

Q. of Analyse the effects of World War-II on global polity, economy, society & science & technology. (250 words).

Ans. of World War-II was a breakthrough ~~not~~ for the whole world. It was not just a war between 2 groups of countries but war between 2 ideologies i.e.

Fascism v/s Capitalism.

EFFECTS OF WW-II :-

① Global Polity -

↳ Britain's status of superpower declined & US became the next.

↳ Although it was a success of Allies in defeating Fascism, but ultimately imperialism collapsed.

Britain & France, drained out by 2 world wars, were not in position to maintain their colonies & as a result, they became independent.

↳ a new global institution 'UN' was developed to promote

- peace
- harmony
- Human Rights.

- After WW-II, tensions between US & USSR started & gave rise to Cold War.

② Economy -

- War had hugely impacted economy. Many European nations had to take loans for development.
- For post-war reconstruction & to stabilize monetary system, Bretton Woods Institutions were formed.
 - ⇒ World Bank
 - ⇒ IMF.
- Further, nations also either opened up their economy (capitalist) or promoted welfare-based economy (socialist).

③ Society -

- US-based lifestyle became attractive for many nations & thus, liberal culture boomed.
- women also started working in industries & offices & demanded for their rights.
- society was becoming more class-based in liberal societies whereas

socialist countries promoted for class-less society.

④ Science & Technology -

- world became familiar with nuclear power. Technology which was being ~~tested~~ studied in laboratory came on the battlefield.
- power of any nation was ~~counted~~ ^{measured} by military power & hence, more advancement in military technology took place. (Arms Race)
- world started to become nuclear power but this could be achieved only by few nations.

WW-II was a crucial phenomena in history which changed the world order. US Hegemony was at its prime but ~~was~~ there was always a threat from USSR to ~~regain~~ regain the world order until 1990s when it collapsed.