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Write an essay on the development of modern nation-state. (20)

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Outline

① Introduction

② Concept of modern nation-state - a brief overview

③ Development of modern nation-state - a historical context -

a) Thriving of City state - an overview of Greek's city-state system

b) Transition of City states to Empires - a development created instability due to consistent wars

c) Thirty years war between the Protestants and the Catholics and signing of Treaty of Westphalia.

④ Basic characteristics on which the modern nation state is

Based

- a) Any common factor - Religion, Language, Culture, History, Political systems
- b) National Sovereignty - an important part of Nations-State system
- c) Fixed Boundaries - sovereignty guarantee to cross the border

5) Conclusion



Things have not been the same as they seem today. At most five to ten centuries back, the structure of states were fluid and the boundaries were changeable without any defined delimitation. That resulted in the catastrophic wars as the states wanted to gain more and more areas. However, things changed at immense of the

Treaty of Westphalia in the the modern nation-state system came into being. As per the historical & background of the development of the modern nation-state system it can easily be traced from the formation of first ever city state of ancient Greek. Moreover, the characteristics of modern state-system are based on having to fixed boundaries, national sovereignty, and state formed on the shared lineage of culture, language, history etc. At last, the development of the modern nation state system can be checked from the development of city-states to empires to the treaty of Westphalia.

Before exploring the development of modern nation

state system, it is essential to know about the modern-nation system. It is the system, in which the ~~the~~ states are formed on the basis of nations. The nations are defined by having any single or multiple homogeneous characteristics. The characteristics are History, Language, Culture, Religion through which the people find the shared goals. For example, the nation of Türkiye is based on the shared History, similarly, the Pakistan's nation is formed on the basis of Religion. In simple words, the modern nation states are formed on the basis of any shared common history, religion or language.

As per the development of the modern nation-state

system, it can be defined from the formation of first ever city state. The city state were formed at the time of ancient Greece. In which the Aristocrats ruled the city through Direct Democracy. For example the City-State of Athens. From that the concept of state emerged.

With the passing of time the city-state also got stimulus and transitioned into the big empires and kingdom. The basic attributes of that empires were having big and fluid boundaries from which the citizens could move easily from one place to another place. The first ever transformation from the city state to empire has been noted in the time of Alexander

the great. The victorious nature of the Alexander's army build the biggest empire of the world.

Following the suit of time, the other regions also started forming the Kingdoms and Empires. The Roman Empire preceded the Greek Empire. Similarly, after the fall of Roman empire the other empires like, the British empire, the Sultanate Usmani and the Russian empires started ruling the regions. The worst part of that time was that the war were rampant and peace was elusive. Following the order of time, a bloody war erupted in the Europe between two factions the Protestants and the Catholics. The former

demanding the separation of Church from the politics and latter were protecting the status of church. That war continued for more than thirty years. Finally, the elites of the Europe came across to an idea in which they defined the formation of states on the basis of nation and the nation will be defined by the shared history, culture, language. That was finalized through the treaty of west-phalia, and the nation-state system came into being.

Additionally the attributes of the modern nation state system were linked with the fixed boundaries in the ruler (monarch) was given the national sovereignty. In which he

was allowed to rule as per his whims. Moreover, the boundaries were delimited so that no any other state can cross the areas or borders of any other state. In current times all of the world states are following the modern nation state system.

In conclusion, - the development of modern nation state system is dated back to the treaty of Westphalia. In that treaty, the elites of Europe decided to make states on the basis of nations. The nations will be formed on the criteria of same language, history, culture or religion. In that state each and every state will be sovereign.