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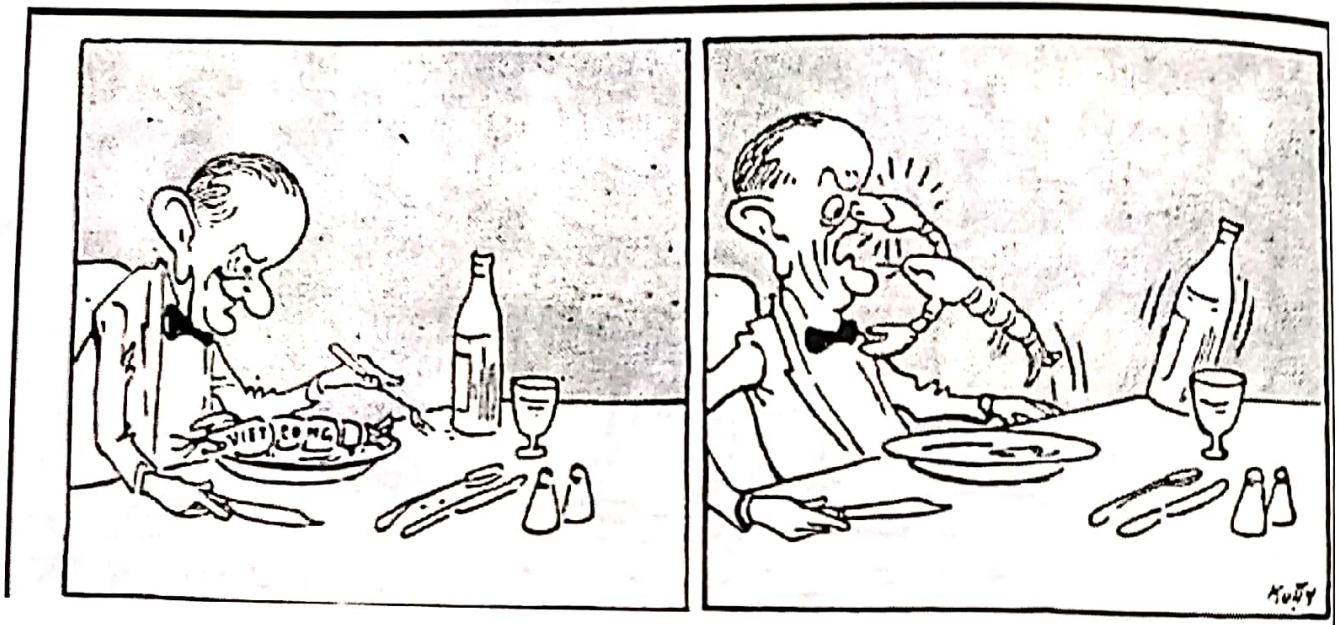
USSR – Lev Brezhnev | USA- Richard Nixon | China- Mao Zedong

It represents the Indian view of the Cold War. USSR is trying to impress America and is flirting with him to have better relations, whereas America is double dating as it has given his hand to China as well. It depicts China's alliance with USA for the economic development and for the promotion of trade and different other benefits. It expresses the end of China's political and economic isolation with the establishment of relations with the US. It depicts political scenario where China makes friendly attempts with the USA. It reveals that USA entered into a secret understanding with China keeping the USSR in the dark.

Questions:

- 1) Name the leaders shown above.
- 2) What does the cartoon indicate?
- 3) How has China changed its nature of Foreign Policy?
- 4) From whose point of view is the above cartoon?

- 5) When did China end its isolation?
- 6) Name the famous Cartoonist who designed this cartoon.



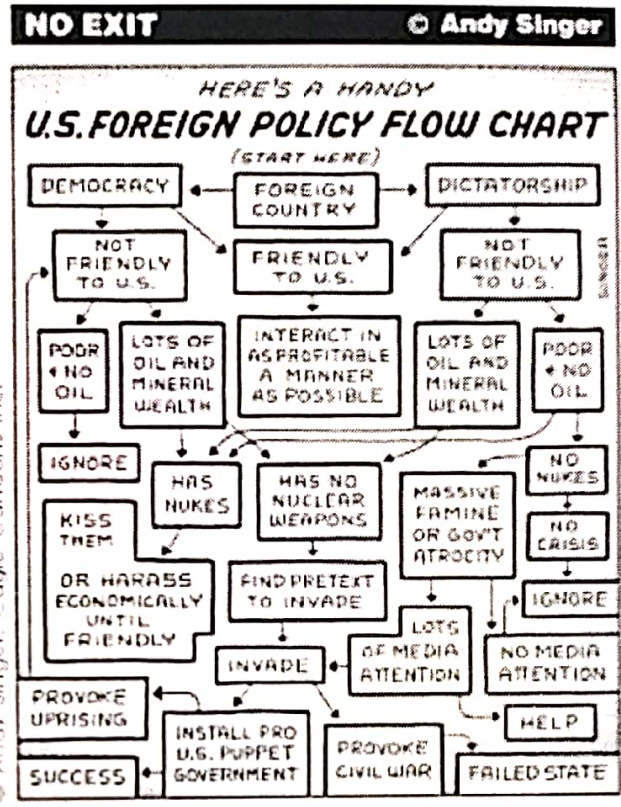
Surendra, The Hindu

It depicts the American misadventure in Vietnam. The US entered Vietnam War because it was worried about communists gaining power in the conflict between the North and South Vietnam. It shows US President Lyndon B. Johnson. America tried to impose an elected government there, but it backfired. In 1973, America suffered defeat in this war with Vietnam, in spite of powerful troops and forces. America lost on its own home soil, as nobody supported them within America itself. Many American citizens opposed this war and 71 % of Americans voted against America's decision. The US failed to achieve the objectives and a peace settlement was signed (one of US constraints to hegemony). Other reasons reveal that they underestimated Vietnam. Vietnamese thought they wanted to invade them and rule them. A sense of patriotism and nationalism arose amongst them.

Questions:

- 1) What does the above cartoon indicate?
- 2) Who was the US President back then?
- 3) What was America trying to do?
- 4) Why is it called a "Misadventure"?
- 5) What were the reasons for America's loss in Vietnam War?

- 6) Which nature of US hegemony is reflected here?
- 7) Which constraint of US hegemony is seen here?



It represents the misuse of the hegemony of the US to topple any country inferior to them. In 2003, US launched "Operation Iraqi Freedom" as to prevent Iraq from developing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs). But later, no evidence was found. The invasion was motivated by other objectives such as controlling Iraqi oilfields and installing a regime friendly to the US.

🔑 Questions:

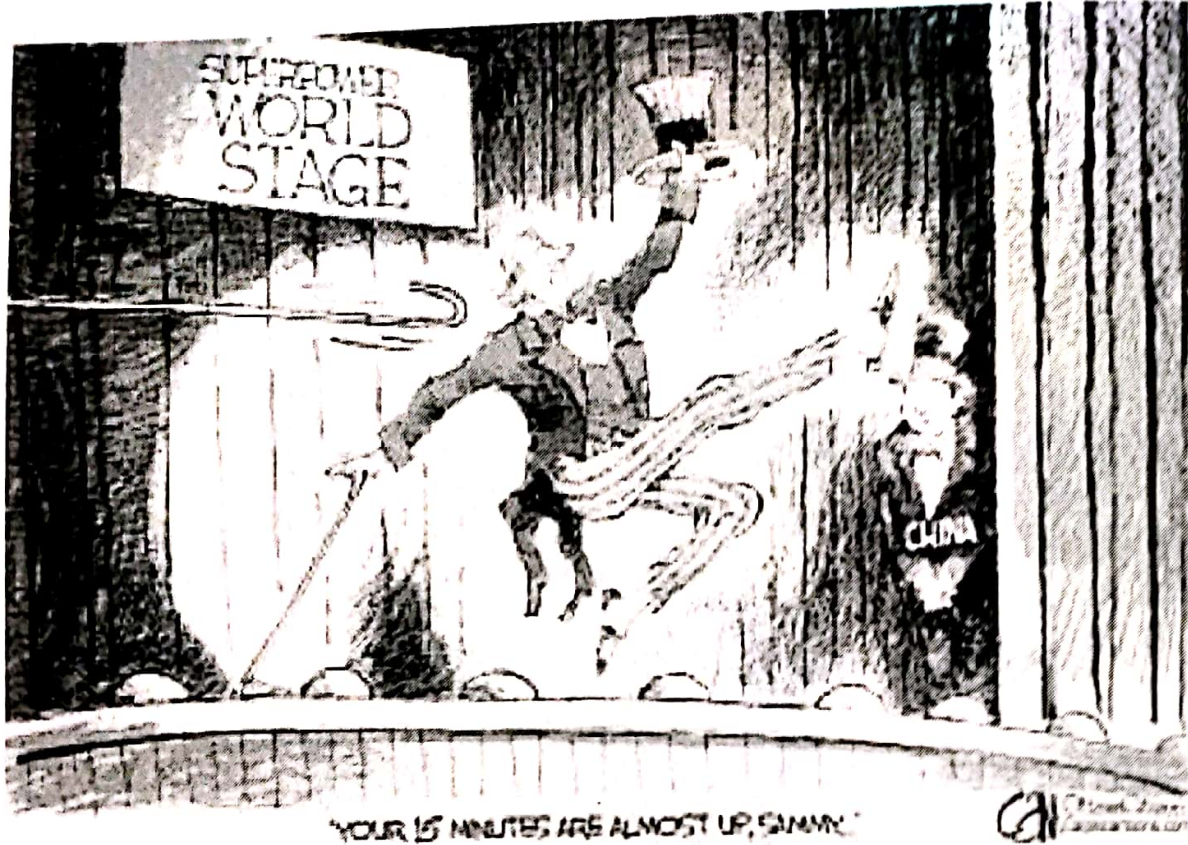
- 1) What does the cartoon represent?
- 2) Which event is depicted here?
- 3) What was the real purpose of US invasion in Iraq, as speculated by many?
- 4) "You pose a potential threat" Explain.
- 5) How US foreign policy is different from India's Foreign Policy?



The country represented here as giant thumb is USA. It is showing that the US has the power to squash anyone like a bug using its power. It also shows that law and order is in their hands, as the UN also cannot intervene in their decisions.

Questions:

- 1) Which country is represented as thumb?
- 2) What does this cartoon convey?
- 3) Mention any one operation of this country.
- 4) Which part of the world is the cartoonist talking about?
- 5) How can US hegemony be overcome?



This cartoon shows the well established US hegemony in the Unipolar world. At the superpower world stage, USA is performing since ages. The US will stay on the superpower stage till the rest of the world is resistant to the US and the mega states like China, Russia, India and European Union follow the "Hide Strategy". China is a mega state and an alternative potential threat to the US and waiting in the queue. "Your 15 minutes are almost up Sammy" here describes US. Uncle Sam was the meat provider to the soldiers during the civil war- fight for slavery.

Questions:

- 1) How long do you think the US will stay on the superpower stage? (NCERT)
- 2) Except China, who can be shown as waiting in the wings?
- 3) What is shown in the cartoon?
- 4) Why China has been shown waiting?
- 5) "Your 15 minutes are almost up Sammy" Who is Sammy? Explain
- 6) Do you think China is capable enough to be the biggest alternative to this superpower?
- 7) What is the "Hide Strategy"? How is it different from "Bandwagon Strategy"?

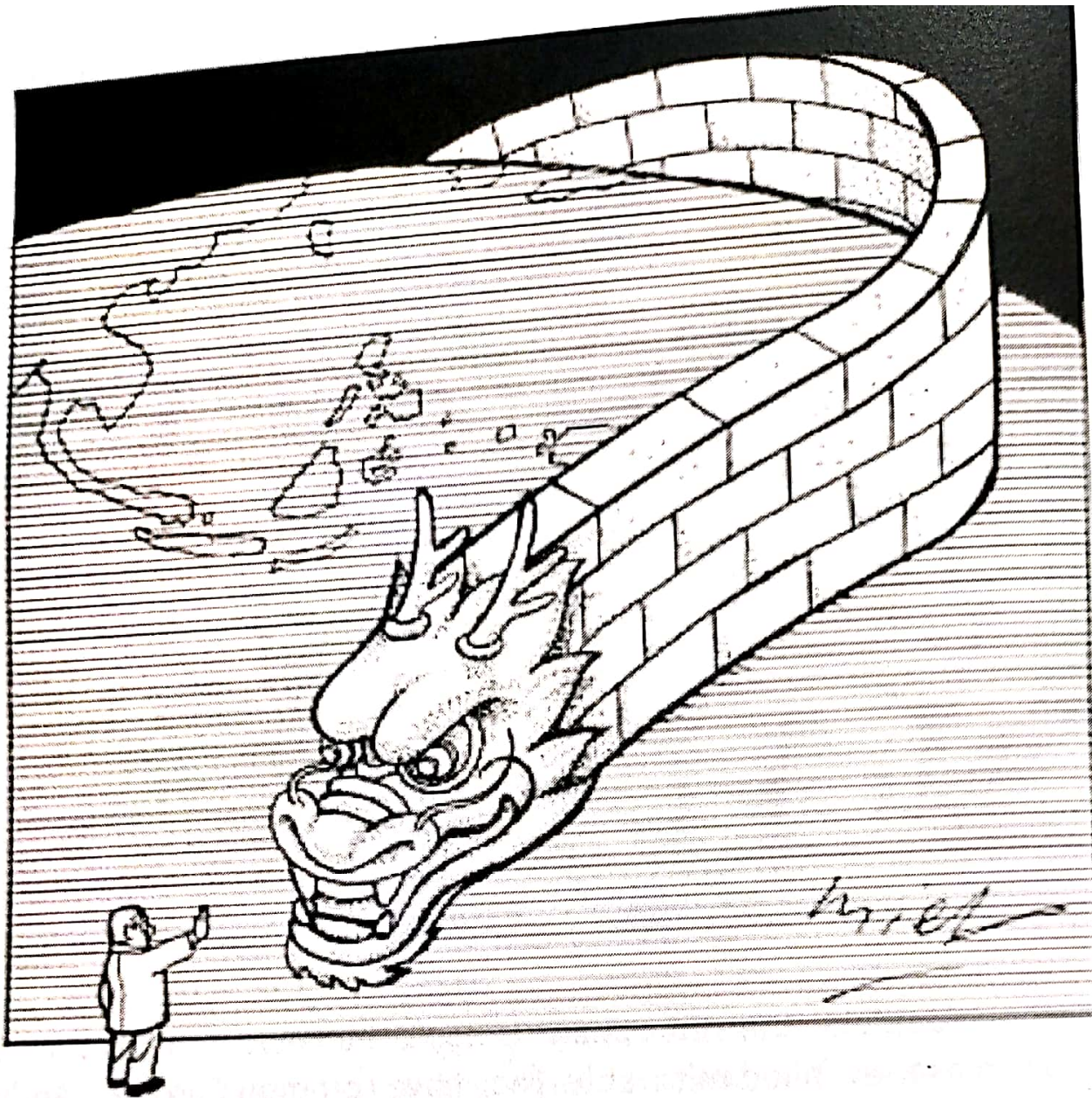


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This cartoon depicts the European Union's initiative to draft a Common Constitution as they failed miserably. They have common Currency, Anthem, Flag and a founding date, but not a constitution. Titanic ship with European Union's flag imprinted on it is used to portray that the ship was drowned and could not reach to its destination. Similarly, the EU failed to make a common constitution. There are 15 stars in the cartoon which depicts 15 old members of the European Union. There are 12 stars in the EU flag now and it's the symbol of perfection, completeness and unity.

Questions:

- 1) Why the attempt to make a common constitution by EU is compared to Titanic?
- 2) How many stars are there in the cartoon? Why?
- 3) How many stars are there in the EU flag?
- 4) What is the name of the common currency adopted by EU?
- 5) Who made an exit from the EU recently?



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This cartoon shows China with the help of two symbols- the Great Wall of China and the Dragon. This shows China's economic rise. China adopted communism (State control) and according to it, capitalists exploit working class. That's why for a very long time China was isolated from the capitalist world. But after 1978 reforms, China ended its isolationism and developed its relation with America. It shows China's economic rise since then. The man who is trying to stop it is Lee Kon You (PM of Singapore) as he wants only Communism and does not want China to step in. China did not go for Shock Therapy as it slowly opened their economy step by step.

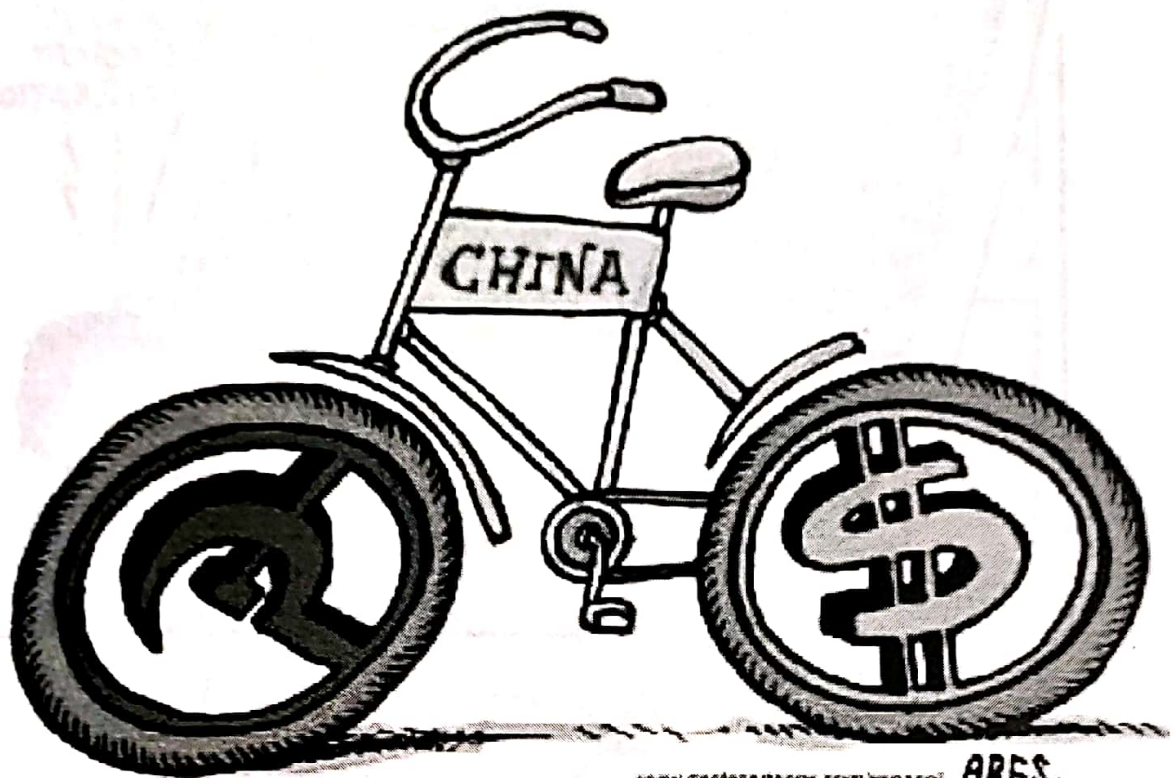
Questions:

- 1) Which two symbols helped in identifying the country?
- 2) What does this cartoon convey?

3) Who is stopping the dragon? And why?

4) Did this country go for Shock Therapy?

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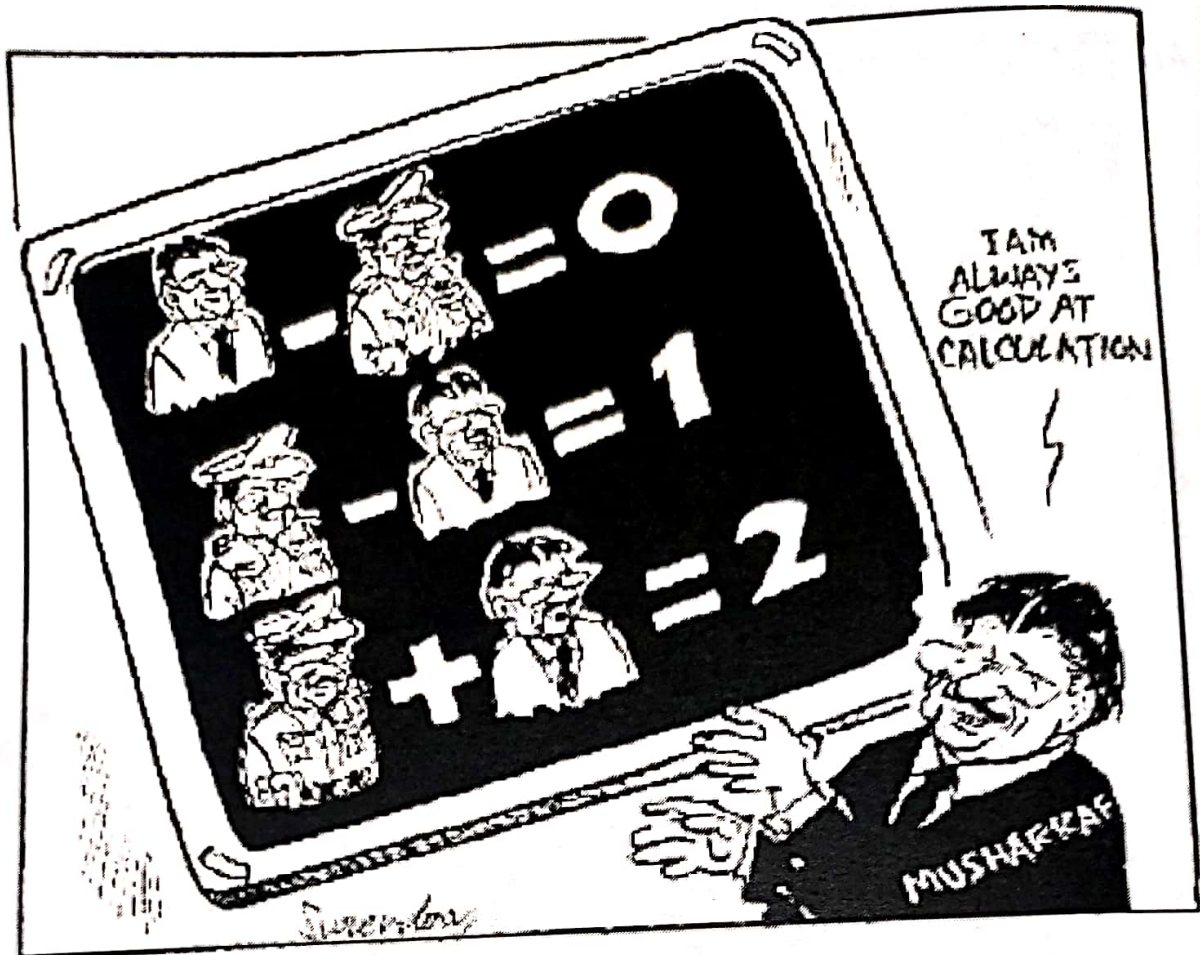
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Chinese bicycle

This cartoon shows the economic transformation of Communist China, i.e before and after 1978. China initially restricted foreign trade and investments but now it has indulged into it. China is the largest user of bicycles. The first wheel shows hammer and sickle which Mao adopted. And the second wheel signifies the capitalist symbol of dollar adopted by Hu Jintao. Now both Socialism (welfare) and Capitalism exists in China.

Questions:

- 1) What does the cartoon show?
- 2) When did China change its ideology?
- 3) Did China go for shock therapy?
- 4) Why reforms were needed in China?



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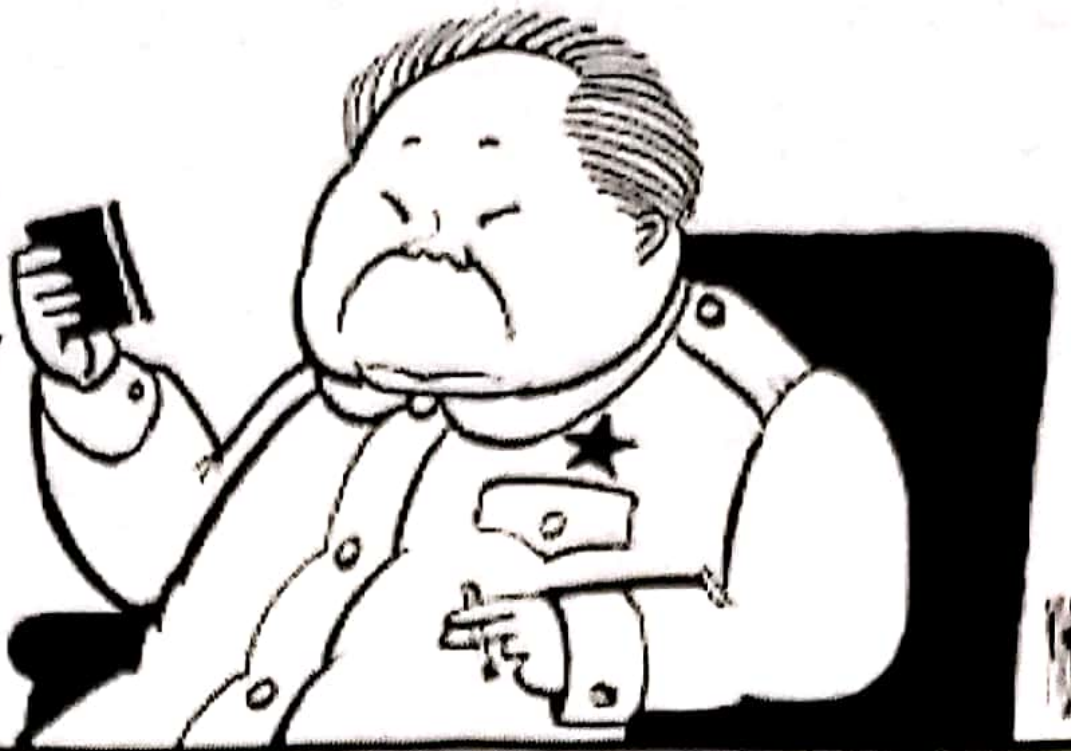
It shows the dual role of Pakistan's Pervez Musharraf as the President and as the Army General. These equations speak about dominance of one person militarily more rather than only president. It also shows that Musharraf wants to command the country militarily and administratively both to strengthen his power because President's survival is not easy without military support in Pakistan. In 1999, he did a military coup and later established his rule. Pakistan has failed to establish democracy

🔊 Questions:

- 1) What does this cartoon represent?
- 2) Who is the man shown here?
- 3) What does the equation speak about?
- 4) Why democracy could not be established in Pakistan?
- 5) Why US do not want Pakistan to have democracy?

THEN

MAO'S
LITTLE
RED
BOOK



NOW

HU'S
CAPITALIST
RED
"POWER
TIE"





Keshav, The Hindu

The above cartoon is related to Sri Lanka. It shows Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict between LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) and Sinhala community and Tiger denotes LTTE. They are demanding for a separate country for the Tamils of Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan leadership is supposed to balance both Sinhala hardliners and Tamil militants while negotiating peace. Rajapakse (former President of Sri Lanka) is seen trying to balance them. International actors; particularly the Scandinavian countries such as Norway and Iceland have been trying to bring Peace and normalcy. The future of this island depends on the outcome of negotiations.

Questions:

- 1) Which country is shown here?
- 2) What does it represent?
- 3) What is LTTE?
- 4) Rajapakse is trying to perform which political act?

INDO-PAK. RELATIONS:
PROGRESSES FROM A MAZE OF BUNKERS -
TO A MAZE OF DIALOGUE TABLES...

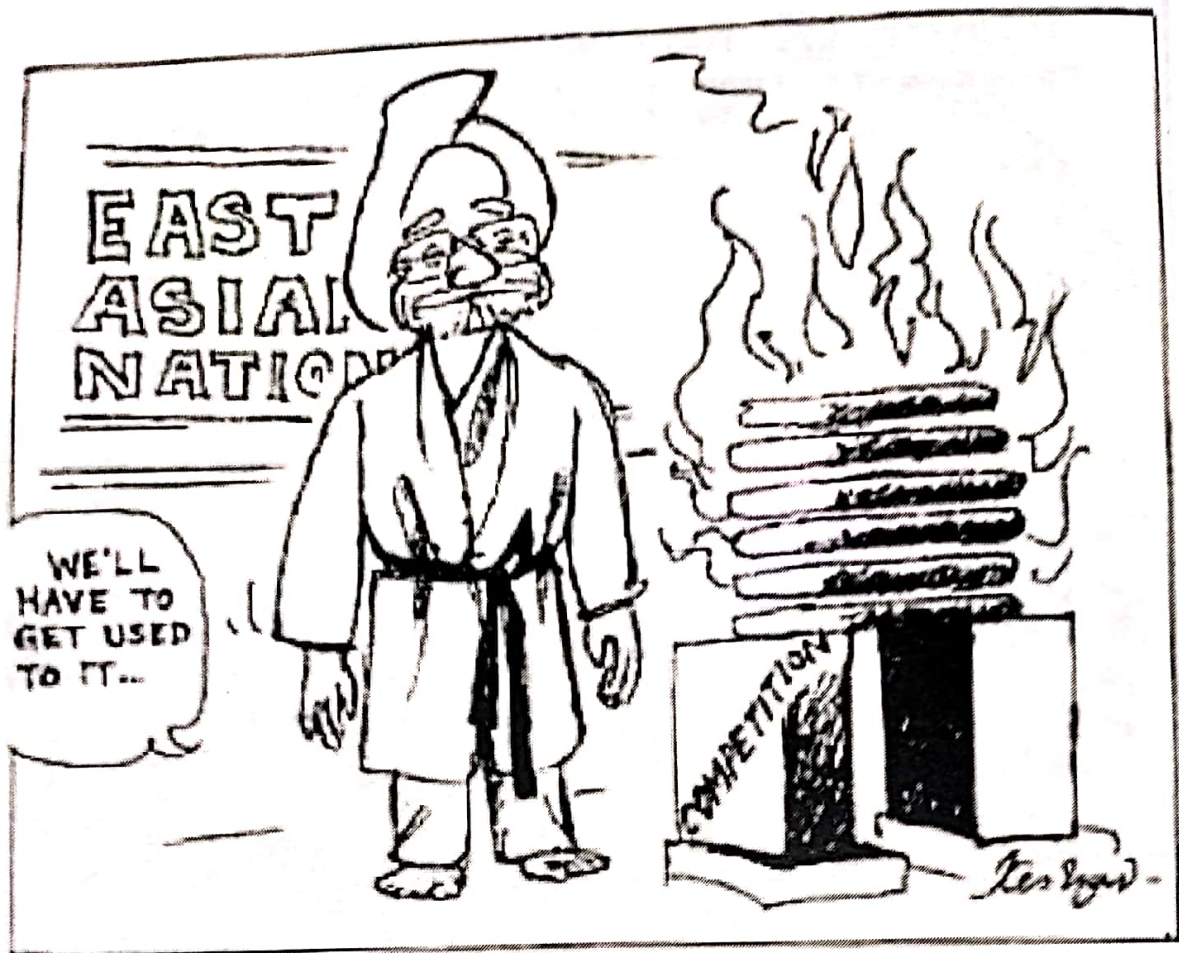


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It shows former Indian PM Dr. Manmohan Singh and Pakistan's General Pervez Musharraf. It depicts that India-Pakistan relations are like a puzzle. The issues that they might be discussing can be Kashmir dispute, Terrorism or Water dispute. India and Pakistan have been on the verge of wars and surgical strikes since ages and it is very difficult to come to a concrete solution.

Questions:

- 1) Name the leaders shown in the cartoon.
- 2) What problem do these two nations face?
- 3) Mention the name of bus service and train service between India and Pakistan.
- 4) How is Kashmir the bone of contention between the two?
- 5) India and Pakistan have had wars in which years?



Keshav, The Hindu

The above cartoon shows our former Finance Minister (in 1991) Dr Manmohan Singh and his initiative called the “Look East Policy” as a part of his New Economic Policy. It was launched in 1992 with the aim of better relations with East Asian countries. In the world of cut throat competition, he saw it as the need of the hour to start interactions with the world. To strengthen the ties, India invited all the ASEAN nations for its Republic Day as Chief Guests in 2018.

Questions:

- 1) Who is the man shown above?
- 2) What did he do?
- 3) Why were Reforms needed?
- 4) What is “Look East Policy”?



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The cartoon depicts the ever going disputes between India and Pakistan. These are shown as the two main key players of South Asia and they never cooperate and believe in solving their problems first. They do not even attend SAARC summits regularly. Even in 2016, when India did surgical strike in Pakistan, India along with many other countries did not attend the SAARC summit. Both ASEAN and SAARC were set up so that serious disputes are settled down and cooperation is ensured. ASEAN is way more successful as its members keep personal issues aside and collaborate regularly, but in case of SAARC, it's the opposite.

SAARC MEMBERS: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan.

- Leaders in the above cartoon:
- China – Hu Jintao
- India – Atal Bihare Vajpayee
- Pakistan – Pervez Musharraf

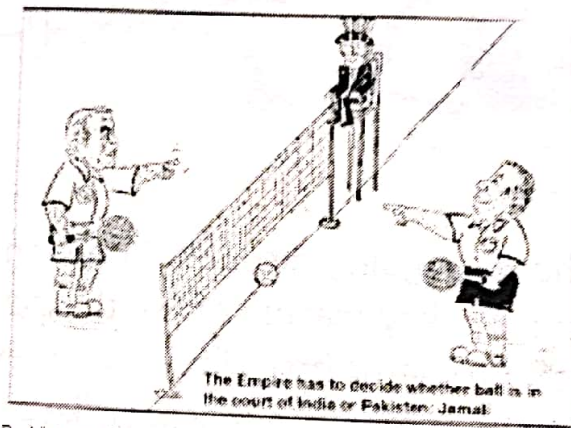
Questions:

1) What is shown here?

- 2) Why is SAARC unsuccessful whereas ASEAN successful?
- 3) Mention the names of the countries which are marked as M, B, N, S.



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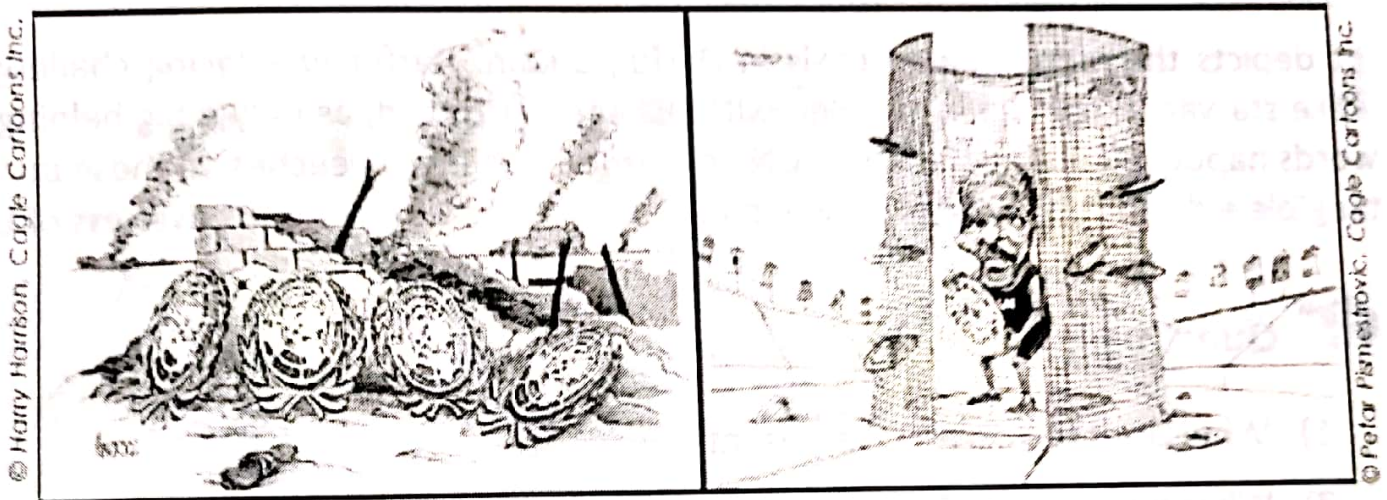
Pakistan Tribune

The first cartoon shows that Pervez Musharraf is angry at China, as it is being way too much friendly with India. And Pakistan and China has shared a very good relationship in the past. During the 1971 Indo -Pak war, China and USA supported Pakistan. India & China had a war in 1962 and relations deteriorated, but now it has improved a lot. India and China are exchanging agreements regarding trade, commerce and economy. But Pakistan wants China to stick to core issues only with India. Pakistan is nervous due to this.

The second cartoon shows Indo -Pak relations and the role of USA in South Asian region. The US has good relations with both India and Pakistan and here is working as a mediator. US is shown as a referee in tennis court between India and Pakistan and a ball is depicting the bone of contention that is, Kashmir. Both the countries never stop fighting over Kashmir and the issue went to the UN as well.

Questions:

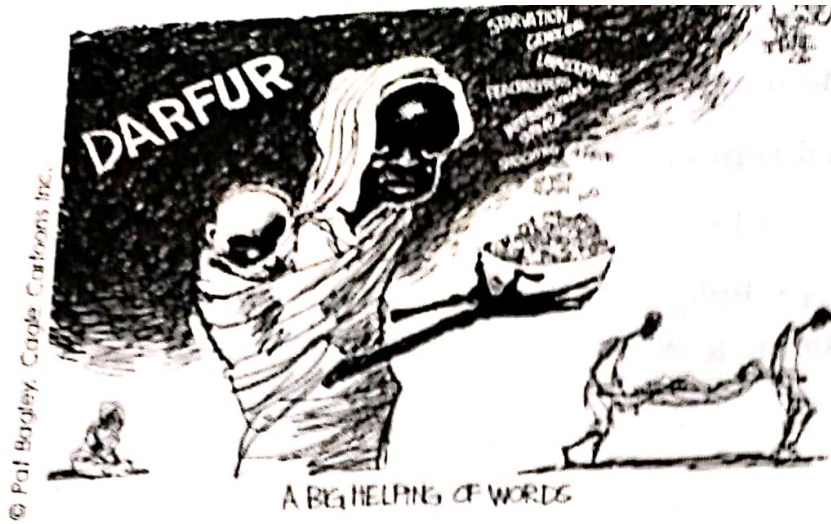
- 1) Mention the names of the leaders shown above.
- 2) What does it represent?
- 3) What is the Kashmir issue?
- 4) How UN can help both these countries resolve Kashmir dispute? What mandate has it given regarding this issue when Nehru took this matter to them?



The above cartoon shows Israel being attacked by Lebanon saying that it was necessary to control the militant group called Hezbollah. The UN Secretary General at that time was Kofi Annan. It shows the inefficiency of UN as immediate follow up did not take place even after UN's resolution. Many people believe that the UN must have passed the resolution much earlier. If that would have happened, loss in terms of life and property could have been avoided.

Questions:

- 1) Why did Israel attack Lebanon in 2006?
- 2) Who is the person standing on the right?
- 3) What message does it convey?
- 4) UN despite of being an imperfect body should be abolished. Do you agree?



It depicts the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, Sudan. Darfur was facing challenges like starvation, genocide etc. Here UN has been criticized, as only a big helping of words happened during this crisis. UN performed debates, speeches on these but no tangible aid and support was provided to people. It shows the ineffectiveness of UN.

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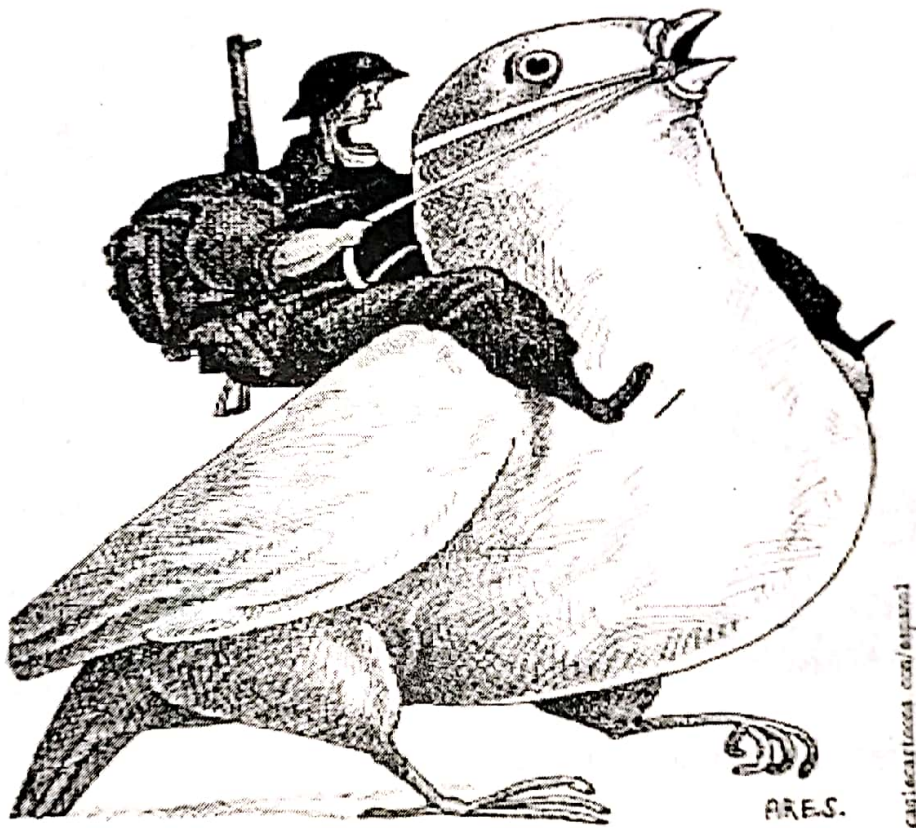
- 1) What does the cartoon represent?
- 2) What type of crisis is shown here?'
- 3) Critically analyze the role of UN.



It shows US hegemony. UN is a product of USA, as its one of its leading, founder and a permanent member of the UN. If any country does not listen to UN, then they will use war as an option. And they do not even feel need of the UN mandate for that. The man shown above is George Bush.

Questions:

- 1) Who's the man shown here in the cartoon?
- 2) What does this cartoon indicate?



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The cartoon represents the movement of Peacekeeping force, i.e. dove (white pigeon) a symbol of peace and army personnel is flying-it. It symbolizes peace and a man with goods to maintain peace at a place where threat has occurred. It is a paradoxical image as UN peacekeeping force uses violence and war as a tool to bring peace. Peace could only be brought by war they believe, but irony is that war does not denote peace.

- 1) What does this convey?
- 2) Is the above cartoon paradoxical?
- 3) What message is it conveying?
- 4) What are Social Safety Nets?
- 5) Give examples of UN peacekeeping force operations.



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It shows a shift of war to terrorism. It has the possibility of war because its kids are of multi faced. Terrorism is non-traditional threat to security. Terrorism has swept everyone under it; even the US could not escape itself from Terrorism (9/11)

Questions:

- 1) What is shown above in the cartoon?
- 2) How terrorism is a threat to security?

- 3) Under which category does terrorism come?
- 4) What are non-traditional threats to security?
- 5) Give examples of any two terrorist attacks.



Global Warming

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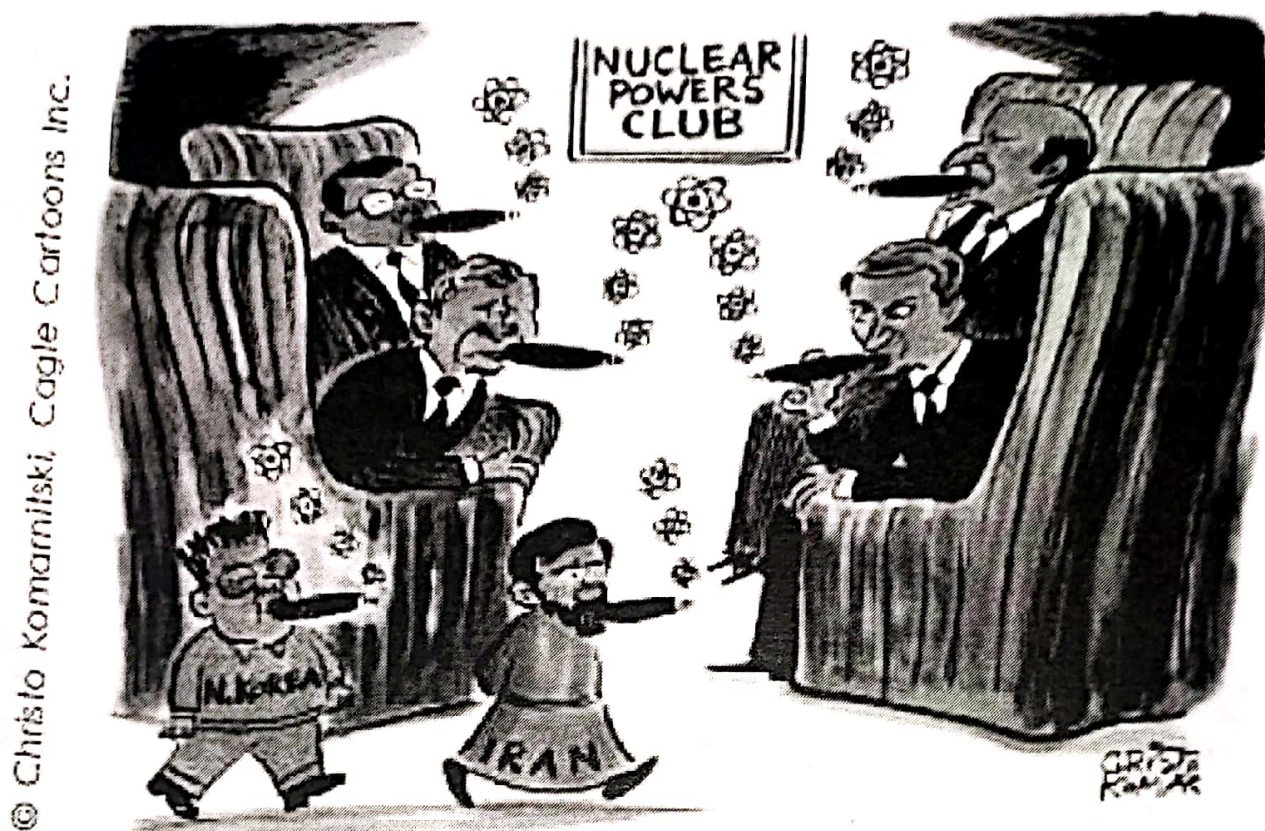
It represents "Industrial Pollution" commenting on Global Warming. Fingers are shown like chimneys and the world shown as a lighter. Fingers signify pollution coming out of industries and the lighter represents burning of natural resources. It tries to garner attention of the world towards industrial pollution.

Questions:

- 1) What does this picture represent?
- 2) Why are fingers designed like chimneys?

3) Why world is shown as a lighter?

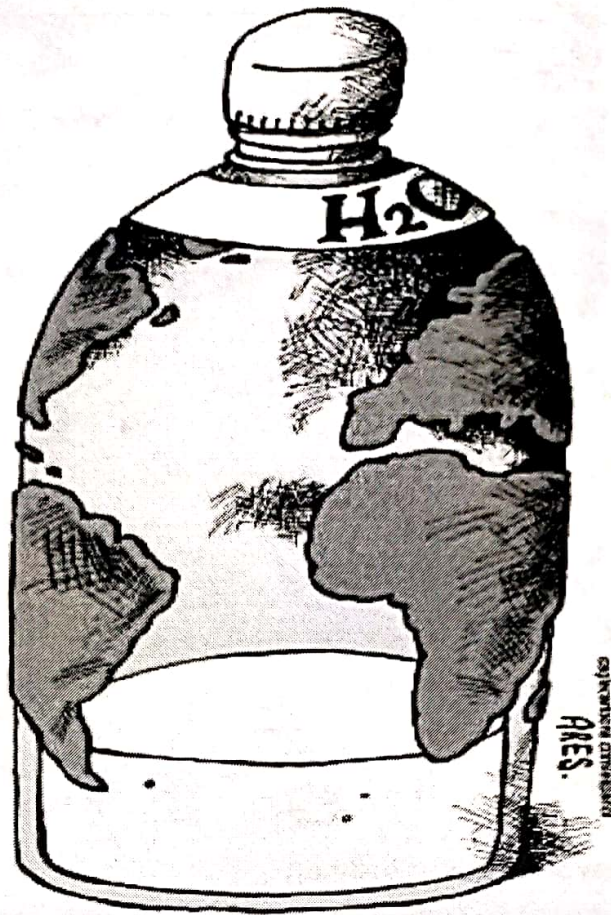
4) What message is conveyed?



The above cartoon shows China, US and France on the chairs and Korea, Iran walking beside. The smoke that is coming from their cigars denotes the symbol of nuclear power. The big powers feel insecure if small countries start possessing nuclear weapons. E.g.: US invaded Iraq in 2003 suspecting that they possessed Weapons of Mass Destruction. It's shown that the permanent members of UNSC can only be the member of Nuclear Power Club and not smaller countries.

Questions:

- 1) How do big powers react when new countries claim nuclear status? (NCERT)
- 2) On what basis can we say that some countries can be trusted with nuclear weapons while others can't be? (NCERT)
- 3) Which countries are shown as sitting on the couches?



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We all know that the Earth is $\frac{3}{4}$ the land and $\frac{1}{4}$ th water. Soon this equation is going to change. Water resources are getting scarce and we are using water carelessly. It throws light on the resource geo politics and how water is one of the most important resources. According to UN HDI reports in 2006, about 1.2 billion people in developing countries have no access to safe drinking water.

Questions:

- 1) What is Resource Geo Politics?
- 2) Why are Oil and Water most precious resources?
- 3) Which Act encourages the use of renewable energy?



Invading new markets

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The above cartoon shows the economic and cultural impact of Globalization. It shows how foreign goods have captured and invaded other countries. It is showing the logos of Microsoft on the flag, Mc Donald's, technology- TV, Coca Cola, Mickey Mouse Donald Duck, Goofy (Disney characters). It means that world is becoming homogenous and is being dependent on west for goods. The world lately has been exploded with US's products.

Questions:

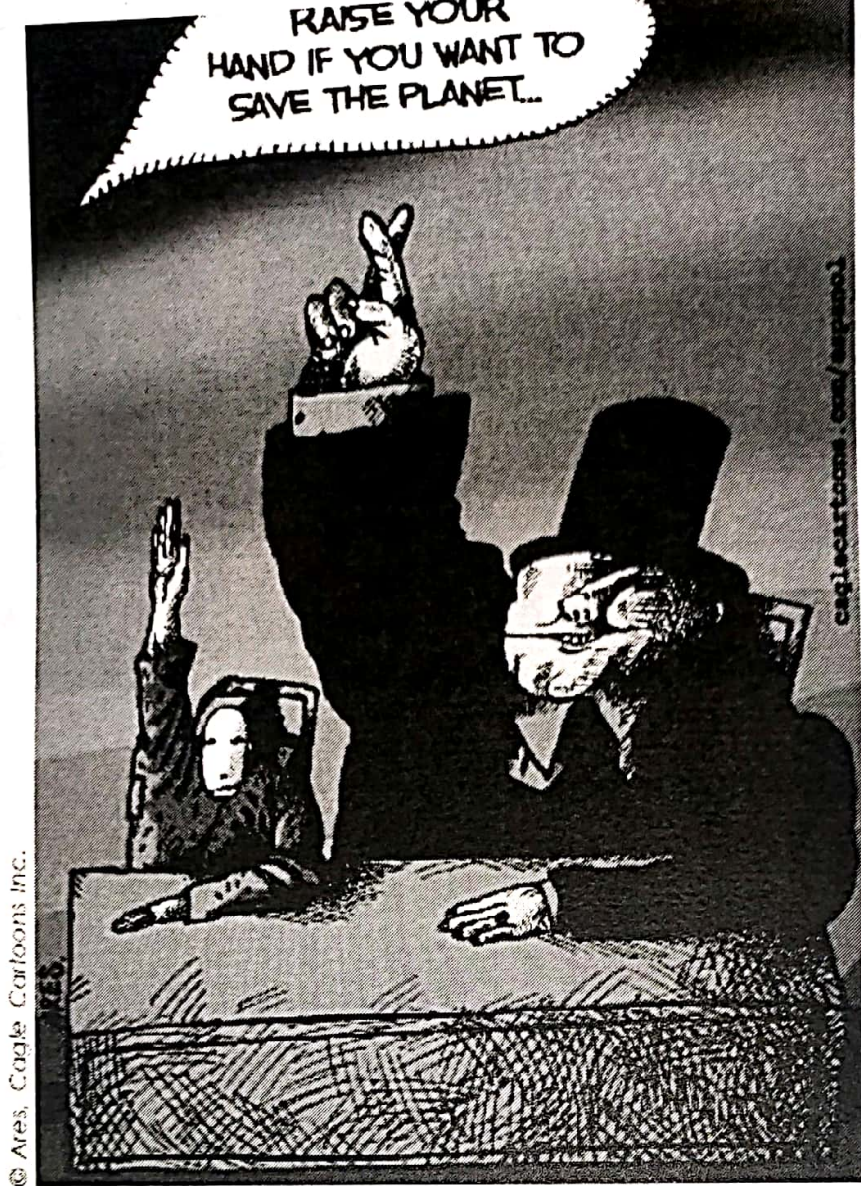
- 1) Which concept is being talked about above?
- 2) Which brands can you identify?
- 3) Which aspect of globalization can be seen here?
- 4) What is McDonaldisation?



It shows the economic consequences of globalization. The flow of people to other countries may take away the jobs of citizens of those countries. Basically, the mom and child are shown as US citizens. The cartoon comments on the changing scenario due to globalization. It shows the exchange of people (through VISA). Earlier, developing countries were starving and poor. But now globalization has opened doors for new entrants from developing nations and resulted in brain drain. Recently, US President Donald Trump also emphasized on the vision of "Buy American, Hire American" and focus is on hiring American employees only, as people from other countries are snatching their jobs. Here, the mother is seen as telling his child to do his homework, otherwise Chinese and Indian students will take his job.

Questions:

- 1) What is shown in the above cartoon?
- 2) What does US President's vision "Buy American Hire American" indicate?
- 3) Which impact of Globalization is shown here?



It shows attitudinal difference between countries of Global North and Global South over environmental issues. Two men are shown above. Left one is from developing country and right one from the first world. Former is ready to save the planet, but the latter has its fingers crossed. Means he is making false commitment. Industrialized and developed countries' views on environment are different from developing ones. Developed nations talk big, but do less to save environment and it is easier for them to fool Developing countries to indulge them in this.

Questions:

- 1) What is Global North and Global South?
- 2) How does North & South have different views on environment protection?
- 3) What does the cartoon signify?



Credit: Atanu Roy/ India Today

This cartoon shows that today, man is greedy for nature. Resources are being used in abundance and no sustainable development is happening. If the resources will be kept on using like this, nothing will be left for our descendants.

Questions:

- 1) What has been depicted here?
- 2) What is "Sustainable Development"?
- 3) How can resources be saved from being scared?

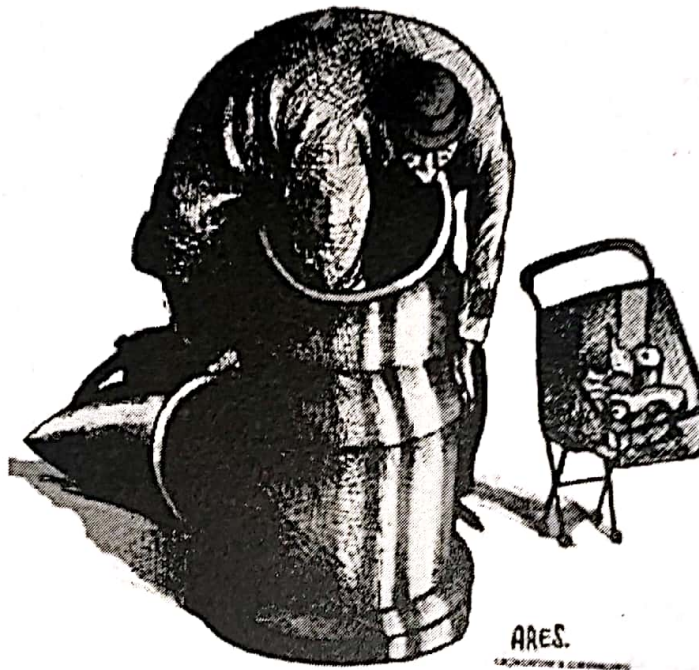


Economy of war
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This cartoon shows a fighter jet covered with money. This means that US spends most money on defence. It shows the Hard Power of the USA.

Questions:

- 1) What is being shown in this cartoon?
- 2) Which country is shown here?
- 3) What type of hegemony is shown here?



Third World Arms

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Here third world countries are shown as poor scavengers. 1st world countries are dumping the outdated and obsolete technology and resources to the 3rd world countries. The developing countries are digging into the trash bins to obtain something. Leftovers are for them.

Questions:

- 1) What is shown in the above cartoon?
- 2) What is third world?
- 3) Name any two Arms Control Treaties.

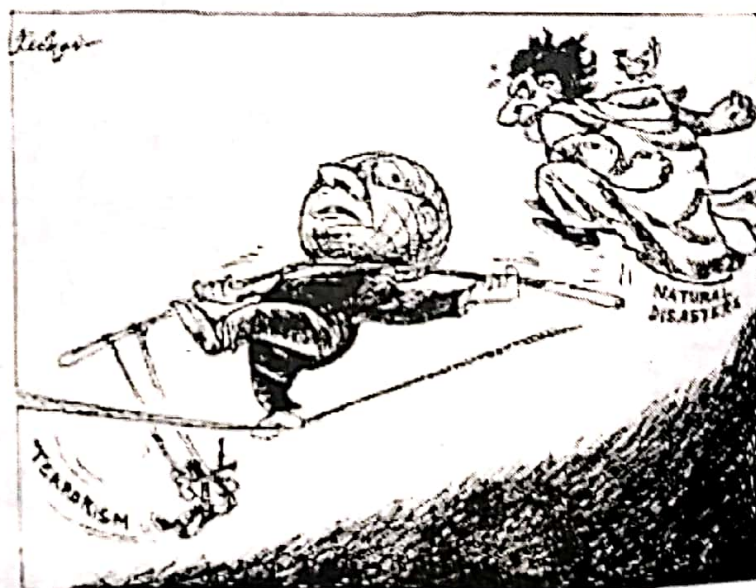
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The world has become blind because there are a lot of threats that man faces today, which are even more dangerous than war and terrorism. War and terrorism constitute only a little part of the contemporary threats. Other threats include: water, oil, border disputes, regional differences etc. are also taken seriously now.

Questions:

- 1) What is shown in this cartoon?
- 2) What is "Security"?
- 3) What are Traditional & Non Traditional threats?



Keshav, The Hindu

The man is shown walking on a tight rope, trying to find a solution and is not sure about which is the one that is more important- terrorism or natural disasters. The world is facing natural disasters, but we also have man- made disasters- Terrorism. It is difficult to find solutions for both sources of destruction.

Questions:

- 1) Terrorism and natural disasters come under which threat?
- 2) Give examples of both.



The cartoon represents the methods adopted by the industrialized countries to fulfill their essentials from weaker sections. Stronger country here is US and weaker is Iraq. Resources are the real strength of a nation and neo colonialism play politics to obtain it. First they destroy them and then try to help them from their money and resources only.

Questions:

- 1) What is shown here in the cartoon?
- 2) Which country is depicted as the powerful one?
- 3) What is Neo- Colonialism?



Questions: (CBSE sample paper 2017-2018)

Q.1 What is the basic idea of this cartoon?

Ans. It's the influence of dollar and the US has the world's largest economy. Most international transactions continue to be conducted with the US dollar and have remained the de facto world currency.