



## Mains Practice Question

Q. In what ways the Non-cooperation movement was different from the civil disobedience movement. Discuss.

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### Approach

- Start the answer by briefly the philosophy behind both the movements.
- Discuss major differences between the two.
- Conclude Suitably.

### Introduction

Non-Cooperation movement (NCM) and Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) were main events of the Indian freedom struggle that were based on Gandhian ideologies. However, they had major differences.

### Body

<b>Differences Between NCM and CDM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Aim</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Non-cooperation movement was launched to unify Hindu and Muslims and to attain Swaraj.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Civil disobedience movement was launched to attain 'Purna Swaraj' or complete independence.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Methodology</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Non Cooperation movement aimed at the refusal to cooperate with the government.</li><li>▪ Main agenda of the Movement were surrender of titles and the boycott of government controlled schools, offices and courts.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Civil Disobedience Movement was aimed at breaking certain laws like the Salt Laws.</li><li>▪ People also refused to pay taxes at some places.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Mass Participation</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ There was large scale participation of Muslim working class in the Non-Cooperation movement.</li><li>▪ In the Non-Cooperation Movement, women did not participate on a large scale.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The growing proximity of the Congress party &amp; Hindu Mahasabha and british policy of divide and rule prevented the Muslims from participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement.</li><li>▪ But large scale participation of women is one of the most significant features of the Civil Disobedience Movement.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Geographical Spread</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ It remained geographically confined to certain parts of India.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The civil disobedience movement saw widespread geographical coverage and mass participation in comparison to the non-cooperation movement.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Withdrawal of the</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Due to the Chauri-Chaura incident the movement was</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The movement was withdrawn after the signing of the Gandhi-</li></ul>

<b>Movement</b>	called off in 1922.	Irwin pact in 1931.
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## **Conclusion**

Though both the Non-cooperation movement and civil disobedience movement had many differences, they helped break the myth of benevolent despotism of british raj and unifying masses for future movement for independence.

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