

CLASS:--12TH, POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES, CHAPTER:- 01

- 1. Here is a list of countries. Write against each of these blocs they belonged to during the Cold War.**

Answer: (a) Poland—Eastern Alliance (Warsaw Pact)

(b) France—Western Alliance (NATO)

(c) Japan—Western Alliance (NATO)

(d) Nigeria—NAM

(e) North Korea—Eastern Alliance (Warsaw Pact)

(f) Sri Lanka—NAM

- 2. The Cold War produced an arms race as well as arms control. What were the reasons for both these development?**

Answer: The Cold War produced an arms race as well as arms control:

- 1. Cuban Missile Crisis engaged both of them (superpowers) in the development of nuclear weapons to influence the world.**
- 2. US dropped nuclear bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the intention to stop Soviet Union from making military and political gains in Asia.**
- 3. Both the powers were not ready to initiate a war because they knew that destruction from these will not justify any gain for them.**
- 4. Both the powers were to be rational and responsible being restraint and avoiding risk of another World War to ensure human survival.**
- 5. Hence, both the superpowers decided to limiting certain kinds of nuclear and non-nuclear weapons by signing various significant agreements within a decade i.e. Limited Test Ban Treaty, Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty etc.**

- 3. What was India's foreign policy towards the US and USSR during the Cold War era? Do you think that this policy helped India's interests?**

Answer: India's foreign policy towards the US and USSR was two fold:

- 1. Took particular care in staying away from the two alliances.**
- 2. Raised voice against the newly decolonised countries becoming part of these alliances.**
- 3. Moreover, India tried to reduce the differences and rivalries between these alliances from escalating into a full scale war.**

Yes, this policy served India's interests also:

- 1. Non-alignment allowed India to take international decisions that served India's interests rather than interests of superpowers and its allies.**
- 2. India maintained a balance between two superpowers as if India felt ignored by one superpower it could tilt towards other superpowers.**
- 3. Neither the alliance could take India for granted.**