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Question:

The global institutions are experiencing unprecedented turmoil and are heading towards an inevitable restructuring. Discuss.

Answer:

- The world witnessed unprecedented level of change in its transition from the 20th to the 21st century. But the institutions of global governance, which emerged from the ashes of the Second World War, have not maintained the pace with the global transformation in geopolitics, human development, economic advancements and technological achievements.

The hardships faced by the global institutions can be summed up as

1. Representation: Non-Western and third world countries find meager representation at important institutions such as IMF, United Nations Security Council, thus reducing their say in decisions that matter
2. Financial Dependency: Organisations such as the WTO, UNESCO are arm-twisted by countries like USA by drying up their coffers if they maintain the fairness of judgments
3. Global Power Politics: Platforms such as the UN itself has become playfields of the P-5 and other powerful nations. Ideological approach in dealing with sensitive issues such as terrorism, human rights, climate change have given way to geopolitical realities and muscle flexing by dominant nations. For example USA recognising Jerusalem as Israel's capital ignoring Palestinian demands
4. Unprepared to deal with extreme uncalled-for exigencies such as the COVID-19 itself

Although these institutions have more or less effectively maintained the world peace, supported poverty alleviation programmes of developing and least developed countries and, with constant effort, tried improved the health and social indicators globally.

Yet, they represent the politico-economic realities of the times of their formation and reforms and restructuring is inevitable to maintain their relevance to provide effective resolution to the ever changing problems such as the climate change, global terrorism etc.