



GENERAL STUDIES (Test-12)

निर्धारित समय: तीन घंटे
Time allowed: Three Hours

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अधिकतम अंक: 250
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प्रश्न-पत्र के लिये विशिष्ट अनुदेश

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

इसमें बीस प्रश्न हैं तथा हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी दोनों में छपे हैं।

सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

प्रत्येक प्रश्न के अंक उसके सामने दिये गए हैं।

प्रश्नों के उत्तर उसी माध्यम में लिखे जाने चाहियें जिसका उल्लेख आपके प्रवेश-पत्र में किया गया है, और इस माध्यम का स्पष्ट उल्लेख प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यू.सी.ए.) पुस्तिका के मुख-पृष्ठ पर अंकित निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर किया जाना चाहिये। उल्लिखित माध्यम के अतिरिक्त अन्य किसी माध्यम में लिखे गए उत्तर पर कोई अंक नहीं मिलेंगे।

प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, जहाँ विनिर्दिष्ट है, का अनुसरण किया जाना चाहिये।

प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर-पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़ा हुआ पृष्ठ या उसके अंश को स्पष्ट रूप से काटा जाना चाहिये।

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting questions:

There are **TWENTY** questions printed both in **HINDI** and **ENGLISH**.

All the questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it.

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Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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1.	Handwriting & Grammar				
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7.	Flow Chart/Diagram				

Area of Strength

Area of Improvement

1. स्वतंत्रता के बाद से भारत की विदेश नीति में हुए प्रमुख परिवर्तनों का विश्लेषण करते हुए भारत द्वारा निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में इसकी सफलता का मूल्यांकन कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10

Analyze the key shifts in India's foreign policy since independence and evaluate their success in achieving India's objectives. (150 words) 10

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India's foreign policy has
undergone a paradigmatic
shift from Idealism to
Realism



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व्याख्या कीजिये कि भारतीय समाज में विद्यार्थियों के मध्य आत्महत्या की घटनाओं में वृद्धि क्यों हो रही है? (150 शब्द) 10

Explain why suicide among students is increasing in Indian society. (150 words) 10

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The rate of suicide among students has seen a substantial growth of 7%. (NCRB data) and major educational centres like Kota have emerged as hub of suicide.

REASONS for suicide

- ① Aspiration of parents and emphasis on marks - pressure on students to excel and emerge as topper
- ② Coaching Institutes have become stress chamber with overburdening students
- ③ JEE, NEET coaching
- ④ Limited seats in government colleges like IIT, AIIMS etc.
- ④ Relationships and breakups strained teen relations

- (5) Cyber bullying and negative impact of social media
eg) FOMO, race to get likes and subscribers
- (6) changing family values
nuclear families, working parents, only child syndrome
- (7) Inefficient counselling mechanism to tide over puberty.

MEASURES

- (1) Focus on learning outcome than on marks
- (2) Deaddiction of social media
- (3) Healthy peer groups in school and home
- (4) safe space to talk at home
- (5) Mandatory counselling unit in schools, workings etc.

Mental health is the silent epidemic

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3. भारत की वैश्विक प्रतिष्ठा और सॉफ्ट पावर को बढ़ाने में प्रवासी भारतीयों के महत्त्व का विश्लेषण कीजिये। प्रवासी भारतीयों के साथ जुड़ने के भारत सरकार के प्रयासों के साथ विश्वभर में भारत के प्रभाव में वृद्धि करने की उनकी क्षमताओं पर प्रकाश डालिये। (150 शब्द) 10

Analyze the importance of the Indian diaspora in enhancing India's global standing and soft power. Highlight the Indian government's efforts to engage with the diaspora and harness their potential to promote India's projection in the world. (150 words) 10

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India boasts of a large
diaspora of 33 million people
which is growing stably at
rate of 3-4%.

Importance of diaspora

- ① Cultural Ambassador -
popularity of yoga, butter chicken
- ② Soft power diplomacy
(eg) USA sanctions on India
were lifted after Pokhran tests
- ③ Source of Remittances
(eg) £ 80 billion \$ in 2022-23
- ④ Affect political dynamic
of foreign countries
(eg) 'Howdy Modi' in USA in
support of Donald Trump
- ⑤ Hold key posts in Foreign
(eg) Presidential nomination of
Kamala Harris

Potential of Indian Diaspora

- ① Transfer of Knowledge & Expertise - Mod in Industrial Revolution 4.0

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Vishwa Guru

- ② Contribution in socio-economic development especially of rural areas by building asset and infrastructure
- ③ Promote Indian Interest in Foreign. especially during times of strain ④ India-Canada

Innovative steps like Pravasi Diwas, Awards for Indian Diaspora and cultural engagement build a strong and dynamic relation between India and its diaspora

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4. भारत के पड़ोसी क्षेत्रों में चीन के बढ़ते प्रभाव के संदर्भ में भारत की 'पड़ोस प्रथम' (नेबरहुड फर्स्ट) नीति की प्रभावशीलता का मूल्यांकन कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10

Evaluate the effectiveness of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy in the context of China's increasing presence in the region. (150 words) 10

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The alleged building of military port of China in Cambodia and rising investments of China in name of BRI has polarised the South Asian Geopolitics.

Need for India's Neighbourhood policy

- ① Securing borders - Doklam of Bhutan is very close to Siliguri corridor of India
- ② Ensure Free and Open Indian Ocean - without undue Chinese influence
- ③ Counter China's BRI investments in Maldives, Nepal etc.
- ④ Counter string of pearls of China - to secure marine borders

Effectiveness of India's Policy

- ① Para Diplomacy channel with neighbour
eg vaclav maitri
- ② Humanitarian Assistance
eg operation Maitri - cyclone Mocha in Myanmar
- ③ Building Infrastructure
eg Kalodan Multimodal Project
- ④ Enhancing cultural integration
eg reviving Buddhist link with Indonesia Cambodia
- ⑤ Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness with help of neighbouring countries
eg BIMSTEC

In order to counter growing Chinese dominance, cooperation with neighbours is essential

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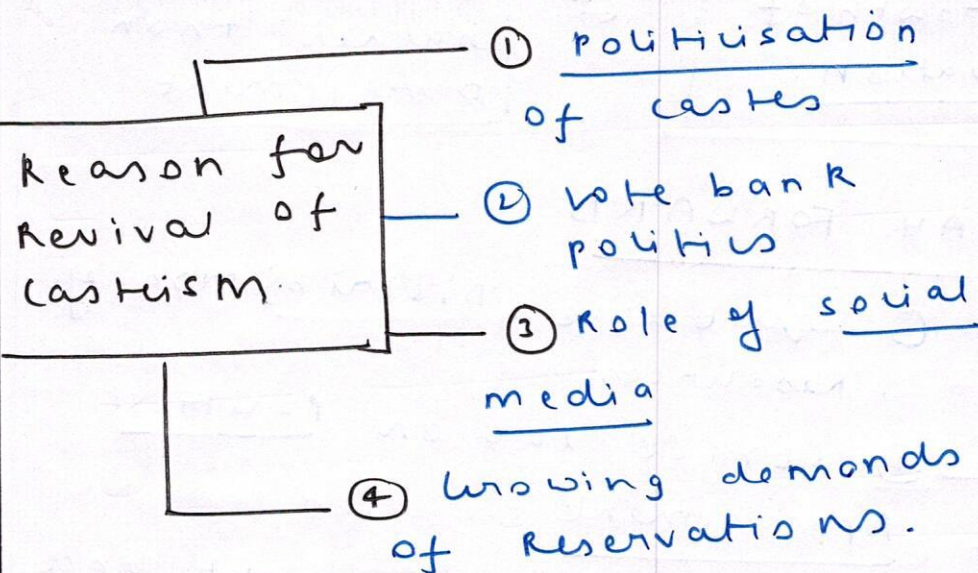
5. वर्तमान समय में जातिगत चेतना में वृद्धि का भारतीय समाज के सामूहिक स्वरूप पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ रहा है? (150 शब्द) 10

How is the increase in caste consciousness in the present times impacting the collective nature of Indian society? (150 words) 10

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caste identities in India have witnessed a paradox. on one hand where caste distinctions are become class distinction on the other hand there is a Revival of caste consciousness



IMPACT ON COLLECTIVE NATURE

- ① Fragmentation of society on lines of caste & class
- ② Violent Demonstrations and Riots

② Caste Identities >> National Industries

④ Effect on Democracy

Appeasement
of voters
on caste

⇒

change in
voting
behaviour

⇓

Hampers
growth of
Nation

←

Elections fought
on caste
rather than
development

WAY FORWARD

- ① Equitable Distribution of Resources
- ② strict law on political Appeasement
- ③ Building a tolerant and inclusive society

The national integrity
is very much affected by
polarisation of society and
revivalism of caste

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6. भारत-अमेरिका संबंधों के ऐतिहासिक विकास का परीक्षण कीजिये और मूल्यांकन कीजिये कि प्रौद्योगिकी में हाल के सहयोग ने दोनों देशों के संबंधों को किस प्रकार प्रभावित किया है। (150 शब्द) 10

Examine the historical evolution of India-USA relations and evaluate how recent collaborations in technology have impacted the relationship. (150 words) 10

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The Indian-USA relation have seen a lukewarm phase in Cold war era but have recovered to collaboration and cooperation in modern times

EVOLUTION

I. Lukewarm during cold war era due to proximity of India to USSR. USA more favoured to Pakistan



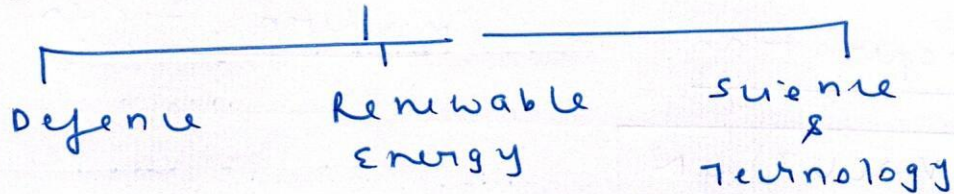
II. Pokhran trials of nuclear testing, USA imposed sanctions and restriction on India



III. Post 2004 - enhanced engagement and like minded policy against China

Recent technological Collaboration

- ① MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime) India became member in 2023
- ② ICET (Investment in Critical Emerging Technology)



L ③ technology transfer of fighter jet engine.

IMPACT ON RELATION

- ① India emerged as important partner
- ② shared interest in building Maritime domain Awareness
- ③ QUAD grouping
- ③ 1202 grouping

The policy of countering China has further bolstered India USA Relation

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7. सोशल मीडिया की लत किशोरों के मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पर किस प्रकार प्रभाव डालती है?

(150 शब्द) 10

How does addiction to social media have an impact on the mental health of teenagers?

(150 words) 10

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In a report of private research
more than 60% of teenagers
use mobile for more than
5 hours and 33% more than
8 hours.

Reason for
growing
Addiction

① source of
dopamine release

(Happy hormone)

② loneliness

③ lack of social
circle, outdoor activities

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

- ① Eating disorder ⑨
bulimia or anorexia
- ② Inferiority complex /
social insecurity -
difficulty in inter mixing
communication, lack of
confidence.

- ③ ADHD syndrome - difficulty in focussing and concentration
- ④ suicidal tendencies - due to cyber bullying [3 in 5 children]
- ⑤ Rising frustration and silent tendencies among children

WAY FORWARD

- ① parental control on what and how much social media child uses. (eg) parental feature (eg) youtube for kids
 - ② child friendly Algorithm of social media - motivating posts etc.
 - ③ building an open environm to talk and engaging in fun family activities
- Mental health is slowly becoming the silent pandemic

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8. साझा मूल्यों एवं हितों को ध्यान में रखते हुए नाटो (NATO) और भारत के बीच गहन संवाद तथा सहयोग की संभावनाओं पर चर्चा कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10

Discuss the potential for deeper dialogue and cooperation between NATO and India, considering their shared values and interests. (150 words) 10

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The dialogue with NATO has
to be finely tuned with
engagement with Russia in
order to balance diplomatic
relation with USA & Russia

Benefit of Deeper ties with
NATO

- ① Deterrence to China will
stop salami slicing tactics
- ② Growing cooperation with
USA → enhanced engagement
in science and technology
- ③ Reduce military burden
and resources spent to
secure borders

Challenges in deep ties

- ① Relation with Russia
will deteriorate

Russia important for energy supply

② shadow the sovereignty of India when bound by rules of NATO

③ Dent the Indian vision of becoming global super power

BALANCE between NATO & Russia

① Maintaining cultural & economic engagement on with Russia

② Cooperating with NATO on free and open Indian Ocean

③ Executive / Informal engagement with NATO. In the ongoing polarised geopolitical scenario, India needs to maintain delicate balance

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9. भारत में धर्मनिरपेक्षता के समक्ष घृणास्पद भाषण (हेट स्पीच) से उत्पन्न चुनौतियों का विश्लेषण करते हुए ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने एवं संबोधित करने हेतु उपाय बताइये। (150 शब्द) 10

Analyze the challenges posed by hate speech to India's secular fabric and suggest measures to prevent and address such incidents. (150 words) 10

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The Indian democracy has a
blot of use of hate speeches
by politicians for polarising
voters for political benefit.

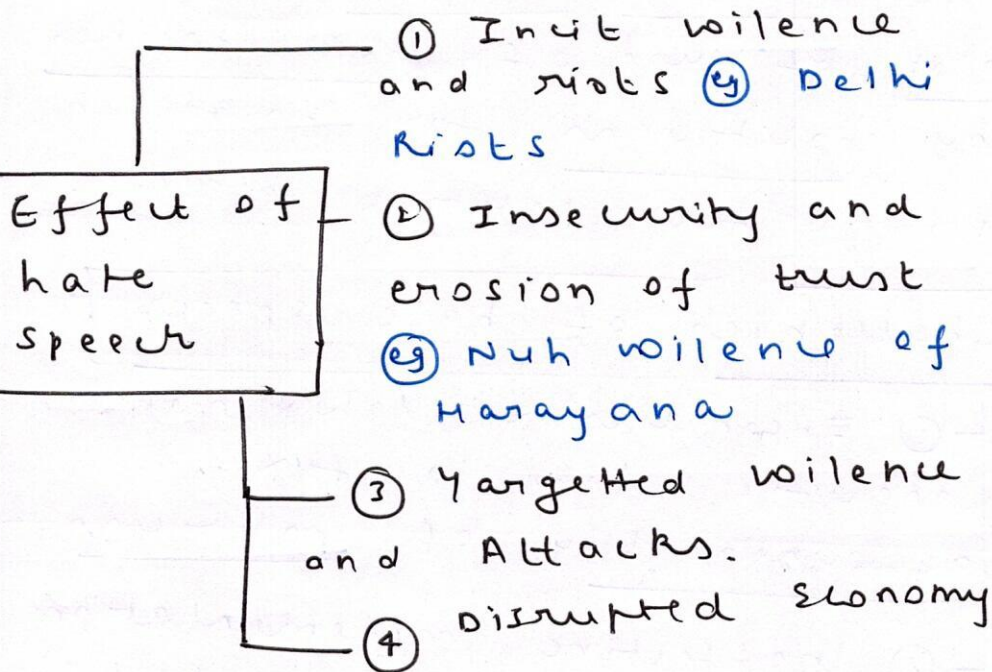
Challenges of hate speech

- ① Inconclusive law - no
specific law to fix
accountability of politician
- ② Ineffective implementation
of Model Code of Conduct
by ECI
- ③ limited scope for Judicial
Review as it is in conflict
with the powers and functions
of ECI
- ④ use of social media
dissemination of hate speech
to millions in minutes

⑤ Deep fake videos - to
harm the social fabric.

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MEASURES

- ① well defined law by union
- ② strict implementation of MCC by ECI
- ③ Monitoring digital content and banning them
- ④ social integration fostering by cultural engagement

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10. भारत की विविध सांस्कृतिक विरासत की मुख्य विशेषताओं को बताते हुए देश के सामाजिक विन्यास को आकार देने में इसके महत्त्व की चर्चा कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10

Discuss the salient features of India's diverse cultural heritage and their significance in shaping the country's social fabric. (150 words) 10

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Since historical times India has been melt pot of various cultures, traditions and civilisations

Features

- ① Tolerance and coexistence amongst various religions linguist groups and cultures
- ② Unity in diversity (eg) Shaivism, vaishnavism & shakti in Hinduism
- ③ Mutual Respect for practices and traditions
(eg) Garba night in Hyderabad.
- ④ Cooperation
(eg) Hindus donating for Haj yatra

The humanism shown by locals in Balasore train Accident shows ²¹ true spirit

of India's cultural heritage Significance in social fabric

- ① secularism in letter & spirit
- ② Right to freedom of Religion including practice and profession
- ③ Equal opportunities for all without discrimination

Ways of Enhancing social fabric

- ① Legal action against politicisation of Religion & Hate speech
- ② fostering cultural engagement (eg) Kaashi Tamil Samagam
- ③ Inculcating Constitutional values

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‘अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शांति और सुरक्षा हेतु विश्व की अग्रणी संस्था होने के बावजूद, संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद अपने आदर्शों से चूक गई है।’ इस कथन के विषय में आपकी क्या राय है? अपने उत्तर को पुष्ट करने के लिये कारण दीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15

‘Despite being the world’s leading body for international peace and security, the UN Security Council has fallen short of its ideals.’ What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons to support your answer. (250 words) 15

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The Russian aggression in USA
Israel - Hamas conflict are
live examples of ineffective
functioning of UNSC.
The rising Chinese
debt trap diplomacy and
North Korea's access to
nuclear weapons have led
to further polarisation of
world.

Even UNSC has fallen
short of its mandate of
up keeping international
peace and security.

Reasons for Ineffectiveness

- ① PS polarisation the 5 permanent members of UNSC are themselves fragmented



Ineffective leadership

- ② Unscrupulous use of veto by permanent members
(eg) USA veto on Israel - Hamas conflict



No decisions

- ③ Allegation on UNSC of not being inclusive - low and developing countries
complaint of under representation



Untrusted by Global South

- ④ Politicisation of UNSC
UNSC used for settling diplomatic scores

How to resolve this inefficiency?

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- ① Implementing common minimum regulation agreed by all countries
- ② respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty
- ③ judicious use of veto not to settle political motives
- ④ expansion of PS as demanded by 44 countries
- ⑤ Equitable representation to global south including African and South Asian countries
- ⑥ zero tolerance policy for violence and aggression

The world is at wsp of WWIII hence an impactful and bolstered UNSC ₂₅ is need of hour

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भारत-मालदीव संबंधों में जटिलता के कारणों का परीक्षण कीजिये और विशेष रूप से चीन की भूमिका पर प्रकाश डालते हुए हिंद महासागर क्षेत्र पर इसके प्रभाव का आकलन कीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15
Examine the causes of complication in India-Maldives relationship and assess the impact on the Indian Ocean region, with special emphasis on the role of China. (250 words) 15

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under the leadership of new
president of Maldives, Muzem
Indian relationship with
Maldives have entered in
lukewarm waters.

Reason for
complications
in
Relationships

① Politicisation by
opposition - election
was fought on
India-out demand

② Apprehension of
Big Brother Attitude
of India insures
small neighbouring
countries

③ Allegation of meddling
in sovereignty by
India in Maldives
Government

④ Chinese factor - China
has popularised Anti-
Indian sentiment through
social media

IMPACT ON INDIAN OCEAN

- ① Affected India's Maritime Domain Awareness and situational presence of Indian Navy

- ② Rising Chinese Influence with Humbanto port already under Chinese control, Maldives was an important location

- ③ weaponisation of Indian Ocean similar to South China Sea

Ⓜ
Against free and Open Indian Ocean

- ④ Rising spying Activity by China

eg) during testing of Agniv-MIRV Chinese vessel was present off Sri Lanka coast

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India's Response

- ① India has not severed diplomatic ties (eg) Maldives oath President invited in ceremony of Prime Minister
 - ② India making new strategic ports
 - (eg) Diego Garcia in Indian Ocean
 - ③ strategic use of Lakshadweep - both for attracting tourism and developing as strategic point
- In order to counter Chinese dominance and aggression India needs to invest in Maritime domain Awareness and collaboration with like minded countries like Philippines.

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भारत में शहरीकरण से संबंधित चुनौतियों का परीक्षण कीजिये एवं इन चुनौतियों के समाधान हेतु प्रभावी उपाय बताइये। (250 शब्द) 15

Examine the challenges associated with urbanization in India and propose effective solutions to address these issues. (250 words) 15

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By 2050 more than 50% of Indian population will reside in urban areas.

Reasons for
Growing
Urbanisation

- ① lack of rural facilities
- ② better employment & education
- ③ better quality of life
- ④ stagnant Agriculture

CHALLENGES OF URBANISATION

- ① Inadequate infrastructure
(eg) healthcare facilities, public transport, housing facilities

- ② Rising population

↓
Urban poverty

↓
Urban slums

③ oversupply of unskilled, semi skilled labour

⇓
Poor wages & exploitation

④ Anonymity ⇒

social fabric breaks

Loneliness & Mental health disor.

⇓
Addiction

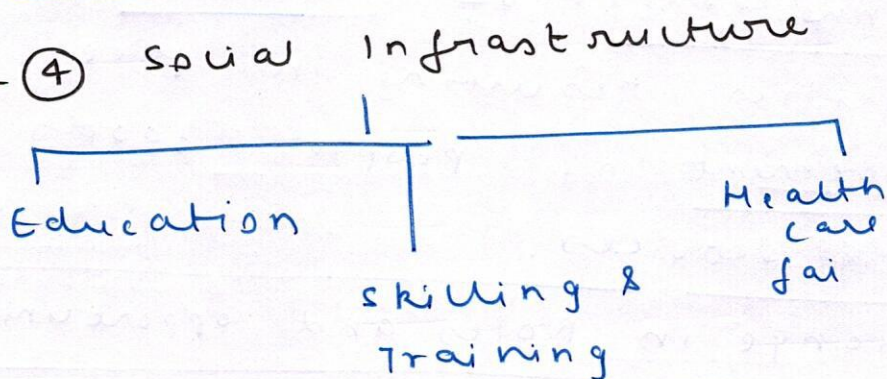
⑤ other problems like suboptimal quality of life consumerism, materialism and increased vulnerability during crisis (eg) floods.

SOLUTIONS

① Proper urban planning with community garden and public spaces

② Improving Infrastructure Residential flats, public transport, supply of water

- (3) Urban Employment scheme similar to PM MGNREGA
- (4) started by Rajasthan Government



- (5) One Nation One Ration Card for migrants

- (6) Innovative Designing like Blue Green Infrastructure 15 minute cities etc.

Government schemes like SMART cities & AMRUT aim at improving urban infrastructure along with building climate resilience

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14.

वैश्वीकरण ने भारत में महिलाओं के लिये उपलब्ध भूमिकाओं और अवसरों को कैसे प्रभावित किया है? वैश्वीकरण के कारण महिलाओं के समक्ष प्रस्तुत होने वाली चुनौतियों पर चर्चा कीजिये।

(250 शब्द) 15

How has globalization affected the roles and opportunities available to women in India? Discuss the challenges faced by women due to globalization. (250 words) 15

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Globalisation refers to inter-connectedness of economies & societies resulting in free movement of people, goods and services.

Change in Roles and opportunities

- ① Challenged Gender Roles and stereotypes
- eg concept of house husband, equal division of household chores.
- ② New opportunities for women in corporate world and STEM
- ③ Mobilisation of women increased for education and job, rising migration

- ④ Widening of Rights and expectations from government
- eg demand for criminalisation of Marital Rape
- ⑤ New voice against injustice
- eg Me Too movement - women shared about their experiences of harassment

Challenges faced by women

- ① pink collarisation of jobs
- eg nursing, teaching
- ② Commodification and objectification of women
- eg rising incidents of sexual harassment in office
- ③ Double burden of Responsibilities - at household and job + rearing of child

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- ④ new scope of exploitation and discrimination through pseudo pornography by Deep fake, discrimination in hiring etc.

Resolving the challenges

- ① Equal Division of Household chores between husband and wife.
- ② legal implementation of POSH Act - Internal Committee and SHE box.
- ③ investment in daycare facilities and crche.
- ④ special provisions for 'womenomics' in Japan's economy. The fruits of Globalisation should be equitable & inclusive.

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15.

समूह की भू-राजनीतिक प्रासंगिकता और आर्थिक शक्ति पर ईरान, सऊदी अरब तथा मिस्र जैसे देशों को शामिल करने के लिये BRICS सदस्यता के विस्तार के निहितार्थ का विश्लेषण कीजिये। BRICS के अंदर भारत की स्थिति और अपने राष्ट्रीय हितों को आगे बढ़ाने की क्षमता पर इस विकास के प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन कीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15

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Analyze the implications of the expansion of BRICS membership to include countries like Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt on the group's geopolitical relevance and economic power. Evaluate the impact of this development on India's position within BRICS and its ability to further its national interests. (250 words) 15

Several countries have shown
interest in joining BRICS
which has posed a both
good & bad situation in
front of India.

Why BRICS
is
expanding?

① China trying
to add like
minded countries
like Iran &
saudi Arabia

② Improving
Integration with south
Asia

Technology and
Expertise

③ Indian ocean presence

Benefits for India -

① Expanding Integration
forum for multi lateral
engagement and growing
diplomatic channels

② New technology channel
(eg) drone supremacy of
Iran

⇓
beneficial for India

Apprehensions of India

① like minded countries of
china ⇒ Anti west
grouping

BRICS might become an
Anti west grouping due to
chinese allies

⇓
Relation with USA

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② Dirent BRICS investment

India has been biggest
borrower of BRICS - NAB
More members means diversion
of funds.

③ Against the original
vision - BRICS was grouping
of fragile 5 economies

⇓
More members will defeat
the idea of origin

⊗ India needs to take
a delicately balanced
approach to tackle growth
of BRICS along with advancing
its interests

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अंतर्राज्यीय नदी जल प्रशासन में महत्वपूर्ण बाधाओं तथा देश के भीतर क्षेत्रीय तनावों पर उनके प्रभावों का विश्लेषण कीजिये।

(250 शब्द) 15

Analyze the significant obstacles in interstate river water governance and their repercussions on regional tensions within the nation.

(250 words) 15

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With rising climate change
and erratic pattern of
precipitation, interstate
River Disputes are on rise.

Obstacles in Governance

- ① lack of accurate data
on River flood plain and bed
poor hydrological mapping
and inaccurate data collection
- ② Pressing demands due to
rising population ⇒ conflict
amongst all states.
- ③ poor watershed Management
and planning
- ④ Failure of Inter state
River Tribunal

long pendency and inconclusive
judgement

⑤ lack of cooperation between
state - state / Union - state

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Politicisation of River
Disputes

Repercussions

- ① Prolonged legal battle
- eg) shanon hydropower project
situated in Himachal, managed
by punjab
- ② Agrarian distress - inconsistent
water supply in irrigation
channels
- ③ violent clashes and riots
- eg) Maharashtra & Karnataka

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④ Threat to Crisis

eg) Mullaperiyar dam - ticking water bomb

Resolution

- ① Cooperation and Consensus building
- ② Collaboration between Government
- ③ Hydrological Mapping using Geospatial technologies
- ④ Integrated watershed

Development ⇒

improve
water
catchment

More
water to
share.



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17.

भारत की G20 की अध्यक्षता का उसकी वैश्विक छवि और नेतृत्व भूमिका पर प्रभाव का आकलन कीजिये। भारत ने अपनी विदेश नीति के उद्देश्यों को अग्रगत करने और अधिक न्यायसंगत वैश्विक व्यवस्था को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिये अपनी अध्यक्षता का उपयोग कैसे किया है? (250 शब्द) 15

Assess the impact of India's G20 presidency on its global image and leadership role. How has India used its presidency to advance its foreign policy objectives and promote a more equitable global order? (250 words) 15

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The signing of New Delhi Declaration is a win for Indian foreign policy is currently fragmented geopolitical scenario

Impact of G20 presidency

- ① India as voice of Global south
(eg) inclusion of African union as 21st country.
- ② India as leader of digitalisation
(eg) resolution on cyber security, Digital India stack and UPI payment system

③ India's zero tolerance
policy - mutual respect for
territorial integrity and
sovereignty



symbolic attack on
Pakistan's terrorism and
China's aggression

④ India as Vishwa Guru

Chennai
Declaration
on Blue
Economy

Jaipur
Call for
Action on
Urban
safety

Talking
Climate
crisis

* India as moved itself to
be a major stakeholder in
Global Dynamics

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Effect of G20 presidency

- ① Rise in soft power
 - cultural showcase
 - culinary diversity
 - heritage of India
- ② changing perception from being a poor country
 - eg) magnificent Bharat Mandapam
- ③ India's own diplomacy
 - India invited countries like Egypt, VAE, Bhutan, Nepal etc.

Indian G20 presidency proved to be an important changing moment.

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18.

भारत में लैंगिक असमानता और निर्धनता के बीच संबंधों का अन्वेषण कीजिये। चर्चा कीजिये कि महिलाओं को सशक्त बनाना निर्धनता उन्मूलन एवं सतत् विकास में किस प्रकार योगदान कर सकता है।

(250 शब्द) 15

Explore the linkages between gender inequality and poverty in India. Discuss how empowering women can contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development.

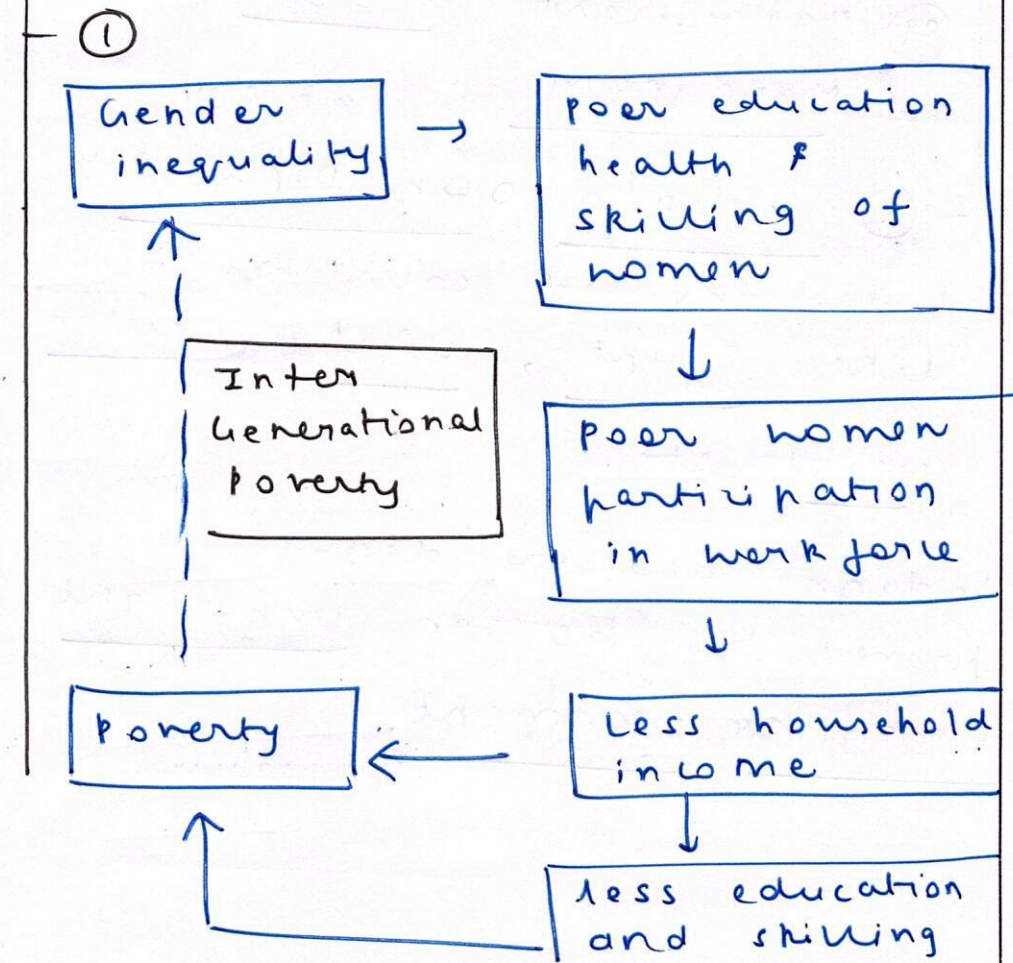
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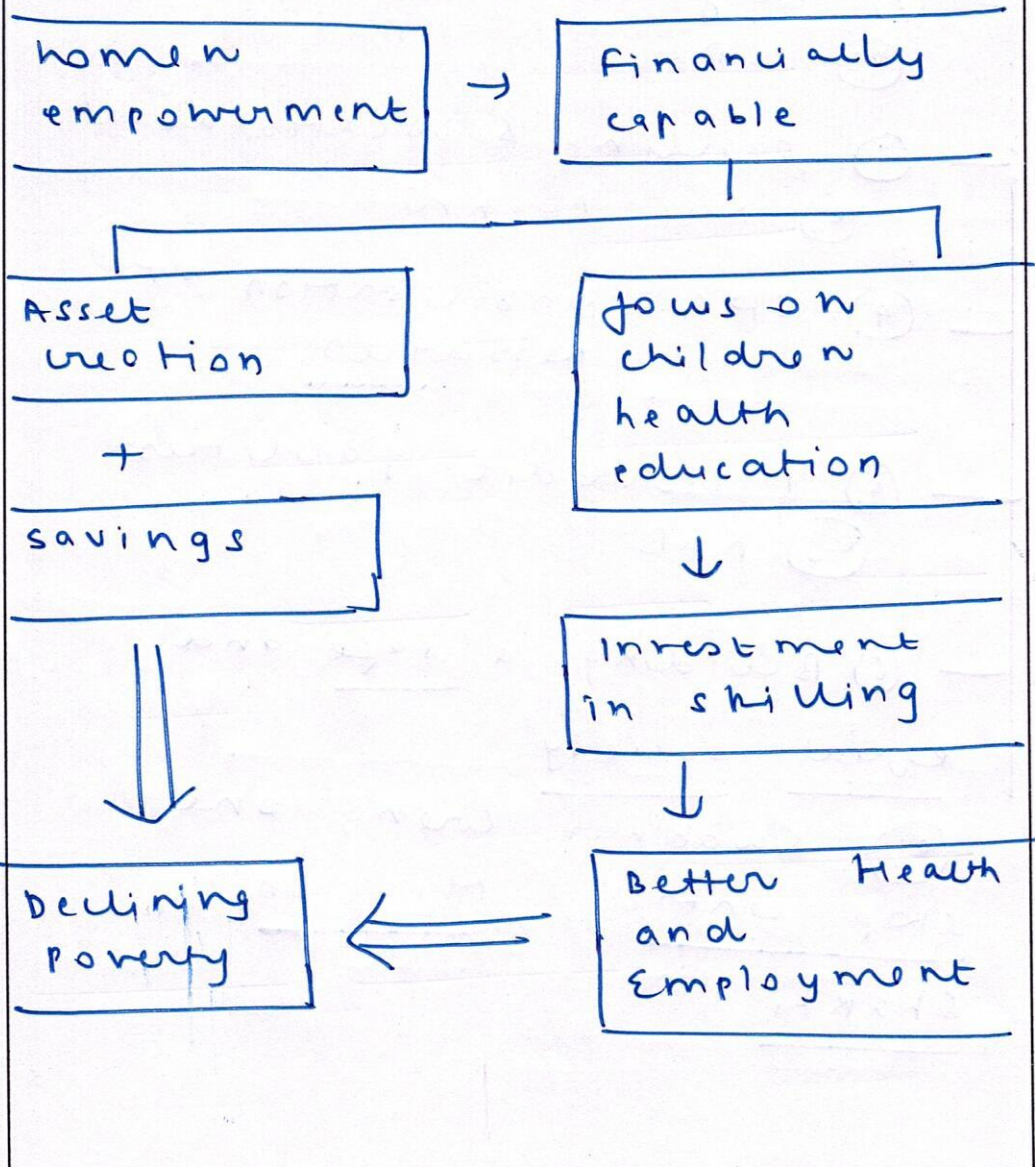
The instances of poverty and
gender inequality are
interwined with one another.

Linkage



Nexus between Gender inequality and poverty.

X
Importance for women empowerment



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Measures of women empowerment

- ① Educating girl child
(eg) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- ② Targetted healthcare
(eg) ICDS
- ③ skilling & vocationalisation
(eg) Nai Roshni
- ④ SHG - Mobilisation of resources.
- ⑤ Micro credit facilities
(eg) KRB
- ⑥ Building a safe and equal society
(eg) Swadhan Wah, one stop centre, Mission Shakti

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SCO के तहत भू-राजनीतिक जटिलताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए, अपने सामरिक एवं आर्थिक हितों को संवर्द्धित करने के क्रम में SCO में भारत की अध्यक्षता की प्रभावशीलता का मूल्यांकन कीजिये।

(250 शब्द) 15

Considering the geopolitical complexities within the SCO, evaluate the effectiveness of India's presidency in advancing its strategic and economic interests in the region.

(250 words) 15

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SCO though being a powerful
grouping has become less
effective due to complex
geopolitics.

Complexities in SCO

- ① law of like mindedness
eg China and India over
border issues
- ② law of cooperation
eg India and Pakistan.
- ③ law of funds and
Resources
- ④ Anti-west grouping by
western countries

India needs to balance
west as well as Russia

⑤ Ineffective RATS
due to Pakistan's tactics
of promoting terrorism.

Effectiveness of India's
Leadership

① Common minimum
Agreement on respecting
territorial integrity and
sovereignty

② Zero tolerance policy
against Terrorism

③ Cooperating on like
mined issues

④ new dimensions of
cyber security was
discussed

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भारत में बहुआयामी निर्धनता और मानव विकास के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर इसके प्रभाव की चर्चा कीजिये।
(250 शब्द) 15

Discuss the multidimensional poverty in India and its impact on various aspects of human development.
(250 words) 15

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According to a report of
NITI Aayog around 13% of

Indian population is
Multi dimensionally poor

Multi dimensional poverty in
India

- ① poverty and unemployment
30% of population under
Below poverty line (BPL)
- ② Inequitable distribution
of Resources
10% of population amasses
57% of wealth.
- ③ Lack of quality
Education and healthcare
only 1/5 th students has

Basic Numeracy & Literary Skills

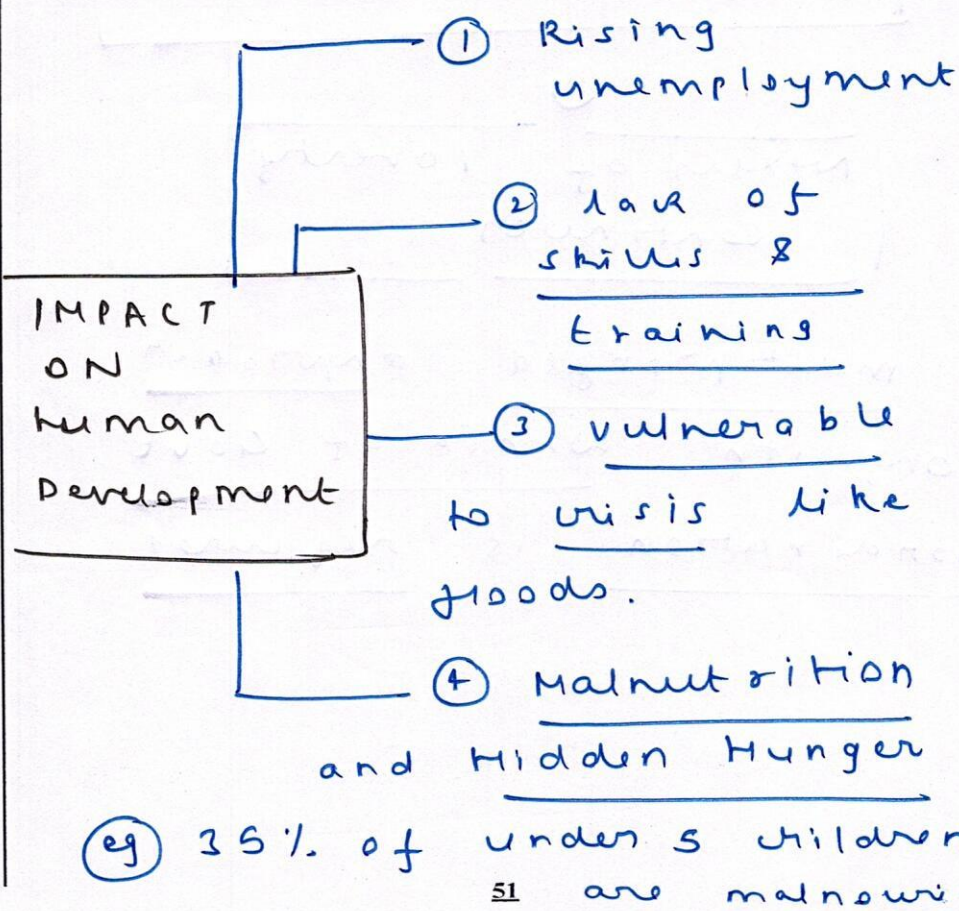
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L ④ unproportional political Representation

(eg) only 13.4% of parliamentarian are women

L ⑤ Digital divide



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⑤ Increased Government
burden - on health,
education, social security

⇓

Less capital expenditure

⇓

Less human resource
formation

⇓

Nexus of poverty
continues

A multipronged approach
alongwith whole of Govt
coordination is required

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