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“Examine the significance of growing defence exports for India's strategic autonomy and economic development.”

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Answer Hint

Defence Indigenisation, Make in India, Strategic Autonomy, Defence Manufacturing, Export Diversification, Technology Transfer, Global Supply Chains, Quality Standards.

Model Answer

Introduction:

Defence exports are an important instrument for strengthening India's domestic defence industry and expanding its international partnerships.

Significance

1. Economic growth: Exports generate revenue, support skilled employment and encourage private-sector participation.
2. Industrial development: Larger production volumes can improve economies of scale and promote research and innovation.
3. Strategic autonomy: A stronger domestic industrial base can reduce selected import dependencies.
4. Diplomatic influence: Defence cooperation can deepen long-term relations with partner countries.

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Challenges

1. Dependence on imported critical components and technologies.
2. Competition from established global suppliers.
3. Need to maintain quality, timely delivery and compliance with export-control rules.
4.

Way Forward:

India should invest in research and development, strengthen domestic supply chains, support private manufacturers and diversify export markets.

Conclusion:

Sustainable defence-export growth can contribute to economic development and strategic autonomy, provided it is backed by technological capability, reliable production and responsible export policies.

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