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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 the Nawtej Taneja Case (2018) struck down provisions of section 377 of IPC that criminalized homosexuality.

## New Vision of Equality

- Asserted that right to sexual identity intrinsic part of liberty under article 21
- Discriminating against LGBTQ on basis of sexual identity violative of article 14
- Right to assert one's sexual identity part of freedom of expression under article 19(1)(a)
- It corrected the historical wrongs set out by colonial prejudice

## Faithful to Constitution transformational character

- Upheld the dynamic and evolving nature of constitution
- Legitimized the role of judicial innovation of curative petition under article 136 to allow review of Kaushal judgement
- Strengthened role of Judiciary in being beacon of civil liberties
- It brought the legacy laws more in consonance ~~of~~ with progressive values of right to privacy, right to autonomy

Thus the judgement has laid the foundation for ~~the~~ progressive civil rights jurisprudence in future.

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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 is the ideology of treating men and women equally in all domains and empowering women by removing obstacles obstructing their realization.

## VULNERABLE TO PRAGMATIC POLITICS

① Despite preaching gender equality reservation for women (108, 110 constitutional amendment) not supported by major parties.

② In ticket distribution, individuals with history of crime against women are also considered

③ Laws to protect women not made inclusive enough eg sexual harassment at workplace act leaves out agriculture

④ Marital rape not criminalized as

the parliamentary standing committee stated it may 'destabilize family'.

## BRINGING ABOUT TRUE GENDER JUSTICE

- ① Passing of 108th and 110th constitutional amendment bill
- ② Making the laws more gender neutral
- ③ Making women issue more integral part of electoral politics
- ④ Enabling women to take up issues affecting them by formation of civil societies etc

Thus need of the hour is for politics to rise beyond short term pragmatism and realize higher goals of just and gender equal society

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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)

India has a unique form of federalism (also called sui generis federalism). Even though center is stronger vis-a-vis states, there exist numerous provisions to protect state interest.

## Special provisions

### • Article 371

→ extends to states such as Assam, Manipur, Nagaland etc in north east. It allows them to conserve their customs and prevent application of laws that infringe on it.

→ It also extends to states like Andhra, Maharashtra, Gujarat. In these states provisions pertain to ~~prob~~ bring balanced development.

- Article 244

Provides for 5th schedule and 6th schedule. It is meant to protect them from exploitation from non tribal

- Article 275 (1)

It provides for center to give special grant -in-aid to scheduled areas to bring about their development

- 7th schedule

Provides for division of subjects between center and states

- Article 244A

Provides for autonomous region of Bodoland and its administration

Thus Indian federalism is a pragmatic approach to accommodate the diversity in the country

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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)

Reservation ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> provided in the constitution under article 15(4), (6) and 16(4), (6).

They were originally provided for to address the historically perpetually issues of forced exclusion (in case of SC) and prolonged isolation (in case of ST). However now it has deviated from original goals

**AS A TOOL FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION AND POWER SHARING**

① The dominant castes such as Marathas being granted reservation This is being said to be a consequence of declining role of agriculture

② Reservation granted to EWS even though never faced forced discrimination like SCs

- ③ Reservation being used as a tool for mobilizing people during elections (Telangana: muslim reservation being advocated before election)
- ④ Reservation is still bypassing the most impoverished and has led to circulation of elites
- ⑤ It has only led to positional change of individuals and not in structural change in caste system
- ⑥ It has failed to bring about attitudinal change as evident from frequent <sup>anti</sup> Dalit violence
- ⑦ Political parties have further entrenched caste system by stroking reservation before elections

Thus politicization of reservation has distracted it from intended goals of social justice thus need is to separate reservation

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from goals of social justice

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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 has emerged as a defining tool shaping human behaviour and it has impacted various spheres including politics

## IMPACT ON VOTING BEHAVIOUR

- ① It has led to creation of IT cells in parties which actively work towards influencing users
- ② Proliferation of fake news to ~~politicize~~ polarize people
- ③ Social media has become a new avenue to mobilize people and allow bidirectional communication
- ④ Medium to highlight electoral malpractices
- ⑤ As a platform to disseminate achievements and policies

⑥ It has led to ~~formation~~ strengthening of political beliefs (echo chamber) due to algorithms of Twitter, facebook

However it has not become the most important factor as:

① According to IAMA survey only ~~2.67~~ 2.67% of users were firm believer in genuineness of news on social media

② Rural area comprise 69% population and still largely out of social media

③ Several other issues such as contradictory news about events on social media decrease its credibility

Thus it can be said that social media has a profound impact on voting behaviour and need of hour is to regulate it.

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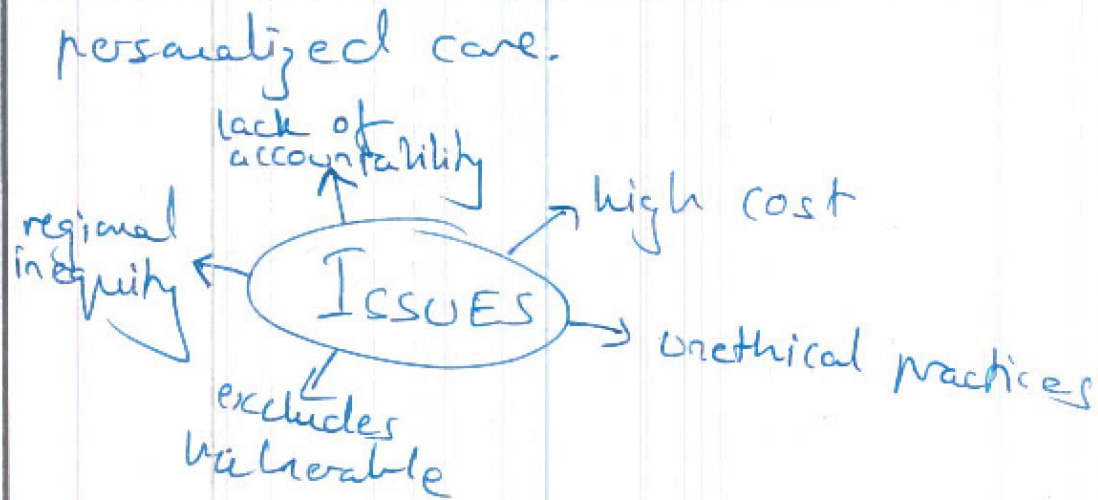
Q.6) A special emphasis has been given to the private sector in the major health programs in India. Examine the role of the private sector in achieving the goal of a healthy India. What are the steps taken by the government in this regard?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

The National Health Policy - brought out in 2017 emphasized upon the crucial role that the private sector has to play.

## ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR

- ① Complement in training doctors: Currently 6 lakh doctor's shortage according to WHO needs to be bridged
- ② Infrastructure: As there are only 740 district hospitals, private sector complements (eg FORTIS, TATA etc)
- ③ Specialized care: For many diseases can be exclusively be accessed at super speciality care
- ④ Ease congestion in public hospital
- ⑤ Can provide high quality AI driven



## Government Steps

- ① PM Jan Arogya Mission involves insurance and trust based models for people receiving treatment in private
  - ② Privatizing of public hospital
  - ③ Easing of regulatory norms
  - ④ NHP recognizes certain services to be provided by private via strategic purchases
- Thus a collaborative effort is required to achieve goal of SDG #3.

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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)

In the light of increasing casualties due to road accident (1.5 lakh in 2018) Motor vehicle act was passed recently.

## FIXING INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

① Increased fines and penalties for violation Eg Drunk driving increased from Rs 2000 to Rs 10,000

② Transparent and centralized license system

③ Expanded ambit of crime

④ For juvenile accidents, owner of car would be responsible

## GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY

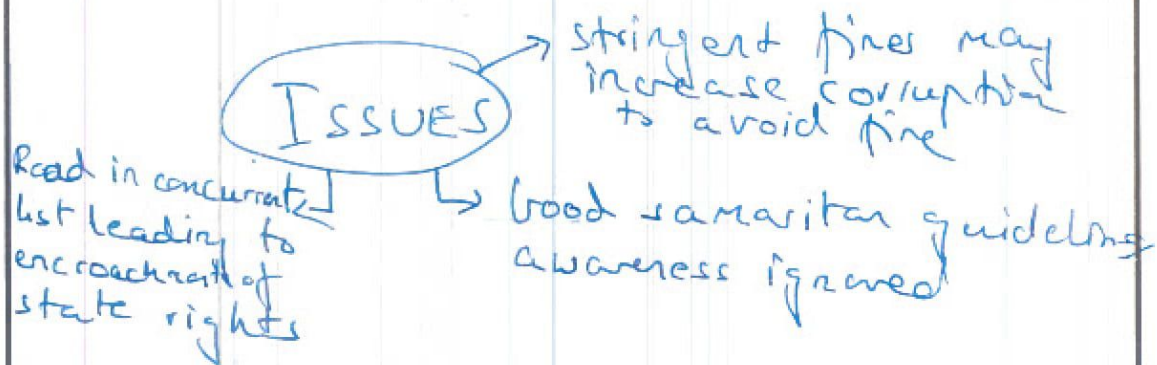
① Protection guidelines for good Samaritans accident

② Motor vehicle fund for compensation damages

③ Road Safety Board

## FOR CAR MANUFACTURERS

① Provision for recall of car in case of faulty vehicle



## WAY AHEAD

- Stringent enforcement of the law
- Use of CCTV, electronic tracking to avoid corruption
- Eliminating blindspots

Thus this act is a step in the right direction and its effective implementation will go a long way in decreasing road fatalities.

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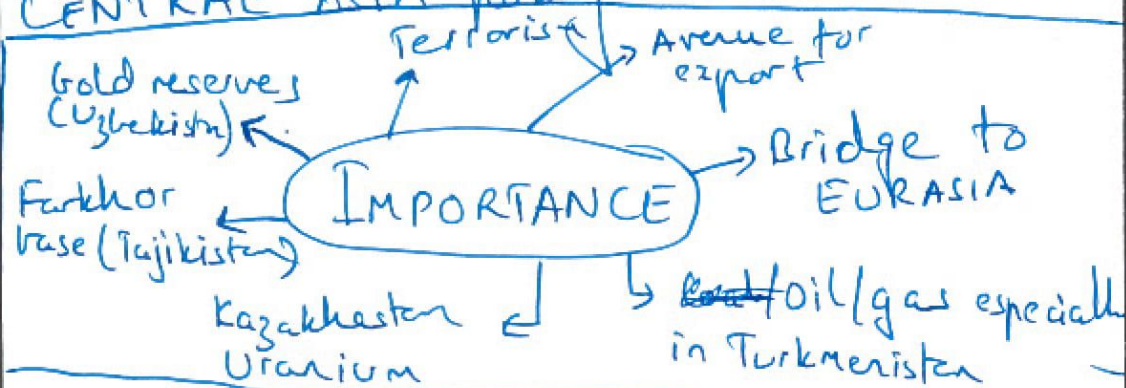
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**Q.8)** India's need for energy security and connectivity to Eurasia, requires India's engagement in the Central Asia region not only at the bilateral level but also at a collective level. Analyse. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Central Asia has emerged as a key area for increasing cooperation especially after launch of CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA policy.



## BILATERAL LEVEL

- Nuclear agreement with Kazakhstan
- Farkhor air base used by India at Tajikistan

### What is needed

- Creation of dedicated air corridors
- Improved trade relations via
  - signing of FTAs
  - Encourage industries to invest

- Strengthening of cultural relations:
  - Using Buddhism as a link
  - Easing Visa process
- Joint military exercise, information exchange

## COLLECTIVE LEVEL

- Currently membership of SCO
- Negotiations for TAPI gas pipelines
- Negotiations of Eurasian Economic Association - India IFTA

### What is Needed

- Increase trade (currently 2 billion \$)
- Usage of SCO to increase collaboration
- Collaborating with central asian countries on platforms like UNGA, WTO, UNFCCC
- Cooperate with countries for better anti terror mechanism

Central Asia holds immense geopolitical & economic significance and should be priority

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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 multilateral grouping involving the major Eurasian countries

The presence of countries with diverging interests have led contradictory views about issues

## On terrorism

- China refuses to acknowledge Pakistani sponsored terrorism against India whereas sensitive to Uighur activities
- Russia is sensitive to Indian terror issue and is grappling with own Chechnya terrorism

## On India-Pakistan

- China views Pakistan as all weather friend and prioritizes it over India
- Russia is a traditional 'friend' of India while at the same time also increasingly relations with Pakistan

## Engagement with western Countries

- Both China and Russia are wary of western countries which is one of reason for SCO formation

## INDIA AT SCO

- Use it as a platform to:
  - Increase dialogue and cooperation with central Asian countries
  - Use RATS architecture to bolster anti terror regime
  - Use it articulate joint stand on terrorism, unilateralism etc
  - Use it to reduce divergences with China, Pakistan

Thus SCO can play a vital role in furthering Indian interest and ushering in ASIAN ACE

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