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CRITERIA FOR THE FEEDBACK SECTION AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION

1. **AWIS = Answered What is Asked.** This means whether you have addressed the core demand of the question or not. Addressing the core demand of the question gets you an objectively fair score. It is examiner's perception if you have understood the question and if you know the answer in the first place. Creative answer writing, sometimes missing the core demand, may fetch very high or very low scores, and exposes your answer to the subjectivity of the examiner.
2. **CD & VA = Content Density & Value Addition.** Examiner will evaluate the quality and quantity of your content in the answer. In the same word limit and space limit have you (a) written what is asked (b) gone beyond what is asked (c) enriched answers through combination of (but not all!) suggestions, ideas, quotes, flowcharts, diagrams, facts and figures, data etc. This affects objective components of assessment.
3. **S & F = Structure & Flow** = Whether you have structured your answer properly or not. Whether the answer has been broken into parts and sub-parts and each part has been addressed appropriately or not. Whether the flow of the answer is maintained. Affects both subjective and objective components of assessment.
4. **P & R** = How your answer performs on the criteria of **presentation, ease of read, clarity and apparent effort** in writing the answer. This affects the subjective components of assessment.

Q.1) "Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra are not merely texts; they exemplify the timeless wisdom, richness and diversity of Indian knowledge traditions." Elaborate. (10 marks, 150 words)

"भगवद्गीता और नाट्यशास्त्र केवल ग्रंथ नहीं हैं; वे भारतीय ज्ञान परंपराओं की शाश्वत बुद्धिमता, समृद्धि और विविधता के उदाहरण हैं।" सविस्तार वर्णन कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Indian knowledge tradition dates back to early ages rooted in Vedic tradition and carried throughout ages.

Timeless wisdom, richness & diversity

Bhagavad Gita

- 1) Philosophical depth → Gita still served as the most deeply philosophical answering every question of man
(eg) delves into life & death
- 2) Wisdom of 'Nishkama Karma' → inspires even today (eg) Karmayogi tradition
- 3) Focus on union of 'Atman' & 'Brahma'
→ union with universal energy as ultimate goal
- 4) Influenced Shakti tradition → (eg) Meera Krishna Shakti as salvation

- 5) Richness of thinking → diverse issues being discussed (eg) Existence of God, purpose of life etc
- 6) Diversity → adapted in many languages (eg) Ekathi Geeta in Marathi

Natyashastra

- 1) Inspiration of classical dances
(eg) Bharatanatyam, Kathak etc
- 2) Rich tradition (eg) dealing with various aspects of dances (eg) Kavya and Nritta
- 3) Diversity of techniques and thoughts
(eg) Tribhanga in Orissi
- 4) Regional variations → accommodation of local variations
- 5) Musical inspiration → classical music notes can be traced
- 6) Expressive & creative freedom

These texts are living tradition being practised even today

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Q.2) The Harappan civilization was a "technological powerhouse" that laid the foundation for sophisticated urban living in ancient South Asia. In light of this statement, discuss the key technological breakthroughs and contributions of this Bronze Age culture. (10 marks, 150 words)

हड़प्पा सभ्यता एक "तकनीकी महाशक्ति" थी जिसने प्राचीन दक्षिण एशिया में परिष्कृत शहरी जीवन की नींव रखी। इस कथन के आलोक में, इस कांस्य युग की संस्कृति की प्रमुख तकनीकी सफलताओं और योगदानों पर चर्चा करें।

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Bronze Age (6th BCE to 2nd BCE) was known for its most advanced civilisation being developed on the banks of Indus in 2600 BCE.

Technological breakthroughs

① lost-wax technique

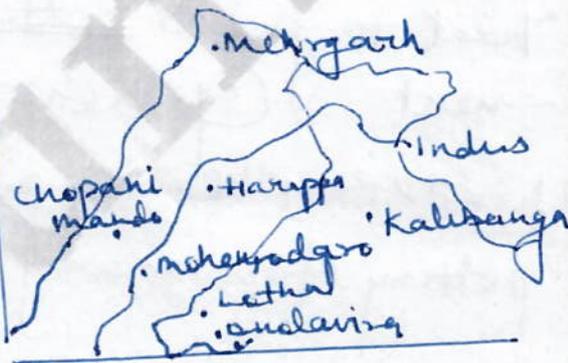
→ world's first bronze structure

(eg) Dancing Girl in Mohenjodaro

② Measurement accuracy → every brick

was of same dimension - 4:2:2

③ Drainage system → (eg) Mohenjo-daro known for planned drainage



- 4) Navigation & ports → (eg) Lothal dockyard known for international trade with Mesopotamia
 - 5) Assy technique → famous for their metal advancement
 - 6) Fire altars :- used for food as well as craft making, sacrifices etc
(eg) Kalibangan
 - 7) First to grow cotton in the subcontinent (eg) Mehargarh
 - 8) Northern black polished ware → pottery for many uses
 - 9) Planned urbanisation → (eg) Citadel and lower towns with rectangular streets
 - 10) Specialised craft centres (eg) Chanhudaro
 - 11) Seals → (eg) Pashupati nath seal
 - 12) Terracotta art (eg) Mother Goddess
 - 13) Sandstone crafts (eg) Bearded preast
- It was the shining example of planned urbanisation.

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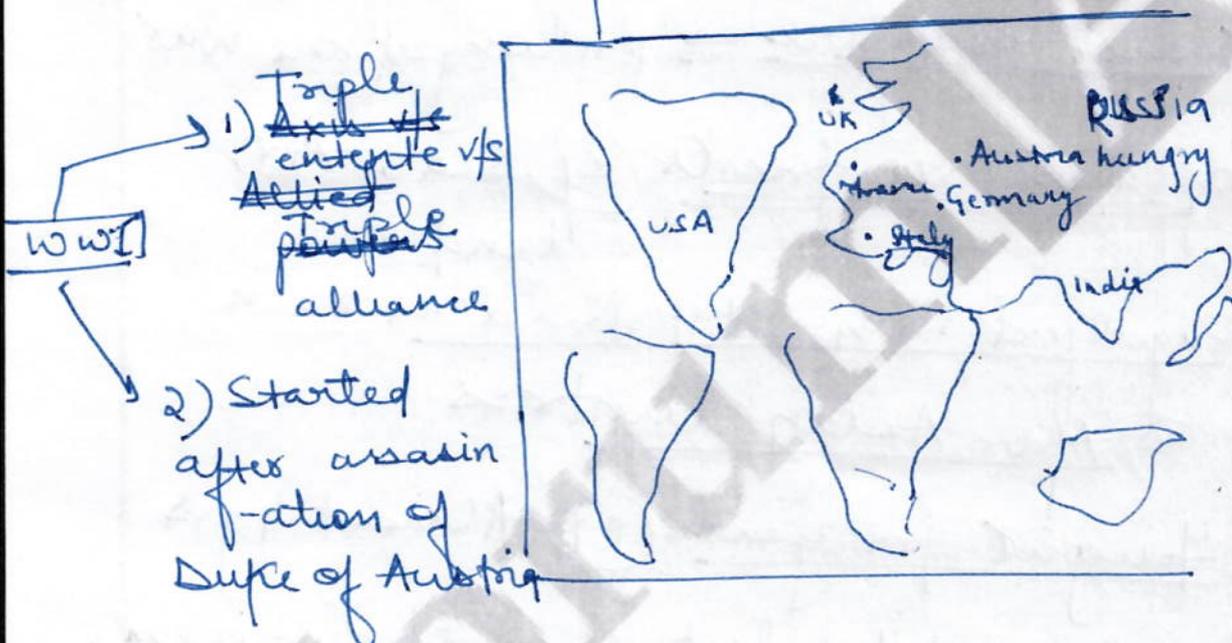
Q.3) Why is the First World War considered as the first 'total' war in modern history?

(10 marks, 150 words)

प्रथम विश्व युद्ध को आधुनिक इतिहास का पहला 'संपूर्ण' युद्ध क्यों माना जाता है?

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

WWI started in 1914 and ended with over millions of lives lost and millions displaced, in 1918.



Why total war?

① Involved much of the European continent and rest of the world

↳ Alliances partners :- UK, France

↳ Entente → Germany, Italy, Austria

↳ Colonies → (eg) India

2) Use of modern weaponry → mass destruction
(eg) Tanks, missiles etc

3) 'Total' because huge loss of lives
→ Around 10 millions died or injured

4) Trench warfare → prolonged the war

5) open on all fronts (eg) Sea, Air, land

6) Engulfed non-stakeholders such as Also Asian countries

7) Fought for years (eg) Almost 4 yrs

8) led to total destruction of European powers (eg) UK lost many soldiers, infra, money.

Impact → Treaty of Versailles
→ led to WW II after some yrs

The WWI is a reminder of secret diplomacy & its harmful consequences

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Q.4) Highlight the differences in the approach of Bhagat Singh and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom. (10 marks, 150 words)

स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में भगत सिंह और महात्मा गांधी के दृष्टिकोण में अंतरों पर प्रकाश डालिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Bhagat Singh and Mahatma Gandhi were both significant contributors in freedom struggle, dedicating their lives for nation's independence.

Differences

basis	Bhagat Singh	Gandhi
violence	Believed in force to counter british force.	Non violence struggle as right means
masses	Individual actions to awaken masses	Multiclass movements (e.g) NCM
Socialism	Believed in anti imperialist struggle and est of socialist state	Believed in Indian model of ' <u>Gram Swaraj</u> '

Technique	Frighten British by targeting them (eg) Saunders Murder	<u>Satyagrah</u> for moral conviction
Accommodative stance	Showed no compromise on freedom and wanted Swaraj	Accommodative as agreed for <u>dominion</u>
Atheism	Believed in no God	Deeply religious
Actions	Formed HSRA and bombed <u>central assembly</u>	Formed HSS, movements such as COM

Similarities

- a) masses : both believed masses must be awoken
- b) Equality → no caste or religious bias
- c) justice → for most downtrodden

They continue to inspire even today.

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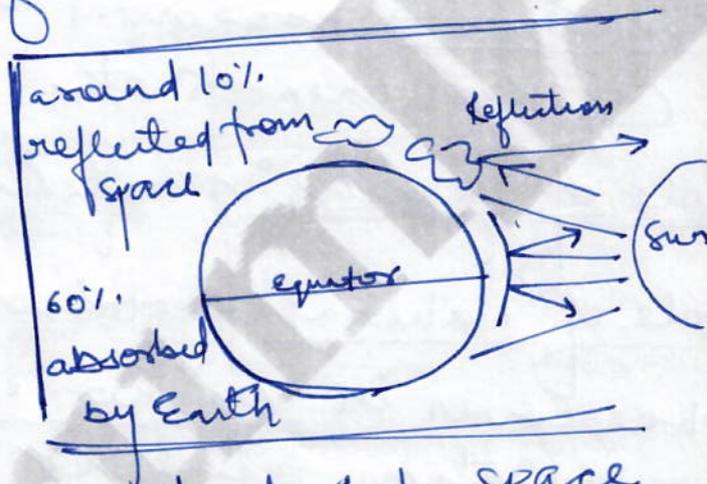
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Q.5) Briefly explain the processes through which the earth-atmosphere system maintains heat balance. (10 marks, 150 words)

उन प्रक्रियाओं का संक्षेप में वर्णन करें जिनके माध्यम से पृथ्वी-वायुमंडल तंत्र ताप संतुलन बनाए रखती है। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Heat Budget of planet is maintained by interaction of earth & atmosphere and exchange of heat between them.

Processes for maintaining heat balance →



① Albedo →

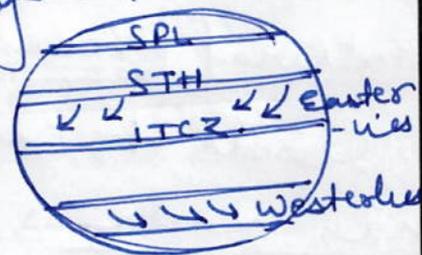
reflect insolation back into space

eg snow, sea, clouds etc

② Role of planetary wind system in distribution of heat

eg Equator heat distributed to polar region by →

Hadley, Ferrel & polar cells



③ Role of gases → such as water vapor,

CO₂ which absorbs sun's heat and earth terrestrial radiation

- ④ Vertical heating → convectional circulation
(eg) Earth radiates long wave radiation absorbed by troposphere
- ⑤ Advection → horizontal distribution
(eg) Loos, Chinook etc
- ⑥ Role of glaciers in reflecting sun's radiation
- ⑦ Role of natural vegetation such as tree cover in micro-climatic regulation & cooling
- ⑧ Oceanic current systems → distributes water heat across planet
- ⑨ Natural processes → (eg) volcanism leads to cooling effect
- ⑩ Man-made → (eg) industrial processes leading to climate warming.

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Q.6) What characteristics of the monsoon climate play a crucial role in sustaining agriculture in Monsoon Asia? (10 marks, 150 words)

मानसूनी जलवायु की कौन सी विशेषताएँ मानसूनी एशिया में कृषि को बनाए रखने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती हैं? (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Monsoons refer to the seasonal reversal of wind system in Indian ocean. Indian climate is described as monsoon type of climate.

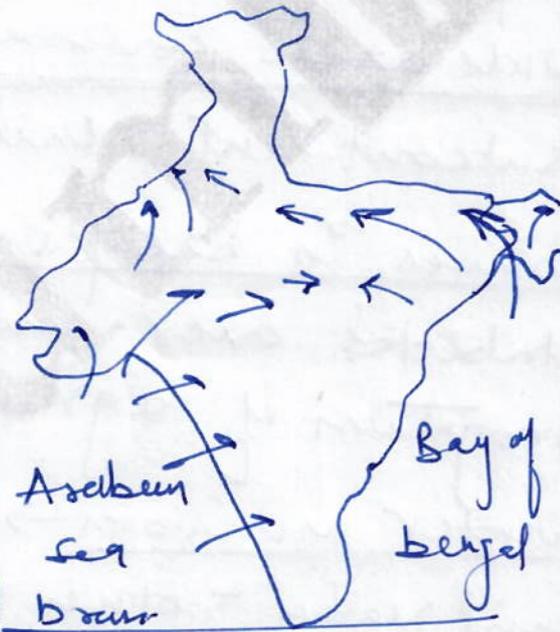
Characteristics

① Seasonal rainfall
→ affect cropping cycle (eg Kharif and Rabi season)

② Heavy rainfall
Sustaining rainfed crops (eg Rice cultivation in India, China etc)

③ Burst and breaks → determine pattern of rain → subsequent crop productivity

④ Heavy downpours → leads to better



availability of water for crops

- ⑤ Onset of monsoon and longer stay (June - Sept) sustain crops in summer season
- ⑥ Supports wide varieties of crops →
 (eg) Rice, fruits, vegetables, jowar etc
- ⑦ Wide areas coverage → Indian subcontinent, China etc
- ⑧ Comes in breaks with short spells distributed over months → better irrigation of agricultural land
- ⑨ Winter monsoon → brings rain in Tamil Nadu & other parts → sustain their crops
- ⑩ Retreating monsoon → in October cause reversal of cropping pattern as well.
- ⑪ Crop diversity → (eg) horticulture etc.
 Monsoon thus act as lifeline of Asia & farmers here.

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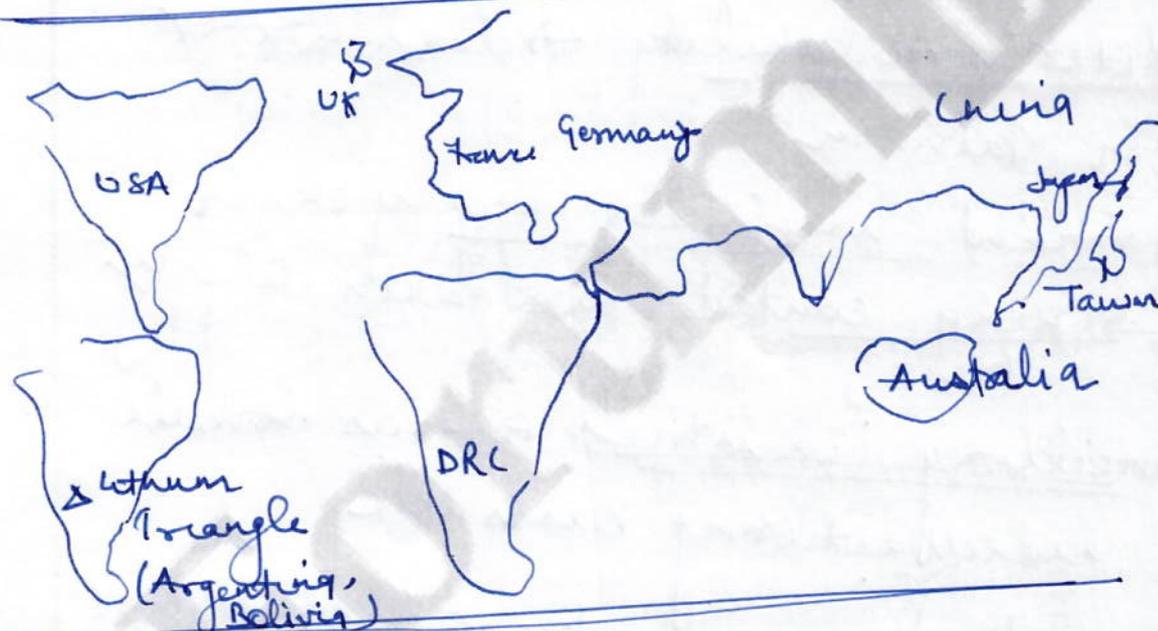
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Q.7) Account for the factors influencing the location of semiconductor industries across the world. (10 marks, 150 words)

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Semiconductor is highly critical used in electronic industries as well as to fuel emerging technologies such as AI.



Factors

- ① Availability of raw material
 (Lithium in South America)
- ② Power supply → high need of energy in manufacturing (e.g. Taiwan hydro power)

- ③ Capital availability → high initial cost of setting up (eg) European countries
- ④ Skilled workforce (eg) China has trained engineers
- ⑤ Favorable govt. policies (eg) USA support silicon valley
- ⑥ Water availability → clean water in Taiwan
- ⑦ Critical minerals supply chain → China control rare earth supply (70%)
- ⑧ Ancillary industries such as mobile manufacturing bases etc
- ⑨ Market (eg) USA has huge market for its electronic industries

India is also participating in the semiconductor chain → (eg) Qu昱at Sand, Anam etc

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Q.8) Unemployment is not just an economic challenge, but a social one with far-reaching consequences. In this context, discuss the social impact of unemployment in the country.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

बेरोज़गारी सिर्फ एक आर्थिक चुनौती नहीं है, बल्कि एक सामाजिक चुनौती है जिसके दूरगामी परिणाम हैं। इस संदर्भ में, देश में बेरोज़गारी के सामाजिक प्रभाव पर चर्चा करें।

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Unemployment is around 5.4% in India (PLFS, 2024) posing significant economic & social challenges.

Economic challenge → a) jobless growth → leads to rise in unemployment
 → b) loss of demographic dividend
 → c) Economic potential remain untapped

Social impact

a) Crimes → unemployed youths are more susceptible to crimes
 (eg) Urban crime rates rising (NCRB)
 b) Social dis cord → as joblessness breed contempt

c) Inequalities between employed - highly well off vs jobless - poor households

⊙ Oxfam → Top 1% hold 28% of income

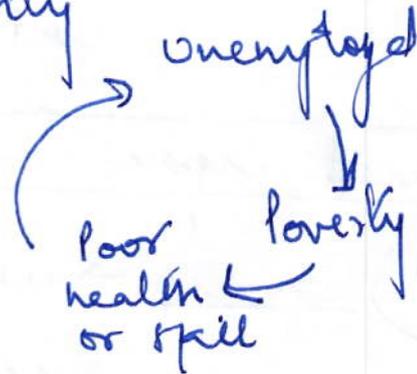
d) Wasting demographic potential → cause decline of youth aspirations

e) Radicalisation → online hate groups - terror networks prey on unemployed

f) Backlash against 'perceived discrimination'
⊙ Anti migrants sentiments in Europe

g) Vicious cycle of poverty

h) Loss of social capital
→ rise in hate due to economically induced 'relative deprivation'



The need is to ensure labor extensive growth by promoting manufacturing in India.

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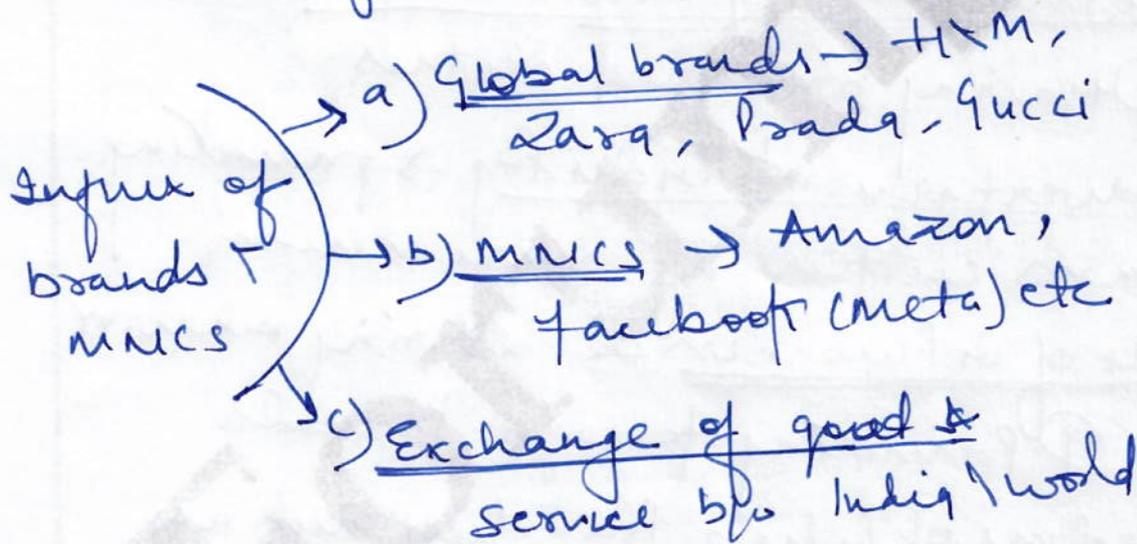
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Q.9) Globalization has facilitated the influx of global brands and multinational corporations into the Indian market, significantly altering the consumer behaviour. Do you agree? Justify your answer.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

वैश्वीकरण ने वैश्विक ब्रांडों और बहुराष्ट्रीय निगमों को भारतीय बाजार में आने में मदद की है, जिससे उपभोक्ता व्यवहार में काफी बदलाव आया है। क्या आप सहमत हैं? अपने उत्तर का औचित्य स्पष्ट कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Globalisation refers to the increased interconnectedness & interaction in world, leading to creation of 'Global village'



Impact on Consumer behavior

① Rising consumerism → Indian consumers buying more & more of foreign goods (eg. Myntra sale)

- ① Following western culture of hedonism
→ (eg) consumers preferring high luxury brands
- ② 'Show off' culture on social media
→ bragging about possessions of clothes, sandals, bags etc
- ③ Normalisation of excess materialism
(eg) wearing branded clothes
- ④ Advertisement industry → promoting mass culture of consumerism
- ⑤ Role of influencers is altering behavior
(eg) promoting foreign brands
- ⑥ Decline of Indian traditions such as spirituality, Minimalism
- ⑦ Linear economy model of use & throw → waste rising
- ⑧ Reaching to remote areas, even rural market consumers (eg) jeans culture
- ⑨ Foreign taste & preferences (eg) skirts, shoes etc.

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Q.10) Discuss how social media is reshaping identity formation and self-worth among adolescents in contemporary Indian society. (10 marks, 150 words)

चर्चा करें कि कैसे सोशल मीडिया समकालीन भारतीय समाज में किशोरों के बीच पहचान निर्माण और आत्म-मूल्य को नया आकार दे रहा है। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Social media has revolutionised the way people think & perceive themselves, impacting adolescents even more.

Reshaping self worth & identity —

a) Positive way

- 1) Online community of supporters boosting positivity (eg) Body positivity movements → #We are beautiful
- 2) Acceptance of LGBTQ+ on social media → more gender awareness
- 3) Identity awareness (eg) Pride month celebrating gender fluidity
- 4) Gaining self worth by videos, own channels & showing creativity
(eg) Social Media Influencers

5) Economic self worth as adolescents earning from early ages with their videos & creativity of Youtube channels

b) Negative

1) Online perfectionism → obsession over perfect body - skin etc

2) Filtered reality → using snapchat filters for images to show

3) Outside validation & approval
(eg) likes craziness over Insta

4) Self doubts and mental stress
(eg) Suicide case of influencers over comments on Insta

5) Body consciousness as Social media influencers promote unrealistic standards

6) Mimicking western celebrities such as Kardashian lifestyle to fit in

7) FOMO driven youths → follow mass culture for self worth.

Feedback

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Q.11) The fusion of Islamic architectural styles with indigenous Indian traditions played a key role in the evolution of Indo-Islamic architecture in the country. Discuss with examples.

(15 marks, 250 words)

इस्लामी स्थापत्य शैली और स्वदेशी भारतीय परंपराओं के सम्मिश्रण ने देश में इंडो-इस्लामिक वास्तुकला के विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। उदाहरणों के साथ चर्चा कीजिए।

(15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Indo-Islamic architecture

evolved in India after Delhi Sultanate got established around 13th century.

The Fusion

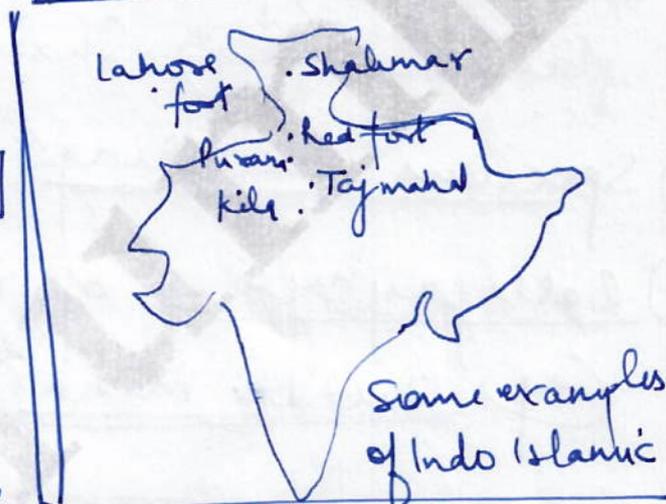
1) Islamic Styles

i) Pietra Dura technique

→ for decorative purposes

ii) Archaic style → arches and domes inspired from Persia

iii) Arabesque Method → leaves and patterns for beautification



iv) Use of marbles & sandstones for monuments (eg Taj with white marble)

v) Forrest hortening → things appear closer than they are → inspired from Islamic architecture in Arab

vi) Charbagh style → for garden planning (eg Shalimar)

vii) Spacious buildings → for gardens

viii) Calligraphy → of Ayats of Quran (eg Qutub Minar)

2) Indigenous Indian tradition

a) Using local motifs such as lotuses etc (eg seen in Fatehpur Sikri)

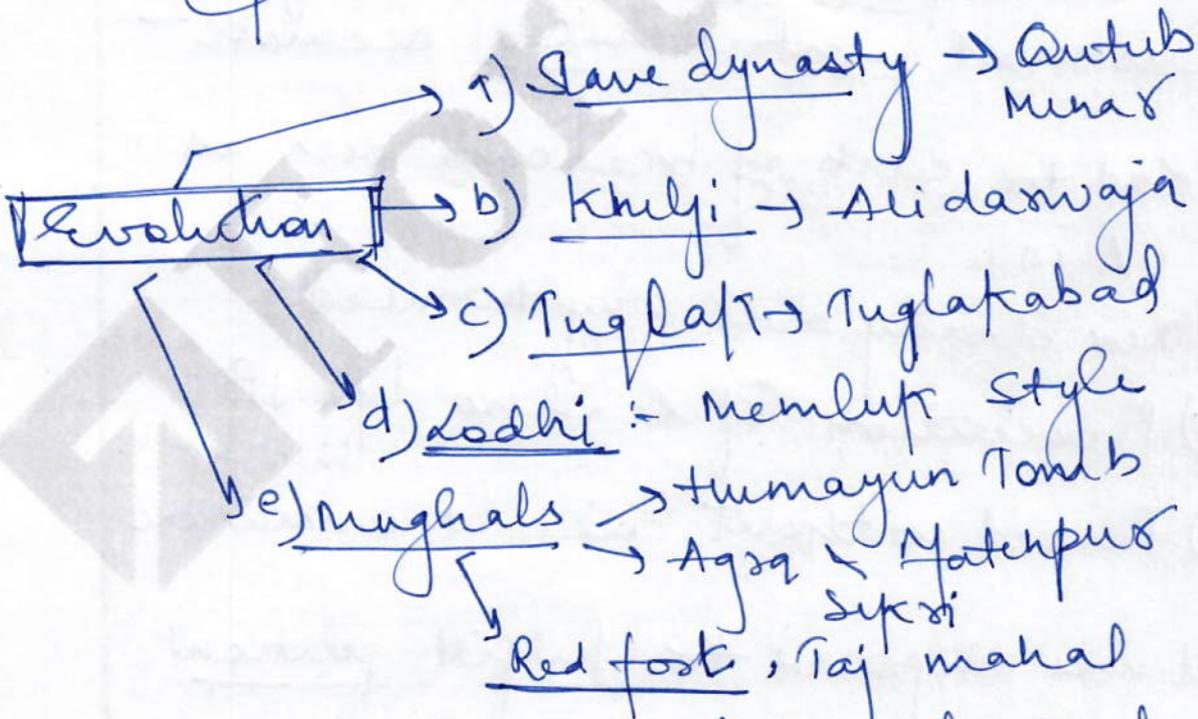
b) Aesthetic senses (eg decorative monuments with intricate carvings (eg Jodha Mahal).

c) Jaali work → mixture of Indo-Islamic traditions

d) Artistic sense → Indian workers in buildings used their age old traditions

e) Trabeate style seen in some buildings
 (eg) Pusana Kula

f) Representation of old temples into Islamic buildings led to fusion
 (eg) Qutub ul Islam mosque



It inspired regional schools such as Jaipur (eg) Hawa Mahal.

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Q.12) 'Emergency' is one of the most controversial and widely debated events in Indian politics. How far do you agree with the view that it was imposed to fulfil individual political goals rather than serve national interests? Also, discuss the short-term and long-term impacts of the Emergency.

(15 marks, 250 words)

'आपातकाल' भारतीय राजनीति की सबसे विवादास्पद और व्यापक रूप से चर्चित घटनाओं में से एक है। आप इस विचार से कितना सहमत हैं कि इसे राष्ट्रीय हितों की पूर्ति के बजाय व्यक्तिगत राजनीतिक लक्ष्यों की पूर्ति के लिए आरोपित किया गया था? साथ ही, आपातकाल के अल्पकालिक और दीर्घकालिक प्रभावों पर भी चर्चा कीजिए।

(15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Emergency clause in Constitution
(A. 352) can be implemented on the grounds of internal armed rebellion (earlier disturbances) and external aggression.

It was imposed in 1975 on 25 June, it was most controversial because—

- i) Led to curbs of freedoms such as A. 19
- ii) No clarity over why the need
- iii) Prosecution of leaders like JP Narayan
- iv) Passed without cabinet consultation

It was imposed to fulfil political goals →

i) Indira Gandhi v/s Raj Narain judgment of Allahabad HC → election invalid
→ could lead to PM resignation

ii) Rising protest (eg) Total revolution movement under J.P.

iii) Get hold over unchecked power
(eg) suspending fundamental rights

iv) Control judiciary (eg) passing of 42nd AA

v) curb dissent against inflation, poverty

vi) ensure opposition is totally broken by imposing restrictions on parties
But some national interests also

a) Army, police, railway was called for strikes

b) Foreign interference after 1971

c) Curb excess disturbances in country

Short term impacts

- 1) huge no. of arrests without proper warrants → leaders put behind jail
- 2) Unpopular policies passed (eg) Naxalbandi Campaign
- 3) Freedom of speech & expression void
→ no right to move court under ART 32
- 4) Habeas Corpus suspended → A.K. Gopalan case.

Long term

- 1) Mass resistance against Indira Gandhi's attempt to subvert constitution
- 2) Non congress govt at centre → Janta Dal in 1978
- 3) Amendment → 44th to prevent it in future
- 4) Awareness about civil rights
- 5) Black spot on Indian Democracy
→ reminder of importance of civil society.
- 6) Never imposed again

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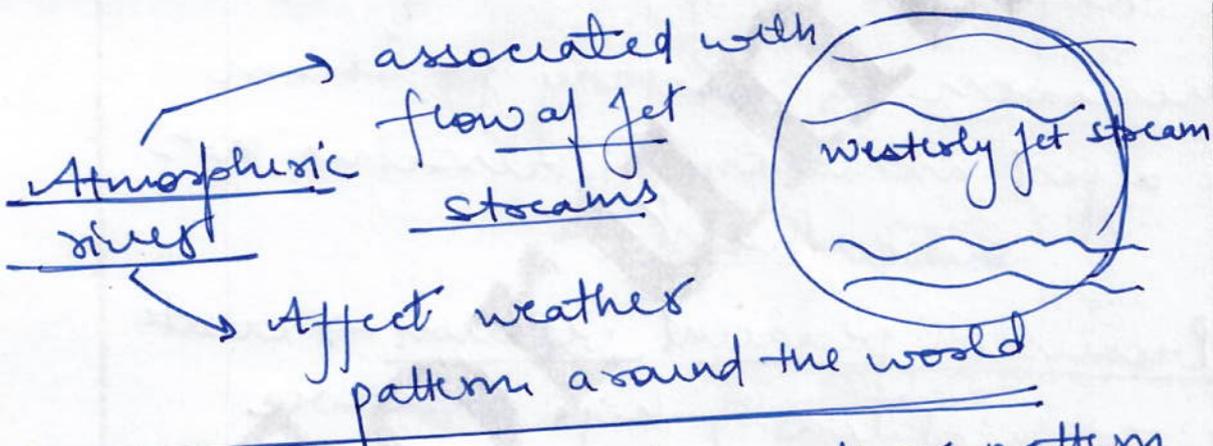
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Q.13) What are 'atmospheric rivers'? How do they influence global weather patterns and impact human settlements? (15 marks, 250 words)

वायुमंडलीय नदियाँ क्या हैं? ये वैश्विक मौसम के स्वरूप और मानव बसावट पर कैसे असर डालती हैं?

(15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Atmospheric rivers are columns of large amount of water vapour condensed at the height of approx 6-8 km - appear like a river!



Influence on global weather pattern

- 1) Affect upper air circulation → they flow at fast speed impacting air movement
- 2) Impact on global wind system
 (a) Influence westerlies in temperate region

- 3) Indian winter weather
→ steers western disturbances into India from Mediterranean
- 4) Rainfall pattern → cause winter rainfall in India
- 5) Cyclonic activities → responsible for creation of cyclonic conditions in temperate region
- 6) monsoon → easterly jet stream affect monsoon depressions over subcontinent
- 7) Pressure gradient creation → create zones of low & high pressure
- 8) Cause precipitation over high altitude regions @ cloudburst
- 9) Transport huge amount of moisture into atmosphere → balance deficit in polar regions

Impact on human Settlement

- 1) Affect est. of human colonies
 eg Areas of rainfall are generally dense
- 2) They impact cropping pattern eg Crops of rabi season such as wheat get rain bco of jet stream
- 3) high altitude regions such as tibetan highland has low population as jet stream cause extreme weather
- 4) Cyclonic activities associated with jet streams affect human livelihood.

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Q.14) Despite sharing a similar latitude, why does the Mediterranean climate vary from the China-type climate? How do the differences in climate affect life and economic activities in the region?

(15 marks, 250 words)

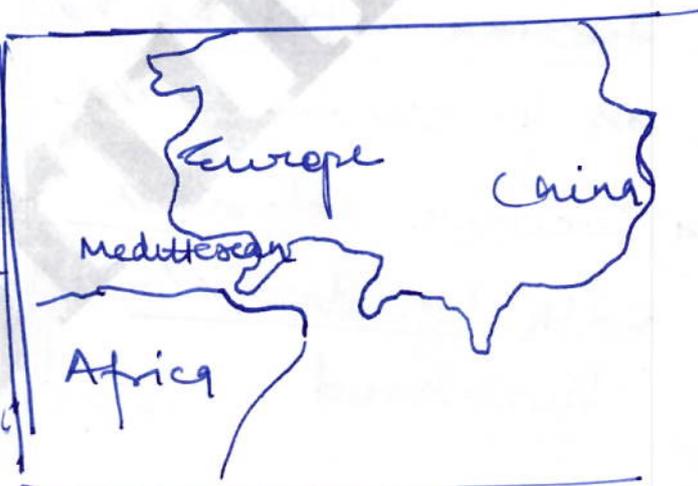
समान अक्षांश साझा करने के बावजूद भूमध्यसागरीय जलवायु चीन-प्रकार की जलवायु से भिन्न क्यों है? जलवायु में अंतर इस क्षेत्र में जीवन और आर्थिक गतिविधियों को कैसे प्रभावित करता है? (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Mediterranean climate experience warm temperate western margin type of climate while China experience warm temperate eastern margin type

Climatic variation & reasons

1) China experience monsoonal pattern while Mediterranean doesn't

→ due to air circulation



2) China has summer maximum in rainfall with little winter rainfall while Mediterranean has winter max.

3) Maritime influence and oceanic

currents pattern → Ching under Kuroshio while medit. under North Atlantic drift

4) Cyclonic activities in Mediterranean also influence rainfall pattern while Ching experience tropical cyclones sometimes.

5) Insolation - even on similar latitude, differ by position of land → eastern vs western.

6) Ching type is characterised by rainfall throughout the year

7) Westerlies impact more pronounced in Mediterranean climate.

Impact on lives & economic activities

1) Agriculture in Mediterranean

eg wine production due to grapes cultivation

- 2) Agricultural diversity → in China rice cultivation v/s mediterranean-fruits
- 3) Food processing industry development due to abundant production
- 4) High density areas → both regions are densely populated
- 5) Impact on architecture → (eg) tilted roofs in mediterranean
- 6) Tourism activities → both climate pleasant → huge tourist in Europe
- 7) Maritime activities → Blue economy
(eg) Fisheries → being famous in Europe
- 8) Intensive agriculture practice as soil very fertile.

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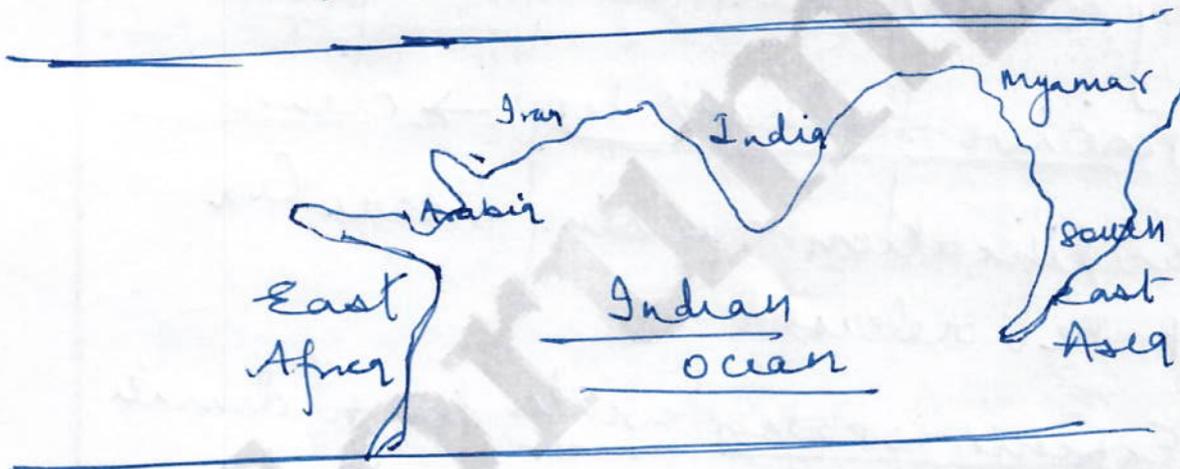
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Q.15) "The tropical Indian Ocean is likely to be in a near-permanent heatwave state." Discuss the factors responsible for the rapid warming of the Indian Ocean along with its multi-dimensional impacts. (15 marks, 250 words)

"उष्णकटिबंधीय हिंद महासागर में लगभग स्थायी रूप से गर्म लहर (हीटवेव) की स्थिति बनी रहने की संभावना है।" हिंद महासागर के तेजी से गर्म होने के लिए उत्तरदायी कारकों और इसके बहुआयामी प्रभावों पर चर्चा करें।

(15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Indian ocean is experiencing rising sea surface temperatures with decadal rise of around 0.7 to 2°C (IPCC).



why permanent heatwave state-

- ① Global warming → IPCC predict rise of 2°C by the end of 21st cen
- ② CO₂ emissions → causing heat to be trapped in atmosphere

- 3) Ocean heating as they absorb atmospheric heat and carbon emissions
- 4) Marine heatwaves (eg 2024 experienced) frequent heatwaves in 10R
- 5) ENSO disturbances more frequent → impact temp of Indian ocean by relative distribution of heat
- 6) Positive feedback loop → ocean acidification causing more CO₂ to be released.
- 7) Extreme weather events due to climate change (eg Indian Ocean Dipole with more warm phase)
- 8) Other phenomena → MJO cycles, Pacific decadal oscillation
- 9) Albedo decline due to glacial melting
- 10) Tropical location → insolation more
- 11) Continentality affect

Multidimensional impacts

- 1) Food security → under threat as fisheries impacted by rise in SST
- 2) Bio diversity loss → eg coral bleaching
- 3) Heat imbalance impacting marine organisms such as whales etc
- 4) Sea level rise due to heat expansion
→ flooding & submersion
eg Bangkok, Bangladesh
- 5) Frequent cyclones eg Arabian Sea
↳ recently, cyclone Amphan
- 6) Livelihood concerns → coastal pop. dependent on blue waters
- 7) Climate disasters such as coastal heat rise will affect health.

The need is to limit warming under 1.5°C as per Paris Summit

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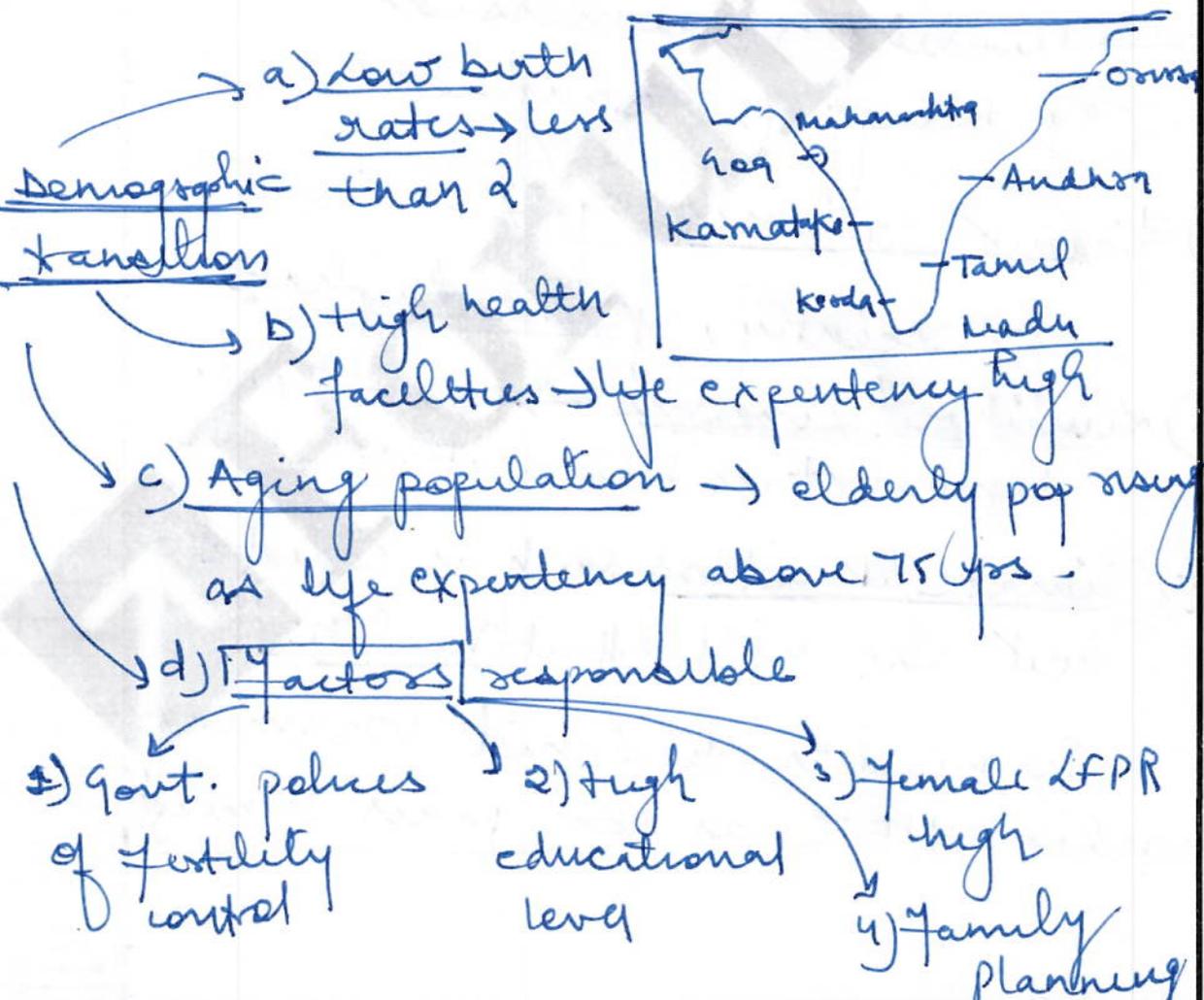
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Q.16) How can the demographic transition in the southern states, marked by low fertility rates and an aging population, impact the region's economic growth and social welfare policies?

(15 Marks, 250 Words)

दक्षिणी राज्यों में जनांकिकीय परिवर्तन, जो निम्न प्रजनन दर और वृद्ध होती जनसंख्या से चिह्नित है, क्षेत्र की आर्थिक वृद्धि और सामाजिक कल्याण नीतियों को किस प्रकार प्रभावित कर सकता है? (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Southern States are witnessing 'demographic winter' as their working population < dependents due to fall in TFR below Replacement level of 2.1



Impact on Economic growth

- 1) Labor scarcity → impact on labour intensive industries such as textile
- 2) Industrial development → hamper if cheap labor not available
- 3) Slowdown in economy if demographic imbalance continues
- 4) Stuck in middle income trap & economy get stagnant
- 5) Consumption decline → impact industrial output
- 6) Dependence on migrants for adequate labor supply
- 7) Industrial relocation to Northern states (eg. Ut, West Bengal)
- 8) Shift towards automation in industries.

3) Capital intensive growth to compensate for loss of labor

Social welfare policies

- ① More expenditure on welfare schemes such as old age pension etc
- ② Health spending as a % of GDP will rise to cater to aging population
- ③ Reorientation of policies towards dependent population (eg Old age homes)
- ④ Higher subsidy burden on Govt. to ensure adequate well-being
- ⑤ Policies to promote fertility (eg Incentive for more child)
- ⑥ Insurance policies needs to be customised for rising dependence
They can learn from China, Japan and European examples to prepare for smooth transition

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Q.17) Incidence of extreme rainfall events and flash floods in recent times has led to devastating consequences for major cities of India. Analyse. (15 Marks, 250 Words)

हाल के दिनों में अत्यधिक वर्षा की घटनाओं और अचानक बाढ़/फ्लेश फ्लड के कारण भारत के प्रमुख शहरों में विनाशकारी परिणाम सामने आए हैं। विश्लेषण करें। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Recently, Delhi experienced flooding in several parts even drowning 2 students.

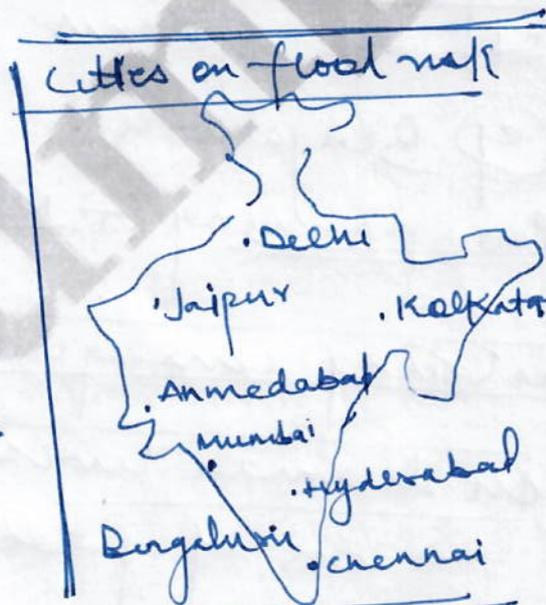
Factors responsible

① Climate change induced extreme weather events

② Cloudbursts in Himalayan cities

③ Heat island effect causing low pressure zones & subsequent rainfall

④ Concretisation of urban areas → no penetration of rain water cause floods.



- ④ Poor drainage pattern → frequent clogging
- ⑤ waste generation & poor management leads to failure of drainage system
- ⑥ Encroachment on floodplains
(eg) Yamuna in Delhi
- ⑦ Depositionation + decline in water storage systems such as ponds
(eg) Bengaluru.
- ⑧ Poor planning + municipalities failures

Devastating consequences

- ① on human lives
↳ loss of precious lives
(eg) Bengaluru floods dained 12 lives in 2023
- ② Livelihood → affect normal function of economic activities as rain bring cities to standstill
- ③ Poor living conditions (eg) Gurgaon

always stuck in flood induced jams

- ④ Loss of economic output → as industrial activities suffer
- ⑤ Decline in EoDB due to extreme weather effects
- ⑥ Infrastructure damage (eg Potholes in roads)
- ⑦ International reputation harm (eg Mumbai floods)

How to manage

- ↳ a) Blue green infra (eg China's Sponge city model)
- ↳ b) Afforestation (eg Miyawaki)
- ↳ c) Rainwater harvesting (eg Indoor Model)
- ↳ d) Drainage systems (eg Denmark)
- ↳ e) Proper planning (eg Ahmedabad planning)

Urban areas must scale

SDG 11 → sustainable cities

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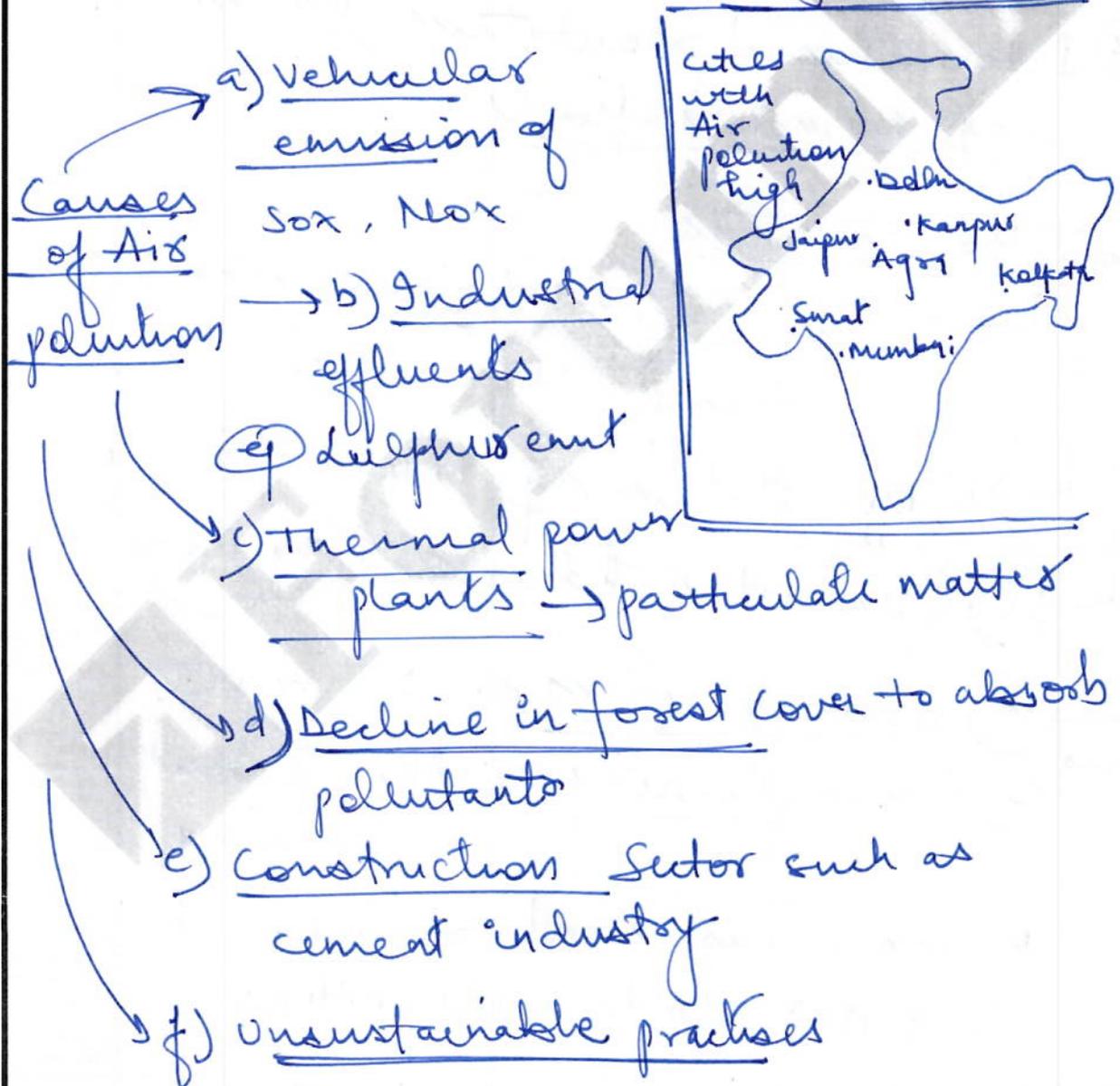
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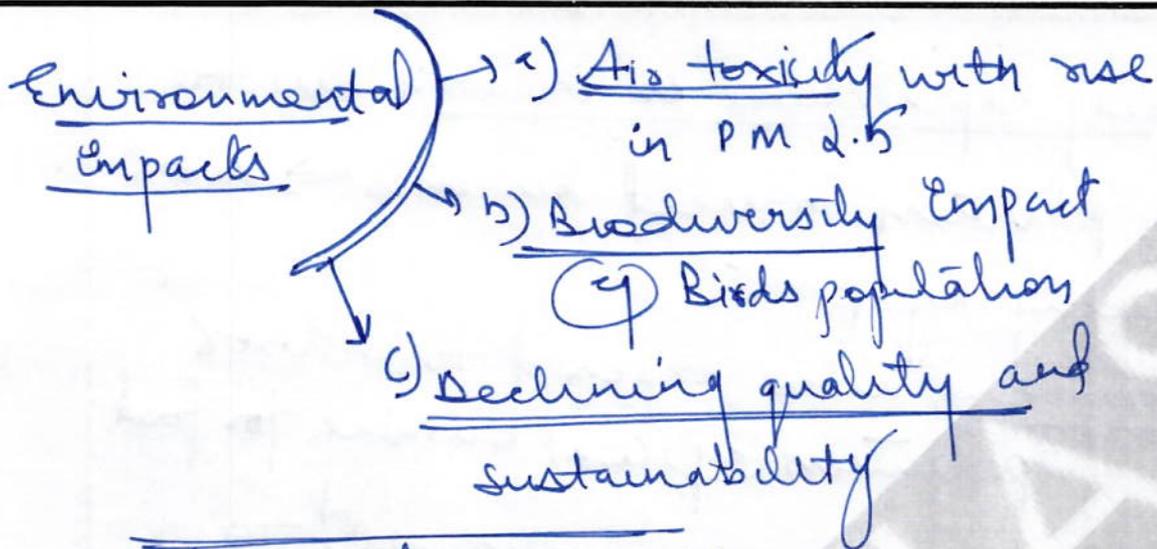
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Q.18) "Air pollution is as much an issue of equity and justice as it is an environmental one." Elaborate with examples. (15 Marks, 250 Words)

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Air pollution is a rising environmental threat causing multiple impact on equity & justice in society





Equity & Justice issues -

- ① Health impact → more on poor people as they can't afford purifiers
 - ⊕ Lung diseases such as Asthma
- ② Disproportionate impacts on vulnerable section → less contribution, more sufferings
- ③ Livelihood impact → poor suffer if polluting industries close
- ④ Migrants in urban areas living on footpaths → more exposed
- ⑤ Right to healthy environment → part of A.21 (SC in Ranjith Singh)

- ⑥ Rising expenditure on health due to air pollution induced diseases \Rightarrow more acutely by poor
- ⑦ women \rightarrow more exposed to indoor pollution (eg) coal burning for food
- ⑧ children \rightarrow more vulnerable to lung diseases as immunity weak
- ⑨ Inequalities rise as pollution creates gap b/w haves & have not

How to tackle

- a) Afforestation! - Miyawaki
- b) Short term measures \rightarrow Smog towers, humidifiers
- c) Reduce emissions (eg) EV promote
- d) Protect vulnerable sections
 \rightarrow distribute masks, Clean source of energy

Govt. needs to properly plan to make cities livable (SDG 11)

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Q.19) Analyze the socio-cultural factors contributing to the high attrition rate among women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers in India. Suggest measures to improve their retention in STEM. (15 marks, 250 words)

भारत में STEM (विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी, इंजीनियरिंग और गणित) करियर में महिलाओं के बीच उच्च त्याग दर (एट्रिशन रेट) में योगदान देने वाले सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक कारकों का विश्लेषण करें। STEM में उनके अवधारण (रिटेंशन) को बेहतर बनाने के उपाय सुझाएँ। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

women in STEM are historically low (around 11-15%) due to various socio cultural hurdles

Socio-cultural factors

- ① Patriarchal society → don't allow women to step out of homes
- ② Stereotypes :- women not good in maths → impact their admissions
- ③ Continued biases in campuses of universities (eg) treating women colleagues with inferiority
- ④ Career breaks due to motherhood penalty → leads to sufficient loss of experience in job market

- ⑤ Glass ceiling faced by women in STEM (eg) no promotion to top post
- ⑥ Preference towards household duties by families → care burden on women
- ⑦ Double burden leads to significant toll on work performance
- ⑧ Casual sexism at workplaces
(eg) Sexual harassment by seniors
- ⑨ Disabilities arising out of cultural biases against working women
- ⑩ Career growth impact as they are not allowed to go abroad or away from homes.

Measures

- ① Incentives to STEM stream option
(eg) KIRAN scheme
- ② Awarding meritorious students
(eg) Marie Curie Awards

- ③ Career Restart measures
 - ⑨ workshops for women in STEM
 - ④ Apprenticeship and internship opportunities for experience.
 - ⑤ Online courses (eg) SWAYAM for STEM knowledge
 - ⑥ Tackle gender biases on workplace
 - ⑨ POSH, equal opportunities Act
 - ⑦ Behavioural Nudge (eg) highlight success stories of women scientist
 - ⑨ Chandrayan mission
 - ⑧ Care economy formalisation for reducing dual burden
 - ⑨ working women hostels for reducing cost
- States need to ensure women are given equal opportunities for

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Q.20) "Caste census is relevant and necessary for any well-designed policy to reduce social inequality". Comment. (15 marks, 250 words)

"सामाजिक असमानता को कम करने के लिए किसी भी अच्छी तरह से निर्मित नीति के लिए जाति जनगणना प्रासंगिक और आवश्यक है"। टिप्पणी करें। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Recently, Union Govt announced caste census will be conducted along with general census.

Need for Caste census

- outdated data → SECC was only a survey with many irregularities
- Rising demand for reservation among various caste
- Proper percolation of benefits of reservation etc among all caste
- Sub-categorisation need proper data on backwardness

Relevant for well designed policy —

① Evidence based policy making →

for better targetting of backward sections

- ② holistic design → categorising people among SC/ST for targetted intervention
- ③ SC judgement in M. Nagaraj Case → quantifiable data prerequisite for reservation
- ④ revise ceiling of 50% in India Sahwney Case → to better reflect current realities
- ⑤ 'Antodya' → ensuring benefits reach the most backward even in SC/ST
- ⑥ Comparative outlook → document changes & benefit of reservation since independence
- ⑦ Redesigning policies → as per current needs of backward classes.
- ⑧ Reduce inequalities → some

castes left behind in journey of dev.
→ need for their integration

⑨ Helps in enhancing reach & effect of caste based policies → SC noted in Punjab case → allow subcategorisation for better reach.

⑩ Data driven decision making (eg) Introduce creamy layer based on income.

- Challenges →
- a) Politicisation of census data for vote bank
 - b) Perpetuation of caste based reservation
 - c) More than 50% ceiling will alienate general categories
 - d) Caste rigidity will rise
 - e) Data discrepancies chances high

We need to collect data and plan accordingly as per good governance principles

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