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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



Q.1) The Anti-Defection law is against the principles of representative democracy and needs to be reformed. Evaluate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Anti-Defection law was introduced by 85th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985 under 10th schedule. Primary aim was to control political defections.

#Significance of Anti Defection law

1. Control horse trading and corruption by use of money and muscle power.
2. Promotes party discipline
3. Ensures stability in governance.

Issues with Anti Defection law

- 1) Decision of returning officer is final - Has party affiliations and lacks technical expertise.
- 2) Prevents right to free speech, intra-

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Party democracy -

3. Ambiguous provisions - Resignation
↳ voluntarily giving up party membership

4. Views of electorate not expressed
Way ahead: stringent law required

1) Subject to Judicial review - As laid in Kihoto Holohan case.

2) Dinesh Goswami Committee - ^{final} decision
by President/Governor with assistance
of election Commission

3) Law Commission - Use it only for
clearly listed matters.

Way out Conclusion: As case of Kanakekar
and Utharkhad show, strong law is
needed to balance representative
democracy and stability in governance.

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Q.2) Do you agree that democracy and development do not go hand in hand? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Development focuses on holistic development of individual. Democracy is essential for development as it places power in hands of ordinary men and women to enable change.

Case of development without democracy: China

one-child policy, manufacturing led growth and strong leadership has resulted in well developed society. However human rights are violated.
eg: Uighur Muslims.

Importance of democracy ⁱⁿ ~~ans~~ development: East Asia and India

1. Economies of USA, Japan, South Korea and India show that

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education, health, employment can be generated in democratic framework. It's essential because:

- a) Rights of all are respected
- b) Freedom to elect representatives and reject.
- c) Civil liberty is also essential for development.

Conclusion

Hence development and democracy create a virtuous cycle of growth, employment and development.

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Q.3) Political theatre, similar to "surgical strikes" are more important and effective response to Pakistan asymmetrical warfare. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

India - Pakistan share a relation of dialogue - disruption - dialogue. Recent attacks of Uri, Patherkot and Bulwana suggest use of asymmetrical warfare by Pakistan to create instability in India and threaten its military, civilian infrastructure and lives.

Asymmetric Warfare: Meaning and Forms

• Refers to use of economic, military and all means to destabilise a nation. Examples are:

a) Proxy war via state sponsored terrorism

b) Across LoC infiltration

c) Counterfeit currency and drugs trade

d) Fuelling insurgency, stone pelting in J&K

Importance of Surgical Strikes and Political Theatre



- 1.) Limited damage to terror camps
- 2.) No loss of lives, military escalation avoided.
- 3.) Swift and credible deterrence

Issues with Political Theatre

- 1.) May invite retaliation
- 2.) Terrorism in vulnerable areas
Such as J&K
- 3.) Threat to critical infrastructure and lives

Way ahead

- 1.) Diplomatic isolation of Pakistan -
~~Goals~~ PAF Grey list, use UN, OIC
- 2.) Economic sanctions - removal of MFN status OECD
- 3.) Constructive dialogue - SAARC, lifeline track dialogues

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Q.4) Local self-governance in India is suffering from "AID CURSE". Examine. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts gave constitutional recognition to local self government in India. They are manifestation of decentralised democracy, participatory governance and grassroots leadership.

Issue with local government : AIDS CURSE

- 1) Lack of powers to raise own-revenue (property tax, agricultural tax) via effective devolution by state.
- 2) Poor utilisation of collected funds as pointed out by Economic Survey
- 3) Poor public spending on local issues

Implications of AIDS CURSE :

- 1) Tied nature of funds - Relevant programs for local governance are not prioritised.

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- 2) Lack of revenue generation - reduces accountability and public participation
- 3) Results in poor service delivery and governance -

Solutions to address the issue

- 1. More devolution of powers
- 2. Public participation via NGOs, Social Audit to check utilisation of funds (eg: MGNREGA = Meghalaya law)
- 3. Use of technology (Public financial management systems)
- 4. Use of innovative financing models - eg: Pune, Ahmedabad using municipal bonds
- 5) Competitive federalism = ranking local governments

Conclusion: Adequate funds will promote good governance

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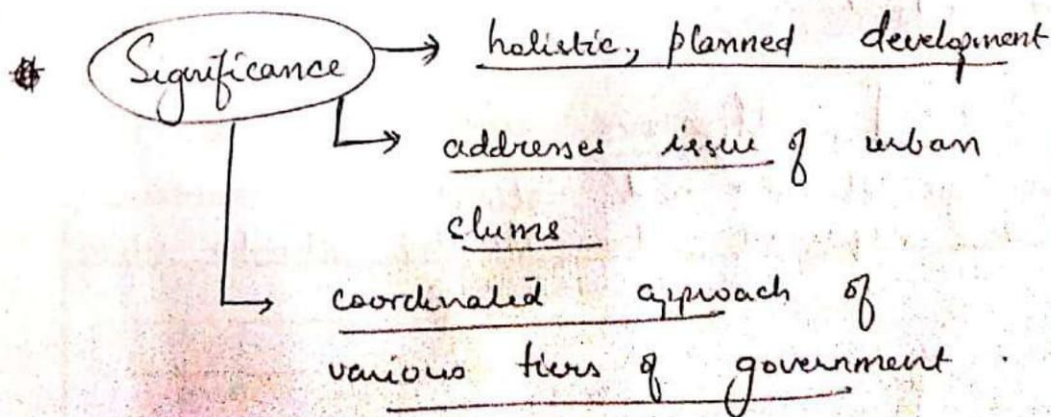
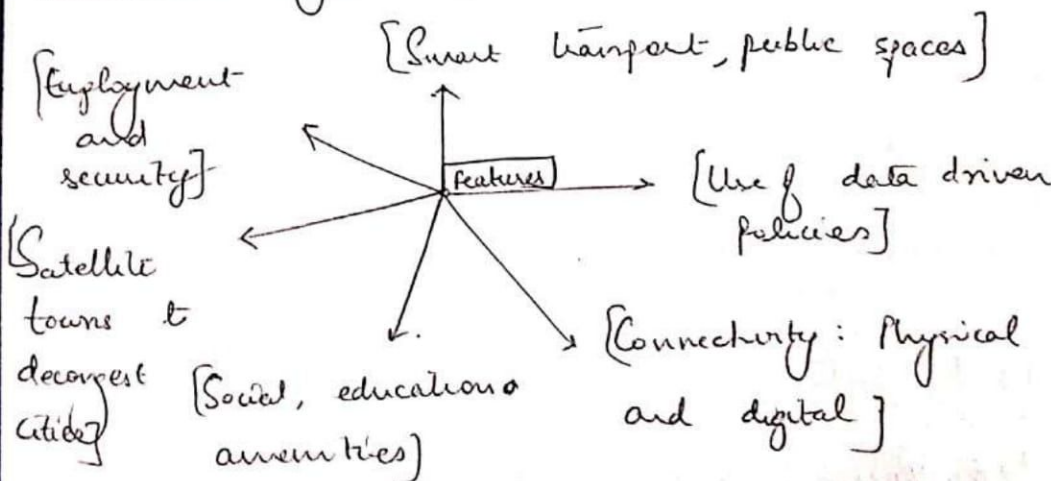
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Q.5) Explain the concept of charter city. How it can help in tackling the problem of over-urbanization. Also highlight the challenges associated with it. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Urban population is rapidly rising and may increase from 31% (present) to 50% in few decades. Concept of charter city can address problem of overurbanization and urban sprawl.

Charter City : features and significance



Challenges of Charter City

1. Regulatory Issues : Presence of multiple agencies causes ineffective grievance redressal and stalled projects.

2. Purds, Functions, Functionaries -

~~Best~~ Trained functionaries in digital technology and demarcated functions essential.

3. Participation of Civil Society :- To transform city, public cooperation is essential -

Conclusion : Effective enforcement via clear guidelines and stakeholder consensus is required to develop charter cities.

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Q.6) Discuss with examples of how open data can improve transparency and accountability in governance? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Data is the new oil in 21st Century. With Digital India, Open Gov Open Digital Gov. platforms, data is changing paradigm of governance. It's improving transparency and accountability in various ways:

① Evidence Based Policy Making :

Example : Data on physical disability can help estimate and segregate population by age, gender, location, ensuring better Policy :

② Economic benefits and less administrative discretion

- Public financial Management System - checking funds
- BHIM, UPI, Aadhar - financial inclusion & transparency
- Bhoomi Project - Monetization of land records

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* GST and Demonetization - Online application, returns increasing tax base and government revenue.

* E-commerce and employment - UBER, OLA, OYO

③ | Social Development |

• ICDS - CAS ; U-DISE : Information on education, health

• Aadhar - multiple benefits, subsidies can be transferred thus reducing errors, diversions, exclusion errors. eg:

Samagra Vedika - Telangana

④ | Environmental Protection |

Use of traffic data to create green urban transport policy, decongestion

⑤ | Safety | - Use of CETNS, NCRB records

Conclusion : Data Safety Bill (B.N. Shrivastava Committee must be used) to protect data privacy.

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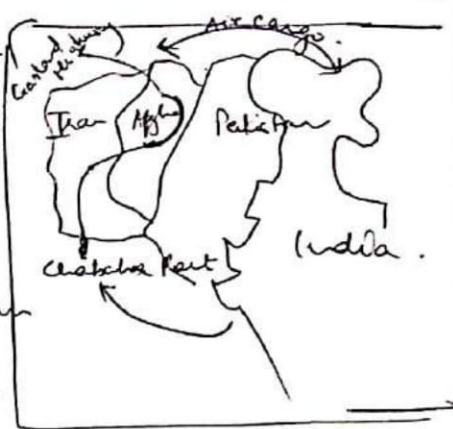
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Q.7) India's stand towards Afghan Peace process has no takers among the Quad Grouping.
Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

India and Afghans -
- They share historical,
cultural ties. A
stable, peaceful Afghanistan
is essential for security
in India, especially Kashmir.



India's stand towards Afghan Peace Process

- 1) Any solution must be Afghan-led and Afghan owned
- 2) Emphasises role of Civilian democratic government in negotiations, unwilling to engage with Taliban
- 3) Use international forum - Heart of Asia Conference, SCO
- 4) Infrastructure and Development - Salma Dam, Laranj-Delaram Highway,

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Afghan Parliament.

Why India's approach is not accepted

Increasingly India is experiencing isolation
rescue talks, talks of US - Russia -
China - Pakistan excluded India as
 stakeholder, because of -

- 1) Importance of Pakistan - In negotiating with Taliban and quad members want Pakistan due to this, given
- 2) US plans for withdrawal
- 3) Control of Taliban : Over 50% area controlled, hence they must be part of peace process.

Way ahead : India must engage, even informally, in negotiations to stay up-to-date with events and continue use of SCO, infrastructure development for Afghanistan.

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Q.8) Strength of a democracy can be judged, not by the strength of the government, but by the strength of the opposition. Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

A strong opposition is a hallmark for a vibrant democracy, especially representative democracy of India.

Significance of opposition

- 1) Ensuring accountability via Question hour, no confidence motion.
- 2) Financial scrutiny - Parliamentary Committees of Finance, Departmentally related standing committees
- 3) Preventing arbitrary action and harsh laws in legislature.
- 4) Providing ready alternative government
- 5) Giving expression to people's grievance

Issues in functioning of opposition

1. Reduction in duration, and

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frequency of legislative proceedings -
Reduces number of topics discussed
qualitatively

2) Dominance of electoral gains -
leading to horse trading, centralization
of politics, political defections

3) Coalition politics - Ineffective
Consensus and delay in decisions

Way ahead!

Shadow cabinet system as
in Britain must be followed
to ensure trained, effective opposition.

Example of Pakistan to be followed to
fix number of working days in legislative
calendar, greater public participation is
essential for effective democracy.

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Q.9) For maintaining social stability and public tranquility, governance has to go beyond the daily dose of crisis management and administration has to rise above merely a "holding the fort". Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Recent cases of mob lynching, rising crimes against women and marginalised, cyber threats and protests against movies, books (Padma-vat.) shows that administration is following a reactive and not ~~offe~~ proactive approach.

Issues with piecemeal measures

- 1) Unaddressed major issues -
eg: Nirbhaya fund unutilised and gang rapes continue despite
- 2) Public grievances not effectively tackled - Take law upon our hands (eg: Mob lynching)
- 3) Creates fear, insecurity and lack of coordination with administration -

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Solutions for comprehensive reforms

- 1) More field trips to understand ground level reality and issues
- 2) Discussion with public, local bodies
- 3) Community Policing and intelligence to gather local inputs on vulnerable, crisis-prone areas
- 4) Nodal officers at each level of governance, use of technology for real time action, street lights for safe environment
- 5) Effective enforcement of laws and stringent penalties.

Conclusion: Participatory governance with continuous evaluation is key to an able administration.

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