

General Instructions for attaining good marks in International Relations

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Add IR theories and approaches as much as you can **SUBJECTIVE.**

use IR jargons to differentiate it from Current affairs paper

try reflecting IR concepts or words in your heading

no need to apply all theories in one question but one or two that may justify your arguments

Justify your arguments with at least 8-9 headings

Add current developments as an examples to support arguments

add IR philosophers e.g. Morgenthau, Mearcheimer etc and their philosophies

add graphs charts and critical analysis for bonus marks

each question has 2 or 3 parts, give equal weightage to all parts

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Reasurgence of
Russia.

China being the
economical hegemon.

De-dollarisa
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Multipolarity.

America in terms
of defense.

Increasing power
of regional insti-
tutions (BRICS, SCO
etc).

MAIN TRIGGERS OF MULTIPOLARITY:

There are many factors contributing towards the shift from unipolarity to multipolarity of the world, but the most important ones are defense and economy. Following are the things that trigger the shift from unipolarity to multipolarity.

1. China increasing economy.
2. Reasurgence of Russia.
3. Increasing power of regional institutions (BRICS, SCO etc).
4. America indulged in different

wars.

5. ~~De-dollarisation.~~

6. ~~China - Russia alliance.~~

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2. CHINA INCREASING ECONOMY:

China is the most urgent threat to the US led world order.

The chin economy of china is 20 trillion US dollars, almost the same as that of US and china is also responsible for most of the trade world wide. China is responsible for 80% of the imports in US, this means that 80% of the imports in America are of chinese products.

The rising power of china in terms of economy is an urgent threat to the US-led world order.

In addition to this many of the countries that were previously relying on the USA have now tilted towards china even Pakistan.

2. REASSURGENCE OF RUSSIA:

Russia is also becoming

a global power in terms of defense. United States has around 5700 nuclear weapons and on the 2nd comes Russia with having 5500 plus nuclear weapons, not far from the US. It was also witnessed recently - that despite the sanctions put on Russia through by US, Russia did not stop its war versus Ukraine.

3. INCREASING POWER OF REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Regional alliances are seen increasing in recent 5-10 years. With the rise of BRICS+ and other such organizations the power of USA as a global power is decreasing because the countries that are part of such organizations rely on regional cooperation instead of help from the west.

4. AMERICA STUCK IN DIFFERENT WARS.

America is stuck in different wars, this is destroying America

in terms of economy as they have to finance their ally. In the Russia - Ukraine war, America is supporting Ukraine as it wants to become part of the western bloc. This support of US for Ukraine is destroying America in terms of economy and defense both. Secondly, the Israel-Hamas war is also financed by USA. Only a single warhead of the air defense system ^{was} down costs around 30000\$, all financed by America. Both of these wars are having bad side effects on USA.

5. DE-DOLLARIZATION IN TRADE:

De dollarization is soon going to be a reality because of the alliance of BRICS+ members. As they are ^{going to} launch new currency in the near future called "BRICS Bloc" and also a money transferring system called "BRICS pay". China and Russia both the main members of BRICS+ are trading in

Don't roam around China and Russia only

their local currencies, Yuan and Rubble.

6. CHINA - RUSSIA ALLIANCE:

China - Russia alliance is growing everyday, which is a threat to the US-led world order. China has become the biggest importer of Russia's oil and gas, and Russia is buying all the technology from China. In addition to this, the defence ties between both the countries are also increasing.

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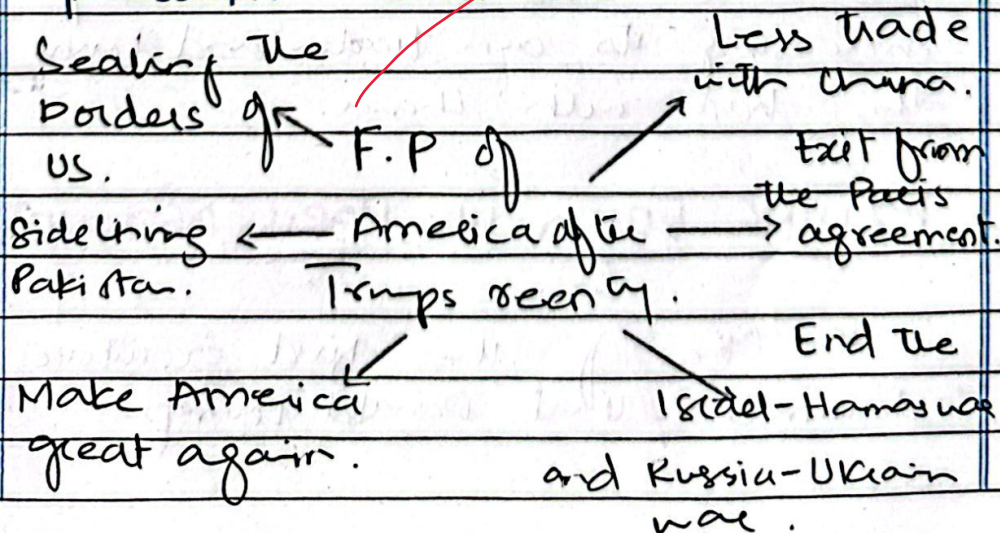
US must change its foreign policy as there are many other powers emerging as China and Russia, threatening the unipolarity of the world. If proper policies and strategies are not implemented by the US, the world would witness a huge shift from unipolarity to multipolarity of the world.

QUESTION #5:

What changes . . .
 . . . global implications.

INTRODUCTION:

Donald Trump took control of the president's office on 20th January 2025 after winning the elections by great majority and becoming the 47th president of the United States of America. This is the 2nd time of Donald Trump becoming the president of the United States, his previous tenure was from 2017 - 2021. The foreign policy of the previous tenure sheds some lights on what the foreign policy in his 2nd term as president could be.



FOREIGN POLICY AFTER TRUMP'S RE-ENTRY.

The main slogan of Trump is to, "Make America great again". This tells that Donald Trump would shift his focus from the world to United States. Following are the changes that Trump is expected to do;

2. LESS TRADE WITH CHINA:

According to Donald Trump, America and China are in a trade war. Despite being in a trade war 80% of the imported goods in America are made in China. Donald Trump wants to change the dynamics of the trade war with China by increasing its own trade and lessen the trade with China.

2. EXITING FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENT:

One of the first executive documents that Donald Trump

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Signed was from exiting from the Paris climate agreement. Trump is of the view that America being in the Paris agreement affects the industrial capabilities of America. This is the reason behind Trump exiting from the Paris agreement.

3. PUT A FULL STOP TO THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR AND ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR:

The Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Hamas war both have destroyed America in terms of economy and are a big burden on the economy of America. Trump's F.P. will be to put an end to these wars and focus on America.

4. SEALING THE BORDERS OF AMERICA AND DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS:

One of the Donald Trump's executive orders are to seal the borders of America on the south and deport all the illegal

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immigrants that don't have proper documentation as it is a burden on the economy of America.

5. SIDELINING PAKISTAN AND BETTER RELATIONS WITH INDIA:

As seen in the previous term of president Trump, America had better relations with India as compared to Pakistan. This is because of advantages for America are in good relation with India. Pakistan will be sidelined and more emphasis will be on India, making Pakistan less dependent on West and more on China.

6. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN:

America is struggling in global politics, and this has a relation on the internal economical and security issues of America, the first and foremost policy implemented by Trump will be to do things that will increase

Americas influence over others.

GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS OF TRUMP'S 2ND TERM:

The world will face many changes after during the 2nd tenure of Trump, because as compared to Biden's administration Trump's administration is going to implement policies very different from that of Trump. China will face a tougher competition, more emphasis will be on increasing the trade of America and boosting the economy (US economy is of 26 trillion \$ and the debt on US is of 33 trillion dollars).

This is because of various factors, most importantly the wars that America is a part of. Immigrants are going to have a tougher time as Trump is strictly against immigrants that are a burden on the economy of America.

Trump is in good terms with the Russian president Putin and will try to end the war.

in Russia-Ukraine by having talks with Putin and putting pressure on Zelensky to back off. The relation of America with Pakistan will be more of a transactional relation. Donald Trump will also put pressure on Hamas and Israel to find a permanent solution to their problems.

CONCLUSION:

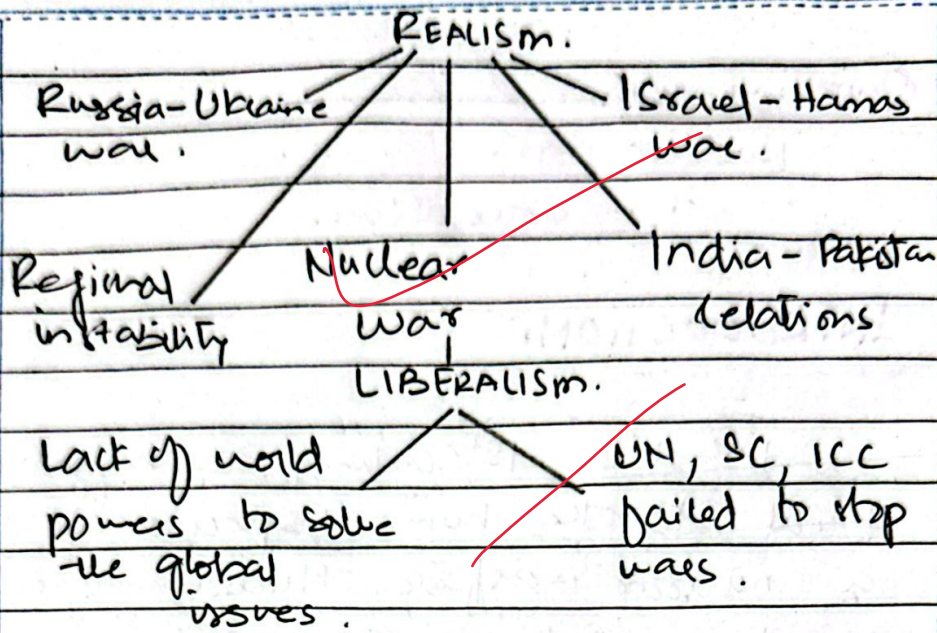
In a nutshell, the 2nd term of Trump in the presidential office will have its ups and downs. Mostly changing the perspective of US's policy from the world to America. Will attempt to end the wars going on the world and so that the defense of America could have a relief and increase the industrial sector, to boost the economy of America. Trump has also given a hint to buy Greenland and make Canada a state of US.

QUESTION # 6:

Nuclear non-
. correlation.

INTRODUCTION:

In the 21st century, the biggest threat to the human species are a nuclear warfare. Nuclear warfare can have catastrophic impacts to the world and can lead to an ice age. The nuclear non-proliferation regime (NNPR) is under extreme stress, as the world is on the verge of 3rd world war. Nuclear power is used to deter enemy but it was agreed by various countries that a stop should be put on the increasing number of nuclear weapons. But because of a chaos in the global world order and anarchy, nuclear warfare is needed that even. The relation of India - Pakistan, the war between Russia - Ukraine, and the war between Israel - Hamas can all lead to a nuclear world war.



REASONS FOR THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME BEING UNDER STRESS.

Following are the reasons why a nuclear warfare could escalate through the perspective of realism theory;

REALISM'S LENS:

Following are the points through the lens of realist theorists, why nuclear non-proliferation regime is under stress. Realism is a theory through which says the world runs on power and everyone is in race for gaining more power.

1. ISRAEL - HAMAS WARFARE,

The war between Israel and Hamas escalated on Oct 7th 2023. This war took a very bad turn, very quickly. Israel with the backing of America and for gaining more regional power have threatened to use nuclear power multiple times. This have destabilised the whole region, with leaving the Islamic world angry. Iran has also been witnessed in 2024 to make changes to its nuclear policy.

2. RUSSIA - UKRAINE WAR:

Russia is of the view that if Ukraine's becomes a part of European Union, the security of Russia is compromised. Ukraine works as a buffer zone between Russia - Europe and America. If becomes part of the western bloc damages the security of Russia and in order to gain power over the region, Russia have shown signs

of using nuclear weapons against Ukraine if they had to.

3. INDIA - PAKISTAN RELATION:

The government of Modi is not interested in talks with Pakistan. It has been made very clear by Modi that Pakistan will face consequences if it does anything about the Kashmir issue.

"In only 6-7 days
India can turn Pakistan
into dust"

Narendra Modi.

This explains the perspective of Modi towards Pakistan. On the other hand, Pakistan is firm on its stance on Kashmir, but to gain more power and to deter India uses nuclear power. According to a case study, the most likely countries to start a nuclear world war are India and Pakistan.

4. REGIONAL INSTABILITY BECAUSE OF ISRAEL - HAMAS WAR.

Because of the Israel - Hamas war, the whole region is facing instability and shift in power.

Iran, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan all are facing the heat of Israel - Hamas war, with Iran being one of the most active participants. This war despite the ceasefire agreement can have long lasting effects.

LIBERALISM LENS:

Liberalism says that the world should work collectively to counter these issues but because of recent wars and the lack of international organisations to end and put a stop to these wars the world is more tilted towards using and making itself powerful as opposed to ~~more~~ relying on international organizations.

1. LACK OF UN, ICC, ICTJ TO STOP THE ONGOING WARS:

The United Nations, International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice could not stop the ongoing genocide in Gaza. More than 47000 individuals have died with most of them being women and children. This makes the world not trust such organizations and trust their own nuclear arsenal.

2. GLOBAL POWERS FAILURE TO RESOLVE ONGOING ISSUES:

Global leaders like America, China, Russia and the United Kingdom have failed to resolve the issues going on in Palestine, Syria, Ukraine, Africa and Asia. This elevates the trust of countries worldwide and put emphasis on their own nuclear arsenal in case of defense.

CONCLUSION:

Through the lens of realism and liberalism nuclear warfare is the most recent threat. Because of ongoing struggle for power and chaos, anarchy is taking over. The same way international cooperation has failed to resolve the world issue this puts the countries globally to put more emphasis on nuclear arsenal to defend themselves.

QUESTION# 8:

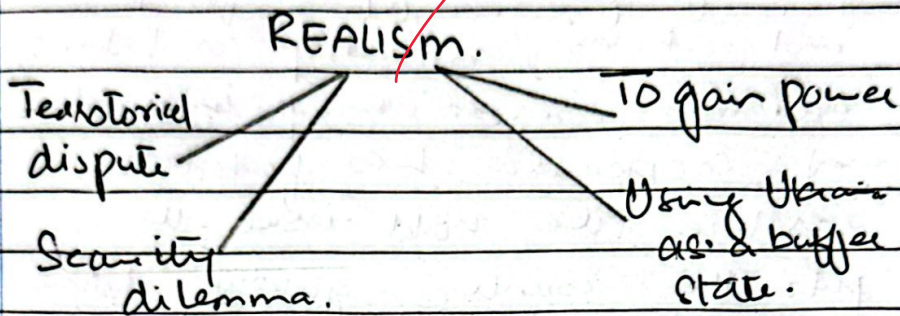
Explain the following . . .

- i) UKRAINE - RUSSIA WAR.
- ii) ISRAEL - HAMAS WAR.

i) UKRAINE-RUSSIA WAR.INTRODUCTION:

The war between Russia and Ukraine has its roots in the cold war. Russia is scared to lose its security in terms

of Territory and power, if Ukraine becomes part of the European Union. Through the lens of realism and liberalism, the war among Russia and Ukraine is explained.



REALISM THEORY.

The realism theory says that national and international politics are based on power. Conflicts happens as a result of countries going for more power. The causes of Russia-Ukraine war are explained below through the lens of realism.

1. TERRITORIAL DISPUTE:

The war is as a result of territorial dispute between Russia and Ukraine in Crimea.

Russia claims to not give part of land because it affects the territorial powers of Russia. Ukraine is against this.

2. USING UKRAINE AS A BUFFER STATE:

Russia does not want Ukraine to become a part of the western bloc as it will affect the national security of Russia. Ukraine wants to become a part of Nato and European Union but this will affect Russia badly.

3. TO GAIN POWER OVER UKRAINE:

Russia is indulged in war as to gain power by winning the war against Ukraine.

4. SECURITY DILEMMA:

Russia perceives the entry of Ukraine in European Union and Nato as a direct threat to its security.

A) GEO-POLITICAL INTEREST:

Russia perceives Ukraine's position as a gateway to Europe and its resources. Realists argue that Russia's actions are aimed at preventing the loss of this strategic advantage.

CONCLUSION:

The war between Russia-Ukraine and their actions are based on gaining power in international politics through the lens of realism.

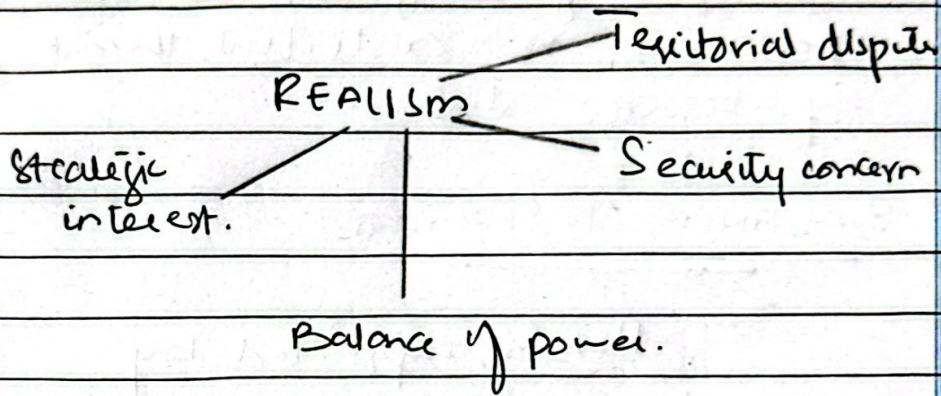
B) ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR:

INTRODUCTION:

The ongoing war between Israel and Hamas escalated on Oct 7th 2023, when the Hamas fighters crossed the border of Israel, killing 1200 Israeli troops and taking 450 hostages. In return

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In this Israeli army killed more than 47000 Palestinians, most of them being women and children. The roots of the Israel-Hamas war are in territorial disputes between both the countries.



REALISM'S LENS:

Through the lens of realism following are the causes of the war between Israel and Hamas.

1. TERRITORIAL DISPUTES.

The roots of Israel-Hamas conflict are between in territory. The dispute have started long before this war in 1917, Balfour declaration. To gain territory both are in the state of war.

2. SECURITY CONCERNS.

Israel actions against Hamas stems from its need to ensure national security. Hamas's attack and growing influence are perceived as existential threat by Israeli state.

3. BALANCE OF POWER.

Hamas, supported by regional actors like Iran, seeks to challenge Israel's dominance in the region. The conflict can be seen as a proxy war between Israel and Iran.

4. STRATEGIC INTEREST:

Control over Gaza and preventing militants from gaining a foothold in the region is crucial for Israel's strategic interest.

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CONCLUSION:

The Israel-Hamas war through the lens of realism is a way to gain regional power over each other, there are many other factors as well like strategic interest, security concerns and a shift in balance of power.