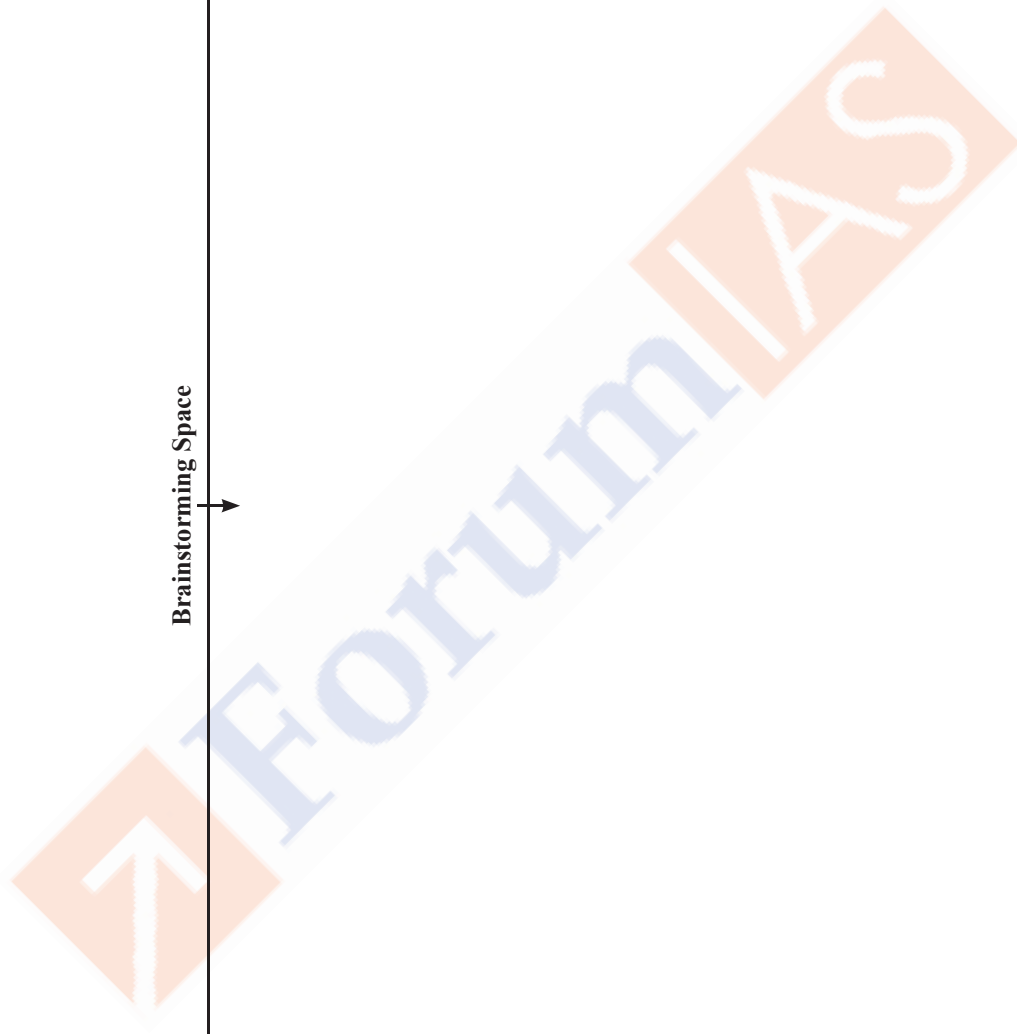
Q.91) What is 'Commonwealth' of Nations? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1980]

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Q.92) Why was ASEAN formed? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1980]

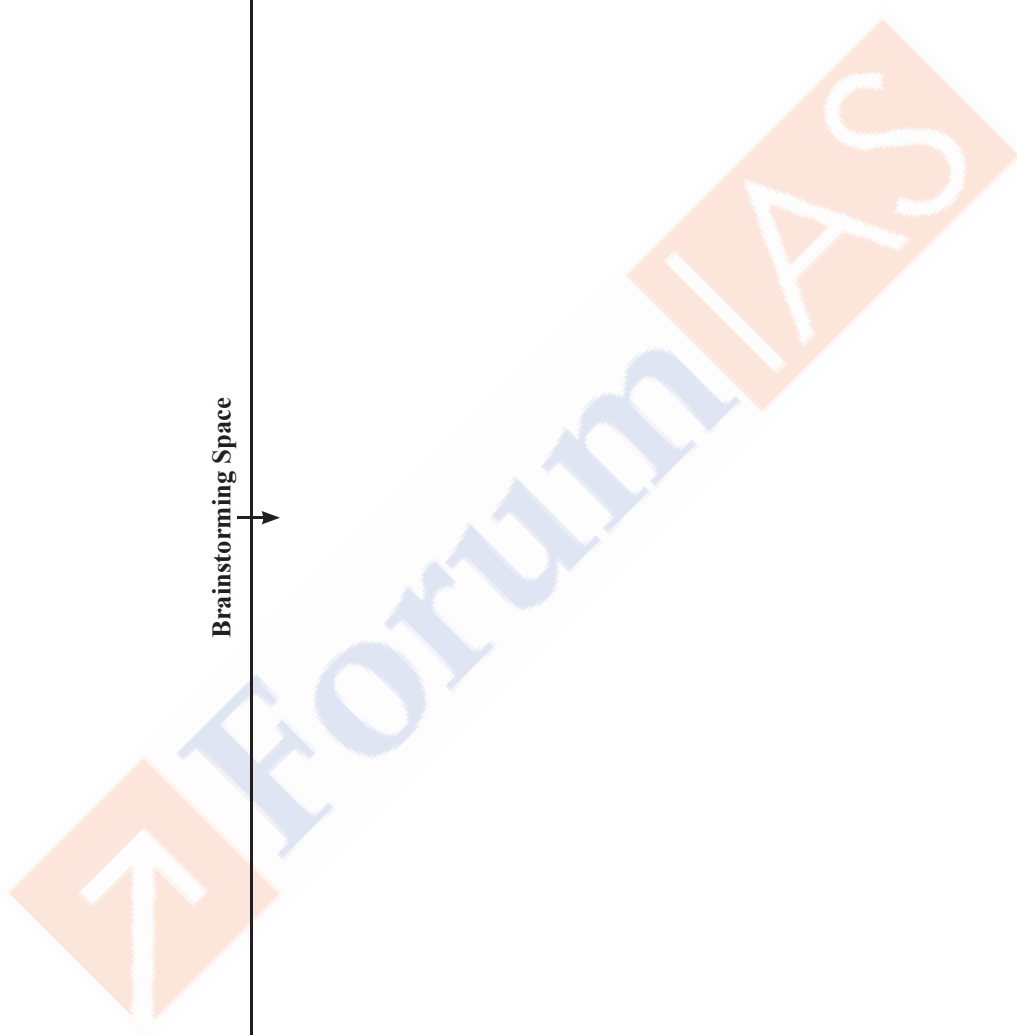
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Q.93) Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

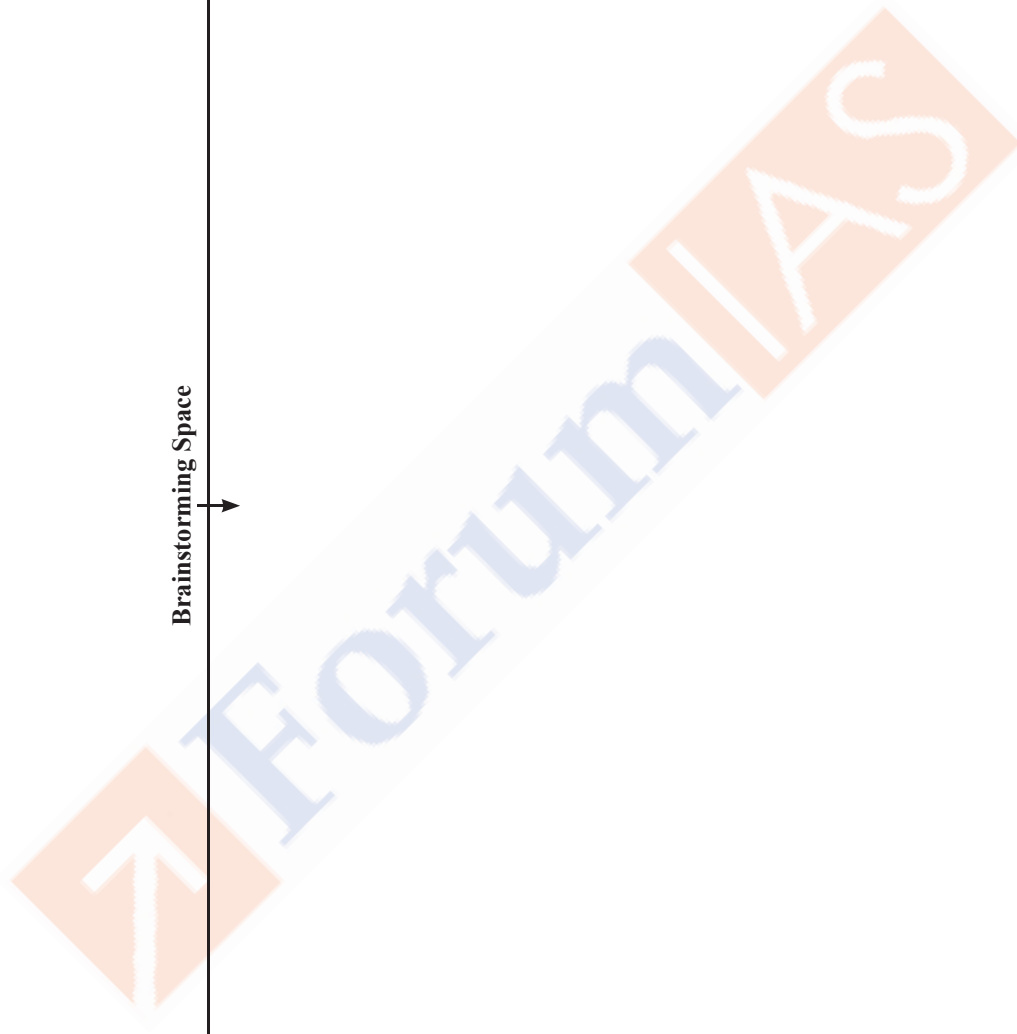
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Q.94) Indian diaspora has a decisive role to play in the politics and economy of America and European Countries". Comment with examples.

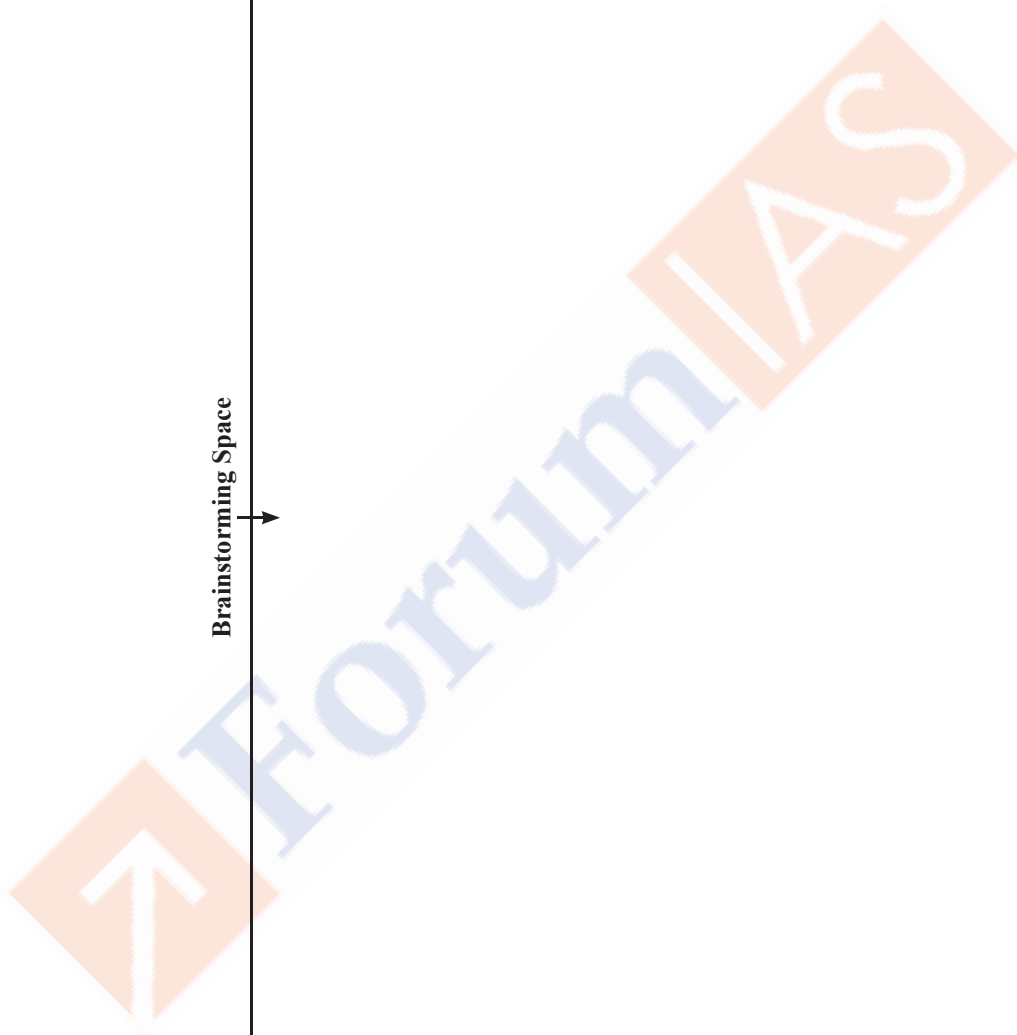
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Q.95) Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in South-East Asian countries' economy and society. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2017]

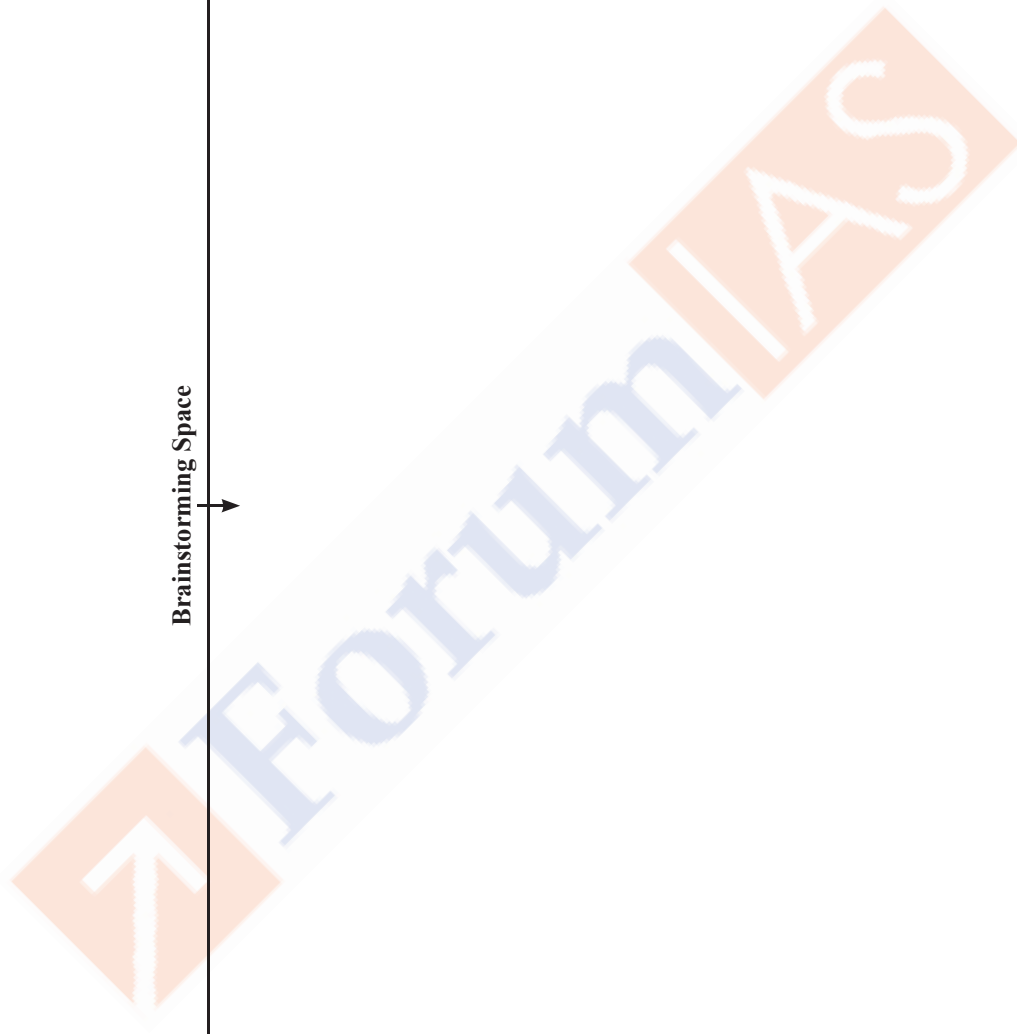
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Q.96) Write a short analytical note on Indian Diaspora. How is the “New Diaspora” different from the “Old Diaspora”?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2012]

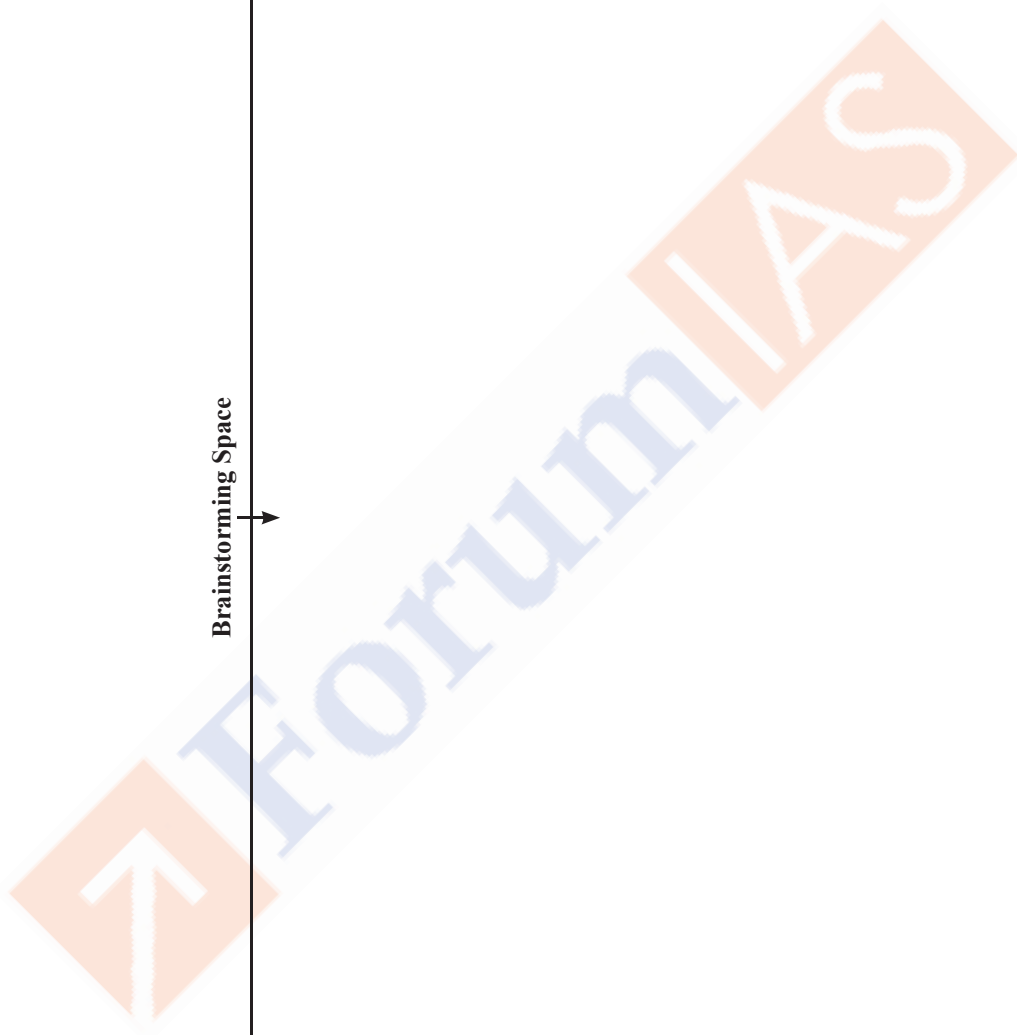
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Q.97) "Energy security constitutes the dominant kingpin of India's foreign policy, and is linked with India's overarching influence in Middle Eastern countries." How would you integrate energy security with India's foreign policy trajectories in the coming years?

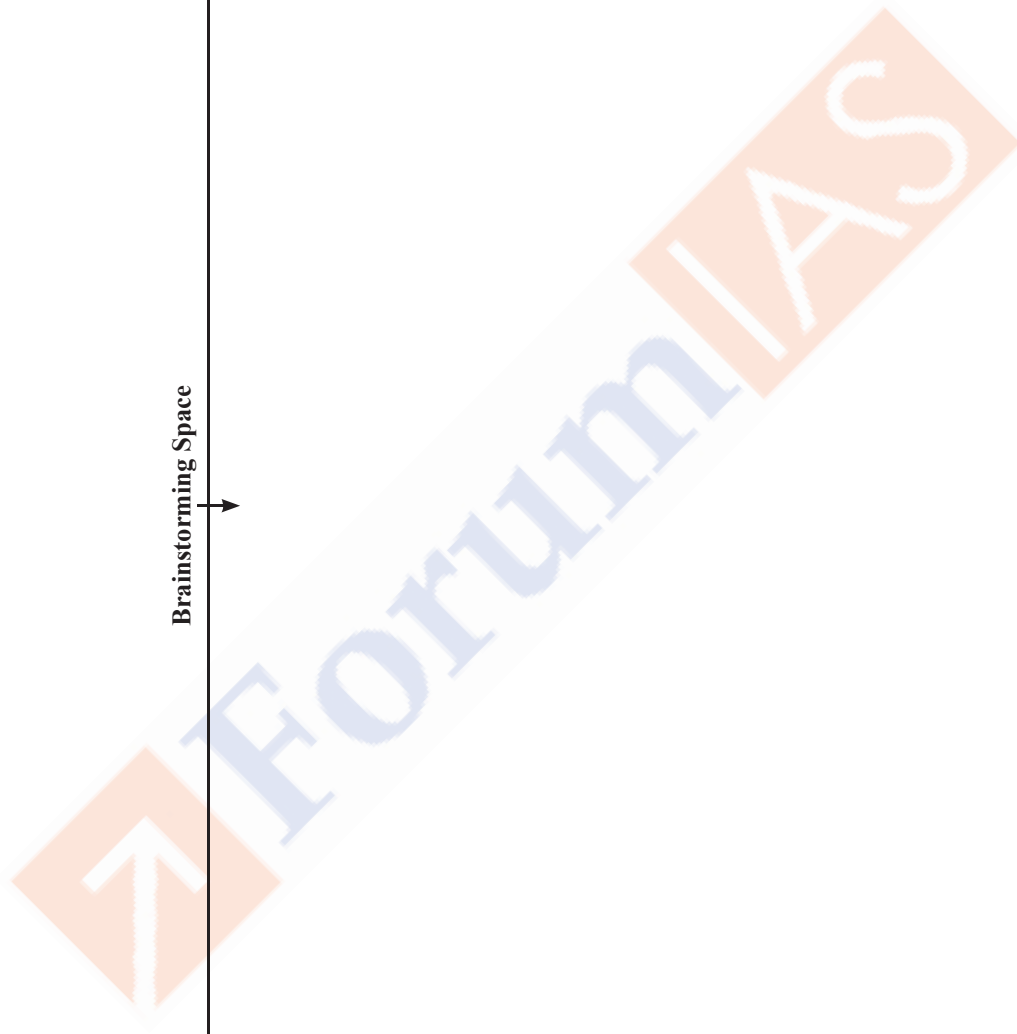
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Q.98) 'Clean energy is the order of the day'. Describe briefly India's changing policy towards climate change. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2022]

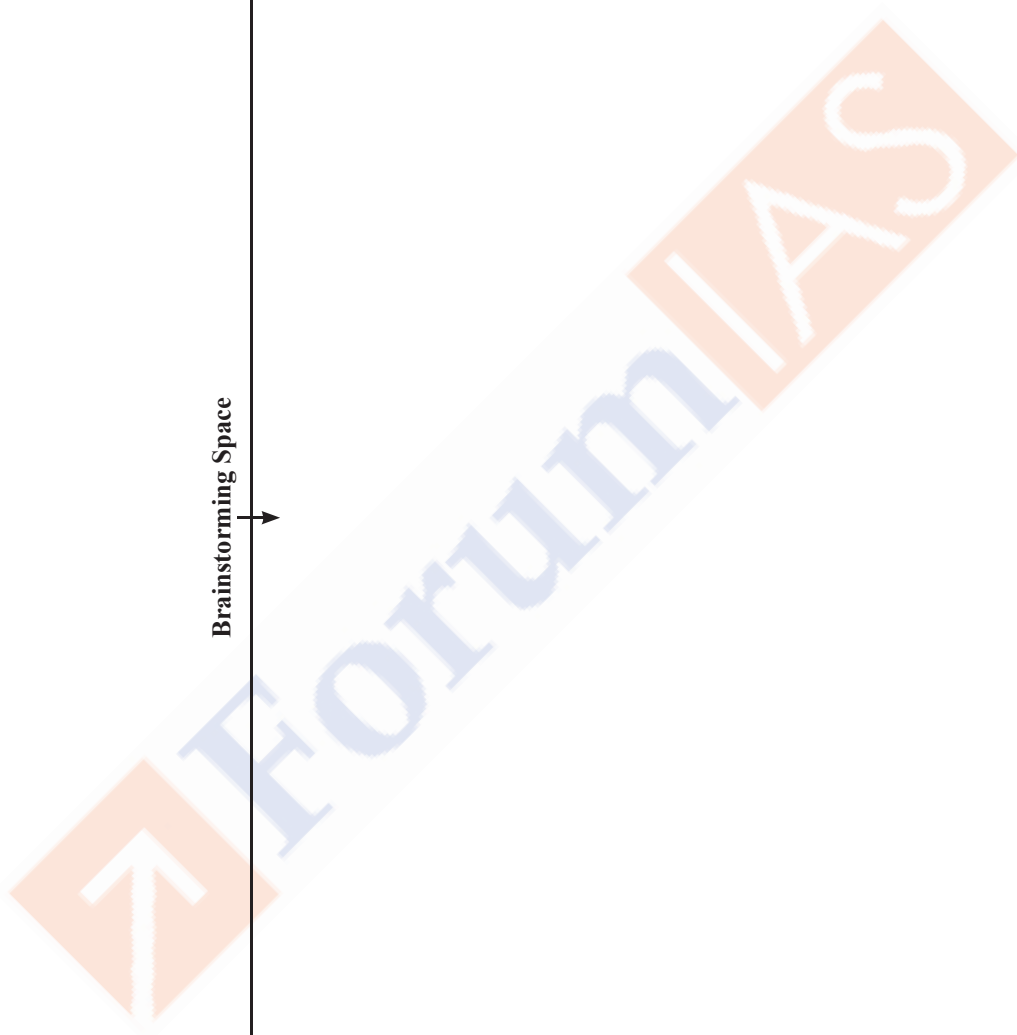
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Q.99) The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries.

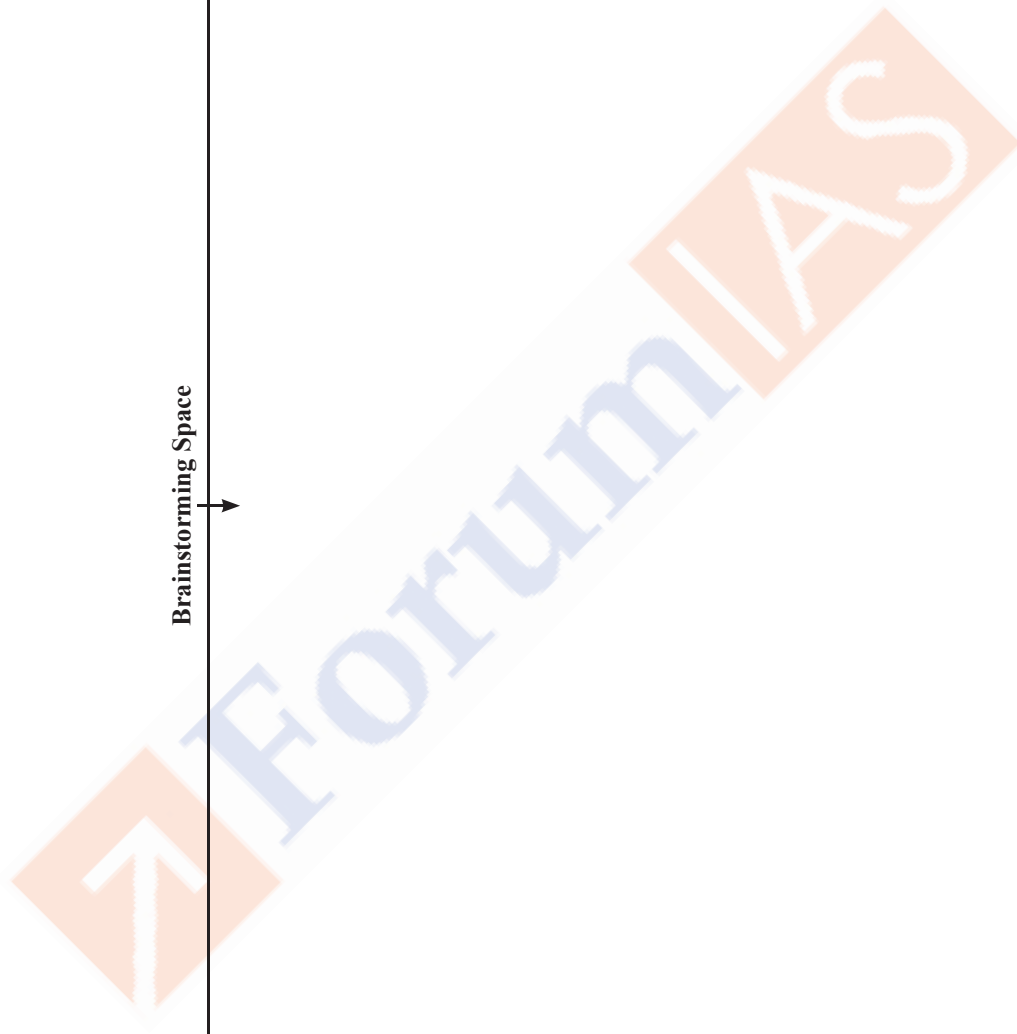
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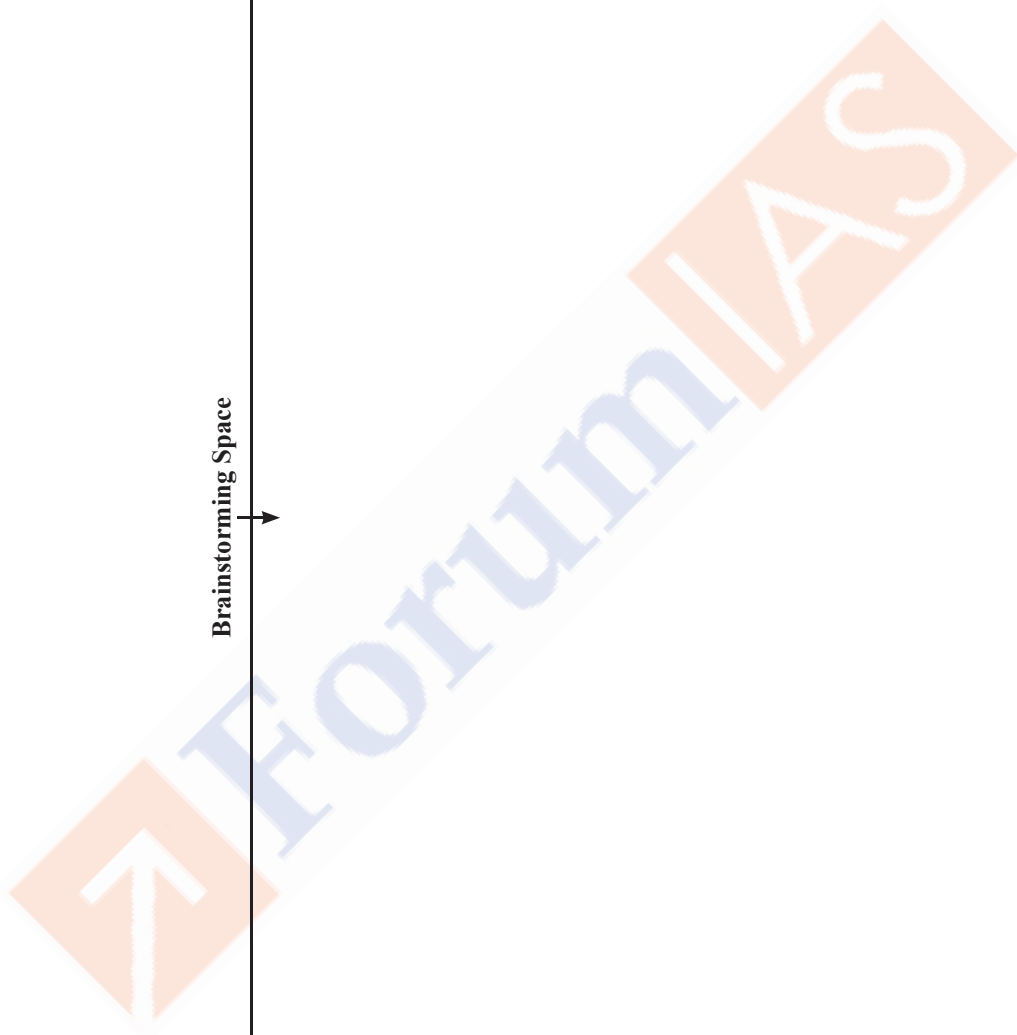
Q.100) Elaborate on India's Nuclear Doctrine. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2007]

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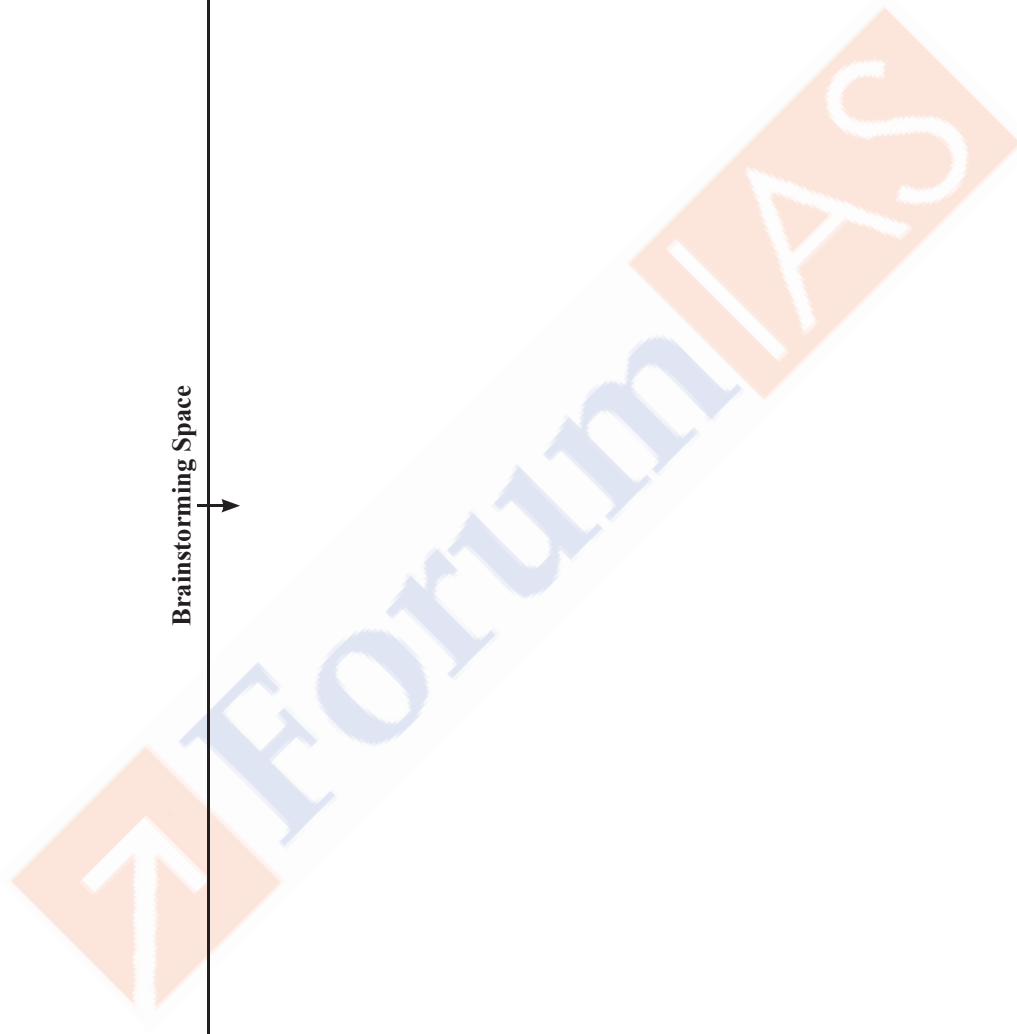
Q.101) Explain the political and economic implications of the Indo-Iran gas pipeline. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2005]

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Q.102) 20th century was century of oil. 21st century would be the century of natural gas. Comment. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1997]

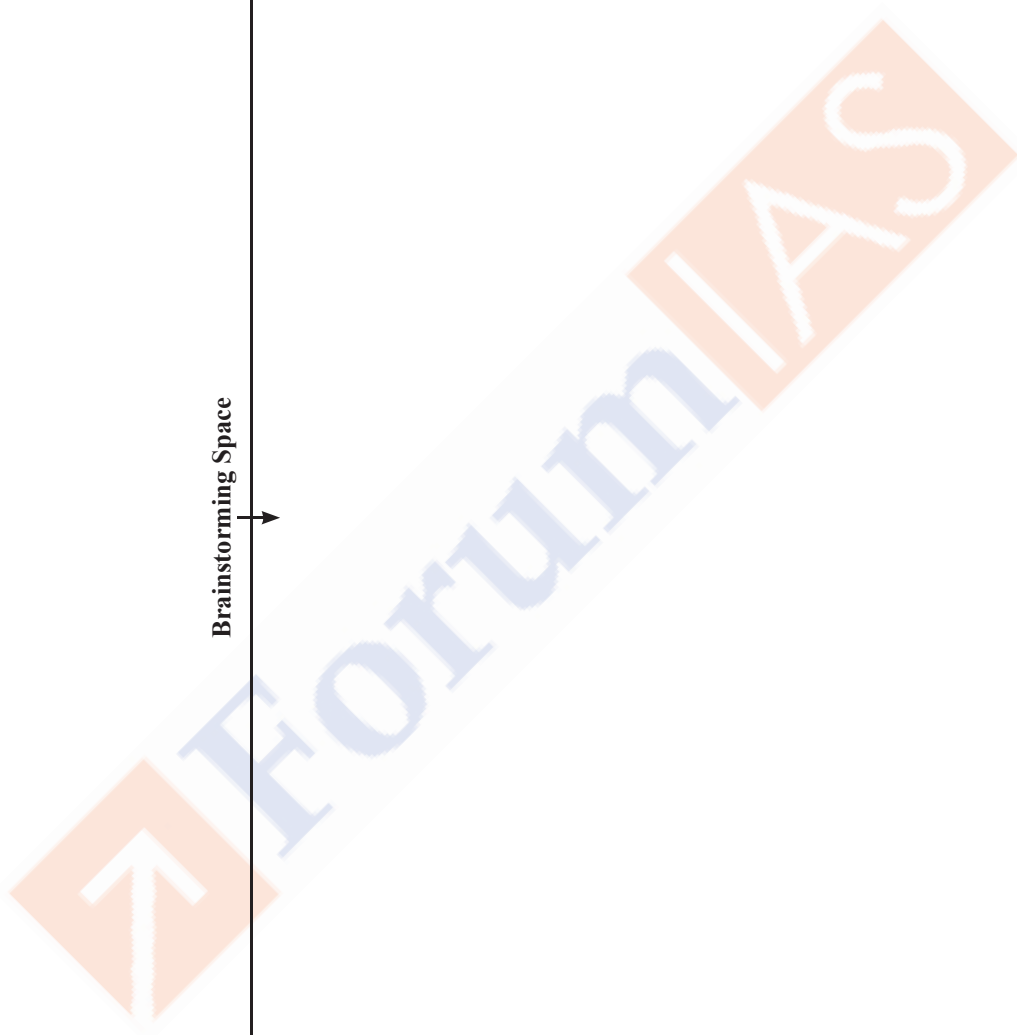
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Q.103) “With the waning of globalization, post-Cold War world is becoming a site of sovereign nationalism.” Elucidate.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

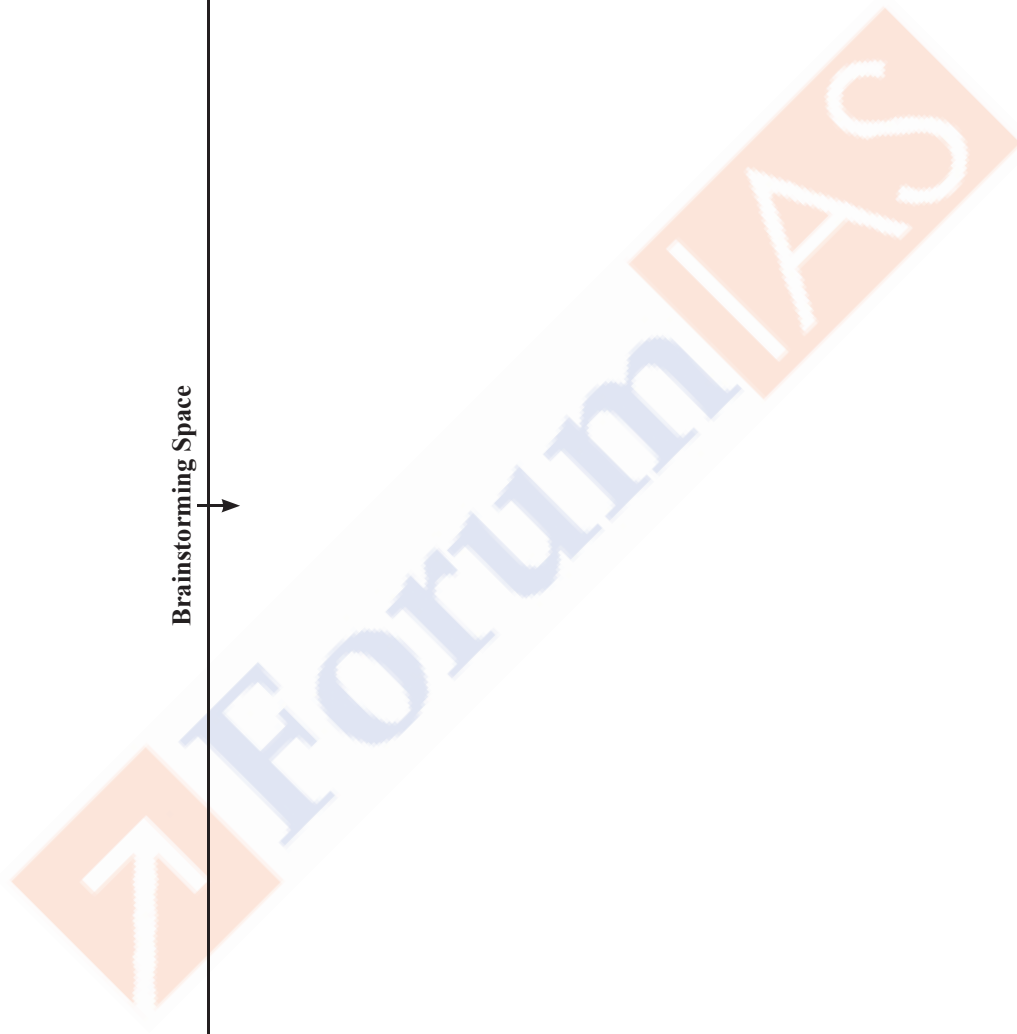
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Q.104) 'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.'

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

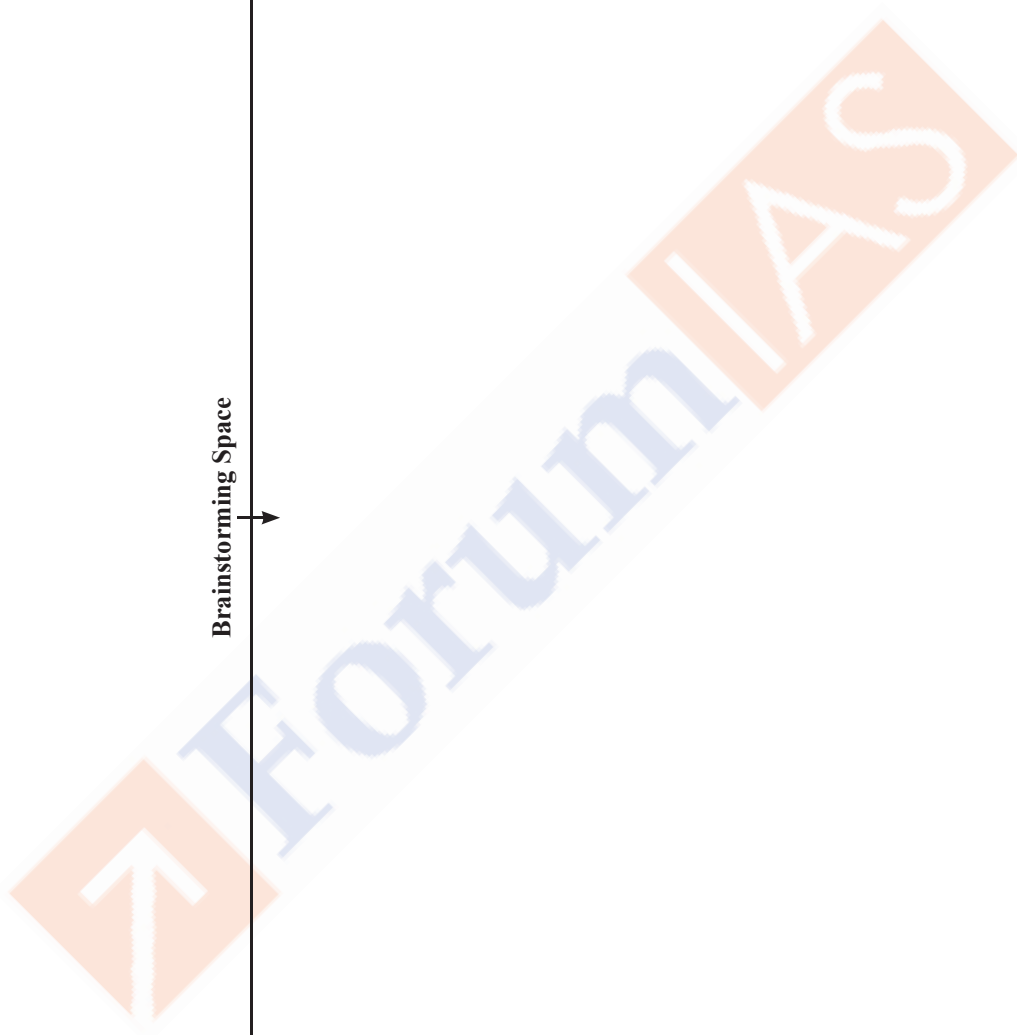
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Q.105) “The USA is facing an existential threat in the form of a China, that is much more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union.” Explain.

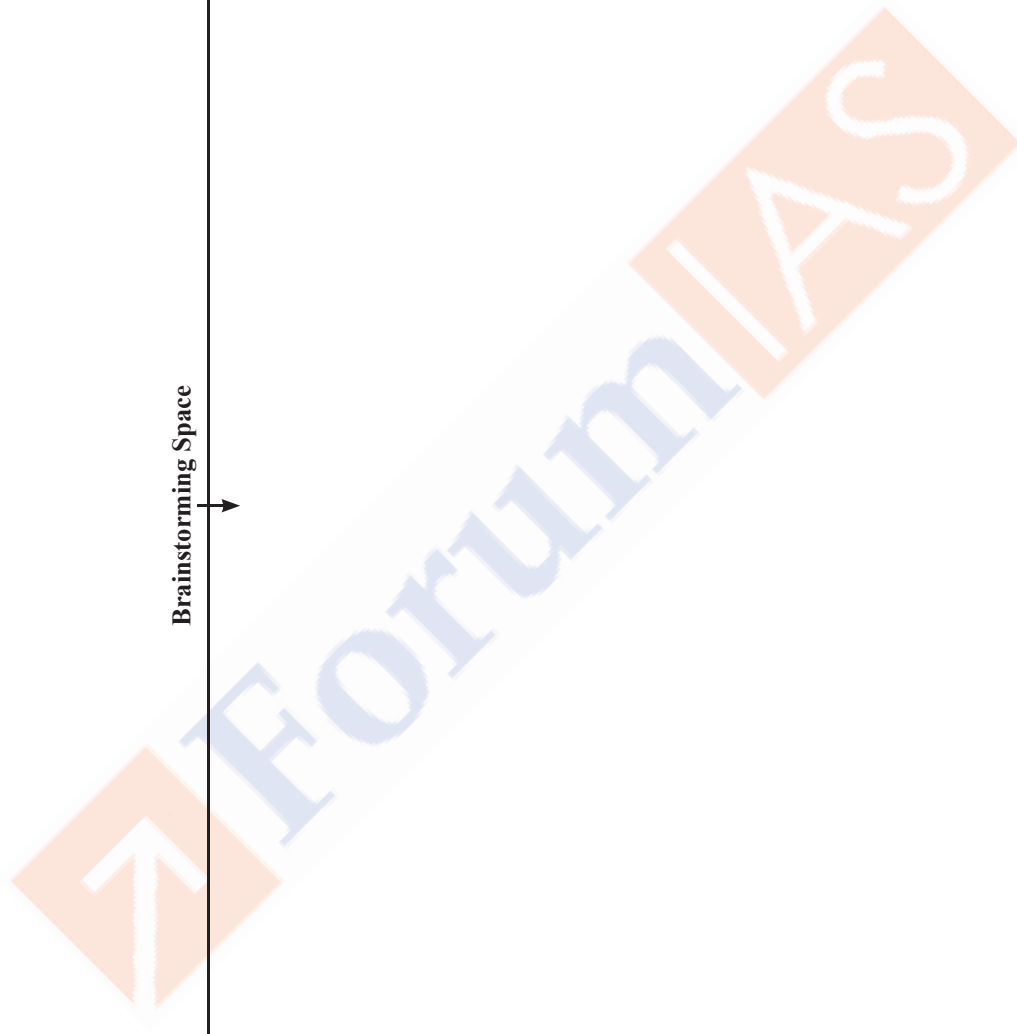
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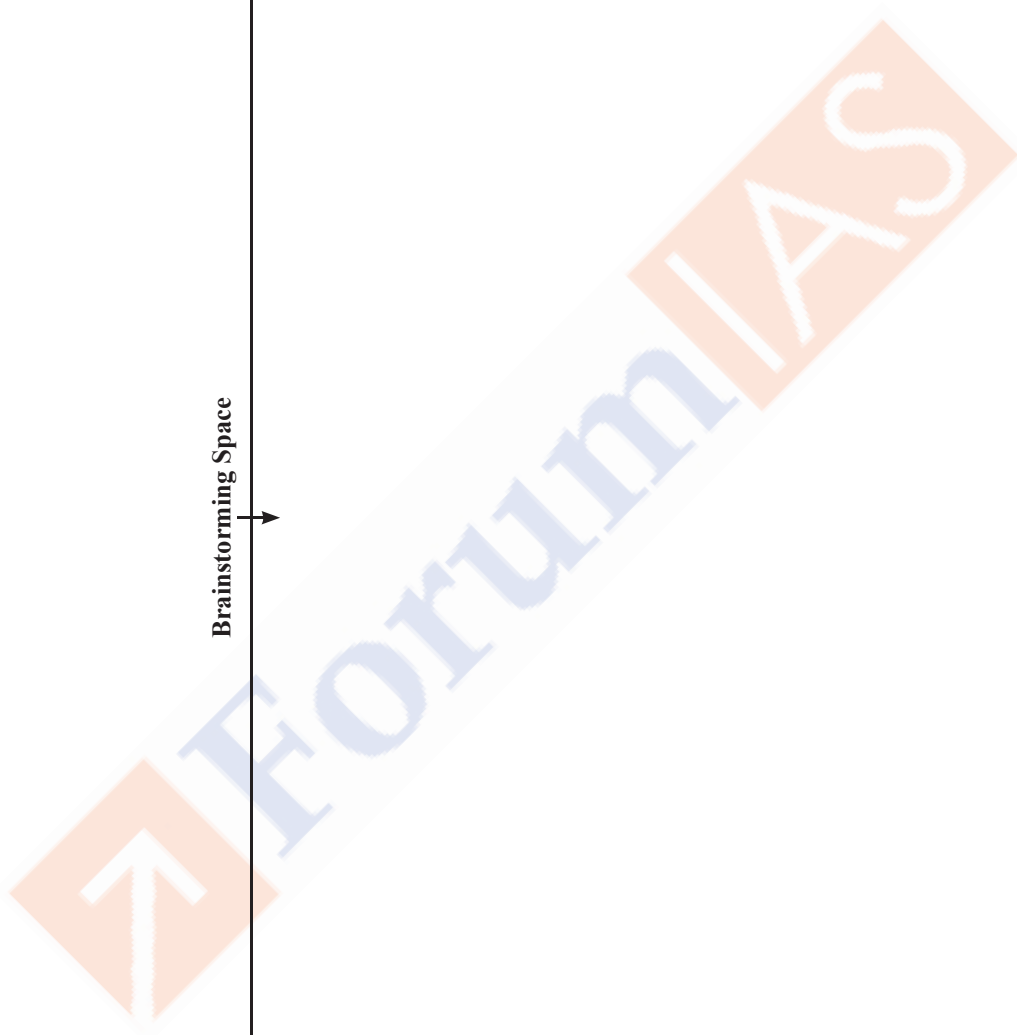
Q.106) The proposed withdrawal of ISAF from Afghanistan in 2014. Examine.
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

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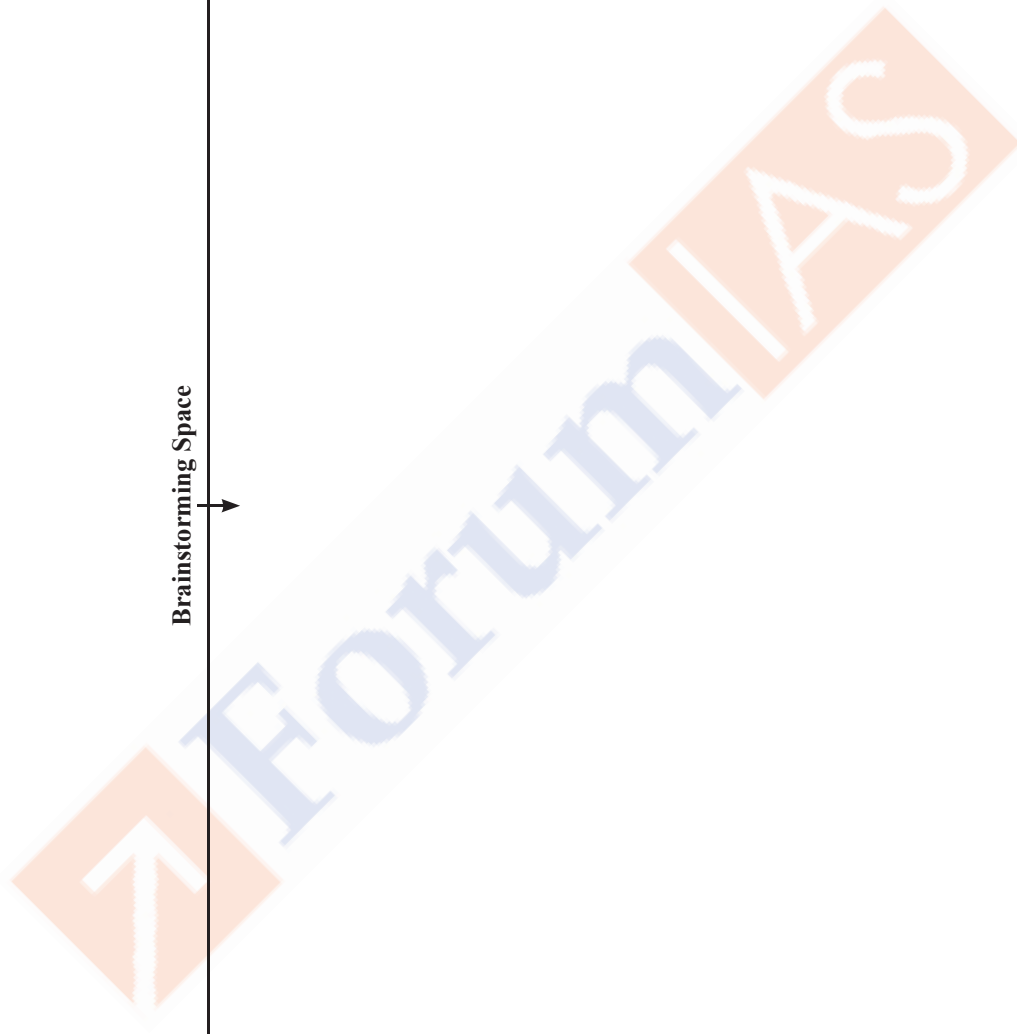
Q.107) Who were the main participants at the West Asian Peace Conference in Madrid. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1991]

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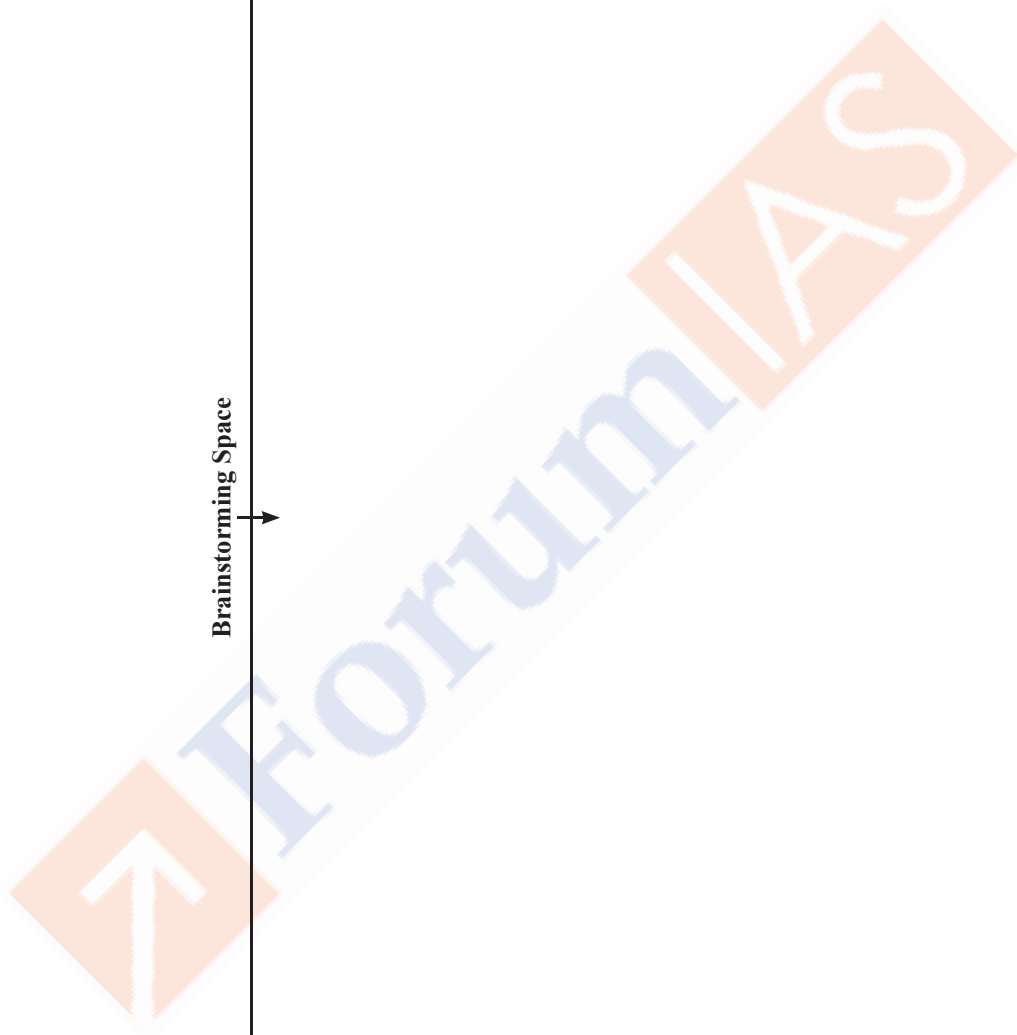
Q.108) Briefly describe the chain of major events... dissolution of the Soviet Union. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1991]

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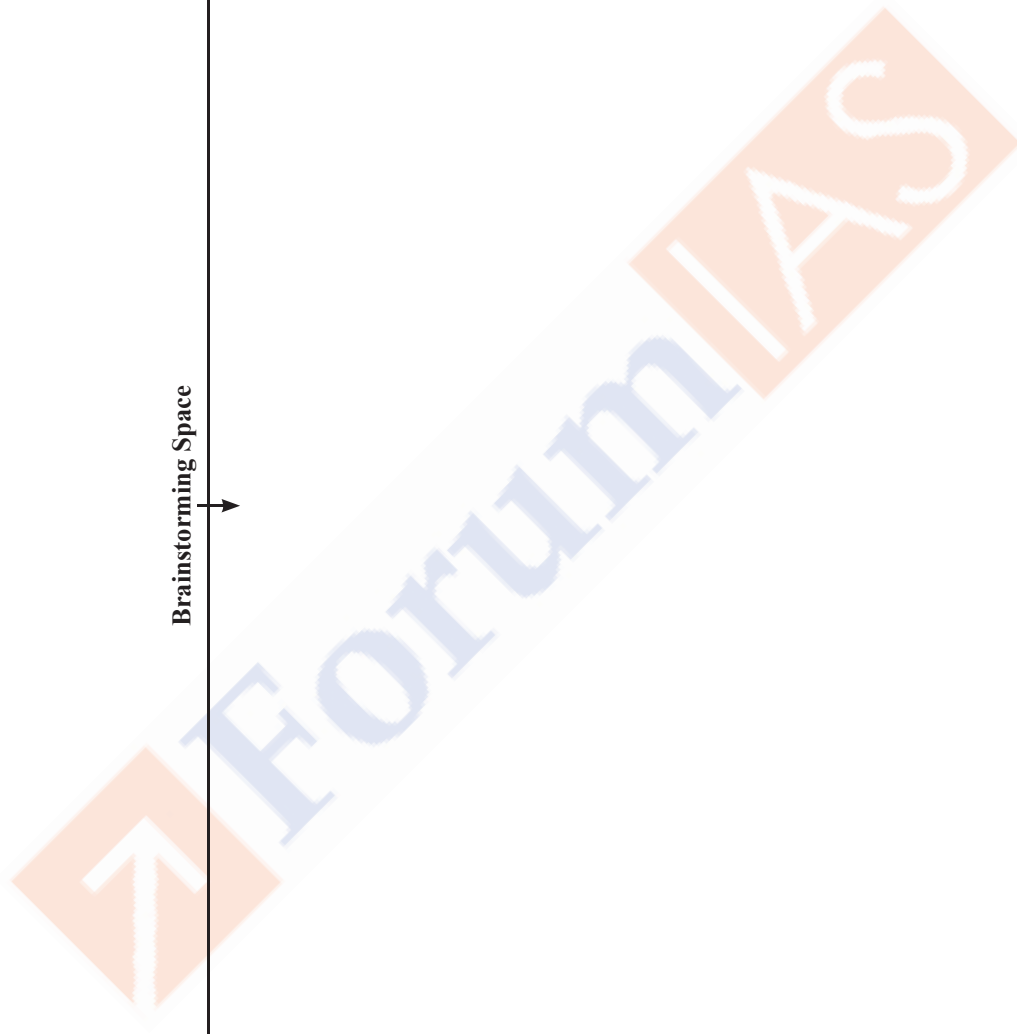
Q.109) Briefly indicate why problems were faced by the United Germany consequent on its unification. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

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Q.110) What were the basic differences between Iraq and Kuwait. repercussions on India? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1990]

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Q.111) Why did USSR send troops to Afghanistan? India's response.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1980]

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