

Q3 Discuss Neo-Neo debate in detail along their comparative stance on different dimensions of IR.

## Introduction

The neo-neo debate referring to Neo Realism and Neo-liberalism is a lasting contentious debate. State being the central element in international relations, both have their own distinctive stance on how it operates in the international arena. The neo-neo theories have multiple dimensions of approaching the elements that drive international community of states. These dimensions involve Anarchy in international relations, stance on cooperation, foreign



Neo-liberalism

Model of collective good approach

Cooperative model of politics

Reflecting Ideas

- Anarchy in international system
- However, maximization of power is not the solution
- collective good approach
- Economic power over military power.

### (iii) Comparative Debate On Different Dimensions

#### (i) Anarchy in International System

Neo-Realist

- Anarchy encourages the states to behave unilaterally and promote self-help behaviour

Neo-liberal

- Anarchy makes the world competitive.

→ It makes cooperation difficult.

→ Cooperation can mitigate effects of anarchy.

Anarchy

can be mitigated by cooperation

Can be mitigated by power

### iii) Foreign Policy Approach

→ Foreign Policy is often dominated by issues of security, military issues and survival of the fittest approach.

→ Here, Foreign Policy is concerned with human security, economic issues and politics for human welfare.

Kindly answer in headings

- Humane Approach
- Economic capacity
- Human welfare

Foreign Policy Approach

- High politics
- State security
- Military issues.

# Role of Institutions

## Neo-Realism

→ States establish institutions if they serve their interests.

→ If they bring relative gain.

→ The gains limit the growth of institutions.

→ Institutions are made by powerful to serve powerful.

## Neo-liberalism

→ Institutions increase and build cooperative behaviour among states.

→ They can facilitate in policy making and encourage cooperation.

→ They can help in promoting and achieving foreign policy agenda.

Make chart at the end after you have discussed the arguments in the form of headings

inequality in international system

serve powerful

Role of International Institutions

cooperation & collaboration

Helps in achieving foreign policy agenda.

## Conclusion

In Summary, the comparative stance of both debates vary in all domains. Neo-realist concern with maximization of power in any case for the survival of state. contrary to that, neo-liberals emphasize on state's cooperation on global scale.

However, both theories agree on the presence and existence of anarchy in international relations. Yet, the solution differs. Many believe, that the balance of neo-neo debate is keeping the international relations on track.

You need to work on presentation

Q7 International law failed to be a workable approach towards peace making and peace building. comment on the basis of contemporary international issues.

## Introduction

Accountability breeds  
'Response-Ability'.

- John D. Rockefeller.

International law, whose existence is merely in books and papers, it is what is agreed, considering its failure towards peace building. It seems to lose its power to operate when dealing with hegemonic state behaviour. The contemporary international issues such as Palestine-Israel conflict, Russian invasion in Ukraine, and

United States' invasion in Afghanistan, international law failed to exercise its power. The inaccountability of nations and leaders on the violation of international law underscores its failed workable approach.

## (i) Contemporary International Issues & Failure of International Law:—

(ii) The Genocide of Palestinians  
& Territorial Occupation of Israel:

### A Reflection On the Scenario

- started on 7 Oct, 2023
- Counter strikes by Israel and Hamas (Palestinian militant group)
- Inhumane bombardment of Israel over innocent Palestinians.
- Attacks on public buildings, universities, hospitals, and refugee camps.
- violation of human rights, laws of war and peace.



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• life loss between  
44,000 to 89,000

• 1.9 million people  
displaced

Damage  
Done

• Intense  
humanitarian  
crisis.

• Around \$30 billion  
infrastructure loss.

⇒ Failures of international law:-

• No accountability on ceasefire  
violations by the Israeli Authorities.

• Despite numerous treaties and  
conventions signed by Israel, such as  
the Fourth Geneva Convention, there  
are no binding measures to compel  
compliance. Allowing Israel to act with  
impunity without facing serious  
international repercussions.

• Inability to address core issues of  
occupation, settlement expansion and the  
right of return for Palestinian refugees.

• The ineffectiveness of international  
criminal court (ICC) in holding parties

accountable for violations of  
International humanitarian law.

## (ii) Russian Invasion of Ukraine :-

Started on: Feb 24, 2022.

Cause: NATO's eastward expansion.

A Reflection  
on the  
scenario

Threat: It was a threat to  
Putin's desire to reassert  
Russian influence over former  
Soviet territories.

Supporting factor for Ukraine: United  
States of America.

Damaged infrastructure  
repair cost around

£151.2 Billion

• Military casualties  
on both sides

315,000.

Damage  
Done

Civilian casualties

around 30,457

[including dead, wounded  
and children]

• 3.7 million displaced

6.3 million seek  
refuge in other  
countries.

## Failure of International Law:-

- violation of Article 2(4) - which prohibits the use of force against another state.

- Veto Power abuse - Russia's ability to exercise its veto in the UNSC has prevented the council from taking decisive measures to address the invasion.

- Immunity to powerful states - As international law has failed to exercise its power and principles, it gives immunity to powerful states to act unilaterally.

Avoid bullets

- Violation of principle of sovereignty and territorial integrity:

The failure of international law highlights that it is failing to uphold its own principles of equality, integrity and sovereignty, which endangers the international peace and security.

## Conclusion

In brief, the existence of law and order is the balancing pillar of nation and states. The violations of international law underscores the inequality and unaccountability of states and leaders, which is settling up the precedents for future. The job of international organization and international law is to maintain international peace and security. If its failures cross the bar of violations, then its ineffectiveness would risk global peace and security.