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“Escalating tensions between the United States and Iran have implications for regional stability, global energy security and international diplomacy.”
Discuss.

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Answer Hint

US–Iran Relations, JCPOA, Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Economic Sanctions, Maximum Pressure Policy, West Asian Geopolitics, Strait of Hormuz, Energy Security, Diplomatic Engagement.

Model Answer

Introduction:

US–Iran tensions reflect longstanding disagreements over Iran’s nuclear programme, regional influence and economic sanctions. Analysts have warned that continued escalation could increase the risk of a wider military conflict.

Key Implications:

1. **Regional stability:** Military confrontation could involve regional partners and increase instability across West Asia.
2. **Nuclear non-proliferation:** The US withdrawal from the JCPOA in 2018 weakened the diplomatic framework designed to constrain Iran’s nuclear activities.
3. **Global energy security:** Conflict around the Strait of Hormuz could disrupt oil shipments, raise crude prices and increase inflationary pressures worldwide.

4. **International diplomacy:** Sanctions may create economic pressure but can also harden positions and complicate negotiations.

Way Forward:

Sustained diplomatic engagement, credible verification of nuclear commitments, regional confidence-building measures and crisis-communication channels are essential to prevent miscalculation.

Conclusion:

A durable settlement requires balancing security concerns with diplomatic engagement and regional stability, rather than allowing escalation to become self-perpetuating.

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