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Question number 2

How do different international relations theories explain the peaceful.....

"It always seems impossible until it is done"

(Nelson Mandela)

INTRODUCTION:

The cold war era remained intact for almost five decades. Two different ideologies - Capitalism and Communism - fought cold war to dominate political and economic spheres. It was not until 1990, that the fall of Soviet Union ended the long cold war. US rose as the sole superpower. Various theories define and calculate different causes that led to unexpected end. Contribution of these theories are of paramount importance.

BACKGROUND OF COLD WAR:

With end of world war II, two super powers held

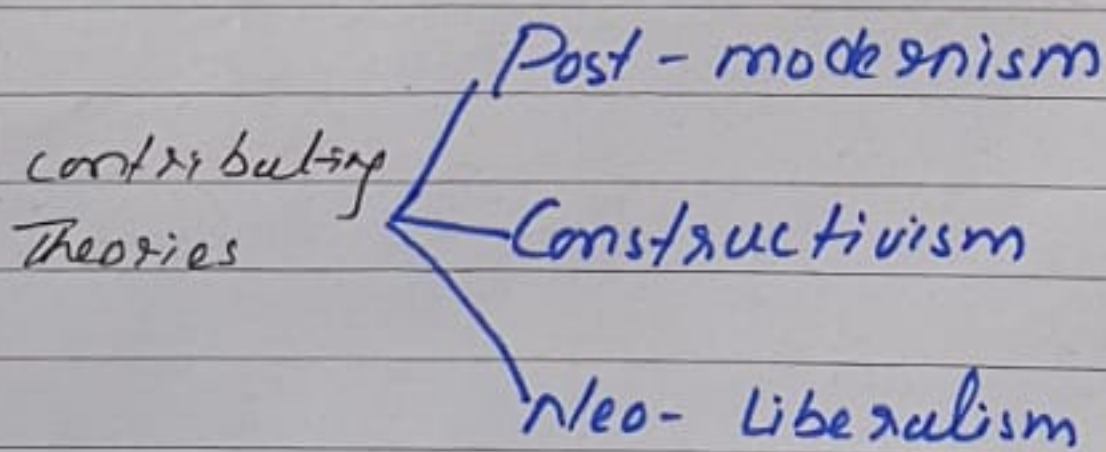
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dominance over globe - Soviet Union and the USA. Both the powers had different ideologies and different economic structures in mind. This war is called cold because the two parties never came into direct conflict but fought proxy wars. Vietnam war, Korean war and Afghanistan war are few examples.

It was Nikita Khrushchev that realized the deteriorating internal matters and decided to end the war.

THEORETICAL EXPLANATION

Surprisingly, traditional theorists failed to explain the end of cold war and new theories had to emerge on the horizon. Such are the contributing theories



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1: Neo-Liberalism: Liberalism has always account for peaceful co-existence in international arena primarily following principle of neo-liberalism explain peaceful end of cold war:

a/ The reciprocity principle: Liberal theories are strong advocates of reciprocity where one positive gesture can lead to simultaneous gestures.

The Cuban missile crisis is an example where the two powers were on the brink of war when USSR pulled the naval ships filled with missiles and US reciprocated by excluding missiles from Turkey.

b/ Collective security: Both powers prioritized global security fearing that global arms race could prove to be devastating for humanity.

The agreement of SALT is an example of arms reduction globally. Until February 2023, START which is successor of SALT remained intact.

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2: Post modernism: The theory emerged as a consequence of failure of traditional theories to explain the peaceful ending of cold war. It is a literary theory and based on critics. It explained through following discourse

a) Belief and facts: The theory argues that belief and facts are objective inculcated through dominant discourse. It was argued that USSR and US were rivals yet it was recently that both countries fought against Germany together

b) The power of language: It was the people that forced the end of cold war on both sides. Public opinion have great impact. The opinions were against the war thus both initiated the end.

c) Dominant discourse: The idea is spread through elites. It was deemed that Russian satellites were part of Russia which cannot be separated. However, this discourse proved to be ineffective as all the satellites secured independence as soon as USSR fell.

d/ Elite create valid knowledge:
[Post modernist argument] that the knowledge is construct. For instance, it was argued that nuclear war was inevitable. However, through mutual cooperation, the world was secured from the emergence of nuclear war.

3/ Constructivist approach:

Constructivism accounts that the nation-state and international system is constructed. There persists no reality. The world is shaped according to the interest. In case of cold war, constructivist argues in following manner.

a/ The world is socially construct: The polarity of world and structure are socially constructed. It is usually argued that the type created by the US was impracticable as there was no actual comparison. The fall of USSR and the end of cold war is the proof of this construction.

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b/ Agency and structure:

There is no unitary actor in the world, each actor - individuals, institution, state and culture, plays dominant world. It was the agency of people that raised anti-war sentiments and the war had to end.

c/ Identity constitute interest:

USSR was portrayed as an economic giant. The internal happenings was not known due to authoritarian regime. This identity compelled USSR to secure global influence as being super power. However, as soon as this identity vanished, the expansionist sentiments also fell leading to peaceful end of cold war.

CONCLUSION:

The end of cold war was a reality check about the unpredictability of state behaviour. Theories of constructivism and postmodernism denied any objective reality which paved the way for possibilities in dynamic manner.

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Question number 6

Assess the normalization of Chinese mediation

INTRODUCTION:

The growing Chinese influence in Persian Gulf is the indication of revival of multipolar international system. Until recent past, Iran and KSA were hostile states that have fought several proxy wars. There was no mediating effort from the part of USA to reduce the hostility. With the Chinese leader taking the measure it has reflected on the fading influence of America and rise of multi-polar world.

BACKGROUND: Relation between Iran and KSA deteriorated following Iranian revolution. The monarchic system was brought down in Iran and theocratic system introduced. The threat of the spread of revolution and toppling off of monarchy in KSA became stumbling block in their relations.

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CHINESE MEDIATION:

The mediation between two hostile countries was an indicator of peaceful and successful Chinese diplomacy. It displays following sentiments

1: Historical achievement:

Non expected this historical achievement. This mediation was cardinal in bringing peace to war torn ME countries.

2: US role as global

power: US was seen as champion of conflict resolution. However failure to resolve Russian-Ukraine war, Palestinian and Kashmir's cause have clouded the title. In fact more hopes have developed on China

3: Growing Chinese influence in ME:

Middle East has remained most important element in foreign policy of US. Due to abundance of resources and strategic location, fading influence in this region means fading dominance globally.

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4: Palestinian cause:

Palestine is a recognized dispute internationally by UN. The atrocities of Israel, Al-Naqba campaign and killing of innocent people are turned blind eyes. However, China has recently been engaging with Palestine to look for possible solution.

5: Inclusion of Iran and KSA in BRICS:

Iran and KSA have become full members of the leading economic platform. Being oil rich giants, these countries can change the dynamics of influence. America and western powers are dependant on oil, this tilt can prove to be a serious blow.

6: Diversifying economy:

In order to ensure self sufficiency and independence, KSA has taken measures to diversify its economy. For this it is looking towards Chinese government. Hence, reduced reliance on US which manipulates it for its self interest.

CHINESE DIPLOMATIC POLICY

The growing popularity and influence of China can be analyzed by its principles of foreign policy while dealing with other countries. which is called Panchsheel. It follows strictly five principles to deal with countries

1: Non intervention: China do not interfere or intervene in internal matters of states as was in case of America.

2: Respect to sovereignty: China respects sovereignty of each state and expects the same gesture from other countries.

3: Mutual co-existence: Chinese government strives to establish a conducive milieu where states live peacefully without any threat

4: Non aggression: China do not prefer using force and avoid

mallo, which could lead to was.

So mutual cooperation: Under the BRI project, China is seeking for economic development of backward countries by connecting Asian, African and European market.

Under these policies China is an advocate of welfare, cooperation and development. While on the other hand America followed carrot and stick policy which was not encouraged by most of countries.

CONCLUSION:

For decades, the status quo of unipolar world was unkindness under coercion policies of America in economic, political and social spheres. However, the mediation of Iran-Iraq at the hands of China is a proof that China has dominance influence over global politics and has become a power. Thus, the table is turned towards multipolarity.

Question number 3:

Analyze the growth of Indian
fascism

INTRODUCTION:

Fascism is said to be extremism form of nationalism. It is the rule of one man. Surprisingly, there is much similarity between European fascists - Benito Mussolini and Hitler - and Narendra Modi. The growing fascist ideology of Indian suppression is missing similar sentiments of historical fascists. Suppression of innocent, expansionist ideology and one man authority, all are elements of fascist regimes.

BACKGROUND:

There is an argument stating fascism is capitalism in decay. The great depression of 1929-39 had spread recession around the globe. Economic failure gave rise to fascist leaders as the people were frustrated and wanted positive way out. Such

Circumstances gave rise to Italian
Faust and German Faust.

ELEMENTS OF FAUTISM:

- ① Common community instead of individual nation
- ② Extreme nationalism
- ③ Strong leader
- ④ Anti-democracy
- ⑤ Anti-socialism
- ⑥ One-man authority
- ⑦ No regard for human rights
- ⑧ Controlled resources - media

GROWING INDIAN FAUTISM IN KASHMIR:

The faust elements of India was present since inception, However, since 2019, the elements have become severe. Revocation of article 370 and 35(A) inculcates the faust ideology of India. There is no regard for human rights, media is controlled, and it is aimed to amalgamate Kashmir into Indian territory. On the other hand, extreme form of nationalism has led to threat to muslims in Kashmir. As happened

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in past, global community
heeding no attention toward,
atrocities at the hands of India

COMPARING INDIAN FAUJISM WITH EUROPEAN FAUJISM

1: Expansionist ideology:

Both Mussolini and Hitler had
expansionist ideology. They were
determined to establish a place
where only pure race could
live. Hitler even strived for
racial purity.

In contrast, India has
expansionist ideology and wants to
coercely amalgamate illogically occupied
Kashmir in its territory.

2: Extreme form of

nationalism: European fascist
movement was the result of extreme
form of nationalism. The defeat in
WWI and humiliating treaty of
Versailles was a scare for Germans. They
wanted to reduce this humiliation.
This sentiment was filled within
each German.

Similarly, Under BJP government, India has fanned the wave of extreme form of nationalism which is threatening for minorities.

The recent atrocities on Kashmir is an example of racist sentiments.

3: One man authority:

All the decisions were made at the hands of one single leader in fascist regimes without any accountability.

In Indian case, it secures a BJP dominated government where he is the decision maker.

4: International reaction:

Both Mussolini and Hitler violated international law and seized various areas. Millions of people were massacred. There was no distinction between combatants and non combatants and the international community was silent. Global community is silent even today. People of Kashmir are killed, tortured and disappeared and there seems no accountability.

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§: Historical context of fascism:

Hitler and Mussolini first rose to power through long years of parliaments. They were to follow rules and be held accountable.

After holding power, both fascists removed all in the way of power.

Modi rose to power in 2014 by popular vote. All now many things have changed under his regime. The most prominent and recent example is changing the name of India to Bharat in G20 Summit.

CONCLUSION: The world observes yet another case of fascist leaders and global community is again on lookers to the matter. They say that history repeats itself. But each time, the price is heavier than before. Kashmir is a flashpoint between India and Pakistan, if global community kept quite on this sensitive matter, the world might articulate another historical chapter in terms of third world war or nuclear war between India and Pakistan.

Question number 2.

Assess the impacts of Russian-Ukraine war.....

"The real victory is when an enemy is defeated without even fighting."
(Sun Tzu)

INTRODUCTION:

Despite completing one year, no possible solution has been offered to growing Russian-Ukraine war. Even the global super power is incapable of influencing global community to bring about possible solution. This is an indication of fading influence of America in face of uni polarity. The conflict has paved the way for series of measures taken by countries to reduce western dominance in global sphere. In fact, multi polarity is not a buzz word, it has become an existing reality.

IMPACT ON FUTURE OF UNIPOLARITY:

1: Declining dollar diplomacy:

Under growing sanctions of western powers, many countries have decided to pursue trade in their local currencies instead of dollar.

Dominance of US on economic sphere is due to dollar diplomacy and currency used as foreign reserves. Ultimately dollar would be replaced from economic market threatening unipolarity.

2: Growing Regionalism:

States have realized that capitalism is new sort of merchantilism where US and west exploit developing countries in exchange with finished goods. For the purpose, states have adapted to trade regionally more cheaply. The impact of war on global supply chain was an eye opener.

Merchantilism was securing mother land's interest in global sphere. Capitalism has the similar aim.

3: Block politics: In order to secure their economic and political interests, countries have started to come together in groups. Recent expansion of BRICS was the result of Russian-Ukraine war when Russia was sanctioned under western powers.

Realist perspective: The balance of power phenomenon has brought the converging interests together threatening unipolarity of America

4: Fading influence: Failure to bring about possible solution to Russian-Ukraine war has impacted the credibility of US as global power. In fact, it is engaged in indirect support through supplying arms and ammunition. Resultantly, war has escalated to a longer term.

Realist perspective, state as rational actor: US is well aware of the fact that direct engagement in war could lead to nuclear war. Therefore it is acting indirectly. This measure is impacting the unipolar HHe of US.

5: Geopolitical Impacts:

Inability of US to mediate between Russia and Ukraine has paved the way for Chinese diplomacy. Recently China achieved remarkable victory by mediating between Iran and USA.

The reciprocity principle:

Realist argues that state reacts as a cent acts. China is engaged in diplomatic efforts to bring Russia to possible agreement. If it secures this mediation, it would be a serious blow to unipolarity.

6: Power politics: Under

the threat of expansionist Russia, many eastern European countries have become a nato member. Adding members from neighbours of Russia in nato could only make the matter worst. Russian threshold is membership of Ukraine in nato.

This would be the last nail in the coffin leading towards catastrophic war. For sure, the unipolar status would be vanished.

CONCLUSION:

Russian-Ukraine war could change the fate of unipolar world. For decades, it has maintained the status quo. Dominance in economic and political spheres are what made it a global power. However, this was hampered lack of influence as a global power. With the rise of China as a mediator in coming future. Unipolarity would be replaced with multipolarity in 21st century.