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Q1. विधि का शासन और न्यायिक समीक्षा एक दूसरे पर निर्भर हैं, क्योंकि किसी भी एक का दूसरे के बिना अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता है। इस संदर्भ में क्या न्यायिक समीक्षा को संविधान के मूल ढांचे का गठन करने वाले आयामों में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण आयाम माना जा सकता है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

The rule of law and judicial review are interdependent, as one cannot truly exist without the other. In this context can judicial review be considered the most important aspect among those that constitute the basic structure of the Constitution? (150 words, 10 marks)

Judicial review is a mechanism by which judiciary reviews the legislative and executive actions to ensure that they do not violate the provisions of the Constitution.

Interdependency between rule of law and judicial review

Rule of law which implies nobody is above law hold significance until and unless there is judiciary to keep a check on tyranny of government.

Judicial Review - an important aspect

① It is necessary to keep a check on the other two organs of the

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government.

Example: Judicial Review of 42nd AA, 1976 ensured that Parliament cannot undermine any fundamental rights to enforce any except DPSP (Article 39(b) & 39(c))

② Necessary to adhere to constitutionalism

Example: SC declared ~~A~~ 39th AA null and void that made elections of prime minister, president, vice-president beyond judicial review. (Indira Gandhi case)

③ Judicial reviews ensures that judiciary acts as custodian of fundamental Rights.

④ It ensures that basic structure of the Constitution is not affected.

Thus judicial review is crucial aspect of basic structure as it ensures democracy of the country.

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Q2. दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल की शक्तियों और अधिकारों की तुलना, विशेष रूप से मंत्रिपरिषद की सहायता और उनकी सलाह पर कार्य करने के संदर्भ में अन्य राज्यों के राज्यपालों से किस प्रकार की जाती है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

How does the power and authority of Delhi's lieutenant governor compare to that of the governors of other states, particularly in terms of acting on the aid and advice of the council of ministers? (150 words, 10 marks)

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Q3. हाल के दिनों में, भारत में धर्म के अधिकार और संवैधानिक नैतिकता के मध्य तनाव/मतभेद को दूर करने में न्यायपालिका की भूमिका पर चर्चा करें। प्रासंगिक वाद विधियों की सहायता लें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Discuss the role of the judiciary in navigating the tension between the right to religion and constitutional morality in India in recent times. Refer to relevant case laws. (150 words, 10 marks)

Constitutional morality implies adhering to the bottom line principles and values of Constitution. Judiciary ensures that constitutional morality is ~~enstored~~ upheld.

Role of Judiciary in navigating tension

① Court can time to time keep a check that non-essential practices of a religion do not undermine the Fundamental Rights.

Per example: Indian Young Lawers Association Case (2018) or Sabrimala Case that allowed women's entry.

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② To protect rights of women.

Example: Shayara Bano case where SC declared 'instant triple talaq' as unconstitutional and against equality

③ Mohmd. Arshad Khan vs Shah Bano Case where Supreme Court made it mandatory to provide maintenance to women after divorce.

Therefore, judiciary plays crucial role to minimise tension and conflict between due to religion and principles enshrined in Constitution -

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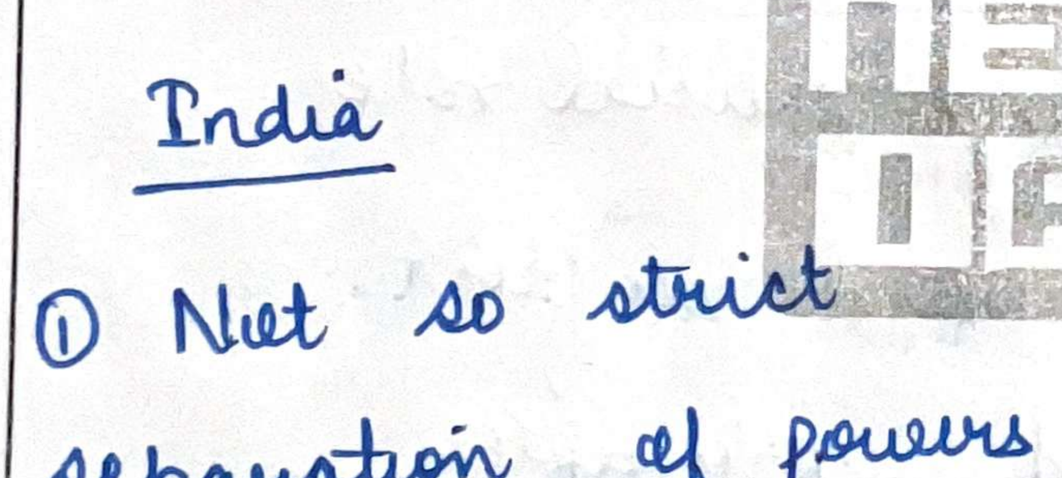
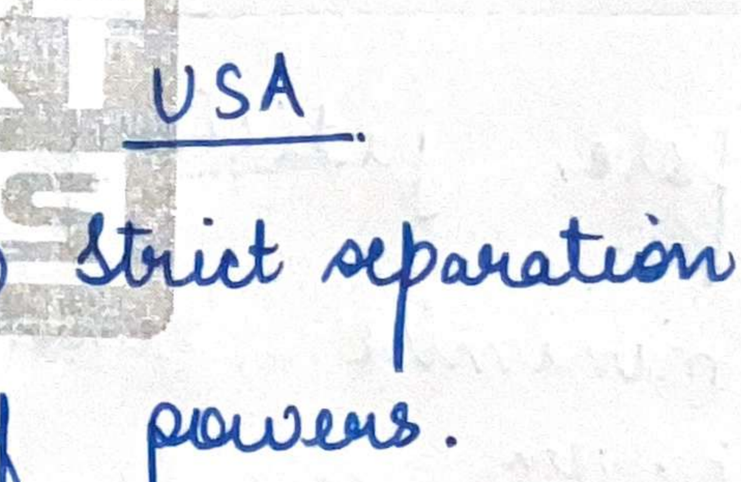
Q4. 'शक्तियों के पृथक्करण' का सिद्धांत अमेरिकी संविधान की एक प्रमुख विशेषता है। इस संदर्भ में तुलना करें कि भारतीय संविधान में शक्तियों का कार्यात्मक पृथक्करण अमेरिकी प्रणाली से किस प्रकार भिन्न है। शक्तियों के कठोर पृथक्करण की तुलना में नियंत्रण और संतुलन प्रणाली के क्या लाभ हैं?
(150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

The principle of 'Separation of Powers' is a key feature of the American Constitution. In this context, compare how the Indian Constitution's functional separation of powers distinguishes itself from the US system. What are the advantages of a check and balance system over a rigid Separation of Powers?
(150 words, 10 marks)

India and America are the two biggest democracies of the world sharing similarities and differences.

Difference in Separation of Powers

India	USA
① Not so strict separation of powers	① Strict separation of powers.
② Executive part of legislature. 	② Executive separate from legislature 
③ Council of Ministers	③ No such

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responsible to lok sabha.

④ Parliamentary democracy with a balance between parliamentary sovereignity and judicial supremacy.

responsibility.

④ Judicial supremacy exists.

Advantages of check & balance system

① Upholds constitutionalism

② Ensures no organ of state is supreme.

③ Keeps a check on tyranny

④ Upholds Rule of Law (Lex Supremus)

⑤ Protects fundamental Rights of citizens.

Both Constitutions are fundamental to their democracies having distinct separation of powers concept.

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Q5. भारतीय संविधान की छठी अनुसूची आदिवासी क्षेत्रों को स्वशासन का अधिकार देने वाले विधिक प्रावधानों से कहीं अधिक है। छठी अनुसूची किस प्रकार उनकी पारंपरिक शासन प्रणालियों और सांस्कृतिक प्रथाओं का सम्मान करते हुए विकास को बढ़ावा देती है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution is more than a legal provision that empowers tribal regions with self-rule. How does the sixth schedule foster development while respecting their traditional governance systems and cultural practices? (150 words, 10 marks)

Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution grants special status to four states of North East - Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura.

Sixth Schedule empowering tribal regions

① It leads to formation Autonomous district Council / Autonomous Hill Council for tribal areas.

Example: Manipur

② It gives power of collecting taxes, granting rights via Gram Sabha for exploration of minor minerals.

③ Hill Councils can make rules

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for their market regulation.

④ They can have their own laws for marriage, social customs etc.

⑤ Can constitute courts for trial of cases.

⑥ Can make laws for use of land for agriculture purposes or non-agricultural purposes.

⑦ Gram Sabha helps in participatory democracy.

⑧ Governor can determine the royalty rights to be paid to these councils.

Sixth Schedule thus plays a crucial role in maintaining tribal culture by granting them autonomy for their welfare & development.

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Q6. नागरिक समाज संगठनों और सरकारी संस्थाओं के मध्य साझेदारी भारत के विकास लक्ष्यों में किस प्रकार योगदान देती है?
(150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

How do partnerships between Civil Society Organizations and Government Entities contribute to India's development goals?
(10 marks, 150 words)

Civil Society Organisation is an association that works for promoting interest of the society without direct participation in government.

Partnership contributing to development goals

① Effective implementation of policies

↳ Partnership helps in efficient implementation of government's policies

Example: Kerala Sahitya Parishad worked for reduction in illiteracy.

② Provides alternative models of development

Example: Akshay Patra Foundation's role in mid-day meal,

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③ Often Civil society acts as a source of information for government entities.

Example: Pratham Foundation's ASER report.

④ Helps in the protection of rights.

Example: Kailash Satyarthi's Bachpan Bachao Andolan.

⑤ Provides voice to the unheard.

Example: Naz foundation (~~tran~~ same sex couples)

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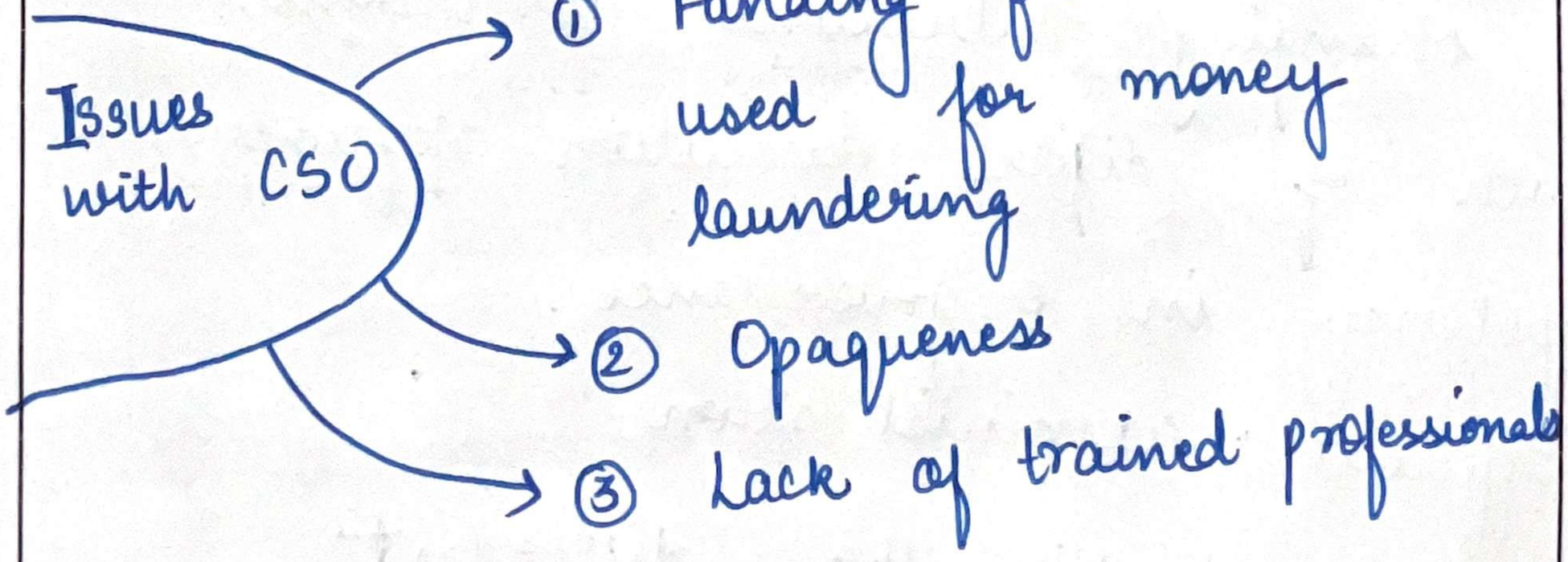

Partnership between Civil Society Organizations and government entities is functional for effective and robust democracy.

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Q7. भारतीय सिविल सेवकों में आजीवन सीखने की संस्कृति विकसित करने के महत्व पर चर्चा करें। मिशन कर्मयोगी ने इस उद्देश्य में किस प्रकार योगदान दिया है? उदाहरणों के साथ स्पष्ट करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Discuss the importance of cultivating a culture of life-long learning among Indian civil servants. How has Mission Karmyogi contributed to this objective? Illustrate with examples. (10 marks, 150 words)

Civil servants are the steelframe of India as said by Sardar Vallabhai Patel. They are permanent bureaucracy that deals with implementation of policies.

Importance of cultivating a culture of life-long learning

① Necessary to keep in line with changing situations. For instance, growth of digital revolution requires competency in e-governance.

② Efficient administration

③ Every situation has different demand and so constant learning is crucial.

④ Increases decision making abilities.

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Contribution of Karmayogi

① Rule based to Role based approach
↳ It motivates and skills civil servants to not merely comply with rules rather pro-actively engage in performing roles.

② 360° Performance Appraisal helps in effective evaluation and weed out dead wood.

③ iGOT will help to learn best practices.

④ National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building will enhance capacity building of civil servants.

⑤ Domain training

Mission Karmayogi is a welcome step that can change the permanent executive functioning.

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Q8. अत्यधिक गरीबी को कम करने में भारत की प्रगति को देखते हुए, क्या देश को वर्तमान सामाजिक-आर्थिक वास्तविकताओं को बेहतर ढंग से दर्शाने के लिए अपनी गरीबी रेखा को फिर से परिभाषित करने पर विचार करना चाहिए? गरीबी रेखा को फिर से परिभाषित करने से जुड़े संभावित लाभों और चुनौतियों पर चर्चा करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Given India's strides in reducing extreme poverty, should the country consider redefining its poverty line to better reflect the current socio-economic realities? Discuss the potential benefits and challenges associated with redefinition of the poverty line.
(10 marks, 150 words)

According to NITI Aayog, multidimensional poverty in India is around 12% in 2022-23. Poverty leads to lack of access of basic resources.

Yes, India should redefine its poverty line because India's poverty line is set as per the expenditure (₹ 33 a day in urban areas and ₹ 27 a day in rural areas as per Tendulkar committee). However, poverty goes beyond expenditure and is multifaceted.

Potential benefits

① Will tell us about ground reality of the current scenario as previous poverty

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line has become obsolete.

② Holistic understanding will help in effective policy formation.

③ To make it in line with international standards.

④ Poverty line with multi-factor consideration will help in better understanding of root cause.

Challenges

① Delay in census. makes difficult

② High out migration to get integrated data.

③ High inflation

Poverty line must be redefined to know the ground realities for development and growth of nation and to achieve SDG 1 (No poverty).

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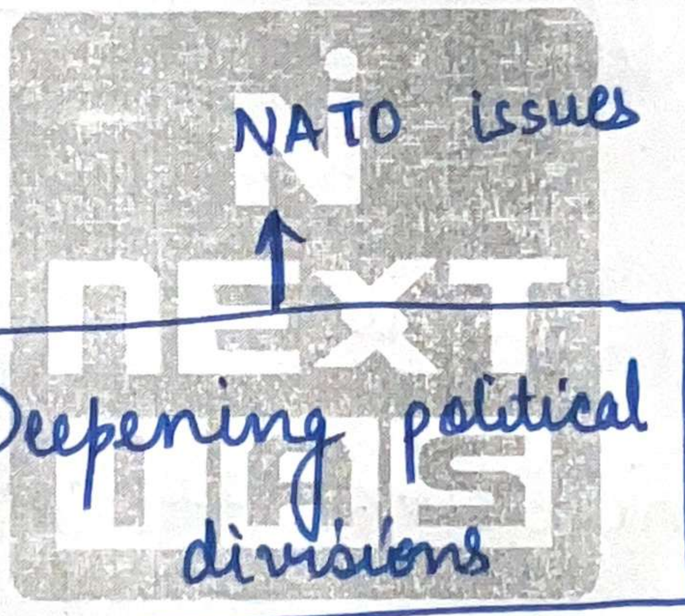
Q9. प्रमुख पश्चिमी देशों के साथ गहरे होते राजनीतिक मतभेदों का वैश्विक शासन व्यवस्था और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन करें। वैश्विक मंच पर अपने राष्ट्रीय हितों को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए भारत को इन मतभेदों से किस प्रकार निपटना चाहिए?

(150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Evaluate the impact of the deepening political divisions with the major Western States on global governance and international cooperation. How should India navigate these divisions to advance its national interests on the global stage?

(10 marks, 150 words)

The global political order is grappling with plow plethora of challenges and the recent one is deepening political divisions.



Impact of political divisions

① USA's consistent demand for European countries to increase the budget of NATO may undermine collective security efforts.

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② European countries wanting a peace for both wars but USA's continuous support has led to supply chain disruptions and inflation.

③ Affecting functioning of multilateral agencies like WTO, UNSC etc.

④ Consensus for global collaboration on technologies, renewable energy has become difficult - Example: Climate finance.

India to navigate

① Indian can act as a mediator to help in convergence of Western states.

② Engage Western States collectively to counter China.

③ Engage discussion debates on agencies like WTO.

④ E Collaborate for free, open, inclusive Indo-Pacific - important for all West states.

Geopolitical chess board is continuously changing with rising divisions. India must bridge these division for advancing its interest.

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Q10. भारत की आर्कटिक नीति उसके व्यापक विदेश नीति के उद्देश्यों के साथ किस प्रकार संरेखित है? आर्कटिक परिषद के साथ भारत द्वारा किए गए सहयोगों और समझौतों पर व्यापक रूप से चर्चा करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

How does India's Arctic Policy align with its broader foreign policy objectives? Broadly discuss the collaborations and agreements India is involved in with the Arctic Council. (10 marks, 150 words)

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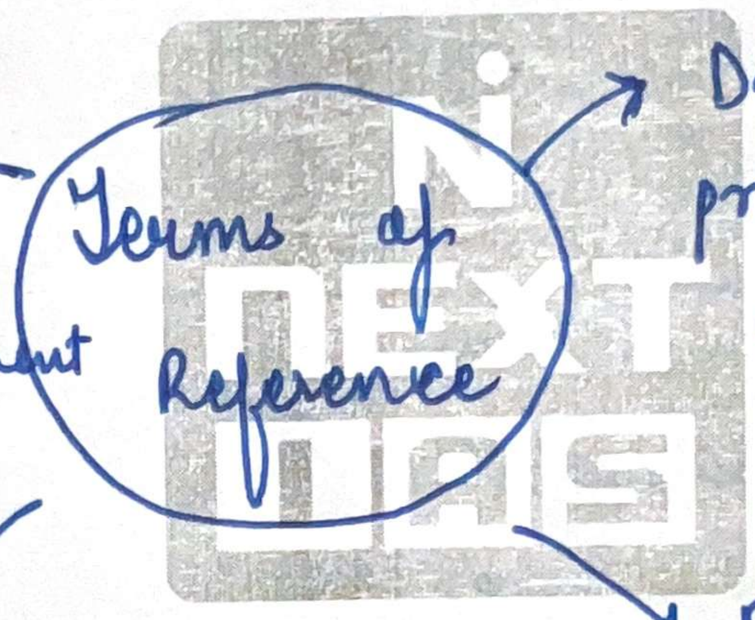
Q11. 16वें वित्त आयोग के समक्ष विचारार्थ विषय, पिछले वित्त आयोगों से किस प्रकार भिन्न हैं? बाद के वित्त आयोगों द्वारा उत्तरोत्तर प्रगतिशील हस्तांतरण के बावजूद, विभिन्न राज्यों में आर्थिक असमानताओं को बढ़ावा देने वाले कारकों का परीक्षण करें।
(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

In what ways are the terms of reference of the 16th Finance Commission different from that of the previous Finance Commissions? Despite increasingly progressive devolution by subsequent Finance Commissions, examine the factors that propel economic disparities across various States.
(15 marks, 250 words)

Article 280 mandates formation of Finance Commission by President of India after every 5 years.



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Q12. 'अनैतिक' आचरण और विशेषाधिकारों के उल्लंघन के मामलों को संबोधित करने में आचार समिति और विशेषाधिकार समिति की शक्तियों और कार्यप्रणाली की तुलना करें और उनमें अंतर करें। संसदीय अनुशासन बनाए रखने में ये समितियाँ एक-दूसरे की किस तरह से पूरक हैं?

(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Compare and contrast the powers and working of the Ethics Committee and the Privileges Committee in addressing cases of 'unethical' conduct and breach of privileges. How do these Committees complement each other in maintaining parliamentary discipline?

(15 marks, 250 words)

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Q13. भारत में सतत विधायी शिथिलता के संदर्भ में, सार्वजनिक नीति और शासन को आकार देने में न्यायिक सक्रियता की उभरती भूमिका का विश्लेषण करें। ऐतिहासिक न्यायालय के मामलों के उदाहरणों का उपयोग करते हुए, शासन संबंधी कमियों को दूर करने और नागरिकों के अधिकारों की सुरक्षा में न्यायिक हस्तक्षेपों की प्रभावशीलता का मूल्यांकन करें। (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

In the context of persistent legislative dysfunction in India, analyze the evolving role of judicial activism in shaping public policy and governance. Using examples from landmark court cases, evaluate the effectiveness of judicial interventions in addressing governance gaps and safeguarding citizens' rights. (250 words, 15 marks)

Judicial Activism is a concept taken from USA (Marbury Madison case) that aims to fill legislative vacuum or inaction of executive.

Evolving Role of Judicial Activism and its effectiveness

① Keep up with the needs of current scenario

Example: MC Ranjit Sinha Case 2023 → Right to be free from adverse effects of climate change is part of right to life.

② Ensures equality and protects

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fundamental rights of citizens.

Example : ① NALSA vs UOI (2014) → Recognised transgender as third gender.

② Naz Foundation Case (2018) and Navtej Johar Case decriminalised homosexuality.

③ fills the legislative vaccum.

Example : Vishakha vs State of Rajasthan led to Vishakha Guidlines for protection from sexual harassment at workplace.

④ Ensures good quality living.

Example : (i) Vellore Citizens Forum Case : led to precautionary principle in sustainable development.

(ii) MC Mehta Case : Right to pollution free environment. Part of right to life.

⑤ Upholds democracy :

ADR vs ECI (2024) : SC upheld VVPAT as fundamental for fair and

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free elections.

⑥ Helps in detailed interpretation of rights : for example : PUCL vs UoI (2013)

→ NOTA was introduced as part of Article 19.

⑦ Decriminalisation of politics in Lily Thomas Case (2013).

OTHER → Chameli Singh vs State of Bihar
↓
Right to shelter

→ Sabrimala case

However, there are certain issues : for instance

① Judicial overreach at times, in Shyam Chouksey Case (mandatory national anthem

② Ban on liquor led to huge losses.

Therefore, the need of the hour is balance between judicial activism and judicial overreach for healthy functioning of all organs of state.

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Q14. राजनीतिक दलों के भीतर आंतरिक लोकतंत्र का स्तर भारतीय दलीय प्रणाली की कार्यप्रणाली और वैधता को किस सीमा तक प्रभावित करता है? भारत में अपर्याप्त अंतर-दलीय लोकतंत्र की चुनौतियों का समाधान करने के लिए कौन-कौन से सुधार किए जा सकते हैं?

(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

To what extent does the level of internal democracy within political parties impact the functioning and legitimacy of the Indian party system? What reforms can address the challenges of inadequate intraparty democracy in India? (250 words, 15 marks)

Internal & external democracy is as essential as democracy for smooth functioning of Indian system. This was widely evident in Shiva Sena controversy.

Internal democracy impacting functioning and legitimacy

① Political instability

↳ Without internal democracy, there are instances of defections leading to instabilities.

② Internal democracy ensures cohesion between leaders.

③ Equal representation to candidates without caste and gender biasness.

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Q15. "एन एच आर सी (NHRC) को न केवल एक निगरानी संस्था होना चाहिए, बल्कि हाशिए पर उपस्थित और उत्पीड़ित लोगों के लिए आशा की किरण भी बनना चाहिए।" इस संदर्भ में भारत में राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एन एच आर सी) की भूमिका और अधिदेश पर चर्चा करें। एन एच आर सी की वर्तमान संरचना और कार्यप्रणाली इसकी स्वतंत्रता और प्रभावशीलता को किस प्रकार प्रभावित करती है? (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

"The NHRC must not only be a watchdog but also a beacon of hope for the marginalized and oppressed." In this context discuss the role and mandate of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India. How does the current composition and functioning of the NHRC affect its independence and effectiveness? (250 words, 15 marks)

National Human Rights Commission is a statutory body formed under Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Role and mandate of NHRC

① To inquire into violation of human rights; can take suo moto cognisance

② To intervene in any case pending related to HR violation. Example: Salwa Judum case.

③ To visit dentention trials, jails and suggest reforms for bettern condition.

④ To promote awareness regarding

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human rights.

Example: Awareness campaign by NHRC on the sidelines of G20 for ~~rights~~ awareness of climate change.

⑤ To conduct research on human rights.

⑥ To look into matters like terrorism that inhibit the enjoyment of human rights.

⑦ NHRC's role in Idate Commission formation, abolition of 'Nata Pratha' to ensure dignity and respect.

Current composition and functioning affecting independence & effectiveness

① Appointed by President on the recommendation of committee → influence of executive.

② Cannot take case beyond 1 year.

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③ No investigation agency of their own.

④ No mandatory requirement of women members in NHRC.

⑤ Recommendations of NHRC are merely advisory and not binding.

⑥ Cannot provide any relief, compensation on their own.

⑦ Limited powers with respect to violation by army.

Suggested Reforms →
- Appointment transparent
- Funding for its functioning.
- Constitutional status.

NHRC is watchdog of human rights. Its independence is essential for safeguarding the rights of citizens for their welfare and development.

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Q16. भारत में स्वास्थ्य समानता की सतत चुनौतियां सार्वभौमिक स्वास्थ्य कवरेज प्राप्त करने में एक गंभीर बाधा उत्पन्न करती हैं। इस संदर्भ में ग्रामीण और शहरी क्षेत्रों में पर्याप्त स्वास्थ्य पहुंच और परिणाम सुनिश्चित करने में सार्वजनिक और निजी क्षेत्रों की भूमिका पर चर्चा करें।

(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

The persistent health equity challenges in India pose a critical barrier in achieving Universal Health Coverage. In this context discuss the role of the public and private sectors in ensuring adequate health access and outcomes across rural and urban areas.(250 words, 15 marks)

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Health is the crucial aspect for human resource development and growth of nation.

Health equity challenges

① Rural urban inequalities

↳ With majority population living in rural areas, 73% of beds presence of beds in urban areas.

② Money and muscle power used for health care in big private hospitals like Apollo, Medanta.

③ Digital divide affecting Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Example: Only 20% have basic digital literacy.

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④ Absence of medical staff.

WHO recommendations : 1:1000 (doctor patient ratio) while in India, it is 1:1500 Similarly nurse to patient ratio is inadequate.

⑤ High out of pocket expenditure on health leading to poverty. (Vicious cycle)

⑥ Government expenditure on health is merely 2.2% of GDP.

Role of public and private sectors in ensuring adequate health access

① PPP can help in infrastructure development for quality and affordable hospitals.

② PM-JAY and Ayush practices in private sectors to get quality healthcare.

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⑧ Integration of CoWIN, UWIN portals to maintain effective record of patients.

④ Primary healthcare centres, wellness centres to ensure equitable health coverage.

⑤ Effective implementation of National Health Policy across public and private sector.

Universal Health Coverage is important for growth and development of nation as a hole and achive SDG 3 (Good health and wellbeing).

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Q17. सतत विकास लक्ष्यों (SDGs) की प्राप्ति के लिए क्षेत्रीय संदर्भ और स्थानीय परिस्थितियों पर विचार करना आवश्यक है। इस कथन के आलोक में जमीनी स्तर पर विकास और सतत विकास को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए उत्प्रेरक के रूप में पंचायतों की भूमिका का परीक्षण करें। (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals requires consideration of regional context and local situations. In light of this statement examine the role of Panchayats as catalysts for grassroot development and advancing sustainable development. (250 words, 15 marks)

73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts laye down provisions for establishment of Panchayats and Municipalities in rural and urban areas respectively.

Role of Panchayats as catalysts for grassroot development

① LSDGs : localisation of SDGs used for effective implementation of SDGs via Panchayats.

② Panchayats are el helping in effective implementation of welfare schemes.

For example : MGNREGA. (SDG 8)

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③ Cooperation of Panchayats and FPOs for better production and ~~provide~~ productivity to eliminate hunger. (SDG 2)

④ Panchayats collaborate with SHGs like SEWA etc. to ensure economic empowerment of women. (Kudumbshree)

⑤ Panchayats have provision of 1/3rd reservation of women thus helping in achieving SDG 5

⑥ Effective role in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan via community participation SDG 6. (Participatory approach)

However, Panchayats are marred by several challenges

① 'Sarpanch Pati' syndrome

② Lack of 3Fs - funds, functions and functionaries.

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③ Bureaucratic apathy.

④ Less effective devolution of powers.

⑤ Creation of patte parallel bodies.

Suggestions →
- Devolve powers and funds.
- Avoid overlapping of functions.
- Awareness campaigns for citizen participation.

Panchayat's ~~approach of~~ bottom up approach can help in holistic achievement of SDGs keeping regional requirement in mind. Steps like Gram Swaraj Abhiyan are in the right direction.

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Q18. भारत में बाल अधिकारों और कल्याण पर पोक्सो (POCSO) अधिनियम के क्या निहितार्थ हैं? बाल संरक्षण के लिए भारत के विधिक ढांचे को परिवर्तित करने में POCSO अधिनियम की भूमिका का विश्लेषण करें। (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

What are the implications of the POCSO Act on the rights and welfare of children in India? Analyze the role of the POCSO Act in transforming India's legal framework for child protection. (250 words, 15 marks)

POCSO - Prevention of Children from Sexual Offenees Act aims to protect children and ensure welfare.

Implications of POCSO

① Protects children from sexual abuse that can psychological impacts.

② Put bans on child pornography.

③ Child Sexual Abusive Unit set up within CBI.

④ Increased awareness about child rights.

⑤ Fast track courts set up to deal with POCSO cases.

⑥ It has increased reporting of child sexual offence cases.

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Role in transforming legal framework

① National Commission for Protection of Child Rights looks into the POCSO cases.

② Child pornography has been made an offence.

③ Penalties have been increased.

④ Uniform application and protection of children's rights.

Issues and challenges

① SC noted that in about 96% of POCSO cases 'support-person' was not provided.

② Lack of emotional sensitivity during investigation.

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③ Lack of awareness to report cases.

Since children are the backbone of the country, POCSO must be implemented in letter and spirit for ensuring welfare of children.

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Q19. अमेरिका और भारत के मध्य राजनयिक संबंधों के सन्दर्भ में मानवाधिकार संबंधी मुद्दों और लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों के प्रभाव का परीक्षण करें। इन चिंताओं ने द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को किस प्रकार प्रभावित किया है तथा इन मुद्दों से उत्पन्न तनाव को कम करने के लिए क्या किया जा सकता है?

(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Examine the influence of human rights issues and democratic values on the diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and India. How have these concerns affected bilateral engagements and what can be done to mitigate tensions arising from these issues?

(250 words, 15 marks)

India and USA, the two largest democracies share no historical relations but their relationship is consistently growing in the present scenario.

Human Rights and democratic values issue

① USA accusing India of no press and religious freedom.

② USA and India's disagreement on WTO issues.

③ USA's threat of sanctions - CAATSA.

④ USA alleging India for being responsible for death of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

⑤ USA helped Pakistan come out of Grey list of FATF.

⑥ Concern over H1B visa issue.

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Concerns affected bilateral engagement

① USA President did not attend Republic Day Ceremony of India on 26 January 2024.

② Trust deficit remains between USA and India.

③ Delay over nuclear ~~power plants~~ reactor delivery.

④ USA has removed India from GSP status - Generalised System of Preferences status impacting India's exports.

⑤ Technology transfer denied by USA.

⑥ Interference in internal matters For example: USA's comments on Manipur and CAA protests.

Steps to mitigate tensions

① & Diplomatic engagement.

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② Respect for each other's internal policy matters.

③ People to people ties must be encouraged.

④ Collaboration on multiple issues raised by different multilateral agencies like UN, WHO etc.

India and USA relationship is important for both to counter China's growing influence. Therefore, differences and tensions must be minimised.

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Q20. वैश्विक उन्नति के बावजूद दक्षिण एशिया में भारत के समक्ष आने वाली भू-राजनीतिक चुनौतियों का परीक्षण करें। भारत अपने क्षेत्रीय नेतृत्व को मजबूत करने के लिए इन चुनौतियों का सामना किस प्रकार कर सकता है?(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Examine the geopolitical challenges India faces in South Asia despite its global rise. How can India navigate these challenges to strengthen its regional leadership?

(250 words, 15 marks)

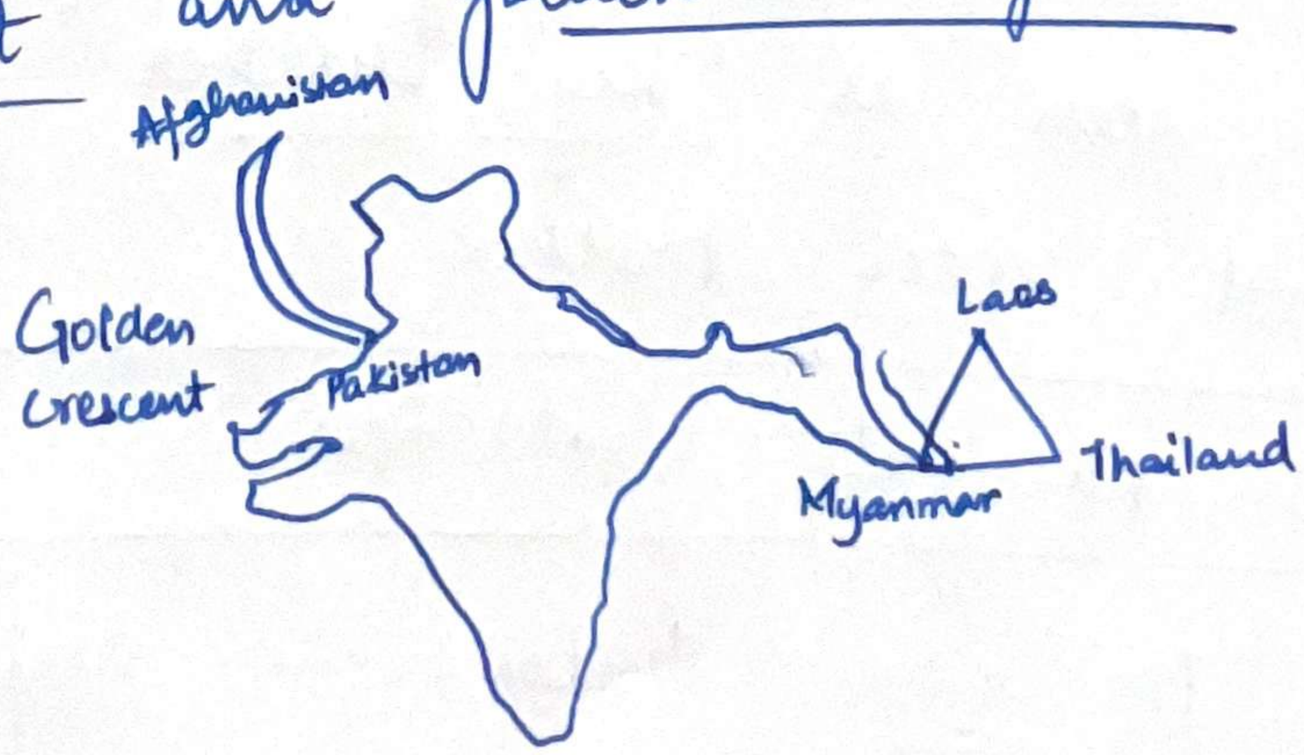
India is the leader in South Asia with its neighbouring countries creating geopolitical challenges.

Geopolitical challenges

① 'India Out campaign' in Bangladesh and Maldives.

② Doklam issue of Bhutan and China poses security issues for India. (Siliguri corridor)

③ India near to both golden crescent and golden triangle.



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④ 'String of Pearls' policy of China leading to encirclement of India.

⑤ Sri Lanka: Hambantota port given on 99 years lease to China.

⑥ Military coup in Myanmar
↳ Illegal migration in India
↳ Issue of Rohingyas

⑦ Dispute of India and Nepal over Kalapani region.

⑧ Clashes with China in LAC and Arunachal.

Example: China issuing stapled visas.

⑨ India seen as 'big brother' and not elder brother.

Steps to navigate challenges

① Soft Power: India has deep

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cultural connect which can be leveraged to gain leadership.

Example: Ramayana and Buddhist circuit.

② Issue of border disputes to be solved diplomatically to bridge trust deficit.

③ Increase interdependency between the countries.

④ Ensure internal politics does not conflict with external foreign policy.

Example: Sri Lankan Tamil ~~issue~~ issue.

⑤ Engage cooperation in BIMSTEC, SAARC, CSC.

⑥ Developmental plans like Gelephu Mindfulness City, ~~IMT~~ ~~Cor~~ Kaladan Multimodal Project, Arun Project must be done effectively in time.

India being, Voice of Global South should ensure to tackle challenges in South Asia to ultimately emerge as Vishva Guru.