



# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## BOOKS - FULL MARKS POLITICAL SCIENCE (HINGLISH)

### US HEGEMONY IN WORLD POLITICS

#### Ncert Textbook Question With Answers

1. Which among the following statements about hegemony is incorrect?

A. The word implies the leadership or predominance of one State.

B. It was used to denote the predominance of Athens in the ancient Greece.

C. The country having hegemonic position will possess unchallenged military power.

D. Hegemonic position is fixed. Once a hegemon, always a hegemon.

**Answer: D**



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2. Which among the following statements is wrong about the contemporary world order?

A. There is absence of world government, which could regulate the State's behaviour.

B. The US is the predominant player in world affairs.

C. States are using force against one another.

D. States, which violate international law, are severely punished by the UN.

**Answer: C**



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3. Which among the following statements is wrong with regard to Operation Iraqi Freedom?

A. More than forty countries joined in the US led coalition of the willing to invade Iraq.

B. The reason given for invading Iraq was to prevent it from developing weapons of mass destruction.

C. The action was taken with the prior approval of the UN.

D. The US-led coalition did not face major resistance from Iraqi forces.

**Answer: C**



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4. Give an example each of the three types of hegemony that are dealt within the chapter. Do not cite examples that are in the chapter.



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5. Mention three ways in which US dominance since the Cold War is different from its

position as a superpower during the Cold War.



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6. Match the following:



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7. What are the constraints on American hegemony today? Which one of these do you expect to get more important in the future?



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**8.** Read the three extracts in the chapter from Lok Sabha debate on the Indo-US deal. Develop any one of these into a full speech defending a certain position on Indo-US relations



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**9.** If big and resourceful states cannot resist the US hegemony, it is unrealistic to expect



much smaller and weaker non-state actors to offer any resistance. Examine this proposition and give your opinion.



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1. The First..... revealed the vast technological gap that had opened up

between the US military capability and that of other states.



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2. The highly publicised use of so called 'smart bombs' by the US led some observers to call this a .....



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### 3. Identify the country.

The air forces of the NATO countries, led by the US, bombarded targets around for well over two months, forcing the downfall of the government of Slobodan Milosevic and the stationing of a NATO force in Kosovo.



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4. Select the correct option. On 19 March 2003, the US launched its invasion of Iraq under the

code name:

- A. Operation Iraqi Freedom
- B. Operation blue whale
- C. Operation Black Panther
- D. Operation silence

**Answer: A**



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**5. Select the correct option.**

A. A classic example of the structural power of the British is the academic degree called the Master's in Business Administration (MBA).

B. The first business school in the world, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, was established in 1881.

C. The first MBA courses were initiated around 1800.

D. The first MBA course outside the US was established only in 1850.

**Answer: B**



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**6. Select the correct option.**

A. The biggest constraints to American hegemony lie outside the heart of hegemony itself.

B. The first constraint is the institutional architecture of the African state itself.

C. The second constraint on American power is also not domestic in nature.

D. The third constraint on the US that is perhaps that there is only one organisation in the international system that could possibly moderate the exercise of American power today, and

that is the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

**Answer: D**



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**7. Correct and rewrite the statement.**

The second notion of hegemony is very similar from the first. It emerges from a particular understanding of the world economy. The basic idea is that an open world economy



requires a hegemon or dominant power to criticise its creation and existence.



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**8. Correct and rewrite the statement.**

The US absorbs about 85 per cent of India's total exports in the software sector.



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**9.** Correct and rewrite the statement.

55 per cent of the technical staff of Boeing is estimated to be of Indian origin.



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**10.** Identify the party from which George W. Bush contested election.



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**11.** Identify the operation done in response to the missile attack in Sudan,



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**12.** Identify the operation done for the war against Al-Qaeda and Taliban.



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**13.** What was first Gulf War?



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**14. What is the New World Order?**



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**15. What is World Politics?**



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**16.** Name the elected President of the USA in the year 1992 and 1996.



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**17.** What was the focus of foreign policy of Bill Clinton?



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**18.** What was the Guantanamo Bay?



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**19.** Mention any two constraints operated in the US hegemony.



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**20.** What are Global Public Goods?



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**21. What is SLOCs?**



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**22. What is the full form of WMD?**



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**23. What is meant by hegemony as hard power?**



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24. What is meant by hegemony as structural power?



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## Additional Question With Answers li Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. When and why did the New World Order begin?



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2. Why did US launch a war against Iraq?



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3. With reference to Iraqi invasion, mention the American weaknesses.



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4. The US hegemony does not dominate the world only as hard and structural power but as a soft power also. Justify the statement.



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## **Additional Question With Answers Iii Short Answer Type Questions**

1. You are an important leader of US, being in that position what are the threats you can

identify for the US hegemony in the present scenario?



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2. "The US did not start behaving like a hegemonic power right from 1991, it became clear much later that world was living in fact in a period of hegemony. Examine the statement.



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3. What was 9/11 event? How did the US respond to it?



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4. How far is it correct to say that the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre was the attack on the US hegemony? Explain.



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5. Describe any two constraints of American hegemony.



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6. What military actions were taken by Clinton government despite their lack of interest were different from military power?



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7. "Economic preponderance of the US is inseparable from its structural power".

Discuss.



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8. In reference of structural power mention the global public goods by which the US established its hegemony?



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9. How does India maintain its relations with the US during post Cold War?



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10. Explain the strategies which may be performed by India to maintain Indo-US relations,



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11. Explain the hegemony of the US as a hard power.



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## Additional Question With Answers Iv Long Answer Type Questions I 5 Marks Passage Based Questions

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:

"Politics is about power. Just individuals want



to gain and retain power, groups too want to gain and retain power. We routinely talk of someone becoming powerful or someone doing something for power. In the case of world politics too, countries and groups of countries are engaged in constantly trying to gain and retain power. This power is in the form of military domination, economic power, political clout and cultural superiority"

Explain the meaning of hegemony in context to US.



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political clout and cultural superiority"

Explain the three types of US hegemony.



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**3.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:

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friendless in an increasingly hostile 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 a number of countries including the US.

Name the country which was India's closest friend during Cold War years.



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What was India's policy during post Cold War years?



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What made India an attractive economic partner for the countries like the US?



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6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

Some people argue that it is strategically more prudent to take advantage of the opportunities that hegemony creates. For instance, raising economic growth rates requires increased trade, technology transfers and investment, which are best acquired by working with rather than against the hegemon. Thus, it is suggested that instead of engaging in activities opposed to hegemonic



power, it may be advisable to extract benefits by operating within the hegemonic system. This is called the bandwagon strategy.

What is prudent during a period of hegemony?



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What benefits can be acquired within the hegemonic system?



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What is the bandwagon strategy?



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## **Additional Question With Answers V Cartoon Map Based Questions 5 Marks**

1. Study the cartoon given below and answer the questions that follow:



(i) Who has been represented by cartoon wearing cap?

(ii) What does this cartoon try to speak?

(iii) Which event can be correlated with this cartoon?

(iv) 'You posed a potential threat'. What does this refer?



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2. Study the cartoon given below and answer the questions that follow:



(i) How long do you think the US will stay on the superpower stage?

(ii) Except China, who can be shown as waiting in the wings?

(iii) What is being represented in the cartoon?

(iv) Why China has been represented as waiting in the wings?



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3. On a given outline map of the world, locate and label the following and symbolise them as indicated:



- (i) The country Iraq invaded in Aug. 1990.
- (ii) The country in the presidency of Saddam Hussain.
- (iii) The country referred to as a hegemonic power
- (iv) The Operation Infinite Reach was launched against these countries.



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## Additional Question With Answers Vi Long Answer Type Questions li

1. Explain the three types of US hegemony and give examples for each.



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2. What are different natures of hegemony? Explain.



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3. How can the US hegemony be checked?



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4. How long will hegemony last? How do we get beyond hegemony?



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5. What is meant by Operation Iraqi Freedom? Mention its main and hidden objectives. Give

any two consequences of this operation.



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## Previous Years Board Questions With Answers I Very Short Answer Type Questions 1 Mark

1. What is meant by 'Hegemony'?



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2. What was Operation Iraqi Freedom?



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3. What does the term 'hegemony' imply?



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4. What is meant by 9/11 in the context of USA?



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5. Which one of the following was a part of its global war on terrorism by the U.S.?

Operation Desert Storm

Computer War

Operation Enduring Freedom

Videogame war



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6. What was the significance of Operation Iraqi Freedom'?





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7. The First Gulf War revealed the vast ..... gap that had opened up between the US military capability and that of other states.



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8. Which one of the following statements related to the Iraq invasion by the US is incorrect?

A. More than forty other countries were involved in this invasion.

B. The UN had given consent to invade Iraq.

C. The invasion was to prevent Iraq from developing weapons of mass destruction.

D. The US lost over 3000 military personnel in this war.

**Answer: B**



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## Previous Years Board Questions With Answers Ii Very Short Answer Type Questions 2 Marks

1. How was Kuwait liberated from Iraq in 1990?



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2. What was 'Operation Infinite Reach' ordered by the President Clinton?



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### 3. What was Operation Enduring Freedom?



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## Previous Years Board Questions With Answers Iii Short Answer Type Questions 4 Marks

1. Explain the hegemony of the United States of America as a structural power.



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## Previous Years Board Questions With Answers Iv

### Long Answer Type Questions I 5 Marks

1. Study the cartoon given below and answer the following questions:



(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?



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## Previous Years Board Questions With Answers V

### Long Answer Type Questions li 6 Marks

1. Analyse the three different views within India about the type of relationship India should have with the United States of America.



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2. "Resistance is the only option available to overcome the hegemony". Justify the

statement by comparing it to other anti-hegemony strategies.



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**3.** Examine any three factors responsible for the US hegemony in the world politics.



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**4.** The bedrock of contemporary US Power lies in the overwhelming superiority of its military

power." Justify the statement with any three suitable arguments.



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5. Examine the US hegemony as a structural power.



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6. Describe any three operations (military actions) launched by the US which proved and

established its supremacy as a Hard Power.



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