

South Asia Diplomacy Decode: Navigating Recent Cross-Border Relations and

South Asia Diplomacy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In 2024, Nepal and China formally agreed to reopen how many traditional border points to facilitate trade and movement?

- A) 10
- B) 12
- C) 14**
- D) 16

2. Which joint military exercise between India and the Maldives, translating to 'Friends' in Dhivehi, recently concluded its 14th edition in Thiruvananthapuram, India?

- A) Ekatha
- B) Dosti
- C) EKVVERIN**
- D) SLINEX

3. In 2025, India registered a significant increase in infiltration attempts along its border with which neighboring country, marking the highest annual figure in nearly a decade?

- A) Myanmar
- B) Bangladesh**
- C) Nepal
- D) Pakistan

4. India and Sri Lanka signed their first-ever defense partnership agreement in April 2025. This agreement aims to institutionalize existing military engagement and pave the way for more structured cooperation, particularly in which key area?

- A) Cultural Exchange
- B) Maritime Security**
- C) Space Exploration
- D) Agricultural Trade

5. In October 2025, Afghanistan and Pakistan agreed to resume talks in which country, with the aim of de-escalating crisis and stabilizing the frontier?

- A) Qatar
- B) India
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) Turkey**

6. The 14th edition of the India-Bhutan Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit, revised in 2016, establishes a free trade regime between the two countries. India is consistently Bhutan's top trading partner, with India's exports to Bhutan in 2024-25 recorded at approximately how much (in USD million)?

- A) 513.44
- B) 800
- C) 1264**
- D) 1777.44

7. Following the Pahalgam terrorist attack in April 2025, India announced several retaliatory measures against Pakistan, including the temporary suspension of which critical transboundary water accord?

- A) Brahmaputra Water Treaty
- B) Indus Waters Treaty**
- C) Ganges Water Treaty
- D) Saraswati River Accord

8. In August 2024, during a visit to the Maldives, India and the Maldives signed an agreement to adopt which digital payment system in the Maldives?

- A) Mastercard
- B) Visa
- C) UPI**
- D) American Express