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GENERAL STUDIES

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Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

INDEX TABLE			INSTRUCTION					
Q. No.	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained	<p>1. Do furnish the appropriate details in the answer sheet (viz. Name, Email, Roll No, Mobile).</p> <p>2. There are TWENTY questions printed in ENGLISH.</p> <p>3. All questions are compulsory.</p> <p>4. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.</p> <p>5. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided.</p> <p>6. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to.</p> <p>7. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum Answer Booklet must be clearly Struck off.</p>					
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



Q.1) "The recent judgement of the Supreme Court on Section 377 of IPC presented a new vision of equality that is truer and more faithful to the Constitution's transformative character." Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The Supreme Court, in Naveen Singh Johar (2018) judgement, ~~does~~ read down section 377 of IPC to decriminalise any sexual act between consenting adults.

A new vision of equality:

- (i) The judgement said that homosexuality is THE order of nature for LGBT community
- (ii) Sexual orientation made part of Individual choice. not social dictab.
- (iii) Forbade social morality from deciding, an individual can do - in what essence making all equal.

How it is more faithful to constitution:

- (i) * Sexual orientation part of ^{privacy under} Right to life & liberty under article 21.

- (ii) upholds equality before law (Art-14)
- (iii) upheld constitutional morality over social morality.
- (iv) Protection of minorities even when majority will decides law.

As Dr. B.R. Ambedkar had said that "Individual is the unit of constitution".
 Johar (2018) judgement is essentially a step further towards realisation of this goal.

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Q.2) "Gender justice, as a value, seems to have become vulnerable to pragmatic politics." In light of the recent controversy, critically evaluate the statement.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

As a value, gender justice means upholding of equality between the two genders as well as undoing the historical injustice that has deprived women of their true potential.

However, it has been alleged that of late, the value is upheld more for optics and less for substance, especially in political space.

Recently, the issue was highlighted in case of Triple Talag Bill, when opposition argued that ruling government was supporting it for political reasons.

Has it become vulnerable?

(i) With role of popular opinion, leaders

are keen to be seen as virtuous.

(ii) often, it becomes reverse discrimination against men, defeating true purpose

(iii) ~~often~~ many-a-times larger issue gets subdued.

Eg. Here, it is argued that focus ought to be on social transformation, not punishing the husband.

Not vulnerable?

(i) ~~to~~ If people support a value, ^{leaders} ~~they~~ would certainly be 'faunt' it.

(ii) Some progress has been made.

In conclusion, it may be said that for true empowerment, focus must be on substantive equality and not just good of the

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Q.3) Special provisions given to various states and region in our constitution signifies the principle of federalism which is unique to India. Discuss.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Indian concept of federalism is distinct from the western notion but it has been often tweaked to take care of special circumstances that exist in India.

In this regard, various states & regions enjoyed special privileges:

- (i) Under article 371F, Sikkim has many special provisions. Eg. Barring non-state subjects from buying land in rural areas.
- (ii) States like Arunchal Pradesh and Nagaland have Inner Line Permit system (ILPS) that restricts outsider entry.
- (iii) Until recently, state of Jammu & Kashmir had its separate constitution by virtue of Art-370.

(iv) For many states like Gujarat, Maharashtra etc, Governors have responsibility to create development boards for some regions.

Such special provisions have allowed India to accommodate its legendary diversity of peoples under one national umbrella. These give Indian federalism its unique identity.

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Q.4) Reservations has become a mere tool for employment generation and power-sharing rather than a means of social justice as envisaged in the Constitution. Discuss with reference to reservation policy in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Reservations were envisaged to provide ~~a special favour~~ representation to socially ~~is~~ marginalised classes. It was meant to correct historic injustice and support their upward social mobility.

Reduced to means for employment generation and power sharing (not social justice):

- (i) Benefits have been cornered by few communities depriving equitable distribution.
- (ii) Even among communities, reservations have not benefitted all.
Eg. ~~is~~ as per 2011 NSSO survey, just 4% of rural SC/ST Households had a member in ~~go~~ public employment.

(iii) ~~Over~~ Inclusion of almost entire population in reservation has diluted its principle. After EWS reservation,

(iv)

However, it is not a tool for employment generation as the total pie remains the same. It has helped sharing power with few members of deprived communities but on a whole, the inequalities have not been addressed well.

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Q.5) Do you agree that exposure to media especially social media has affected voting behaviour and political preferences in India? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Voting behaviour refers to the manner or factors that affect/guide preferences of voters in a democracy.

Impact of ~~social~~ ^{social} media on voting behaviour & political preferences:

- (i) It has demoralised information space.
So, everybody can share their opinions.
providing wider outreach
- (ii) Gave rise to fake news.
- (iii) Created a post-truth world i.e.
voting on basis of emotions & beliefs not facts.
- (iv) Instant access to any news has removed moderation by editorial teams.
both in positive & negative sense.
- (v) wider exposure to wider set of opinions

with increasingly internet penetration, access to all sets of media have increased, increasing impact of media on citizens.

Therefore, doubtlessly, ~~the~~ media, especially social media have had impact on voting behaviour & political preference in India

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Q.6) A special emphasis has been given to the private sector in the major health programs in India. Examine the role of the private sector in achieving the goal of a healthy India. What are the steps taken by the government in this regard?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

As per WHO data, India's private spend on healthcare is about 70% of total expenditure. Therefore, private sector certainly plays an important role.

Recent emphasis on participation of private sector!

- (i) Ayushman Bharat scheme.
- (ii) Bhamashah Yojana of Rajasthan Government
- (iii) Free checkups & tests in private hospitals by Delhi Government.

Role of private sector:

(i) ²⁰⁰⁰ Just 1 out of 100

(ii) Govt. doctor to population ratio is more 1:10000, far below 1:1000.

(iii) 70% of expenditure is private

(iii) with limited public spend at 1-1% of GDP, private sector is essential to create investments

Steps taken by Govt for healthy India:

- (i) Fit India movement
- (ii) PM-Jan Shiksha Yojana to provide ₹ 5 lac health insurance to 40% population
- (iii) National Health Policy aims to increase public expenditure to 2-5% of GDP.
- (iv) PM Jan Shiksha Kendras for cheaper access to medicines.

A healthy India is a categorical imperative if we are to effectively utilise our demographic dividend.

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Q.7) The recently amended the Motor Vehicle Act prioritises road safety by fixing accountability for not just an individual driving the vehicle but all the stakeholders involved in road safety. Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The Parliament recently amended Motor Vehicle Act to provide for stringer penalties, stricter rules and greater scope for accountability.

How it fines accountability for individuals?

- (i) Stiff penalties for violation of rules.
- (ii) Provision for punishment and/or cancellation of licenses.
- (iii) Holding guardians accountable for violation by minors to ensure compliance.

Accountability for other stake holders?

- (i) If vehicle manufacturer is faulty at fault, there is provision for mandatory recall with compensation.

- (ii) Protection of good Samaritans by police.
- (iii) onus of compensation for road-accident victims on Government
- (iv) Rules for Vehicle Testing agencies

The amendment Act is a good step forward for making roads a safer place in India. Considering that 1-5 lakh lives are lost to road accidents per annum, the emphasis must now be on • enforcement of the law.

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Q.8) India's need for energy security and connectivity to Eurasia requires India's engagement in the Central Asia region not only at the bilateral level but also at a collective level. Analyse. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

~~Central Asia~~ is among one of the most important regions for India's foreign policy considering its economic, diplomatic and political significance.

Its importance for energy security:

- (i) India imports 90% of its oil and most of it is from this region.
- (ii) with focus on clean fuels like LNG, Qatar becomes more important.
- (iii) with rising economy, our demand for oil & gas will further rise.

Importance for connectivity to Eurasia

- (i) INSTC runs through central Asia.
- (ii) Eurasia is an essential partner in India's growth.

Why do we need to engage multilaterally?

- (i) Stakes are high in this region. due to rising volatility.
So, multilateralism will help cooperations.
- (ii) India's need for diplomatic tightrope between competing nations gets reduced.
- (iii) Makes India a shared partner in their growth trajectory.

Moving from bilateral to multilateral world is likely to develop stronger partnerships & room for shared growth - India should consider it.

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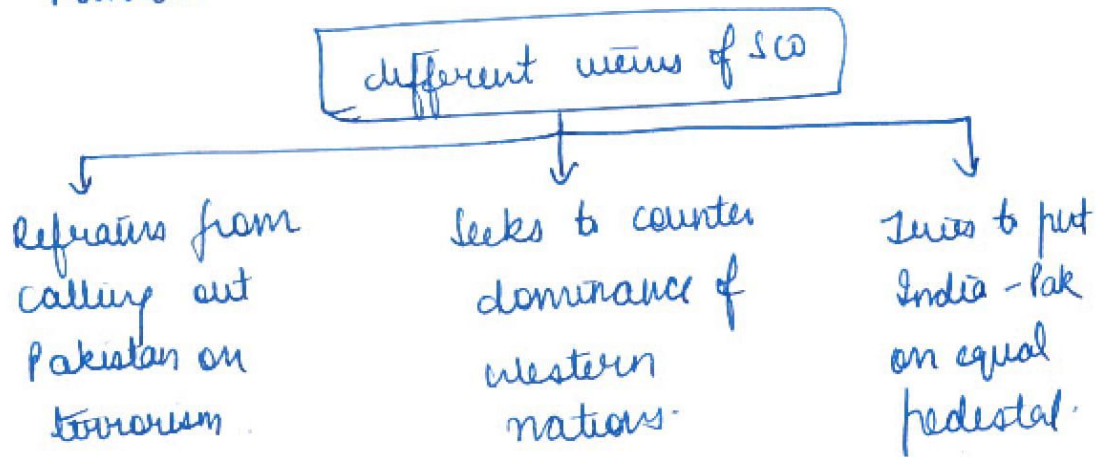
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Q.9) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation with China and Russia as dominant powers have different views on defining terrorism, views about India - Pakistan bilateral issue and engagement with western countries. In this context, discuss how India can use SCO as an effective platform to address her needs.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

SCO is bound to be different from other multilateral organisations like BIMSTEC, SAARC, G20 etc. because of Chinese & Russian dominance. However,



Relevance / use of SCO for India:

- (i) India can use it to engage with Central Asian nations like Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan etc.
- (ii) Recently, India got uranium fuel from Uzbekistan.

(ii) counter-terrorism cooperation through RATS.

(iii) Promotion of Asia as a power-centre

(iv) Balance its friendship with USA to retain an old ally Russia.

For international relations, India must use all avenues available to ~~improve~~ meet its developmental and diplomatic needs; SCO is no different.

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