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GENERAL STUDIES

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Maximum Marks: 250

Time Allowed: Three Hours

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Q. No.	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained		
1			<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)

Supreme Court in its judgement quashed Section 377, thus decriminalizing Homosexuality in Navtej Singh Johal case

A new vision of equality:

- Will end discrimination against LGBT
- Give them equal rights, similar to rest of society
- Freedom of choice, right to sexual life
- Equality of opportunities
- Spirit of fraternity and brotherhood in the society

Truer and more faithful to Constitutional's transformative character:

- Dynamic Constitutionalism, where Supreme

- Court reversed it's No3 foundation judgement
- Right to Life (Article 21) : The judgement expands the orbit of Right to life for LGBT
- Social justice mandated under DPSPs are saved
- Reinforces the belief that Constitution is not just for majorities but also minorities
- An acceptance of our multicultural society and diversity
- strengthens Article 14 & Article 15

Some steps

- Personal laws amended for including LGBT community
 - Gender sensitization, societal awareness
- We should follow Yogakasta principles in case of LGBT

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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)

Gender justice means empowering women and transgenders socially, economically and politically.

Pragmatic politics

Positives

- Triple Talay Bill passed for justice to Muslim women
- 33% reservations in local bodies for women
- Gender Budgeting, with 33% allotted to women beneficiaries
- Successful initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat, Sukanya Samriddhi
- Gender parity in education, with equal enrollment ratio.
- Laws like Sexual Harassment at Workplace,

Negatives

- Transgender bill yet to be passed
- As per FICCI, ^{only} 25% companies have constituted Internal Complaint Committee
- Women representation only around 11% in Parliament
- Despite laws against rapes, as per NCIB, rapes increased by 12% in 2016
- Issues like khap panchayat (eg. Maya Monoj - Bobli killing) foetide remains

Way

- Reservation in Parliament
 - Nudge behaviour as per Economic Survey
- We should strive for SDG 5 (gender equality)

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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 Constitution promotes our 'Unity in Diversity' through special provisions for states and regions

Special provision

① States

- Article 371 provides autonomy for areas like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Nagaland etc.

Eg. Nagaland has Tuensong Hill Council

② 6th schedule states are provided autonomy to protect their culture, in Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya

③ GST Council can provide special assistance to states, eg Disaster/Calamity cess for Kerala

④ Finance Commission recommends Special Assistance for Special Category States

Regions

- ① PESA has been provided for autonomous administration of tribal regions
- ② Autonomous district Council, Tribes Advisory Council provided in the 5th and 6th schedule
eg. Gorkhaland Territorial Administration
- ③ Governor has special responsibility towards tribal regions, L-4 for UT and
- ④ Several regional councils like Zonal Councils, and North Eastern Council, Interstate Council etc

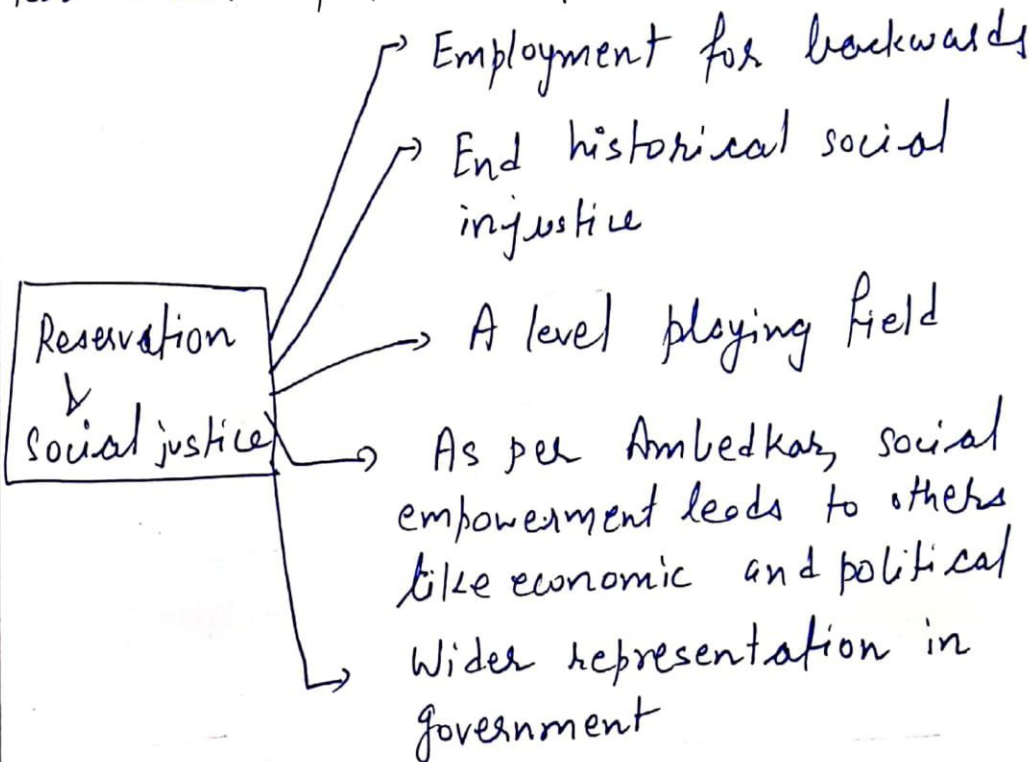
Hence, our Constitution promotes federalism by accommodating diverse interest

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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 introduced through 77th and 85th Constitutional Amendment for social upliftment of backward classes



However, it has merely become a tool for:

① Employment generation

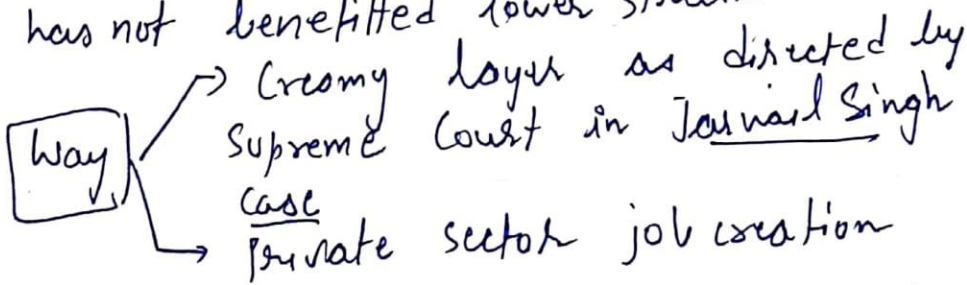
- Private sector job crisis has led to demands for reservation

- Growing agricultural distress has made huge population unemployed, eg Gujjars
- Competition from outsiders for jobs, eg Marathas has led to demands.

② Power sharing

- Reservation is being used by opportunists to get in politics based on communal politics
- Growing vote bank, caste based politics.
- led to muscle power and money power based politics.

Even lokal committee said that reservation has not benefitted lower strata



We must look at reservation for social empowerment.

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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)

social media like Twitter and Facebook has affected the political discourse.

Impact

①

Voting behaviours

Positive impact

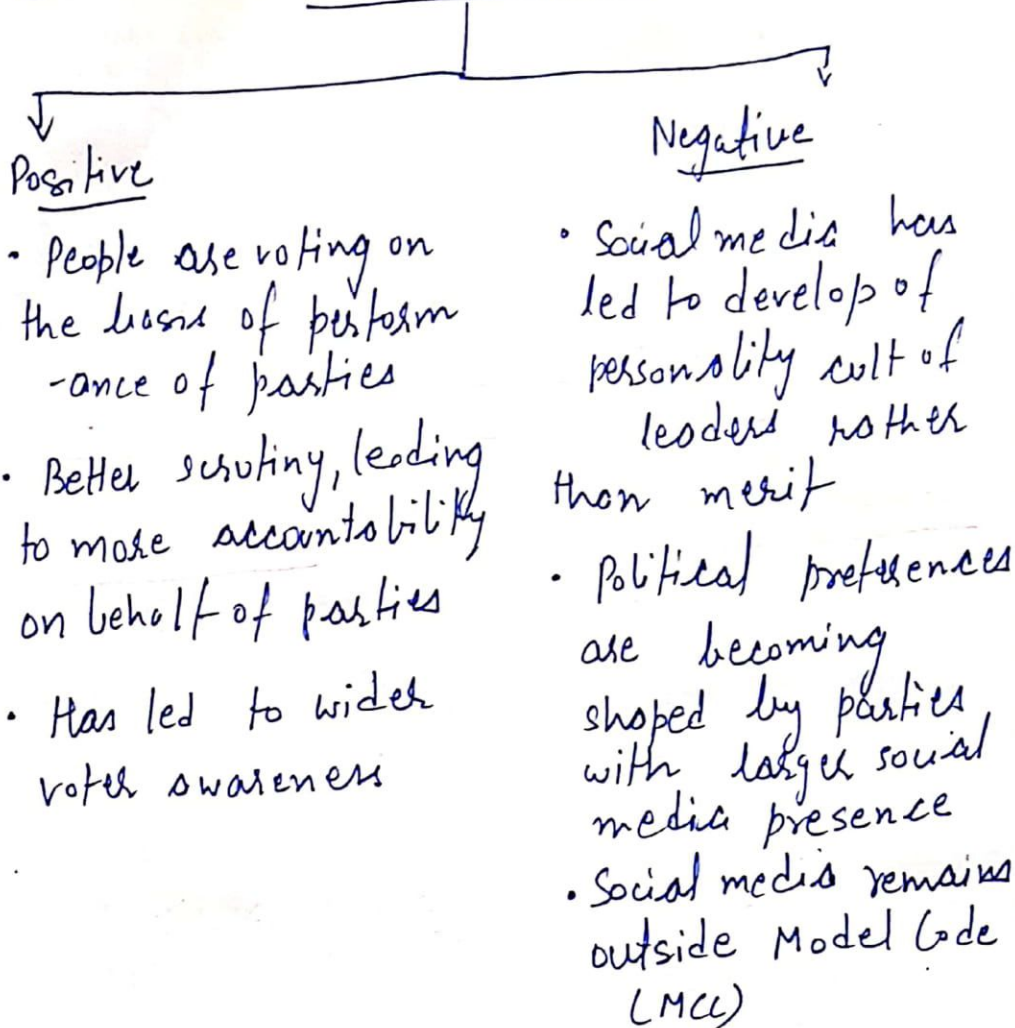
- Citizens are making informed choices, by scrutinizing performance of parties
- led to wider reach of elections through steps like SVEEP
- led to a level playing field amongst parties
- Grossroot democracy

Negative impact

- Data mining like Cambridge analytica to decide voting preferences
- ~~lead~~ led to voting based on propaganda rather than merit
- Paid news has affected voting behaviour
- Fake news affected voting pattern

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Political preferences



Way → Umesh Sinha Committee recommended social media as a part of MCC
 → Voluntary Code of Ethics for social media

Hence, social media can be 4th pillar of democracy.

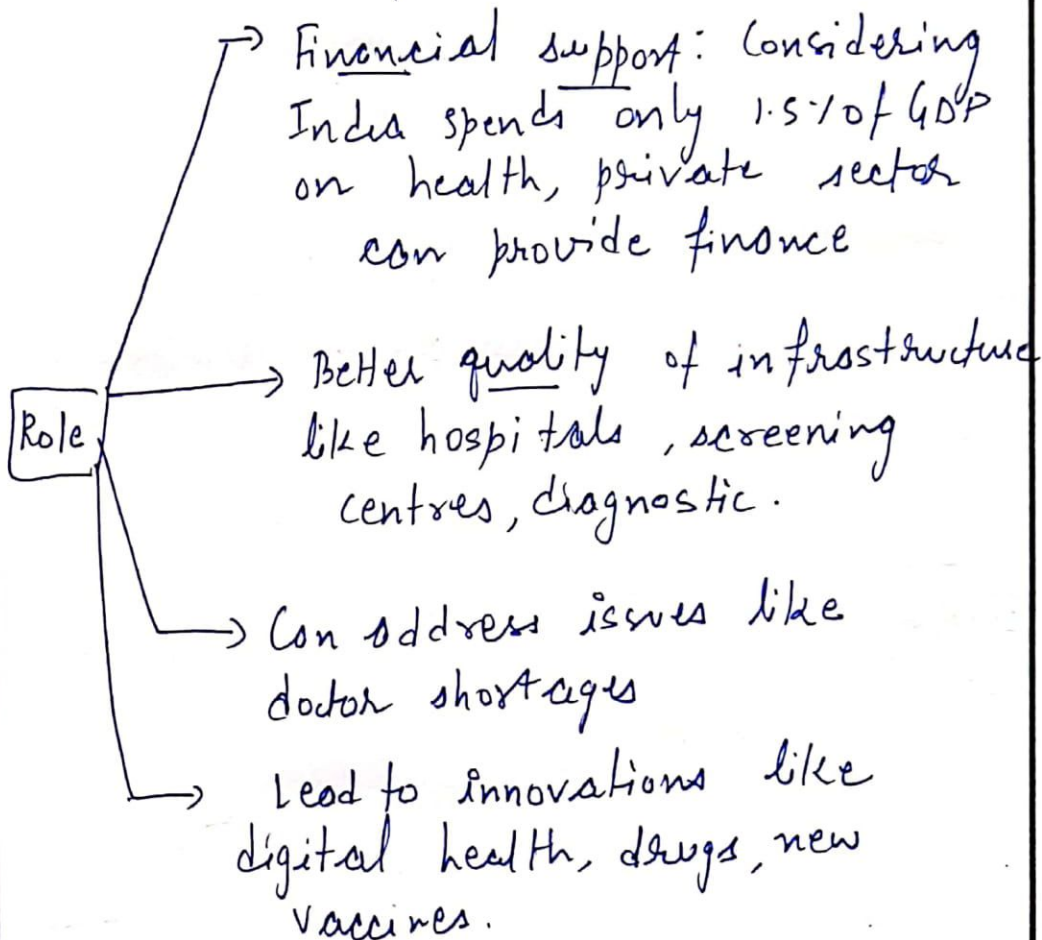
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Q.6) A special emphasis has been given to the private sector in the major health programs in India. Examine the role of the private sector in achieving the goal of a healthy India. What are the steps taken by the government in this regard?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

To achieve SDG 3, private sector participation can be a major deal breaker.



However, there are issues:

- ① High cost of treatment
- ② Private hospitals unwilling to serve

rural areas

- ③ Difficult to enforce accountability in private hospitals as is with government
- ④ Issues like overprescription, unnecessary diagnostics etc

Government steps

- Ayushman Bharat has private hospital participation
- NITI Aayog has been exploring PPP models for district hospitals
- Tata developing digital dashboard for PM Jan Arogya Yojana
- MCI bill to encourage private hospitals

Other steps like 2.5% GDP on health (National Health Policy) or Public Health Management cadre can improve health outcomes & lead to prosperous India

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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)

As per WHO, India has the highest number of deaths due to road accidents. Hence, Motor Vehicle Act can help

Prioritizes Road safety by

① Accountability for individual driving:

- Mandatory 3rd party insurance of vehicles
- Increases penalty for accidents
- Protects good Samaritans
- Establishes driving schools
- Motor vehicle fund for compensation of victims
- Provision of cashless treatment of victims
- Penalty for violation of traffic laws.

② Other stakeholders

- Centre can recall vehicles if found defective (accountability of car manufactures)
- Centre to prescribe norms for toxic aggregators
- A National Road Safety organization to look into issues related to road safety
- A National Transportation Policy to fix accountability at different levels - individual, state and Centre

Other steps like → checking corruption by traffic police
 → Use of IT like speedometer, CCTVs on roads & highways.

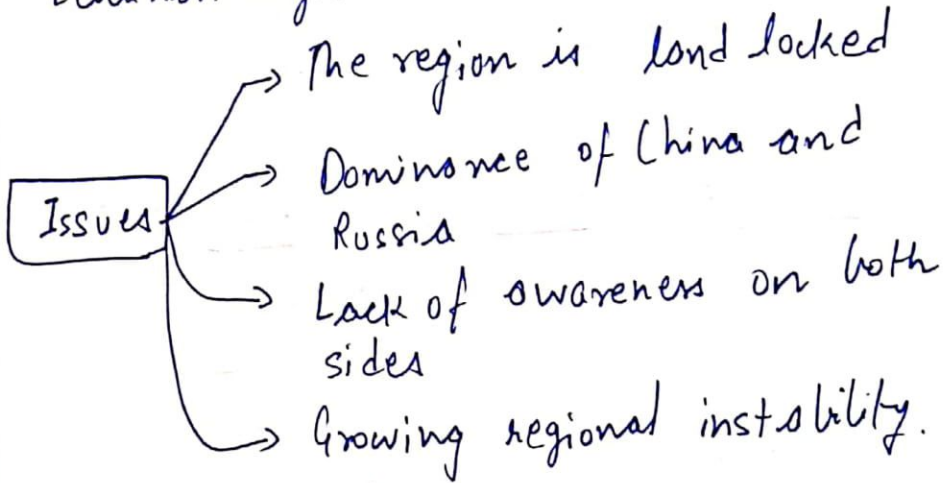
will make our roads safe and adhere to Brazilia declaration

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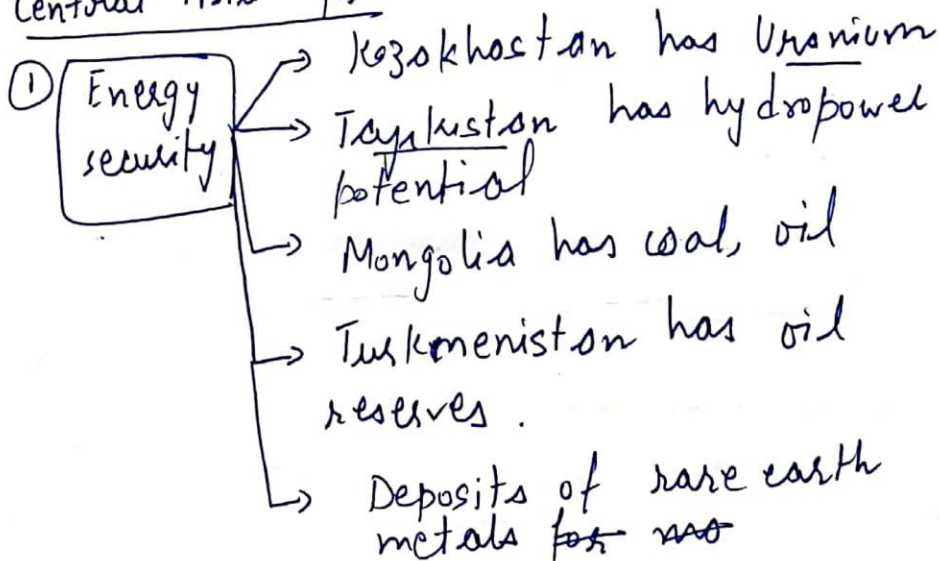
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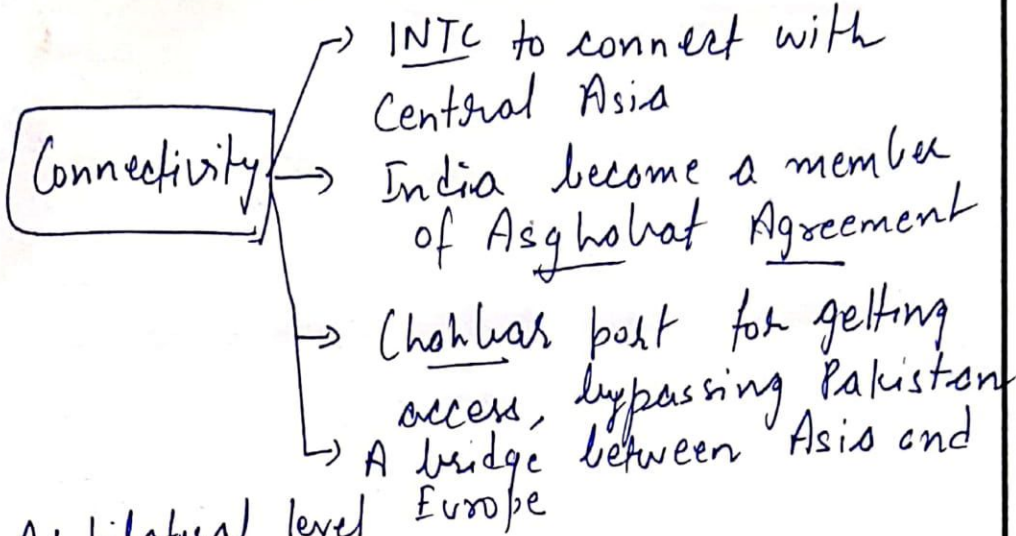
Q.8) India's need for energy security and connectivity to Eurasia, requires India's engagement in the Central Asia region not only at the bilateral level but also at a collective level. Analyse. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

As per Economic Survey, growing energy demand annually at 6-7% requires India to look at options. Also, growing economy requires better connectivity to Eurasian regions.



Central Asia for





At bilateral level

- ① India participating in TAPI pipeline
- ② India investing in Mongolia's Dornovi province for oil

At collective level

- ① India held its first dialogue with Central Asia
- ② Platforms like SCO

Hence, India is increasingly growing its footprint in Central Asia

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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 a political, military and economic organization comprising India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Central Asians like Uzbekistan

Different views

Terrorism: China and Russia more concerned with Taliban over India's interests like Jewish and LeT

India-Pakistan: China supports Pakistan on terrorism stand & Kashmir

~~But~~ Russia has also been softening its stance on Kashmir

Engagement with West: Both are wary of Western hegemony, China involved in trade war, USA has imposed ~~see~~ sanctions of Russia. Hence both are wary of India's growing proximity to West

India can use SCO as :

- ① Settle bilateral issue with Pakistan, China through dialogue, trust building measures
- ② Fight against terrorism using SCO platforms like IRATs
- ③ India can increase its presence in Central Asia using INSTC agreement
- ④ Better trade, connectivity, people to people contact
- ⑤ SCO becomes important considering the declining status of WTO, UN etc. and can be used to fight West dominance

Issues like China's assertiveness, trust deficit needs to be addressed for better outcomes