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UPPSC Defence Studies Syllabus

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Paper-1

Section-A

Evolution of Strategic thoughts

1. Concept and theories of Conflict
 - a. Origin, perceptions, processes, escalation, goal achievement, etc, of conflicts in human social relation and its relevance to international conflict.
 - b. Conflict as War: State behaviour, causes, correlates, domestic sources, global structural sources, commencement and termination, negotiation, ecology of warfare etc.
 - c. Concepts of war and its relation with politics: Classical thought and trends from Machiavelli to Nuclear Age.
2. It Includes
 - a. Kautilya's philosophy of war and his strategic contribution.
 - b. Sun Tzu's thoughts on war.
 - c. Thoughts of Jomini and Clausewitz on Strategy, Tactics, Logistics, Principles of War and Nature of War
3. War and industrial society with reference to the views of Marx and Engels.
4. Concepts and Theories of Revolutionary War and Guerrilla Warfare with reference to the views of Lenin, Mao Tse Tung, Che Guevara, Régis Denzot and Giap.
5. Economic Bases of military power:
 - a. Economics of war.
 - b. Linkages between commercial, financial, industrial, economic and political; military strengths and weaknesses of a nation-state.
 - c. Arms trade and theory of donor-recipient behaviour.
 - d. Post-war economy and reconstruction.
6. Theories of Land, Sea and Air warfare:
 - a. Theories of land warfare with reference to mobile defence, use of tank and machine, warfare and propounded by Liddell Hart and J. F. C. Fuller.

- b.* Views of A. T. Mahan on the elements of sea power and naval strategy.
- c.* Continental doctrine of sea power.
- d.* Heartland theories of Halford Mackinder.
- e.* Heartland theories based on National Power.
- f.* Theories of Air power as propounded by G. Douhet, Mitchell and Alexander de Seversky.

Section-B

- 1.* German Concept of total war with reference to the views of Luideadroff; German strategy in the Machine Age.
- 2.* Military strategy of Allied Powers during the World War II
- 3.* Soviet military strategy with reference to the views of Lenin Trotsky, Stalin and V D Sokolovsky.
- 4.* Concept and theories of deterrence:
 - a.* Concepts and theories of conventional deterrence.
 - b.* Concept and theories of nuclear deterrence with reference to the views of Liddell Hart, Andre Beaufre, Y Harkavi and Henry Kissinger.
- 5.* Concepts of Disarmament.
- 6.* Concept and theories of Arms Control and Disarmament.
- 7.* Concept and the theories of 'Peace keeping' and Peace building.
- 8.* Theories of Conflict Resolution, Methods of Conflict Resolution, Gandhian techniques of Conflict Resolution.

Paper-II

Section-A

- 1.* Conceptual framework of National Security in the contemporary strategic thinking.
- 2.* Evolution of National Security thinking and problematics.
- 3.* Theories of National Power.
 - a.* Definitive framework of National Power.
 - b.* The impression of Power as a concept.
 - c.* Power profile of nation states.
 - d.* Non-Power influence.
 - e.* Elements of National Power
 - i.* Tangible elements: Geography, Population, Extent of Territory. Natural Resources, Industrial Capacity, Financial Capability, Scientific and Technological Capability, Military Capability.

ii. Intangible elements: Leadership. Bureaucratic and Organizational Efficiency. Type of Government, Social and Ethnic cohesiveness, National, Character and Reputation, National, Morale, Public Support.

4. Concept and models of International Security.

- a. Conceptual framework of International Security during the Cold War and Post Cold War Periods.
- b. Balance of Power
- c. Collective Security
- d. Collective Defence
- e. Non-Alignment.

5. Concept and theories of conventional and nuclear deterrence.

6. It Includes

- a. Arms proliferation as constraint to National, Regional and International Security.
- b. Prospects for Arms control.

7. International Terrorism: Concept and dimensions.

8. Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency: Concepts and dimensions.

9. Co-relation between Foreign, Defence and Domestic policies.

10. Historical Legacy, Geo-political and Geo Strategic consideration of India's Security.

Section-B

1. National Security Problematics And India Quest For Security:

- a. India is the world strategic arena; Contemporary trends.
- b. India's quest for security Vis-avis Pakistan (till-date) ; Pakistan's conventional nuclear and missile programmes and their impact on India defence, India's options.
- c. India-China boundary dispute; Positions and Polemics: Efforts for the settlement of boundary dispute; framework of Cooperative Security between India and China.
- d. India's mutuality of strategic and other interests with Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Afghanistan.
- e. Role of extra-regional power in the Post-Cold War South Asian strategic milieu and India's security considerations.
- f. Need of Confidence and Security Building Measures ' for India and its South Asia neighbours.

2. Science, Technology and India's Security:

- a. India's scientific and technological base for National Defence.
- b. Need for India's integrated science policy.
- c. India's defence industrialization and achievements.

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