

**GS-II: Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements Involving India and/or affecting India's Interests**

**1. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a Huge Opportunity which India should not miss. Comment**

**Why this Question?**

- ▶▶ Recent debate in India over joining RCEP. On one hand India's allies want India to join to balance China. On the other hand, India concerns is RCEP will aggravate trade deficit with china.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- ▶▶ Answer must explain what is RCEP
- ▶▶ What opportunities RCEP brought to India's trade
- ▶▶ What are the concerns over RCEP
- ▶▶ How India should tackle the concerns

**Directive word 'comment':**

- ▶▶ When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- ▶▶ Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences. These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- ▶▶ Write about Regional comprehensive Economic partnership or the recent context regarding the RCEP.

**Body:**

- ▶▶ Explain the opportunities RCEP provides to India
- ▶▶ Explain the concerns over the RCEP
- ▶▶ Given similar example like during liberalisation concerns is there but eventually it helped Indian trade to grow

**Conclusion:**

- ▶▶ Conclude with taking a rational argument and state some way forward.