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### प्रश्न-पत्र संबंधी विशेष अनुदेश

कृपया प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने से पूर्व निम्नलिखित प्रत्येक अनुदेश को ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ें:

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सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

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प्रश्न संख्या 1 से 10 तक का उत्तर 150 शब्दों में तथा प्रश्न संख्या 11 से 20 तक का उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए।

प्रश्नों में इंगित शब्द सीमा को ध्यान में रखिए।

प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़े गए कोई पृष्ठ अथवा पृष्ठ भाग को पूर्णतः काट दीजिए।

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1. Contextual Competence
2. Content Competence
3. Language Competence
4. Introduction Competence
5. Structure - Presentation Competence
6. Conclusion Competence

Overall Macro Comments / feedback / suggestions on Answer Booklet:

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All the Best

1.

भारत के पारंपरिक रंगमंच के रूप समाज के आदर्शों और भावनाओं तथा समुदाय में एक व्यक्ति की भूमिका को दर्शाते हैं। उदाहरण सहित विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The traditional theatre forms of India reflect the ideals and emotions of the society, and an individual's role in the community. Discuss with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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Traditional theatre forms of India are a reflection of social life and often involved Sanskritic traditions with protagonist and a Vidushaka.

Traditional theatre reflecting ideals and emotions of society and individual's role

#### (1) MORAL VALUES

Often the Vidushaka would convey a moral value and 'vyaug' on the society

#### (2) SOCIETAL NORMS

The protagonist was usually a male and would always win at the end.

(3) Language - Early theatre forms were often Sanskritic in traditions and later on adopted to local languages



Fig- Theatre forms of India

(4) Belief in Supernatural  
often the lower stage depicted the  
people on Earth, while higher stage  
depicted Parlok.

(5) Stories from scriptures like Ramayana  
and Mahabharata were depicted in  
plays.

(6) Upholding Ethics of society - often showed  
punishment to those who did not  
adhere to norms of society.

(7) often long stories were depicted in  
these dramas.

Reasons of reduced significance

- Reduction in Royal patronage
- less flexibility
- sanskrit lost its upper hand

Despite the reasons of reduced significance  
many societies like SPIC-MACAY still  
perform them on world stage and  
preserve our culture.

2.

सांची स्तूप के ऐतिहासिक और स्थापत्य कला संबंधी महत्व का विवरण दीजिए। साथ ही, चर्चा कीजिए कि इसने भारत में भविष्य की स्थापत्य कला को किस प्रकार प्रेरित किया है। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Provide an account of the historical and architectural importance of the Sanchi Stupa. Also, discuss how it inspired the future architecture in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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Stupas were burial mounds and most of them hold Buddha's belongings, while one has the pot in which belongings were found.

Sanchi Stupa in Madhya Pradesh is an excellent example of Stupa.

Historical and architectural importance of Stupa

(1) Material used was locally procured viz sandstone

(2) Depicts Narrative art of Jataka tales on its Toranas and Medhi

(3) 4 Toranas depict the four directions viz East, West, North and South.

(4) Spiritual reference - The Andha and Yashti system depict life and death

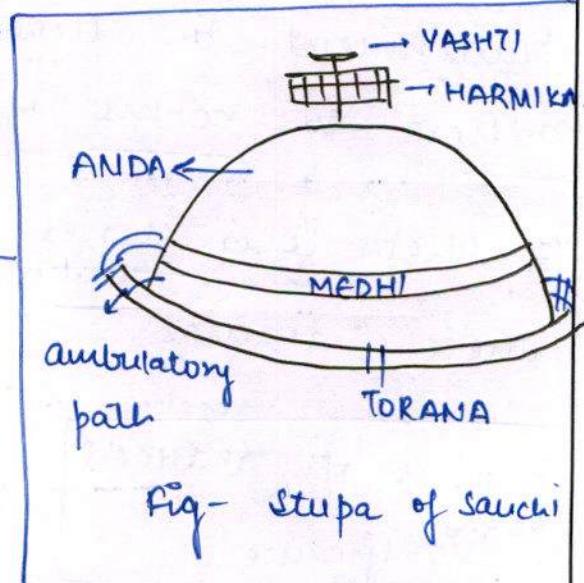


Fig- Stupa of Sanchi

continuance.

(5) Well preserved, gave us insights about local conditions. Ex- Stupa 7 of Sanchi was built by Shunga dynasty.

Inspiration for future architecture in India

(1) Auravati stupa was called a "cheap" copy of Sanchi stupa.

(2) Inspired arch method of Arcuate, a shift from trabeat method.

(3) Double hollow arch system, which were visible from far off started to be built.

(4) Jataka stories as sculptures were emulated at other places too.

Thus, Sanchi stupa serve as a remarkable point in architectural marvels of India and ensured it continued till modern days.

3.

भगत सिंह ने क्रांतिकारी विचारधारा, क्रांति के लक्ष्यों और क्रांतिकारी संघर्ष के रूपों के संदर्भ में एक वास्तविक दृष्टिकोण प्रदान किया है। स्पष्ट कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Bhagat Singh made a real breakthrough in terms of revolutionary ideology, the goals of revolution and forms of revolutionary struggle. Elucidate. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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Bhagat Singh was a proponent of revolutionary ideas and made 'Inquilab Zindabad', the war cry of India's freedom struggle.

Bhagat Singh - his revolutionary ideology, goals and forms of revolutionary struggle

(1) Focus on individual Nihilist attack - he threw a bomb on Central Legislative Assembly alongwith Sukhdev and Batukeshwar Dutt.

(2) Selflessness for Mother India - would die for India and ultimately did

(3) Flagbearer of socialism - with time he converted HRA to HSRA (Hindustan Socialist Republican Army) to ensure

his support for the weaker sections

(4) Inspiration from Indian Mythology

Punjabi folklores of sacrifice were his basic tenets.

(5) vouched for only "freedom" - on the lines of "United States of India" and nothing less.

(6) Institutional and literary works-

alongwith Ajit Singh was instrumental in forming Anjuman-i-mashir. to incite the mass.

(7) Leading by Example - showed absolute moral conviction for a free India, fearlessness, moral uprightness and also lived by his words.

Thus, his revolutionary activities were a source of emulation for youth which inspired many like Beena Das, Sarojini Naidu and finally made India what we see today - free and Azaad.

4. मेजी पुनर्स्थापना के कारणों को उजागर करते हुए, जापान के लिए इसके महत्व की विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)  
Bringing out the factors that led to the Meiji restoration, discuss its significance for Japan.  
(Answer in 150 words) 10

Meiji Restoration was the "latecomer" Industrial Revolution that led to Japan's resurgence in the world as a global power.

### factors leading to Meiji Restoration

#### (1) Government led initiative - Meiji

Restoration was a government led initiative which made duty structure and systems to ensure economic growth

#### (2) Import Dependence - Japan was dependent on imports for raw materials and thereby invested in processing them in-house.

#### (3) Capacity building - Large scale efforts to educate and skill the population were made to ensure enhanced output

(4) Sheer grit and discipline of the Japanese ensured its success.

### Significance for Japan

- (1) Economic power was enhanced.
- (2) Heightened political stature viz Japan defeated Russia.
- (3) Advancement to become a developed nation
- (4) Growth of skill and education of the population
- (5) Rise of scientific temper  $\Rightarrow$  low fertility rate
- (6) Ensured it became a tech giant in future.
- (7) Paved the way for a nation with better disaster resilience.

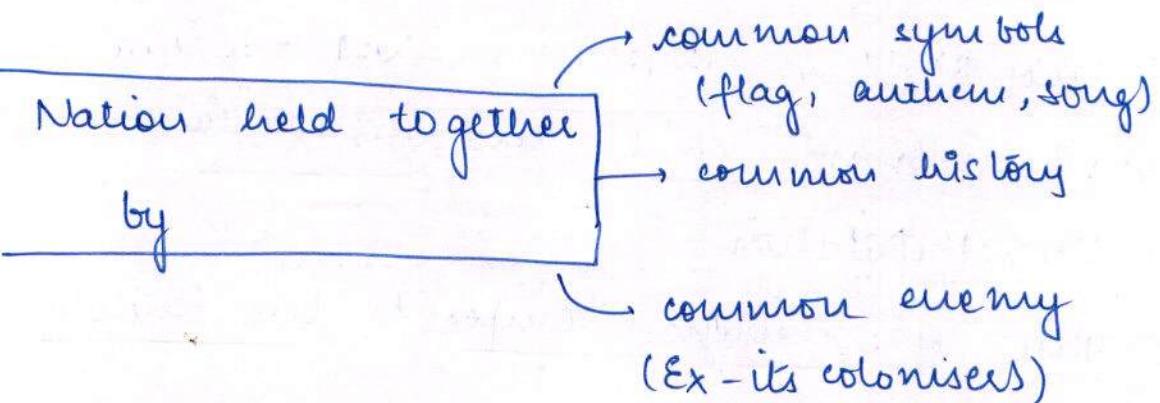
Thus, the Japan of today is a result of the Meiji Restoration of yesteryears which laid strong foundations for it to become a developed nation.

5.

यह माना जाता है कि एक राष्ट्र वस्तुतः एक "कल्पित समुदाय" होता है जो साझा विश्वास, इतिहास, राजनीतिक आकांक्षाओं आदि द्वारा संगठित होता है। इस संदर्भ में, चर्चा कीजिए कि एक राष्ट्र के रूप में भारत का आधार क्या है। साथ ही, भारतीय राष्ट्रत्व की अवधारणा के समक्ष विद्यमान खतरों को भी उजागर कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

It is believed that a nation is an "imagined community" held together by common beliefs, history, political aspirations etc. In this context, discuss what the basis of India as a nation is. Also, bring out the threats to the concept of Indian nationhood. (Answer in 150 words) 10

Nation is an "inspired community", where members feel allegiance to one another, despite not even knowing one another.



### India's formation as a nation

India's nationalism developed in stages viz (with different basis) :-

(1) Anti-colonial nationalism - against the imperial forces starting from the 1857 revolt till the final emancipation of our nation.

(2) Communal Nationalism which led to the breaking down of nationalism into India and Pakistan

(3) Aspirational Nationalism - Regional identities formed the basis here  
Ex- Khalistan, Greater Nagaland etc.

(4) New forms of Nationalism viz Cicket Nationalism, Chandrayan Nationalism which connects us across border. Ex- to our diaspora as well.

### Threats to Indian Nationhood

(1) Regionalism leading to secessionist tendencies. Ex- Khalistan

(2) Rise of Fundamentalism. Ex- Kerala youth joining ISIS

(3) Medice and loss of Mutual trust - Rising mob lynching and cow vigilantism.

(4) Over-reliance on symbols and less on ideology.

Thus, our "imagined community" has been holding high due to efforts of our

6. भारत में फार्मास्युटिकल उद्योग के विकास के प्रमुख कारकों का उल्लेख कीजिए। साथ ही, भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था और सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य के संबंध में इसके महत्व पर भी चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

State the key factors behind the growth of the pharmaceutical industry in India. Additionally, discuss its significance with regard to India's economy and public health. (Answer in 150words)10

Pharmaceutical Industry contributes 2.2% to the GDP and India is the largest producer of Generic drugs of the world.  
(70% exports)

Key factors behind growth of Pharma

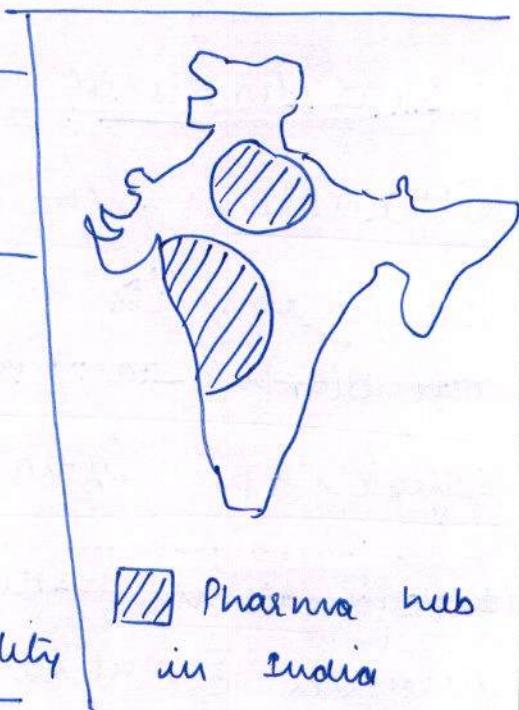
(1) Government Policy was favourable to maintain the supply chain.

(2) Raw Material availability

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API's) are imported from China

(3) Labour Intensive Industry - employs 3.5% of India's labour force

(4) Patent Relaxation - ensures generic drugs are effectively made



(5) supply chain with forward and backward linkages is strong. Ex- Manesar pharma cluster.

### significance wrt India's economy

- (1) GDP contribution of 2.2%, employment contribution of 3.51%, 70% export for generic drugs.
- (2) Soft Power diplomacy ensured. Ex- vaccine Maitri during covid.
- (3) Boosts the regional growth of the area. Ex- NCR region

### for public health

- (1) Cost saving - as 70% out of Pocket health expenditure.
- (2) Reduce poverty - Every 4miss, a person falls into poverty due to costly healthcare.
- (3) Aids missions like Ayushman Bharat, ABHA, etc.
- (4) Affordable drugs to rare disease patients.
- (5) PLI scheme enhances production  
Thus, India's pharma industry is a multi billion dollar industry that provide accessible, affordable health to all.

7.

चर्चा कीजिए कि अरब सागर की तुलना में बंगाल की खाड़ी चक्रवातों के प्रति अधिक प्रवण क्यों हैं। साथ ही, दक्षिण-पश्चिम मानसून के दौरान उष्णकटिबंधीय चक्रवातों की घटना में आने वाली कमी के कारणों की व्याख्या कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Discuss why the Bay of Bengal is more prone to cyclones than the Arabian Sea. Also, explain the reasons for the decrease in frequency of tropical cyclones during the Southwest monsoon season. (Answer in 150 words)

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Bay of Bengal sees twice more cyclones than Arabian sea due to its favourable conditions of cyclogenesis.

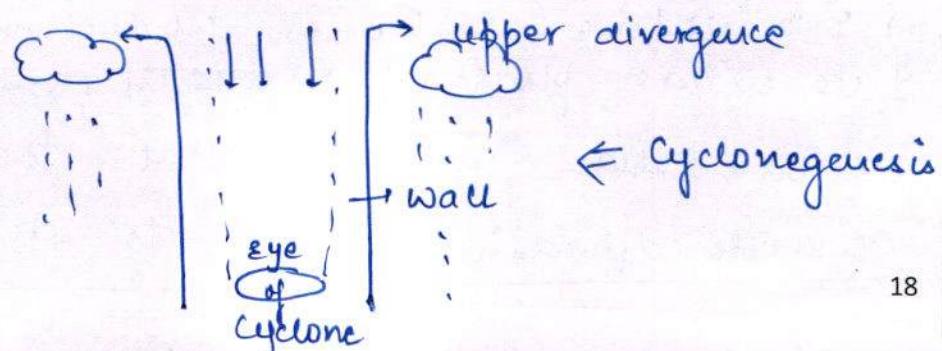
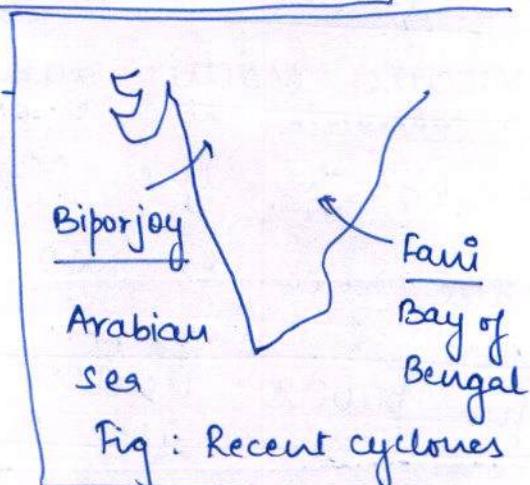
### Reasons for more cyclones in BOB

(1) High ocean temperature  
(25-27°C) favourable for cyclone formation in Bay of Bengal

(2) Presence of wind shear vertically.

(3) Coriolis force ensures it gets the adequate push and direction.

(4) Differential temperatures create conditions of high and low pressure effectively



## Reasons for decrease in tropical cyclones during SW Monsoon

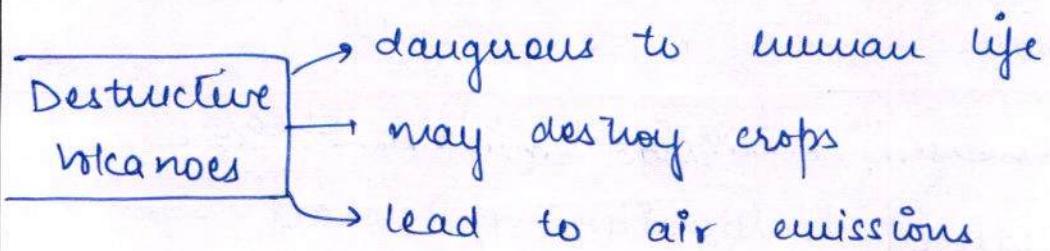
- (1) Jet stream movement - The tropical Jet stream moves away from Indian landmass  $\rightarrow$  variable pressure conditions.
- (2) Pressure gradient - used to divert moisture laden winds to Tibetan plateau.
- (3) Decrease in vertical wind shear
- (4) Reduced temperature of ocean.

other recent trends: lightened cyclones in Arabian Sea, cyclones persisting even after landfall, Fujiwara Effect.

Thus, tropical cyclone formation is a mix of myriad factors which leads to its seasonal and spatial variability across regions

8. प्रकृति में विनाशकारी होने के बावजूद, ज्वालामुखी पृथ्वी पर मानव जीवन के अस्तित्व के लिए महत्वपूर्ण हैं। स्पष्ट कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) Despite being destructive in nature, volcanoes are critical for the existence of human life on earth. Elucidate. (Answer in 150 words) 10

Volcanoes are openings in Earth's crust which emit magma under pressure (lava), pyroclastic materials etc and can be both on land and under sea.




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Volcanoes - critical for existence of human life on Earth

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- (1) Surface builders - The lava creates surface on Earth. Ex- Deccan traps.  
(Example of creative destruction)
- (2) Release of energy - trapped in magma under immense pressure beneath earth.
- (3) Lake formation - Caldera lakes are a phenomenon when volcanoes break on themselves

#### (4) Island formation

Presence of volcanoes often lead to archipelago formation.

Ex - Malay archipelago

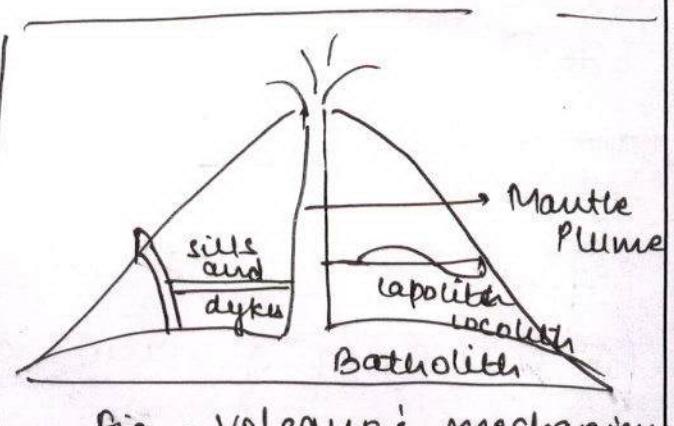


Fig - Volcano's mechanism

(5) Rock formation - Plutonic and igneous rocks form out of these

(6) source of essential minerals like silica etc.

(7) combat climate change by emitting Sulphur in atmosphere

(8) some species which can survive extremely high temperatures thrive on it

(9) Example - barren island (India's only active volcano), Mt. Etna, Mt Stromboli (lighthouse of Europe)

Thus, volcanoes are the source of creative destruction on Earth which builds new landforms

9.

क्षेत्रवाद के पक्ष में तर्क प्रस्तुत करने में सापेक्ष अभाव एक महत्वपूर्ण पहलू है। उदाहरण सहित व्याख्या कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The existence of relative deprivation is an important aspect in constructing the argument for regionalism. Explain with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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Regionalism refers to extreme affiliation for one's region and can have both positive and negative connotations.

Regionalism - a product of Relative Deprivation

(1) Used as a political tool - differential benefits of development is often ascribed to outsiders.

Ex- Marathi people's belief against UP/Bihar people

(2) Limited resources - often the "other" is blamed for lack of access of local population.

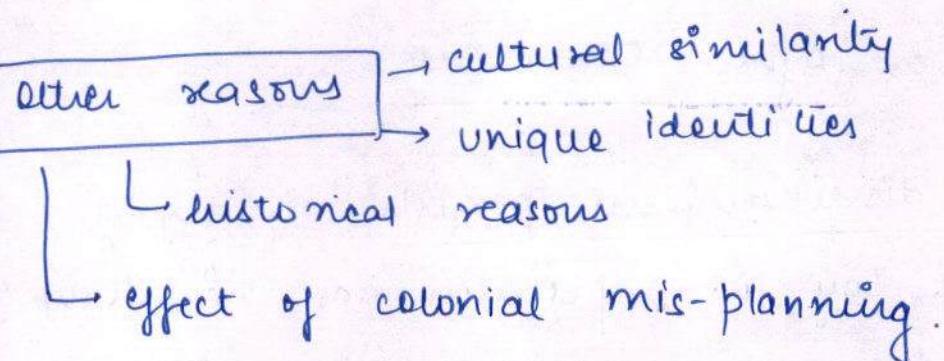
(3) cultural sentiments of "you -of -the -ski" often have economic footsteps on its back.

(4) Play - of leaders - who raise a sense

of insecurity against the others.  
Ex- Shiv Sena's agenda has always been  
to oust the others.

(5) cultural farce - of oneness etc is  
used to hide the relative deprivation  
Ex- tribal land is protected to ensure  
their economic stability. Ex - Nagas

(6) It is said that "it should seem a  
case of Relative Deprivation" and without  
any real RD people develop regionalist  
tendencies. Ex - Delhi



Thus, regionalism if under control  
can ensure betterment, else can  
be a source of secessionism due to  
majorly Relative Deprivation. (B.G.Kher  
Committee)

10. यदि भारत को 'सबके लिए शिक्षा' के लक्ष्य को हासिल करना है तो छेड़छाड़ और स्कूली हिंसा के अन्य रूपों के बढ़ते मामलों की समस्याओं से तत्काल निपटने की आवश्यकता है। चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) If India is to realise the goal of 'education for all', the issue of rising cases of bullying and other forms of school violence needs to be addressed immediately. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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"Education for all" ensures education for all caste, creed, religion and gender and recent Tadkavpur ragging and death case raises serious beat on this

Effect of rising cases of bulling and other school violence

- (1) Negative ripple effect as others might get dissuaded to send their child to school. Ex - Ayan Murder case.
- (2) Caste discrimination persists - killing of a school boy in rajasthan as he drank water from a common water bottle - will dissuade "lower castes" from sending kids to school.
- (3) Gender violence - will reduce girl's Gross Enrollment Ratio in schools and hamper future prospect.

(4) Presence of "Gang Wars" in school will have psychic trauma on kids and they might get dissuaded from attending school.

(5) Falsifies the ultimate goal of education - prosperity for all.

### Solutions

- ↳ strict law against it
- ↳ ensure student communities who complaint against it
- ↳ Teacher's flying squad
- ↳ Ensure training to children
- ↳ Parents committee to ensure they quickly send child's complaint to school committee

Thus, in line with SDG-5 and India's Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a suitable law to curb bullying in school is the need of the hour.

11. पूर्वोत्तर भारत की सांस्कृतिक और ऐतिहासिक पहचान को आकार देने में अहोम साम्राज्य द्वारा निभाई गई भूमिका पर प्रकाश डालिए तथा समकालीन समय में इसकी विरासत पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)
- Bring out the role played by the Ahom Kingdom in shaping the cultural and historical identity of North-East India, and discuss its legacy in contemporary times. (Answer in 250 words) 15

Ahom Kingdom is known for its excellent guerilla warfare and ability to keep British at Bay for a long time

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Ahom Kingdom - shaping cultural and historical identity

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- ① Tribal identity upheld by ensuring their cultures were preserved from external influence
- ② challenge for British - as they were not able to penetrate into local lands
- ③ Belief in Animism - as during Ahom kingdom is still present in north east region

#### ④ Leadership of supernatural deities

often wars were waged,  
with leaders owing  
a message from god  
to save their areas



- ⑤ Great leaders like Rani Gaidili etc belonged to that region.
- ⑥ Promotion of local art forms and dances like Bihu, etc are a legacy of that time.
- ⑦ strict action against entry of outsider forces like money lenders and zamindars etc.
- ⑧ ensured cultural preservation of that area is maintained which led to Vernier Blum's thesis of Tribal Isolation policy

## legacy in contemporary times :

- (1) Inner Line Permit to prohibit outsiders entry.
- (2) Constitutional provisions like V and VI schedule to preserve their culture.
- (3) Free Movement Regime across Myanmar border to ensure cross cultural exchange
- (4) Traditional features of NE tribals still intact
- (5) Absence of boundaries has led to Ethnic conflict . Ex- Meiti Kuki Manipur
- (6) Separatist tendencies due to large scale focus on regionalism.  
Ex- Greater Nagalim .
- (7) Isolation with other parts still maintained in culture and values .  
Thus, to carry this forward Lokay and Bunia committee's recommendation can help them in further strengthen their identities

12.

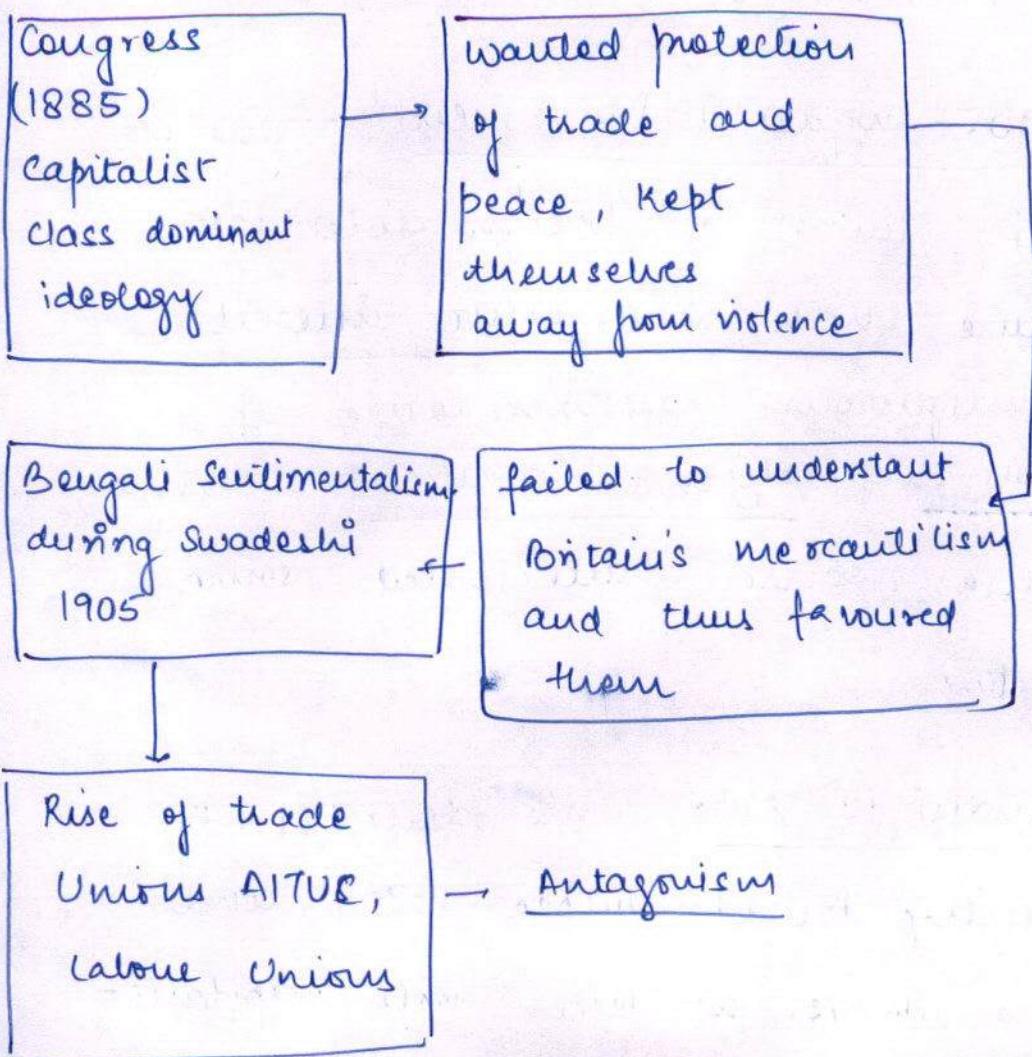
1940 के दशक तक पूंजीपति वर्ग भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस को समर्थन देने के विषय में सामान्यतः दुविधा में रहा है। इस संदर्भ में, संपूर्ण राष्ट्रीय आंदोलन के दौरान भारतीय पूंजीपतियों की अलग-अलग स्थितियों का विश्लेषण कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The capitalist class generally remained ambivalent in their support to the Indian National Congress until 1940s. In this context, analyse the varying positions of the Indian capitalists throughout the national movement. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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The capitalist class or bourgeoisie had varying attitudes towards the British based on development of Nationalist tendencies.

### Ambivalent support of capitalist class



## Varying positions of Indian Capitalist class

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- (1) 1857 revolt - minimal participation as their trade would have got severely impacted.
- (2) Rise of Congress - had backing of capitalist class. Moderates were usually part of bourgeoisie section.  
⇒ Economic Drain Theory
- (3) 1905-Swadeshi Movement - focus on khadi, import of foreign cloth fell, in line with bourgeoisie interest. Ex-indigenous industries came up.
- (4) Non-cooperation Movement - mixed response, some participated, some didn't.
- (5) Gandhi ji's role - his demand for reducing Pound rupee ratio and taxes were in line with capitalist

## Interest

(6) laws to manage labour - factory Act  
etc made them less competitive  
in market -

(7) Rule of AITUC, Socialist ideologues  
further gripped their agendas.

(8) Civil Disobedience movement - saw  
a fairly large participation of  
capitalist class and ensured they  
even donated for gandhi's cause.

(9) Quit India Movement - Capitalist class  
was all out against as they  
understood the inverted duty structure  
of British and understood that  
only a sovereign power could protect  
their interest

Thus, capitalist class involvement in  
India's freedom struggle ranged from  
strict divergence to convergence and  
support towards the end.

13.

भारत में प्रेस के उद्भव का परिचय दीजिए। साथ ही, अंग्रेजों की दमनकारी नीतियों के बावजूद भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संघर्ष के विभिन्न चरणों के दौरान इसके महत्वपूर्ण प्रभाव पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Trace the evolution of the press in India. Also, discuss the instrumental impact it had during various stages of the Indian freedom struggle despite the repressive policies of the British. (Answer in 250 words) 15

Press played a major part in taking revolutionary ideas across regions, from August Mickey's paper to nationalist papers, all had a role to play.

### Evolution of Press in India

- (1) The Hindu, Bengalee etc were first English Newspapers.
- (2) With time 'Kesari' and 'Maratha' of Tilak, 'Rast Gofat' of Dada bhai Naoroji came into being.
- (3) vernacular publications like Anrita Bazaar Patrika etc conveyed revolutionary ideas to locals when Vernacular art banned local papers.
- (4) Gandhi ji used 'Young India' to

transmit his ideas.

Instrumental in India's freedom struggle, despite repressive policies

(1) used to propagate theories.

Ex- Moderates Economic drain theory

got vast publicity

(2) source of international news

Ex- News of Japan defeating Russia caught nation's emotions that an Asian nation could win

(3) instigated masses

Ex- Gilak's article in Maratha which faced wrath of people British

(4) choice of words to escape sedition

Ex "Iss Raj Ke Taar Hilane Henge"  
was about to get sedition turn,  
when the revolutionary said, he was speaking of 'Esraj' (musical instrument)  
whose wires had to be sorted

(5) Publications like Gulam Giri, Dalit Utpeedak caught people's attention.  
Neel Darpan highlighted plight of Indigo workers.

### Facing repressive Policies

- (1) Sedition on Tilak
- (2) Aurita Bazaar Patika turned to English overnight to escape Vernacular Press Act.
- (3) Gandhi's Article led to British summoning him for sedition.
- (4) International support to highlight British atrocities-

Thus, Press became the open mouth piece of revolutionaries and ensured ideals of freedom struggle reach all nooks and corners of India.

14.

विभिन्न प्रकार के मरुस्थलों के निर्माण के लिए उत्तरदायी कारकों पर प्रकाश डालते हुए, उनमें पाई जाने वाली प्रमुख भू-आकृतियों का संक्षिप्त विवरण दीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Highlighting the factors behind the formation of different types of deserts, give a brief account of the major landforms found in them. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Deserts are areas of low precipitation which support arid vegetation and lack moisture

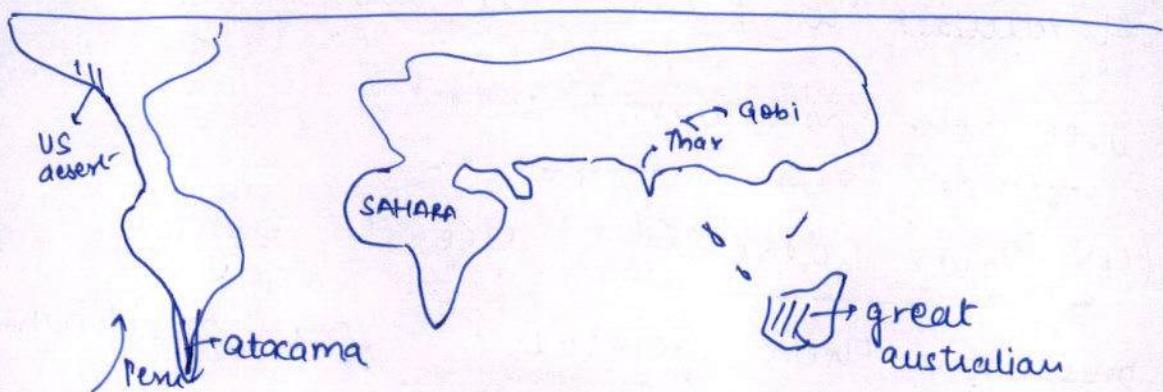


Fig- Various deserts of India and world

### Factors behind Desert formation :-

(1) High Pressure conditions - often cold currents lead to high pressure formation  
Ex - Peninsula current and Atacama desert

(2) Inversions in tropical regions - take away precipitation away from the land and makes it arid.

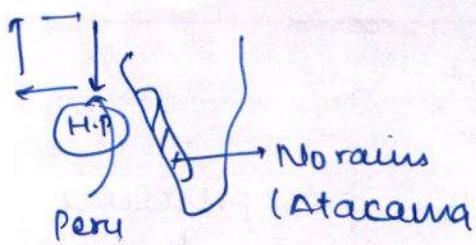


Fig: Ocean currents

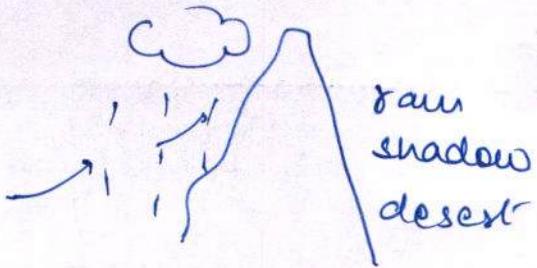


Fig: Orographic reason

(3) Rain shadow desert due to lack of rainfall in them as rains get over on windward side

(4) Polar deserts - due to high pressure there remains less precipitation

Ex - Gobi Desert

### Major Landforms of Deserts

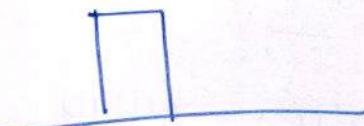
#### ① Erosional

(1) Yardang

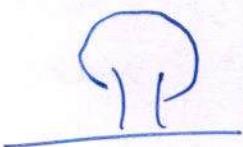


formed due to wind activity

(2) Windberg



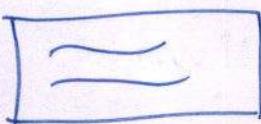
(3) Mushroom Rock



## (B) Depositional

- (1) loess - the soil that gets deposited  
(2) sand dunes - can be

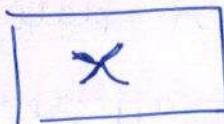
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Hence, deserts are rich in flora

and fauna and have diverse

landforms in them, but the

present trend of land degradation

and intensification of deserts needs

to be traced backwards as

per UNCCD (wind shelter belts,

water harvesting etc) to ensure

Land Degradation Neutrality.

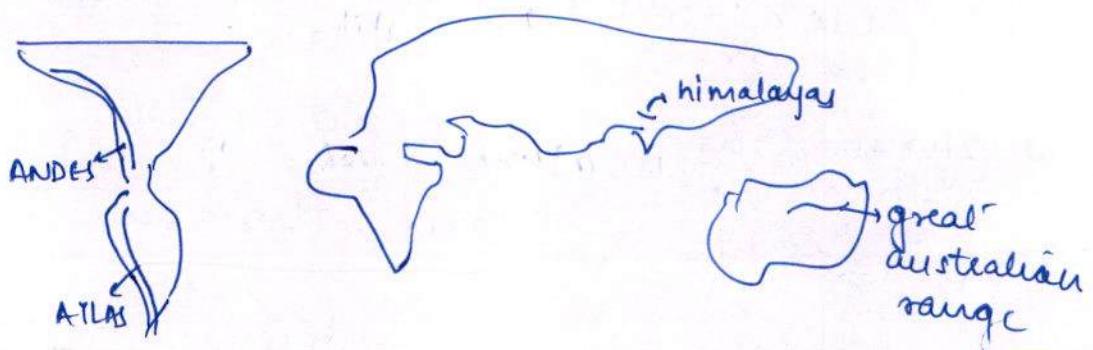
15.

पर्वत नाजुक पारिस्थितिक तंत्र हैं जो जलवायु परिवर्तन और अन्य मानवजनित व्यवधानों के प्रतिकूल प्रभाव के प्रति संवेदनशील होते हैं। उदाहरण सहित समझाइए। साथ ही, उनके संधारणीय प्रबंधन के लिए शुरू की गई पहलों को भी रेखांकित कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Mountains are fragile ecosystems vulnerable to the adverse impact of climate change and other anthropogenic interventions. Illustrate with examples. Also, highlight the initiatives taken for their sustainable management. (Answer in 250 words) 15

Mountains are gigantic structures formed due to plate tectonics and are the ones affected the most by climate change.

### Mountains across the world



### Fragile Ecosystems to climate change

(1) First line of defence - sea water

rise (we're already) will lead to salt intrusion, reducing biodiversity.

(2) heightened temperature ( $0.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  already) will make some species become extinct-

- (3) species extinction will affect the food web and food chain
- (4) Enhanced instances of flooding and land slides. Ex- Chamoli disaster
- (5) Rising cases of cloudbursts due to erratic weather.  
Ex- Kedarnath flash floods.
- (6) Receding snow line and threat to arctic species like polar bears etc
- (7) Arctic amplification kind of phenomenon due to reduced albedo.
- (8) Invasion by Invasive species will change the ecosystem forever.
- (9) changing land pattern leading to subsistence. Ex - Joshimath crises
- (10) Enhancing infrastructure in border areas affect local biodiversity

## Initiatives for sustainable management

- (1) Secure Himalaya system - taking whole ecosystem together
- (2) AMI scheme - snow and other factors are studied.
- (3) Sustainable Tourism by AMRUT, Hriday
- (4) Focus on water streams  
Ex-Swajal, Atal Bhujal Yojana
- (5) Reforestation through REDD+ scheme

Thus, mountains are part of fragile ecosystem and their sustenance is necessary for ensuring SDG 13, 14, 15

16.

भारत में रेत संसाधनों के असंधारणीय प्रबंधन के लिए उत्तरदायी कारणों की विवेचना कीजिए। इसके प्रभाव पर प्रकाश डालते हुए इस संदर्भ में किए गए उपचारात्मक उपायों का वर्णन कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

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Discuss the reasons behind unsustainable management of sand resources in India. Highlighting its impact, enumerate the remedial measures taken in this context. (Answer in 250 words) 15

Illegal sand mining has become a major issue, with sand being a minor minerals as per Indian law.

Reasons behind unsustainable management of sand resources

- (1) High scale of illegally done sand mining.
- (2) Exponential rise in demand for sand due to requirement in buildings.
- (3) Lack of effective regulations.
- (4) State's duty to ensure it - lacks the will to do it.
- (5) Sand Majlis prevent any diversion of their prized asset.

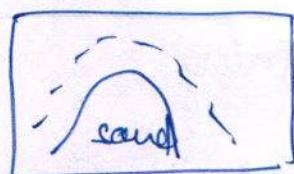
## Impact

### Economical

- ① loss of state revenue
- ② Rise of Majlis in sand industry
- ③ Use in nefarious activities, creates parallel economy
- ④ high price of procurement

### Environmental

- ① river regime gets affected
- ② minimum flow isn't ensured of river
- ③ leads to heightened warning
- ④ Poverty leads to further environmental degradation
- ⑤ affects marine biodiversity.



river regime

## Remedial Measures

Enhanced state's role

- ↳ Use of manufactured sand (M-sand)
- ↳ deployment of officers to check sand mining
- ↳ rules for excavation
- ↳ better policies to check illegal use

Thus, sustainable sand mining

will ensure that nature's resources remain in tandem and no threat is caused either to land, or water or air

(in line with SDG 12, 13, 14)

17.

प्रमुख लिथियम उत्पादक देशों का विवरण देते हुए, लिथियम उत्पादन के भू-राजनीतिक पहलुओं और इसके पर्यावरणीय प्रभावों पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Giving an account of the major lithium-producing countries, discuss the geo-political aspects of lithium production and its environmental implications. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Lithium reserves are critical for making sustainable eco-friendly products and so their reserves have now become talk of the town.

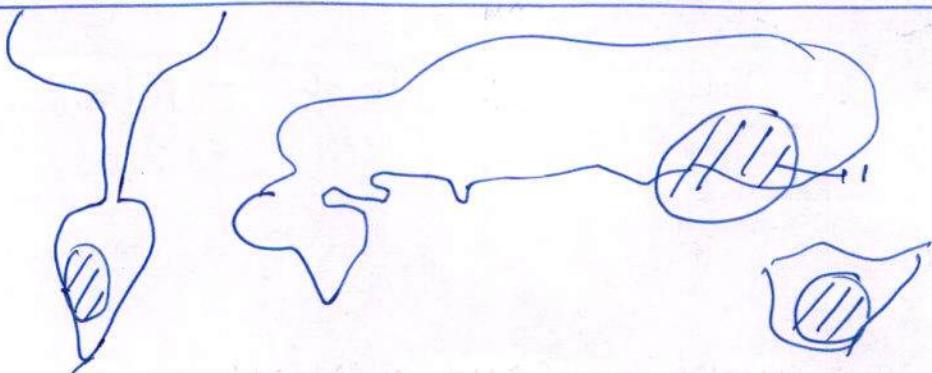
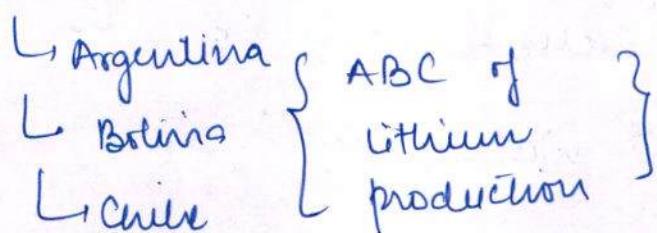


Fig - Major lithium rich areas

### Major lithium producing countries



also with china and in australia

## Geo-political aspects

- 1) In new age products  
Ex- solar cells, EV cars
- 2) Part of critical mineral and Rare metal as
  - less substitutability
  - more economic worth
- 3) Ensures Economic progress as all nations depend on it.
- 4) Semiconductor industry requires it
- 5) will enhance employment opportunities
- 6) Important for security aspect  
Ex-use in submarines etc.
- 7) Ensure sovereignty of nation as a country wouldn't have to depend on others for raw materials
- 8) Recent 'guinea pig' of R&D industry.

## Environmental implications

in vehicles

in solar cell

in spacecraft

(+)

(-)

more exploitation

enhance  
unsustainable  
mining

Inequality  
rise

threat  
to  
Bio-  
diversity

- ✓ will reduce GHG emission
- ✓ reverse climate change

Thus, "Lithium is the new oil" of the century and its availability custers a nation's development. Its trajectory becomes a "bed of roses."

18.

युवा वैश्विक पहचान के साथ स्वयं को समाहित करने तथा अपने देशों के बाहर की घटनाओं और अनुभवों से जुड़ने में सक्षम हैं। इस संदर्भ में, युवा पहचान के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर वैश्वीकरण के प्रभाव की विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The youth are capable of identifying themselves with a global identity and connecting with events and experiences outside their countries. In this context, discuss the impact of globalization on the various aspects of youth identity. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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The demographic dividend of our nation  
65% of country's population is well  
versed with winds of globalization.

Globalization refers to the  
free flow of ideas and material  
across borders

### Youth - having global identity

- (1) Identifying with global movements  
Ex- Black Lives Matter after George Floyd's death and Me TOO.
- (2) Educational prospects - 7.5 lakh Indian youth studies abroad and gains western ideas.
- (3) Philosophical trends - heightened interest in Stoicism reflects global undercurrents.

(4) Diaspora led growth - 32 mn people

live abroad and mostly are youth  
working in software and medical  
industry.

(5) Breaking mental boundaries - Rising  
trend of gay parades to highlight  
one's sexuality are on the rise.

(6) changing traditions - Modernity and  
tradition is existing together  
Ex- Pooja of a newly bought car (a  
machine)

(7) Global trends of sustainability visible  
Ex- Youth going for environmentally  
sustainable Ganesha for Ganesh Visarjan

(8) Influence on tastes

Ex- Pop culture, anime, shakira, Taylor  
Swift are household names now.

(9) Exposure to cultural traditions

Ex- Japan's Ikigai and Indian Yoga practised together.

(9) Cuisine shift - from Chinese momos to Japan's ramen, all included

(10) Dressing sense - New forms of saree drapping

### Negative influence

(1) Heightened drug abuse - as it looks "cool"

(2) Seclusion tendencies - remain glued to devices

(3) Games like Blue whale lead to suicides, PUBG leading to anxiety disorders.

(4) Consumeristic culture enhances feeling of relative deprivation.

(5) focus on make up and need to look better is reducing self worth of youth.

Despite the challenges, the youth has very well adopted the cosmopolitan culture in spirit of Vasudhaiv Kutum baki

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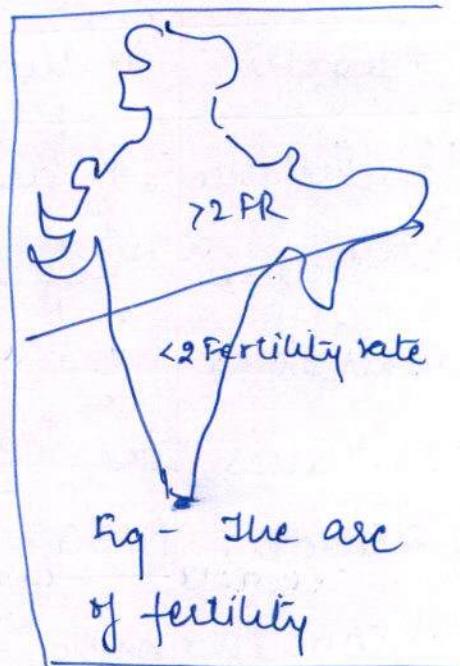
जैसे-जैसे भारत में प्रजनन दर में गिरावट आ रही है, भविष्य की जनसांख्यिकीय चिंताएं वृद्धजनों की बढ़ती आवादी और एक कमजोर सामाजिक सुरक्षा प्रणाली के आस-पास केंद्रित होती जा रही हैं। चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

As fertility rates decline in India, future demographic concerns center around an ageing population and a weak social security system. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15

fertility rates of India are on the down slope with total fertility Rates reaching 2.1 ( Replacement Rates )

### Reasons for reducing fertility

- ↳ Population Policy
- ↳ access to contraceptives
- ↳ Sex Education
- ↳ International effort



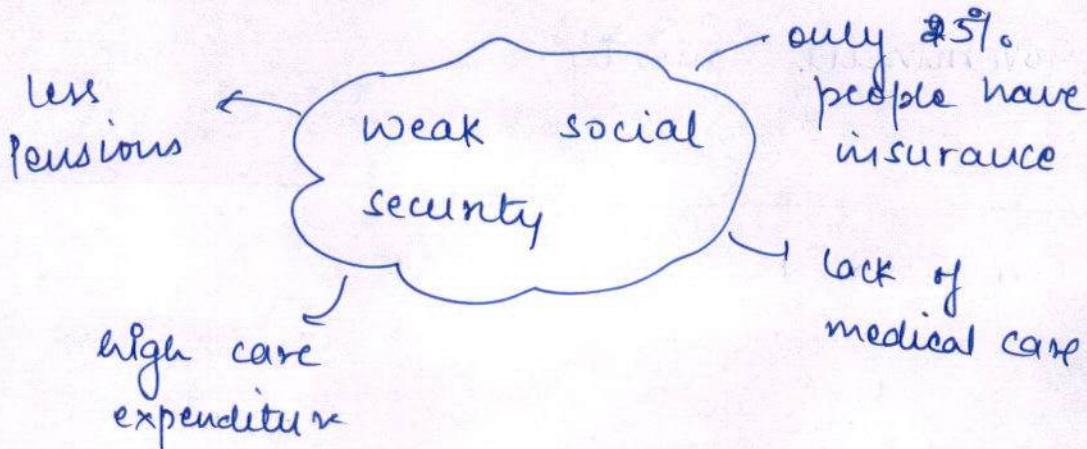
### Demographic Dividend 2.0 : Silver Economy

(A) Population of 100 mn (8% of population) is slated to reach 15% by 2030.

#### (B) concerns of ageing population

- (1) Geriatric care - ensure access of health care at home.

- (2) Psychological help - heightened cases of widows will require help to accept challenges of old age.
- (3) Empty Nest Syndrome - with kids leaving, elderly are left to fend for themselves or vulnerable.
- (4) Social security due to living alone, they become easy target for nefarious activities. Ex - murder in Delhi.
- (5) Technology changes - becomes difficult to manage things
- (6) financial insecurity



## Way Forward

- ↳ Implement schemes in letter and spirit - Ex - Vayushakti Vandana Yojana
- ↳ Ensure police support to those living alone
- ↳ Training to use Gadgets
  - ↳ Elderly friendly clubs and parks
- ↳ Enhance pension benefits -
- ↳ Ensure sustainability Ex - Welfare of Parents Act
- ↳ Bring in civil society for support
- Thus, Active Ageing is the need of the hour and must be government's priority.

20.

2030 तक भारत की आबादी के एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्से के शहरी क्षेत्रों में निवास करने की उम्मीद है, ऐसे में शहरी गरीबों के कल्याण को लोक नीति के केंद्र में लाने की आवश्यकता है। चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

With a significant proportion of India's population expected to live in urban areas by 2030, the welfare of the urban poor needs to take centre-stage in public policy. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words)

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30% of Indian population lives in urban areas and will reach to 50% by 2050 requiring urban focussed schemes.

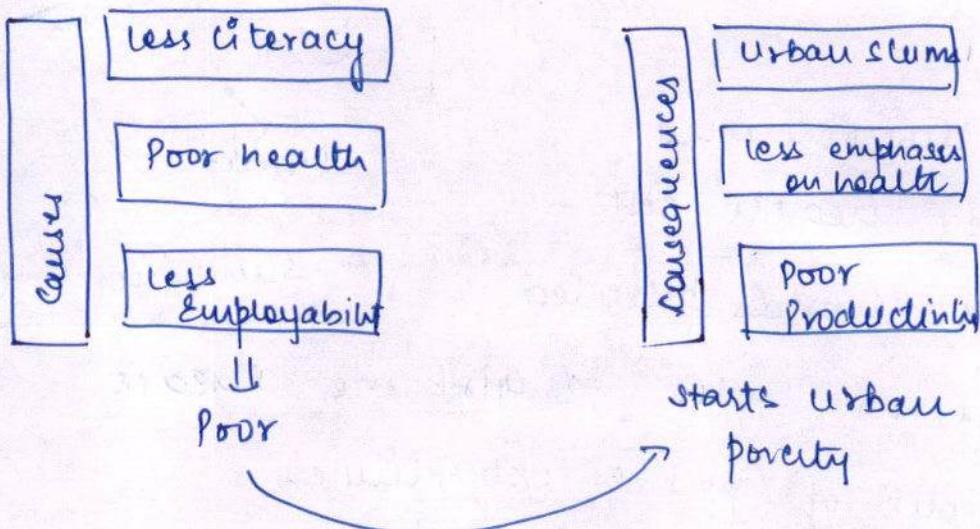


Fig - explaining causes of urban Poverty

### Causes and consequences of Urban Poverty

#### Poverty

##### CAUSES

- (1) Lack of skills
- (2) Poor education outcomes
- (3) change in language of migrants

(4) Lack of social security

(5) undernourished women leading  
to intergenerational poverty.

### Consequences

(1) Urban slums and ghettoization

17% urban population lives in slums

35% don't have water supply

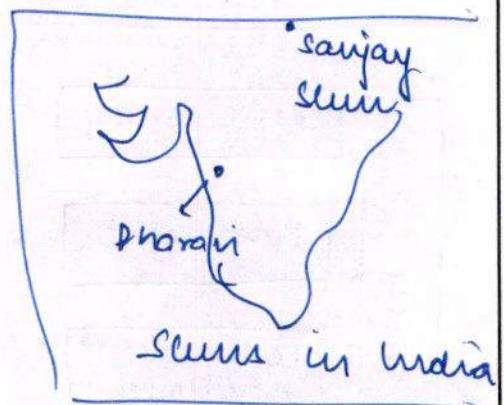
(2) Pollution and related health cost -  
29/50 world's polluted cities in India

→ airborne disease  
(↑ out of pocket expenditure)

(3) Urban flooding - leads to loss of livelihood and becomes a cause of disease

(4) Lack of social support leads to psychological distress. Ex - Covid migrants walk to home

(5) Poverty breeds crime



## Govt initiative

- 1) In situ slum rehabilitation under PM Awas
- 2) AMRUT to ensure effective planning to settle urban poor
- 3) One Nation One Ration card for food needs
- (4) Swajal, Aam Aadmi Sarovar to ensure sustainability
- (5) ABHA app and portable Ayushman Bharat benefits
- (6) Poshan abhiyan and Urban NRREGA required

Thus, urban poverty needs to be mitigated to ensure our easy entry into Amit Kal.

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