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TOTAL MARKS - 100		

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TOTAL MARKS - 150		

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Immediately on receipt of the QCA booklet, please check that this QCA booklet does not have any misprint or torn or missing pages or items, etc. If so, get it replaced by a fresh QCA booklet.
2. Candidates must mention all relevant details like Name, Roll No, Mobile, etc. in the space allocated.
3. Candidate is expected to attempt all 20 questions within the given timeline.
4. Answers must be written in the medium authorized at the time of admission.
5. Candidates must write answers for the specific question under the respective question itself. Any answer written outside the space allotted may not be given credit.
6. Please write neatly. Avoid illegible writing.
7. Do not write/mark irrelevant matters in the QCAB.

सामान्य निर्देश

1. QCA पुस्तिका प्राप्त होने पर कृपया तुरंत जांच लें कि इस QCA पुस्तिका में कोई पृष्ठ या सामग्री आदि गलत छपी हुई या फटी हुई या गायब तो नहीं है। यदि ऐसा है, तो इसे एक नई QCA पुस्तिका से बदल लें।
2. अभ्यर्थियों को सभी प्रासंगिक विवरण जैसे नाम, रोल नंबर, मोबाइल नंबर आदि का आवंटित स्थान पर उल्लेख करना होगा।
3. अभ्यर्थियों से अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वह आवंटित समय-सीमा के भीतर ही सभी 20 प्रश्नों के उत्तर-लेखन का प्रयास करें।
4. प्रत्येक उत्तर, प्रवेश के समय चुनी गयी भाषा के माध्यम में ही लिखे जाने चाहिए।
5. अभ्यर्थियों को विशिष्ट प्रश्न के उत्तर संबंधित प्रश्न के नीचे ही लिखने होंगे। आवंटित स्थान के बाहर लिखे गए किसी भी उत्तर को क्रेडिट नहीं दिया जाएगा।
6. कृपया साफ-सुथरा लिखें। अपठनीय लेखन से बचें।
7. QCAB में अप्रासंगिक तथ्यों को न लिखें / न ही चिह्नित करें।

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MARKING SCHEME *

Marks Per Ques	Below Average	Average	Above Average
10 Marks	Below 3.00	3.00 - 3.75	4.00 and above
15 Marks	Below 4.50	4.50 - 5.75	6.00 and above

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The Purpose of MTS 2.0 Score Improvement Program (SIP) is to provide constructive suggestions on 'How to improve Answer Writing and thereby score better marks.

Q1.

Introduction	Body	Conclusion

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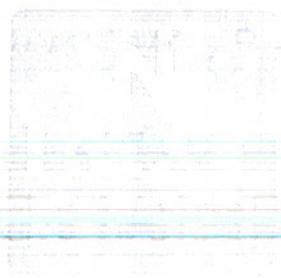
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1. स्तंभ केवल उत्कृष्ट वास्तुशिल्प ही नहीं हैं, बल्कि प्राचीन भारतीय इतिहास के महत्वपूर्ण स्रोत भी हैं। विवेचना कीजिए।
(उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक
- Pillars are not merely architectural marvels, but also serve as crucial sources of ancient Indian history. Discuss.
(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Ans) Recent discovery of Pillars from Ambavadi Area of Satavahana reign, reflects centrality of pillars in ancient Indian history.

Pillars as architectural marvels

- ① Central features of monuments & palaces.
Ex) Megasthenes (Indica) → Mausyan Palaces had incredible pillars.
- ② Architectural Complexity.
Ex) Mausyan Pillars = Base + Capital + Abacus + Animal.
- ③ Excellence of rock cut architecture.
Ex) Monolithic & polished nature
- ④ Symbol of Nobility & Grandeur.
Ex) Gupta Pillars installed outside palaces.

However, they serve as crucial sources of history

- ① Constructing historical timelines -

Ex) Heliodorus (Besnagar Pillar) → Annual of
Greeks

② About state administration policies.

Ex) Asokan Pillars & Dhamma Policy.

③ About governance styles & bodies.

Ex) Uttamerpur Pillar & Local Self Governance
of Cholas.

④ About victories & defeats of kings.

Ex) Aihole Pillar Inscription (Pulakeshin
II)

⑤ About social setup of dynasties.

Ex) Nanghat Pillar & Satvahana were
Matrarchal

⑥ Temple Architecture & Material

Ex) Pillars in Chola Temple.

⑦ Foreign Policy tools.

Ex) Asokan Pillars in Gandhara
region.

Pillars were used multifacetedly to study
both architecture as well as historical
data.

2.

दादाभाई नौरोजी जैसे प्रारंभिक आर्थिक राष्ट्रवादियों ने भारतीय स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन की बौद्धिक नींव को किस सीमा तक आकार प्रदान किया? (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक

To what extent did early economic nationalists like Dadabhai Naoroji shape the intellectual foundations of the Indian freedom movement? (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

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Early Economic Nationalists were part of Western Educated Middle Class Intellectuals laying foundations of Nationalism.

Economic Nationalists laying intellectual foundations

- ① Uncovering true nature of British rule -
Ex) Poverty & Un-British Rule (D B Naoroji)
- ② Highlighting Drain of Wealth → People became aware of colonial policies.
- ③ Pointed out how various sections are affected → Interest Amalgamation
Ex) R.C. Dutt → Industrialists affected
(Economic history) → Peasants oppressed
→ Artisans subjugated.
- ④ Developed intellectual consciousness of early political leaders.

- ⑤ Initiated social & religious reforms -
Ex) Balwanthi Pradyuman Sabha by
Kabaji
- ⑥ Developing early nationalistic identity
in economic terms.
- ⑦ Forming political associations to demand reforms Ex) East India Association

However, they faced limitations too

- ① Illiteracy in masses (→ 90%) → limited reach
- ② Limited to Academic activism.
- ③ Elitist orientation & less faith in masses.
- ④ Tilak's Political Meritocracy as they relied on petition & propaganda.
- ⑤ Often had similar interests as industrialists & zamindars.

Despite their criticism, economic nationalists were seminal in laying foundations of early nationalism

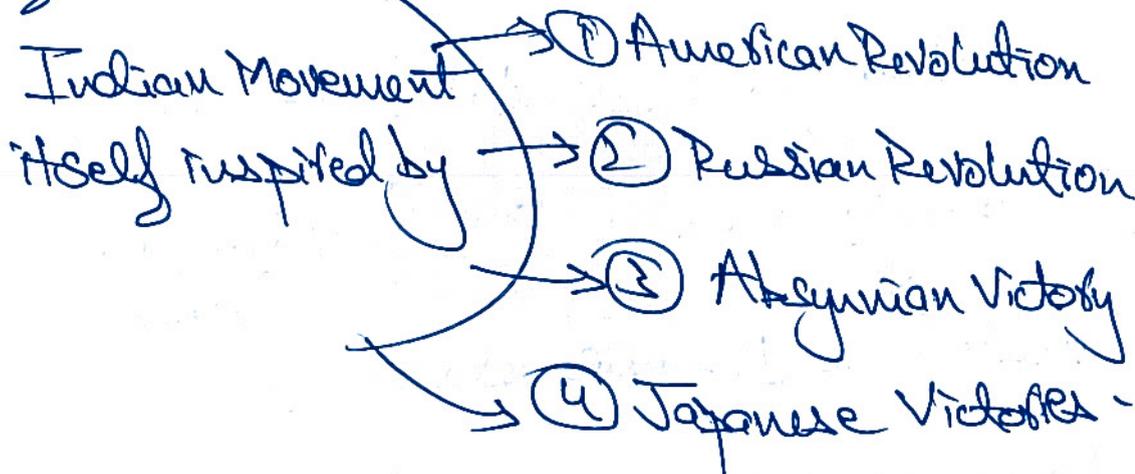
3. भारतीय राष्ट्रीय आंदोलन ने विश्व भर के स्वतंत्रता आंदोलनों को किस प्रकार प्रभावित किया?

(उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक

How did the Indian national movement influence freedom movements across the world?

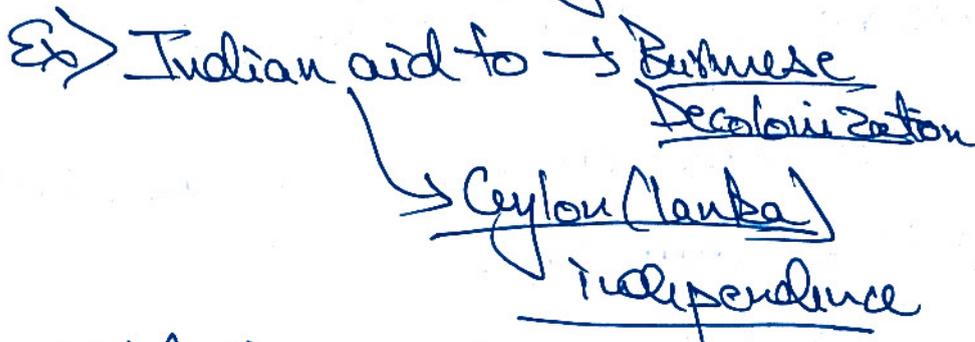
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ques) Indian National Movement was part of Decolonization wave globally that got influenced by 2 also inspired various freedom movements -

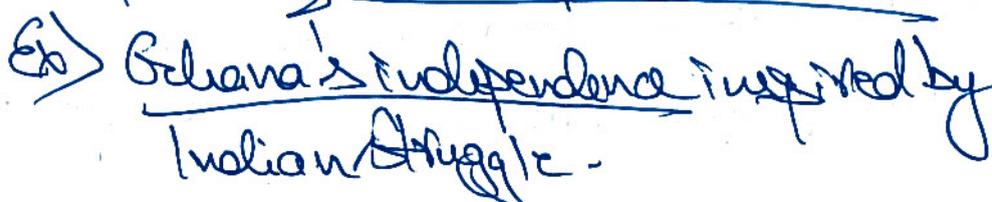


Influence on freedom movements across world

① Decolonization in neighbourhood -



② Inspired African independence movements



③ India's literature exposing the nature of British rule.

Ex) Indonesia's Sukarno was inspired from Nazki's economic works.

④ Ideological support post our independence

Ex) Support for decolonisation in Egypt

⑤ Using Indian Freedom methods of Nonviolence & Satyagraha.

Ex) South Africa's fight against Apartheid.

⑥ International legitimacy to independence.

Ex) India raised anti-colonial voice.

⑦ Alliances during movement

Ex) Rash Behari Ghose & SC Bose's Alliance with Malay Countries.

⑧ Giving confidence to Asian & African countries for independence & sovereignty.

India's independence movement served as ideological & material model for other colonies.

4. महाद्वीपीय प्लेटों का संचलन विश्व के विशिष्ट क्षेत्रों में भूकंपों के स्थानिक वितरण को स्पष्ट करने में किस प्रकार सहायक है? उदाहरणों सहित सुस्पष्ट कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक

How does the movement of continental plates help explain the spatial distribution of earthquakes in specific regions of the world? Illustrate with examples.

(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Ans)

Earthquakes are seismic disturbances which are connected to movement of tectonic plates inside earth.

Earthquake Distribution & Movement of Continental Plates

① Pacific Ring of Fire is 60% of global earth & occurrence.

(b) Due to multiple convergent plates such as ocean-continental convergence.

(c) When a plate subducts, it releases tension & seismic waves causing earthquakes.

⇒ Kamchatka Earthquake, 2024

(d) Additional earthquakes occur due to minor plates thrust against each other.

⇒ Nazca Plate & South African Plate.

② Mid Atlantic Ridge ^(A) 75% of global earth-
quakes primarily of mild intensity.

(b) Movement of plates away creates rising
convective magma & diverging plates that
cause tremors.

③ Alpine-Himalayan Belt ^(A) Due to conti-
nent-continent convergence.

(b) Tension builds up along faults & slips
which when released causes earthquakes.

Ex) Nepal Earthquake, 2011 → Main Central
Thrust slip.

④ San Andreas Fault → Earthquakes due
to transform faults & slipping.

⑤ Turkey (Anatolia) Plate → Trifurcation
of minor plate. Movement caused devastating
impact in 2024.

⑥ Sagging Fault (Myanmar) → Minor Plate
Movement
Mapping & Predicting tectonic movements
Can ~~also~~ reduce hazard by earthquakes.

5. नदी अंतराबंधन (नदियों को आपस में जोड़ने) को क्षेत्रीय जल संकट को कम करने के एक साधन के रूप में देखा जाता है। इसके लाभों पर चर्चा कीजिए और संभावित पर्यावरणीय एवं सामाजिक प्रभावों का परीक्षण कीजिए।

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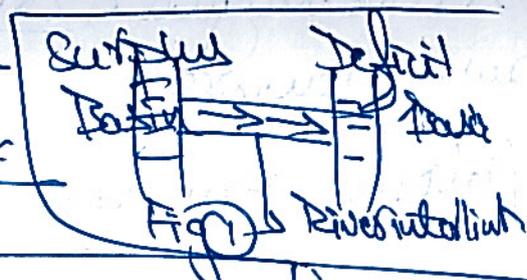
River interlinking is seen as a means to reduce regional water stress. Discuss its advantages and examine the possible environmental and social implications.

(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Ans. F)

Ken-Betwa River Link is aimed at

reducing water stress
in Bundelkhand region



Advantages of River Interlinking

- ① Flood mitigation by water diversion.
 ↳ Gandak to Ganga linkage.
- ② Drought Prevention & equitable supply of water.
 ↳ Tehri Dam Canal → Amritsar (City)
- ③ Navigation & Push for inland water Transport.
 ↳ East Coast Canal (IWT)
- ④ Reduce water scarcity → Development indicators of water stressed regions improved
 ↳ Reduction in water scarcity deaths.
- ⑤ Allow dry land agriculture → irrigation

Environmental Implications of River Interlinking Project

- ① Can lead to submergence of protected areas.
Ex) Panna & Kanha Tiger Reserves (MP).
- ② Can turn wetland basin to dry basin.
Ex) Concessions in PKC project & linkage with Eastern Rajasthan Canal.
- ③ Shifting rainfall patterns → Can make left canals obsolete.
- ④ Damming & Diversion → Affects riverine biodiversity. Ex) Ganges Dolphin.

Social Implications of River Interlinking

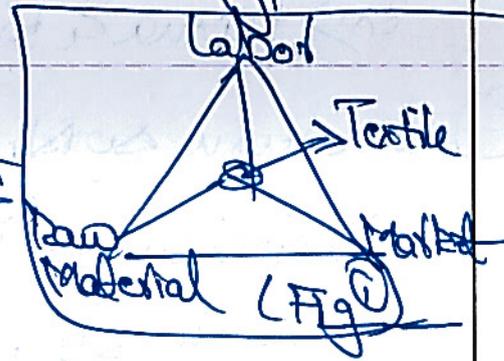
- ① Positive in equitable distribution of water.
- ② Can cause conflict among regions.
Ex) Dispute over S/L Canal (Punjab & Haryana)
- ③ Can lead to agrarian distress.
- ④ ~~Social~~ Can cause conflict in transferring areas.
- ⑤ Audience over Expenditure.

Social & Environmental Impact Assessment must guide interlinking projects

6. भारत में वस्त्र उद्योग के स्थानीयकरण संबंधी कारकों पर चर्चा कीजिए और इसके आर्थिक महत्त्व का परीक्षण कीजिए।
 (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक
 Discuss the localisation factors for the textile industry in India and examine its economic significance.
 (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Textile Industry flourishes along coastal & near urban markets

owing to Weberian Cost Model (Fig 1)



Localisation factors of textile industry

- ① Non-weight losing → Close to markets ∴ Ex) Bombay & Surat (Foot textiles)
- ② Availability of footloose labor ∴ Ex) Eastern UP Cotton industries
- ③ Climatic Factors such as humidity ∴ Ex) Jute Processing is located in Bengal.
- ④ Reduction in transport costs via close to urban centres ∴ Ex) Chennai's silk industry.
- ⑤ Government Policies & Agglomeration

Economics - Ex) MITRA Parks.

⑥ Advanced technology : Alternate raw materials & industrial delocalisation.

Ex) Technical Textile Industry in Northeast

Economic significance of Textile Industry

① High employment & labor productivity.

Ex) Budget 2025 : Textile promotion for gainful employment

② Export balance & export competitiveness.

Ex) Textile exports to West & West Asia Europe

③ Contribution to national GDP & rural economies -

Ex) Textile Processing in rural & urban areas

④ Important area for women inclusion in economy -

⑤ Emerging potential → Technical Textile (India has 2nd largest share)

→ Bio & Recycled Textile
Textile is recognized as one important pillar of rapid & inclusive growth.

7. लोएस निक्षेप क्या हैं और ये विश्व के कुछ सर्वाधिक कृषि उत्पादक क्षेत्रों का गठन क्यों करते हैं?

(उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक

What are loess deposits and why do they constitute some of the most agriculturally productive regions of the world? (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Ans) Loess is Aeolian Depositional landform

formed due to deposition of Aeolian fine grains carried by wind to distant places -

Ex) Loess Deposits in Yellow Basin of Chinese Agricultural Belt -

Agricultural Productivity of Loess

① Weathering of rocks is high in arid region

② high macronutrients & micronutrient profile.

Ex) N & K in adequate quantity -

③ Loose Profile is Arxivation &

Easy access to oxygen for crops.

④ Optimum soil moisture → Better
productivity

Due to better nutrient aeration

↳ moisture profile → Loess soil
among most agriculturally productive.

8. स्क्रीन-आधारित शिक्षा ने पहुँच को बेहतर बनाया है, लेकिन इससे बच्चों के लिए नई व्यावहारिक और सामाजिक चुनौतियाँ भी उत्पन्न हुई हैं। विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक

Screen-based education has improved accessibility but also created new behavioural and social challenges for children. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Ans) Proliferation of Ed-Tech platforms, gaining market share & reach has shown salience of screen-based education.

Screen based education has improved accessibility

① Promotion of quality content in rural areas

Ex) IIT JEE Digital Coaching to rural areas

② Reaching remote & hard to reach areas

Ex) DIKSHA learning platform in Northeast

③ Curated content for special needs children

Ex) Coursera launching PwD friendly courses

④ Accessing internationally reputed institutions

Ex) MIT offering online courses

Digital Education creating behavioural challenges

① High Screen Time is created eyesight,

Health Impact & increased irritability -

② Lack of classroom or teacher student interaction ∴ Declining social skills -

③ Attention span issues ∴ Easy to get distracted & poor attention spans -

④ Issues with quality of content affecting behaviour (Absence of strict regulations)

Social Challenges of online education

① Digital Illiteracy → Pratham Survey 2021 ∴ 70% rural students cannot use computers -

② Digital Divide ∴ AMAAR survey urban has 66% & Rural 30% penetration

③ Lack of material in regional languages -

④ Plagiarism & Copyright issues ∴ Issues of Academic integrity -

Way forward →

- ① Regulations for screen education
- ② Behavioural Counselling
- ③ Hybrid Mode of Education

9. भारतीय संस्कृति और सॉफ्ट पावर को वैश्विक स्तर पर स्वीकार किए जाने के बावजूद, पश्चिम में भारतीयों के विरुद्ध संरक्षणवादी (Protectionist) और विदेशी द्वेषपूर्ण (Xenophobic) संबंधी प्रवृत्तियाँ क्यों बढ़ती जा रही हैं?

(उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक

Why are protectionist and xenophobic trends against Indians rising in the West despite the global embrace of Indian culture and soft power? (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Answer Growing racial violence & ~~stark~~ crimes against Indians present contradictory picture -

Rising Protectionist & Xenophobic trends

① Cultural Nationalistic Policies -

Ex) Trump's MAGA Campaign

② Political Polarisation & Social

Politics - Ex) European Xenophobia.

③ Resource monopolisation along

social lines -

Ex) Idea that Indians are usurping American jobs -

④ Cultural Imperialism & Racial
Ideas

⇒ Hate crimes in Australia -

⑤ ~~the~~ Breaking down of multi racial social structures

⇒ Emergence of Indian only colonies -

⑥ Based notions of foreign cultures
causing crime.

⑦ Social Media based Manufactured
Recession.

⑧ Rise of Conservative political
base & economic nationalism.

These mostly political &
economic factors have given rise to
Xenophobic trends -

10. भारत में जाति व्यवस्था आधुनिकीकरण, शहरीकरण और आर्थिक उदारीकरण की शक्तियों के प्रति अनुकूलित हो गई है। उदाहरणों सहित सुस्पष्ट कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) 10 अंक
 The caste system in India has adapted to the forces of modernisation, urbanisation, and economic liberalisation. Illustrate with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

Ans) Caste is traditional hierarchical system based on occupational rigidity & birth status but undergoing change.
 Caste adapting to ~~economic liberalisation~~ modernisation

- ① Caste as hierarchy → Caste as identity.
- ② Caste reduced in Public, but continued in private -
 Ex) Persistence of Caste Endogamy -
- ③ Symbolic Violence as new form of Caste discrimination.
 Ex) Verbal violence at workplace.
- ④ Caste in digital spaces
 Ex) Caste based matrimony.
- ⑤ Caste associations for identity politics
 Ex) KHAM, AASAP Alliance

Caste adapting to urbanisation

① Caste based urban segregation.
Ex) Dalit quarters in cities.

② Caste associations in cities -

Ex) Maheshwari Samaj, Banija, Sahay

③ Casteist urbanism. Ex) Dalits

Logging in urban development

Caste in Economic liberalisation

① Caste business associations -

Ex) Banija Business Coterie.

② Caste demands for reservation -

③ Caste giving ~~partly~~ unover advantages
in service sector.

Ex) Pendra Babi study of Banija
dominance in white collar jobs.

Caste has not disappeared but
adapted to modern realities.

11. पुरातात्विक साक्ष्यों के संदर्भ में हड़प्पाई लोगों के सामाजिक-आर्थिक और धार्मिक जीवन पर प्रकाश डालिए।
 (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक
 Throw light on the socio-economic and religious life of the Harappan people with reference to archaeological evidence.
 (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ques) Harappan Civilization flourished from 3300 - 1900 BCE with vibrant socio-economic & religious life.

Socio-Economic Life of Harappan People

① Urbanised Town Planning.

Ex) Mohenjo-daro & Harappa → Perpendicular road network
 → Multistory houses
 → Citadel & Lower City.

② Used transportation to source agricultural produce from villages & storage.

Ex) Granaries found at Mohenjo-daro.

③ Trade linkages with Oman & Mesopotamia. ④ Lothal Dock ° Trade remnants found.

④ Centralised & standardised production and exchange.

Ex) Binary weighing seals found.

- ⑤ Bead & jewellery production → Shows presence of elites & luxury items demand.
Ex) Chanudaro & Kalibangan : Bead traces found.
- ⑥ Use of complex water storage & supply systems - Ex) Dholavira water supply system.
- ⑦ Absence of kingship & mostly egalitarian social order.
Ex) Absence of palaces found in excavation.
- ⑧ Social gatherings & celebration of common festivals : Social Solidarity.
Ex) Multiple sections at Great Bath of Mohenjodaro.
- ⑨ Absence of inter-city trade network.
Ex) Rakhigashi had beads produced at Kalibangan.
- ⑩ River dependent socio-economic ~~set up~~
Ex) Major cities along Indus tributaries.

Religious life of Harappan people

- ① Worship of natural forces & proto form of Shiva. Ex) Hotoshiva sculpture (subounded by animals)
- ② Fertility cult worship: Presence of both male & female deities.
- ③ Emphasis on Purity & Pollution:
 - Ex) Separation of Kitchen & Toilet
 - Ex) Organizing Ritualistic baths
- ④ Absence of organized temple worship:
 - Ex) Temple discovery is not done at IVC sites.
- ⑤ Worshipping animals for their usefulness:
 - Ex) Historians claim terracotta figure of bull are worshipping figures.
- ⑥ Primitive & Animistic Beliefs:
Vibrancy of Harappan culture is reflected in modern religious & socio-economic set-up.

12. सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल और जवाहरलाल नेहरू राष्ट्र निर्माण के प्रति अपने दृष्टिकोण में भिन्न थे, फिर भी उनके साझा दृष्टिकोण ने आधुनिक भारत को आकार देने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। विवेचना कीजिए।

(उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru differed in their approach to nation-building, yet their shared vision was instrumental in shaping modern India. Discuss.

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ans) Sardar Patel as First Home Minister & Jawaharlal Nehru as First Prime Minister were deys of nation-building.

Difference in Approaches to Nation Building

Sardar Patel

① Ideologically was Conservative & influenced by Gandhian thought.

② Technical Issue of jobe to assimilate - (1948 crisis)

③ Saw farmers & agriculture as important actors for rural development.

④ Decentralised & rural industrialization

JL Nehru

① Secular, Liberal & influence of western values

② Wait till instrument of Accession is signed.

③ Agriculture limited to grain production & food security.

④ Emphasis on modern & urban industries

⑤ Did not favour land redistribution.

Emphasis on tenancy reforms & improving productivity.

⑥ Focussed on internal integration of princely states

(Ex) Use of force for hyderabad

⑦ Favoured higher reasonable restriction on Fundamental rights to ensure Control & stability

⑧ Cautious about Chinese actions & advised restrained diplomacy.

as growth engines -
(1st & 2nd five year plan)

⑤ Promoted socialistic land redistribution with emphasis on land ceiling.

⑥ Focussed on uniform atc outreach & foreign policy.

(Ex) NAM Movement

⑦ Liberal outlook & minimal restriction on rights

⑧ Focussed on increasing bilateral depth with China (Till 1962)

13. स्वदेशी आंदोलन ने भारत के स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में निष्क्रिय प्रतिरोध से सक्रिय जन-लामबंदी की ओर एक महत्वपूर्ण परिवर्तन को चिह्नित किया। इस संदर्भ में, आंदोलन की रणनीतियों, सामाजिक प्रभावों और सीमाओं पर चर्चा कीजिए।

(उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक

The Swadeshi Movement marked a significant shift in India's freedom struggle from passive resistance to active mass mobilisation. In this context, discuss the strategies, social impact, and limitations of the movement.

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ans Swadeshi Movement was launched as result of Curzon's announcement of Division of Bengal (launched on 7 Aug, 1905).

Strategic shift from passive to active mass mobilization

- ① Extremist leaders: Mass strikes & protest against British policies.
 Ex) Rallies in Bengal.
- ② Use of Secret societies for rural areas & youth. Ex) Anushilan Samiti (Bengal)
- ③ Using masses for picketing liquor & foreign cloth shops.
 Ex) Women squads picketing liquor shops in Odisha.
- ④ Emphasis on cultural cell/masses.

↳ Abindranath Tagore's 'Kharata's' Mata.

⑤ Public demonstrations of unity of masses.
↳ Tying bangles at Ganga Sthal to show Hindu-Muslim unity.

⑥ Vernacular publications to wake masses awake.
↳ Jugantar, Marathi, Kesari.

⑦ Emphasis on Swadeshi, Swaraj & National Education. Ex) 1906 Benares Resolution.

Social Impact of Swadeshi Movement

① Political movement's From elite activity to mass based.

Ex) Involvement of masses in protest

② Women becoming part of mainstream struggle.

③ Rejuvenation of cultural pride & national identity.

Ex) Tagore's nationalistic call in Gitanjali

④ Religious unity & common action against British.

- ⑤ Analgamating multiple sections-
Ex) Intelligentsia + Trades + Peasants etc
- ⑥ Early base for mass political struggle
in future-

However, Swadeshi had certain limitations

- ① Lack of coherent strategy by leaders
Ex) Moderates (Bengal only) vs Extremists (Andhra)
- ② Brutal suppression by British-
Ex) Police Action, University Crackdown of
Calcutta
- ③ Still could not unite all sections.
Ex) Tribals, Zamindars etc. could not
participate.
- ④ 'Token call for Swaraj.'
Ex) Swaraj was not defined
- ⑤ Lack of 'cheap Swadeshi alternatives'
- ⑥ lost momentum gradually.
However, Swadeshi laid base for
mass awareness & mass struggle for freedom.

14. भारत में दक्षिण-पश्चिम मानसून के दौरान पश्चिमी घाट और पूर्वोत्तर की पहाड़ियों में सर्वाधिक वर्षा होती है। इन क्षेत्रों में भारी वर्षा के लिए उत्तरदायी तंत्रों पर चर्चा कीजिए और इन क्षेत्रों में मानव जीवन पर मानसून के प्रभाव का विश्लेषण कीजिए।
(उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक

The Western Ghats and the Northeastern Hills receive some of the highest rainfall during the southwest monsoon in India. Discuss the mechanisms responsible for heavy rainfall in these regions and analyse the monsoon's influence on human life in these regions.

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

And Presence of Evergreen Forests is indicative of high rainfall concentration in Western Ghats & North Eastern hills.

Western Ghats Mechanism

- ① As Fig ① shows, Southwest Monsoon bifurcates in Arabian Sea
2. Bay of Bengal Branch at Cardamom Hill region



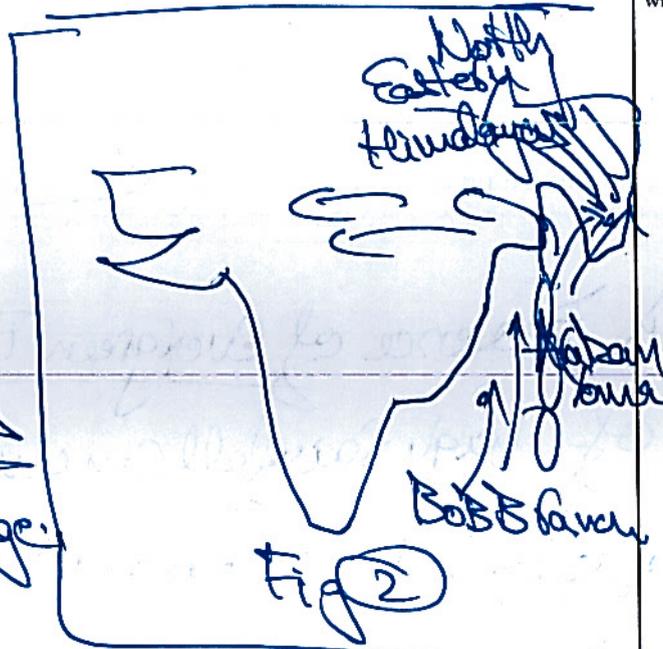
② Arabian Sea Branch ⇒ Direct move towards Western Ghats.

③ Orographic lifting along mountains cause extensive rainfall ④ Showers in Nilgiris.

④ Wide latitudinal extent + High Moisture winds + Mountains ⇒ High Rainfall.

North Eastern Hill Mechanism

① As Fig. ② shows Bay of Bengal Branch Subsides at Arkan Yoma Range.



② Here the North east from South West by deflection & encounter in North eastern trough

③ Orographic lifting & containment of high rainfall clouds \rightarrow High Precipitation in North east.

④ Monsoon & Chara Pujis along the west coast above on earth.

Impact of South West Monsoon in water sheets on human life

- ① Positives :-
- (a) High agri-productivity.
 - (b) Enable production of tropical cash crops.
 - (c) Rice Cultivation is better.
 - (d) Coffee & Rubber in Kerala.

- (1) Enough water availability & rejuvenate rivers
- (2) ~~High~~ High Density flora & fauna → Ecosensitive zone (Ecogirl Committee)
- (2) Negative : (a) landslides.
→ Wagad landslide, 2024
- (b) Flooding & Displacement → Wazir Floods

Impact of Monsoon in North East Region

- (1) Positive : (a) Forest produce for tribal areas. Ex) Meghalaya & Mizoram
- (b) Enable tropical agriculture. (Ex) Tea
- (c) Tourist Economy. Ex) Meghalaya Rain Tourism in Cherrapunji
- (d) Unique habitat patterns. Ex) Thatched & Slanting roofs.
- (2) Negative : (a) landslides
- (b) Flooding & Human Displacement
- (c) Developmental backwardness → Difficult to establish industry.
Western Ghats & Northeast face both positive & negative challenges due to high rainfall.

15. वन आवरण, वृक्ष आवरण और हरित आवरण में अंतर स्पष्ट कीजिए। भारत में वन पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र जलवायु प्रतिरोध और कार्बन पृथक्करण में किस प्रकार योगदान करते हैं? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक

Differentiate between forest cover, tree cover and green cover. How do forest ecosystems in India contribute to climate resilience and carbon sequestration?

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

*) Forest Survey of India estimates that India has ~22% forest cover & ~14% tree cover & ~30% green cover (ISFR Report)

Forest Cover : Any area $> 1 \text{ km}^2$ with tree canopy density more than 10%.

$> 10 - < 40\%$ → Dense Forest

$40 - < 70\%$ → Moderately Dense Forest

$> 70\%$ → Very Dense Forest

Tree Cover : Any continuous land area

having tree canopies but not covered under forests is called tree cover.

Green Cover : Total forest, trees, shrubs, mangrove, plantations etc. covered under total green cover.

*) ISFR 2023 Plantation focus

of South India are part of green cover.

Forest ecosystem contribution to Climate Resilience

① Mitigation : (a) Act as heat sink as well as Carbon sink.

(b) Counterbalance emissions from industrial & urban centres.

(c) Balance natural ecosystem cycles -

Ex) hydrological & Monsoon cycles maintained by forests.

(d) Carbon Dioxide removal preventing temperature rise.

② Adaptation : (a) Prevent conversion of hazard to disaster -

Ex) Trees bind soil → Prevent landslides.

(b) Shelter & Protection from extreme events.

Ex) Mangrove Forests : windbreakers for cyclones.

(1) Allocating resources for post disaster reconstruction - \Rightarrow wooden for reconstructing disaster resilient houses.

(2) Prevention of land ~~use~~ degradation - \Rightarrow Mavalli Green Belt to prevent desertification

(4) Soil moisture & nutrition retention \Rightarrow slowing down of ~~the~~ climate tipping points

Forests aiding in carbon sequestration

(1) Carbon Removal \rightarrow Photosynthetic fixation.

(2) Carbon Storage \rightarrow Bark & woody areas

\Rightarrow Soil organic carbon
Tropical forests are carbon sinks.

(3) Blue Carbon storage by mangrove forests.

(4) Forests & tree plantation in high emission areas \rightarrow Carbon sequestration

UNCCD & UNCCC both emphasize on forest restoration to fight against climate change.

16. विश्व के महासागरों में पाई जाने वाली लवणता भिन्नताओं का विवरण दीजिए। यह भिन्नता महासागरीय परिसंचरण और समुद्री पारिस्थितिक तंत्रों को किस प्रकार प्रभावित करती है? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक
 Account for the salinity variations in the world's oceans. How does this variation impact ocean circulation and marine ecosystems? (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ans) Salinity is total amount of salt & dissolved materials per 1000g of ocean water.

Salinity Variations across world oceans

① Northern Oceans (36 ppm average) & Southern Ocean (32 ppm average) }
 Due to stronger currents & less freshwater flow.

② Latitudinal Variations : (a) Highest at 10°N - 30°N & 10°S - 30°S i.e. at

Tropics → Cloud free areas, High Insolation (23 ppm) & High Evaporation

(b) Intermediate at Equator (25 ppm) : High Evaporation but High Rainfall

(c) Minimum at Poles (23 ppm) : Low Evaporation & High Freshwater Flow

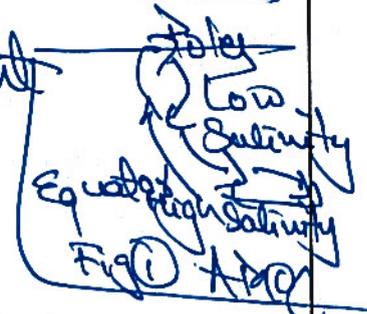
③ Ocean wise : Highest in Pacific (due to unimpeded flow) than Atlantic (continental margins & freshwater flow) & least in Southern Ocean (to last community)

④ Regional Variations : Endohelitic extension face high salinity (Ex: Mediterranean Sea & Red Sea), while areas like North Sea & Black Sea face low salinity due to freshwater intrusion.

Impact of salinity on ocean circulation

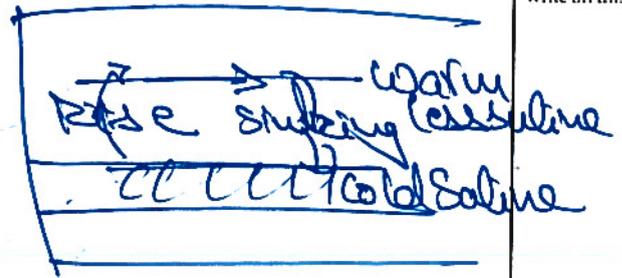
① Drives horizontal currents : High to low salinity areas (Ex: Equator to poles)

② Global Circulations like Atlantic Meridional Overturning current



③ Drives vertical circulation as

denser saline water
settles at bottom.
(Convective Saline
Circulation)



Impact of Salinity on marine ecosystems

- ① Ocean Current movement \rightarrow Impact
fisheries - Ex \rightarrow Migration of whales
- ② Dissolved calcium salts \rightarrow affect
coral formation.
- ③ Extreme salinity create fish depletion
& fish dead zones.
- ④ Impact on phytoplankton & zooplankton
growth \rightarrow Medium to low salinity promote
growth.

Salinity in oceans is important
determinant of global oceanic circulation
as well as factor of marine life
survival.

17. ध्रुवीय हिममंडल (क्रायोस्फीयर) पृथ्वी के जलवायु तंत्र को विनियमित करने में किस प्रकार महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है? साथ ही, आर्कटिक में तीव्र तापमान वृद्धि के लिए उत्तरदायी प्रमुख कारकों का भी उल्लेख कीजिए।

(उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक

How does the polar cryosphere play a pivotal role in regulating the Earth's climate system? Also, enumerate the key factors responsible for rapid warming in the Arctic.

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

~~Ques~~ Polar Cryosphere refers to the ice cap at poles i.e. Arctic & Antarctic driving earth's climate.

Regulation of Earth's Climate System

① Global Temperature → Poles lower global temperature.

② Albedo & Reflection of Sunlight
High Albedo (99%) → More reflection & less temperature.

③ Driving atmospheric circulation.
Ex) Hadley → Polar cell aid in atmospheric temperature regulation.

④ Impact on oceanic circulation's

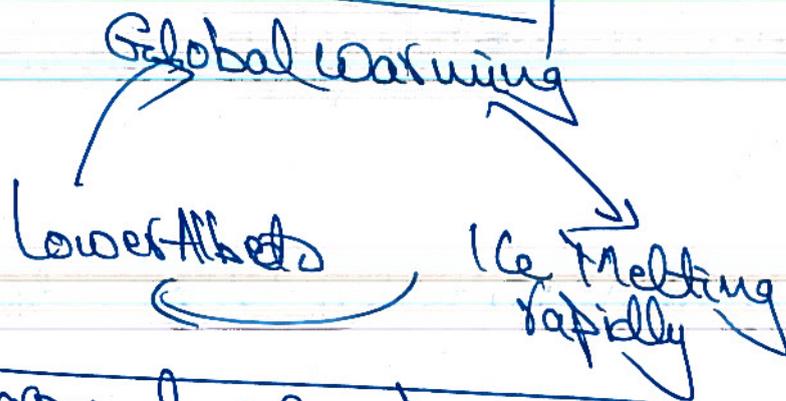
lowers marine temperature & redistribute heat

⑤ Clear atmospheric coupling : Poles play role in events like La Niña, El Niño,

⑥ Polar Vortex : weakening causes blizzards, snowstorms etc.

Key factors responsible for rapid warming

① Arctic Amplification :



② Increased greenhouse gas emissions

Ex IPCC Report : GHG have risen global temperatures by $> 1.15^{\circ}\text{C}$.

③ Black Carbon, microplastic etc. →

Raising of air temperature by lowering albedo.

- ④ Thawing Permafrost
 ↳ Ex) Methane hydrates release
 increase temperature.
- ⑤ Following human activity in arctic,
 Ex) Petroleum exploration
- ⑥ Rising oceanic temperatures -
 Ex) Oceans turning into heat source
- ⑦ Responsible anthropogenic climate
 change
- ⑧ weakening polar vortex & intrusion
 of warm winds

IPCC & NCTOK assert that Arctic
 melting can be tipping point for
 global climate.

18. "धार्मिक बहुलवाद और धर्मनिरपेक्षता भारत की सामाजिक संरचना का अभिन्न अंग हैं, लेकिन उनके सह-अस्तित्व के लिए निरंतर बातचीत (Negotiation) की आवश्यकता है।" परीक्षण कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक
 "Religious pluralism and secularism are integral to India's social fabric, but their coexistence requires constant negotiation." Examine. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ans (18) Religious pluralism is reflected in existence of multiple faiths, sects & cults, showing religious tolerance.

Secularism is established in constitutional principles (Art. 25-28) as well as secular society (Satva Dharma Samhota)

Religious Pluralism integral to social fabric

① Existence of diverse faiths historically.
 Ex) Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity (1st AD), Islam (7th AD) etc.

② Religious identity part of cultural identity & national identity.

Ex) Constitution giving freedom of faith.

③ Allows affirmation & expression of religious identities freely.

Ex) State holiday on all religious festivals.

- (4) Coexistence promote social cohesion -
- (5) Minimize chances of social conflicts -
 Ex) Contrasted example of persecuted Hindus in Bangladesh → social conflict

Secularism essential to social fabric

- (1) Ensuring state neutrality towards religion
 Ex) Noninterference in religious education
- (2) Allowing secular economic cooperation
 Ex) Multi religious offices in cities
- (3) Promote secular & rational conduct in public
- (4) Secular approach to reforms of non-human religious practices
 Ex) State reform in Talag-e-Biddat
- (5) Build sectarian confidence & make them participate in national life
 Ex) Leading Jain, Parsi etc. as industrial powerhouses

However coexistence require constant negotiation

- ① Religious overtones can threaten secular order
 Ex) Kandhamal violence, Anti-GA
Profs
- ② Secular reforms can inflame religious sentiments - Ex) 101st Amendments,
Debate on NCC.
- ③ Political agendas appropriating secularism & mixing with cultural nationalism. Ex) Debate over 'secular' world in Preamble.
- ④ Religious minorities may feel deprived in secular growth.
 Ex) Sachchar Committee - Under-representation of Muslims in education
- ⑤ Religious pluralism evolving secular debate - Ex) Modernisation led debate on reo-secularism
Religious Pluralism as social reality
& Secularism as Constitutional reality
dynamically impact each other

19. भारतीय सेवा क्षेत्रक में अवसरों तक महिलाओं की पहुँच को निर्धारित करने में वर्ग, लिंग और भूगोल के अंतर्संबंध पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक
- Discuss the intersection of class, gender and geography in determining women's access to opportunities in the Indian service sector. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ques Women in India face cumulative discrimination on multiple axes leading to their socio-economic marginalization.

Intersection of class ~~and~~ gender & geography in determining women's access to service sector

① Class & Gender (a) Upper class females have better education than poor women.

(b) Different skills & different qualifications impact access to jobs.

Ex) Most women CEOs come from upper class or upper middle class like Indira Nooyi, Chanda Kocher.

(c) Pushing poor women to informal & exploitative sector.

Ex) Poor women concentrated in construction sector.

(A) Gender discrimination even in same class.

Ex) Poor males → can access low paying service jobs
Poor females → Restricted to unpaid & exploitative work.

(2) Class & Geography : (a) Rural elites

can access emerging service jobs.

Ex) Migration of Maharashtra rural elites to new service hubs.

(b) Elites in geographically remote area
 cannot access service industry.

Ex) North Eastern elites : Agri or industrial based but not service class.

(3) Gender & Geography : (a) Urban

females have access to better education & skilling while rural females concentrated to agriculture.

Ex) Urban females in Pink Collar Jobs
 & 'Feminisation of agriculture'
 in villages.

(b) Women in resource scarce & remote regions face total socio-economic marginalization. Ex) Widow in Vidarbha regions

(4) Intersection of class, gender & geography

(a) Access to internet for remote service jobs ∴ Urban Elite ~~Female~~ Males > Urban Elite Females > Rural ~~Elite~~ Males > ... > Rural ~~Elite~~ Poor Females -

(b) Availability of educational opportunities & stalling reduces with poverty, female & rural/remote regions -

(c) Underdevelopment of service sector especially in rural, remote areas -

(a) Capital intensive service sector ∴ Few jobs but monopolised by urban males -

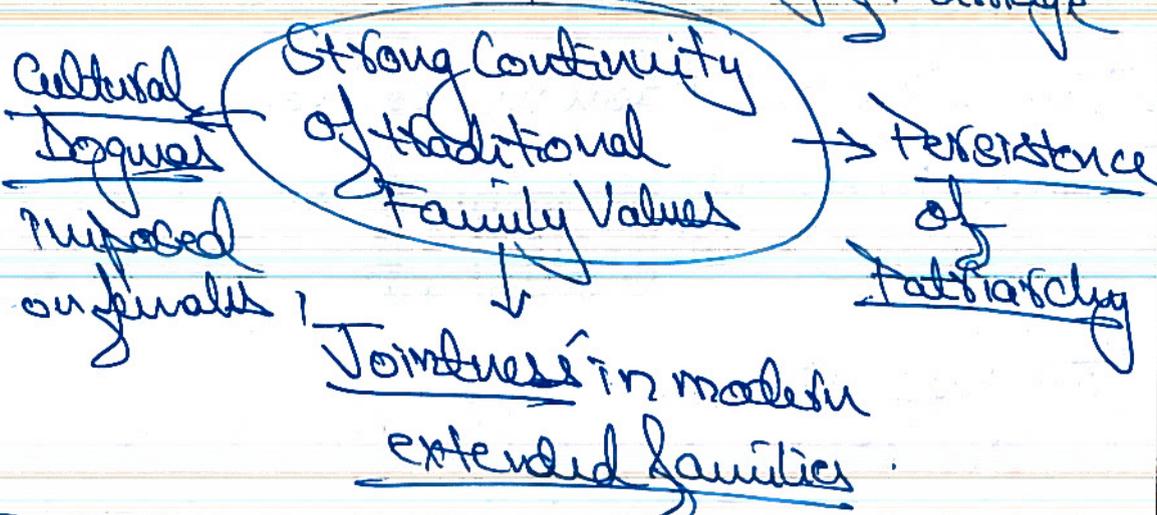
(c) Class, Caste, Class Caste, Gender Gap
Gap → Gender hierarchy in service sector
 High gender inequality in service access
 goes against spirit of SDG 5

20. "पारंपरिक पारिवारिक मूल्यों में सुदृढ़ निरंतरता के बावजूद, भारतीय समाज में विवाह में देरी, तलाक की दरों में वृद्धि और पारिवारिक विघटन की प्रवृत्तियाँ बढ़ रही हैं।" इस बदलाव में योगदान देने वाले सामाजिक-आर्थिक और सांस्कृतिक कारकों पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) 15 अंक

"Despite a strong continuity in traditional family values, Indian society is witnessing rising trends of delayed marriage, increasing divorce rates, and family disruption." Discuss the socio-economic and cultural factors contributing to this shift.

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Ques) (CSDS Survey 2020) highlights divorce rates are rising & single women age at marriage for females have risen to 24 years.



Socio-Economic Factors responsible for this shift

- ① Delayed Marriages: (a) Emphasis on women education & employment
- ⇒ Female LFPR → 42% (2019)
- Women enrolment pattern = 2x as compared to 2000.

(b) Awareness about adverse health impact of early marriage

Ex) High frequency load of fragile mother health

(2) Increasing Divorce Rates

(a) Legal Provisions

Ex) Equal divorce rights to females

(b) Geographical & economic mobility

Ex) Separate couples due to jobs

(c) Female participation in workforce →

Economic autonomy → Reduced dependence on males

(3) Increasing Family Disruption

(a) Urbanisation

Industrialisation → Shift towards nuclear families

(b) Ascriptive to Achievement orientation

Ex) Reducing economic role of family

(c) Emerging alternate family forms

Ex) Same-sex unions & Courts granted legitimacy to live-in

(d) Globalisation & mobility → Stem families

Cultural Factors contributing to shift

① Delayed Marriage :- (a) Gender Rights & Autonomy in partners & age of marriage.

(b) Decreasing religious sanctions of necessary marriages of females.

(c) Modern values preferring career over marriage.

② Increasing Divorce Rates :- (a) Destigmatization of divorce.

(b) Gender Justice :- Divorce & not silent suffering promoted for females.

(c) Marriage as sacrament (Tradition) → Marriage as contract

③ Disrupting Families :- (a) Gender roles to combined conjugal roles - Ex) Male parenting -

(b) Declining patriarchal authority -

(c) Individualism & Generation Gap.

Despite persistence of traditional values, modern values, economy etc have huge impact on family & marriage.

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<p>क्या न करें-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. इस प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका के भीतर कहीं भी अपना नाम या पंजीकरण संख्या न लिखें। 2. अपनी QCA पुस्तिका में कहीं भी प्रश्नों के वास्तविक उत्तरों के अलावा कुछ भी न लिखें। 3. अपनी QCA पुस्तिका से कोई भी पृष्ठ न फाड़ें, यदि आपको कोई पृष्ठ गायब लगे, तो पर्यवेक्षक/निरीक्षक को सूचित करना न भूलें। 4. अपनी QCA पुस्तिका को अपनी टेबल पर न छोड़ें, परीक्षा समाप्त होने के पश्चात इसे निरीक्षक को सौंप देना चाहिए। 	<p>क्या करें-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. कवर पृष्ठ पर दिए गए निर्देशों को ध्यान पूर्वक पढ़ें और उनका सख्ती से पालन करें। 2. QCA पुस्तिका के कवर पृष्ठ पर दिए गए स्थान पर अपना पंजीकरण नंबर और अन्य विवरण लिखें। 3. स्पष्ट और पठनीय तरीके से लिखें। खराब/अपठनीय लिखावट में न लिखें। 4. रफ नोट्स या गणना के लिए, इस पुस्तिका के अंतिम दो खाली पृष्ठों का उपयोग किया जाना चाहिए। रफ नोट्स को बाद में क्रॉस कर देना चाहिए। 5. यदि आप किसी कार्य को रद्द करना चाहते हैं, तो उस पर अपना पेन चलाएं या उस पर "रद्द" लिखें, अन्यथा उसका मूल्यांकन किया जा सकता है। 6. परीक्षा हॉल छोड़ने से पहले अपनी QCA पुस्तिका व्यक्तिगत रूप से निरीक्षक को सौंप दें।

ऑनलाइन सुविधा का लाभ उठाने वाले अभ्यर्थियों के लिए विशेष अनुरोध
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. QCA पुस्तिका को ठीक से स्कैन करें। हम चाहेंगे कि आप स्कैनिंग के लिए कैमस्कैनर ऐप (CAM SCANNER) का प्रयोग करें। (यह कोई प्रमोशन नहीं है)। 2. कृपया QCA पुस्तिका को पर्याप्त रोशनी में स्कैन करें। कम रोशनी में स्कैन की गई पुस्तिकाएं, उनके मूल्यांकन की गुणवत्ता को बाधित कर सकती हैं। 3. स्कैन के दौरान छाया वाले किसी भी पृष्ठ/पीडीएफ को फिर से स्कैन किया जाना चाहिए। कृपया सुनिश्चित करें कि आपके द्वारा अपलोड की गई पीडीएफ यथा संभव स्पष्ट हो । 4. QCA पुस्तिका का उपयोग नहीं करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को अपना विवरण पहले पृष्ठ पर देना चाहिए और मैक्रो टिप्पणियों के लिए अगला पृष्ठ खाली छोड़ दें। यह समझना चाहिए कि उत्तर स्कैन की गई पीडीएफ में पृष्ठ नंबर 3 से शुरू होना चाहिए। 5. QCA पुस्तिका का उपयोग नहीं करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को प्रश्नपत्र के अनुसार उत्तर के अनुक्रम का पालन करना चाहिए। 6. कृपया स्कैन किए गए संस्करण में उत्तर के अनुक्रम और कुल पृष्ठों की संख्या की जांच करें। सुनिश्चित करें कि यह उसी के भौतिक संस्करण के अनुरूप है।

