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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-I

Q1. What were the key driving forces behind the establishment of International Relations as an academic discipline? Provide an analysis of the major historical events and intellectual developments that contributed to its evolution and formal recognition in the world.

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Introduction:

The relations among nation-states across the boundaries deals with diplomacy, international politics, economy, environment, media and cultural relations.

All of these are the components of international relations which were added to the subject gradually

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with the passage of time. These relations dates back with the formation of city-states in Greece and evolved with the passage of time to the current multipolar world order as H.J. Morgenthau states "International politics includes analysis of political relations and problems of peace among nations. It is struggle for and use of power among nations."

Relations among states: The Birth of IR.

According to Palmer and Perkins

"The study of IR is not a science with which we solve the problems of international life, at its best it is an objective and systematic approach to those problems."

In the earliest time, the international relations have been in vogue though the regional relations were started among the states of Egypt, India, Greece and others. They had not generally evolved the code of relations but also followed these in one and the other way.

17th Century and the Peace of Westphalia:

With the advent of war in 1608 between Roman Catholics and Protestants, a great number of lives were lost on both the sides which resulted in not just the Peace Treaty 1648 but also regularized the relations among

states which bring them sovereignty and legal equality at the international level. The improvements in the means of transport and communication further added up to the evolution of international relations.

International Relations as Multidisciplinary academic discipline.

At the time of 17th century the international relations was still concerned with narrow perspective, dealing with just diplomatic relations, history, law and philosophy. There were also no theories were added to help clear the concepts of international relations with a purview of present scenario and a prediction of future. But with the passage of time and with the events like world wars added a perspective in understanding of international relations as a multidisciplinary academic discipline.

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World War I; Road to Diplomatic Ties

subheadings

The First World War (July 1914 - November 11, 1918), killed almost 17 million people with major destruction in many parts of the world. Many multiethnic empires like the Austrian-Hungarian, Russian Empire and the Ottoman Empire collapsed resulting in many of the

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independent states with their own diplomatic ties with their neighbours keeping in view their national interests. In the aftermath of the world war I, not just the geopolitical perspective of IR changed but also generated a new global world system that was thought to prevent a new war. But more ties led to more friends and a number of foes to keep a balance in world order.

World War II: Strengthening of International Law

The world war II brought the victory of allied powers and redistributed the power and also reordered borders of state.

In the aftermath of WWII, one global system ended but another one started.

The formation of United Nations and the international laws regarding multiple dimensions added to the discipline of international relations. A number of states entered into the United Nations and signed many treaties leading towards new milestones.

Cold War and Area Studies

The cold war between the USSR and the USA led to a bipolar world order which led to area studies as a major addition in the international relations. During this period, there was

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no physical confrontation among the states but a series of threatening and contradicting behaviours from both the ends added heat into the relations. The end of the cold war then led to a further new era in international relations with a divergence from bipolarity to hegemony of USA. This emergence further added to a new thinking of the global world order and the relations among states.

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Current Holistic Approach of IR.

In the era of present contemporary world, the international relations has evolved to a multidisciplinary academic discipline concerning not just the diplomatic ties and official relations among the states but also the cultural and social relations, further enhancing and strengthening the relations. In today's world the relations are based upon the geo-strategic position, economy, diplomacy, foreign policy, philosophy, sociology and with history as a major preponent to these relations.

Scholarly views:

According to Prof. Dunn

"The actual relations that takes place across national boundaries or as the body of knowledge which we have of those relations at any given time".

Quincy Wright states that

"It is not the states only the nations which IR seeks to regulate. Varied types of groups, nations, states, govts, peoples, regions, alliances, confederations, intl. organisations even industrial organisations, cultural organisations, religious organisations must be dealt with in the study of IR if the treatment is to be made realistic."

Critical Analysis

The international relations which initiated among states with just diplomatic relations evolved gradually with many historical events in the era of war and peace. In the current scenario international relations is an academic discipline which helps in understanding of the current motives of a state with the prospect of future key steps, keeping in view their ancient history and diplomatic ties with corresponding states.

Conclusion:

Concise your conclusion

The international relations is an academic discipline which came into being with its narrow perspective considering diplomacy and history but led to a broader multidisciplinary subject, dealing with the geography, economy, politics and

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sociology with key events in their enhancements
like the Peace Treaty and world wars.