

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS****Passage 1**

India might be polarised on various domestic issues in this general election, but there is hardly any political argument on foreign policy. Is this because Prime Minister Narendra Modi's diplomacy is so spectacularly successful that there is little room to debate?

To be sure, PM Modi's stewardship of India's foreign policy has been impressive. Coming to power with a full majority in the Lok Sabha in 2014 and improving on it in 2019, Modi has enjoyed great command over his party and government and a freer hand in running foreign policy. All his predecessors since Rajiv Gandhi had to run coalition governments in which all policies, including external affairs, were under continuous disputation. The steady accretion of economic salience has made India an attractive partner for many countries and offered valuable commercial levers to boost Indian diplomacy.

Yet, it is hard to argue that there are no questions to be asked, no assumptions to be questioned, and no policy alternatives to be proffered. The lack of a foreign policy debate today is less about a genuine consensus than declining interest in world affairs within the demoralised Opposition.

1. Who participates in the India-USA 2+2 dialogue?
  - (a) Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense
  - (b) Secretary of State and NSA
  - (c) Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Defense
  - (d) NSA and Secretary of Defense
2. When was the Taskent Agreement signed?
  - (a) 1948
  - (b) 1966
  - (c) 1972
  - (d) 1999
3. Panchsheel Policy was formulated by
  - (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - (b) Jaya Prakash Narayan
  - (c) Sardar Vallab Bhai Patel
  - (d) B. R. Ambedkar
4. "Indus Water Treaty 1960" was signed between the Government of India and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) China
  - (b) Bangladesh
  - (c) Pakistan
  - (d) Afghanistan
5. 'Neighbourhood First' policy in India's Foreign Policy is initiated by whom?
  - (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - (b) Inder Kumar Gujral
  - (c) Manmohan Singh
  - (d) Narendra Modi
6. The duration of India's new foreign trade policy is
  - (a) Ten years
  - (b) Five years
  - (c) Three years
  - (d) One year

**Passage 2**

According to the provisions outlined in the Government of India Act of 1858, the position of Governor was subject to the oversight of the Governor General. According to the Government of India Act, 1935, which was implemented on April 1, 1937, Governors were entrusted with the duty of adhering to the counsel provided by provincial governments. The actions undertaken, ostensibly in the name of provincial autonomy, involved the appointment of Governors who were tasked with serving as representatives of the British Queen. Later, the Constitution established an analogous system of governance in the states, mirroring the parliamentary structure adopted at the national level. The state executive is addressed in Articles 153 to 167 within Part VI of the Constitution. According to these, the state executive comprises several key

components, namely the governor, the chief minister, the council of ministers, and the advocate general of the state. The governor assumes the role of the primary executive leader of the state.

7. Who appoints the Advocate-General for the state?
  - (a) President
  - (b) Chief Minister
  - (c) Parliament
  - (d) Governor
  
8. How many members are nominated by the Governor in the state Legislative Council?
  - (a) 1/3
  - (b) 1/12
  - (c) 1/6
  - (d) 1/8
  
9. The Governor of the state of Bihar at present is?
  - (a) Rameshwar Thakur
  - (b) M.C. Bhandare
  - (c) S.C. Jamir
  - (d) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
  
10. Which article deals with the Ordinance making power of the Governor?
  - (a) Article 200
  - (b) Article 213
  - (c) Article 161
  - (d) Article 167
  
11. What is the minimum age prescribed by the Constitution of India for appointment as Governor of a state?
  - (a) 30 years
  - (b) 35 years
  - (c) 21 years
  - (d) 25 years
  
12. The First woman Governor of a State in free India was:-
  - (a) Mrs Sarojini Naidu
  - (b) Ms Sucheta Kripalani
  - (c) Mrs Indira Gandhi
  - (d) Mrs Vijay Lakshmi Pandit