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# US Hegemony in World Politics

Political Science · Chapter 3 · 15 MCQs · 20 minutes · PYQ-tagged with time budgets

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>15</b>	<b>20 min</b>	<b>+1 / 0</b>	<b>≥ 12/15</b>

**OBJECTIVES**

Reinforce the four core topics of US Hegemony in World Politics via 15 PYQ-derived MCQs. Identify weak sub-topics via concept-node IDs (see answer key). Build per-question time budget habit.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Attempt all 15. Time budget shown per Q (use it as pacing guide). Mark answers (A/B/C/D) in the margin. Answer key + explanations on the last page. **Don't peek — score yourself honestly.**

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Q 1-15 · 20 MIN

**Q1.** US hegemony (the unipolar moment) began with:

- (A) End of WW2 in 1945
- (C) 9/11 in 2001

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- (B) Collapse of the USSR in 1991
- (D) NATO's founding in 1949

**Q2.** The First Gulf War (1991) was code-named:

- (A) Operation Iraqi Freedom
- (C) Operation Desert Storm

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- (B) Operation Enduring Freedom
- (D) Operation Infinite Reach

**Q3.** The First Gulf War was fought to:

- (A) Topple Saddam Hussein
- (C) Destroy Al-Qaeda

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- (B) Expel Iraq from Kuwait
- (D) Remove the Taliban

**Q4.** The phrase 'New World Order' was used by US President:

- (A) Bill Clinton
- (C) George W. Bush

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- (B) George H. W. Bush
- (D) Ronald Reagan

**Q5.** The 9/11 attacks took place on:

- (A) 11 September 2001
- (C) 19 March 2003

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- (B) 26 November 2008
- (D) 7 October 2001

**Q6.** Operation Enduring Freedom (2001) was launched in:

- (A) Iraq
- (C) Kuwait

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- (B) Afghanistan
- (D) Syria

**Q7.** Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003) aimed to:

- (A) Liberate Kuwait
- (C) Capture Osama bin Laden

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- (B) Topple Saddam Hussein in Iraq
- (D) Defend Saudi Arabia

**Q8.** The 2003 invasion of Iraq was notable because it:

- (A) Had full UN Security Council backing
- (C) Was led by NATO

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- (B) Lacked explicit UN authorisation
- (D) Was a UN peacekeeping mission

**Q9.** Which is NOT one of the three senses of hegemony?

- (A) Hard / military power (B) Structural power  
(C) Soft / cultural power (D) Demographic power

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**Q10.** The IMF, World Bank, WTO and the dollar's reserve role are examples of US:

- (A) Hard power (B) Structural power  
(C) Soft power (D) Demographic power

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**Q11.** Hollywood films, blue jeans and the 'American dream' illustrate US:

- (A) Hard power (B) Structural power  
(C) Soft power (D) Military power

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**Q12.** Which is a constraint on American power identified by NCERT?

- (A) The Soviet Union (B) The separation of powers in the US state  
(C) The Warsaw Pact (D) The Non-Aligned Movement

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**Q13.** 'Bandwagoning' as a strategy means:

- (A) Building a counter-coalition (B) Extracting benefits by working within the hegemonic system  
(C) Declaring neutrality (D) Going to war with the hegemon

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**Q14.** Forming a coalition of China, the EU, Russia and India to check US power illustrates:

- (A) The hide strategy (B) Bandwagoning  
(C) Balance of power (D) Soft power

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**Q15.** After 1991, India's relationship with the US was strengthened largely by:

- (A) The Non-Aligned Movement (B) IT/software links and a large Indian diaspora  
(C) The Warsaw Pact (D) The Cuban Missile Crisis

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## ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-15 · MARK YOUR SCORE

**Q1. Answer: B**

With no rival superpower after 1991, the US became the sole superpower.

**Q2. Answer: C**

Operation Desert Storm, to expel Iraq from Kuwait.

**Q3. Answer: B**

Iraq had invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

**Q4. Answer: B**

George H. W. Bush, after the 1991 Gulf War.

**Q5. Answer: A**

11 September 2001 — Al-Qaeda attacks on the WTC and Pentagon.

**Q6. Answer: B**

Afghanistan, against the Taliban and Al-Qaeda.

**Q7. Answer: B**

The 2003 US-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein.

**Q8. Answer: B**

It was waged by a 'coalition of the willing' without an explicit UN mandate.

**Q9. Answer: D**

The three senses are hard, structural and soft power.

**Q10. Answer: B**

Structural power = shaping the global economic structure.

**Q11. Answer: C**

Soft power = attraction through culture and values.

**Q12. Answer: B**

The US constitution's separation of powers limits unilateral action.

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**Q13. Answer: B**

Bandwagon = cooperate with the hegemon and gain from its order.

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**Q14. Answer: C**

Balance of power = a countervailing coalition of states.

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**Q15. Answer: B**

Software ties + diaspora + strategic convergence post-1991.