

The UN in a Unipolar World

- It is believed by many countries that the reform and restructuring of the UN could help the UN cope better with a unipolar world in which the US was the most powerful country.
- The US stands as the only superpower after the disintegration of USSR hence US power cannot be easily checked.
- Within the UN, the influence of the US is considerable. As the single largest contributor to the UN, the US has unmatched financial power.
- The UN is not therefore a great balance to the US. Nevertheless, in a unipolar world in which the US is dominant, the UN can and has served to bring the US and the rest of the world into discussions over various issues.
- The UN is an imperfect body, but without it the world would be worse off.
- It is important for people to use and support the UN and other international organisations in ways that are consistent with their own interests.

Other International Organisations

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an international organisation that looks upon international financial institutions and regulations. It has 189 member countries. The G 8 members (the US, Japan, Germany, France



1. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- (a) At the international level, overseas financial institutions and regulations.
- (b) It consists of 180 members. Out of them, G-8 members enjoy more powers i.e. the US, Japan, Germany, France, the UK, Italy, Canada and Russia except China and Saudi Arabia.
- (c) The US alone enjoys 16.75% voting rights.

2. World Bank

- (a) It was created in 1944.
- (b) It works for human development, agriculture and rural development, environmental protection, infrastructure and governance and provides loans and grants to developing countries.
- (c) It is criticised for setting the economic agenda of poorer nations, attaching stringent conditions to its loans and forcing free market reforms.

3. WTO-World Trade

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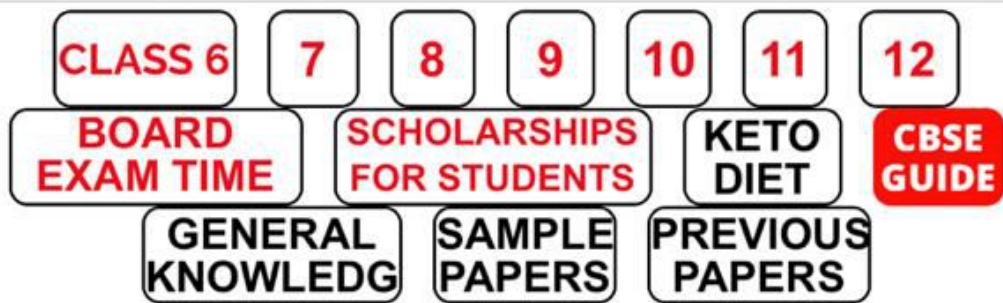
- (a) An international organisation to set the rules for global trade which was set up in 1995 as a successor to General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) and has 157 members, (as on 1 September 2012)
- (b) Major economic powers such as the US, EU and Japan have managed to use the WTO to frame rules of trade to advance their own interests.
- (c) The developing countries often complain of non-transparent procedure and being pushed around by big powers.

4. IAEA-International Atomic Energy Agency

- (a) It was established in 1957 to implement US president Dwight Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" proposal.
- (b) It seeks to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to prevent its use for military purpose.
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5. Amnesty International

- (a) An NGO to campaign for the protection of human rights all over the world.
- (b) It prepares and publishes reports on human rights to research and advocate human rights.
- (c) Governments are not always happy with these reports since a major focus of Amnesty is the misconduct of government authorities.

6. Human Rights Watch

- (a) Another international NGO involved in research
and advocacy of human rights.



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