**Materials for the website Chapter 10**

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

1. What was the 1905 result of the Russo-Japanese War?
2. Why did Moscow’s leaders sponsor the Comintern?
3. What was the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact about?
4. How many former Soviet republics initially joined the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)?
5. Putin’s speech at an international security conference in Munich in 2007 was among the first and most noteworthy affirmations of Russia’s foreign policy attitudes. Which ones?
6. 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?
7. What was the “Eurasian pivot” in Moscow’s foreign policy?
8. Discuss the arguments justifying Russia’s view of the world as multipolar.
9. What is Russia’s view of an international system rooted in the power of the United States and the West?
10. What is the essence of Russia’s “pragmatic” foreign policy?
11. Name the key issues that could bring Russia and the West closer. Rate them according to the criterion of their probability within 3–5 years.
12. Why has Russia chosen an aggressive line in foreign policy?

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

[**https://www.mid.ru/en/about/structure**](https://www.mid.ru/en/about/structure)

**The 2023 Concept of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation:**

[**https://mid.ru/en/foreign\_policy/fundamental\_documents/1860586/**](https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/fundamental_documents/1860586/)

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

[**https://www.cfr.org/excerpt-new-russian-foreign-policy**](https://www.cfr.org/excerpt-new-russian-foreign-policy)

**A retro-view from Russia (2020) on Putin’s foreign policy:**

[**https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/08/27/20-years-of-vladimir-putin-how-russian-foreign-policy-has-changed-a67043**](https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/08/27/20-years-of-vladimir-putin-how-russian-foreign-policy-has-changed-a67043)

**A brief video history of Ukraine (18 min.):**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDN-DtJMs4Y&t=591s**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDN-DtJMs4Y&t=591s)