

## **12TH, POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES, CHAPTER:- 01**

### **1. Why were most of the countries categorised as Least Developed Countries?**

**Answer:** The economic development of these countries was very low.

- They were dependent on richer countries for their sustainable development.
- Their natural resources were being exploited by developed countries.
- They could not participate in international economic institutions and they had a little say, if participated.

### **2. Why didn't the superpowers have military alliances with smaller countries? Give three reasons**

**Answer:** Superpowers had military alliances with smaller states who were helpful for them in gaining access to:

- Vital resources as oil and minerals.
- Territory from where the superpowers could launch their weapons and troops.
- Locations from where they could spy on each other.
- Economic support to pay their military expenses.

### **3 .Sometimes it is said that the Cold War was a simple struggle for power and that ideology had nothing to do with it. Do you agree with this? Give one example to support your position.**

**Answer:** Yes, the Cold War was a simple struggle for power and that ideology had nothing to do with it because:

- The Cold War led to several shooting wars but this did not lead to another World War.
- Despite direct confrontations in Korea (1950-53), Berlin (1958-62), the Congo (early 1960s), neither alliance system crossed certain limits.
- Many lives have been lost in some of the arenas like Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan but World War spread a nuclear war or global hostilities.

### **4. Name any two founders of Non-aligned Movement. The first NAM summit was the culmination of which three factors?**

**Answer: Two founders of Non-aligned Movement were:**

- Indonesia's Sukarno and
- Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah

**The first NAM was held in Belgrade in 1961. This was the culmination of following three factors:**

- Cooperation among member countries.
- Growing cold war tensions and its widening arenas.
- The dramatic entry of many new decolonised African countries into international arena.

**5. What is the rationale of Non-aligned movement after the end of Cold War?**

**Answer: Non-aligned Movement was based on a recognition that decolonised states shared a historical affiliation and can become powerful force if they come together. It meant that very small and poor countries need not become followers of any big power, instead they could pursue an independent foreign policy also. It was based on a resolve to democratise the international system to redress existing inequities also.**

**6. “ Non-alignment posture was in the interest of India”. How?**

**Answer: Non-alignment posture was in the interest of India because:**

- Non-alignment allowed India to take international decisions to serve her own interests.
- India maintained a balance between two superpowers as if India felt ignored by one. India would tilt towards other superpower.