

**CLASS:--12<sup>TH</sup>, POLITICAL SCIENCE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

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**The End of Bipolarity Very Short Answer Type**

**Question 1.**

**Mention any two reasons for the disintegration of the Soviet Union.**

**Or**

**Why did the Soviet Union disintegrate? Highlight any two arguments in support of your Answer.**

**Answer:**

(i) Defective Leadership. Defective leadership was mainly responsible for the disintegration of the U.S.S.R.

(ii) Liberal Policy of Gorbachev. Due to the liberal policy, of Gorbachev, anti-Soviet Union forces became bold and they increased their strength.

**Question 2.**

**Who was the last President of the Soviet Union and for how long?**

**Answer:**

Mikhail Gorbachev was the last President of the Soviet Union. He remains President from 1985 to 1991.

**Question 3.**

**Name the republic that succeeded the Soviet Union after its disintegration. What was its position in the international domain?**

**Answer:**

Russia succeeded the Soviet Union after its disintegration. Russia inherited the U.S.S.R seat in the Security Council. It accepted all the U.S.S.R's commitments and international treaties. Russia is the only nuclear state among Post Communist Countries.

**Question 4.**

**Mention any two reforms initiated by Gorbachev.**

**Answer:**

Gorbachev initiated following two reforms:

1. Perestroika: It means restructuring.
2. Glasnost: It means openness.

**Question 5.**

**Who encouraged the coup that took place in 1991 in the Soviet Union and Why?**

**Answer:**

Hardliners of the Communist Party encouraged the coup that took place in 1991 because they did not want the old-style rule of the Communist Party.

**Question 6.**

**When did India sign the twenty- years 'Treaty of Peace and Friendship' with the Soviet Union?**

**Answer:**

India signed the twenty years 'Treaty of Peace and Friendship' with the Soviet Union in August 1971. This treaty assured India of Soviet's support if the country faced any attack.

**Question 7.**

**Mention any two characteristics of the Soviet Political System**

**Or**

**Which were the two important y features of the Soviet System**

**Or**

**State any two features of the Soviet System.**

**Answer:**

1. The Soviet system was based on Communist principles.
2. Soviet system of government was based on federalism.

**Question 8.**

**What is meant by Shock Therapy?**

**Answer:**

The authoritarian socialist system existed in Communist countries. With the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the process of change from an authoritarian socialist system to a Democratic Socialist System started in the countries and this process of change is called Shock Therapy.

**Question 9.**

**State any one special feature of Indo- Russian friendship.**

**Answer:**

Indo-Russian relations order is the co-existence of several powers in the internal system.

**Question 10.**

**Highlight any one feature of the multi-polar world as visualized by both Russian and India.**

**Answer:**  
**Collective responsibility for security.**