

Essay:-

Topic:-

⁶ True Peace is Not Merely the Absence of Tension; It is the Presence of Justice'

Essay Outline:-

1- Introduction:-

1- Background of topic statement

2- Thesis statement:

⁶ True peace extends beyond the mere absence of tension and is deeply rooted in justice, ensuring social, political and economic stability.

3- Outline statement

2- Body:-

i- Arguments in Favor of the Topic:-

Justice as the Foundation of True Peace:-

a) Historical perspective: Societies that prioritized justice achieved lasting

peace :-

- Case Study of Post-Apartheid South Africa where Truth and Reconciliation Commission fostered peace by addressing past injustices.

b) Social justice ensures long-term stability :-

- Nations with high justice indices experience lower crime rates and greater societal cohesion.

(UNDP Report , 2024)

c) Economic justice reduces inequality and prevents social unrest

(World Bank report, 2024)

d) Political justice fosters trust in Governance

- Case Study of Tunisia's democratic transition (2024).

e) Global peace depends on fair international relations

E.g. Russia-Ukraine Conflict

f) Legal justice protects human rights and prevents conflict

- Countries with strong human rights frameworks report lower incidents of violent conflict.

ii- Arguments Against the topic: Stability as Sufficient for Peace:-

a) Absence of conflict is a pragmatic approach to peace

- Case Study of China's governance model

b) Economic prosperity can ensure peace without full justice

- Countries with economic growth but limited social justice

maintain stability.

(IMF Report, 2024)

c) Justice can be subjective and disruptive

- Example: Post-revolution instability in Libya

d) Authoritarian stability can prevent war and disorder

- Case Study of Singapore's strict laws.

e) Negotiated settlements prioritize stability over justice

- Example: Afghanistan's peace talks (2024)

f) Prioritizing justice can deepen societal divisions

- Example: Israel-Palestine conflict

iii- Rebuttal:

Justice is Indispensable for Sustainable Peace:

a) Stability without justice is temporary and fragile

- Example:

Sri Lanka's economic collapse of 2024

b) Justice leads to reconciliation, preventing future conflicts

- Nations focusing on justice show a 70% higher peace sustainability rate (UN Report, 2024)

c) True peace is holistic that encompasses fairness, equality and security

- "No peace without truth, no truth without justice"

— Maria Ressa, Nobel Laureate of 2024

3- Conclusion:

- Appropriate end
- restatement of thesis
- Summary of discussion
- Final quote

Essay:-

Introduction Paragraph:-

Throughout history, peace has often been misinterpreted as merely the absence of conflict, a fragile calm maintained through force or suppression. However, such a superficial definition ignores the important forces that maintain lasting harmony within societies. Nations that have relied on authoritarian control (or economic prosperity) alone have found their stability short-lived as unresolved injustices eventually resurface in the form of protests, revolutions or civil unrest. The post-World War II global order, for instance, initially prioritized stability over justice yet unresolved grievances in regions such as Palestine, Kashmir and Sudan continue to fuel tensions today. True peace, therefore, is not simply the ~~conceal~~ cessation of hostilities but the presence of justice—where social, political and economic fairness ensure a secure and equitable society. This essay explores how justice fosters sustainable peace, address counterarguments that

suggest stability alone is sufficient and rebut these claims by demonstrating that without justice, peace remains an illusion. In short, true peace is inseparable from justice, as only a fair and just society can achieve enduring harmony.

Conclusion Paragraph:-

Throughout history, societies that prioritized justice over mere stability have achieved lasting peace. True peace is not just the absence of conflict but the presence of justice as it fosters long-term security, prosperity and social harmony. While some argue that stability is sufficient, evidence from global scenarios and economic reports prove that justice is the key to sustainable peace.

“Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the result of violent repression. True peace is the generous,

tranquil contribution of all to the
good of all⁹⁹ (Oscar Romero)

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