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### CBSE Test Paper 03

#### Class 12 - Political Science (B-1 Ch-3 US Hegemony in World Politics)

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1. William Jefferson Clinton belonged to \_\_\_\_\_ political party.
  - a. Labour party
  - b. Republican party
  - c. Conservative party
  - d. Democratic party
2. What is meant by US hegemony in world politics?
3. Which operation was launched by the US as a part of Global War on Terror?
4. What is the New World Order?
5. Which are the institutions which were set up under the Bretton Woods system?
6. What was the significance of 'Operation Iraqi Freedom' ?
7. Examine any three factors responsible for the US hegemony in the world politics.
8. Analyse the three different views within India about the type of relationship India should have with the United States of America.
9. Evaluate India's changing relationship with USA.
10. Why was the US attacked by the terrorists on 11th September 2001? How did the US react to it?
11. Study the cartoon given below carefully and answer the questions that follows



- i. Which country is represented by this mighty soldier?
  - ii. Why have the names of so many countries been written on the uniform of the soldier?
  - iii. What message does this cartoon convey to the international community?
12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

During the Cold War years, India found itself on the opposite side of the divide from the US. India's closest friendship during those years was with the Soviet Union. After the collapse of Soviet Union, India suddenly found itself friendless in an increasingly hostile

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international environment. However, these were also the years when India decided to liberalise its economy and integrate it with the global economy. This policy and India's impressive, economic growth rate made the country an attractive economic partner for number of countries including the US.

**Questions**

- i. Name the country which was India's closest friend during Cold War years.
  - ii. What was India's policy during post Cold War years?
  - iii. What made India an attractive economic partner for the countries like the US?
13. Analyze the three different interpretations of American hegemony.

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**Answer**

1. (d) Democratic party, Explanation: Bill Clinton defeated George H.W. Bush in 1992 in American president election.
2. An attempt of the US to establish or show her paramountcy in political, structural, economy, military and cultural fields over all other countries in the world is termed as US Hegemony in world politics.
3. As a part of its 'Global War on Terror' US launched 'Operation Enduring Freedom'.
4. The sudden collapse of the Soviet Union took everyone a surprise. It appears that the US hegemony began in 1991, which was the beginning of the 'New World Order'.
5. The institutions which were set up under the Bretton Woods system were:  
World Bank, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organisation.
6. Operation Iraqi Freedom was launched by US to prevent Iraq from developing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). Significance of 'Operation Iraqi Freedom' is mentioned below:
  - i. It led to fall of dictatorship under the Saddam Hussein.
  - ii. It also led to establishment of democratic government in Iraq.
7. Factors responsible for the US hegemony in world politics are :
  - i. **Military capability:** The US had superior military power which was both absolute and relative
  - ii. **Economic and technological advancement:** Presence of US can be acknowledged in all sectors of the world economy and technology.
  - iii. **Financial assistance:** Poverty in the developing world and financial assistance to these countries by the US helped in enhancing US hegemony. A global network of the satellite is owned by the US Government only. The Internet is the direct outcome of US military research project.
8. The three different views within India about the type of relationship India should have with the United States of America are :
  - i. Indian analysts who see international politics largely in terms of military power are fearful of growing closeness between India and the US. They prefer that India should maintain its distance from the US and should focus upon increasing its own comprehensive national power.

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- ii. Other analysts see the growing convergence of interests between the US and India as a historic opportunity for India. They suggest a strategy that would allow India to make advantage of US hegemony and the mutual convergences to establish the best possible option for itself.
  - iii. Some other groups of analysts would advocates that India should take a lead in establishing a coalition of countries from the developing world. Over the time, this coalition would become more powerful and may succeed in weaning the hegemon away from its dominating ways. Hence, the India-US relations are too complex to be manged by a single strategy.
9. India-US relations have changed from time to time. During the Cold War period, India's closet friendship during years was with the Soviet Union. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, India found itself friendless in an hostile international environment. Hence, these were also the years when India decided to liberalise its economy and integrate it with the global economy. This policy and India's impressive economic growth rates and decision to liberalize the economy have resulted in making the country an attractive economic partner for a number of countries including the US. The factors like technological dimension and the role of the Indian-American diaspora have made Indo-US relations more cordial.
- Now the US absorbs about 65% of India's total exports in the software sector.
  - 300,000 Indians are working in Silicon Valley.
  - 15% of the high-tech start-ups are by Indian- Americans.
  - 35% of the technical staff in Boeing is estimated to be of Indian origin.
10. The USA was attacked by the terrorists on 11th September 2001 to attract the attention of Public and Governments all over the world. **Reaction of US**
- As a part of 'Global War on Terror', and in response to the 9/11 attack the US launched 'Operation Enduring Freedom', against all those suspected to be behind the attack, namely, Al-Qaeda and the Taliban regime of Afghanistan. The US forces made arrests all over the world without the knowledge of the government of the persons being arrested, transported these persons across countries and detained them in secret prisons. Some of them were brought to Guantanamo Bay, a US Naval base in Cuba, where the prisoners did not enjoys the protection of international law, or the law of their own country law or that of the US.
11. i. The mighty soldier with weapons represents the United States of America.

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- ii. The names of so many countries have been written on the uniform of the soldier because the US forces are ready to set-up hegemony to the West and Central Asia. This also represent the US invasion of Iraq under the code name "Operation Iraqui Freedom", to which more than 40 countries joined the US led invasion.
  - iii. The cartoon shows that the US is powerful in all spheres and can go up to any extent for its own self-interests. US did not even stop from fighting a war against Iraq, even after UN did not give its mandate to the invasion.
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- i. Soviet Union was India's closest friend during Cold War years.
  - ii. India's policy during post Cold War years was: To liberalise its economy and Integrate it with global economy.
  - iii. India's policy of liberalisation and its impressive economic growth rate made an attractive partner for the countries like the US.
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- i. **Economic Hegemony:** The USA is present in all parts of the world, in all sectors of the world economy and in all areas of technology. The US share of the world economy remains an enormous 28 percent. The US also accounts for 15 percent of world trade, if intra European Union trade is included in world trade data. The Bretton Woods system, set-up by the US after the Second World War, still constitutes the basic structure of the world economy. Thus, we can regard the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as the products of American economic hegemony.
  - ii. **Cultural Hegemony:** The predominance of the US in the world today is based not only on its military power and economic process but also on its cultural presence. Whether we choose to recognise the fact or not, all ideas of the good life and personal success, most of the dreams of individuals and societies across globe, are dreams churned out by practices prevailing in twentieth-century America. America is most seductive and in this sense, the most powerful culture on earth.
  - iii. **Hegemony in International Politics:** The USA has an exclusive control on sea lanes of communications (SLOCs). She only is responsible to grant leave and licence to countries of the world for free trade. The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania that provides with an MBA degree was first established in the USA in 1881. It is USA who contributes the major chunk of subscription to the UN. She, therefore, has a big say in that international organisation. Almost all decisions by the UN are taken at the consent of the USA.