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Examine the view that the Hegelian Spirit is nothing but evolution of human consciousness to the realization of political maturity and for global human - co-existence.

INTRODUCTION

Hegel was a German philosopher of 19 century. Hegel philosophy largely revolves around human nature from the perspective of social and political. His philosophy particularly, "World Spirit" focuses on the evolution of human consciousness to the realization of political maturity for global human co-existence. His philosophy is a framework for modern human and their political conscious. He views dialectal process as the historical development of human from simple structure to more complex structure as human gradually develop their freedom conscious and became rational.

HEGEL SPIRIT

Hegel spirit is basically the manifestation of collective conscious of human beings. Spirit manifest the constant struggle of human all

through history to the modern day. The cultural achievements, historical progress and the political institution is all what Hegel calls as the Spirit.

HISTORICAL EVOLUTION

According to Hegel societies evolve over a period of time. He extrapolates the idea of Aristotle who considers man as a social animal. Man to achieve his interest always need a companion, thus family was the first relation he developed.

According to Hegel, History is a dialectic process. He believes that history is largely filled with conflicting ideas of thesis and antithesis. Humans, according to Hegel, evolve from simple ideas to more complex ideas. The initial idea was confronted by a contradictory idea. ~~to the Hegel~~ calls it, conflict of ~~thesis and~~ thesis. He further ~~states~~ that the two conflicting ideas extend and reconcile with each other into a higher form of understanding to which Hegel calls synthesis.

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SELF REALIZATION: HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

Self-realization - according to Hegel is the process through which individual recognizes one's-self as rational beings. It is through self-realization that human progresses and advances for better life. Self-realization ultimately culminates into human consciousness which ultimately result in freedom. Hegel's freedom should not be mis-interpreted as individual freedom reflected by liberal school of thought rather it is a freedom that collectively contributes towards a better society. Hegel believes that self-realization develops political maturity reflected by a human struggle for a better society.

Attempt by giving subheadings

POLITICAL MATURITY

Since self-realization ultimately culminates into human-consciousness which ultimately ignites a spark of freedom that sets a course for advancement and progress. Hegel believes that state is basically the highest form of expression of freedom of collective will - society or group.

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STATE as the EMBODIMENT of SPIRIT

To Hegel the state is the expression of freedom. He explains the achievement of state as a collective human struggle for the attainment of freedom and self-recognition as rational being of larger group. To human state serves a supreme source of individual right, expression and freedom. Hegel contradicts the idea of social contract proposed by many philosophers rather he believes state as a divine that serves the interest of individual and provides freedom. Political maturity, therefore, is secured when the state upholds the universal principles - justice, values and human dignity.

POST GLOBAL CO-EXISTENCE

Today's modern world is a witness of Hegel's philosophy of spirit. The globalization of the world seems to be inspired from Hegel's AS he stated that the ultimate goal of spirit is to achieve freedom. In today's modern world, different states live together in co-existence. The European Union is a stark symbol of global co-existence. However, conflicts.

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based on interest are still there.

Hegel's idea provides a framework for global governance, emphasizing diplomacy and international order.

MODERN DAY RELEVANCE

Today's modern day provides physical basis for Hegelian spirit. The present day institution such as United Nations and financial institution such as IMF and World Bank represent political maturity and human consciousness for global coexistence. The main purpose of spirit is to achieve ultimate freedom which is substantiated by states holding to universal principles such as justice, equality and freedom. which in that the international institutes struggle for

Discuss this in detail

CONCLUSION

It can be stated truly that Hegelian spirit is the evolution of human consciousness and the realization of political maturity for global co-existence. The current modern world provides a physical manifestation of Hegelian spirit as reflected by the global governance.

A 20 marks answer should have around 15 subheadings and be on 7-9 pages

