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Topic :

Should Climate Change be considered a Human Right Issue?

Outline :

1. Introduction

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(a) ~~Hook~~

(b) ~~General statements~~

(c) Thesis statement: Climate Change

A violation to basic Humans right

is surely a human right issue as it impacts human beings making their life difficult, it impacts their life activities, it causes unhealthy environment and affects badly the overall well-being of human beings.

2. Supporting arguments showing that Climate Change is surely a Human Right Issue

(a) It makes the survival of human beings difficult

(i) Impact on human health

(ii) Impact of smog 2024 in Pakistan

## Causes

(b) Climate change causes displacement of human beings

(i) The 2022 floods in Pakistan and displacement of more than 33 million people

(ii) The devastating 2024 floods in Spain

(c) Climate change disturbs daily life activities

(i) Impact on educational and workplace sector.

(d) It takes away the right of people to a clean environment

(e) Climate change impacts water resources

(i) Decreasing percentage of clean water availability

(f) Climate change impedes human right to proper food

(i) Loss of agricultural sector

3. Climate Change is the result of human activities

(a) The increase in deforestation

(i) Deforestation is 10 percent of global warming

(b) The overpopulating world

(c) Increasing Green House Gas emissions and the non-seriousness of world powers

(i) Outcomes of Cop 29

4. The need to consider this human right issue seriously

5. Conclusion

## The Essay

"One can live without love but not without water." Climate change is a growing concern in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The growing population of the world and much of human activities have caused the climate change. The term climate change actually means the change in global weather and atmosphere. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has reported 1.5°C Global temperature rise. Climate change is not a new issue but it is increasing its impacts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and taking the attention of everyone. The responsibility for climate change is on the major global powers but its major impact is on the third world countries. Like Pakistan is among the top 5 countries most vulnerable to climate

change but it is responsible for less than 1 percent of Global Green House Gas emissions. Climate change should be considered a human right issue because the most affected ones from climate change are humans and in a worst manner. Climate change is making human life difficult, causing displacement, difficult daily life activities, exposure to unhealthy environment, water and food shortages. Therefore, climate change is a major human right issue.

First of all climate change is a human right issue in the sense that it is making the survival of human beings very difficult. Any climate change consequences first impact human health. For example the smog which is a mixture of smoke and gases was observed in South Asian region India and

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Pakistan in October 2024. This smog caused a lot of serious health issues among people more importantly breathing problems. Moreover it caused dry cough among people as smog caused the air unclean. Hence a clean and healthy environment is the right of human beings and these consequences of changed climate are making the survival of human beings difficult.

In the same way, another human right is to have a safe and secure place to live but the results of climate change are causing displacement of people. The results of these climate change events are devastating. The floods in Spain in 2024 have caused 200 deaths and displacement of dozens of people, as reported by BBC News. The before and after images

of these recent floods in Spain are showing huge destruction of lives and infrastructure. Likewise in 2022 the floods in Pakistan caused the displacement of more than 37 million people. These devastating impacts of Climate change events are taking off the rights of people to live on a safe place. Furthermore, these events also cause economic losses like the 2022 floods of Pakistan have caused 20-30 billion dollars of economic loss. In this way, Climate change should be considered a human right issue.

Similarly, Climate change disturbs the daily life activities of human beings and hindering their right to survive smoothly. Any kind of climate changing event such as floods, drought, smog and many more disturbs the conduct of life activities smoothly. For example during the smog

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of 2021 in Pakistan which led the authorities to implement a lockdown situation in the province of Punjab. It hindered students from going to their schools. The schools got closed because of the smog. Even the workplace sector got also disturbed leading people to work from home or to bear loss due to the closure. Apart from the educational and workplace sector, there are also other activities and functions which are disturbed by the events of the climate change.

In addition, climate change is a human right issue because it takes off the right of people to a clean environment. The events of climate change like the floods, smog make the environment unhealthy for people and they also increase pollution. Hence, climate change do not let humans to have a clean environment. It is a human



right issue.

Likewise, climate change also impacts water resources. There is only 3 percent clean water availability on earth but because of climate change a lot of glaciers are melting, causing floods and wastage of clean water. These are leading towards decreasing percentage of clean water availability and it is not enough to meet the needs of the growing population leading to the issue of water scarcity. Moreover, a lot of people are drinking unhealthy water especially people from the third world countries, as reported by the Yale University's **Index**. Therefore climate change must be considered a human right issue.

Lastly, climate change is causing food insecurity among human beings. This climate changing

events like the unexpected rains, floods, droughts are causing food insecurity issues and making the productivity of agricultural sectors worse. The results of climate change are badly affecting the crops and the agricultural sector leading to an overall food insecurity issue. Agriculture sector is the backbone of any country but it is affected badly by the consequences of climate change. This climate change also increases the threat of wildfire which is a great threat to grasslands and fields. Therefore, climate change is a human right issue because it is impeding human right to proper food and a country's right to a flourishing agricultural sector.

~~Now moving forward, after discussing that climate change is affecting agriculture badly, what is the cause of this climate~~

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change. Basically climate has changed globally as a result of human activities.

First of all, the increasing deforestation is the cause of climate change. Forests are the lungs of earth and they provide a lot of benefits. The growing urban development has increased deforestation. As per the UN

**World Meteorological report 2015-2024**

is recorded as the warmest decade ever and deforestation is one of the leading cause.

Deforestation is 10 percent of global warming. Moreover, the over population is also a cause of climate change. The growing population and the decreasing resource are both causing climate change.

This over population has also caused increasing number of vehicles and the emission from these vehicles are contributing to unhealthy environment and the increase in

temperatures. Therefore, the climate change is a cause of human activities.

Lastly, Green House Gas emissions are the reason behind increasing temperatures. The countries which are developed are contributing majorly in the Green House Gas emissions and the consequences are affecting the third world countries. India is among the major polluter. The bad side is that the world powers are not taking this issue seriously because they are not getting affected by the changing climate. For example the withdrawal of US from the Paris Agreement. Furthermore, the COP 29 which showed the financial issues as the developing countries demanded climate financing but the rich countries and the developed ones showed non-seriousness. As a result,

Climate change is a result of human activities and is <sup>also</sup> affecting ~~also~~ humans.

In these circumstances of climate change there is a need for change. Firstly, the world's developed countries must aid the developing countries to get out of the effects of climate change. Secondly, authorities should take steps in this regard and work collectively for a clean environment. They must adopt renewable energy sources for lesser emissions. Thirdly, vehicles must be digitized to produce less pollution. Fourthly, the industries must work and use resources in order to produce less pollution. Lastly, water resources must be preserved to save water for the coming generations. Otherwise, the coming generation will be left

with nothing in this world. In these effects of climate change, individual and collective efforts are needed to save environment and resources.

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To conclude, Climate change must be considered a human right issue because it affects humans and take off their rights. The climate change makes the life of humans difficult, impacts the conduct of daily activities, causes unhealthy environment, impacts water resources, causes food insecurity and affects every aspect of lives. Climate change is causing the survival of present generations difficult with loss of lives and resources and it will make life on earth worse with passing days. The developed countries must help developing countries get out of this misery and should

manage their activities to save lives on earth. The growing temperatures, the unexpected rains, floods, droughts are all the consequences of climate change. Therefore, it must be considered a human right issue. "The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." (Albert Einstein) (13/5)