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Examine the role of Qatar as a diplomatic mediator in West Asia. How can regional mediation contribute to de-escalation, maritime security and global energy stability?

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Model Answer

Introduction

Qatar has emerged as an important diplomatic intermediary in West Asia, using dialogue and mediation to facilitate communication between parties involved in regional conflicts.

Role of Qatar in Regional Diplomacy

Qatar has engaged in mediation efforts involving the United States and Iran and has also facilitated negotiations in other regional conflicts. Its diplomatic outreach provides channels for dialogue where direct engagement may be difficult.

Significance of De-escalation

Reduced tensions can strengthen regional stability and protect maritime trade routes. The Strait of Hormuz is particularly important because of its role in global oil and gas transportation. Disruptions can increase energy

prices and affect importing economies such as India.

Challenges and Way Forward

Conflicting geopolitical interests, mistrust and external interventions can limit mediation outcomes. Regional dialogue, confidence-building measures, respect for international law and multilateral engagement are essential.

Conclusion

Diplomatic mediation can reduce the risk of escalation and support maritime and energy security. Sustained dialogue and regional cooperation remain important for long-term stability in West Asia.