

Australia's Evolving Diplomacy: AUKUS, ASEAN, and Indo-Pacific Power Play

International Relations · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In March 2024, Australia hosted a significant summit to commemorate 50 years of dialogue relations with which major Southeast Asian bloc?

- A) The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**
- B) The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- C) The Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)
- D) The East African Community (EAC)

2. The AUKUS security pact, involving Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, recently signed a trilateral agreement concerning what specific capability?

- A) Naval nuclear propulsion information sharing for submarines**
- B) Joint development of hypersonic missiles
- C) Collaborative cyber warfare defense systems
- D) Advanced satellite surveillance technology

3. Which multilateral forum, alongside Australia, India, Japan, and the United States, is increasingly focused on economic and technological cooperation in the Indo-Pacific amidst rising great power competition?

- A) The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)**
- B) The BRICS Summit
- C) The G7 Summit
- D) The World Economic Forum (WEF)

4. Australia and the United Kingdom's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Joint Committee held its second meeting in June 2025. What was the approximate value of two-way trade between the UK and Australia in 2024, as reported by the countries?

- A) AUD 36 billion**
- B) AUD 10 billion
- C) AUD 50 billion
- D) AUD 20 billion

5. In November 2024, Australia and India elevated their partnership in which key sector, committing to work together on areas like solar PV and green hydrogen?

- A) Renewable Energy**
- B) Space Exploration
- C) Agricultural Technology
- D) Cybersecurity Cooperation

6. The Australia-China relationship saw a stabilization process in 2024, marked by the lifting of the final trade restrictions. Which commodity, previously subject to punitive trade actions, resumed exports in mid-December 2024?

A) Live rock lobster

- B) Coal
- C) Barley
- D) Wool

7. Australia formally upgraded its diplomatic relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with Vietnam in which year?

A) 2024

- B) 2022
- C) 2020
- D) 2018

8. The 'Optimal Pathway' for Australia's acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines under the AUKUS agreement began in which month and year?

A) March 2023

- B) September 2021
- C) January 2024
- D) August 2024

9. Australia is a founding member of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and plays a significant role in aid, security, and economic cooperation. In what year did the Pacific Islands Forum leaders endorse the Pacific Policing Initiative, which Australia has backed?

A) 2024

- B) 2022
- C) 2023
- D) 2025

10. What is the primary focus of the 'Quad Cable Connectivity and Resilience Centre' launched by Australia in 2024?

A) Ensuring undersea cable networks are reliable for digital economy growth

- B) Developing new underwater drone technologies
- C) Mapping the ocean floor for resource exploration
- D) Monitoring maritime traffic for security purposes