

Q.101 Analyze hegemonic stability theory its application to the post-1945 liberal international order. Discuss essential prerequisites for this and evaluative systemic implication of potential decline American unipolarity for governance and order.

INTRODUCTION

After the WWII — the era of colonialism and start of cold war, multipolarity exist. Capitalism and communism were the prevailing ideology — Both the countries were ensuring the hegemonic roles in order to rule the world — But, later USA emerges as a world power after fall of USSR into 15 states. Currently china is dangling to replace USA as a world power in the globe.

Hegemonic Stability Theory

Applications

- Arms Race
- Korean War
- Chinese War
- Afghan War
- NATO
- Doctrine of Containment
- Fall of Berlin Wall

Prerequisite of HST

- Military Power
- Economic Power
- Hegemonic Behaviour
- Control Sea Routes
- Center of Center
- Currency Diplomacy
- World Institutions Influence

Explaining hegemonic stability theory:

Below mentioned is the hegemonic stability theory.

(1)

Military and Economic Power of USA ~ Realism Doctrine.

Military and Economy both plays pivotal role to ensure the hegemony of world. USA is excelling in both elemental powers. However, Realism doctrine is being followed by USA to ensure their strong hands in the world economy and sea routes by maintaining military power.

(2)

Spreading Communism: Ideological Expansionist Nationalism.

USSR was acting upon the ideological expansionist nationalism, where they were continuously increasing their influence in the world by promoting proxy wars. Later in 1991: collapse of USSR ultimately ends the expansionist policy and capitalism was only prevailing concept.

Application of hegemonic stability theory to the post-1945 liberal international order.

Below mentioned are application of hegemonic stability theory -

(1)

Arms Race post 1945 : ideology of neo-Realism.

Arms Race was vicious concept of 1945s era. where USA and USSR were not only spreading ideological concept but they were spreading the destructive weapons. which results in the end of cold war era.

(2)

Korean, Chinese, Afghan war : Doctrine of Expansionism.

Several war occurs to spread the ideology. Korean, Chinese and Afghan war are one of their significant event. USA followed the ideology of containment to restrict communism by implementing the routes of realism in their ideology.

Prerequisites of hegemon to sustain stability.

Following are the pre-requisite of hegemon to sustainability-

(1)

Military Muscle : Key factor to be Hegemon in globe.

Realist argues that military muscles are the backbone of hegemony. In order to ensure the long term hegemon individual state needs to follow the realistic perspective in anarchic environment to contain the spread of communism.

(2)

Economic sustainability : A tragedy of USSR collapse.

Economic sustainability stood second in how to ensure hegemonic state. Economies are the core value gauge of country which reflect the upcoming decision of country. Economic collapse of USSR is an example for the rest of world to protect their economies in 21st century.

(3)

Control on sea routes: Doctrine of containment.

It is stated as: control on sea, control the world. This ensure the realist perspective: state bent to took decision of economic stability by controlling the waters of world. Either be hegemon or altruistic for this cause.

(4)

Currency diplomacy - Dollar as a weapon used by USA.

USA is using dollar as a weapon and SWIFT as a missile to counter the emerging power. Liberals criticise ide of dollar diplomacy. They promote free market.

(5)

Establishment of IMF and WB: world dependency theory.

Establishment of several institution in the world, which ensures your control over their decision and lead you to dependency theory. which results in vicious cycle.

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Systematic Implications for American decline.

→ Rise of China

→ Revival of Russian

→ Japan: Technological Player

→ Rise of Multipolarity

→ Use of Smart Power

→ CPEC

→ BRICS+

→ SCO

"No friend is permanent, no enemy is permanent, only national interest is permanent." — Lord Palmerston

Systemic Implications for American Decline.

Mentioned are systemic implications for American Decline.

(1)

Rise of China and Russia.

Rise of Russia and China is a threat to US-led world order. Common enemy of China and Russia results in their friendship.

(2)

China, Japan, EU and Germany: Surge in Elemental Power.

World is moving toward rise in global world elemental multipolar world. where China leads in chip, Japan in technology and EU in trade.

(3)

CPEC, BRICS+ and SCO: Promoting Liberalism.

CPEC and world order changing projects bent to decline in the influence of USA. BRICS+ and SCO both are in parallel competition with the US-led world order.

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As is - To be Analysis

As-is

Sea Routes →

To be

CPEC

WB, IMF →

NDB

Dollar Diplomacy → Yuan Cooperation

Military Hegemony → Economic Handshake.

Global North ↑ →

Global South ↑

Conflicts →

Treaty, Trade

Hegemonic
Realism →Liberal
DecisionEgoistic
Decision →Table
TalksTangible
Power →Intangible
Power.

Conclusion

Hence, theory of hegemonic stability not only ensure the unipolar world order but also reflects the decision of USA in contemporary world. However, institution play significant part in promoting peace and change in world order.

"Institutions can help to foster cooperation among states by preventing war through establishing rules which increase predictability and reduce likelihood of conflict."

— Robert Keohane
