

## Essay Mock

Q9 Nuclear risk anywhere is a challenge to peace everywhere  
Outline:

## 1) Introduction

Thesis statement: With many countries around the globe boasting nuclear weapons, the threat of using them looms at large. While the global populace remain oblivious to the dire repercussions of such a threat, the fact is that <sup>this</sup> menace can upend peace anywhere in the world.

- 2) How nuclear risk poses a threat to peace in the world.
- 3) Problem of Nuclear risk and its challenge to Peace.
  - a) can cause widescale damage that extends the desired radius
  - b) Countries can be inadvertently exposed to damage
  - c) Radiations can cause long-term effects
  - d) Any misadventure can claim millions of lives.
  - e) No country is out of harm's way.



#### 4) Impact of Nuclear Risk

- a) Countries that have nuclear weapons can leverage this threat over non-nuclear states
- b) Countries around the globe are alerted if a nuclear state is involved in conflict.
- c) Can disrupt supply chains causing global inflation
- d) Countries actively in pursuit to acquire these
- e) Less finances invested in human development.

#### 5) Way Forward

- a) Non-proliferation treaties
- b) Disarmament of existing nuclear weapons
- c) Disputes resolve through diplomacy
- d) Any nuclear enrichment processes should result in global sanctions
- e) Foster nuclear energy for renewable energy production

#### 6) Conclusion

"The mere existence of Nuclear Weapons presents a clear and present danger to humanity; their use in a conflict would be catastrophic"  
— [Ban Ki-moon]. The dictum asserted by the erstwhile Secretary-General of United Nations appositely elucidates the grave threat of nuclear weapons to humanity. Amongst

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the myriad methods through which it can endanger peace, some are, the wide scale damage it does, the long-term effects of nuclear radiations, global supply chain disruptions and that no country is out of harm's way. With many countries around the globe boasting nuclear weapons, the threat of using them looms at large. While the global populace remain oblivious to the dire repercussions of such a threat, the fact is that this menace can up end peace anywhere in the world.

There remains no ambivalence that a world replete with weapons of mass destruction can only have little peace. To ascertain the devastating ramifications it begets, one does not have to delve so far back in history as a quintessential example exists of the terrible events that surfaced in Japan during the second world war. Not only the two notable cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, were subjected to the use of nuclear weapons, first of its kind, that wrecked havoc in the cities, but the radiation induced abnormalities for many decades. The nuclear weapons today have the capability to inflict heavier damage compared to its predecessors, and hence

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can disrupt peace any where.

One of the major threat of nuclear weapons to global peace is the widescale destruction it can engender. The targetted area or location can be accurately struck but the damage and the radiations emitted can engulf a much wider radius than expected. This will not only inflict damage to the aimed area but will yeild dire consequence for surrounding areas affecting families and disrupting daily lives, and hence destroying peace.

As aforementioned the use of nuclear weapons can engulf wider area that anticipated. The problem gets exacerbated if the enveloped area reaches the peripheries of another, neutral, state that has nothing to do with ~~the~~ the conflict. This will not only violate international law of respecting a state's sovereignty but would also compell the affected country to join the strife and unleash a barrage of retribution. In such a scenario the matter can only transition from bad to worse. as it can lead to major conflicts between nations

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which can only distort peace.

Another significant risk that nuclear weapons pose is the long-term adverse effects of the radiations emitted. It is an established axiom that nuclear radiations leave their dire impacts for several decades. Such impacts include birth defects, increase in cancer, mental illnesses and much more. The radiations emitted, in the wake of nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, induced various long-term effects on the people hailing from these cities such as cancer, genetic mutations, Leukemia, (Radiation Effects Research Foundation). This reinforces the notion that use of nuclear weapons can disturb peace for many decades.

Another reason to be perturbed over the existing nuclear risks is the intricate process of safely storing such weapons. Storing a weapon that can prompt extensive damage covering contours of many regions, entails exercising utmost caution in handling and storing such a menace, and this can be ignored only at great peril to the country. A quintessential, and a relatively recent, example of such a misadventure ~~is~~ exists, where in the

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Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, in Ukraine, during a safety test exploded leaving catastrophic damage in its path. This elucidates that the damage caused by such weapons is not only limited to its use as any botched storage process can also result in a misadventure.

One of the significant, if not the paramount, risk is associated with the range of these weapons. Through persistent and diligent endeavours, many, technological advance, states have amplified the range of nuclear weaponry, rendering no country out of harm's way. The Center For Arms Control And Non-Proliferation indicates that China has developed nuclear missiles that can reach all the way to USA. Such weapons with long range only reinforces the belief that peace nowhere in this world is permanent.

The impact of nuclear weapons are worrisome. Using them is one way of achieving desired objectives, however, some countries also leverage their nuclear capability to wield influence over other, non-nuclear, states. This nuclear threat is employed



to seek and shape a country's foreign policy. The former president of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf, asserted a claim wherein he observed that the, then, President of USA threatened to bomb Pakistan back to stone age if the country did not comply in the war against terror. Such statement manifest the gross tactics to blackmail a country and hence compelling it to pursue a policy irrespective of the ramifications it would have to endure.

Since a nuclear-driven attack can have, not only dire repercussions for the intended target but can also cause, serious damage to surrounding states, countries world wide, especially located in turbulent regions, are on alert for any nuclear activity in the region. This is a squander of resources and attention, which could be otherwise employed to ameliorate the severe living conditions or human development/ growth that many countries are suffering from. In this the threat of nuclear activity can also indirectly plague the living quality and peace of humanity.



In the cotemporary world, different regions and countries have integrated economies and supply chains. The world is undergoing ~~and~~ globalisation and hence reaping the fruit of such advancements. Albeit the world enjoys this integration, for it begets economic prosperity and elevates life style, such incorporations can also yeild dreadful ramifications if the supply chain is disrupted, indusing severe inflation. In 2019, the Saudi major oil production facility was subjected to drone attack, (Al-Jazeera). While the attack was purely confined to within the peripheries of the country, it yielded awful consequence to its major oil export markets and hence disrupting the peace.

Since many, nuclear, states around the globe leverage such threats to wield influence over their non-nuclear counterparts, countries actively in pursuit of such technology should come as no surprise. There is no ambivalence the human nature seek independence and follows the path that could bring lucrative



encounters. However, with countries employing nuclear threat to shape their contemporary's foreign policy, little choice is given to weaker states, and they deem it indispensable to acquire such weapons to redeem themselves.

With a world imbued with security threats that, predominantly, emanate from nuclear weapons, countries, whether nuclear or non-nuclear, have no alternative but to invest heavily in defense technology in a bid to ~~mitigate~~ bolster their defense and attenuate external threats. Consolidating defense, however, comes at a high expense in the shape of amplified inflation and poor living conditions that plague humanity's peace.

The contemporary world is, albeit, in a predicament due to a serious existential threat of ~~the~~ nuclear weapons, it can be navigated through this obstacle through robust measures. Undertaking and fostering non-proliferation treaties can go a long way in ridding the world of this menace and thereby securing peace.



Another way to mitigate the nuclear risk is to disarm the existing nuclear weapons. While this is a slow process with many countries impugning the intentions of the other, through meticulous planning and concurrent disarmament of such technology, the prospects to achieve a world bereft of such peril are adequate.

Rather than countries pursuing the path of violence to resolve their strifes, diplomacy should be exercised. The major global powers should also take on the responsibility to solve conflicts between countries, even if they come at the cost of their interests.

A quintessential, and a relatively recent, example of this is the reconciliation between Iran and Saudi Arabia, who remained hostile towards each other but through arbitration of China, were able to thaw their ~~ret~~ ties. Such diplomacy should be exercised by the rest of the world in order to secure peace and shun violence.