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- c) Weapons play vital role in preventing aggression and maintaining peace.
- d) Law enforcement agencies use weapons to eliminate terrorists.
- e) Religions command their followers to use force to eliminate mischief.

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4- Why peace is not possible in a world full of weapons?

- a) Invention of weapons has contributed in oppression and cruelty.
- b) Nuclear weapons pose risk of large scale destruction.
- c) Use of weapons disturb law and order condition of the state.
- d) Terrorism is indelible with the use of weapons only.
- e) Religion teaches to resolve conflicts with peace talks; not weapons.

5. Why there is more possibility of peace in weaponized world.

- a) Invention of weapons contribute in oppression only when accused lacks these protection tools.
- b) Nuclear country know the consequences of nuclear war, hence prefer peace over war.
- c) Weapons are maintaining inter and intra state peace conditions.
- d) Operations to wipeout terrorists is not possible without weapons.
- e) ~~Religion~~ Islamic history has various incidents of use of weapons, when mischief could not be eliminated mere with peace talks.

6. Conclusion

Essay:-

US political scientist, Joshua Goldstein, in his book "Winning the war on war: The decline of armed conflict worldwide" celebrates nuclear

Weapon as important contributor to a more peaceful world. He also raised the concern about world wars and how presence of nuclear weapons prevented WWII during the cold era. This helps in understanding peace prospects in the world with nine countries possessing nuclear power. Along with this, almost all the countries of the world are well-equipped with high-precision weapons for the purpose of self-defense and peace in the world. Weaponization of world has potential to promote peace and to initiate war. However, it has resulted in promoting peace in the world as nuclear powers are aware of the consequences of nuclear war; preferring peace over war. Weapons also help in maintaining inter and intra state conditions. Weapons were invented for self defense and protection. They are also used by law enforcement

agencies to eliminate terrorists and religion also commands its followers to use force ~~on the~~ to eliminate mischief. On the contrary, weapons has contributed in oppression and cruelty. It disturbs law and order conditions of the state and religion also focus on resolving conflicts with peace talks. However, ~~oppression~~ ^{weapons} contribute in oppression only when accused lacks these protection tools. Weapons are also needed for the operations carried out to eliminate terrorists and religion has given many proofs of use of weapons, when necessary.

Peace is defined as the suspension of violent mode of rivalry between political units. In simple terms, students of International Relations define peace as the "absence of war." Presence of weapons has given possibilities of both; peace and war. It has earlier caused destruction in the world but now with advancement in technology; weapons

are getting more accurate and countries more careful in the use of weapons. For instance, Pakistan and India have fought four wars from the period 1947 to 1999 over Kashmir issue. The issue is not resolved yet but countries are trying to negotiate it peace talks. This shows that weaponized world has possibility of both peace and war. However, there is more possibility of peace over war.

To begin with the possibilities of peace in weaponized world, weapons were invented for self defense and protection. Earlier in hunting and gathering societies, men used stones, spears, atlatls bows, arrows for the purpose of hunting and protecting themselves. But they were not particularly well-equipped to kill animals bare handed. Weapons started getting invented pretty much as soon as ~~the~~ humans started figuring out tool usage.

The need further intensified when humans started colonization. They invented as start using weapons for the defence of their land and property. So, the purpose of invention of weapons is self-defence and protection from enemies and foreign invasion.

Another possibility of peace in weaponized is the presence of nuclear power that decreases the risk of conflict between nuclear armed states by creating interdependencies that make war less likely. Along with this, the nuclear states are also under international binding of protecting nuclear power plants during armed conflict. The obligation can be witnessed under First Additional Protocol (AP-I) and second additional protocol (AP-II) which provide detailed provision for the protection of nuclear power plants and by deterring nuclear wars. Along with Additionally, the prevention of war can be witnessed

during cuban missile crisis in 1962. During the crisis USA and USSR came dangerously close to nuclear war. However, due to presence of nuclear ^{weapons} power in both countries, conflict led to a peaceful resolution. This is how nuclear power ~~s~~ deters ~~p~~ war and helps in maintaining peace in the world full of weapons.

Adding more to it, weapons play vital role in preventing aggression and maintaining peace. They act as a deterrent making potential aggressors think twice before taking hostile actions. The presence of strong defense forces and advance weaponry can discourage others from initiating conflicts, knowing that the consequences could be severe. For instance, countries that possess effective missile defense system can deter attacks by intercepting and neutralizing incoming missiles. This capability can dissuade adversaries

from launching missile strikes, knowing that their attacks may be rendered ineffective. In this way weapons have the potential to deter aggression and help maintain peace.

Furthermore, law enforcement agencies use weapons to eliminate terrorists. They equipped their personnel with specialized firearms and tactical equipments to prevent terrorist attacks. The United Nations office on Drugs and crime (UNODC), provides guidance on the use of force by law enforcement officers to prevent an imminent terrorist attack. The elimination of terrorism with weapon can be evidenced from Paris Attacks of 2005. In the year 2005, during tragic attacks in Paris, France, law enforcement officers confronted the terrorists and engaged in armed confrontations. Their swift response and use of weapons helped neutralize the

attackers and protect innocent lives. This highlights how law enforcement agencies, equipped with appropriate weapons have successfully eliminated terrorists and neutralized threats to public safety.

Moreover, religion commands its followers to use force for the elimination of mischief from earth. While religion generally promote peace and non-violence, - there are some instances where use of force is allowed. This use of force describes two forms of war. The first one is defensive jihad, which is fought in self-defense or in defense of muslim community against aggressor. The second is offensive Jihad, which is fought to spread Islam or to eliminate mischief from the earth which may be a threat to the identity of muslims and Islam. So, weapons are the tool to promote peace and stability

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on the other hand, peace is not possible in the world full of weapons because weapons contributes in oppression and cruelty. The availability and use of weapons can escalate conflicts and make it easier for individuals or groups to cause harm. one of the example of oppression and cruelty in history is the use of chemical weapon during world war I, which caused immense suffering and death. Aggression-through weapons is also justified in general Aggression model that provides a theoretical framework to to explain why the weapons effect occur. The weapons increases aggressive thoughts and hostile appraisals thus explaining why weapons facilitate aggressive behaviours. Hence, invention of weapons contribute in oppression and cruelty

Along with it, peace in a weaponized world is not possible ^{because} ~~use of~~ the presence of nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons pose a risk of large scale destruction. Peace becomes more challenging with the presence of nuclear weapons because they introduce a whole new level of risk and uncertainty. One of the most significant examples of the use of nuclear weapons is the ~~drop~~ vast scale destruction and dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The bombings caused immense destruction and loss of life, leading to the surrender of Japan and the end of the war. It can be said that nuclear weapons are a significant threat to global peace and security due to their destructive powers.

In the same way, weapons incite war by disturbing law and order ~~or~~ condition of the state. The excessive use of weapons often

leads to violence, destruction, and loss of life. It creates chaos and instability within a society. It becomes challenging for law enforcement agencies and governments to maintain peace and order when weapons are being used unlawfully or in conflicts.

According to statistics given by Citizen Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) Sindh, there were 2255 cases of mobile snatching in the province of Sindh during the month of February 2023. All these snatching were carried out ~~with~~^{at} gun point. Along with this there were ^{326 and} 4054 cases of bike snatching and ~~robbery~~ theft. It is showing the disturbance caused by the weapons use in the state. so, weapons disturb law and order condition of the state.

In addition, peace is not possible with weapons because terrorism is indelible with the use of weapons only. It needs various strategies like, firmness towards terrorists, pressure on states supporting terrorism and practical

measures to deter, apprehend and punish terrorists. One notable example of elimination terrorism is defeat of Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka. After years of conflict with Tamil Tigers, the Sri Lankan government implemented comprehensive strategies, including military operations, intelligence sharing and community engagement. This led to the defeat of Tamil Tigers in 2009 and a significant reduction in terrorist activities in the country. This depicts that weapons are not the way to wipe out terrorists from the state and use of weapon can not ensure peace in the society.

Besides, peace is not possible in weaponized world because religion does not command use of force but it teaches to resolve conflicts and deadlocks with peace talks. Religion emphasizes on promoting peace, love and harmony not aggression. It encourage followers to promote goodness and righteousness

rather than force to eliminate terrorists. A translation of the chapter 5, surah Al-Maida says. "Whoever kills an innocent person it is as if he has killed all of humanity" (Al-Quran, 5:32). The verse portrays the image of a peaceful society. As during the eruption of war swallow many innocent lives too. Therefore Islam emphasizes on resolving conflicts with peace talks rather than weapons because weapons contribute in destruction and are the ultimate cause of oppression.

Despite the above mentioned possibilities of peaceful and turbulent world, there is more possibility of peace in weaponized world. To begin with the invention of weapons that are ~~tools~~ considered to be the contributors of oppression, contribute only when accused lacks these protection tools. If both the countries - the accused, and the aggressor are well-equipped and powerful enough for self-defense there would

be least chances of war. This ^{ongoing} can be evident from the ~~recent~~ ^{ongoing} conflict between Israel and Palestine. Israel is nuclear power and Palestine is not well-equipped with weapons. If Palestine ~~was~~ ^{had} strong enough in weapons there would have been no war. So, there is more possibility of peace in weaponized world.

Another argument - that ensures possibility of peace in weaponized world is - that ~~the~~ nuclear countries know the consequences of nuclear war, therefore prefer peace over war. Pakistan and India both are nuclear countries. India became nuclear power in the year 1974 and Pakistan in 1998. Both countries have fought four wars between the period of 1947-1999. But there is no war since then because both countries are nuclear powers and know that if one nuclear armed state were

to launch a nuclear attack, the other state would retaliate with equal or greater force, resulting in catastrophic consequences for both parties. This depicts the possibility of peace in the world full of weapons.

Adding more to the possibilities of peace in weaponized world, ~~the~~ maintenance of inter and intra state peace conditions ~~of~~ is due to -the availability of weapons. Weapons act as deterrent, preventing direct military confrontations between states. They provide deterrence and stability, prevent major wars and balance global peace. For instance, weapons are perceived to prevent confrontations in the context of Taiwan-china conflict. The use of asymmetric weapons using drones, Stinger missiles and other defensive systems, is seen as a mean for Taiwan to deter china from invading, thereby contributing to the prevention of

direct confrontation. So, in this way weapons are maintaining inter and intra state conditions, giving more possibility of peace in weaponized world.

To say more about the possibilities of peace in weaponized world, ~~operation~~ weapons are being used in eradicating terrorists from the state. Mere strategies and community contribution would not help in eradication of terrorism until weapons are used to wash out terrorists. Operation Neptune spear in Pakistan is perfect example to substantiate the argument of use of weapons and terrorist elimination. In this operation, in 2011, US Navy SEALs conducted a raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan, eliminating the leader of Al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden. The operation involved the use of firearms & other tactical equipments. This way, it is true to say that weapons help in

eliminating terrorism and enhance the possibility of peace in weaponized world.

In the same manner, Islamic history has various incidents of use of weapons, when mischief could not be eliminated mere with peace talks.

Islam promotes peace but it also does not tolerate any mischief on earth that is threat to the identity of Islam.

These are several examples of use of weapons to eliminate mischief.

Most notable ones are Battle of Badr, Battle of Uhud and the Ridda wars. Battle of Badr was key battle in Islamic history. In this battle, the Muslims, who were out-numbered, used weapons to defeat Meccans and establish their dominance in the region. However, Islam uses the principle of proportionality and distinction this means that weapons used should be in proportion to the threat posed.

Hence, the use of weapons is maintaining deterring conflicts and peace, for sure

is possible in weaponized world.

To conclude, it can be said that, weapons have possibility of peace and war but weapons has more potential to promote peace as they were invented for maintaining peace and for self-defence. Additionally, presence of nuclear weapons decreases the risk of conflict between nuclear armed states. On the contrary, weapons contribute in oppression and cruelty. Nuclear weapons pose risk of large scale destruction. Along with this, use of weapons disturb law and order condition of the state. However, weaponized world has given more possibility of peace. Invention of weapons contribute in oppression only when accused lacks their protection tool.

If both aggressor and accused countries have enough power to retaliate, there are no chances of war. Along with this, nuclear powers are aware of the consequences of

nuclear war: therefore - they prefer peace over war. This is how nuclear weapon gives more possibility of peace and the world full of weapons has become fully aware of - the ~~consequences~~ ^{use} of use of weapons therefore prefers peace over war. As said by Margaret Thatcher, "A world without nuclear weapons would be less stable and more dangerous for all of us."