

International Relations

Paper - II

Q4

Introduction:

- The world has seen uni, bi and multipolar order. Before cold war, world was bipolar with US and USSR being the major power. Post cold war, order became unipolar as US emerged the global hegemon. The 21st century uni-multipolar world order where US is on top while other great powers are emerging, threatening the US hegemony.

US: A major world power.

- USA is the top most influential power in the world. The Economic system of US still dominates the world and Economically and financially US is still on top.
- USA consists of some great influential institutions that are of great importance:

IMF, WB

GATT

Bretton Woods System

NATO

- US still remains the global power in defense, industrial, agricultural, and economic sector.
- However, China being the 2nd most important figure gives a threatening narrative to US in form of its 'Strategy of De-dollarization' where China intends to do trade with other countries in currency swap agreements.
- Also, US is facing some other dents like is being in financial and debt crisis which sounds awkward because she's the one giving loans but it is how it is. US most spending is in its defense which puts her under fiscal shortage crisis.
- Also, the emergency of Russia, as a revisionist power threatens the existence of US.

China : A major world power
 China position itself as the
 2nd most significant actor
 in international world. China's
 Foreign policy focuses on "peaceful
 co-existence of states" and intends
 to globalize and integrate the world.

China is an important economic
 power which threatens US hegemony
 and is investing in some major
 areas of world.

OBOR (CPEC)

South-China sea

BRICS

China is pursuing its strategy of
 De-Dollarization and is putting
 dents to the US hegemony. China
 also has an important impact
 over the Indian ocean and
 South-China sea

and is in continuous engagement over
 such regions to become the
 hegemon with south and west
 Asian countries.

Russia: A revisionist power
The status quo had been maintained by US for a long time which is now challenged with emergence of China as a global power and Russia as a revisionist power.

putin in this regard is making such policies to bring its older legacy back which can be reflected from:

Control of Georgia.

Annexation of Crimea

Attack on Ukraine

saved the govt of Bashar-al-Assad

Emergence of other powers:

Along with China and Russia, there are also some other emerging powers creating the world as multipolar. These include:

Japan

India

Brazil

South-East-Asian states

All such states are now emerging powers in global politics and their significance in important regions cannot be denied.

Conclusion

The world order today is Uni-multipolar with US being the sole power despite being such dents and challenges.

China and Russia being important part of global power politics in 21st century. Japan, India as emerging powers. However despite all factors US and China remain the top hegemon where US enjoys the status-quo power and China being the revisionist and 2nd most crucial figure in global politics.

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Introduction :

- The Israel-Palestine is one of the most intractable and long standing conflicts in the world. The conflict has converted into the most destructive war crimes of 21st century. It has resulted in massive human right violations.

The Dynamics of Israel-Palestine Conflict :

- The conflict is between two main parties, Israel and Palestine (PIA, Hamas).
- The conflict is divided into different dynamics

(i) Territorial dynamics

- In this case Israel wants to expand its territory and conflict has territorial dynamics.

- Israel here is moving towards 'Idea of Greater Israel'

(As per Noam Chomsky)

As human body finds nourishment in form of food, States find nourishment in form of gaining/ expanding their territories.
(Organic State Theory)

(ii) Religious dynamism
The conflict also has religious dynamism, as both have their religious concerns over the land.

• Masjid-al-Aqsa is of great importance for Muslims whereas Temple of Solomon is of great significance according to Jews, which in their opinion is built under Al-Aqsa mosque and that's why they intend to destroy it.

• So, historically and religiously both have their own religious concerns over the land.

Future Effects of Conflict

- The conflict has far reaching and long lasting impacts, not just over the region but at international level, too.

⇒ Regionally, the conflict has impacted in the various ways:

1. Mass number of Human right violations
2. Killings of pregnant women and babies
3. Displacements and refugees.
4. Completely destroyed 80% infrastructure.
5. Lack of resources (Water, food, electricity, clothes etc).
6. Blockage of aid (Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Iran, etc)

⇒ The conflict has also effects on the outside region as well as internationally

1. Resulted in killing of Hamas leader, Ismail Haniya.
2. Growing tension b/w Israel and Lebanon, Iran, Yemen etc.
3. Escalation in Islamophobia (France)
4. Lack of Muslim world to act responsibly.

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Conclusion

The Israel-Palestine conflict has long-lasting impacts over the region and towards muslim countries. Strong unity from muslim countries is needed and a strong support from institutions like UN etc. However the conflict has turned into the continuous cycle of destruction and needs immediate positive response.

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c- Current dynamics of Pak-Afghan relations

Introduction :

The Pak-Afghan relations have been crucial for the region with Pakistan's role during Soviet invasion to US and NATO's invasion.

Afghanistan have always remained an important actor in Pakistan's foreign policy. However, currently, with the removal of Taliban govt in Afghanistan, in Aug 2021, Pakistan's relations with the country have experienced a new form of dynamics.

Current dynamics of Pak-Afg relations :
Pakistan played an important role into the peace deal between US and Afghanistan/Taliban and was a major part of it.

Taliban govt started again, from 15 Aug, 2021. with their arrival Pak dynamics changed with the country.

Revival of terrorism in Pakistan
 With the revival of Taliban's govt' Pakistan witnessed rise in terrorism and extremism in both states

Pakistan saw the use of such groups like BLA, BLF, BRA, ISKP, Majeed Brigade, TTP etc in different areas conducting terrorist activities and doing violatory practices against security, investors (chinese), project developers, Shia community, punjabi's etc

in different parts of the country.

However, such groups existed before but got momentum after Taliban's revival, getting motivation from "Taliban success in WOT"

Revival of terrorism in Afghanistan:

The role of Taliban now they have changed from causing destruction to bring peace and stability in region.

Now, Taliban govt' have to fight against the Non-state actors and their role now is to implement peace, which unfortunately, seems difficult in current times.

- Also, Taliban govt' conduct violatory practices against the Hazara community which consists of 21% of the Afghan population other than that JSKP uses Afghanistan as a launching pad of attacks towards Pakistan.

Recommendations:

1. The first solution here is to go towards political solution and conduct table talk and negotiations with the country and different insurgent groups.
2. If the political solution goes unworkable then state should go for Military solution aimed at strategy of De-weaponization of the region with effects.
3. Third most important aspect to close the borders as porous borders are main reason behind terrorist infiltration.
4. Then, giving Socio-political, economic needs and taking governance in concern of Backward areas and community
 - Baluchistan
 - KP
 - Peshawar.

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Conclusion :

Full Afghan relation normalization is crucial for the region's stability. Both the countries are trying to resolve their matters peacefully. The main concern for both is to eliminate the terrorist and extremist activities in both countries without damaging each other's interests and integrity.

Q3

Introduction

The Holocaust by German towards Jews was a debate of before and during WWII. On the other hand, Israeli genocide in Gaza is a current debate. However both are inter-linked because of the inter-changeable and similar dimensions.

Point of Comparison through lens of Neo-Realism	Israeli genocide through lens of Neo-Realism	Holocaust by Germans through lens of Neo-Realism.
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Main point behind conflict	Jews came to Palestine after being thrown from Germany, Palestinians gave them an area to live, soon they started capturing more and more land and because the above authority did the same with Palestinians, what was happened to them by Germans.	During the Holocaust towards Jews by Germans, Jews were treated as 2nd class citizens & treated harshly in various ways and were eventually thrown out where Jews had no place to live.
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2.	Reason behind conducting such practices	As per offensive realism states need to enhance their power to become the hegemon and dominate other. This very thought gave rise to genocide after against palestinians by Jews.	States consider others as enemy according to "statism". Survival and self help. This very notion gave rise to the aggression towards Jews by Germans.
3.	Foreign policy tool	FP tool of Israel is Egoistic maximizer and dominating power structure with aggression and force, as somewhat happened to them.	FP tool of Germans was Egoistic maximizer and aggressive nature of state, which intended at eliminating the race of Jews.
4.	Focus of study	Focus of study here is High politics [Military, Security, State] aimed at destroying the other race.	Focus of study here was High politics. [Security, Aggressive nature of state] aimed at eliminating the other race.
5.	Gains	look for Zero-sum game as if other will get power, they'll destroy them.	looked towards Zero-sum game, as if Jews have got the power, destroyed the Germans.

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Conclusion

Both the concepts of Holocaust by Germans and today's Israeli genocide towards Palestinian is interlinked w. each other. Israel is in a state of "outburst of emotions by facing suppression by Germans" which reflects to the theoretical perspective of IR. States are enemy to each other and pursue power for their security according to the Kenneth Waltz and John Mearschamer concepts of defensive and offensive realism. This very concept of "statism, survival and self-help" is very much evident in the both perspectives.