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THE TIME WE LIVE IN IS

THE WINTER OF THE WORLD.

Outline:

1- a) Introduction:

Demonstrating the meaning in the maxim -

b) Thesis statement:

In today's world, the allusion of 'winter' in this saying is quite relevant; as mankind is witnessing the calamities whether natural or manmade, owing to their irresponsible activities: anthropogenic or their mundane affairs.

2- The current time is winter of the world because:

- (i) Political instability or global conflicts
- (ii) The phenomenon of Global warming and climate change.
- (iii) Social inequalities and economic disparities
- (iv) Ethical or legal challenges posed by Artificial intelligence.

Important: 3. Conclusion:

The term "winter of the world" is metaphorically used to paint a desolate world passing through its darkest time bearing hardships, barrenness and struggle for mankind. The renowned writers of the world have used the allusion of "winter" to give the imagery of the daunting challenges faced by humanity. Hence, in today's world, the allusion of 'winter' in this saying is quite relevant; as mankind is witnessing the calamities whether natural or manmade owing to their irresponsible activities: anthropogenic or their mundane affairs. There is a long saga of men's follies leading to political instabilities, global warming, global conflicts, social and economic disparities and the most recently, rising insecurities of ethical challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence (AI). Political instability and global conflicts haunt the world. The recent ongoing Palestine - Israel conflict has melted down the peace in Middle East.

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Gaza is now known as 'world's biggest' open air prison' where Palestinians are subjected to ill-human treatment by Israeli Defence Forces (IDF). The conflict being transformed into war, saw the violations of international laws of war when raining of the phosphorous bomb burnt the babies, destruction of the infrastructure buried the people alive or dead under rubble, their cries, their repercussions could not awake the conscience of world's powerful elite. Irony of the fate, the flagbearer of human rights; The United State and her NATO alliance, despite of resolving the conflict through diplomatic manoeuvres, themselves backed the aggression. Their conduct gave impetus to polarization between the European and Arab world with an insane prejudice provoking hate. Millions of people in Middle East. Since Nakba, Arab Spring, Iraq's invasion by US, and till now living in the same land having cold winter for them. Both the Palestinians and the Kashmiris are facing worst

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human treatment. The only option left for them is hell on earth, and heavens after death, depriving them one of the most fundamental human rights: to live.

To add, the phenomenons of global warming and climate change may pose a severe threat for collective suicide of all living beings. These are the biggest challenges as they involve the hostile forces of nature before them man has ever been helpless. Irony of the fate, the US, pulled out Paris Agreement on climate change in 2017. Such an irresponsible behaviour depicts how reluctant to this issue world's leaders have been when it comes to ^{take} pragmatic actions or measures to limit the risk of the issues. The eye-opening events such as wild fires in Amazon 'the lungs of the world' in Australia, the rising sea levels, tsunamis, floods in South Asia is the concern to devastating floods in Pakistan, all these occurrences were threat to bio-diversity, human life and havoc to economics of

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those countries in billion of dollars. The 'Earth' is the only planet that harbors life but men's anthropogenic activities and irresponsible behaviour towards nature will bring an everlasting winter from which the world is passing through these days.

Furthermore, social inequalities and economic disparities is the fate of the billions of people across the globe.

The economic and political doctrines served merely for the good of powerful nations. The cold war era witnessed the conflict between the capitalism and communism proved to be havoc for the third world. The third world countries had no option for their national securities but to join either block. This led to proxy wars, overt or covert conflicts for the dominance of their Neo-imperialist agendas. All the hopes disappeared into smoke when US, behind the smoke-screen of liberalism, human rights, restoration of democracies, invaded the

countries like Iraq, Afghanistan to exploit their resources and to use the latter as buffer state for her ulterior motives of neo-conversionism. This disrupted the peace of the Middle East and South Asia. Billion of people across these two regions face poverty, violence, terrorism, and remain under-developed due to the warmongering designs of US-led NATO alliance. Hence, these nations truly bear the harsh winter of our times.

Ethical and legal challenges posed by the evolving Artificial Intelligence (AI), are another points to ponder for humanity. Though the future of (AI) is promising however the evolution has ever been remain a brutal phenomenon. (AI) is becoming an integral parts of ^{human} ~~our~~ lives and an unavoidable aspect of mankind's future. However, what matters the most than technologies or inventions is the human conduct. The promises for **Important:** The better use of inventions have

remained, somewhat, a sort of discontent. Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, still haunt us as a dark chapter in human history. The event led to the race of nuclear warheads. If seen, in this backdrop of human follies aimed at controlling or dominating their fellow beings, then (AI) being a looming threat is a justified challenge at our doorsteps.

There are ethical and legal considerations that must be addressed, such as the development of regulation to ensure the responsible use of AI, through collaboration between human and AI, ensuring the privacy, pondering over the job displacement.

The era of (AI) in the words of famous scientist Stephen Hawking:

"AI is likely to be either the best or worst thing ever happen to humanity. we do not yet know which." The whole situation has been well defined about the uncertainty of (AI)

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its uncertainty.

To conclude, mankind's mundane affairs or anthropogenic activities performed by their irresponsible behaviour have culminated into adversaries. Besides natural disasters it were their unjust social, political and economic doctrines motivated by the war-mongering agendas which threatened the world peace to live as social animal. On the other hand, their activities since Industrial Revolution (1764), imbued with the passion of materialistic approach towards life, brought adverse impacts upon the environment threatening its ecosystem for life. Hence, the whole the social and biological life is bearing the brunt of a winter, those days.

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