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कृपया उत्तर-पुस्तिका में नाम, ईमेल, रोल नंबर और मोबाइल नंबर भरें।
- There are **TWENTY** questions printed in ENGLISH & HINDI, all questions are compulsory.
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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।" सविस्तर वर्णन कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

India is mother of history, grand mother of civilization & Great Grand mother of legend
- Mark Twain

Bhagavad Gita & Natyashastra

Inclusion in World memory Register (UNESCO) - represents their richness

Bhagavad Gita

- ① Timely wisdom
 - contains text helping human life
 - deals with knowledge transcended - mental
 - both spiritual & practical domains
 - iterations on ethical knowledge (ex) - Karmyoga
 - Oneness of God & human (ex) - Bhaktiyoga

- ② Richness & diversity of Indian knowledge
- contains 'vital issues' of human life
 - Lord Krishna's advice to Arjuna based on duty
 - versus suggesting political & moral domains → ex: Mahabharata
 - Part of strategic discourses

Natyashastra: Timely wisdom, richness & diversity

- ① written by Bharat Muni - contain the outforms (dance & musical)
- ② showcases Indian variety confluence of various dance forms ex) Nritya & Nritya
- ③ Augments India's soft power at world level ex) - Vishvagnan
- ④ dealing with practical domains ex) :- Ragas & Musical hymns - in dance
- Thus Natyashastra & Bhagavad Gita represent Indian Knowledge System as promoted in (NEP 2020) - (KSHA work shop)

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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)

Harappan civilization was not only an urban civilization but also cornerstone of technological advancements as opposed to other civilizations.

Technological powerhouse! Laid foundation for Urban living

Technological Breakthroughs & Contributions

- ① Usage of refined raw material for various designs.
Ex:- Bronze dancing girl (lost-wax technique)
- ② Usage of burnt bricks of uniform size
- ③ Elaborate sewage & urban channel systems Ex: Mohen Jodaro
- ④ Usage of seals for trade
Ex:- pasupati seal

5. Modern trade practices - dockyard at Lothal → ex: desiltation channel

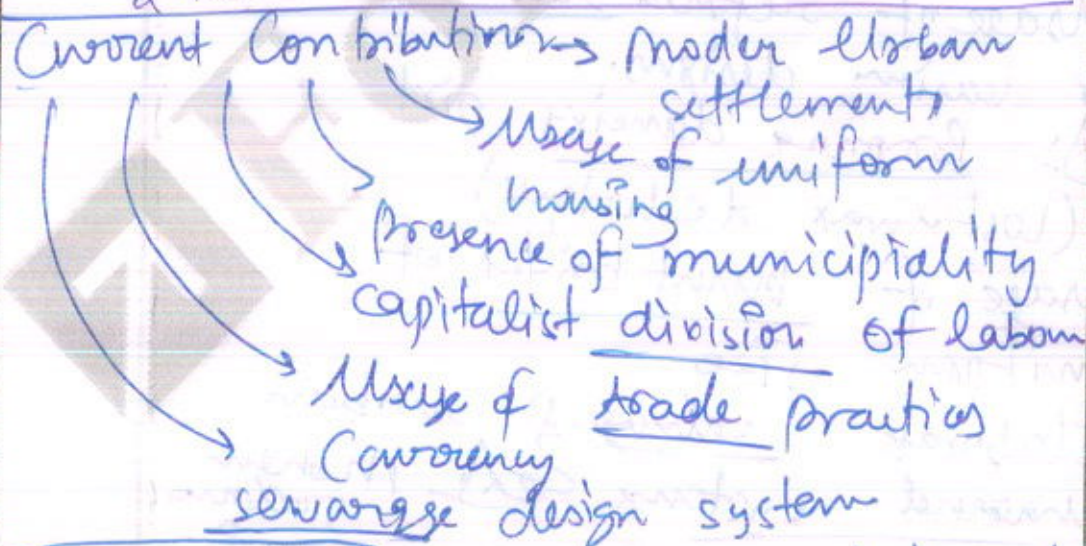
6. Modern ship-building techniques used in trade



7. Involved in trade of variety of spices ex: Mesopotamia - Meluhha.

8. Class based social division of labour → ex. Artists etc

9. Segmental society ex: Citadel & lower town



NMHC Lothal is a modern testament to civilizational power of IVC.

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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)

First world war was fought b/w European powers it was major war after 'westphalian treaty' which established sovereign states

First world war : first total war

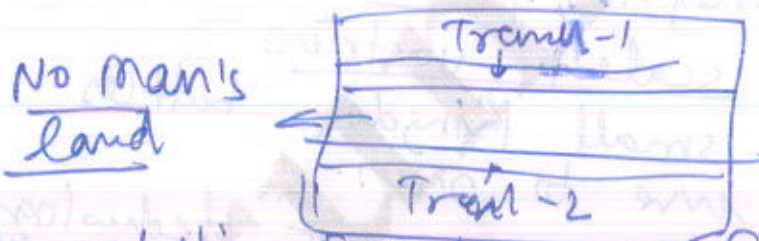
- ① No major precedent war of such scale & vastness
ex: small Kingdom battles were to occur.
- ② First time usage of technology for warfare
- ③ development of war industries
- ④ first time development of tank battles! - armoured warfare
- ⑤ first usage of modern artillery & guns ex: - gun powder
- ⑥ Usage of Biological & chemical

weaponry leading to Vienna Convention.

⑦ Involvement of multiple sovereign nation states was unprecedented

⑧ It was also an extra-continental war.

⑨ Introduction of new methods like trench warfare



⑩ led to establishment of treaty-based alliances

⑪ Usage of large scale forces & killing of civilians - 1 million

⑫ There were multiple battles - led to war torn economies

Thus World War I was an unprecedented war the 'League of Nation' & 'UN' continue to evade such war

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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)

Indian National Movement was a vast movement with multiple ideologies, the 'warmth' of which is still felt - Bipin Chandra

Difference in Approaches

Bhagat Singh	Mahatma Gandhi
① Usage of <u>revolutionary methodology</u> for <u>swaraj</u>	promotion of <u>satyagraha</u> & <u>Ahimsa</u>
② Appeal to masses especially <u>youth</u>	wanted a large scale mass movement (war of position)
③ Involved in <u>individual heroism</u>	believed in power of mass <u>satyagraha</u> (ex) NCM 1920
④ was influenced by <u>Irish nationalism</u>	Influenced by <u>Leo Tolstoy</u>

5. Formed groups like MSRA & involved in 'terror activities'

5. Formally organized sabhas for promotion of constructive programs

6. Wanted to make the deaf hear by bombing

Do or die as the ultimate aim during Quit India movement

7. Influence of socialism on him

Influenced by Gram swaraj & Oceanic circles

8. Aimed at political freedom

both swaraj over self & political freedom

However the aim of both was same regardless the means adopted

both wanted swaraj for India
 aimed to serve Bharat Mata
 create counter-hegemony against British Raj

Gandhi & Bhagat Singh continue to guide modern day 'youth'

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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)

Earth-atmosphere is a complex systems of layers functioning & influencing the 'albedo' & heat budget of earth.

Processes of Earth-Atmosphere System - Heat Balance

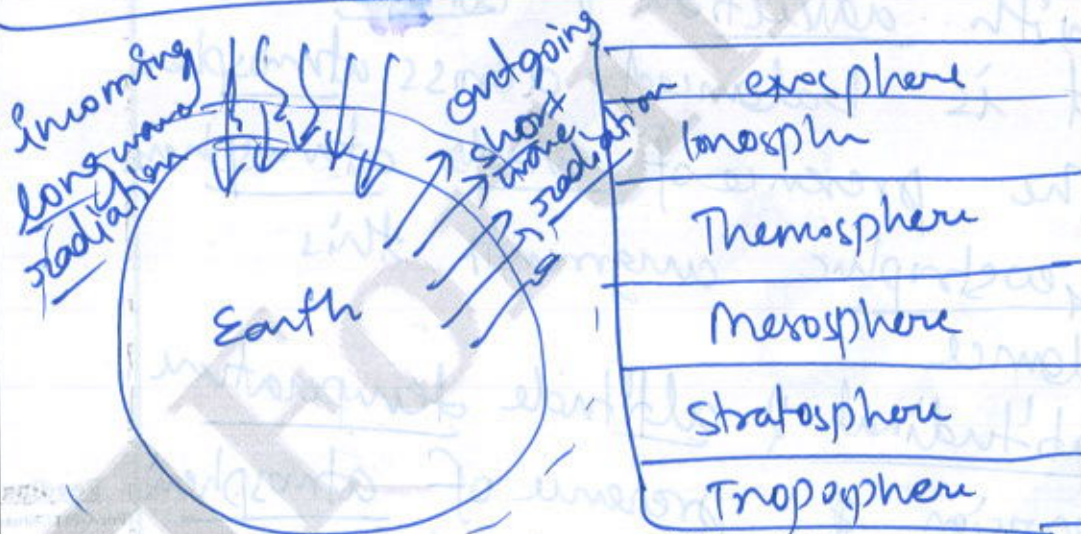


Fig: Earth Albedo - fig: Atmosphere

How Earth-Atmosphere maintains heat balance

① Earth atmosphere has multiple layers which are opaque to

outgoing short wave radiation

② This creates Green house effect

Ex: - CO₂, CH₄ etc

③ Earth has reflection process of high clouds, ice in antartica for balancing albedo.

④ The process of 'convection' causes the vertical layering of temp. distribution.

⑤ With advection & conduction heat is balanced across atmosphere

⑥ The presence of winds atmosphere & geostrophic arguments this balance

⑦ Latitudinal & altitude temperature inversion & presence of atmospheric nuclei influence heat balance

Thus multiple processes create a habitable planet and lead to homeostatic

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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)

Monsoon refers to seasonal-reversal of wind patterns as witnessed on Indian Subcontinent.

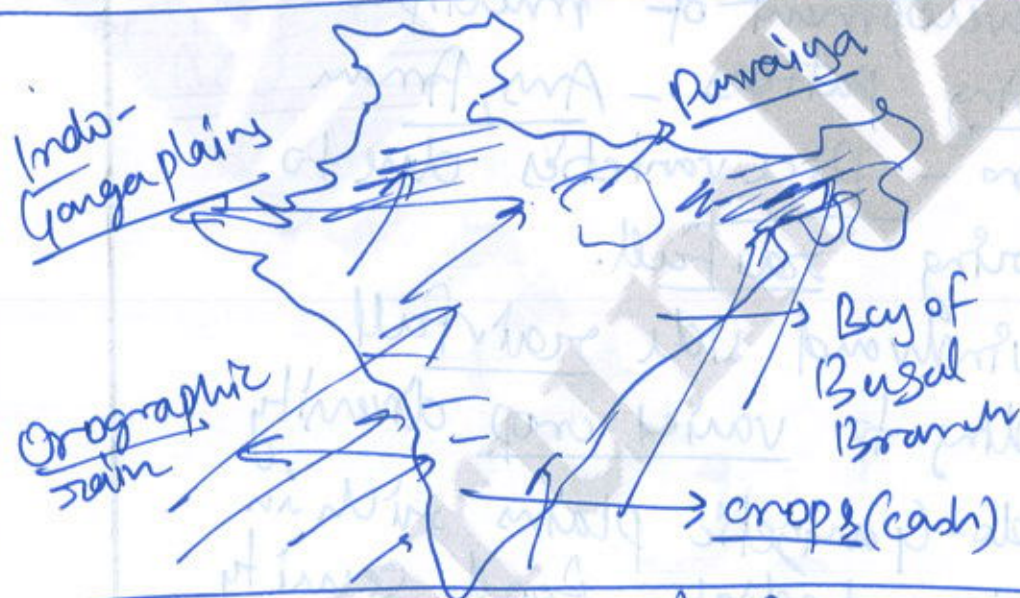


Fig. - South West Monsoon

Characteristics of monsoon which play crucial role in sustaining agriculture -

- ① Seasonal reversal of winds causes temperature and pressure changes.
- ② Shift of ITCZ (Inter-tropical)

Convergence zone causes - direct sunlight - enhanced crops.

③ rainfall as a source of irrigation (seasonal crops - 'zaid, kharif')

④ development of multiple cropping patterns - Amr, Aman & Boro - Rice varieties due to differing rainfall.

⑤ windward side rainfall leading to varied crop diversity

⑥ Indo-Gangetic plains rich in ensuring India's food security

Ex) - rice, wheat (74% of grain)

⑦ dependence for irrigation → augment river channels, inland waterways & river of peninsula are India.

As pranab Mukherjee said, Monsoon is the finance minister of India.

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

दुनिया भर में सेमीकंडक्टर उद्योगों की अवस्थिति को प्रभावित करने वाले कारकों का वर्णन कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Semiconductor refers to an element which is between conductor & insulator having unique properties

Factor influencing the location of semiconductor industries

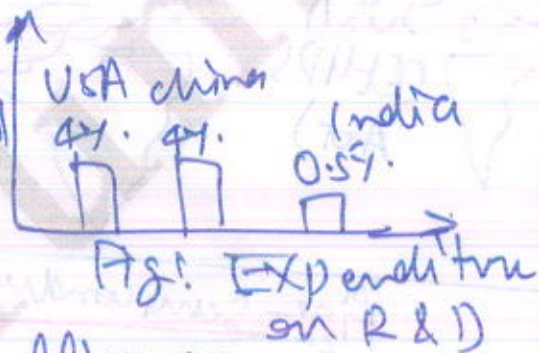


Fig:- Semiconductor industries

- ① Policy Factors - like CHIPS Act, in USA, historical development and support to TSMC Taiwan
- ② availability of skilled manpower
ex:- China - dominance
- ③ funding & technological advancement ex:- India's

Semiconductor Mission

- ④ Trade & economic opportunities
 ex: Taiwan controlling 40%+ production.
- ⑤ Availability of agglomeration / allied industries
 ex: NVIDIA, Qualcomm in USA.
- ⑥ promotion of Research & development
- ⑦ Knowledge based economy & manufacturing
 Ag: Expenditure on R & D
- ⑧ Formation of alliances & Geopolitical dynamics
Fab-4 Alliance (USA, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan).
- ⑨ Global transfer of technology regime ex: IDEF
Semiconductors are new age tools of controlling supply chains



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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 rate in India is
at approx 3.2% as per Economic Survey (2024-25) but it has far-reaching consequences.

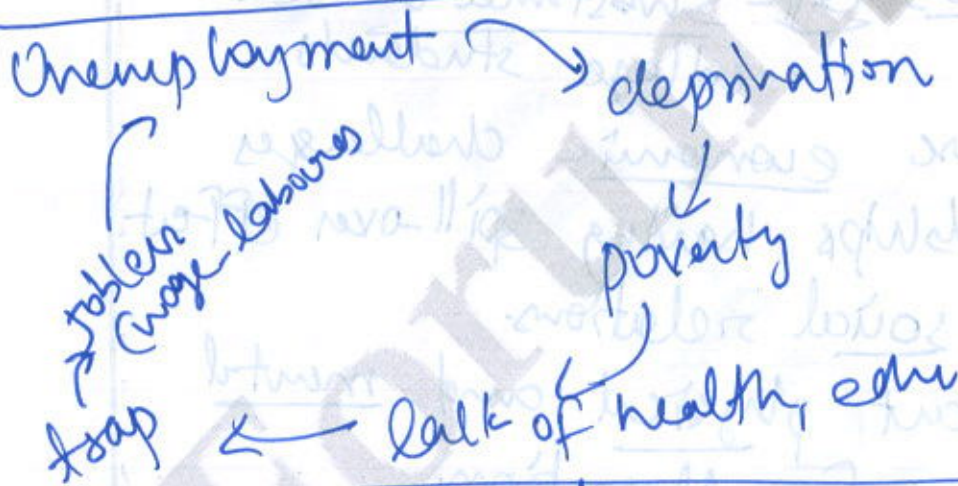


Fig:- vicious cycle

Social Impact of Unemployment

- ① reduction in quality of life - poverty
- ② reduced expenditure on healthy edu - emergency

- ③ demographic dividend would remain untapped - ~~ex~~ - IMF report
- ④ multilayered deprivation by 2040. - low - reduced well-being.
- ⑤ enhanced urban poverty & stressed immigration
- ⑥ Increase in social evils & crimes ~~ex~~ - substance abuse in college students
- ⑦ Cause economic challenges & hardships having spill-over effect of social relations
- ⑧ Impact physical and mental health of all sections.
- ⑨ Inconsistent impact of women - rise in women suicide cases due to dependency.

Initiatives → creation of jobs (PMKVY)

↓ skilled youth → enhanced startup & vocational training

This fulfil Inclusive growth Sabka

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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)

Globalization is Intensification of social relations leading to world becoming Global Village (— Anthony Giddens)

Influx of Global Brands affecting consumer behaviour

- ① 'Mcdonaldization' changing eating habits - ~~ex~~ Burger, pizza replacing traditional dishes
- ② Walmartization & globalisation
→ coming retail buying of clothes & accessories to cities.
- ③ change in 'clothing' habits.
~~ex~~ - Levi's jeans ad

④ Youth participation in Orange economy - concerts

ex: coldplay concert
WAVES summit.

⑤ hybridization of music and recreational activities

ex) - hollywood movies, Netflix culture

⑥ Changes in marriage & sacrament of wedding -

ex) - pre-wedding culture

⑦ changes in economic, employ-ment structure like job-market

ex) :- MNCs like Apple, google, etc. IBM - IT.

⑧ leading to consumerism culture -

ex) - Apple - phones & right to repair controversy.

Thus Globalization has impacted consumer behaviour, yet rise of continuation of Indian culture remains.

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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 refer to 'social-networking sites' like whatsapp, facebook, Google mail - there is a rise of 40% case in mental health due to phone usage - WHO

Reshaping identity formation and self-worth among adolescents

- ① culture of netizens - internet citizens
- ② human relations on social media ex: Facebook friends
- ③ followers rather than true friends ex: Instagram
- ④ reduce in offline interaction
- ⑤ Online media - sharing

and content creation

(ex) :- No. of Likes / dislikes deciding worth.

- ⑥ Culture of competition via - online Games participation
- ⑦ Cultural lag through old-parents
- ⑧ recreation in child-redding
 - ↳ mental health
 - ↳ emotional well-being affected
 - ↳ real work v/s realised worth.

However Social media if used positively has also promoted

- ↳ online learning
- ↳ new skill formation
- ↳ content economy
- ↳ e-games (media at top)

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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)

Indian architectural style reflects syncretism and a variety of mix showcasing the depth & richness (Sadbhavana)

Fusion of Islamic architectural styles with indigenous traditions

- ① The evolution of dome-arched architectural style was reflected in temple
- ② Techniques like pietra-dura, arabesque style create spectacular visual effect & show fusion.
- ③ creation of water bodies for symmetrical mirror image influenced by indigenous tradition of south
- ④ the chihil sutun & hasht-bihist were influenced by

Historical usages of techniques.

- ⑤ Formation of gilas ex - Akbar Fort in Allahabad influenced by Indigenans styles - brick usage
- ⑥ Ornamental design of Qutub complex & Qawat-ul-Islam mosque design - scar material & Indigenans artistry
- ⑦ Ashai din ka shopra's design & exuberant carvings show Indian traditional carvings on walls
- ⑧ Architectural style in Tajmahal by Indian workers & usage of white marble
- ⑨ Historical temple designs & Architectural skills - reflected in Islamic architecture
ex! - Agra fort & Lodhi tomb (Delhi)
- ⑩ fusion of Ragasthani paintings

Intro Mural & miniature paintings on walls reflect Indian traditions.

However there were significant differences

- ① no deity was placed in Islamic architecture - Mosque (Jama Masjid)
- ② there were no elaborate usage of jali work in indigenous style
- ③ indigenous style's raw material & artistry in few areas was more spectacular & long term

Thus Indian culture of unity in diversity is reflected in Indo-Islamic architecture as DR Modi called for preserving heritage in Panch pram (fifth pram)

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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)

India had, historically faced 3 national emergencies, two on basis of external aggression (war) one on 'Internal disturbance'

Emergency: To fulfil individual political goals: Yes

- ① declaration of proclamation under Article 352 without Cabinet's advice.
- ② said to evade large scale protests ex- JP Movement
- ③ led to arrest of opposition political leadership
- ④ It was crisis of democratic order as per 'Shah Commission Report' (post-emergency)

5. promotion of forced sterilisation programs by non-official persons
ex-1 - son of pm Indira Gandhi
6. announcement just before the Allahabad HC decision in Indira Gandhi 'election' petition
7. proclamation on internal disturbance as 'vague & indefinite'
8. large scale atrocities and curbing individual freedom
9. closure of press and media immediately
10. passage of bills extending loksabha to 6 year term from 5 year

Emergency to fulfil National Interest

1. passage of 42nd CAA (mini-constitution)
2. protests could have caused violence

- ③ fear of leadership gap & massive funeral
- ④ continuation of civil liberties
- ⑤ Opposition led govt - unstable

Short term impacts of Emergency

- ① led to immediate criticism of Gandhi's Govt.
- ② lost in the 1977 elections → Janta party Govt.
- ③ Constitutional crisis - Curbed HC powers etc
- ④ inaction of 44th CAA to redefine provisions

Longterm impacts

- ① inclusion of secular & socialist word
- ② mini-constitution - abolition of right to prt. property
- ③ sterilisation caused population change
- ④ Constitution's adaptable power

National Emergency is declared as 'black day' in India's constitutional history

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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' refer to atmospheric water, moisture and water cycle containing large scale nuclei condensation influencing weather systems

Atmospheric rivers

- atmospheric water channels
- contain moisture, humidity & microscopic nuclei
- defined as having multifarious impact by World Meteorological Organisation report 2024

Influence of Atmospheric rivers on weather patterns

- they cause large scale short term changes in weather
ex:- influence of temp
'Wet-bulb' temp - WHO

② they influence the wind circulation patterns & jetstreams.

③ they influence rainfall & large scale disaster events.

~~④~~ cloud burst, cyclone, GLOF.

④ Atmospheric vices cause long term temp changes like vertical & horizontal distribution

⑤ Atmospheric vices lead to changes in sea surface temperature & salinity.

⑥ Augment phenomena of oceans, currents, winds and pressure belt.

⑦ presence of ITCZ, monsoonal winds & trade, westerlies are impacted.

Impact of atmospheric vices on human settlements

① lead to settlements density in few regions.

- ② Cause displacement & migration of people.
- ③ lead to spreading of population in certain regions more than others. Ex - India, China
- ④ lead to development of radial & hierarchical settlements
- ⑤ Cause 'weather' & pleasant events in case of some regions.

Atmospheric circles play crucial role in global weather patterns there are the walking belts affecting earth's geo-centrality!

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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)

World climate types as explained by Koepfen's classification showcases the homeostatic balance of planet earth.

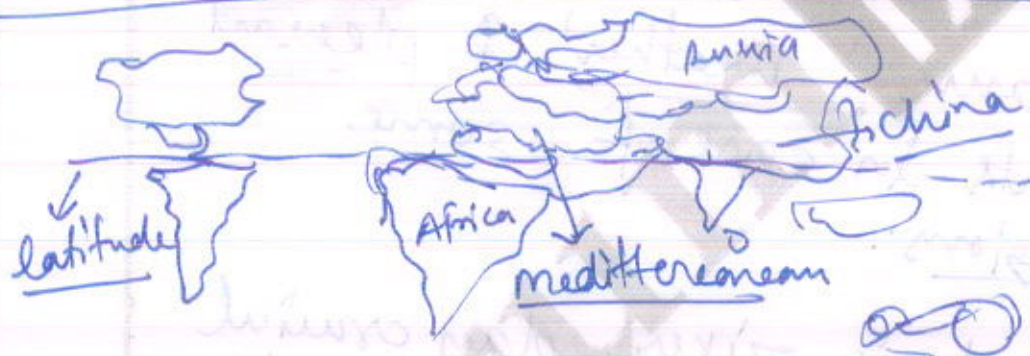


Fig:- Mediterranean & China type climate

Variations between Mediterranean and China type despite same latitude

- ① Influence of regional climate on Mediterranean presence of winds - local
- ② Influence of western disturbances

- causing rainfall
- ③ In Mediterranean Levant on east coastal regions.
 - ④ Influx of river water - changes salinity & ocean currents
 - ⑤ presence of Siberian strong winds on china is more evident than Mediterranean
 - ⑥ influence of pressure belts and thermohaline circulation
 - ⑦ Mediterranean has pleasant weather good for horticulture cultivation against china's arable land due to topography
 - ⑧ presence of atmospheric circulation & geostrophic winds.
 - ⑨ Oceanic circulation & breeze (land-sea) causes short term changes
 - ⑩ China's coastal areas imputed more than Mediterranean

How differences affect life & climate affect economic activities

- ① Mediterranean trade is affected due to regional climate
 - ② China (largest arable land) irrigated due to regional climate
 - ③ Mediterranean pleasant weather causing tourism to flourish, in china it is cultural connect.
 - ④ lifestyle & clothing habits are affected in different seasons.
 - ⑤ weather patterns cause temp. & economic changes ext-crops diversity more in Mediterranean
 - ⑥ shipping methods & ports presence more in china type of climate.
 - ⑦ large scale disasters causing disruption - more in china.
- Thus both climate types showcase the varied nature of earth.

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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 forms the crucial domain & tipping point of world's geographical, geo-economic & geo-strategic domains

Factor for rapid warming of Indian Ocean →

- ① Marine heatwaves causing temp. rise in Bay of Bengal.
- ② climate change augmenting temp. changes & weather phenomena.
- ③ low vertical wind shear caused by changes in global circulation.
- ④ presence of dipole (free & -ve causes) temp. changes & sea cyclones. ex:- Arabian Indian Ocean
- ⑤ El-Nino & ENSO (Southern)

Oscillation - La Nina causing transfer of warm waters from peruvian coast

⑥ presence of Madden Julian Oscillation & Pacific Meridional Circulation causing temp. changes

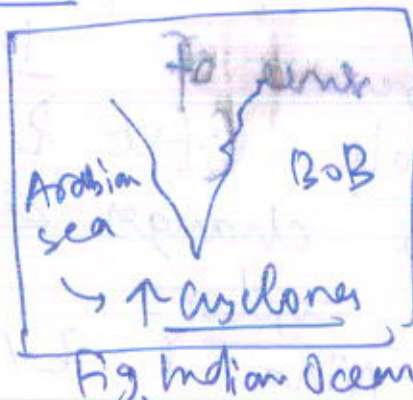
⑦ Augmentation of human activities → anthropogenic causes of rising global temp (IPCC 6th Assessment report)

⑧ rise in mean sea-level - temperature (AOSIS (small Island States) report on Heat Balance)

Multidimensional impact of rapid warming

① increase in cyclonic activities and disasters.

② Augmentation of sea level - leading to climate refugees



- ③ disruption of trade and sea lanes of communication (SLOC)
- ④ disruption of economic activities
Ex! - Fishing & Coastal communities
Agreement on Fisheries (WTO)
- ⑤ Impacted the coral reefs in Andaman & Nicobar
- ⑥ prevalence of 'dead zones' in the ocean has augmented.
- ⑦ Impacted the life-cycle & sustainable development goals target on climate change
- ⑧ Impact of sea organisms, ocean salinity & ocean currents.
- ⑨ Monsoonal winds are disrupted erratic & untimely
 ↳ causes agricultural damage
 ↳ crop loss & Farmer suicide
 Thus rapid temp rise has multiple impact, the global pledge on climate must act now

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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 जनसांख्यिकीय 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)

Demographic transition refers to large scale demography changes in population pyramid

Demographic transition in Southern States v/s Northern states

- southern states have & profoundly implemented population stabilization
- low median age in southern states as compared to Northern
- more youth & young population in Northern states
- (NFHS-5) → TFR → 2.1. in most states but high in - UP, Bihar whilst low is southern states

Low fertility rates & ageing population impact on region's economic growth

① low working age population

- would lead ↓ labor availability
- ② High dependency ratio would cause state funds to divert.
 - ③ Feminisation of old leading to women's (care economy) participation getting reduced
 - ④ Changes in growth activity - Karnataka → service sector & IT
→ Kerala's agri-markets
 - ⑤ reduced in state GDP ratio.
 - ⑥ cause changes in population involved in manufacturing & service sector.
 - ⑦ High debt ratio might falter Fiscal Federalism ex! - Kerala vs Union Govt
 - ⑧ disruption in remittance flows & Foreign contribution ex! - Health care workers.

However with rise of AI & less-human intensive sectors (semiconductor etc), this impact would be offset

Impact on social welfare policies

- ① Adoption of welfarism in state politics ~~ex~~ - Tamil Nadu's women-free schemes.
- ② promotion of state-led growth & service sector.
- ③ monetisation of 'silver economy' (old age) & care economy by welfarism.
- ④ Enhanced focus on immigration & migrant labourers.
- ⑤ Enhanced wage norms to offset 'dependency' ratios.
- ⑥ welfare focus on job-creation rather than one-time freebies ~~ex~~ - Kannataka & Andhra policy on youth skill

However this requires adoption of UN's population principles & Japanese strategy to erode economic loss

This would balance population goals with development

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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/प्लेश फ्लड के कारण भारत के प्रमुख शहरों में विनाशकारी परिणाम सामने आए हैं। विश्लेषण करें। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

'Extreme rainfall' is caused by one or multiple events of GLOF, cloud burst, rapid precipitation.
→ UNDRR strategy

Devastating consequences of Extreme rainfall events & flash floods

① extreme rainfall cause rise in water levels - denudation of land & silt deposition

Ex - GLOF event in Sikkim's Lhonak lake

② Impact the human life & economic activity

Ex - Delli - Urban floods caused loss of 33 million in 7 days (NCAO-report).

③ Devastate the urban settlements leading to population displacement

(4) Impact - human immigration
patterns to cities

(a) - forced migration.

(5) lead to rise in urban
slum sprawl & poverty

(a) - Mumbai - Dhavani

(6) Cause seepage of water -
polluting groundwater through
land fills.

(7) affect urban transport &
infrastructure growth

(a) - Bengaluru - during monsoon

(8) Cause humidity & temp.
rise (wet-bulb) - heat stroke

(9) disrupt local vendors &
economic - suburban activities.
↳ Industrial activity disrupted.

(10) Cause large scale loss of
life & animal life.

① Lead to vector borne-diseases like Malaria & dengue.

② Enhance public health emergency during floods.

③ Rehabilitation & Governance challenges are augmented.

Initiatives taken to reduce devastation

① Creation of Urban Disaster Mngmt Authority (UDMA) in NDMA amendment 2024

② State disaster database & planning of SDRF

③ adoption of Climate change goals for rehabilitation, reduction, early warning systems.

④ Coalition of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

⑤ Bioswales & sponge-cities (Chennai)

⑥ Creation of water canals (Ahmedabad)

This fulfil India's goal- pro-active

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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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As per WHO,
Air pollution refers to serious presence of particulate matter, dust & industrial pollutants (PM 2.5 & PM 10 level) measured through AQI (Air Quality Index)

Air pollution : An Environmental Issue

- ① polluted unbreathable air causing human & animal damage
- ② reduction in life-expectancy
- ③ Causes reduced visibility & public health emergency Asthma
- ④ disrupts climate & weather patterns Ex:- Delhi - during winters
- ⑤ Affects ecosystem changes across domains - Biosphere, lithosphere.
- ⑥ Affects the biotic & abiotic components - presence of particulate

matter - leading to acid rain - SO_2 ,
 NO_2 .

- ① Causes plant damage & reduced afforestation.
- ② Impacts Sustainable development goals (life on land).

Air pollution: An issue of Equity and Justice!

- ① WHO Air monitor index - raised economic impact of air pollution. (Case study of North-east city)
- ② Air pollution impact human - life - but impact is varied - poor, destitute, migrants, daily wage labourers more severe impact
- ③ leads to closure of industry & job loss - enhancing cycle of poverty & underdevelopment
- ④ Indiscriminate impact on old-age, children and women or patient

with multiple diseases.

5. Triggers Govt. health & educational challenges - ex! - lung damage - with no treatment

6. declaration of Environmental rights by SC! - ex! - Mehta case, MS Ramrath Singh case

7. Air pollution as a social-economic justice issue. ex! - Impact on tribals & lower sections (NCSK report)

Initiatives by Govt. & Agencies

1. Collection of proper informed data.

2. development of national air quality framework, Clean Air programme.

3. reduction in coal based plants & industrial effluents.

4. scrapping of old vehicles (BS norm)

5. Alternate odd-even policies

Need → Urban forestry, reduce vehi-
-cular emission, adopt e-vehicles.

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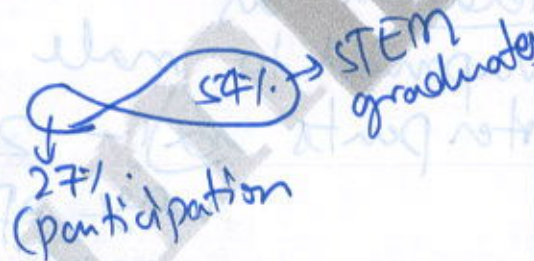


Q.19) Analyze the socio-cultural factors contributing to the high attrition rate among women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers in India. Suggest measures to improve their retention in STEM. (15 marks, 250 words)

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)

India has almost 54% of women as 'STEM' graduates, yet their participation and saturation is less than 27%. - (PLFS 2024)

Socio-cultural factors contributing to high attrition rate

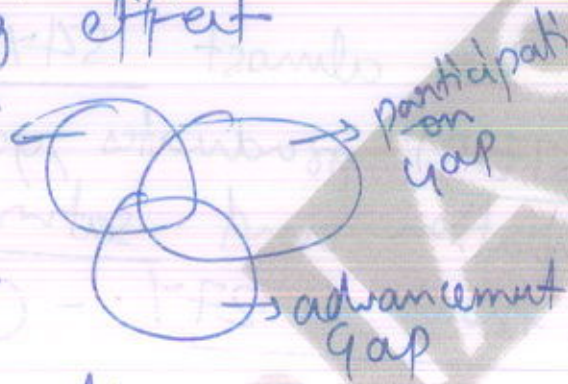


- ① lack of skilled STEM learning due to poor quality education & curriculum
- ② lack of industry-academia - employment connect
- ③ patriarchal mindset of employers leading to discrimination from 'womb to tomb'. :- IBM firing women due

to maternal emergency.

④ limited promotion and advancement opportunities due to glass ceiling effect

remuneration gap.



⑤ limited remuneration as compared to male counterparts

ex) - 20% less wage of women than man

⑥ limited career growth opportunities due to 'time poverty' & 'household burden'

ex) Women → 297 min } daily care work
Men → 99 min

⑦ lack of capacity building & saturation of Govt. schemes like standup India & SWATI

⑧ parental mindset - early marriages & maternal

responsibilities.

- ⑨ Upskilling, reskilling challenges
- ⑩ High elasticity of employment in manufacturing sector for women but STEM (more in service)
 ex - India only (5% manufacturing)
- ⑪ Continuum of discrimination - treated as proxy & lack of women organisation in STEM field.

Measure to improve their retention

- ① Improve skill development (PMKVY, Internship scheme)
- ② Enhanced participation in SWATI, DIKSHA portal schemes
- ③ reduce the workload & equal division of labour
- ④ remuneration & advancement rules (Wage rules → Code on Wages)

Adopt Christine Lagarde's 3C approach - Capacity, Confidence & Capability for women

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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)

Caste is in the air of Indian society.

Caste census refers to enumeration of caste-based identities in population

on census as happened in

Bihar and Telangana under Central Statistics Act

Relevance & Necessity of Caste Census →

① It is a social imperative to create 'informed decisions'

② Augment saturation of schemes for vulnerable :- MGNREGA, BPL, EMARG.

③ Enhance affirmative action - goal of constitution - DPSP Part IV

④ Promote the objectivity & reduce ghost beneficiaries - fiscally prudent

5. lead to clarity on creamy layer reservation ~~ext~~ - SC decision on subcategorisation of SC/STs.
6. Implement the report of Justice Rohini Commission (3rd Backward Class Commission)
7. Fulfil goal of welfare-democracy & reduce unending demands
8. reduce the caste-based dynamics based on lack of data.
9. Alignment regional representation for political parties & OBCs - Bullock cart Capitalists & Dalits.
10. Enumerate the caste-based administrative work & simplify procedures.
11. lead to empowerment of disadvantaged via targeted policy interventions.
12. Showcase the women's inter-sectionality

However there are numerous drawbacks and challenges -

- ① Open Pandora's box for reservation demands by sub-communities.
- ② lead to strengthened caste-based divisions and discrimination.
- ③ administrative delay & a gargantuan task - Law Commission
- ④ might augment caste-based politics & vote bank.
- ⑤ Augment caste-based political parties (ex) - SP, RLD, RSD etc.
- ⑥ Cause more 'politicisation of criminals' - as per ADR report Pil (SC).

Caste Census requires a 'navigating road of complexities' following constitutional ideals would be best safeguard for Bharat's goal.

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