

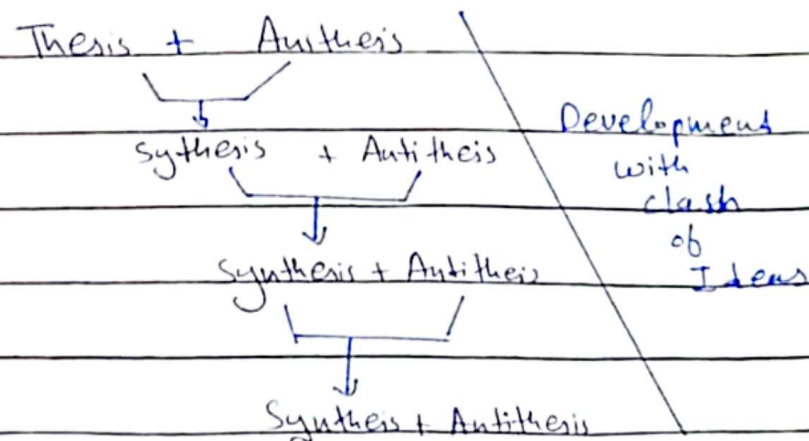
Question Examine the view that the Hegelian spirit is nothing but evolution of human consciousness to the realization of political maturity for global human co-existence.

Answer **Exordium**

Hegel is a philosopher of 'dialectics' and he was born in 1770. He based his theory on spirit and mind which was thesis. Later, body arrived and it was antithesis of it. These two make an individual. He described his theory in 'Phenomenology of Spirit'. The objective of soul is freedom and understanding of the world. The history is evident whenever spirit tried to materialize civilizations like Greek or Islamic civilization resulted. The final objective of it is 'state'. It is due to only state can ^{ensure} ~~store~~ full freedom. Hegel presented these clashes of ideas in his theory.

Hegel's theory

There is a concept of 'world spirit'. This world spirit is derived by the clash of the ideas with time. World spirit unveils the reality of the world. There is an idea appeared which is 'thesis'. With time another idea which will be the 'antithesis' of it will appear. The clash of thesis and anti-thesis will give birth to 'synthesis'. But, 'synthesis' will also turn into thesis by the time.



Hegel believed that ideas are real and same as 'ideologies'. Ideologies are followed and

material objectives are just the reflection of these ideologies.

Marx argued with Hegel on this point and based reality on material pursuits and ideologies are just reflection.

Explanation

The concept of Hegel's thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis is also evident by history.

A- Democracy as synthesis

Monarchy was the thesis in history it clashed with anti-thesis of French revolution. The clash of ideas gave birth to new idea which was 'democracy'. Democracy is the synthesis of 'Monarchy' and 'French revolution'.

B- Capitalism as synthesis

The synthesis of 'democracy' converted into thesis and it was challenged by thesis of 'Fascism' in WWI and II. USA and UK gave the thesis of democracy.

and Hitler with Mussolini gave its anti-thesis of 'Fascism'. It resulted into new synthesis of 'Capitalism'.

C- Liberal democracy

Capitalism became thesis from synthesis and it was challenged by 'socialism' in cold war era. USA with thesis of capitalism and USSR with anti-thesis of socialism. It resulted in synthesis of 'liberal democracy'.

Hegel agrees that history and these clash of ideas are in circle. History can not stop neither clash of ideas but it can stop on 'liberal democracy'.

Fukuyama also appreciated this idea of Hegel and regarded that he knew history well than Marx.

The world and history is just game of thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis.

Thesis + Anti-thesis $\rightarrow$ Synthesis

Criticism:

Hegel is appreciated as well as criticized. If Hegel's view of ideology is right that ideology is real driver and material is just reflection. Then Kingdom of Saudi Arabia must support Pakistan because they share common ideology of 'Islam'. But it is visible that Saudi Arabia favours India over Pakistan. So, it is the game of 'material and resources'. Hegel also mentioned that world will stop on 'Liberal democracy'. But, China a 2nd biggest economy and population is working on the kind of dictatorship. They portray communism but at international level they still follow capitalism. After 9/11, the 'Taliban' asked for 'Kilafat'. If 'Liberal democracy' is lost then what is it.

Denouement

Hegel's theory of 'Dialectic'

is no doubt a theory which can explain history and development in right way. Apart from criticism 'dialectics' is still a success. Hegel believed in creation of state. He favoured revolution of proletariat against bourgeoisie. He demanded creation of 'state' and dictatorship of proletariat for some time to establish a classless society. Hegel said, state is a march of god on earth. The world spirit is to unveil the realities of world and required clash of ideas. Spirit is for evolution of human consciousness and gives realization of political maturity. Spirit leads the world from 'Ancient' time to 'liberal democracy'. It witnessed clashes of ideas like, fascism, capitalism, monarchy, socialism etc. Hence, Spirit is evolution of human consciousness and the fight of thesis and antithesis to create a synthesis.