**Materials for the website Chapter 10**

**Practice Questions.** Check your knowledge on some important individuals, dates, institutions and events.

What was the 1905 result of the Russo-Japanese war?

Why did Moscow’s leaders sponsor Comintern?

What was the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact?

How many former Soviet republics initially joined the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)?

Putin’s speech at an international security conference in Munich in 2007 was

among the first and most noteworthy affirmations of what type of attitude in Russian foreign policy?

In the second decade of the 21st century, it appeared from Moscow’s point of view that

the Western world was in serious decline. Why?

What is the “Eurasian pivot” in Moscow’s foreign policy?

Discuss the arguments justifying Russia’s view of the world as multipolar.

What is Russia’s view of an international system rooted in the power of the United States and the West?

What is the essence of Russia’s “pragmatic” foreign policy?

Name the key issues that could bring Russia and the West closer.

Why has Russia chosen a tough line in foreign policy?

**Additional study resources:**

**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian federation:**

<https://www.mid.ru/en/about/structure>

**Foreign Policy Concept of the Russian Federation:**

<https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/official_documents/-/asset_publisher/CptICkB6BZ29/content/id/2542248>

**Russian Foreign Policy in a Historical Perspective (Council of Foreign Relations, USA):**

<https://www.cfr.org/excerpt-new-russian-foreign-policy>

**A view from Russia on Putin’s foreign policy:**

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/08/27/20-years-of-vladimir-putin-how-russian-foreign-policy-has-changed-a67043>

**Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov (2020) as he discusses Russian foreign policy towards the United States and prospects for future cooperation:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uGkoBdk5FM>