

Instructions to Secure Good Marks in the Current Affairs Paper

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Important Note: Marks will be awarded strictly on the following parameters: Content 60%, References 15%, Subject-specific language 15%, Graphs, charts & diagrams 10%.

Key Guidelines: Each question should be attempted with 12-13 clear headings. The answer must be 8-9 pages (sides) in length to score above 15 marks per question. Questions usually contain 3-4 parts; each part carries equal weightage, so all parts must be discussed equally and proportionately.

Content & Argumentation: Always use examples from current and ongoing events to justify your arguments. Demonstrate strong analytical depth, not mere narration of facts. Support arguments with relevant data, reports, international indices, treaties and recent developments.

Structure & Presentation: Begin every answer with an attractive, context-setting introduction. End with a forward-looking, well-linked conclusion that ties back to the question. Use headings directly derived from the question statement - pick words and phrases from the question itself. Alignment with the Question: More over, the argument must be explicitly linked to the specific part of the question being asked. If your heading is not aligned with the demand of the question, the content no matter how accurate - will not be rewarded. Avoid generic or unrelated headings; precision is key.

Language & Visuals: Use subject-specific terminology relevant to international relations, geopolitics, economics, and security studies. Incorporate simple graphs, flowcharts, tables, or maps wherever relevant to enhance clarity and scoring potential.

2) Evaluation of Gaza peace plan:

2.1) Ignored the Palestinians' right to self-determination

The Gaza peace plan has ignored the right to self-determination of Palestinians.

It does not take into the account, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Palestinians. However,

it aims to establish peace in the Gaza by introducing the deployment of foreign forces, such as International Stabilisation Force (ISF).

2.2) No accountability of Israel:

The Gaza peace plan, has given the Israel and its PM, the free will to do whatever they want. Moreover, it does not make accountable Israel for its heinous war crimes for killing at least seventy thousand innocent civilians.

2.3) Right to govern Gaza by Palestinian is not taken into account:

The Gaza peace plan does not take into account the right of Palestinians to govern Gaza. However, it aims to establish the technocratic setup in the occupied territory, where Israel has the right to rule over their own land.

2.4) Hamas to be disarmed:

The Gaza peace plan aims to disarm Hamas, the representative group of the people of Gaza. It gives authority to Israel to take control of the territory, if the group refuses to do so. By disarming Gaza, the peace plan gives Israel an authority to control the territory.

5) Chances of the success of Gaza peace plan:

The chances of the Gaza peace plan to succeed are bleak due to certain reasons. Firstly, it does not talk about the right to self-determination of the Palestinians. Secondly, it does not make the Israel accountable for its heinous crimes against the innocent civilians. Thirdly, it does not take into account the Palestinians right to self governing the Gaza. More importantly, it aims to disarm Hamas, without making accountable the Israel for its war crimes. Finally, the Hamas rejects this peace plan by assigning the name of farce to the peace plan as it argues about the credibility of Israel's vows to maintain peace in the past, which has been breached the past peace plan indefinitely.

4) Policy of Islamabad regarding the plan:

The policy of Islamabad regarding the peace plans is moderately positive.

Initially, Islamabad aims for the creation of

Palestine as a sovereign

country as per the two-

state solution mandated by

the UN. Moreover, it urges

to make Israel accountable

for its war crimes. Furthermore,

Islamabad has a strong

adherence of Palestinians self-

rule over their territory.

Finally, it emphasizes to take

measures from the Israel

to stick to the peace

plan indefinitely, as in past

the country has violated

many ceasefire agreements. Therefore,

the policy of Islamabad aligns

with the founder father of

the nation Quaid-e-Azam,

who said, "Our support is

for those who are fighting

oppressors in the Middle East."

5) Possible fallouts for Pakistan:

5.1) By engaging in the peace plan, Pakistan may be advised to enter in Abraham Accords, which will lead to the recognition of Israel that contradicts the very policy of Islamabad.

5.2) By engaging with the Israeli forces which aims to establish peace in the Gaza, Pakistan's stance on the Kashmir issue may become compromised as the country votes for the self-determination of Kashmir.

6) Conclusion

Hence, in nutshell, it can be concluded that the chance of success of ~~the~~ Gaza peace plan is meagre as it does not take into the considerations of the Palestinians. Moreover, the way of the Pakistan on the peace is slightly tilted towards Pakistan people, but by engaging in the plan, there are certain fallouts for the country.

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1) Introduction:

Russia - Ukraine war which started in early 2022 continues to disturb the world leaders especially NATO, and Russia.

The end to the war seems to be achievable but the opposing stance of the Russia and NATO remains an obstacle. The Russia argues for the end of expansion of NATO; asks for territories as compensation; unfreezing of assets, and the acceptance of Russian language as national language.

On the other hand, NATO argues for acknowledgement of Ukraine sovereignty, withdraw of Russian forces from occupied territories and assurances from from future attacks. Furthermore, the President Donald Trump has different stance over the war solutions. However, if some mutual agreed conditions are set, the war can be ended indefinitely.

2) Russia's stance on how to end Ukraine war:

2.1) NATO to stop expansion:

Russia's first condition on how to end Ukraine war is to stop NATO expansion.

Since, the disintegration of USSR, the NATO has expanded towards east, which remains a major threat for Russian sovereignty.

Therefore Russian argues to end expansionism of NATO and do not include Ukraine in the framework of NATO.

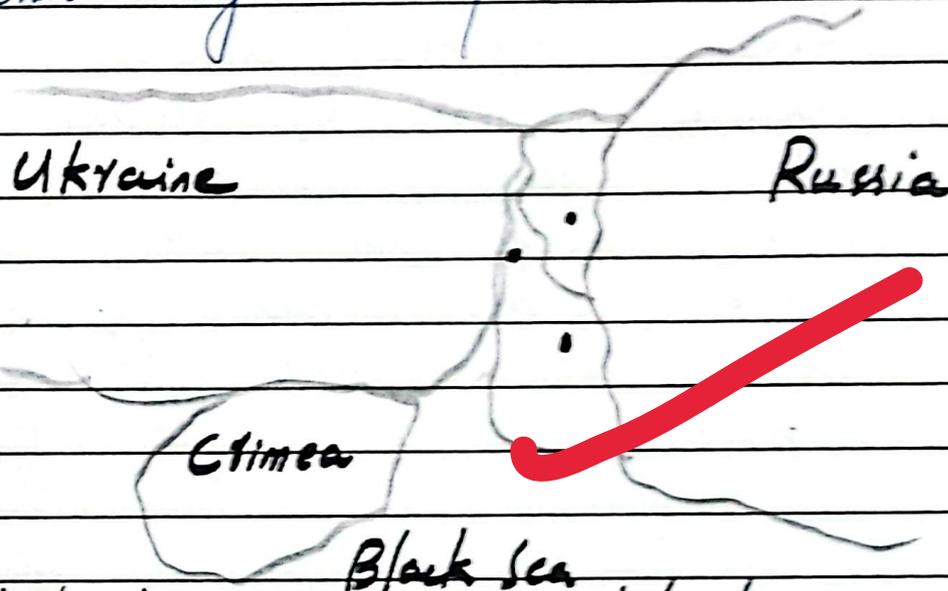
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2.2) To acknowledge the territories gained by Russia: Russia asks for the acknowledgement of the territories gained by the Russia in the war. These territories are rich in natural resources, and give access to Russia to warm water, so that it can trade without any interruption.



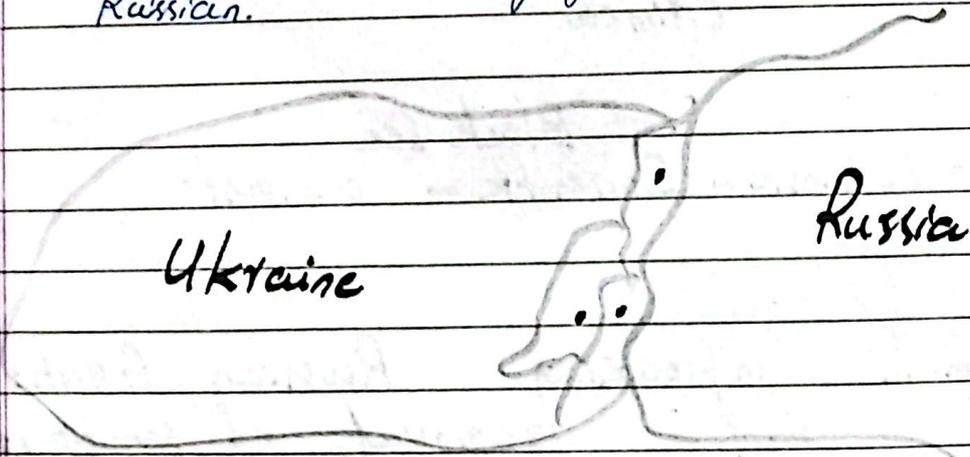
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2.3) Unfreezing Russian Assets and Removal of sanctions: Furthermore, Russia agrees to unfreeze the Russian assets in the Swift Bank which huts the Russia's foreign exchange reserves. For instance, at least 300 billion dollars have been

frozen by the Swift Bank. Moreover, it demands the removal of sanctions as it damages the Russia economy and jeopardizes the country's GDP.

2.4) Acknowledgement of Russian Language in occupied territories:

Moreover, Russia demands the acknowledgement of Russian language as national language in the occupied territories. According to Russia, the people living in these regions are almost Russian speaking, therefore, their language shall be Russian.



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3) The stance of NATO on how to end the war:

3.1) Recognition and respect of Ukraine's sovereignty:

NATO aims for the recognition of and respect of Ukraine's sovereignty by Russia. It argues that Ukraine is a sovereign state, and as a sovereign authority it is right of the Ukraine to aim for which suits it best.

3.2) Withdrawal from occupied territories of Ukraine:

NATO demands the withdrawal of Russian forces from the occupied territories of Ukraine. NATO argues that respecting International Law must be binding for everyone, including Russia, as it violates its framework by invading a sovereign country, which is a dangerous precedent. Hence, for NATO, the solution to the war lies in the withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukraine.

3.3) Guarantees of not attacking the Ukraine:

Finally, NATO demands assurances from Russia to guarantee that it will not attack Ukraine in future. However, it is only possible when NATO does not add Ukraine in its framework. Therefore, in future, if any such event happens, Russia will again invade Ukraine as it is necessary for survival from the Russian lense.

4) Stance of Trump on how to end Ukraine war:

The stance of Trump on how to end Ukraine war is different from the NATO leaders. He wants to engage with Russian president Putin, and draft a resolution on ending this war. As for America, this war has affected its reserves and costed billions of dollars. Trump seems to agree on giving compensatory territories to Russia which contradicts the very stance of

NATO leaders, who demand withdrawal of Russian forces. Moreover, Trump wants to engage with Russia instead of ending this war, unilaterally. In instance, this was evident in the recent meeting of Alaska between the leaders of both countries as Trump vowed to compensate Russia for the war ~~on~~ by allowing to take some of Ukraine's territories. Hence, this shows the contradiction between the NATO leaders and Trump.

5) Recommendations on how to end Ukraine war:

5.1) NATO should stop its expansion, so that Ukraine could act as buffer:

NATO should stop its expansion towards east as per its promise that after disintegration of USSR, NATO would not expand further east.

It should allow the Ukraine to act as buffer state between the NATO and Russia.

For instance, during the 20th

century, Great Britain and Russian Empire agreed to let Afghanistan act as buffer between the two empires, which was, indeed, a successful attempt.

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• Warm Water

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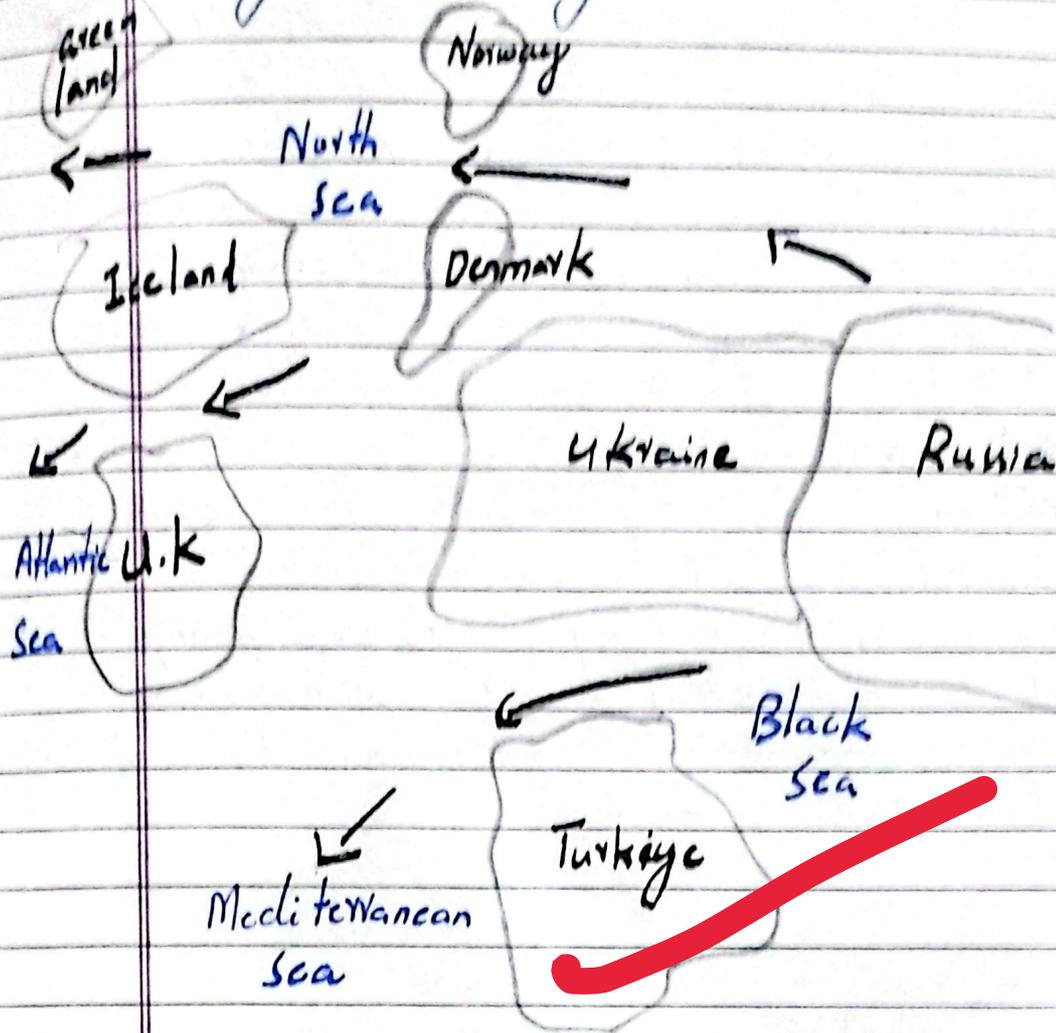
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5.2) Warm water access be given to Russia:

Second solution which leads towards ending the Ukraine war is giving Russia warm waters access, so that it can trade indefinitely through out the year. This will ensure Russia to trade without any obstacle. More importantly, it can resist Russia to attack on Ukraine for its survival purpose. Therefore, NATO should give assurance to Russia that it will have warm water access

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throughout the year.



• Warm Water Sea Routes

5.3) Russia should withdraw from occupied territories of Ukraine:
Finally, Russia should withdraw from the occupied territories of Ukraine. Moreover, it should respect and acknowledge the territorial integrity of ~~the~~ Ukraine as per the international law.

6) Conclusions

Hence in a nutshell, it can be concluded that due to opposing stances of Russia, NATO and Donald Trump, the solution to end the war in Ukraine remains a no near reality. However if some measures are implemented the war in Ukraine can be halted. The measures includes cessation of NATO expansion, granting Russia warm water access, and withdrawal of Russian forces from the occupied territories.

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