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Q10

"The USA is facing an existential threat in the form of a China, that is much more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union." Explain.

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India and its neighborhood - relations.

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Cold War bipolarity

NATO versus Warsaw Pact; a sealed economic contest the U.S. could organise as containment.

U.S.-China economic interdependence

Trade, supply chains and financial links that had no Soviet equivalent at this scale.

Technology-military fusion

Chinese civil-military integration in telecom, AI and semiconductors that targets the U.S. innovation edge.

Taiwan / Western Pacific

The most dangerous flashpoint where a U.S.-China war could start, unlike the old European central front's later stability.

Uncontested primacy

The post-1991 U.S. position that a peer China, unlike a declining USSR, can actually contest.

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