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Q2(b)

**Discuss the emergence of neo-realism and its basic tenets**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · PSIR GS 2 · 15 marks · Comparative Politics

Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.

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**Waltz 1979**

Theory of International Politics: structure as anarchy plus distribution of capabilities.

**Morgenthau**

Classical predecessor: interest defined as power and a nature of politics, not a system theory.

**Polarity**

Number of great powers as the structural variable that shapes war and alliance patterns.

**Keohane and Nye**

Power and Interdependence: the rival claim that multiple channels and issue areas loosen military hierarchy.

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