

Q.1 Write an Essay on development of Modern Nation - State?

INTRODUCTION:

The Nation State-System is the pattern of life in that the people are separately organized and interact with one-another in varying ways and at various stages.

Hobbes and Perkins.

The development of modern nation state occurs as a result of Political apparatuses, distinct from both ruler and ruled, with supreme Jurisdiction over a demarcated territorial area, backed by a claim to a monopoly of coercive power, and enjoying legitimacy as a result of minimum level of support or loyalty from citizens. Although, there are many factors that contribute to development of modern nation-state but Treaty of Westphalia is considered most important as it contains some new principles i.e. Territorial Integrity, Sovereignty, Rise of Nationalism and equal rights of States.

Development of Modern- Nation- State

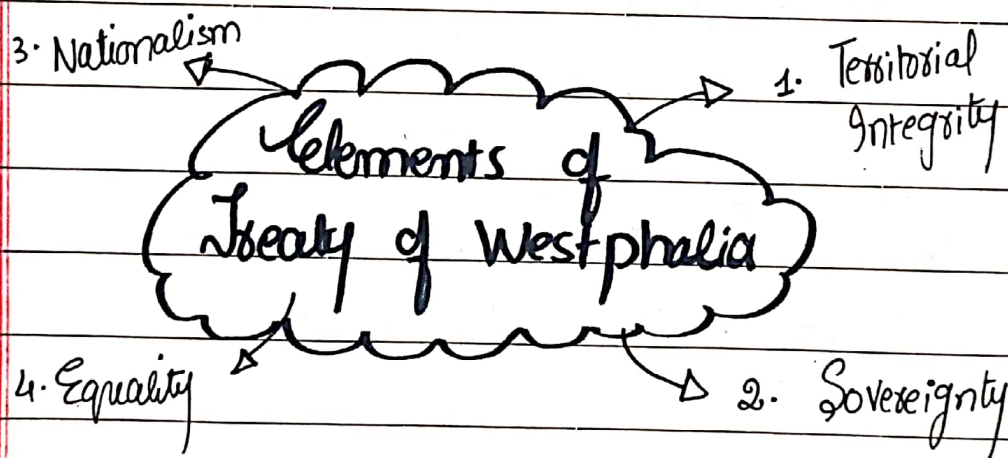
a. Modern-Nation State originated as a result of "Decline of Feudalism" and "Emergence of Monarch":

Modern nation state, originated from decisive political action of the monarch, political action that sought territorial unity, expanding monarchical power and promoting economic development in opposition to the interests of an increasingly weak and ineffective class of feudal lords. In this transformation, the power of Church had to be diminished, because Church was integrally tied to feudalism. (Edward Weisband, Making of Modern Nation-States)

b. Treaty of Westphalia gave the "Modern idea of Sovereign State":

The Thirty years' War, fought throughout central Europe from 1618-1648 between Protestants and Catholics, laid the legal

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foundation for the nation-state. The war involved many nations of Europe, including many small German states, the Austrian Empire, Sweden, France and Spain. Despite a brutal war, the Catholics were unable to overturn Protestantism. The treaty that ended the war is called "Treaty of Westphalia", decreed that sovereign ruler of a state had power over all elements of both nation and state including religion. Thus, modern idea of sovereign state was born.



b.1 Territorial Integrity conceptualized nation-state as "Geographical Entity":

Territorial Integrity conceptualized nation-state as "Geographical Entity" where protection of people living within its boundaries became its chief responsibility.

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b.2 Sovereignty regarded as Hallmark of Nation State:

At the same time, Sovereignty internal and external came to be regarded as the hallmarks of nation-state.

Internal Sovereignty →

Internally, state had right to order the behaviour of all its citizens.

External Sovereignty →

Externally, sovereignty implied right of state to choose any element to protect its national interest.

b.3 Rise of "Nationalism" advocates identification of Individual.

Thirdly, the rise of nation-state was accompanied by the rise of nationalism which advocates the identification of individual with the state in return for obedience to its laws.

b.4 Equality among all States:

Finally, International law recognized all

all states as equal sovereign entities with equal legal status and rights.

C. The Process of "Centralization" helped spur the "development of Modern Nation State":

Centralization, or the process by which law and policy making become centrally located, helped spur the development of nation states.

Final power rested with central government which made laws

→ A single centralized authority, allowed nation states to quickly develop their economies.

Nation State was much stronger military than feudal state

→ Merchants could trade throughout nation without worrying about local taxes or regulations.

Rulers were able to create national armies which were not dependent on the nobility.

→ Thus, newly emerging nation states dominated older forms of political organization.

D. Formation of Nation State increase likelihood of wars:

Social Scientists "Andreas Wimmer" and "Brian Min" showed in a study from "Empire to Nation State", these types of wars are more prevalent at approximately the time of foundation of nation-states.

Types of War	Aim of War	Example.
1- War of Independence	Aim of war to end "Foreign"	Algerian war in 1954-1962
2. Civil War	aim from struggle over states "Ethno Nationalist character"	uprising of Somali minority in Kenya in 1963 to 1967.
3. Interstate War	declared by government seeking to help oppressed co-nations in new nation-states.	Geo-Jewish war of 1921-1922.

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H. Treaty of "Versailles" give rise to "Nazim in Germany":

The treaty of Versailles contained seeds of war. It humiliated the defeated nations. Moreover, it gave rise to Nazim in Germany and fascism in Italy.

F. Independence of "Asia and Africa" After "World War II":

Most of nations of Asia and Africa got independence after World War II and become members of United Nations.

The Membership of United Nations tripled from about 50 states in 1945 to about 160 states by 1970 (Brent H. Tyler, Idea of freedom in Asia and Africa)

G. Disintegration of Soviet - Union:

The disintegration of Soviet - Union was the last stage of globalization of system together with breakup of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia at end of cold war.

Critical Analysis:-

Today, Modern-Nation State System is also based on elements that are a part of Treaty of Westphalia.

• Modern-Nation State System has "Fixed the Territorial Boundaries":

Through this concept, every nation has right to govern its piece of land. Example: Division of Pakistan and India in Red Cliff Commission.

• Modern State-System Claims "Full loyalty" to its citizens:

State is to be legitimate in terms of representing views and interest of its citizens.

• Modern State System created "International Law" to settle disputes:

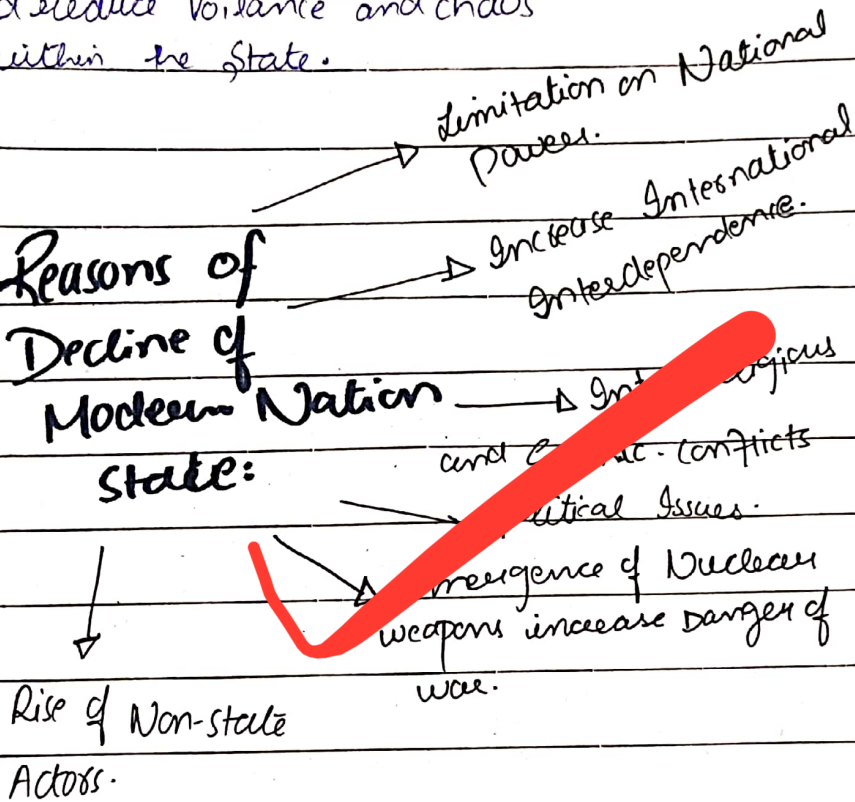
In order to settle disputes and provide justice to everyone modern state system has created international law.

Example: International Court of Justice to settle disputes between states in accordance with international law.

Modern-State System "Provide Security and Equal Rights" to Every citizen.

This element brings peace
and reduce violence and chaos
within the state.

Reasons of Decline of Modern Nation State:



Ways to Overcome the Reasons of Decline of Modern Nation State.

A nation state must develop the following characteristics to overcome the reasons of decline of Modern-nation state

1. Acceptance
2. Tolerance
3. Mutual Respect
4. Cooperation
5. Mutual understanding and Trust
6. Take decision by keeping "National Interest" in mind.
7. Resolve Internal and External Conflicts.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Treaty of Westphalia gave the Modern Idea of Sovereign State, ^{and} ~~also~~ the concept of Centralization ^{is} ~~also~~ dominated the older forms of political organization. Today's Modern State is also based on elements that are a part of "Treaty of Westphalia" but emergence of Nuclear weapons in Today's Era ~~also~~ increase sovereignty of State in danger which can be overcome by building good relationships with other states and ~~keeping~~ National Interest on Top.

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Q. An Ideal Islamic state is bound to bring Revolutionary changes in all spheres of human life?

Introduction:

Islamic state used Twinned Islam as Ideological basis of statehood, which means that all citizens public life is based on Religious Revelation and state function is to fulfill duties stipulated in Revelation of Allah. (Hamid Enayat, Modern Islamic Political thought)

In an Islamic state, Islam is considered a complete code of life which brings revolutionary changes in all spheres of human life. It provides guidance for all aspects of life i.e. Individual and social, material and moral, economic and political, legal and cultural, national and international.

In an Ideal Islamic state, sovereignty belongs to Allah and state affairs is run by consultation of wise and educated people.

Every human being which is a part of Islamic state

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enjoys their fundamental rights. It gives special status to women and also provides equal rights to minorities.

According to Mahatma Gandhi

"Islam stands for unity and brotherhood of mankind, and not for disrupting the oneness of human family."

Ideal Islamic State brought following Revolutionary changes in all spheres of human life:

- Muslims believe that Sovereignty belongs to Allah:

In an Ideal Islamic State, Muslims believe that Sovereignty only belongs to Allah and no one can claim to be sovereign. He is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. Faith in the sovereignty of Allah became intrinsic to human life, flowing within them like life-sustaining blood in their veins, illuminating their hearts and enlightening their minds.

"To Allah belongs the Sovereignty of heavens and the Earth" (Al-Quran)

- In Ideal Islamic State, all state and public affairs run by consultation of wise and educated people:

All state and public affairs in an ideal Islamic state are handled and accomplished

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by mutual consultation of wise and educated representatives of people that are elected on merit and the criteria for merit is prescribed by Sharia.

"The affairs of state are run by their mutual consultation" (Surasat - Ash Shura).

• All citizens of Islamic State obey their Ruler:

All citizens of Islamic State obey their ruler in all matters that are not contrary to Islamic Sharia. They also have a right to submit their doubts against ruler in Judicial court.

"O ye, who believe! obey Allah and obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you" (Surasat An Nisa)

• Islamic teachings given in Islamic State induce moral courage in individual's life:

Islamic teachings that are given in an

Islamic state develop moral courage in within
an individual. Moral courage provided the
believer with exceptional will-power and
equipped him with idea of self-criticism,
a continuous will to rectify one's mistakes and
faults.

"The self-evaluating moral
thinking led the man to the
highest standards of trustworthiness
and integrity, giving rise to
piety and decency maintained
both in public and private life"

(Zafarullah Khan, Moral Impact
of Islam on humanity)

• Muslim Surrender completely and submit himself to Allah:

Muslims living in Islamic state submit
themselves completely to Allah. If true
teachings of Islam are given to them, ^{then peaceful Islamic state} can be achieved.
It is the duty of Ulama to teach Muslim
about Islam in a true sense. A true
believer gives up his personal desires and

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ambitions and becomes God's bondsman. He also hands over his life and property to Allah.

- **Citizens of Islamic State Enjoys Equal rights without any discrimination that brings peace in a state:**

In Islamic state, Government provides equal rights to their citizens without any discrimination. The authorities also secure the rights of minorities and does not interfere in their religious matters.

"Every citizen shall have right to profess, practice and propagate his religion"

(Article 20 a of Constitution of Pakistan).

- **Islamic Religion teaches Tolerance that has great impact on human life:**

Islam is the Religion of tolerance and ease. It has a great impact on human life as well. It gives an ample space for freedom of expression and does

Not suppress people.

"The Best of Islam is

to behave with gentleness

and tolerance" (Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H.)

With the element of tolerance, Muslims can also build good relations with minorities.

Tolerant people can also deal with different opinions and perspectives.

• Women enjoyed equal status to Men:

Under the laws of Islam, women have the right to own property and business, engage in financial transactions, vote, receive inheritance, obtain an education and participate in legal and political affairs.

Both men and women have responsibilities towards their families and societies and are clear from the following verse:

"The Believers, men and women, are protectors one

of another" (Quran, 9:71)

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• Every Individual of Islamic state has right of Freedom of Expression:

Islam gives the right of freedom of thought and expression to all citizens of Islamic state on the condition that it should be used for propagation of virtue and truth not for

spreading evil and wickedness.

Critical Analysis

Unfortunately, Today Islamic states are unable to bring sufficient progress in human's life. The reason is that they are victims to corruption, political conflicts and they also forgot the teachings of Prophet (P.B.U.H) of how to run a state.

Today, Terrorism, Racism, Extremism in Islamic state destroys its image in front of whole world and the reason behind this is lack of true teachings of Islam and internal conflicts.

In order to bring peace in the life of every single individual living in Islamic state and in the whole state,

Rules implement laws and take actions that are in accordance with the principles of Islam. Also, Every Muslim which is a part of Islamic state spend their life according to principles of Quran and Sunnah.

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CONCLUSION:

In short, Islamic state brings a wide variety of ~~revolution or change~~ in all aspects of human life. All muslims and non muslims enjoys their ~~fundamental rights~~ in Islamic state. It brings peace in life of individual and in the whole state. By providing Justice to everyone in state, chaos and violence will be reduced.

