

(d) What are the Changing Dimensions of security and how they vary from classical concept on International security.

## A. Introduction

The topic of security is the most important of International Relation. The term security is relative, however, different scholars have concluded that security can be deemed as absence of threat, or as emancipation. Classical concept of security revolved mainly around threats to State, solutions based on zero-sum game such as, Balance of Power (BOP), Balance of terror and formation of alliances. However, Barry Buzan in his work of People, state and Fear explained the concept of security in 21<sup>st</sup> Century. According to him notion of security from military has changed, and new dimensions of security have become equally important such as, economic, environmental, societal and political security. The coming paragraphs will provide a detailed insight into the new concept of security, and it will highlight difference between the classical <sup>concept</sup> and new concept of security.

## B. Concept of Security in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Based on New Dimension.

Societal Security

Political Security

Environmental Security

Concept of Security in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Economic Security

Military Security

### 1. Societal Security

Societal security exists when a society labels an event or <sup>act</sup> event as a threat to society. For example, Refugee Crisis, particularly in Pakistan. Refugees from Afghanistan are deemed as a societal threat by Pakistanis, because their presence as upset the demography, and instigated ethnic rift, especially between Pashtuns and other Punjabis. Thus, it proves that societal security is important for states existence.

### 2. Political Security

The states wants to exercise its internal sovereignty without any guidance. However, globalization has increased the cooperation between the states which in turn have led to



Compromise on Political security of the states. For example, United Nations through its peace mechanism, dictate terms to Nation-States.

### 3. Economic Security

States have always got it themselves involved in economic field in order to generate revenues for supporting the military. However, in 21<sup>st</sup> Century State actors such as, Multinational Corporations (MNCs), IGOs and Transnational Corporations (TNCs) have become more significant actors, and states play from very little role to no role at all in economics.

### 4. Military Security - Based on Classical Concept

The new concept of security is also has old concept as a part of great importance. Military security means to acquire state of the art technology, training, equipment, advanced weapons and forces with sufficient numbers.

### 5. Environmental Security

States must guard themselves from this aspect as well. Industrialization where it has brought many benefits, it also has brought too many consequences. For instance, states now have to prepare themselves from famine, droughts,

Floods, and other such natural crisis, because these crisis causes serious problems for the states.

## Co Difference Between the Classical Concept of Security and Concept of Security in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### 1. Individuals Versus States

In classical concept of security, states were considered as significant actors. Whereas, the new concept of security also see people as ends rather than means, and states have their own importance.

### 2. Classical Concept is Purely Realist based, whereas new concept is an amalgamation

Realists have been the foremost proponents of classical concept of security. However, Gorbachev's New Policy changed this view, and idealist tried to claim the win. However, Barry Buzan clearly stated that new concept of security revolves around human welfare as well as States welfare.



### 3. Military Role has Changed

In classical concept military was given an utmost importance, and it was deemed as the sole institution responsible for states survival. However, in new concept of security, role of military has not been subsided entirely, but over the time it has declined.

### 4. Importance of territorial Integrity has Declined

Territorial integrity has been a central point of security in classical concept. The states resorted towards power maximization in order to keep their territorial integrity intact. On the other hand, the new concept highlights that due to globalization, territorial integrity importance is declining by days and nights.

### 5. Isolationism is no more an option.

States could easily resorted towards isolation, when they were forced to get themselves aligned. On the <sup>other</sup> hand, today's complex interdependence has taken this liberty away from the states. For example, India remained non-aligned during Cold war, and now it is bandwagoning with the United States.



## D. Critical Analysis

Security is a relative concept, both realists and liberals over the time have tried to achieve security in real terms. Realists have offered Balance of Power (BOP), Alliances, and Deter Deterrence as means of achieving security. Whereas, Liberals have given their cooperation model of IR. Security has not and will not cease to exist. The concept is ~~rather~~ not changed rather it has expanded. For example; classical concept revolves only around Militarization. Whereas, new concept revolves around Militarization, economy, politics, society and environment. Therefore, it cannot be concluded that realists have failed, only the concept of security has expanded, and both schools need to put forward their views regarding this new concept.

## E. Conclusion

To conclude the above discussion, it can be said that new dimensions of security have emerged in 21<sup>st</sup> Century, which have a striking contrast with classical concept of security. However, importance of States have not declined; but