

Practice and Revision - India's Foreign Policy

Chapter 12: India's Foreign Policy · Topic 2

Key Concept

India historically followed the policy of non-alignment, avoiding formal alliances with major power blocs during the Cold War era.

Panchsheel, the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, guides India's approach to international relations, emphasising mutual respect and non-interference.

India's foreign policy today balances relationships with multiple major powers while pursuing economic growth and security interests.

India actively engages in regional and global diplomacy, participating in organisations like BRICS, SAARC, and the UN to advance its interests.

Quick Revision Notes

- India historically followed non-alignment.
- Avoided formal alliances during Cold War.
- Panchsheel: Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.
- Emphasises mutual respect, non-interference.
- Today: balances relations with multiple powers.
- Also pursues economic growth, security.
- India engages in regional, global diplomacy.
- Participates in BRICS, SAARC, UN.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the concept of non-alignment.
- 2 Research the Five Principles of Panchsheel.
- 3 Discuss India's participation in BRICS or SAARC.
- 4 Discuss how India balances relations with major powers.
- 5 Research a recent Indian foreign policy decision.
- 6 Explain India's foreign policy approach.