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Essay:-

CPEC and "Indo-Middle East-Europe", new war fronts.

Outline

1. Introduction:

Thesis Statement: Although multi-billion-dollar projects like the IMEC and CPEC can offer economic prosperity and cooperation among states, but they also lead to the creation of new war fronts because of the new ongoing struggle between the USA and China for global dominance.

2. Understanding China-Pakistan Economic Corridor:

- Historical context and inception
 - i) Strategic objectives and economic benefits.
 - ii) Geopolitical implications for China, Pakistan, and the broader region.

3. Understanding Indo-Middle East-Europe Corridor:

- Historical context and inception
 - i) Strategic objectives and economic benefits
 - ii) Geopolitical implications for India, the Middle East, Europe and the broader region.

4. The US's real motives behind IMEC

5. The China's real motives behind CPEC

6. How can CPEC and IMEC exacerbate existing geopolitical tensions, potentially creating new war fronts for regional and global competition?

6.1 - On the regional level

- Exacerbating Indo-Pakistan rivalry and creating a polarized environment.

6.2 • Rising influence of two ideologies, especially in the Middle East.

- Rising militarization in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean to capture geo-economic resources.
- Creating competition between China and India as they both want to attain a leading power in the region.

6.2 - On the Global level

- Intensifying China-USA rivalry on a large scale due to CPEC and IMEC.

Case in point: US Project IPEF.

- CPEC and IMEC would create a technological race to attain digital dominance.

Case in point: US formed Chip alliance with Japan and Taiwan to block China's chip industry.

- Energy security and resources competition on a global scale intensify geopolitical tensions.
- Divergence of opinion in Europe on CPEC and IMEC led to the creation of new alliances around the globe.

7. On what grounds do opponents argue that CPEC and IMEC cannot create economic war fronts?

7.1. Counter Argument:

IMEC and CPEC promote stability in the region, especially in the Middle East, a hub of rivalries and power struggles.

• Refutation:

CPEC and IMEC create economic war fronts instead of economic integration and stability.

• **Evidence:** Almost 50% of the world's oil reserves are located in the Gulf region, which fascinates super powers to secure their energy needs by building corridors.

7.2 - Counter Argument:

IMEC and CPEC projects try to pull the Global South out of the quagmire of under-development

and lead them to a new pace of development.

• **Refutation:**

The projects IMEC and CPEC are driven by two counter ideologies that want to drain out all resources of Global South and leave them into a new regional and global rivalry.

• **Evidence:**

US's Exploitation of Venezuela's oil.

8. **Critical Analysis:-**

9. **Conclusion:**