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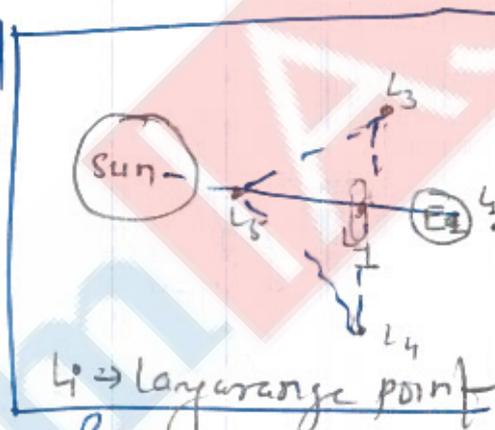
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Q.1) Aditya L1 mission is an important milestone as India's first space based solar observatory. Enlist the major scientific objectives and the challenges of the mission. (10 marks, 150 words)

आदित्य L1 मिशन भारत की पहली अंतरिक्ष आधारित सौर वेधशाला के रूप में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर है। मिशन के प्रमुख वैज्ञानिक उद्देश्यों और चुनौतियों को सूचीबद्ध कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Aditya L1 is the first national mission to observe 'sun' and its characteristics & behaviour.

It is the solar probe, placed at Lagrange point 1, which is in direct view of 'sun' all around its life.



L1 signifies that gravity of both sun and earth is at equilibrium at this point; leading to its stability.

# Scientific objectives →

1. To identify the various heliocentric phenomenon e.g. Solar cycle, Corona

2. To understand the origin of universe and earth

3. To understand the various processes in galaxy and universe and find out earth like planet

To understand the behaviour and affect of Solar cycle on earth's geographical and cosmometric phenomena.

- Significance →
- ① Spillover and spin off effect on other field (particle physics, quantum mechanics)
  - ② generate interest of youth on space exploration
  - ③ will pave way for private sector. (ISRO/SPACE)
  - ④ raise India's influence in the world.

Challenges → ① Sun's temperature and withstand it. (scientific shield needed)

- ② Communication is not real time -
- ③ Cost is very high (India's space Budget is ~ 18000 cr)
- ④ Lack of interation of Technology transfer.

Aditya L1 is the beacon of India's space exploration, will pave way for more such in future.

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Q.2) Describe briefly what gene therapy is and what advantages it has over other treatments?

(10 marks, 150 words)

संक्षेप में जीन थेरेपी का वर्णन कीजिए और अन्य उपचारों की तुलना में इसके फायदों को सूचीबद्ध कीजिए?

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Gene therapy is the mutation, modification and editing of genes to remove certain traits or introduce certain traits: eg: CRISPR Cas-9  
Viral modification is DNA Code -

# Advantages :-

- ① 'Highly scalable' as organic transformation is being done,
- ② Food security → Green revolution of India ⇒ self sufficiency (monsanto's leproloto) which other technology could not do.
- ③ 'Scalable' from lab to the field unlike others.

# However, there are certain challenges

- ① 'ethical concern' of Bios of the scientist ⇒ undesirable consequences ⇒ danger/baby
- ② against the law of natural succession
- ③ may lead to threat to Biodiversity (ms-swaminathan)  
↳ (Gm crops)

⊙ It is a double edged sword, effective regulation is needed with

↳ reaping full benefits of it.

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Q.3) With recent advances in technology, robots are now equipped to perform more than just conventional and routine tasks, which brings new opportunities as well as risks. In this context, evaluate the future potential of the robotics sector. (10 marks, 150 words)

प्रौद्योगिकी में हाल की प्रगति के साथ, रोबोट अब पारंपरिक और नियमित कार्यों से कहीं अधिक करने में सक्षम हैं, जो नए अवसरों के साथ-साथ जोखिम भी लाता है। इस संदर्भ में रोबोटिक्स क्षेत्र की भविष्य की क्षमता का मूल्यांकन कीजिए।

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Robots are automatic mechanized machines which behaves like a ~~autonomous~~ autonomous body/system. With advent of AI, machine/robot the Robotics has become more sophisticated.

New opportunities : The ROBOTS : Potential

- 1) Agriculture survey & engineering → Precision farming, agriculture survey (drone), irrigation (water gun), supply chain automation (harvester)
- 2) Health → Robotic surgery, recently performed for mental health patient at SMS
- 3) Governance → Surveys (GIS based, remotely sensing), delivery of services (nano drones)
- 4) defence → hybrid warfare by targeting enemy hideouts (AI based missiles)

⑤ 'Scientific exploration & research' :- Underwater, space exploration (Curiosity rover on MARS)  
 However, risks are also multifold :-

- ① Algorithmic bias leading to threat to national security, social cohesion.
- ② Employment loss due to automation  
 eg. Future of job report (WEF)
- ③ Technological monopoly and leading to inequality.
- ④ Hybrid / 5th Generation warfare - recent attack on Poonch airbase by drone.
- ⑤ safety concern: acting against humans eg:- robotic arm killed a man while working due to malfunction.

future potential → is immense, but its benefits needs to be balanced with risks

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Q.4) Private participation in propelling India's space journey is widely acknowledged but is yet to be fully tapped. In light of the statement, analyse the hurdles faced by the private sector and also recommend measures to unlock greater private participation in the space economy. (10 marks, 150 words)

भारत की अंतरिक्ष यात्रा को आगे बढ़ाने में निजी भागीदारी को व्यापक रूप से स्वीकार किया गया है लेकिन अभी तक इसका पूरी तरह से दोहन नहीं किया गया है। कथन के आलोक में, निजी क्षेत्र के सामने आने वाली बाधाओं का विश्लेषण कीजिए और अंतरिक्ष अर्थव्यवस्था में अधिक निजी भागीदारी को प्राप्त करने के उपायों की भी अनुशंसा कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

India's space sector is just 2% of world's space industry. Atmanirbhar Bharat also encourages private sector involvement in space sector. (1120 startups) - (100s data)

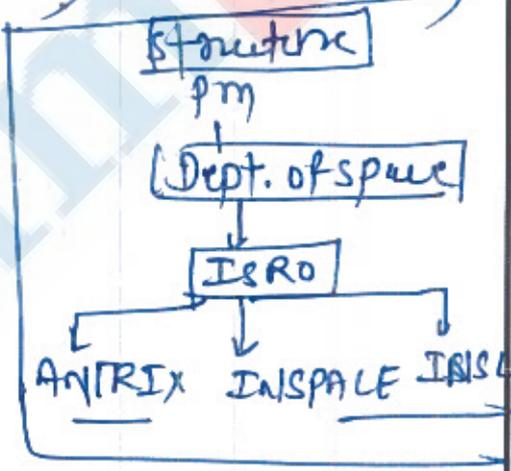
few success story | -

① own space vehicle

'skyroot space', 3D printed - ~~the~~

② privately owned satellite launch

③ ancilliarization of equipment for ISRO.



However, hurdles are there →

① 'funding': Government budget is around a tenth of US (NASA), lead little scope of 'extension support' and bad handholder

- ② Data leak and strategic challenge: as space is 4th zone of warfare, could potentially lead to leakage of official secrets
- ③ Skilled manpower - educational institutes hardly has aerospace engineering as discipline
- ④ Improper Infrastructure → deter private players -
- ⑤ monopoly of ISRO : deu (Natural)
- ⑥ There is dire need to open this sector for private like country's like USA (SPACEX, Virgin atlantic)

- measures →
- ① raise expenditure & funding
  - ② Collaboration ~~of~~ ISRO - SPACEX - Indian startup
  - ③ handholding & technological support (Inspace)
  - ④ Improve IPR regime (IPR policy 2016)
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Space is the space to be in

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Q.5) Write an explanatory note on the causes and impacts of avalanches. Also, highlight the various strategies to mitigate its impact, with a special emphasis on NDMA guidelines. (10 marks, 150 words)

हिमस्खलन के कारणों और प्रभावों पर एक विवेचनात्मक टिप्पणी कीजिए। साथ ही, NDMA दिशानिर्देशों पर विशेष बल देते हुए इसके प्रभाव को कम करने के लिए विभिन्न रणनीतियों पर प्रकाश डालिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

**Avalanches** are the ~~fall~~ rock, pieces & debris of ice fall under the influence of gravity. It is a 'ice-landslide'.

### Causes

**Natural** → frequent snow fall (great Himalayas), steep slope (slope failure), rise of temperature (leads to thawing) & Tectonics (Himalayan plate)



**manmade** → destabilisation of slopes (unbridled development), climate change (extreme temperature)

### Impacts

- ① causes death and loss of human capital
- ② disrupt life and livelihood due to economic disruption e.g. Tourism industry
- ③ Agriculture, and other economic

activities also affected.

③ Trauma and other health problems due to disaster. Preventive

- Strategies needed
- ① check development-based on feasibility, + EIA (Mishra Committee)
  - ② 'Slope stabilisation' (Lining)
  - ③ Mitigation
  - Early warning system
  - Avalanche Atlas (EARO)
  - Frequent monitoring.
  - Bottoms up approach w/ NEMA guidelines
  - (a) Voluntary Community formation
  - (b) disaster resistant infrastructure
  - (c) check unbridled tourism.

Avalanches are the part and parcel of hilly regions, but their hazard & vulnerability should not lead to disaster.

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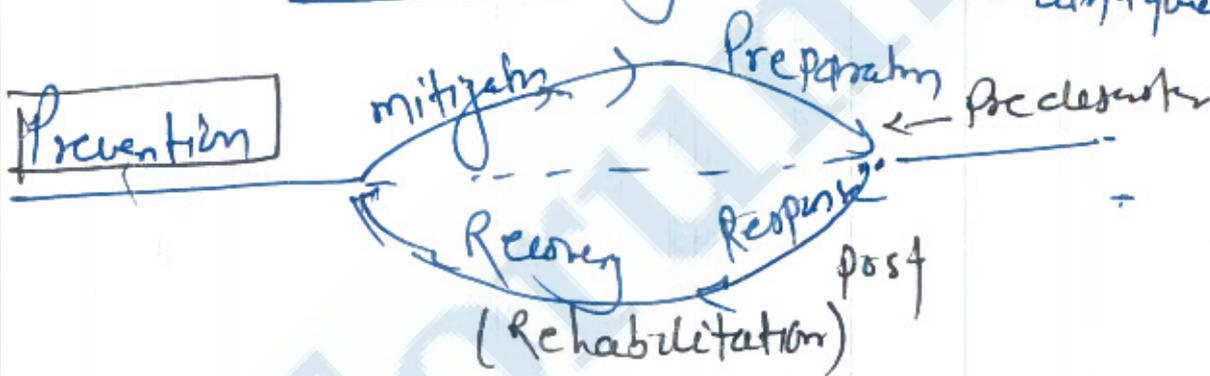


Q.6) Technology plays a multidimensional role in augmenting the disaster management apparatus of the country. Discuss. Also, bring out the measures needed to enhance the usage of such technologies in managing disasters. (10 marks, 150 words)

देश के आपदा प्रबंधन तंत्र को बेहतर बनाने में प्रौद्योगिकी एक बहुआयामी भूमिका निभाती है। चर्चा कीजिए। साथ ही, आपदाओं के प्रबंधन में ऐसी प्रौद्योगिकियों के उपयोग को बढ़ाने के लिए आवश्यक उपाय सुझाए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Civilisation is growing, disasters are also becoming new-normal. Role of Technology, therefore becomes indispensable.

Disaster (Impact, 2005) are the occurrence which happen suddenly and bring calamity in the normal happening of life. eg 2015 Nepal Earthquake



### Stages of disaster

- ① Prevention stage → (a) earthquake resistance Buildings (Building code IS: 1893).
- ② Feasibility test before settlement or industrial development (EIA, EPA, 1986)
- ③ "Slope stabilisation" - (lining technique) to prevent landslides, avalanches.

- ① Cloud seeding (To prevent drought) e.g. UAE
- ② Bypass canal (Civil Engineering) to mitigate flood

- ③ Mitigation <sup>preferred</sup> → Creation of source media network, Formation of centre to tackle disaster (satellite based, life boats)
  - Provision of Ready food (precooked processed)

- ④ Response → Use of drones, helicopters in rescue
  - Use of digital technology for co-ordinating

- ⑤ Post trauma recovery → video conferencing, telemedicine, (mental health, illness)
  - Use of medicine, vaccines etc.

- Ready made (3D) printed structures/shelters

Technology could be a catalyst in disaster response and must be leveraged.

— Vice President (Ex)

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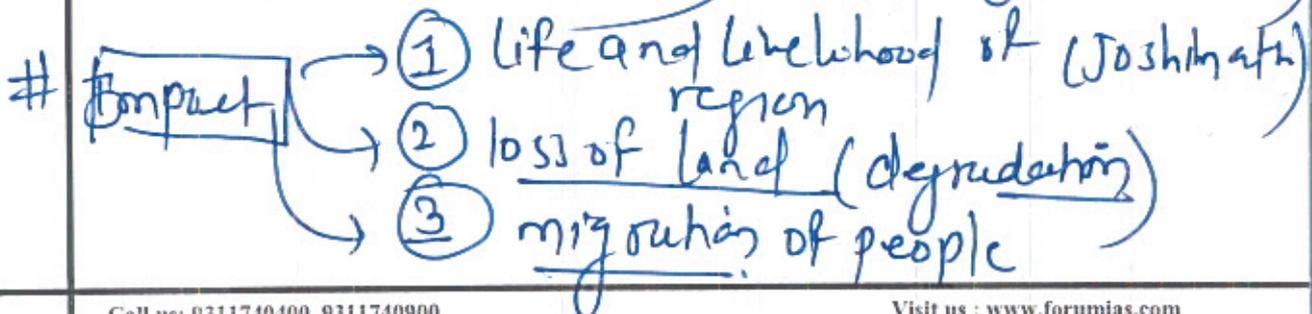
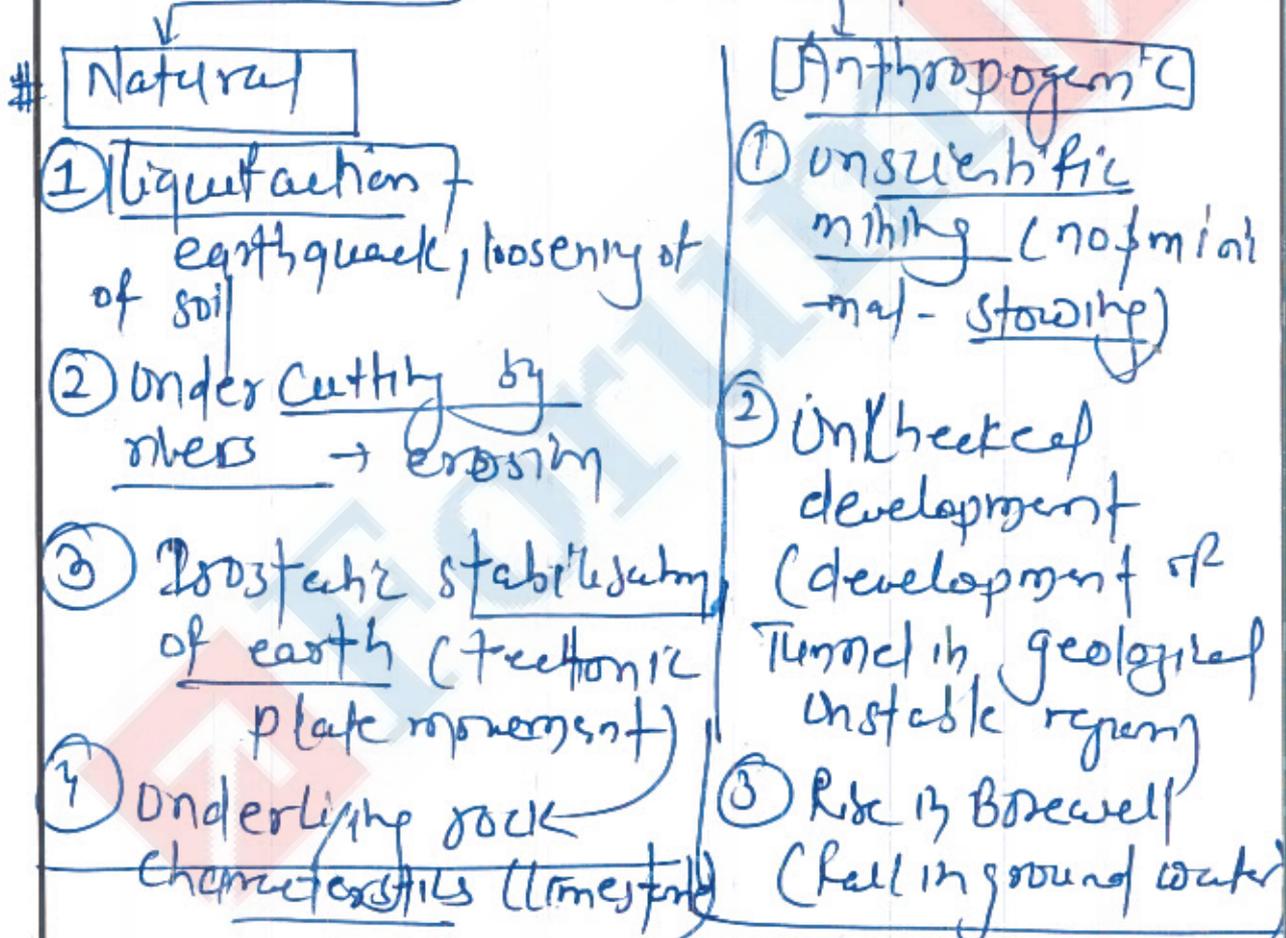


Q.7) Discuss the natural and anthropogenic factors behind incidents of land subsidence. Suggest counter-measures to contain such incidents. (10 marks, 150 words)

भूमि अवतलन/भू धँसाव की घटनाओं के पीछे प्राकृतिक और मानवजनित कारकों पर चर्चा कीजिए। ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए निरोधात्मक उपाय सुझाएँ। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Land subsidence is sagging of earth surface due to natural or man-made factors -  
eg: mining subsidence, Sikyona Tunnel (2023)

## Factors Responsible



## MEASURES NEEDED

① Factors are hard to control, but their vulnerability could be reduced.

— via. "Geological survey" (Geophysical <sup>testing</sup>) and civil engineering techniques (Japan's Tucka system)

② For manmade

→ Responsible development.

with adequate rehabilitation & reclamation (MMDR act, 2015), afforestation.

③ Scientific mining with proper Roof Control  
eg:- longwall caving

④ Check on rising 'Borewells'

For this context, Mishra Committee and Gadgil Committee recommendations to be followed with mitigation via NDMA guidelines →

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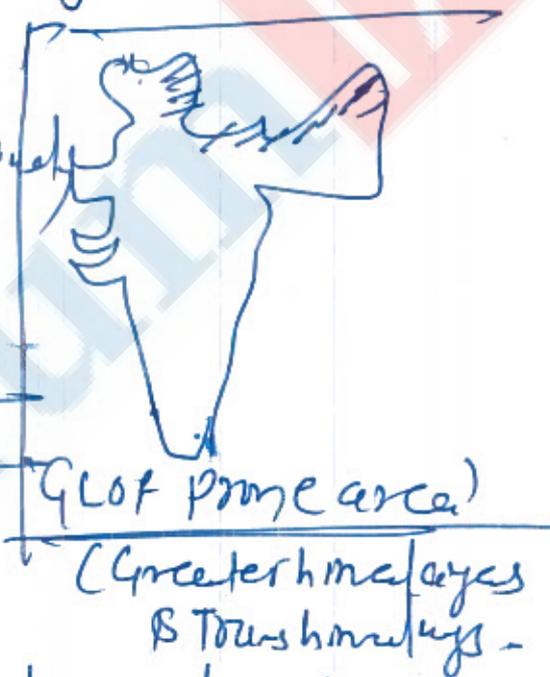


Q.8) Explain Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF). Also, discuss GLOF mitigation strategy with special reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines. (10 marks, 150 words)

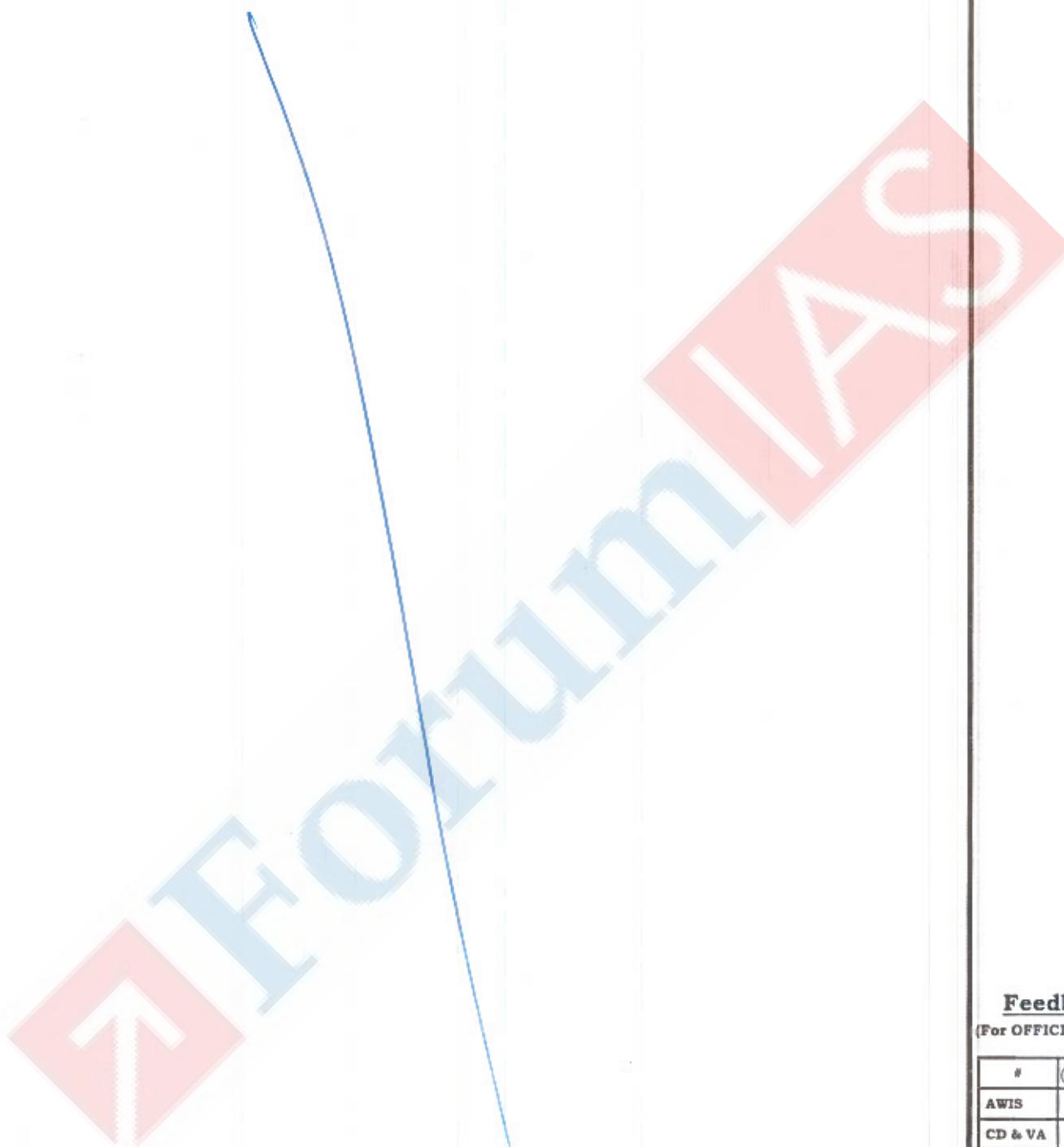
ग्लेशियल लेक आउटबर्स्ट फ्लड (GLOF) का वर्णन कीजिए। साथ ही, राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (NDMA) के दिशा-निर्देशों के विशेष संदर्भ में GLOF शमन रणनीति पर चर्चा कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

'Glof' is the ~~o~~-sudden outpour of glacier lake that floods the region around. eg. Uttarakhand's Chamoli glacier.

NDMA has issued guidelines to effectively mitigate its negative repercussions



- 1) Check on unbridled development with
- 2) regular planning
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Q.9) National security challenges require sufficiently addressing the concerns of human security. Explain and suggest reforms for the same. (10 marks, 150 words)

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा की चुनौतियों का प्रभावी समाधान मानव सुरक्षा की चिंताओं को पर्याप्त रूप से संबोधित किए बिना संभव नहीं है। इस विषय पर विस्तारपूर्वक चर्चा करें और इसके लिए सुधारात्मक उपायों का सुझाव दीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

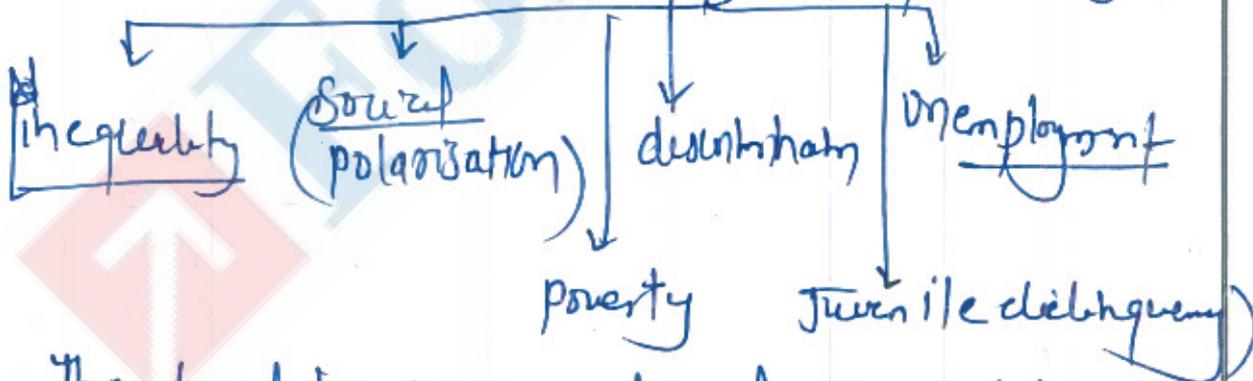
National security is maintaining Unity, Sovereignty and integrity of country with sufficient Human & social security.

## Human security

- No poverty (415%)
- equitable society (4min 35)
- Human resources development (50% unemployable)
- Social cohesion

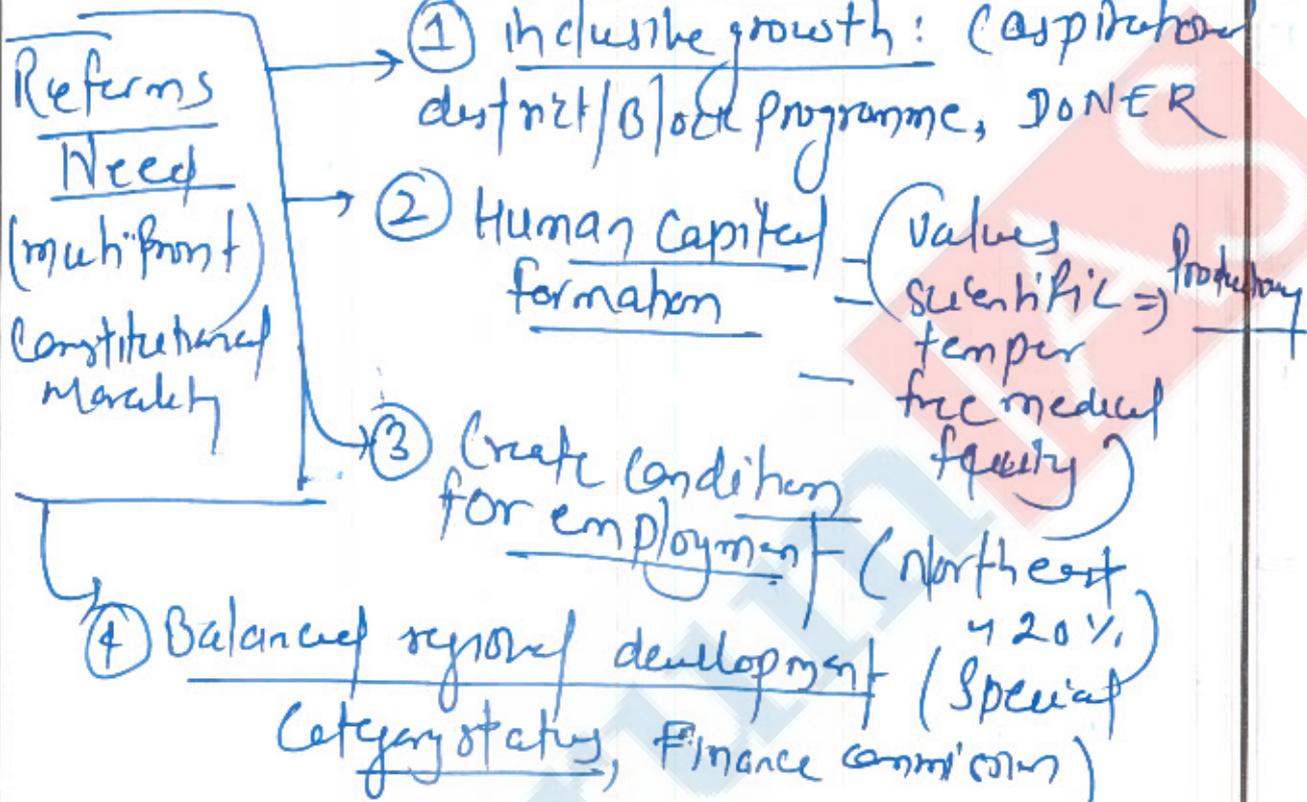
(Territorial integrity)  
• democratic sovereignty

## National security



They lead to unconventional degradation of a nation (as happened in Pakistan & middle east)

Therefore, to tackle national security, these must be handled -



However, other factors are also requested -

- (a) Soft and hard power diplomacy = smart diplomacy
- (b) Nation's economic growth (5th largest)
- (c) Technological advancement

if human security is attained,  
National Security is just a Byproduct.

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Q.10) Outlining the various cyber threats faced by India, assess the state of the country's preparedness to deal with the same. (10 marks, 150 words)

भारत को प्रभावित करने वाले विभिन्न साइबर खतरों का विस्तृत विश्लेषण करते हुए, देश की इन खतरों से निपटने की क्षमता का आकलन कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

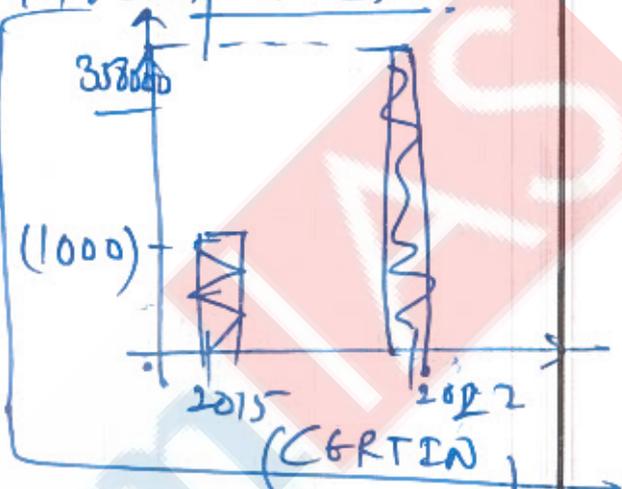
Cyber threats are the computer based threat which can overwhelm the digital realm and critical infrastructure. eg: recent WazirX (\$200mn stolen)

Various threats

- 1) Cyber espionage by stealing official secrets eg Stuxnet, (Kudankulam nuclear plant attack by china 'D-Truck')
- 2) Cyber phishing → To steal entire personal information eg phishing pages
- 3) Skimming → through cloning of cards
- 4) Ransoms and trojans to overwhelm the data and system eg: Wanna cry.
- 5) digital arrest - falsely making people believe that they have committed something wrong -
- 6) Cyberspoofing - (sexting, honeytrapping)

① Blue Juice Tackling, Man in the middle attack  
 As per CERT IN, the cyber attack has increased exponentially in recent times.

- Threats —
- ① financial frauds (₹ 1500 cr)
  - ② national security (destabilisation & deep fake)
  - ③ social cohesion (2020 riots delhi)



## Preparedness

- ① national cyber policy to deal with threats with cyber crime control centre, cert in.
- ② Research & development in newer technology (Quantum encryption) — National mission
- ③ Collaborative approach — with industry and academia and with global players
- ④ Sensitisation of public and shared intelligence (NATGRID)

Cyber is the 5th generation of warfare  
 It's like a double edged sword

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Q.11) Explain how the geographical location of India makes it extremely vulnerable to the menace of drug trafficking. What are the various internal security threats posed by drug trafficking? (15 marks, 250 words)

भारत की भौगोलिक स्थिति इसे किस प्रकार ड्रग तस्करी के लिए एक अत्यंत संवेदनशील क्षेत्र बनाती है? ड्रग तस्करी के कारण उत्पन्न होने वाले आंतरिक सुरक्षा के विभिन्न खतरों का विस्तारपूर्वक विश्लेषण कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

India is situated in 'arc of instability' and 'arc of drug trade' with surrounded through 'Golden Crescent' and 'Golden Triangle'.

# Extreme vulnerability

① Porous border on the eastern side

② Illegal migration (unchecked) (Bangladesh, Myanmar - NE)

③ destabilised economies of neighbours

→ drug trade is one of the important source of income (Taliban, Myanmar Junta)

④ wide Open maritime border ~ 7500 km long coastline that too <sup>is</sup> international sea lanes of communication with piracy (Somalia)



⑤ Rise of demand for various drugs in recent times: (eg: hashish, marijuana, heroine among youth) ⇒ 'Udta Punjab'

⑥ hostile neighbour: like china and pakistan - 'proxy war' to destabilise India's social and human capital

# DRUG TRAFFICKING: A THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY

① preestablishing economy + parallel economy (Black marketing, money laundering, fake currency)

② destabilise the demography and disorientate the demographic dividend (> 65% age & 35 yrs)

③ political and social polarisation as rationality of thought is lost. ⇒ social instability ⇒ insurgency

4) vicious cycle of poverty and unemployment exaggerated due to ~~continuous~~ low productive life and poor educational outcome ⇒ fuel insurgency, intolerance, radicalisation eg North east violence (manipur)

Measures needed

- 1) Secure the Borders (Smart lasers, Use of IoT based sensors) (BOLD-IT, Bangalore)
- 2) Thorough security checks at international check points (frisking measures)
- 3) International collaboration and para diplomacy (operation all clear of Bhutan)
- 4) Trust Building and awareness generation (J.S. Verma Committee)
- 5) equitable & growth (SDG 10)

drug trafficking is not just a menace for the society, but for the humanity it degrades a nation.

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Q.12) Discuss the socio-economic impact of new developments in science and technology in India since independence. (15 marks, 250 words)

स्वतंत्रता के पश्चात् भारत में विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी के नवीन विकासों के सामाजिक और आर्थिक प्रभावों का वर्णन कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

India inherited too little in terms of 'science process' from Britishers, except railways and coal mining.

Since 1947, we have made huge strides. :-

Technology	Socio-economic Impact
<p>① <u>Biotechnology</u> in <u>agriculture</u> and <u>health</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Green revolution</u> ⇒ self sufficiency in food grains ⇒ <u>poverty reduction</u></li> <li>⇒ <u>food security</u></li> <li>• <u>Prevalence of Generic vaccines</u> (Pharmas of the world) → low out of pocket expense</li> </ul>
<p>② <u>Nuclear technology</u> (<u>power plants</u>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Atomic Bomb</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>energy security</u> → <u>socio-economic development</u></li> <li>• <u>national security</u></li> </ul>

③ Space science and various Space missions

- Sense of pride (we are on the Moon)
- Global standing of India
- Technological advancement
- Television (GSAT)
- GAGAN (regional navigation)

④ Industrial growth

- equitable regional growth ⇒ Bhilai, Rourkela steel plants ⇒ local upliftment

⑤ e-Governance

⇒ (reduce leakage)  
 ⇒ minimum government & maximum Governance

→ last mile connectivity (reach)  
 → voice to the voiceless  
 → resource use efficient  
 → transparency

⑥ Telecommunication

• Social media → movement (#me too)

Internet earnings eg:  
Youtubers, Tiktokers.

① nanoscience → food fortification  
→ nano materials (LED TV)  
→ improved quality of life

India is continuously moving ahead in science not only domestically, but globally. It is the front runner and eminent forefathers like Dr. Bhabha, Swaminathan are the pioneers of that change.

India of '2047' would be a advanced character and a superpower India based on this technological lift.

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Q.13) 5G technology is a breakthrough that finds applications across diverse sectors. Elaborate. How is 5G technology different from its predecessor? Also, list the various challenges associated with its effective rollout. (15 marks, 250 words)

5G प्रौद्योगिकी एक अभिनव तकनीक है जिसके अनुप्रयोग विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में पाए जाते हैं। विस्तारपूर्वक बताएँ। 5G प्रौद्योगिकी अपने पूर्ववर्ती से किस प्रकार भिन्न है? साथ ही, इसके प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन से जुड़ी विभिन्न चुनौतियों को सूचीबद्ध कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

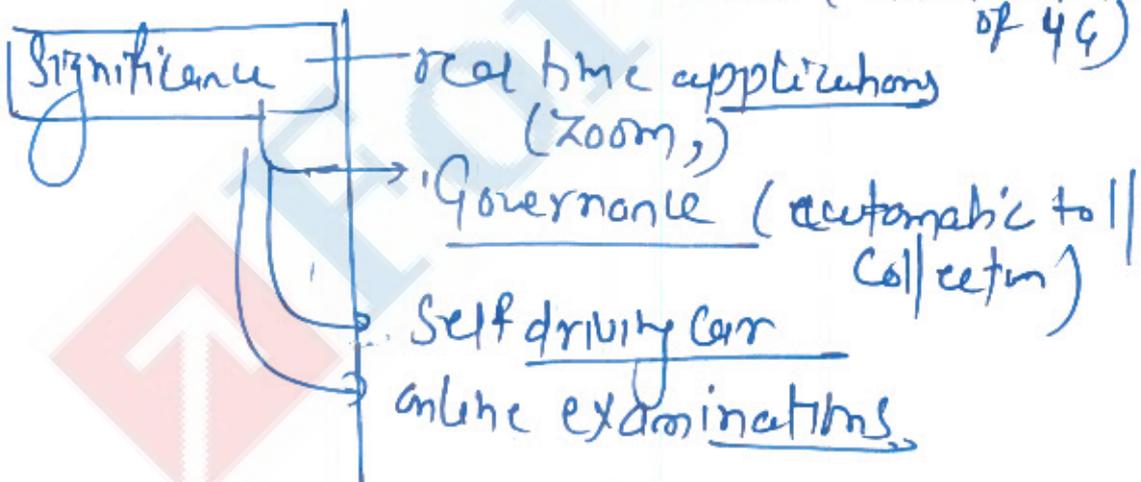
'5G' is a 5th generation mobile telecommunication technology, which totally overhauled the advantages of its predecessors for something phenomenal. It is a leap-frogging tech.

1G	2G	3G, 4G
only call - frequent call drops	call + sms + slow internet (10-15 KBPS)	call + sms + internet based call but slow internet

PROBLEMS - (low reliability, high cost, slow speed)

5G is the breakthrough →

- 54 →
- ① Ultralow latency ( $< 5ms$ )
    - ↳ Faster communication (real time)
    - ↳ Expert systems (self driving cars, IoT)
  - ② Network slicing - allows multiple stand alone networks ⇒ reduce cost of doing business and improves quality of life.
  - ③ high frequency and stable connection.  
high Bandwidth
  - ④ Very high speed - upto 20 Gbps  
(more than 10 times of 4G)



However there are certain →  
challenges →

- ① multiple mobile towers requested to form a stable network due to high frequency and low wavelength  
 ⇒ cost of Capex will rise
- ② High cost of rollout as '4G' is not too old (cost of 4G not recovered)  
 ⇒ reduced interest in spectrum allocation
- ③ frequency interference - with aircrafts and other channels
- ④ digital divide in India (< 650 million use active internet connection, (TRAI, April 2024))

way out

- ① Competition Promotion in telecommunication (deeply)  
 ↳ revival of BSNL
- ② Subsidising the customers
- ③ development of indigenous equipment (WIFI 6) (PLI > 60% import substitution achieved) (ES-2023-3)

5G is the mean of digital quality, atmirbhar India and developed India

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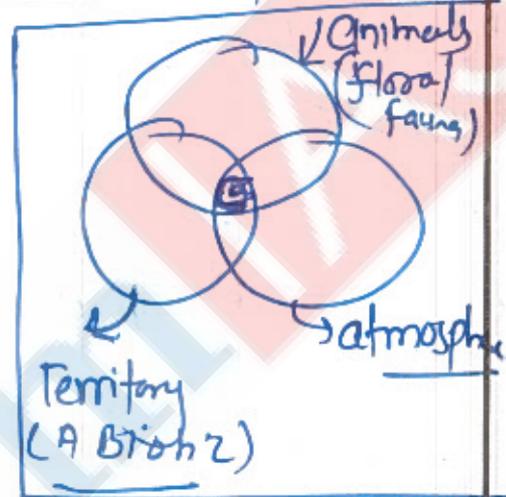
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Q.14) Discuss the repercussions on marine ecosystem and economy resulting from the combined effects of ocean acidification, ocean warming, and oxygen loss. (15 marks, 250 words)

महासागरीय अम्लीकरण, तापन तथा ऑक्सीजन हास के संयुक्त प्रभावों से समुद्री पारितंत्र एवं अर्थव्यवस्था पर पड़ने वाले परिणामों की विवेचना कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Marine ecosystem involves marine biodiversity, marine climate and marine

ecology. It is highly sensitive to external changes.



Ocean acidification

means lowering of the pH of ocean ecosystem due to dissolution of  $CO_2$ .

(from  $PH$ ) to lower end (ocean fertilization)

Impact

① Stress on organisms

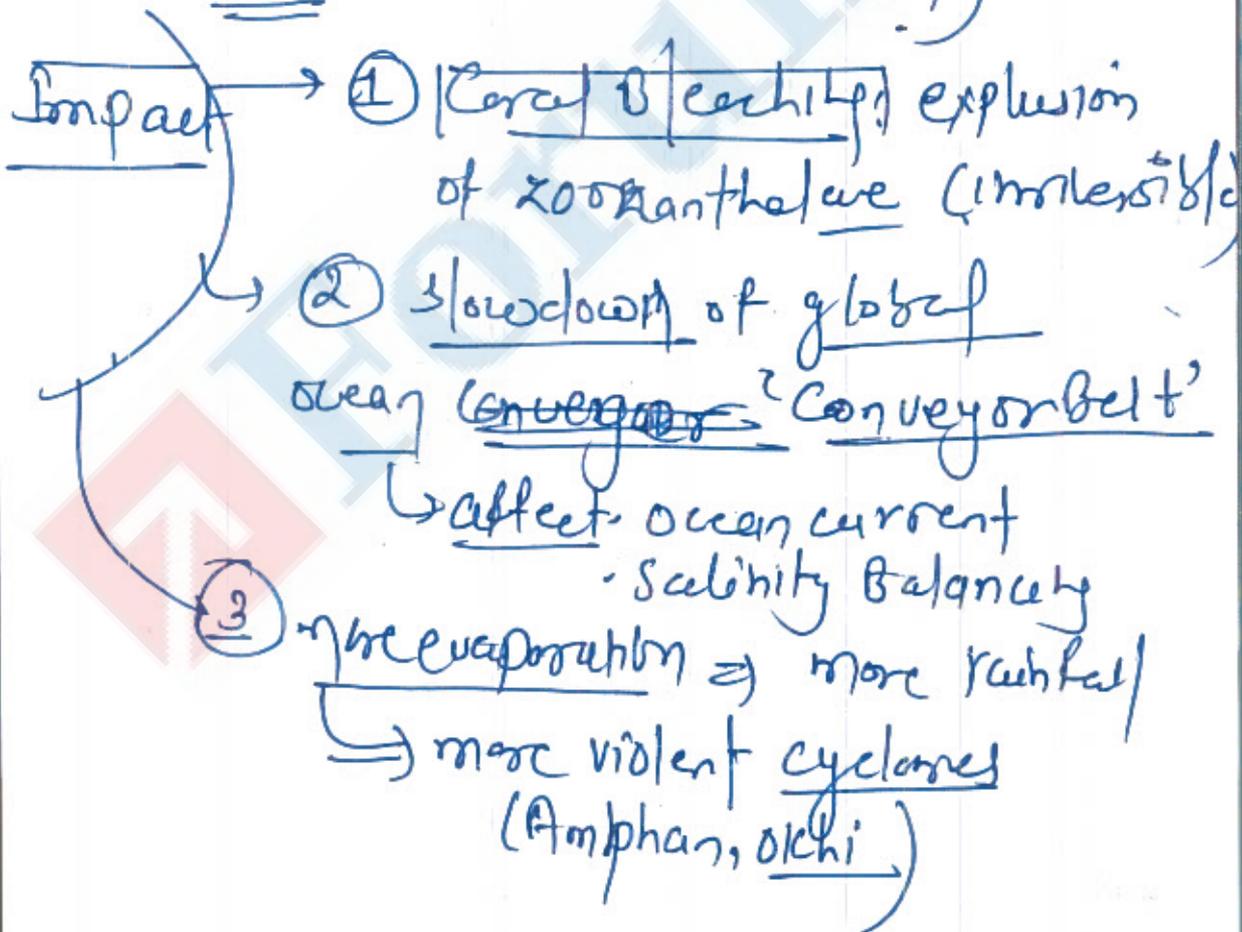
↳ Coral Bleaching, loss in kelp forest, sea grass,

② erosion of rocks may lead to release of dissolved carbon and (methane hydrates) into atmosphere.

① Worsen the food ~~we~~ chain and web of marine ecology.

eg: (loss of appetite, offspring frustrated)

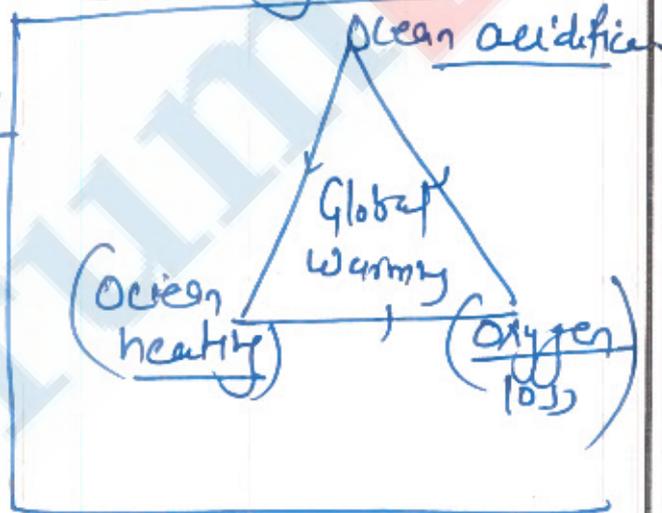
Ocean Warming is the ~~rise~~ increase in average temperature of world oceans due to 'climate change' and greenhouse gas (GHG) effect from average of 27°C (IPCC 6th assessment)



Oxygen loss is the reduction in dissolved oxygen in the marine water body

- Impact →
- ① Killing of marine animals. (Gill Barred)
  - ② affect Biodiversity of deep oceans (reliant on oxygen & not Photosynthesis)
  - ③ reduce the productivity of ocean

As sea temperature is rising and level are moving up, there is a gross threat



to our very existence on earth ∴  
 "Paris goal, SDG (17) and other international conventions" must be adhered to letter & spirit.

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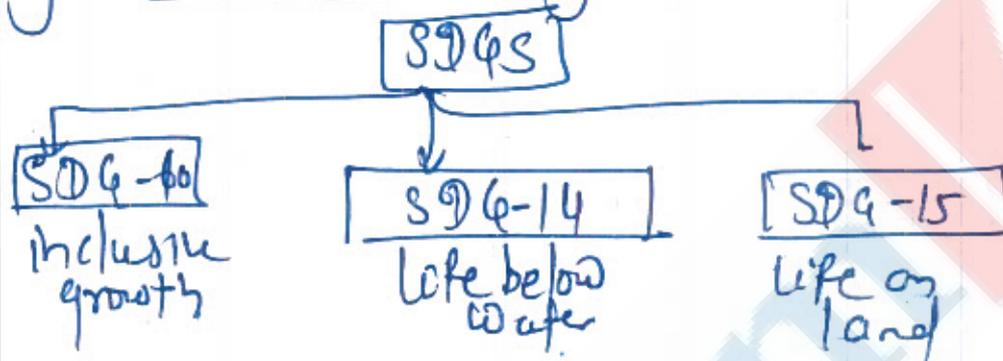
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Q.15) The invisible nature of groundwater is a major obstacle in the path towards achieving the twin objectives of building climate resilience and meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Elucidate. (15 marks, 250 words)

भूमिगत जल की अदृश्यता जलवायु अनुकूलन एवं सतत विकास लक्ष्यों (SDG) को पूरा करने के दोहरे उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त करने की दिशा में एक प्रमुख चुनौती है। विस्तारपूर्वक वर्णन कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

'SDGs' are the 17 ambitious goal adopted by United Nations by 2030.



Climate change is happening for the worst (environmental performance index), therefore our resolve towards SDGs must be strong, but groundwater, a major source of India's water needs is in dire state.

# State of ground water -  
↳ more than 60% of groundwater is lost between (2004-2019) CPCB report  
↳ agriculture is highest consumer (60%)

# Climate Resilience and SDG

- ① Climate smart (Low water footprint) # agriculture → but some water is needed. (what will happen in depleted regions)
- ② rising urbanisation (need water), but cities observing zero day (Bengaluru)
- ③ Industrialisation (needs pure water) → Unavailability of (local Water Bodies)
- ④ equitable growth → (Threat to women if Groundwaters not available)

# NEED OF THE HOUR

- ① Groundwater recharge → atal Bhujai yojana, recharge harvesting (Surface pipe), permeated Pavements
- ② develop artificial aquifers  
↳ (Traditional practice: Rejathan's Tanks, Johad)

③ development of water bodies

(Anrit Sarovar scheme, Budget 2023-24)  
 ~ 700000  
 Behavioural change

④ Rejuvenation of rivers (Namami Gange)

⑤ Improve water use efficiency

- ↳ per crop more drop (drop irrigation)
- ↳ Circular economy (treatment of Greywater storm water)
- ↳ media
- ↳ Crop diversification based on agroclimatic conditions

'Water' is going to be the bone of contention in future. Its Saviour is humanity's saviour.

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Q.16) Describe the concept of loss and damage and evaluate its relevance in ensuring climate equity. (15 marks, 250 words)

हानि और क्षति (Loss and Damage) की अवधारणा का वर्णन कीजिए तथा जलवायु समानता सुनिश्चित करने में इसकी प्रासंगिकता का मूल्यांकन कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Loss and damage is based on the principle of Common but differentiated responsibility, but respected capability (CBDR-RC),

It means, the countries which are disproportionately bear the brunt of industrialisation of developed economy and result by climate change has right to compensation.

In COP-26 it was envisaged, which got created from COP-28 (Dubai)

Relevance

① Technological transfer from developed world to third world

Empower them to mitigate and adapt against climate change.

② Based on principle of 'historical Burden' to compensate the LDCs.

③ Role of global south in mitigation against climate change & saving of global commons.

④ Based on principle of justice, equity & fairness.

However as EPI report envisages that world needs \$4-6 trn every year to actually meet the targets of Paris, but [LDD fund] is grossly insufficient.

Recent happenings -

↳ Indonesia changed its

Capital due to rise in sea level in Tokats!

- Maldives is also planning the same - (as many of its islands got flooded)

## Need of the hour

- ① Global handholding is needed
- ② Raise the funds and setup independent mechanism.
- ③ Principles of climate justice must be followed then only we will be able to achieve SDGs

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Q.17) What role does wetland play in expanding the framework of sustainable development? What are the challenges faced by wetland ecosystem? Discuss the corrective steps required for their effective conservation. (15 marks, 250 words)

आर्द्रभूमि धारणीय विकास के ढांचे को विस्तारित करने में किस प्रकार योगदान देती है? आर्द्रभूमि पारितंत्र किन चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है? इनके प्रभावी संरक्षण हेतु आवश्यक उपायों का वर्णन कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Wetlands are the permanent or semipermanent body of water like peats, salt lakes, lagoons, Kayals. Globally they cover 7 6.58% of area. (Ramsar Convention, 1972)

- Role
- Sustainability
- ① Kidney of the earth: act as filtration agents of toxic elements (Pb, Cu, Zn) (organic & inorganic)
  - ② Carbon sink → Wetlands covers only 3% of land, but store 00% of Carbon.
  - ③ Protector of Biodiversity → Bengal Tiger, fishing Cat (Sunderban)
  - ④ Act as a buffer during climatic event: (flood, cyclone, drought)
  - ⑤ Provides livelihood - fishing, spots

(Kayaking) etc.

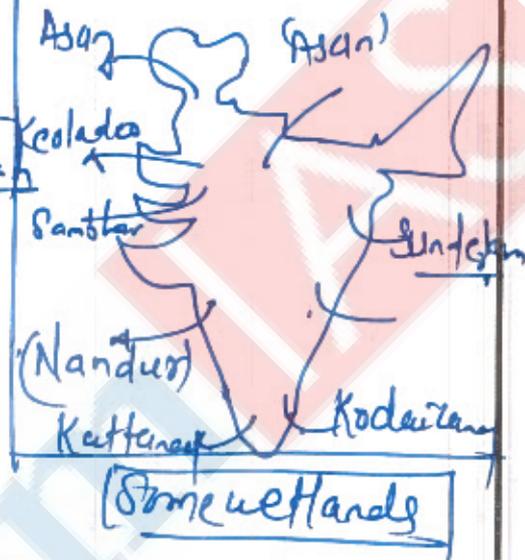
⑥ Maintaining food chain and overall life

# Challenges faced

① Unplanned development

⇒ encroachment due to continuously rising population, demand for growth & industrialisation

eg: Pantanal, Brazil + Bolivia



② Effluent discharge of untreated elements

⇒ loss of carrying capacity (lonalakes pink color)

③ Use of water indiscriminately without adequate recharge eg (irregular monsoon)

④ luxurious urbanisation ⇒ urban heat island ⇒ more evaporation

⑤ discharge of agricultural effluents

→ ~~role~~ of Biological oxygen demand and COP

# Corrective steps : Needed.

- ① Provision of Buffer (tree plantation)  
↳ (UN decade of ecosystem restoration) 2021-2030
- ② Check on unscrupulous development → (wetland management rules, 2017)
- ③ Treatment of effluents (grey water)  
↳ via sewage treatment plants
- ④ Collaboration with civil society (WWI, WWP) and others → awareness of wetlands

Wetlands are the lifeline of mother earth. philosophy of 'prakriti rakshah' Rakshita (nature saves the one who saves) shows their indispensable importance

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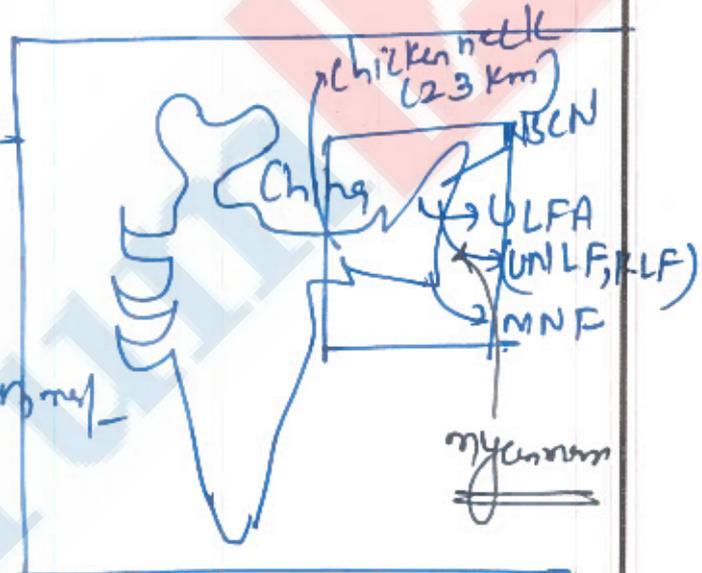
Q.18) Despite various efforts, a lasting solution to the insurgency in the north-eastern region of India remains elusive. Analyse the reasons behind the continuation of insurgency in the region. Also, suggest effective measures to tackle it. (15 marks, 250 words)

विभिन्न प्रयासों के बावजूद, भारत के उत्तर-पूर्वी क्षेत्र में विद्रोह का स्थायी समाधान अभी तक नहीं मिल पाया है। इस क्षेत्र में विद्रोह जारी रहने के कारणों का विश्लेषण कीजिए। साथ ही, इसे निपटने के लिए प्रभावी उपायों को सुझाएँ।

(15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

India's North East consists of 7 sister states / comprises of '8%' of territorial area.

North East is reeling with insurgency since independence, which is disruptive key with the government.



① Political divide

Based on 2400 ethnic groups and dialects with overarching territory

eg: (Greater Nagalim - (Nagaland, parts of Assam, Manipur, Myanmar))

② Social marginalisation vis-a-vis Indian mainland (high unemployment, low literacy, minimal economic opportunities)

③ Role of hostile state & non state actors

China's support to insurgent groups.

④ Geographical isolation via only 23 km long Chicken neck Corridor -

Various effects -

- ① Peace talks with various groups
- Shillong accord (1985), failed to satisfy NSCN - 2m
  - Assam accord (2020) with ASU
  - accords with UNLF of Manipur is not accepted to KLF

② extensive focus on development of northeast →

- North east council
- ministry of development of north east region (job, funding of central government's Budget)
- Border area development
- Aspirational district/block program
- vibrant villages

③ Diplomatic efforts → C

↳ act east policy and connecting NE to Mainland (BBIN, Kaladan, Kushiawar river treaty)

Paradiplomacy

④ Enactment of CAA, ~~and~~ to realise their right to self-determination,

measures required -

① extension of SAMADHAN policy of LWE to N-E regions

② focus on connectivity and people to people exchange

③ development that respect their autonomy should be priority

④ Continuous Peace Talks ( successful Tripura, Meghalaya )

"Dialogue, development and deterrence is need of the hour to prevent this Jewel of India from insurgency."

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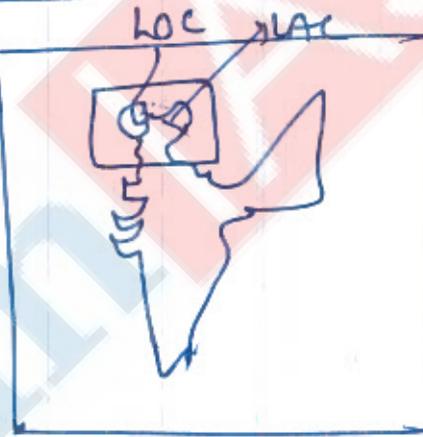
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Q.19) While developmental initiatives have a significant role to play, they alone cannot root out terrorism/militancy in Jammu and Kashmir. Comment. (15 marks, 250 words)

जम्मू-कश्मीर में आतंकवाद/उग्रवाद के उन्मूलन के लिए विकासात्मक पहलें महत्वपूर्ण हैं, परंतु ये अकेले पर्याप्त नहीं हैं। टिप्पणी कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Since accession of J&K into India, it is marred with militancy, radicalisation and social lack of cohesion.

J&K reorganization act, 2019 truly integrated J&K into Indian union and opened the path of development.



① Development → Integration

① higher human capital → responsible

citizenry → entrepreneurship / employment

↓  
reduce militant tendencies

② high equitable infrastructure

↳ equitable opportunities.

eg: Pathshala rural areas ⇒ empowered youth

③ formation of livelihood + by connectivity with mainstream (markets)

Since 2019, Level of Army-people skirmishes has considerable come down (home ministry)

However, the roots are still there →

① Ideological bias - Consideration of us v/s them mentality ⇒ alienation

② lack of cohesion between people and security forces ⇒ erosion of trust

③ presence of proxy forces (LsI, LeT) in Kashmir soil → constant reinforcement & radicalisation of youth.

- ④ Failure and shortcoming of intelligence  
 → Bolster the anti-India forces.

Need of the hour

- ① Rapport building between people of Kashmir and arms forces - (Operation Sadbhavna)
- ② Restoration of all the basic facilities (Internet, cinema, schools)
- ③ Political engagement with all party involvements.

"Personism anywhere - is threat to prosperity anywhere".

The Removal of Root Cause (ideological base) is important to totally free J&K.

**Feedback**

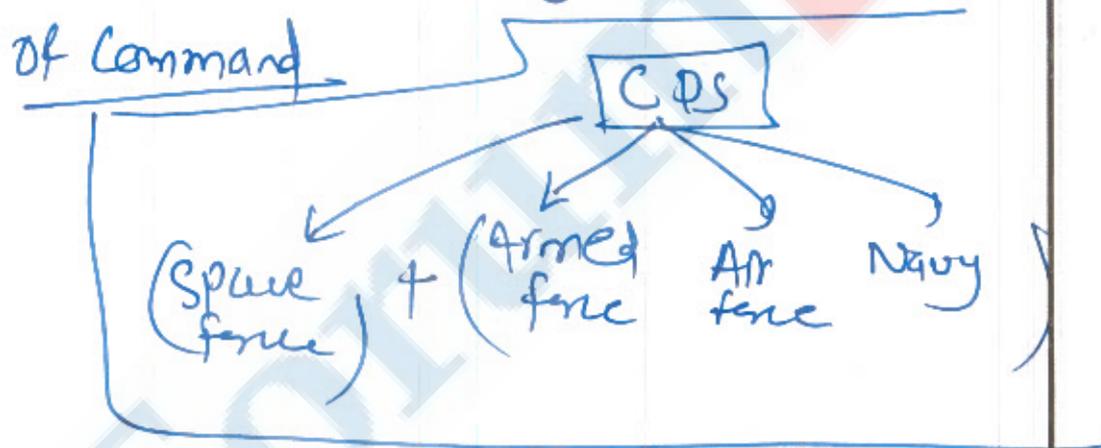
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Q.20) What do you understand by theaterisation of commands? Enumerating the impediments in theaterisation for India's armed forces, discuss the role of Chief of Defence Staff in enhancing the effectiveness of India's external security response. (15 marks, 250 words)

कमांड के थियेटराइजेशन से आप क्या समझते हैं? भारत के सशस्त्र बलों के लिए थियेटराइजेशन में बाधाओं का वर्णन करते हुए, भारत की बाह्य सुरक्षा प्रतिक्रिया की प्रभावशीलता को बढ़ाने में चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ की भूमिका पर चर्चा कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Theaterisation of Command means the perfect cohesion between different organs of armed forces under one umbrella with unity of command.



- #Significance
- ① Uniformity → 'Agility and Tactics'
  - ② Accountable force
  - ③ 'Co-ordinated & synchronous' threat decay.
  - ④ Efficient utilisation of resources.

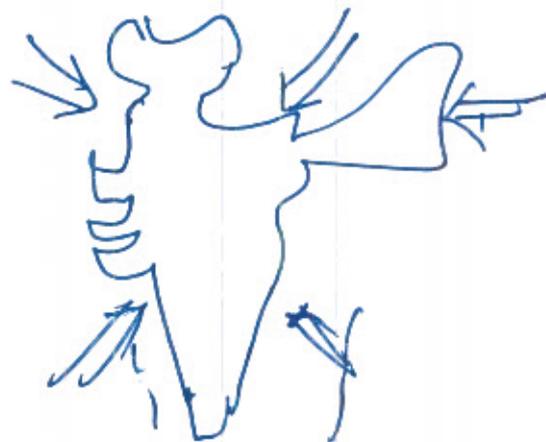
Impediments -

- ① Equity issues: interface Banhamie leads to resistant eg:- Sikh regiment vs Bihar regiment, Army vs Navy debate
- ② Loyalty to the Cadre → may bring undisciplined in unified command
- ③ Rigid and different rank & hierarchical structure → difficult unification of posts & positions
- ④ Complexity of process based on postings, positions and personnel.

Threat to India

China's string of pearls

form (air, water & land)



Calls for theatensation -

Role of COS

- 4 star general
- advisor to defence Council (Chief)
- Role as a co-ordinator between different forces -

Limitation

- ① no ~~cont~~ controlling authority → (rubber stamp)
- ② In actual; the Uniformity is not achieved across ranks.

Given the complexity of strategic & geopolitics, theatensation is need of the hour to emerge as most lethal force of the world for superpower India.

**Feedback**

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#### Test Goal

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### Marking Scheme

Mark	Good	Average	Below average
10 Marker	3.75 - 5.0	3.0 - 3.5	< 3.0
15 Marker	5.75 - 7.0	4.0 - 5.5	< 4.0
20 Marker	7.75 - 10	6 - 7.5	< 6
	Key / Relevant Point		
	Vague / Irrelevant		

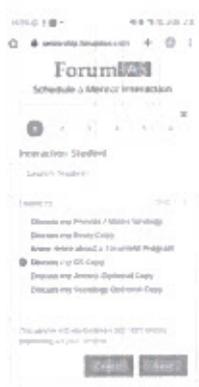
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