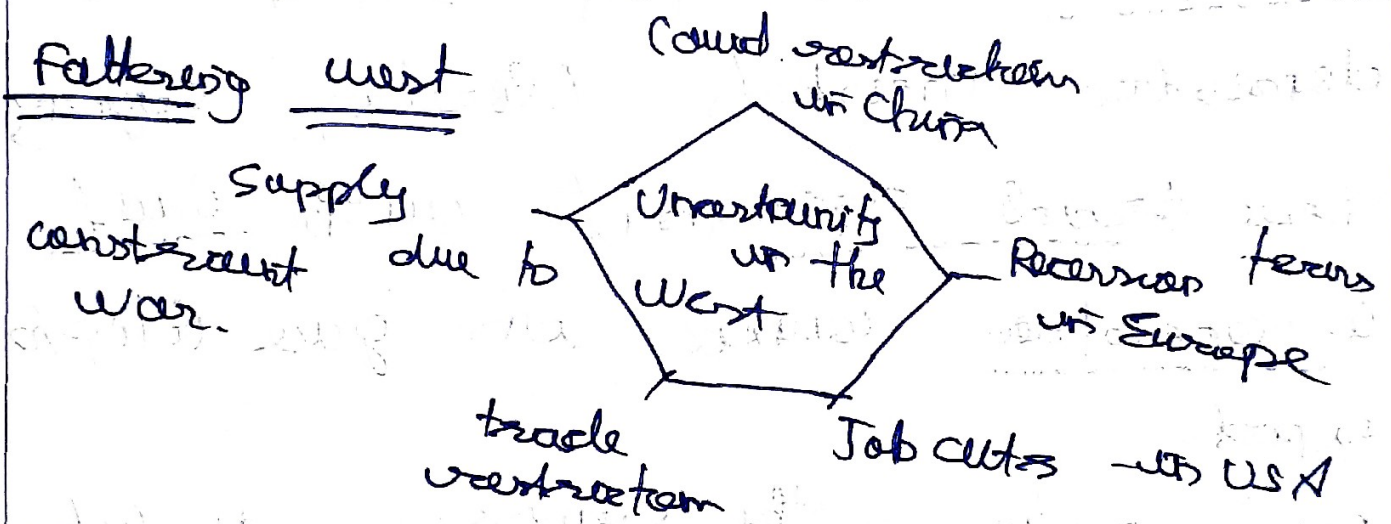


3 In the context of faltering western economies, macro and micro policy actions are need to upkeep the Indian Exports. Comment.

India just became the fifth largest economy yet despite the World Trade Organisation India merchandise exports contribute 1.8% and services 4% to the world trade. Policy actions must be given priority to boost exports.



This has resulted in decreased monthly exports value of December by 12% to \$35 billion compared to previous years.

Robust policy measures are the only way out to upkeep exports.

macro policy

Foreign reserves stand at \$532 billion, necessary such as Uostro current settlement and currency swap agreements - needs to be expanded to preserve foreign reserves.

Control domestic inflation and boosting consumption are key to keep the domestic markets floating. Seeking free trade agreement with Gulf co-operation council can give a lift to export.

macro policy - the remission of duties and taxes remitted of export duty on steel and production linked incentive scheme are eye openers.

Given the uncertainty of contracts the betters can make our exports robust and propel us forward \$5 billion.