

ASSIGNMENT (2021 PAST PAPER)

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WORK OF NAZIR HASSAN FOR PALESTINE'S INDEPENDENCE

Nazir Hassan hailed from the village of Marshad. After completing his graduation in anthropology, he turned to cinema. In his film "Independence", he castigated the Israel's notion of independence. He wrote an email when Israel was about to annex more Palestinian territory. In it, he informed about his latest film "My Grandfather". He also advised to choose one's enemy wisely, otherwise one would end up like his enemy. This also resonated with oppositors of Israel's illegal settlements. For decades, aspects of Palestinian art underscored the importance of poetic salvation. Besides being beautifully crafted, his new documentary put Palestine in perspective. His film "My Grandfather", broadcasted on Al Jazeera in three parts, should be viewed in one go without any interruption.

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COMPREHENSION PASSAGE (2021)

- a) The doctrine of power set by neo-imperial America reflects its status as a hyperpower. It demands resorting to even pre-emptive strikes in case its security is jeopardized. Hence, to avoid any impediment coming from conselling to its national objectives, America does not provide space to conselling. It deems this crucial for its national interests.
- b) The essence of "moral equivalence" remains questionable in the face of war. Since the bottomline for states remains security, they don't take into account the moral factor while pursuing their objectives. As war has no moral justification, moral equivalence doesn't hold any ground.
- c) The countries occupied by hyperpower are subjected to the dissent from people who deem it threat to their identities. Consequently, the country descent into chaos and feuds. This provides an opportunity to warlords to establish their authority at the expense of local people. Hence, peace cannot prevail in such societies.
- d) Yes, Europe and the US are at cross purposes over the concept of war. The European countries faithfully represent their electorates who don't want wars owing to the foreseen consequences. America, on the other hand, portrays war as a crucial factor for maintaining its status as a hyperpower, which requires to resort to the use of force for the sake of security. Hence, war is a different concept for both.

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The "wise counsel" involves negotiations and discussions rather than resorting to punitive measures. However, it couldn't prevail for two reasons. Firstly, people and governments all over the world refused. Secondly, America was not ready to compromise on threats to its security. Hence, "wise counsel" remained a pipedream.