

ECONOMY – UPSC MAINS PYQS

(BRAINSTORMING SHEETS – 46 YEARS PYQS COVERED)

MACRO TOPIC – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: PLANNING

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 1. | NITI Aayog vs Planning Commission | 2018 | 15 | How are the principles followed by NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile planning commission in India? |
| 2. | 12th Plan | 2012 | 15 | There is an urgent need for the Planning Commission to revise the chapter on health in the 12th Plan document.” Comment. |
| 3. | Regional Planning | 2002 | 10 | Define the concept of ‘growth centres’ and evaluate its relevance in regional planning in India. |
| 4. | Development- Planning vs Market | 1998 | 15 | The past 50 years of development in India were characterised by planning but the next 50 years of development would be led by the market. Comment. |
| 5. | Capital Formation | 1996 | 15 | Comment on the view that economic planning can raise the rate of capital formation appreciably above the rate attainable under a system of private saving and investment. |
| 6. | Indicative and Target Planning | 1994 | 15 | Differentiate between indicative and target planning. Where the Eighth Five Year Plan should be placed? |
| 7. | Five Year Plans | 1991 | 15 | Discuss the measures taken in the Five-Year Plans to mitigate rural poverty. |
| 8. | Decentralized Planning | 1990 | 15 | What is the rationale for decentralized planning in India? Discuss the obstacles that have stood in the way of such planning? |
| 9. | Five Year Plans | 1990 | 10 | What measures have been taken under the Five Year Plans increase employment opportunities in rural areas? |
| 10. | Non-Plan Expenditure | 1989 | 10 | "What are the main components of the non-Plan expenditure of the Government of India? Discuss the recent trends in the growth of this expenditure." |
| 11. | Planned Growth Gap | 1986 | 10 | "In course of planned economic development India’s actual growth has mostly been lower than the projected growth. How would you explain this shortfall?" |
| 12. | Self-Reliance | 1982 | 15 | "Attainment of self-reliance has been a major objective of planning in India. Analyse the implication of this policy. Assess the progress made so far in this regard" |
| 13. | Planning in India | 1982 | 10 | In their emphasis policy planners on the primacy of the rate of economic growth, some attention has been paid to structural and ideological objective of planning in India. Critically examine the statement. |
| 14. | Sixth Plan | 1981 | 15 | Health care for all by 2000 A. D is an important objective of the Sixth Five Year Plan. What steps are being taken for the supply of safe drinking water and provide adequate nutritional safeguards, |

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| | | | | particularly to the vulnerable sections of the community? What is the present status of preventive medical facilities in our country? |
| 15. | Five Year Plans | 1981 | 15 | Removal of Poverty' was a principal objective of the Fifth plan has been reiterated in the Sixth Plan. Analyse the problem and the impediments involved. How is this objective likely to be realised during the Sixth Plan? |
| 16. | Industrial Planning | 1979 | 15 | "Briefly review our achievements in industrial development over the plan periods. What roles have been assigned to the Public Sector and the Small- Scale Industries in our industrial development plans and programmes" |

MACRO TOPIC – MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES, FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION (BANKING, INSURANCE, CAPITAL MARKETS, EXTERNAL RESOURCES)

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 17 | FRBM Act, 2013 | 2013 | 12.5 | What were the reasons for the introduction of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2013? Discuss critically its salient features and their effectiveness. |
| 18 | Domestic Resource Mobilization | 2012 | 15 | "Domestic resource mobilization, though central to the process of Indian economic growth, is characterized by several constraints? Explain. |
| 19 | Industrial Finance | 2006 | 15 | Describe the main sources of Industrial finance in India. How could India be benefitted from recent developments in International finance? |
| 20 | Public Savings | 1996 | 10 | "What measures do you suggest to raise the volume of Public Savings in our country? Briefly state the importance of such savings for the contemporary economic scene." |
| 21 | Non-Performing Assets | 1994 | 15 | "It is being suggested that the commercial banks in India should reduce their holdings of nonperforming assets. Does it mean that the former should abandon social priorities?" |
| 22 | Foreign Investment | 1993 | 10 | What measures have been taken by the Government of India to attract direct foreign investment, as a part of the new strategy of Industrial Development in India? |
| 23 | Regional Rural Banks | 1983 | 10 | "Describe the organization and functions of Regional Rural Banks, Review their achievements. Is there any conflicting jurisdiction between the rural banks and the cooperative credit societies?" |
| 24 | Bearer Bonds | 1981 | 10 | "What are 'bearer bonds' Why were special bearer bonds devised in February? What were their budgetary objectives how far such bonds achieved their objectives?" |

MACRO TOPIC – GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, POVERTY, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 25 | HDI vs IHDI | 2025 | 10 | Distinguish between the Human Development Index (HDI) and the Inequality-adjusted Human Development Index (IHDI) with special |

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| | | | | reference to India. Why is the IHDl considered a better indicator of inclusive growth? |
| 26 | Structural Unemployment | 2023 | 15 | Most of the unemployment in India is structural in nature. Examine the methodology adopted to compute unemployment in the country and suggest improvements. |
| 27 | Care Economy | 2023 | 15 | Distinguish between care economy and monetized economy. How can care economy be brought into monetized economy through women empowerment? |
| 28 | Inclusive Growth | 2022 | 10 | Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India. |
| 29 | Labour Productivity | 2022 | 15 | “Economic growth in the recent past has been led by increase in labour productivity”. Explain this statement. Suggest the growth pattern that will lead to creation of more jobs without compromising labour productivity. |
| 30 | V-Shaped Recovery | 2021 | 15 | Do you agree that the Indian economy has recently experienced V-shapes recovery? Give reasons in support of your answer. |
| 31 | Inclusive Growth | 2020 | 10 | Explain intra-generational and inter-generational issues of equity from the perspective of inclusive growth and sustainable development. |
| 32 | Inclusive Growth | 2019 | 15 | It is argued that the strategy of inclusive growth is intended to meet the objectives of inclusiveness and sustainability together. Comment on this statement. |
| 33 | Progress on SDG | 2018 | 10 | “Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.Comment on the progress made in India in this regard. |
| 34 | Savings Rate Growth | 2016 | 12.5 | Among several factors for India’s potential growth, savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential? |
| 35 | Inclusive Growth | 2016 | 12.5 | "What are the salient features of ‘inclusive growth’? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyse and suggest measures for inclusive growth." |
| 36 | Jobless Growth | 2015 | 12.5 | The nature of economic growth in India in described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer. |
| 37 | Demographic Dividend | 2014 | 12.5 | ““While we flaunt India’s demographic dividend, we ignore the dropping rates of employability.” What are we missing while doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain." |
| 38 | Capitalism & Inclusive Growth | 2014 | 12.5 | "Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short-sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss." |
| 39 | Transformation- Agri to Services | 2014 | 12.5 | Normally countries shift from agriculture to industry and then later to services, but India shifted directly from agriculture to services. |

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| | | | | What are the reasons for the huge growth-services vis-a-vis industry in the country? Can India become a developed country without a strong industrial base? |
| 40 | MDGs Review | 2012 | 15 | Critically review the international concern in achieving the targets set for the Millennium Development Goals. |
| 41 | Informal Sector Inclusion | 2012 | 15 | "Keeping in view the informal sector's share in the total workforce in the country, critically examine the relevant inclusive measures initiated by the Government of India and their effectiveness." |
| 42 | Coastal Economy | 2009 | 10 | Assess the significance of coastal regions in the economic development of India. |
| 43 | Environment vs Development | 2005 | 10 | How has the Indian State tackled the trade-off between environment and development? |
| 44 | Structural Reforms since 1991 | 2004 | 15 | State the comprehensive structural reforms undertaken to improve the Indian economy since 1991. |
| 45 | Poverty Alleviation | 2001 | 15 | What is the incidence of poverty in India? How should poverty alleviation programmes be constructed? |
| 46 | Population Control | 2000 | 15 | Control over growth of population in India is an essential condition for the country's rapid economic development. Discuss. |
| 47 | Poverty Line | 1998 | 15 | How is absolute poverty line measured? What are the important measures taken by the Government to eradicate rural poverty in India? |
| 48 | Regional development | 1998 | 10 | What are the geo-economic causes of underdevelopment of various regions in India? |
| 49 | NRI Role in development | 1998 | 10 | What has been the role of NRIs in the economic development of India in the recent past? |
| 50 | Tribal Development | 1997 | 10 | What measures has the Government of India taken for the development of Tribal areas in India? |
| 51 | Poverty Line | 1996 | 10 | How is poverty-line defined in India? Briefly enumerate the measures undertaken by the Government in recent years to alleviate poverty |
| 52 | Mahalanobis Strategy | 1994 | 10 | What was the rationale of the Mahalanobis Strategy of economic growth? |
| 53 | Underdevelopment Causes | 1991 | 15 | "What usually is meant by the expression an underdeveloped economy? What, according to you, are the basic causes of underdevelopment in India?" |
| 54 | Growth Centres | 1990 | 10 | What is the economic rationale behind the establishment of growth centres? Explain briefly the criteria for selecting three growth centres. |
| 55 | Economic Progress | 1988 | 15 | Discuss the progress of Indian economy during 'Forty Years of Freedom' What structural changes do you think, have taken place in the economy? |
| 56 | Rural Unemployment | 1987 | 15 | "Discuss the problem of rural unemployment in India. What specific schemes have been launched by the Government to generate employment opportunities in rural areas?" |

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| 57 | Inflation & Poverty | 1983 | 15 | Inflation has been one of the major and persistent cause of poverty and inequality in India' Analyse. |
| 58 | Unemployment Types | 1982 | 10 | Describe the various types of unemployment in India What are the measures devised in the Sixth Plan to deal with the unemployment? |
| 59 | Rural Unemployment | 1981 | 10 | "Unemployment in India is of many types and therefore a complex issue. Describe the nature of the problem and the measures adopted to deal with it particularly in rural areas." |

MACRO TOPIC – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOPIC: WTO, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, LPG

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 60 | Trade Protectionism | 2025 | 10 | What are the challenges before the Indian economy when the world is moving away from free trade and multilateralism to protectionism and bilateralism? How can these challenges be met? |
| 61 | Patent Law | 2013 | 12.5 | "Bringing out the circumstances in 2005 which forced amendment to the section 3(d) in Indian Patent Law, 1970, discuss how it has been utilized by the Supreme Court in its judgement in rejecting Novartis' patent application for 'Glivec'. Discuss briefly the pros and cons of the decision. |
| 62 | Liberalization | 2013 | 12.5 | Examine the impact of liberalization on companies owned by Indians. Are they competing with the MNCs satisfactorily? Discuss. |
| 63 | Food Security & WTO | 2013 | 12.5 | Food Security Bill is expected to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in India. Critically discuss various apprehensions in its effective implementation along with the concerns it has generated in WTO. |
| 64 | International Trade | 2012 | 15 | Why is international trade perceived to have failed to act as an "engine of growth" in many developing countries including India? |
| 65 | WTO Doha Round | 2009 | 15 | "In the WTO negotiations over the years of the DOHA Round, India appears to be diluting its stand on agriculture issues to pursue perceived gains in services. Critically examine." |
| 66 | International Trade | 1998 | 10 | Describe the changes that have taken place in the direction of international trade of India since independence. |
| 67 | Tax Reforms | 1996 | 10 | Briefly comment on the purpose and type of changes made in our tax structure in the context of liberalisation and structural reforms during the first half of the 1990s. |
| 68 | Exit Policy Liberalization | 1991 | 15 | Are there good reasons behind the suggestion that in the new programme of economic liberalization, India should go slow in the matter of 'exit policy'? |

MACRO TOPIC – INFRASTRUCTURE

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 69 | Electronic Toll Collection | 2024 | 15 | What is the technology being employed for electronic toll collection on highways? What are its advantages and limitations? What are the proposed changes that will make this process seamless? Would this transition carry any potential hazards? |

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| 70 | UDAN Scheme | 2024 | 15 | What is the need for expanding the regional air connectivity in India? In this context, discuss the government's UDAN Scheme and its achievements. |
| 71 | PPP in Railway Stations | 2022 | 10 | Why is Public Private Partnership (PPP) required in Infrastructural projects? Examine the role of PPP model in the redevelopment of Railway Stations in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10 mark 2022 |
| 72 | Infrastructure Investment | 2021 | 15 | "Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth." Discuss in the light of India's experience. |
| 73 | Urban Transport Policy | 2014 | 12.5 | "National Urban Transport Policy emphasises on 'moving people' instead of 'moving vehicles'. Discuss critically the success of the various strategies of the Government in this regard." |
| 74 | PPP Model | 2013 | 12.5 | Adoption of PPP model for infrastructure development of the country has not been free of criticism. Critically discuss the pros and cons of the model. |
| 75 | Road Transport | 2007 | 10 | Technological changes have brought in a major shift in the use of roads as transport corridors in India. How far do you agree with this view? |
| 76 | Road Transport | 2004 | 10 | What ails India's road transport economy? Suggest measures of remedy. |
| 77 | Golden Quadrilateral | 2004 | 10 | What is Golden Quadrilateral? How will it help in the economic development of the country? |
| 78 | Infrastructure Bottlenecks | 1998 | 10 | Infrastructure bottlenecks continue to stifle the economic growth in India. Comment. |
| 79 | Economic Infrastructure | 1984 | 15 | What are the principle components of economic infrastructure? Inadequacy of infrastructure as well as the poor utilization has been the principle bottleneck in economic development. Comment |

MACRO TOPIC – "PAPER: GENERAL STUDIES III

SUBJECT: INDIAN ECONOMY - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOPIC: INVESTMENT MODELS, DISINVESTMENT"

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 80 | PLI Scheme | 2025 | 15 | Discuss the rationale of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. What are its achievements? In what way can the functioning and outcomes of the scheme be improved? |
| 81 | Semiconductor Mission | 2025 | 15 | India aims to become a semiconductor manufacturing hub. What are the challenges faced by the semiconductor industry in India? Mention the salient features of the India Semiconductor Mission. |
| 82 | Capital Formation | 2020 | 15 | "Explain the meaning of investment in an economy in terms of capital formation. Discuss the factors to be considered while designing a concession agreement between a public entity and a private entity." |
| 83 | PPP in Airports | 2016 | 12.5 | Examine the developments of Airports in India through Joint Ventures under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What are the challenges faced by the authorities in this regard. |

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| 84 | SEZ Issues | 2015 | 12.5 | There is a clear acknowledgment that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are a tool of industrial development, manufacturing and exports. Recognizing this potential, the whole instrumentality of SEZs requires augmentation. Discuss the issues plaguing the success of SEZs with respect to taxation, governing laws and administration. |
| 85 | Supply Chain and e-commerce | 2015 | 12.5 | What are the impediments in marketing and supply chain management in industry in India? Can e-commerce help in overcoming these bottlenecks? |
| 86 | FDI in Defence | 2014 | 12.5 | Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the defence sector is now set to be liberalized: What influence this is expected to have on Indian defence and economy in the short and long run? |
| 87 | PPP Liabilities | 2014 | 12.5 | "Explain how Private Public Partnership arrangements, in long gestation infrastructure projects, can transfer unsustainable liabilities to the future. What arrangements need to be put in place to ensure that successive generations' capacities are not compromised?" |
| 88 | FDI in Retail | 2013 | 10 | Discuss the impact of FDI entry into Multi-trade retail sector on supply chain management in commodity trade pattern of the economy. |
| 89 | FDI in Retail | 2013 | 10 | Though India allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in what is called multiband retail through the joint venture route in September 2012, the FDI, even after a year, has not picked up. Discuss the reasons. |
| 90 | FDI Performance | 2008 | 10 | "Assess the performance of India in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)." |
| 91 | SEZ Pros & Cons | 2008 | 10 | Bring about the pros and cons of Special Economic Zones. |
| 92 | Mega Food Park | 2007 | 10 | Explain Mega Food Park Scheme of Government of India. |
| 93 | Disinvestment Policy | 2002 | 10 | Outline the main objectives and achievements of the policy of disinvestment in India? |
| 94 | Saving-Investment Paradox | 1989 | 10 | Despite having high saving and investment rates. India is experiencing a low growth rate. Why is it so? |
| 95 | Joint Venture vs Collaboration | 1987 | 15 | Distinguish clearly between 'Joint Ventures' and 'Foreign Collaboration'. Use appropriate examples to illustrate from India's recent experience. |

MACRO TOPIC – MONETARY POLICY, INFLATION

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 96 | Food Inflation | 2024 | 15 | What are the causes of persistent high food inflation in India? Comment on the effectiveness of the monetary policy of the RBI to control this type of inflation. |
| 97 | GDP Methodology | 2021 | 10 | Explain the difference between the computing methodology of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) before the year 2015 and after the year 2015. |
| 98 | Potential GDP | 2020 | 10 | Define potential GDP and explain its determinants. What are the factors that have been inhibiting India from realizing its potential GDP? |

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| 99 | GDP Growth & Inflation | 2019 | 10 | "Do you agree with the view that steady GDP growth and low inflation have left the Indian economy in good shape? Give reasons in support of your arguments." |
| 100 | Protectionism and Currency Manipulations | 2018 | 15 | How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India? |
| 101 | Monetary Policy | 1998 | 10 | Comment on the view that Monetary Policy in India is used more as a stabilisation device rather than as a development tool. |
| 102 | Inflation Control | 1997 | 10 | "Discuss the steps taken by the government in recent years to control inflation." |
| 103 | Lending Rates | 1995 | 10 | What has been the rationale for deregulating commercial bank's lending rates as a policy strategy? |
| 104 | Price Level Increase | 1990 | 10 | Discuss the factors that have led to the recent increase in the general price level and the measures taken by the Government to Combat it. |
| 105 | Inflation Control | 1981 | 12.5 | "The phenomenon of rising prices has been largely responsible for Indian economy and planning cut of welfare; it also causes hardship to the people. What are the basic reasons for continuous inflation in India and what has been the government strategy to control it? What specific measure have been taken by the Government of India for controlling inflation" |

MACRO TOPIC – PUBLIC FINANCE, GOVERNMENT BUDGETING, TAXATION

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| 106 | Fiscal Health Index | 2025 | 15 | Explain how the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) can be used as a tool for assessing the fiscal performance of states in India. In what way would it encourage the states to adopt prudent and sustainable fiscal policies? |
| 107 | Public Expenditure and Inclusive Growth | 2024 | 15 | Examine the pattern and trend of public expenditure on social services in the post-reforms period in India. To what extent this has been in consonance with achieving the objective of inclusive growth? |
| 108 | Capital vs Revenue Budget | 2021 | 10 | Distinguish between Capital Budget and Revenue Budget. Explain the components of both these Budgets. |
| 109 | GST Compensation | 2020 | 15 | "Explain the rationale behind the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act of 2017. How has COVID-19 impacted the GST compensation fund and created new federal tensions?" |
| 110 | Public Expenditure | 2019 | 15 | "The public expenditure management is a challenge to the Government of India in context of budget making during the post liberalization period. Clarify it." |
| 111 | GST | 2018 | 10 | "Enumerate the indirect taxes which have been subsumed in the goods and services tax (GST) in India. Also, comment on the revenue implications of the GST introduced in India since July 2017." |
| 112 | Capital Gains Tax | 2018 | 10 | "Comment on the important changes introduced in respect of the Long term Capital Gains Tax (LCGT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) in the Union Budget for 2018-2019." |

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| 113 | GST | 2013 | 12.5 | Discuss the rationale for introducing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India. Bring out critically the reasons for the delay in roll out for its regime. |
| 114 | Tax Expenditure | 2013 | 12.5 | "What is the meaning of the term 'tax expenditure'? Taking housing sector as an example, discuss how it influences the budgetary policies of the government." |
| 115 | Fiscal Deficit | 2001 | 10 | "What are the hurdles faced by the Finance Ministers of India in keeping the fiscal deficit below 3 – 4 percent of the GDP? Suggest steps to lower the fiscal deficit." |
| 116 | Wealth Tax | 1995 | 15 | "Do you agree with the view that, in a country like India, a tax on wealth would be a useful supplement to the income tax? Argue the case in the light of Raja Chelliah Tax Reform Committee Report." |
| 117 | Income Tax Incentives | 1995 | 10 | "Do you think that income tax reduces economic incentives? Give your reasons." |
| 118 | Fiscal Deficit & Inflation | 1995 | 10 | Does reduction in fiscal deficit necessarily assure reduction in inflation? |
| 119 | Tax Reforms | 1994 | 10 | Indicate briefly the tax reforms that have been introduced in India after the coming in of the New Economic Policy. |
| 120 | Basis of Taxation | 1993 | 10 | "In a developing country like ours what according to you, should be the basis of taxation income or consumption? Spell out your arguments clearly." |
| 121 | National Budget | 1988 | 12.5 | "State the distinctive features of the national budget for 1979 – 80. To what extent are the present inflationary trends derived from the budget provisions (About 200 are the present inflationary trends derived from the budget provisions.)" |
| 122 | Agriculture Taxation | 1982 | 10 | Examine the pros and cons of increasing the level of taxation on agriculture sector |

MACRO TOPIC – ENERGY POLICY AND SOURCES - CONVENTIONAL, RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 123 | Budget and Energy Goals | 2017 | 10 | One of the intended objectives of Union Budget 2017-18 is to 'transform, energize and clean India'. Analyse the measures proposed in the Budget 2017-18 to achieve the objective. |
| 124 | Solar Energy Costs | 2015 | 12.5 | To what factors can the recent dramatic fall in equipment costs and tariff of solar energy be attributed? What implications does the trend have for the thermal power producers and the related industry? |
| 125 | Carbon Credits | 2014 | 12.5 | "Should the pursuit of carbon credits and clean development mechanisms set up under UNFCCC be maintained even though there has been a massive slide in the value of a carbon credit? Discuss with respect to India's energy needs for economic growth." |
| 126 | Green Energy Corridor | 2013 | 12.5 | Write a note on India's green energy corridor to alleviate the problem of conventional energy. |

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| 127 | Energy Demand Strategy | 2010 | 15 | Evaluate India's approach towards meeting the country's growing energy demands. Compare the success of this approach with that of another Asian giant which has perhaps the fastest growing energy demand |
| 128 | Integrated Energy Policy | 2009 | 10 | Comment on the salient features of the Integrated Energy Policy and its implications on the energy security needs of the country. |
| 129 | Energy Independence | 2005 | 10 | What is the energy Independence? Discuss how India can be transformed into an 'Energy-independent Nation.' |
| 130 | Nuclear Power Debate | 1987 | 15 | "Expert opinion is sharply divided regarding the advisability or otherwise of building nuclear power plants in India. Summarize the chief arguments on either side and suggest what according to you would be a wiser policy." |
| 131 | Petroleum Sources | 1985 | 15 | "What measures have been taken by the Government of India to develop our own sources for the supply petroleum crude? Discuss the measure of success achieved in this regard." |
| 132 | Global Energy Crisis | 1982 | 15 | "What is the global energy crisis and what is its impact on India? Having regard to our situation, environment, resources and problems, what would be the profile of an appropriate energy policy for India? Examine critically the available alternative options." |
| 133 | Renewable Energy Progress | 1981 | 12.5 | "What important issues were considered at the Conference held in August 1981 at Nairobi on new and renewable sources of energy under the of United Nations? What progress has been made in India towards the development of renewable sources of energy" |
| 134 | Energy Resources | 1979 | 15 | Briefly review India's Energy resources. In the context of the world shortage of petroleum, how would you plan for meeting our rural energy needs? Discuss the relative merits of centralised generation, supply and distribution of energy vis-a-vis generation of energy at consumer points or centres. |

MACRO TOPIC – MACRO ECONOMY - CURRENT ACCOUNT, CAPITAL ACCOUNT, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, TRADE BALANCE

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| 135 | Gold Monetization | 2015 | 12.5 | "Craze for gold in Indians have led to a surge in import of gold in recent years and put pressure on balance of payments and external value of rupee. In view of this, examine the merits of Gold Monetization Scheme." |
| 136 | Capital Account Flexibility | 2003 | 10 | Point out the measures undertaken towards flexibility in capital account transactions during the recent past. |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: FARMING, MAJOR CROPS AND CROPPING PATTERNS

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| 137 | High Value Crops | 2025 | 15 | Explain the factors influencing the decision of the farmers on the selection of high value crops in India. |
| 138 | Millets & Nutrition | 2024 | 15 | Explain the role of millets for ensuring health and nutritional security in India. |

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| 139 | Cropping Pattern Changes | 2023 | 10 | Explain the changes in cropping pattern in India in the context of changes in consumption pattern and marketing conditions. |
| 140 | Integrated Farming System | 2022 | 15 | What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India? |
| 141 | Rice-Wheat System | 2020 | 15 | What are the major factors responsible for making rice-wheat system a success? In spite of this success how has this system become bane in India? |
| 142 | Integrated Farming System | 2019 | 10 | How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production? |
| 143 | Cropping Pattern Changes | 2018 | 15 | How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption. |
| 144 | Crop Diversification | 2016 | 12.5 | What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How crop diversification is helpful to stabilize the yield of the crop in the system? |
| 145 | Crop Diversification | 2009 | 10 | Elaborate the steps taken by the Government for regionally differentiated approach to increase crop production and diversification in the country. |
| 146 | Dry Land Agriculture | 1994 | 10 | What is dry land agriculture? Discuss its importance to India. |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: IRRIGATION AND FARM MECHANIZATION

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| 147 | Irrigation management | 2024 | 15 | What are the major challenges faced by the Indian irrigation system in recent times? State the measures taken by the government for efficient irrigation management. |
| 148 | Micro Irrigation | 2021 | 10 | How and to what extent would micro-irrigation help in solving India's water crisis? |
| 149 | Irrigation management | 2020 | 15 | Suggest measures to improve water storage and irrigation system to make its judicious use under depleting scenario. |
| 150 | Watershed Project | 2019 | 10 | Elaborate the impact of National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas. |
| 151 | Modern Agri Practices | 1987 | 15 | Some of the modern agricultural practices being used at present in India are leading to undesirable consequences. Do you agree with this view? |
| 152 | Mechanized Farming | 1987 | 10 | What are the limitations of mechanized farming in the Indian context? |
| 153 | Irrigation Modes | 1984 | 15 | Describe the different modes of irrigation practices in India and bring out the relative importance in the field of recent development in irrigation. |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSPORT, MARKETING, AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

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| 154 | Agri Supply Chain | 2025 | 15 | Elaborate the scope and significance of supply chain management of agricultural commodities in India. |
| 155 | Agri Marketing Bottlenecks | 2022 | 15 | What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India? |
| 156 | Agri Marketing Constraints | 2020 | 10 | What are the main constraints in transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India? |
| 157 | Supermarket Supply Chain | 2018 | 10 | "Examine the role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate number of intermediaries?" |
| 158 | APMC Issues | 2014 | 12.5 | There is also a point of view that Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) set up under the State Acts have not only impeded the development of agriculture but also have been the cause of food inflation in India. Critically examine. |
| 159 | Agri Productivity | 2008 | 10 | Agriculture productivity reasons for this situation. |
| 160 | Agriculture growth | 2007 | 15 | Comment on the relationship between credit availability and agricultural growth in India. |
| 161 | Agriculture growth | 1984 | 15 | "India requires 225 million tons of food grain by the end of twentieth century. Briefly discuss the elements of the strategy of agricultural growth that can ensure an increase in food grains output to meet the projected demand." |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: E TECHNOLOGY IN THE AID OF FARMERS

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
|-----|-----------------------|------|-------|---|
| 162 | E-Tech in Agriculture | 2023 | 10 | How does e-Technology help farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce? Explain it. |
| 163 | Cooperative Credit | 2014 | 12.5 | "“In the villages itself no form of credit organization will be suitable except the cooperative society.” – All India Rural Credit Survey. Discuss this statement in the background of agricultural finance in India. What constraints and challenges do financial institutions supplying agricultural finance face? How can technology be used to better reach and serve rural clients?" |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: PDS, MSP, FOOD SUBSIDIES, FARM SUBSIDIES, FOOD SECURITY

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 164 | Buffer Stock | 2024 | 15 | Elucidate the importance of buffer stocks for stabilizing agricultural prices in India. What are the challenges associated with the storage of buffer stock? Discuss. |
| 165 | Farm Subsidies & WTO | 2023 | 10 | What are the direct and indirect subsidies provided to farm sector in India? Discuss the issues raised by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in relation to agricultural subsidies. |
| 166 | PDS Challenges | 2022 | 10 | What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent? |

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| 167 | Food Security Act | 2021 | 15 | What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, 2013? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India? |
| 168 | Food Grain Distribution | 2019 | 15 | What are the reformative steps taken by the Government to make food grain distribution system more effective? |
| 169 | MSP Role | 2018 | 10 | What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low income trap? |
| 170 | Subsidies Impact | 2016 | 12.5 | "How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price and food processing for small and marginal farmers?" |
| 171 | Subsidies and DBT | 2015 | 12.5 | In what way could replacement of price subsidy with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss. |
| 172 | Agri Subsidy Regime | 2013 | 12.5 | "What are the different types of agriculture subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by it." |
| 173 | PDS Reforms | 2010 | 10 | Comment on the recommendations of the Wadhwa Commission on the Public Distribution System. |
| 174 | Small Holder Farms | 2010 | 10 | Small holder farms need to be strengthened to achieve national food security. Do you agree with this assessment? Substantiate. |
| 175 | MSP Objectives | 2002 | 10 | What are 'Minimum Support Prices' in agricultural products? What are their objectives? |
| 176 | Targeted PDS | 2000 | 10 | What is (Revised) Targeted Public Distribution System? What are its main features? |
| 177 | PDS Success Factors | 1991 | 10 | What are the factors that ensure the success of the Public Distribution System? |
| 178 | PDS | 1986 | 15 | "Examine the working of the Public Distribution System in India, with particular reference to its objectives and constraints. Suggest a set of measures towards an improvement in the present system." |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: TECHNOLOGY MISSIONS

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|-------|---|
| 179 | Crop Diversification | 2021 | 15 | What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification? |
| 180 | Water Engineering and Agri Science | 2019 | 10 | How was India benefitted from the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan in the fields of water engineering and agricultural science respectively? |
| 181 | National Horticulture Mission | 2018 | 15 | "Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?" |
| 182 | Agricultural Revolutions | 2016 | 12.5 | "Explain various types of revolutions, took place in Agriculture after Independence in India. How these revolutions have helped in poverty |

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| 183 | Pink Revolution | 2013 | 12.5 | "India needs to strengthen measures to promote the pink revolution in food industry for ensuring better nutrition and health. Critically elucidate the statement." |
| 184 | Blue Revolution | 2006 | 10 | Blue Revolution has definite advantages in India but it is not free from environmental impacts. Discuss. |
| 185 | Crop Improvement Techniques | 1989 | 10 | Describe the important new techniques which are being introduced in India for crop improvement. |
| 186 | White & Green Revolution | 1986 | 10 | What is white revolution? Discuss the different aspects which have helped to bring green revolution in India |
| 187 | Village Cooperatives | 1979 | 15 | "Discuss the role of Village Cooperative Movements in promoting rural welfare and development in India. How is the National Dairy Development Board achieving their objectives?" |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: ECONOMICS OF ANIMAL REARING

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 188 | Livestock rearing | 2015 | 12.5 | Livestock rearing has a big potential for providing non-farm employment and income in rural areas. Discuss suggesting suitable examples. |

MACRO TOPIC – AGRICULTURE: FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 189 | Food Processing Scope | 2025 | 15 | Examine the scope of the food processing industries in India. Elaborate the measures taken by the government in the food processing industries for generating employment opportunities. |
| 190 | Food Processing challenges | 2020 | 10 | What are the challenges and opportunities of food processing sector in the country? How can the income of the farmers be substantially increased by encouraging food processing? |
| 191 | Food Processing Policy | 2019 | 15 | Elaborate the policy taken by the Government of India to meet the challenges of the food processing sector. |
| 192 | Small Food Processing | 2016 | 12.5 | What are the reasons for poor acceptance of cost effective small processing unit? How the food processing unit will be helpful to uplift the socio- economic status of poor farmers? |

MACRO TOPIC – INDIAN SOCIETY - SALIENT FEATURES

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 193 | Land Reforms Success | 2024 | 15 | What were the factors responsible for the successful implementation of land reforms in some parts of the country? Elaborate. |
| 194 | Land Reforms Objectives | 2023 | 10 | State the objectives and measures of land reforms in India. Discuss how land ceiling policy on landholding can be considered as an effective reform under economic criteria. |

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| 195 | Land Reforms Impact | 2021 | 10 | How did land reforms in some parts of the country help to improve the socio- economic conditions of marginal and small farmers? |
| 196 | Contract Farming | 2015 | 12.5 | "In view of the declining average size of land holdings in India which has made agriculture non-viable for a majority of farmers, should contract farming and land leasing be promoted in agriculture? Critically evaluate the pros and cons." |
| 197 | Land Acquisition Act | 2014 | 12.5 | "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 has come into effect from 1st January, 2014. What are the key issues which would get addressed with the Act in place? What implications would it have on industrialization and agriculture in India?" |
| 198 | Land Reforms & Productivity | 2013 | 12.5 | Establish relationship between land reforms, agricultural productivity and elimination of poverty in the Indian economy. Discuss the difficulties in designing and implementation of agriculture – friendly land reforms in India. |
| 199 | Land Reforms Post- Independence | 1983 | 15 | Immediately after Independence, Land reform measures were initiated to achieve the twin objective of increasing agricultural production and attainment of social justice. What types of measures have been taken by the State to achieve the objectives and with what results? What is the role of Union Government in this? |

MACRO TOPIC – INDUSTRIES: MANUFACTURING SECTOR

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
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| 200 | Manufacturing sector- MSMEs | 2023 | 10 | Faster economic growth requires increased share of the manufacturing sector in GDP, particularly of MSMEs. Comment on the present policies of the Government in this regard. |
| 201 | Labour-Intensive Exports | 2016 | 12.5 | Account for the failure of manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labour-intensive exports rather than capital-intensive exports. Suggest measures for more labour-intensive rather than capital-intensive exports. |

MACRO TOPIC – INDUSTRIES: INDUSTRIAL POLICY, LABOUR LAWS AND RELATED ISSUES

| # | Micro Topic | Year | Marks | Question |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|-------|--|
| 202 | Labour Codes Reforms | 2024 | 15 | Discuss the merits and demerits of the four 'Labour Codes' in the context of labour market reforms in India. What has been the progress so far in this regard? |
| 203 | Industrial Growth Rate | 2016 | 12.5 | "Industrial growth rate has lagged behind in the overall growth of Gross- Domestic-Product(GDP) in the post-reform period" Give reasons. How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate? |
| 204 | Make in India & Skill India | 2015 | 12.5 | "Success of 'Make in India' programme depends on the success of 'Skill India' programme and radical labour reforms." Discuss with logical arguments. |
| 205 | Companies Bill-> CSR | 2013 | 12.5 | With a consideration towards the strategy of inclusive growth, the new Companies Bill, 2013 has indirectly made CSR a mandatory obligation. Discuss the challenges expected in its implementation in |

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| | | | | right earnest. Also discuss other provisions in the Bill and their implications. |
| 206 | Industrial Sickness | 2005 | 15 | What are the reasons for industrial sickness in India? Suggest suitable remedies. |
| 207 | Industrial Sickness | 1998 | 10 | What are the main reasons for industrial sickness in India? How can it be overcome? |
| 208 | Industrial Policy Changes | 1983 | 10 | Discuss the Industrial Policy of India adopted in the Sixth plan, tracing the changes in Industrial policy since Independence. |
| 209 | Industrial Policy & Socialism | 1980 | 10 | Socialism as a goal of National Policy b)Place of Industries in Indian Economy. |

MACRO TOPIC – INDUSTRIES: PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISES (PSES)

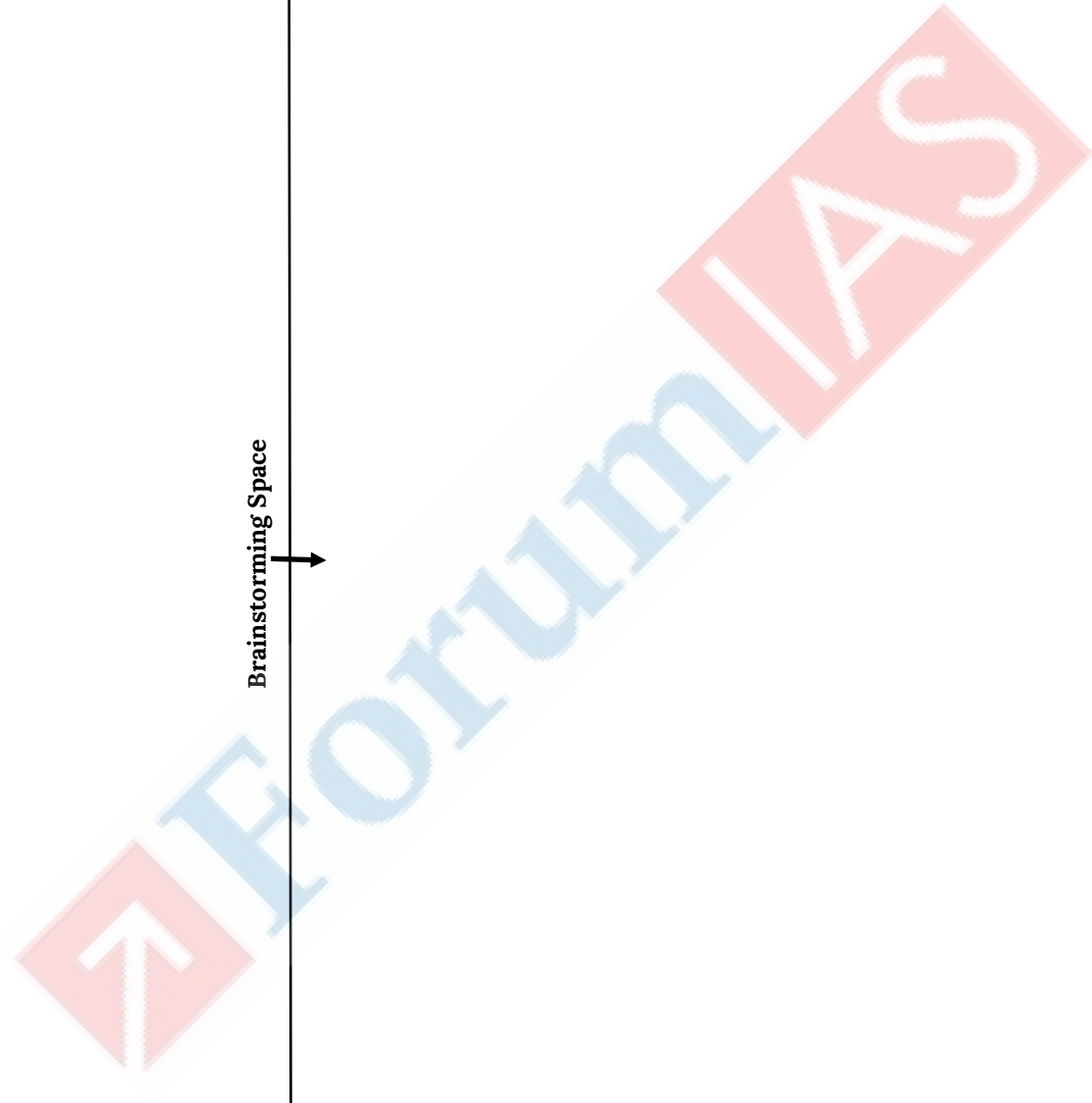
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| 210 | Post Reform Period | 2006 | 10 | Discuss the role of public sector during the post-reform period of Indian economy. |
| 211 | Role of PSUs | 1991 | 15 | "What role were the Public Sector Undertakings expected to play in our planning process? Briefly state the current policy of the Government of India with respect to Public Sector Undertakings." |
| 212 | Challenges before PSUs | 1990 | 15 | "Identify and analyses a few major management problems which the Indian public enterprises are facing today. In the light of your analysis, would you advocate privatisation of some of our public enterprises?" |
| 213 | Contribution of PSUs | 1988 | 15 | Discuss the contribution of public sector enterprises to the economic development of India. Are these enterprises generating enough resources for further investment in the economy? |
| 214 | PSU performance | 1984 | 15 | "Profitability is one of the indices of judging the performance of the public sector enterprises What other indices can be used for this purpose? Do you consider the performance of the public sector has improved in during the last decade?" |
| 215 | PSU performance | 1979 | 15 | "Appraise the performance of the Public Sector Enterprises in India with reference to their objectives and the role assigned to them. Give your concrete suggestions for up their performance." |

Q.1) How are the principles followed by NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile planning commission in India?
(15 marks, 250 words) (2018)

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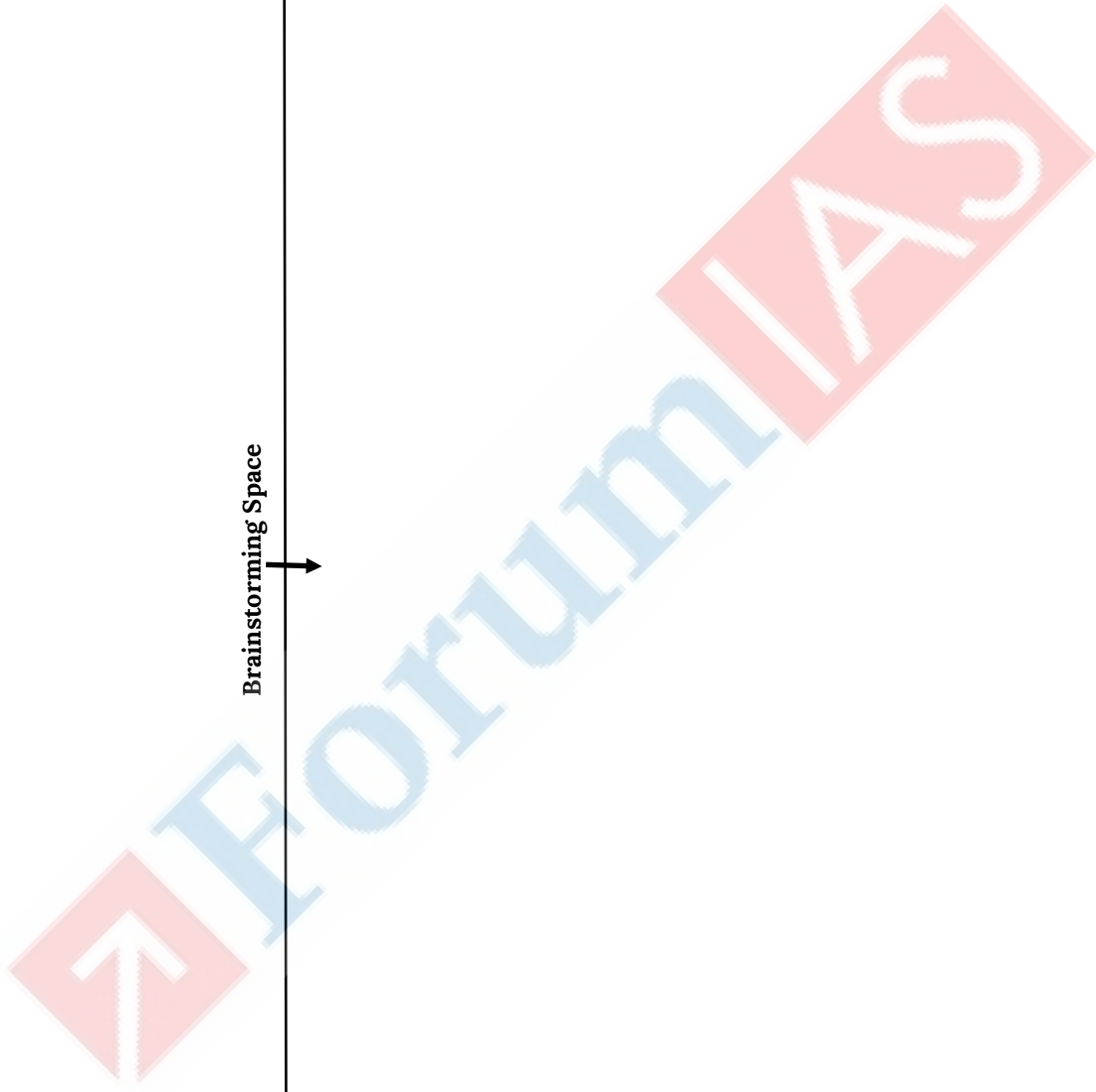
Q.2) "There is an urgent need for the Planning Commission to revise the chapter on health in the 12th Plan document." Comment.
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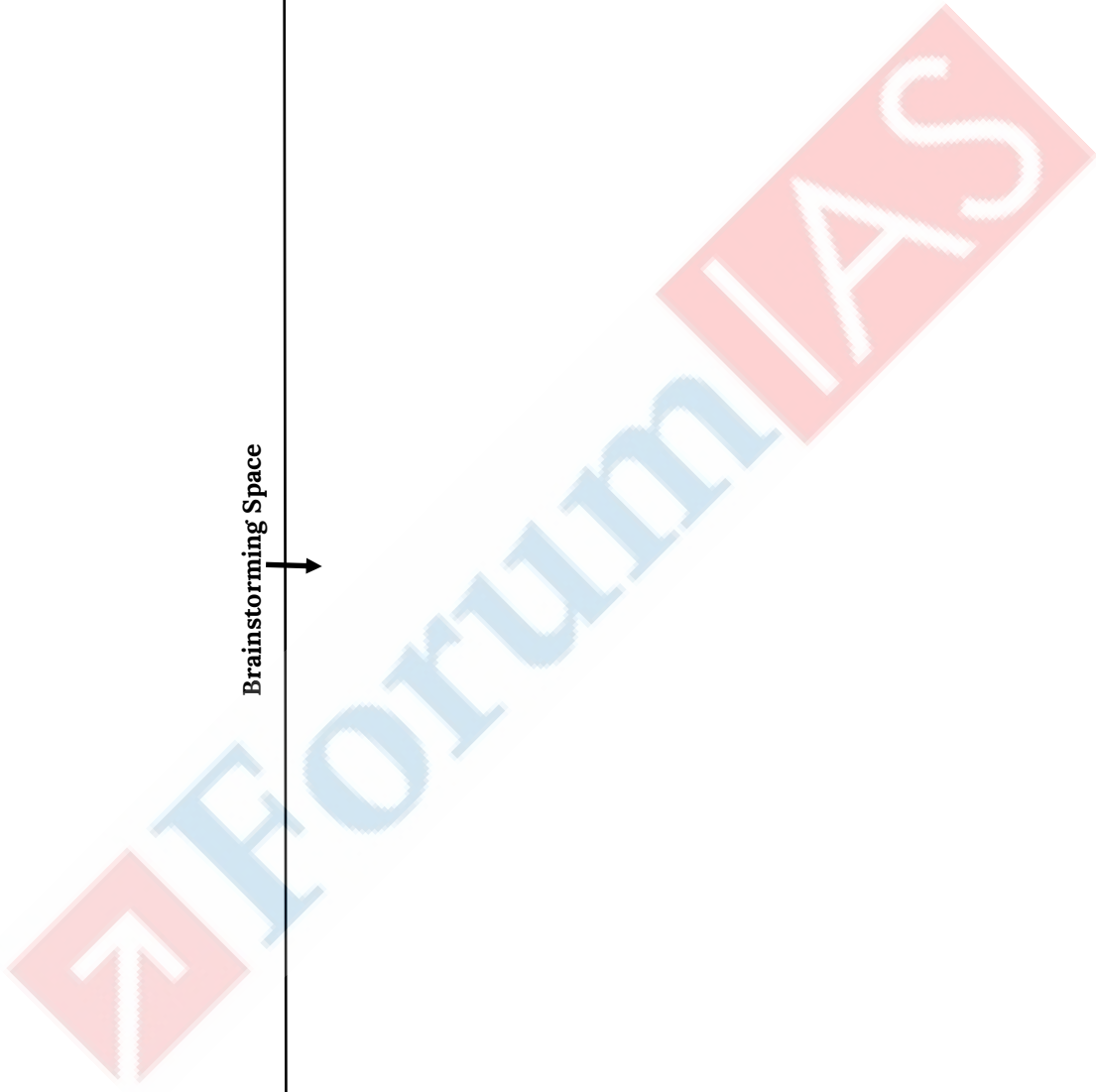
Q.3) Define the concept of 'growth centres' and evaluate its relevance in regional planning in India. (10 marks, 150 words) (2002)

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Q.4) The past 50 years of development in India were characterised by planning but the next 50 years of development would be led by the market. Comment. (15 marks, 250 words) (1998)

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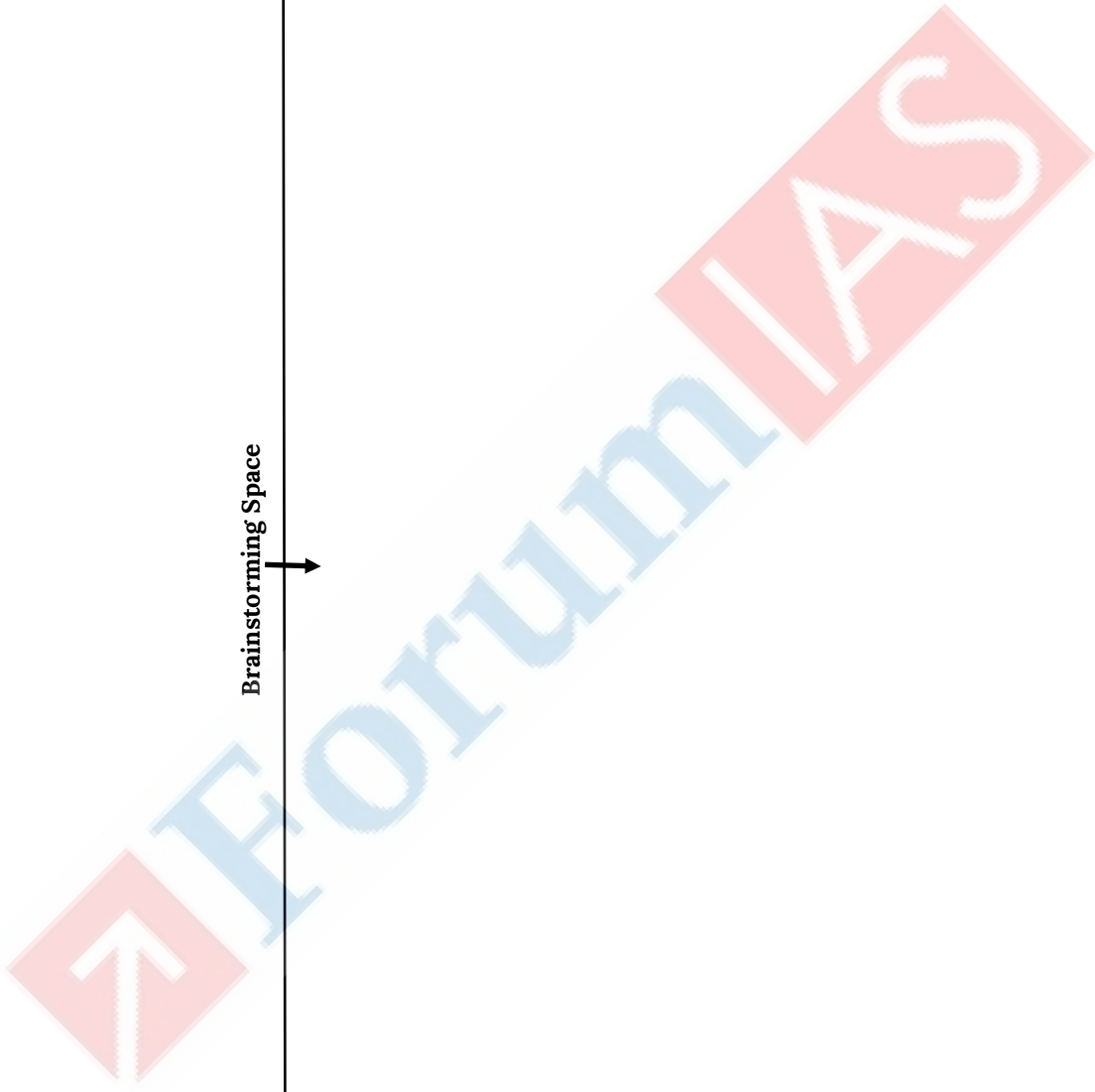


Q.5) Comment on the view that economic planning can raise the rate of capital formation appreciably above the rate attainable under a system of private saving and investment. (15 marks, 250 words) (1996)

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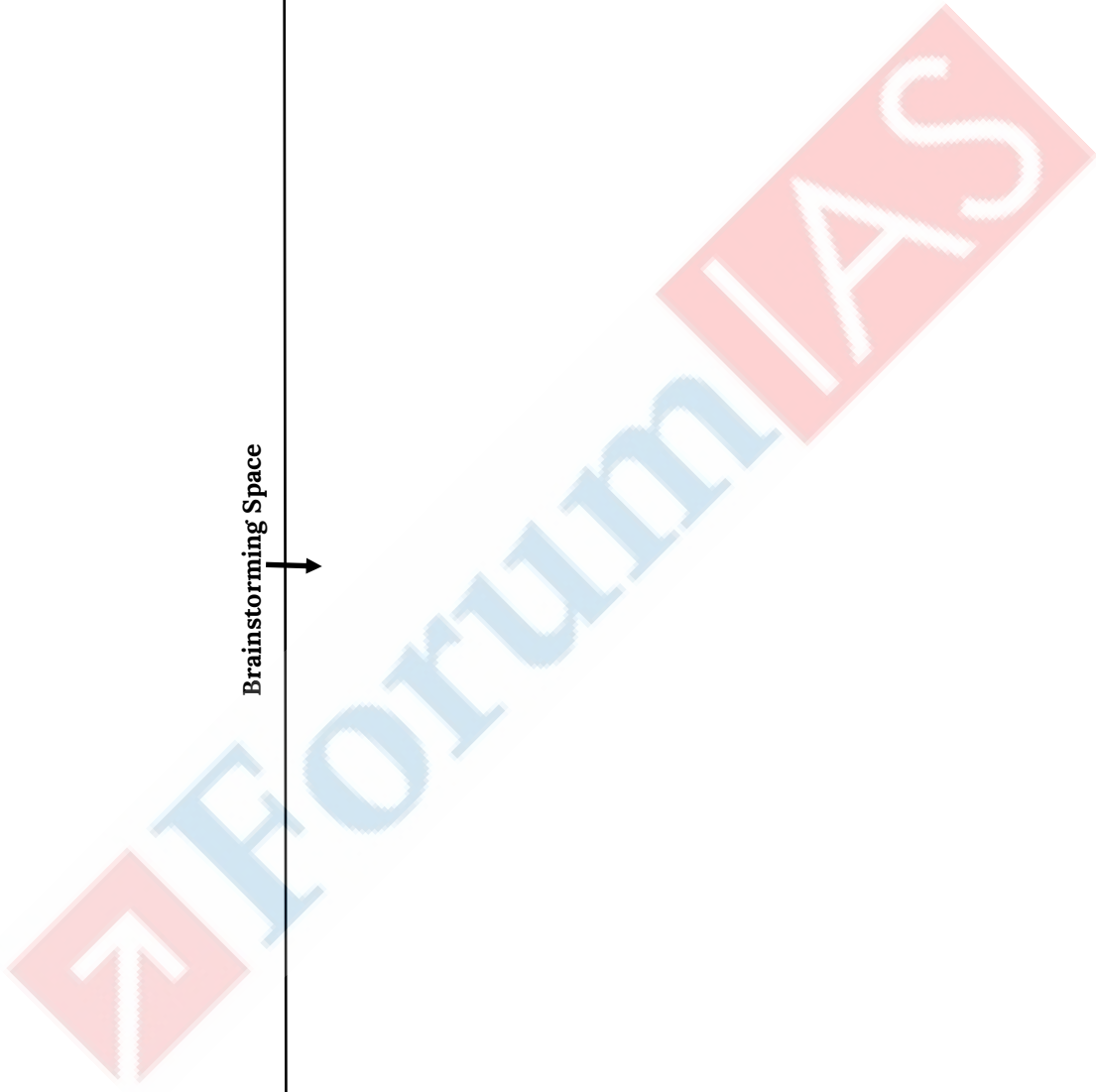
Q.6) Differentiate between indicative and target planning. Where the Eighth Five Year Plan should be placed? (15 marks, 250 words) (1994)

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Q.7) Discuss the measures taken in the Five-Year Plans to mitigate rural poverty. (15 marks, 250 words) (1991)

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Q.8) What is the rationale for decentralized planning in India? Discuss the obstacles that have stood in the way of such planning?

(15 marks, 250 words) (1990)

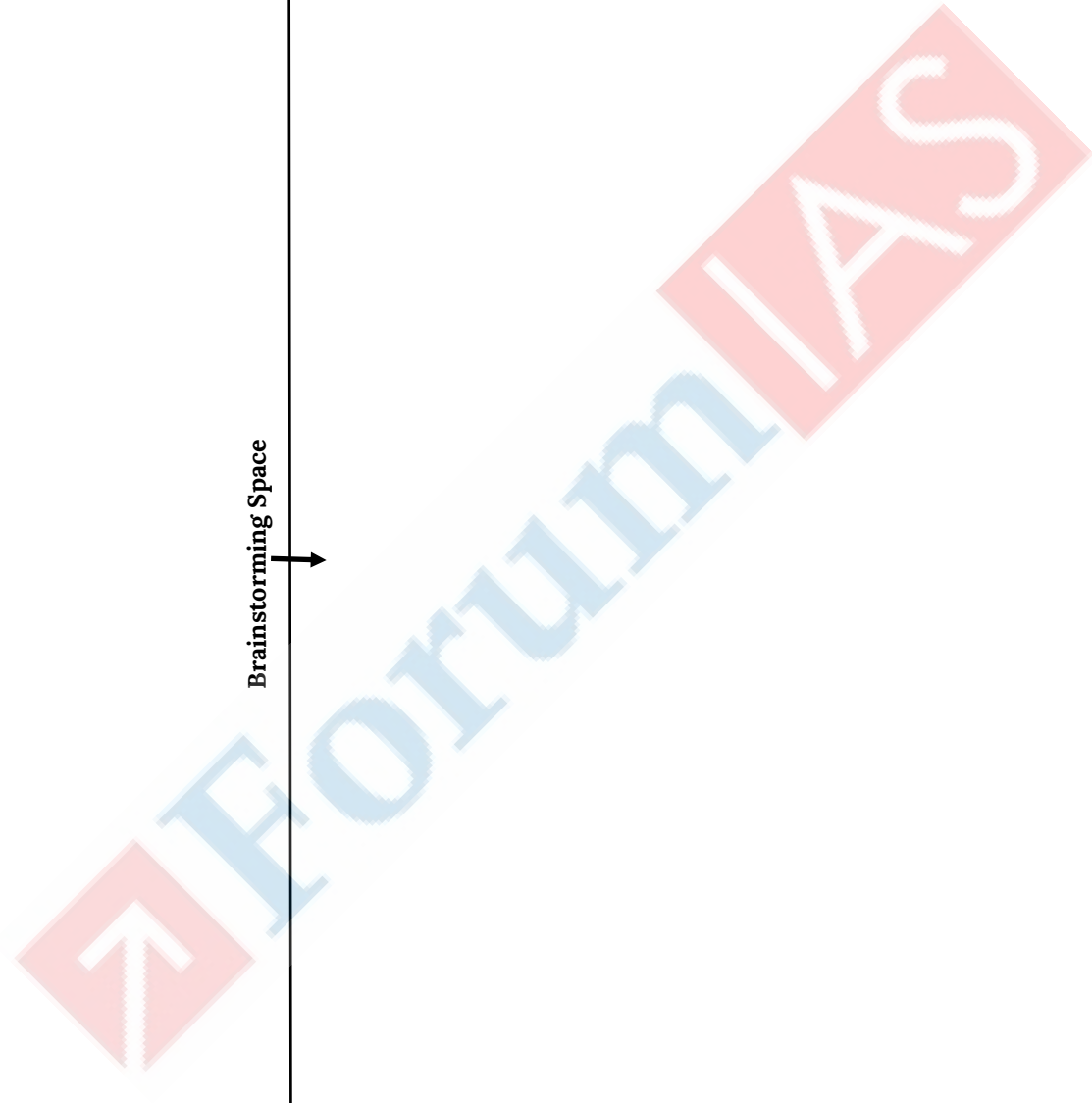
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Q.9) What measures have been taken under the Five Year Plans increase employment opportunities in rural areas?

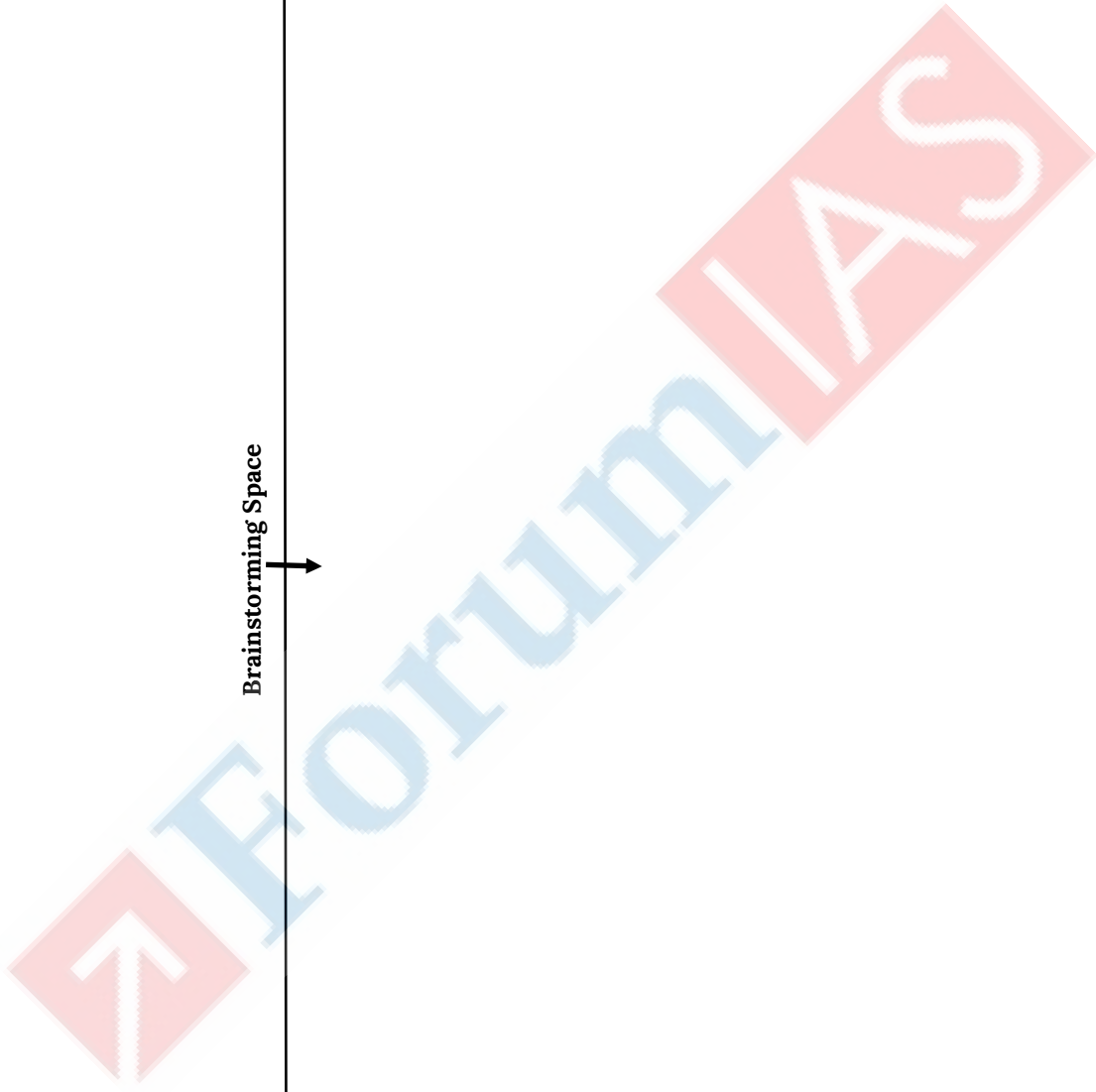
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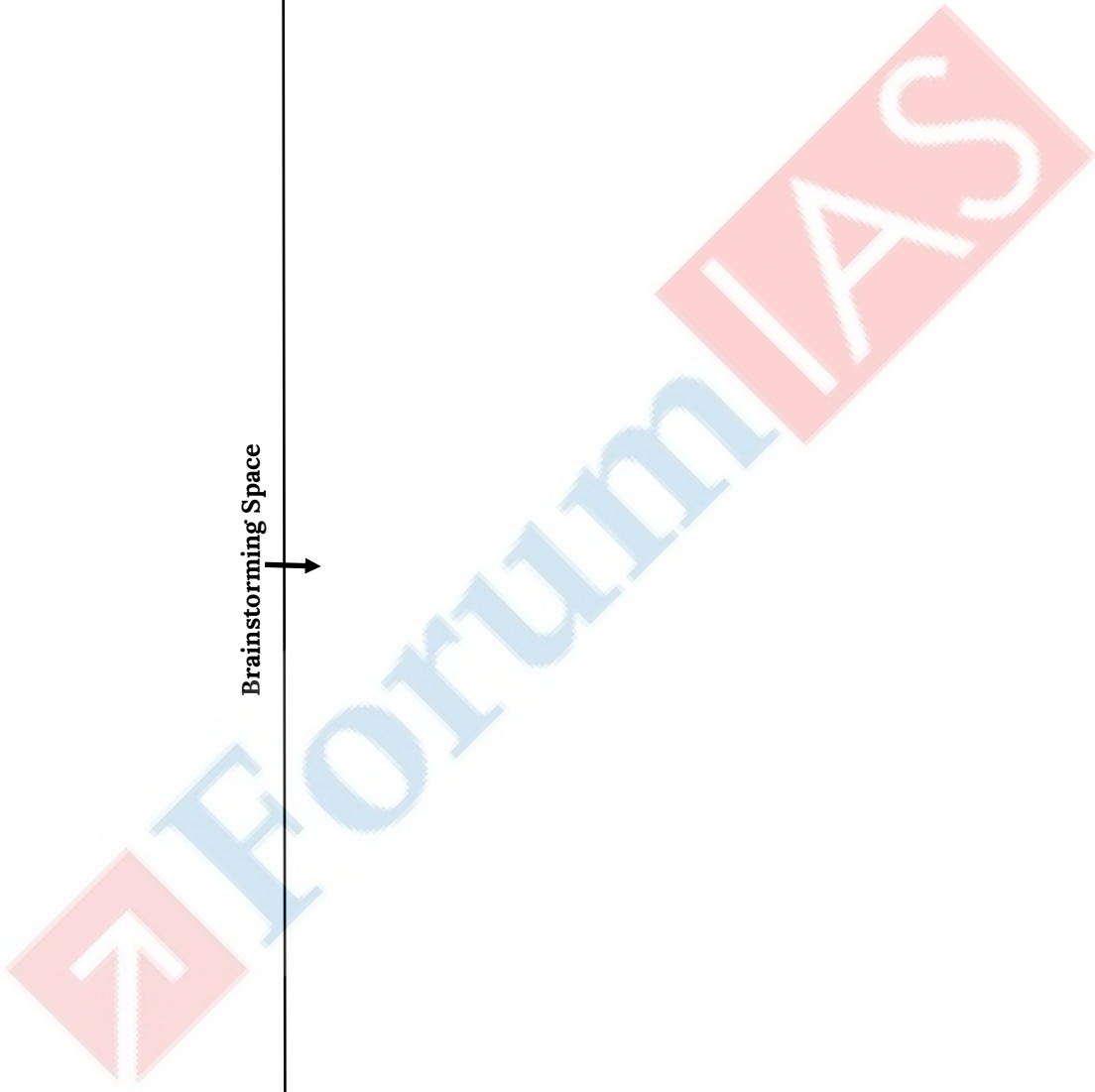
Q.10) What are the main components of the non-Plan expenditure of the Government of India? Discuss the recent trends in the growth of this expenditure. (10 marks, 150 words) (1989)

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Q.11) In course of planned economic development India's actual growth has mostly been lower than the projected growth. How would you explain this shortfall? (10 marks, 150 words) (1986)

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Q.12) Attainment of self-reliance has been a major objective of planning in India.
Analyse the implication of this policy. Assess the progress made so far in this regard
(15 marks, 250 words) (1982)

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Q.13) In their emphasis policy planners on the primacy of the rate of economic growth, some attention has been paid to structural and ideological objective of planning in India. Critically examine the statement.

(10 marks, 150 words) (1982)

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Q.14) Health care for all by 2000 A. D is an important objective of the Sixth Five Year Plan. What steps are being taken for the supply of safe drinking water and provide adequate nutritional safeguards, particularly to the vulnerable sections of the community? What is the present status of preventive medical facilities in our country? (15 marks, 250 words) (1981)

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Q.15) Removal of Poverty' was a principal objective of the Fifth plan has been reiterated in the Sixth Plan. Analyse the problem and the impediments involved. How is this objective likely to be realised during the Sixth Plan? (15 marks, 250 words) (1981)

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Q.16) Briefly review our achievements in industrial development over the plan periods. What roles have been assigned to the Public Sector and the Small- Scale Industries in our industrial development plans and programmes (15 marks, 250 words) (1979)

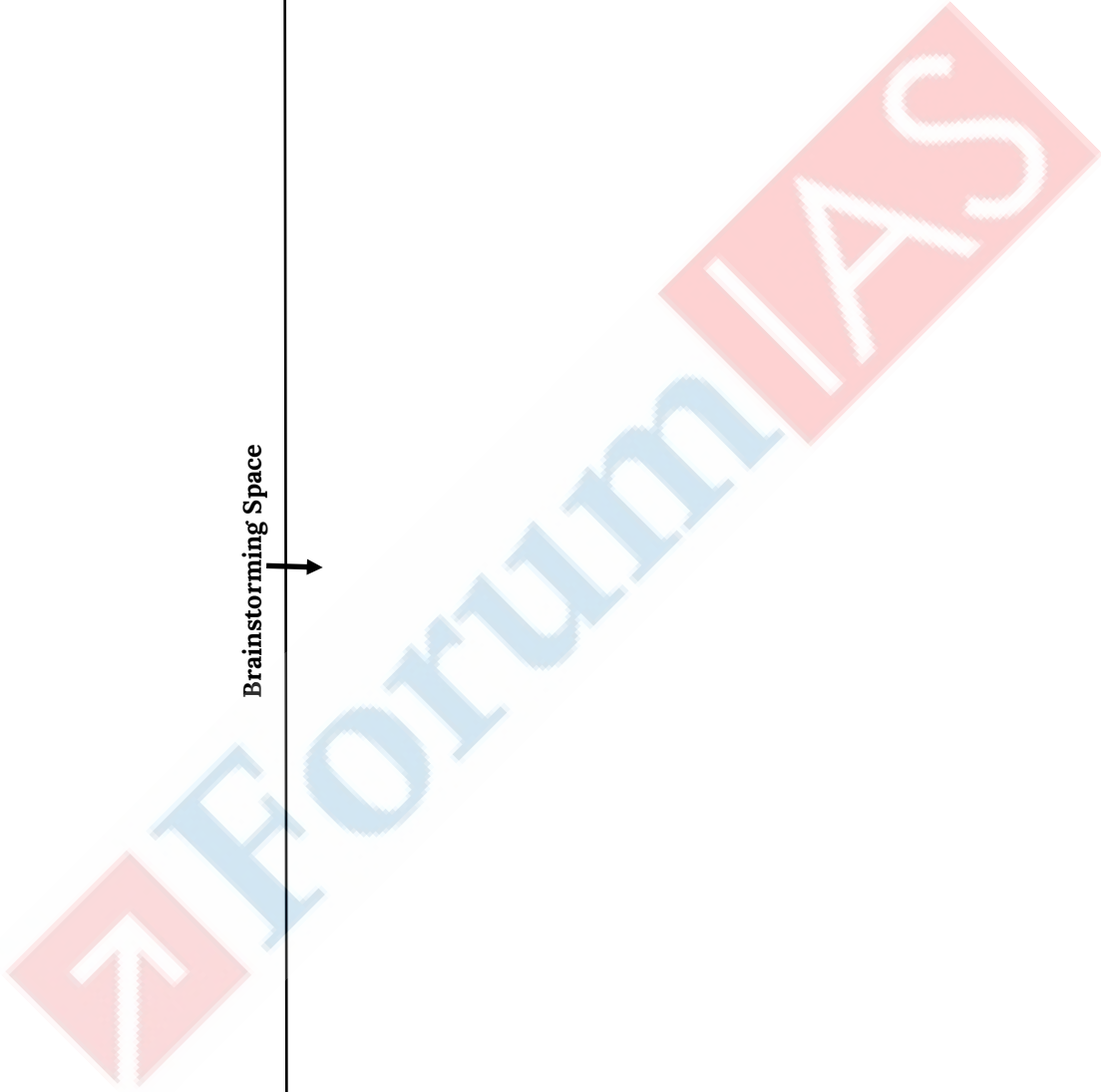
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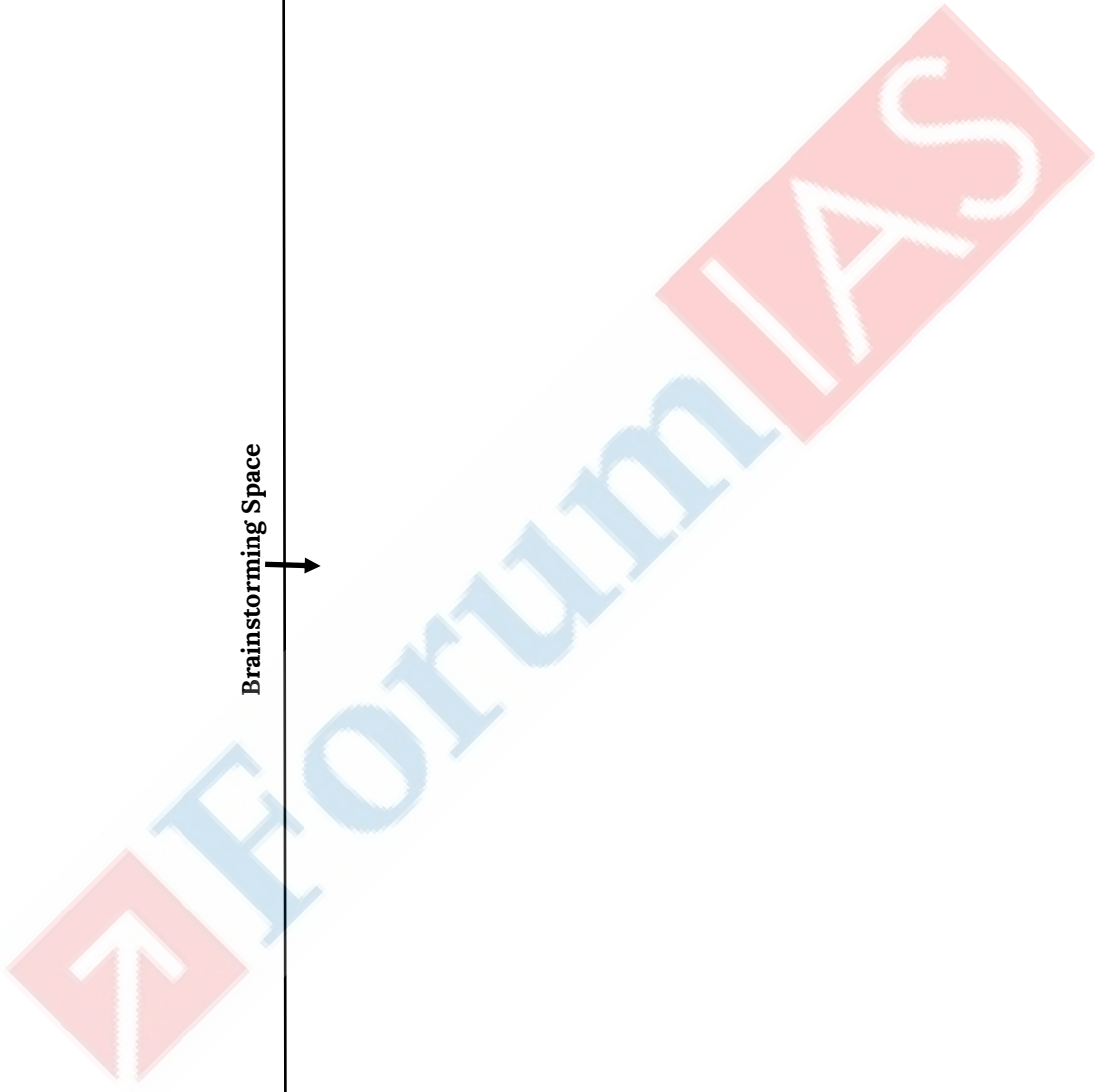
Q.17) What were the reasons for the introduction of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2013? Discuss critically its salient features and their effectiveness. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

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Q.18) "Domestic resource mobilization, though central to the process of Indian economic growth, is characterized by several constraints? Explain.
(15 marks, 250 words) (2012)

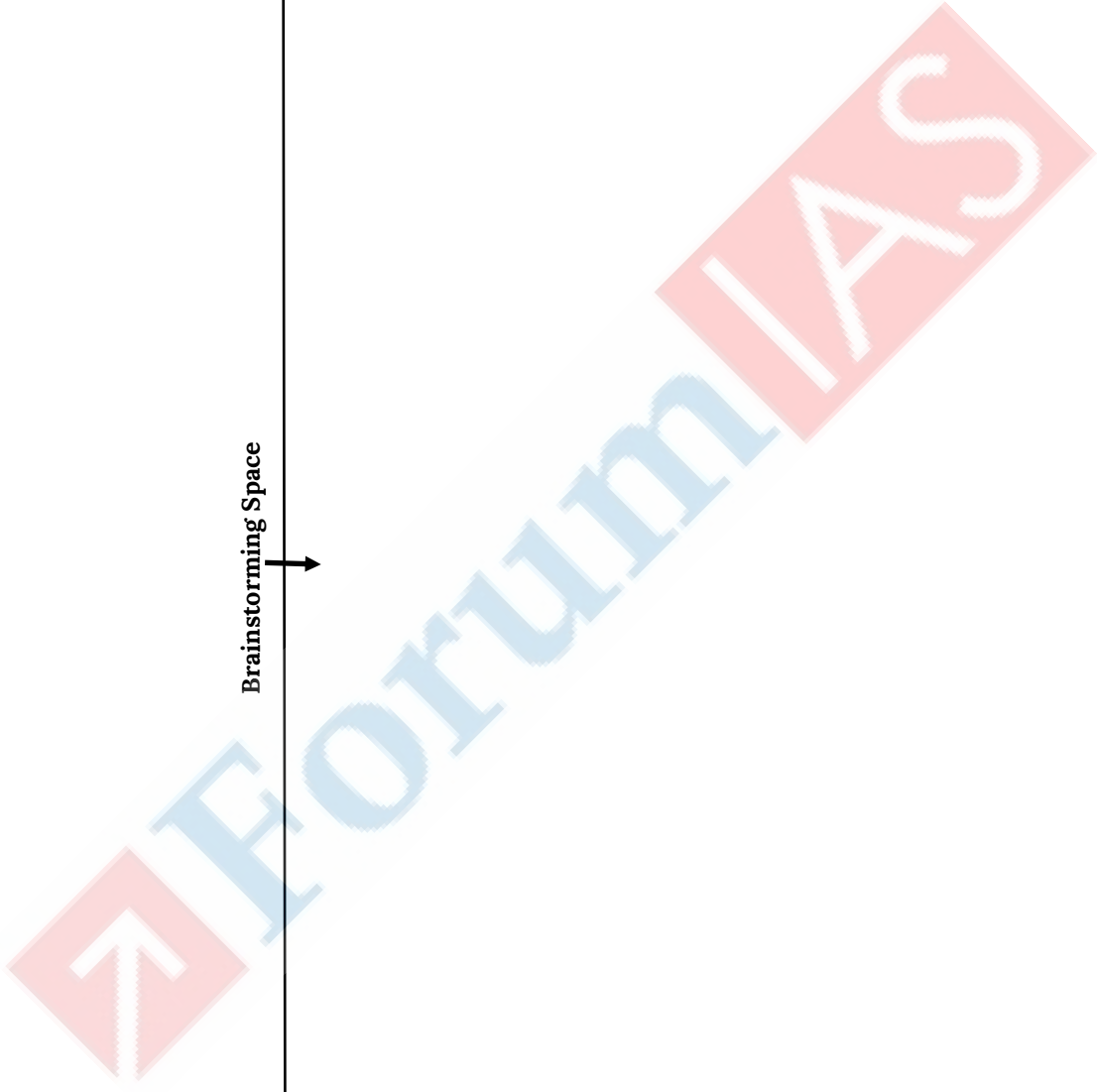
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Q.19) Describe the main sources of Industrial finance in India. How could India be benefitted from recent developments in International finance?
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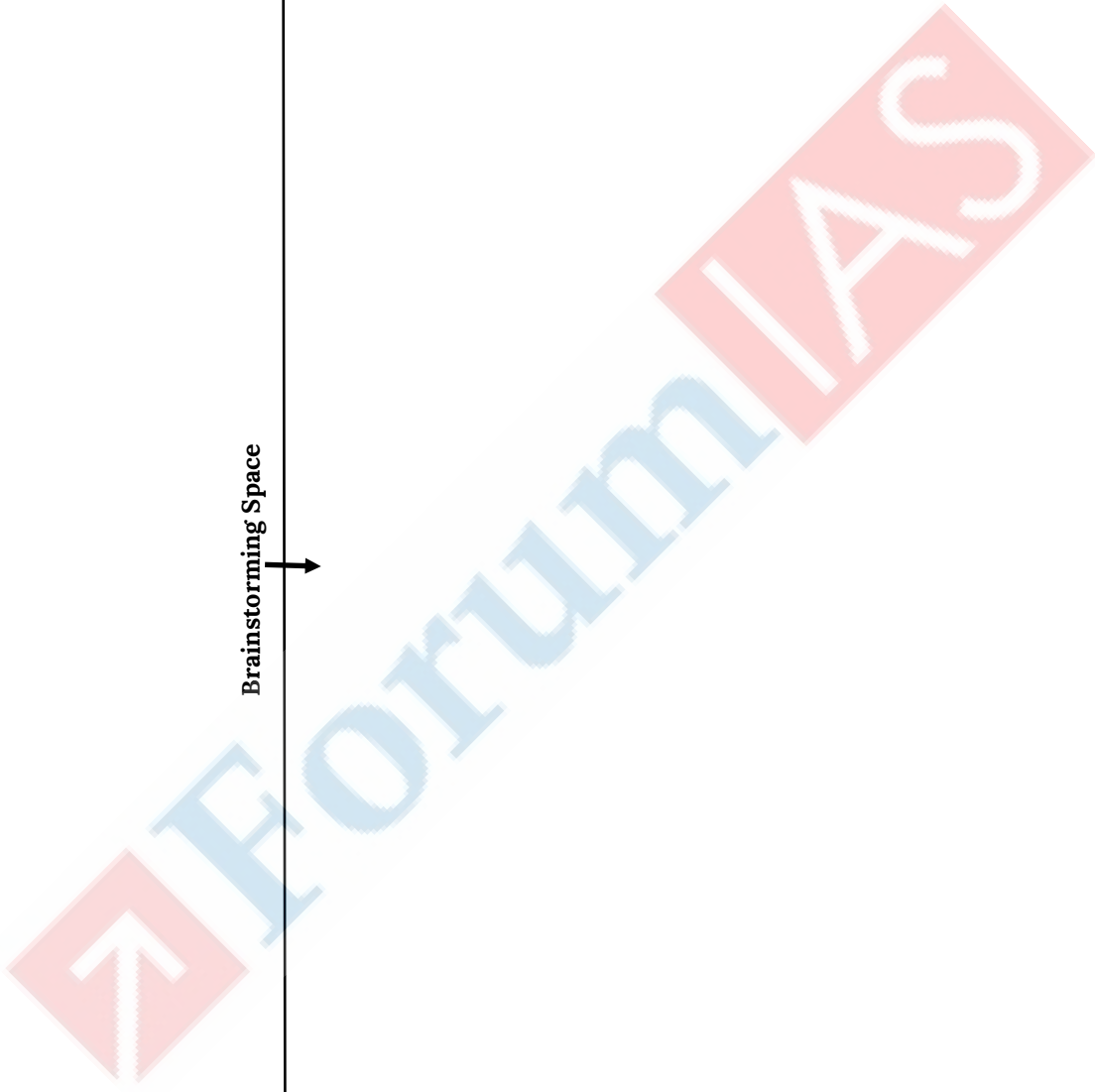
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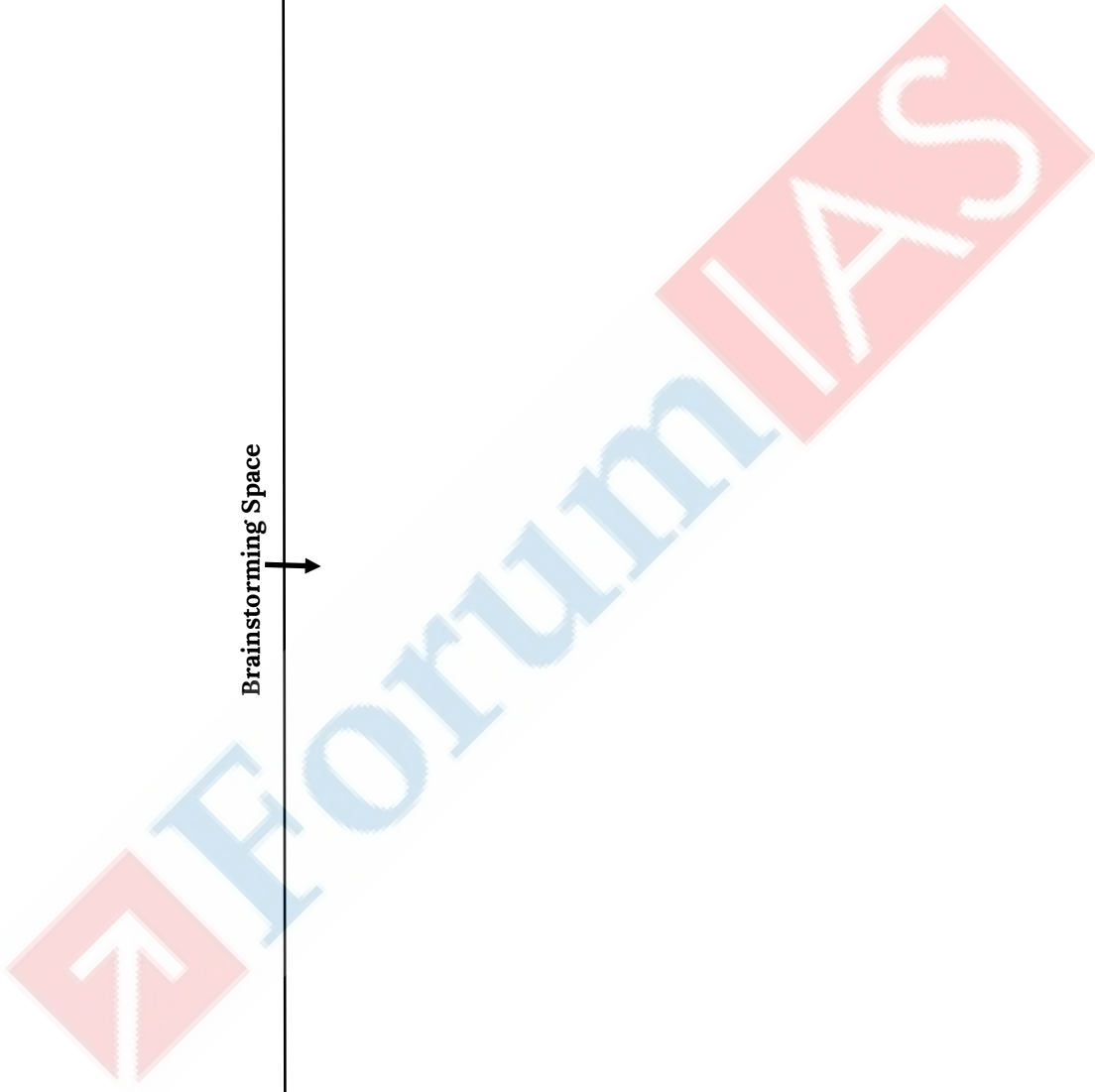
Q.20) What measures do you suggest to raise the volume of Public Savings in our country? Briefly state the importance of such savings for the contemporary economic scene. (10 marks, 150 words) (1996)

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Q.21) It is being suggested that the commercial banks in India should reduce their holdings of nonperforming assets. Does it mean that the former should abandon social priorities? (15 marks, 250 words) (1994)

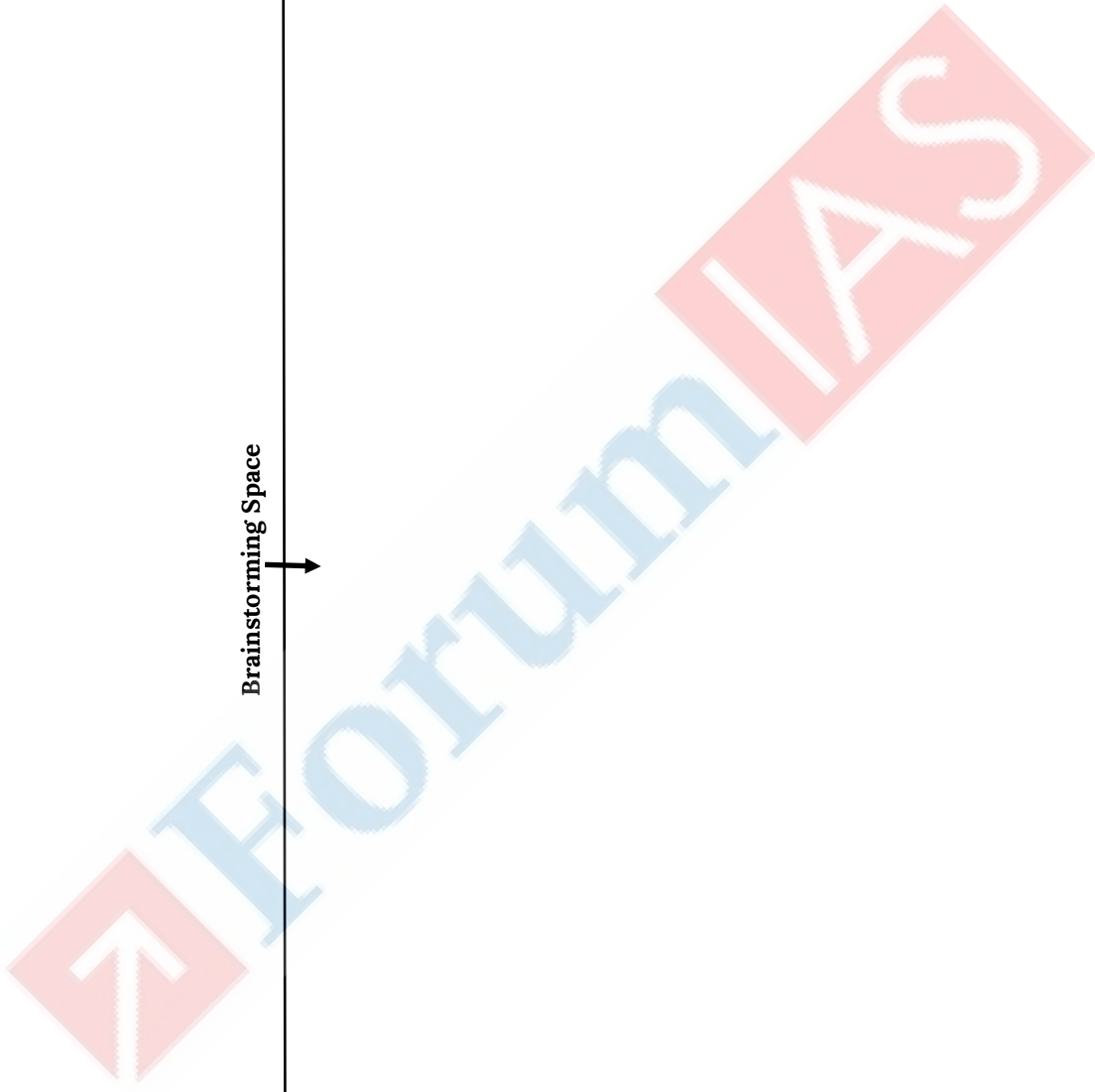
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Q.22) What measures have been taken by the Government of India to attract direct foreign investment, as a part of the new strategy of Industrial Development in India? (10 marks, 150 words) (1993)

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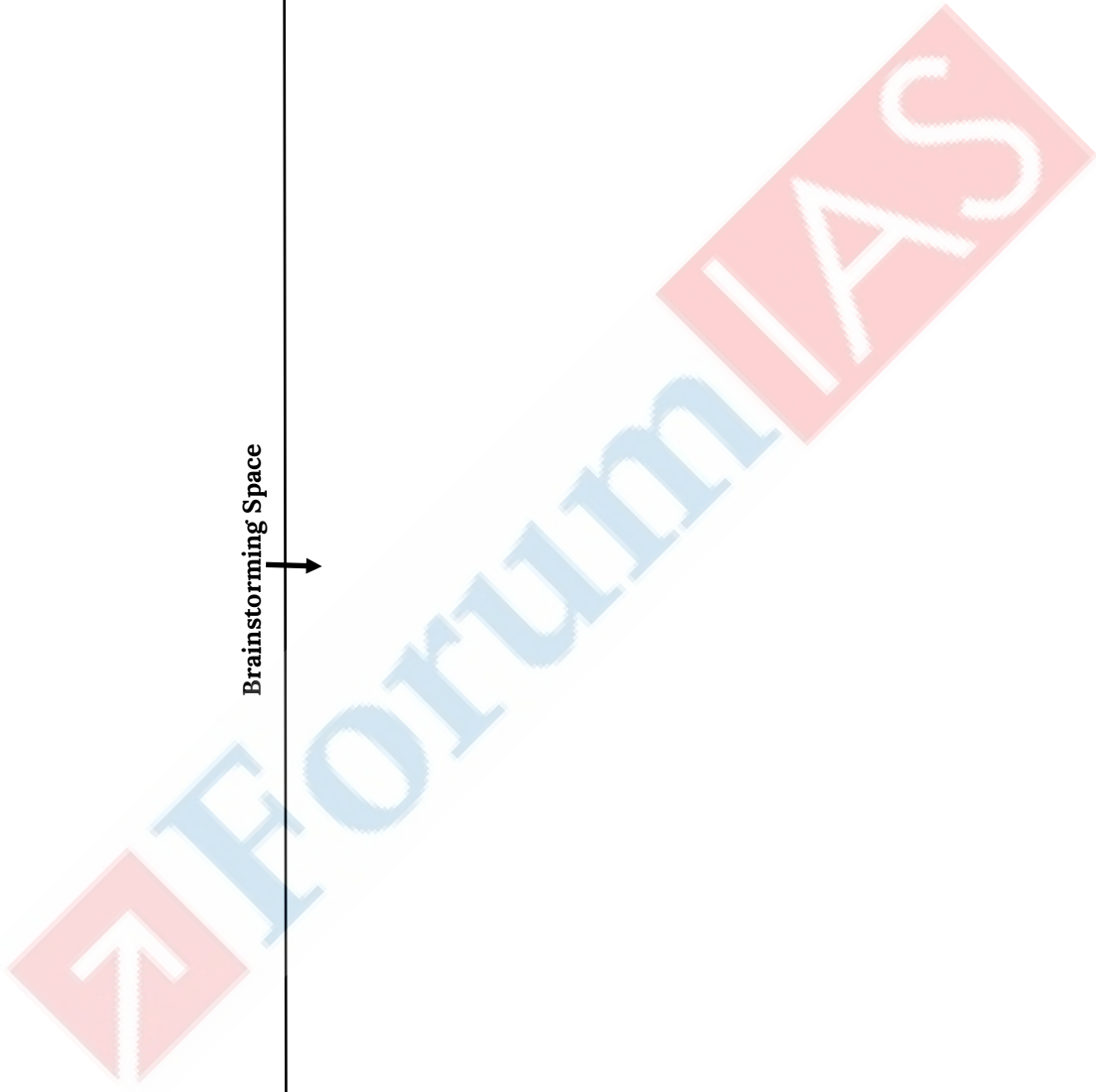




Q.23) Describe the organization and functions of Regional Rural Banks, Review their achievements. Is there any conflicting jurisdiction between the rural banks and the cooperative credit societies?

(10 marks, 150 words) (1983)

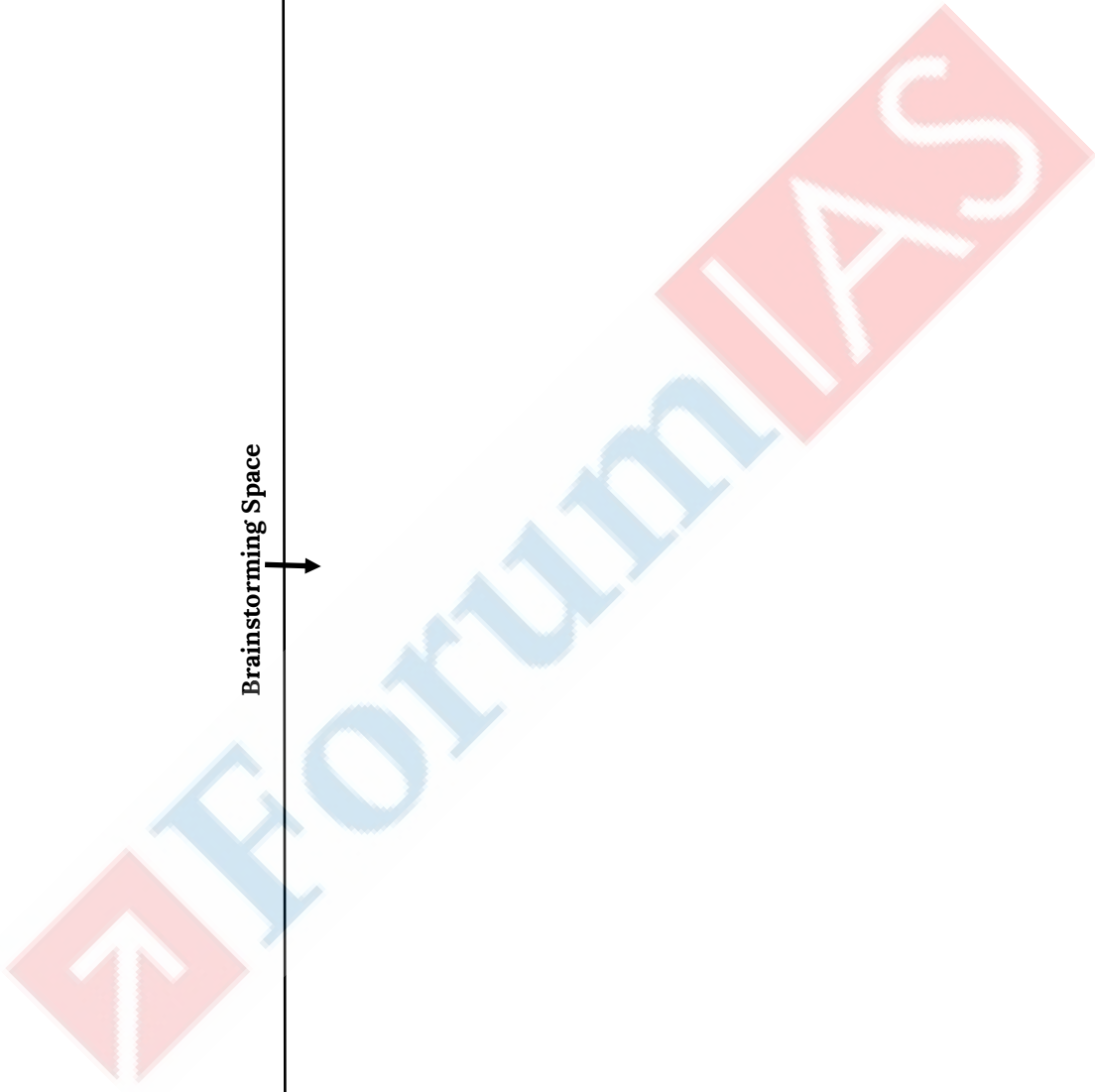
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Q.24) What are 'bearer bonds' Why were special bearer bonds devised in February? What were their budgetary objectives how far such bonds achieved their objectives? (10 marks, 150 words) (1981)

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Q.25) Distinguish between the Human Development Index (HDI) and the Inequality-adjusted Human Development Index (IHDI) with special reference to India. Why is the IHDI considered a better indicator of inclusive growth? (10 marks, 150 words) (2025)

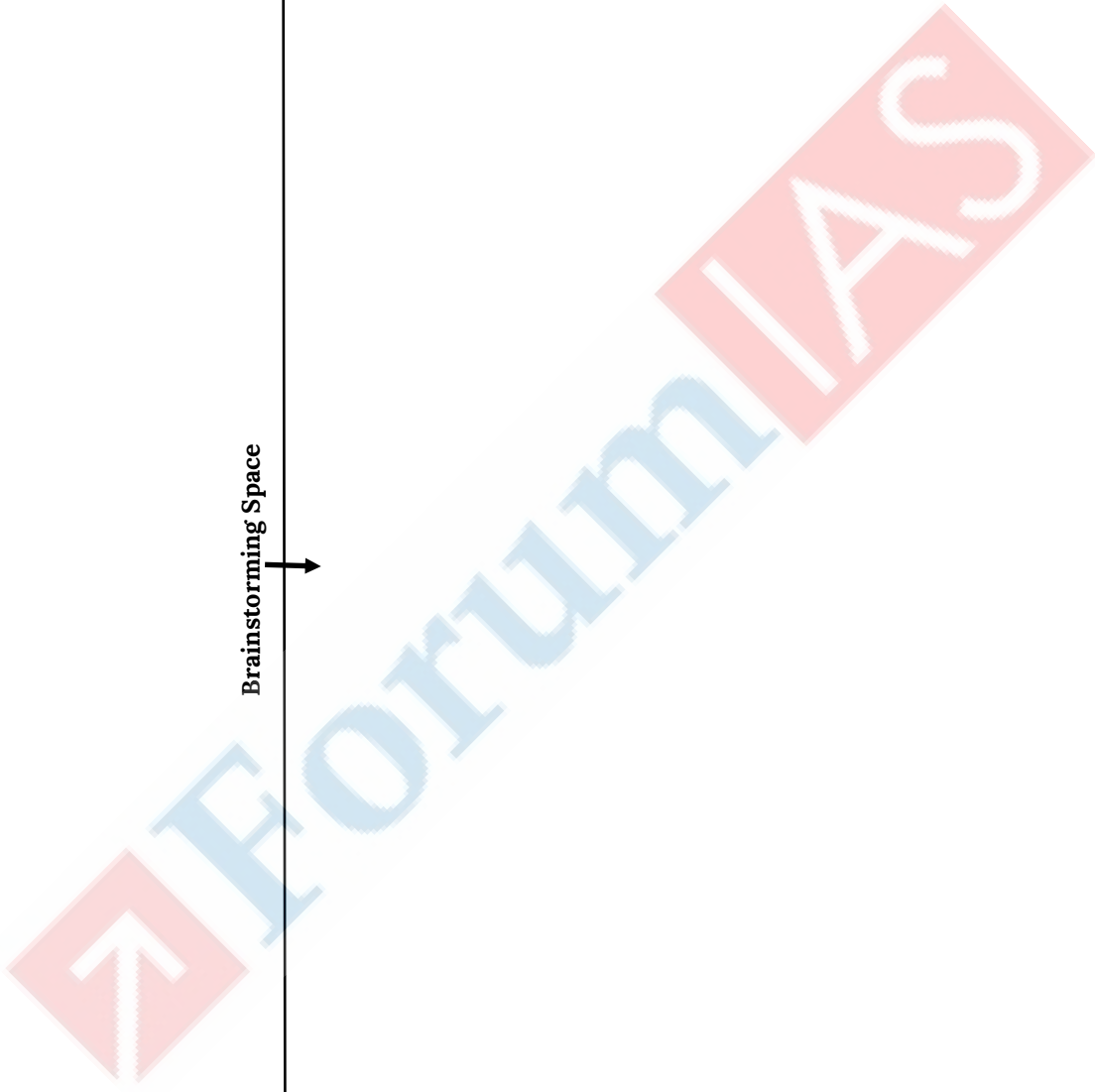
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Q.26) Most of the unemployment in India is structural in nature. Examine the methodology adopted to compute unemployment in the country and suggest improvements. (15 marks, 250 words) (2023)

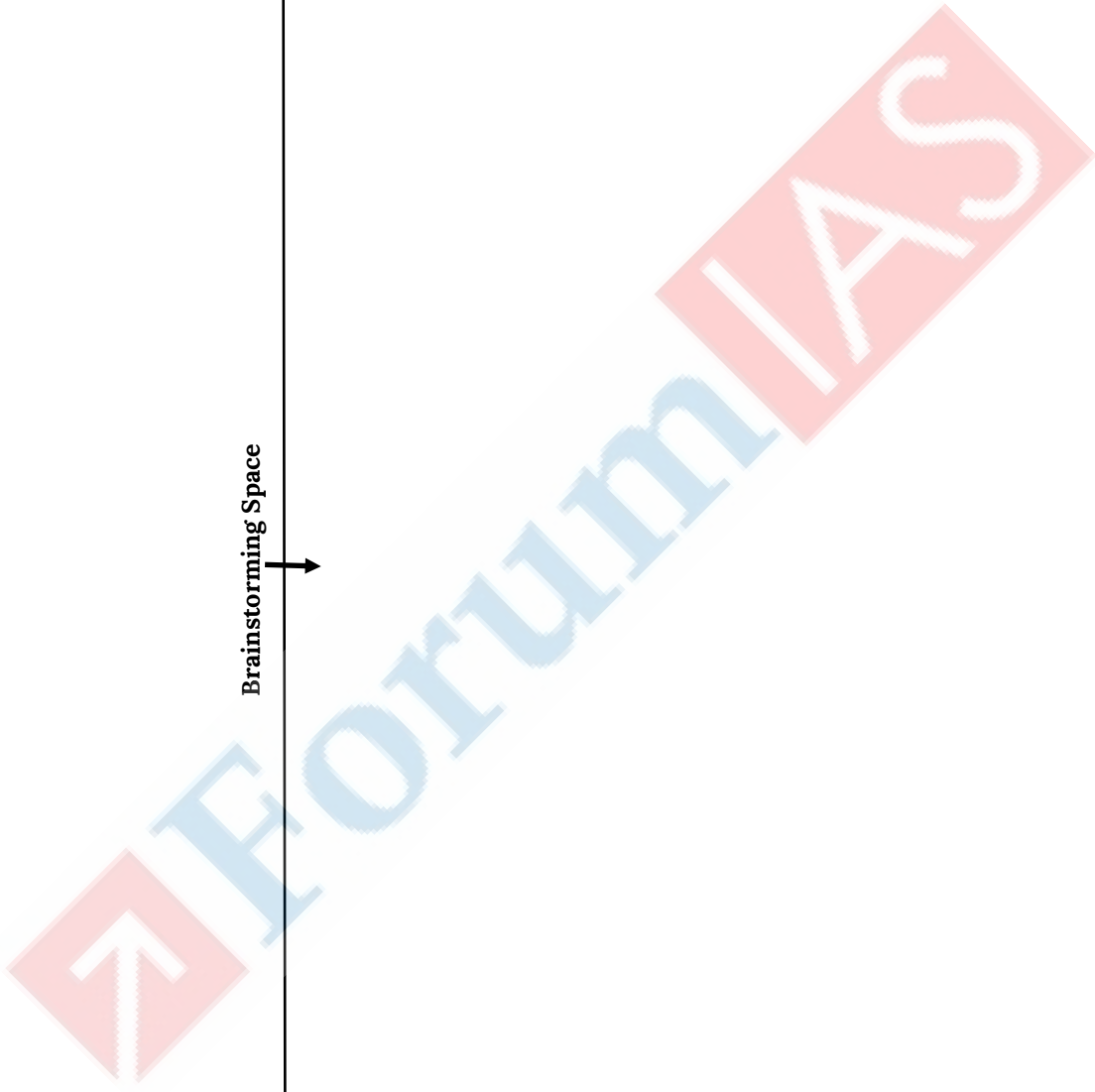
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Q.27) Distinguish between care economy and monetized economy. How can care economy be brought into monetized economy through women empowerment? (15 marks, 250 words) (2023)

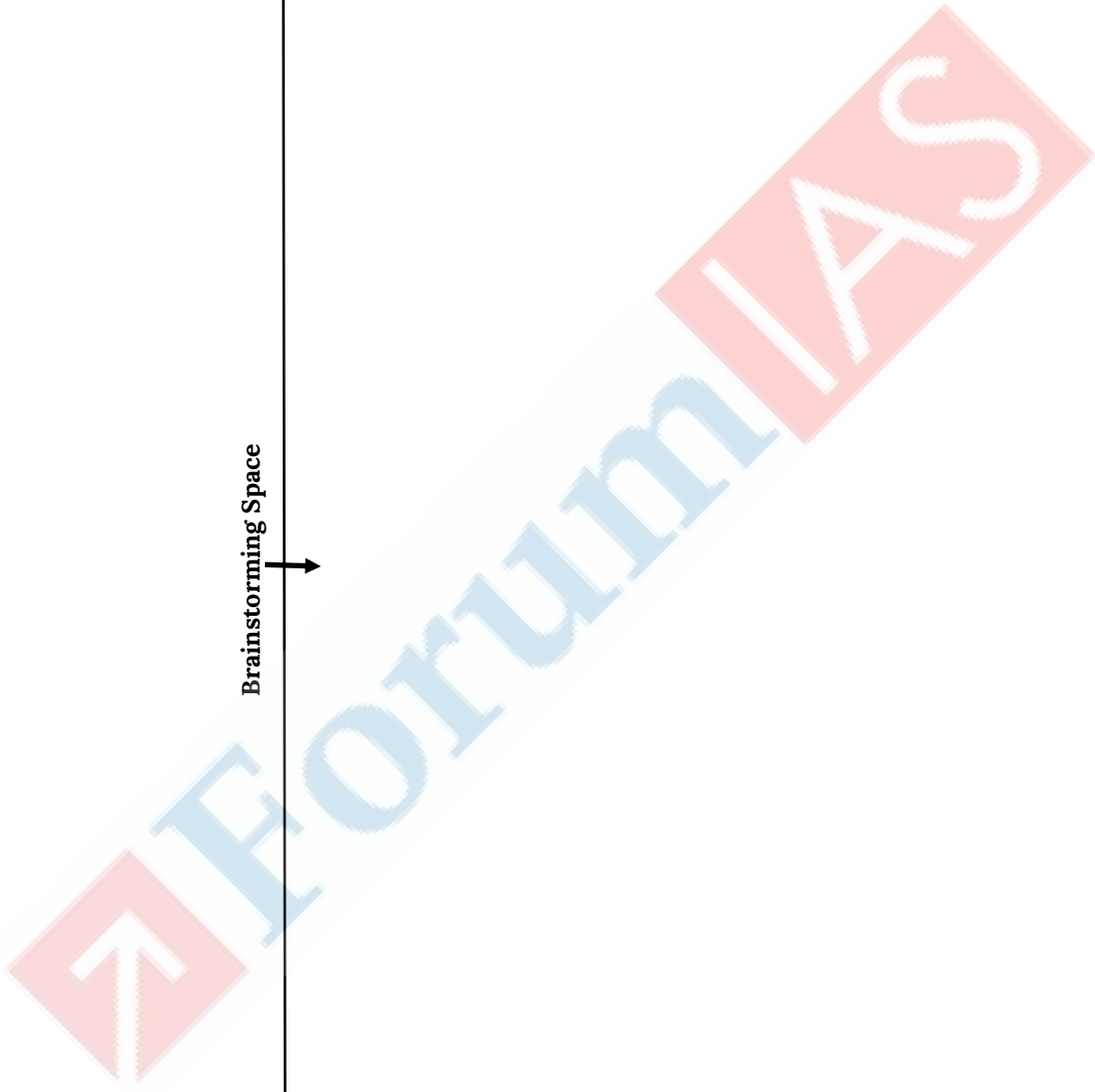
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Q.28) Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India.
(10 marks, 150 words) (2022)

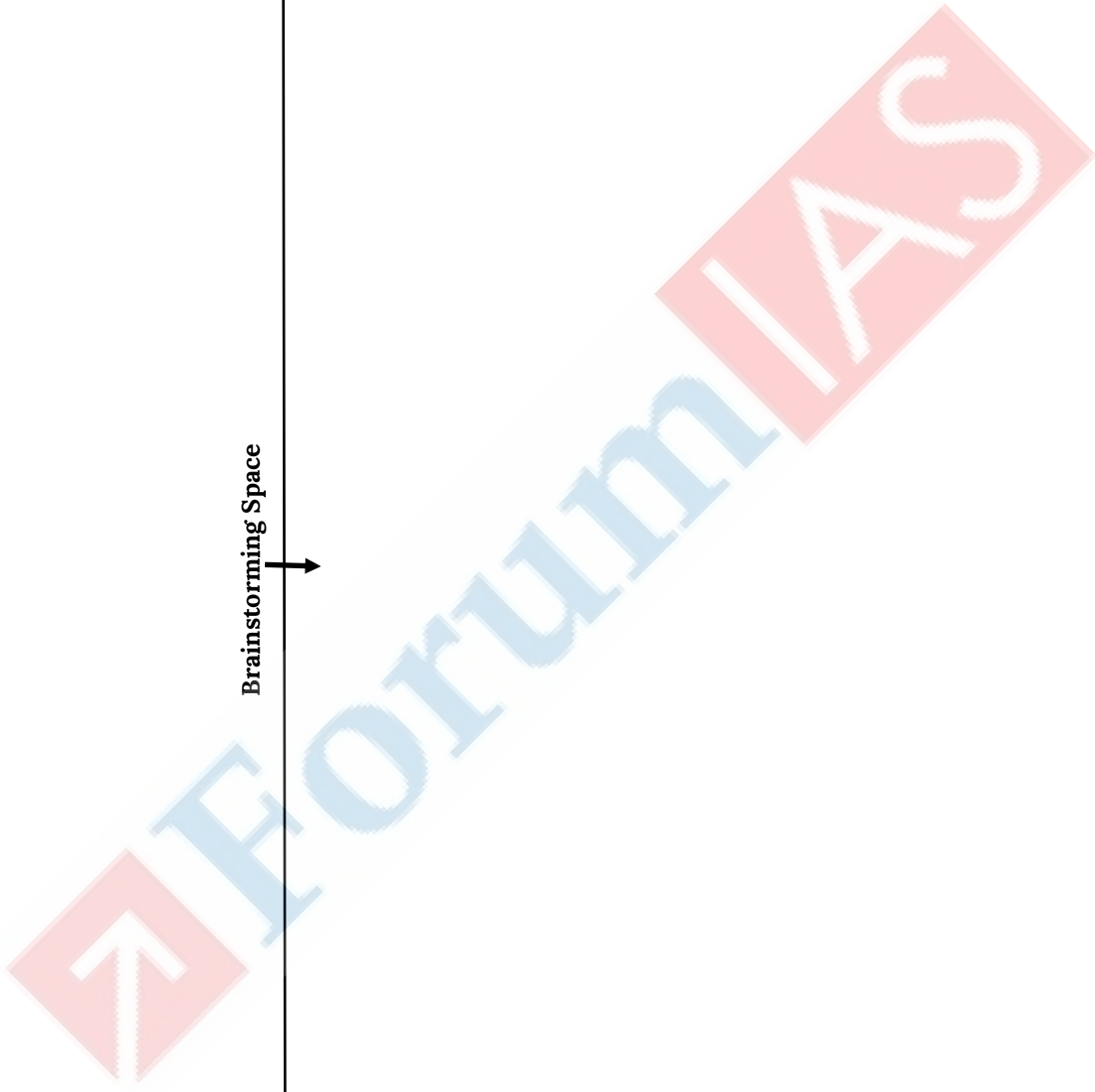
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Q.29) "Economic growth in the recent past has been led by increase in labour productivity". Explain this statement. Suggest the growth pattern that will lead to creation of more jobs without compromising labour productivity. (15 marks, 250 words) (2022)

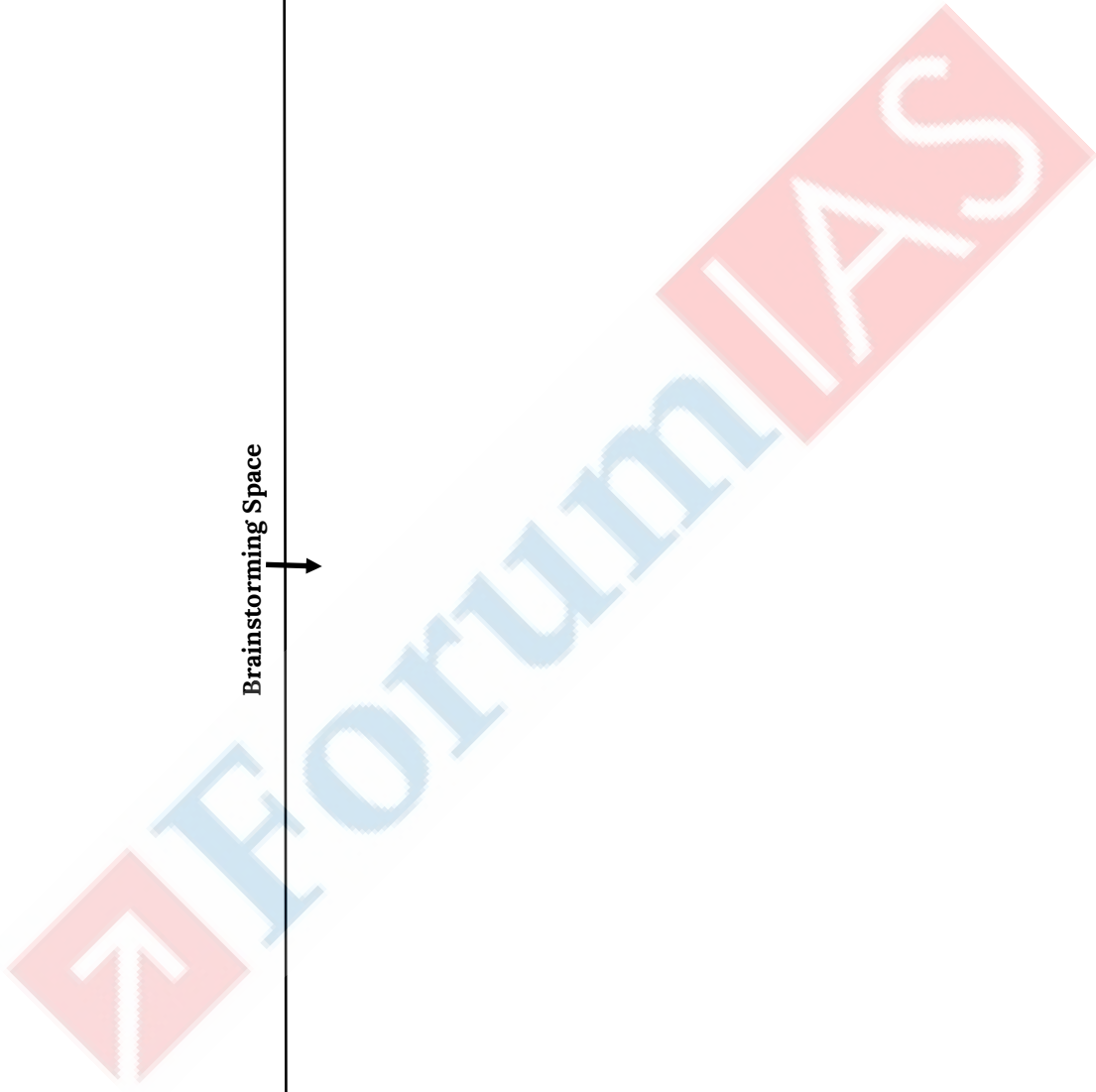
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Q.30) Do you agree that the Indian economy has recently experienced V- shapes recovery? Give reasons in support of your answer.
(15 marks, 250 words) (2021)

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Q.31) Explain intra-generational and inter-generational issues of equity from the perspective of inclusive growth and sustainable development.
(10 marks, 150 words) (2020)

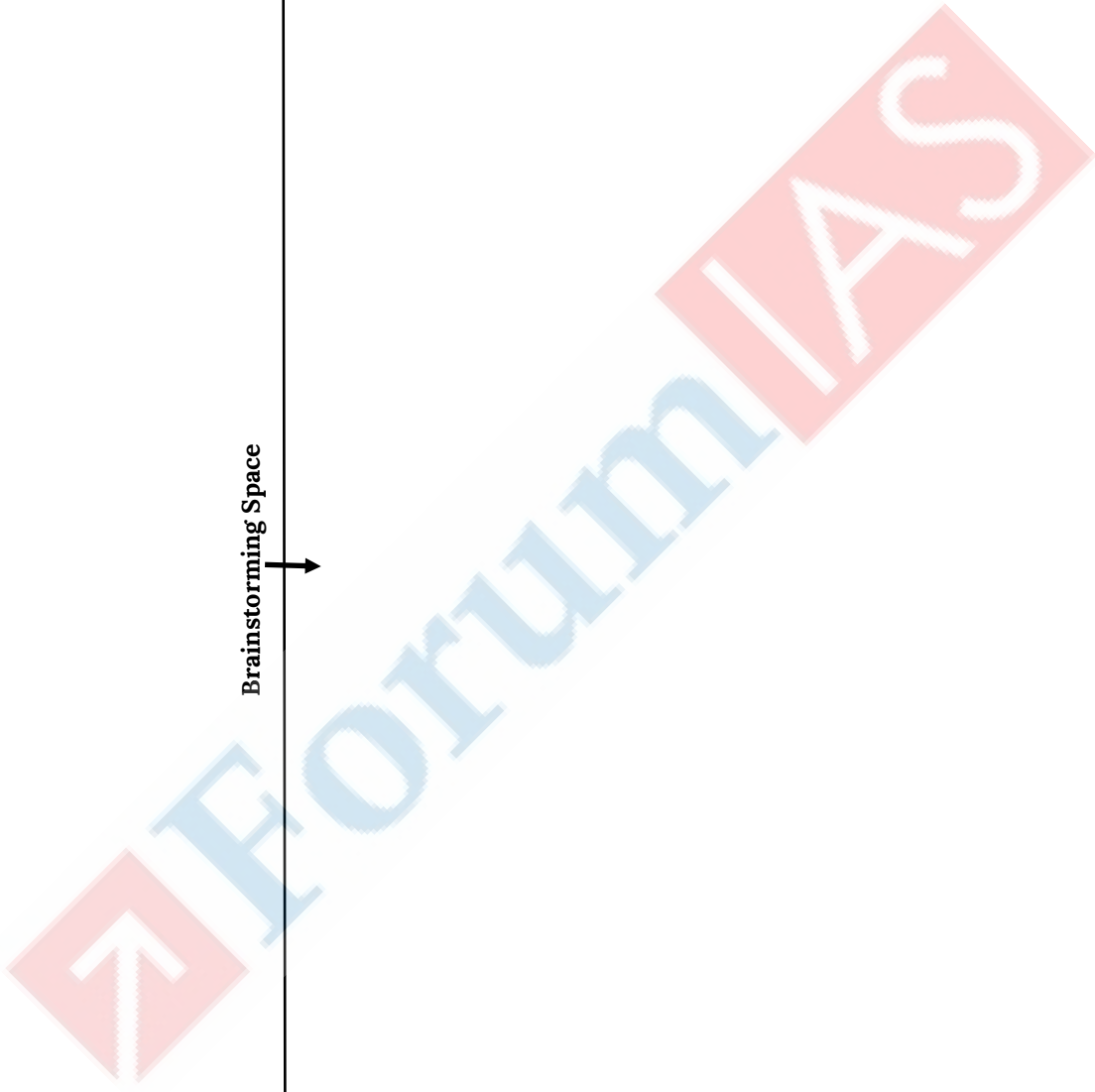
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Q.32) It is argued that the strategy of inclusive growth is intended to meet the objectives of inclusiveness and sustainability together. Comment on this statement. (15 marks, 250 words) (2019)

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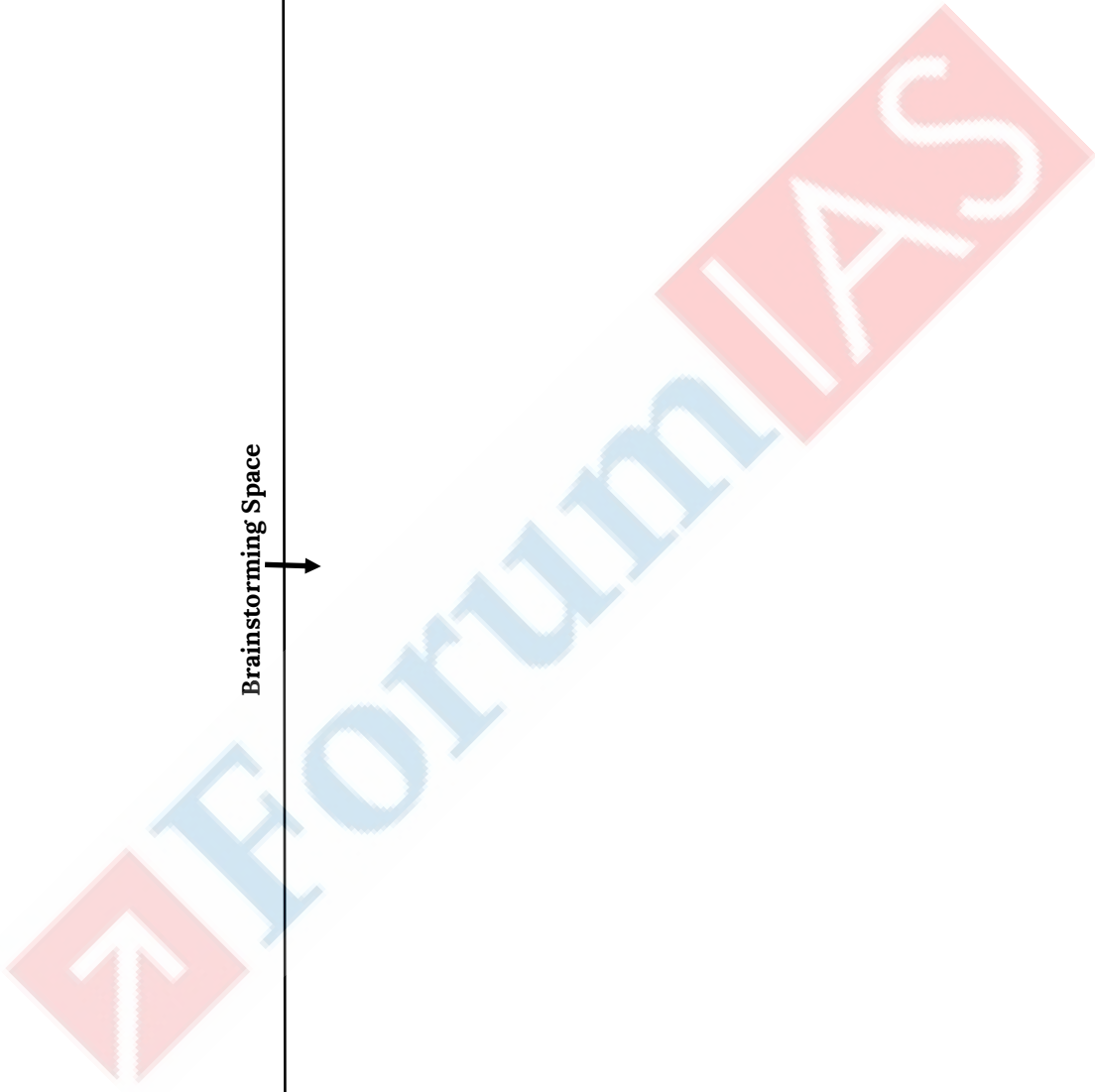
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Q.33) "Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". Comment on the progress made in India in this regard.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2018)

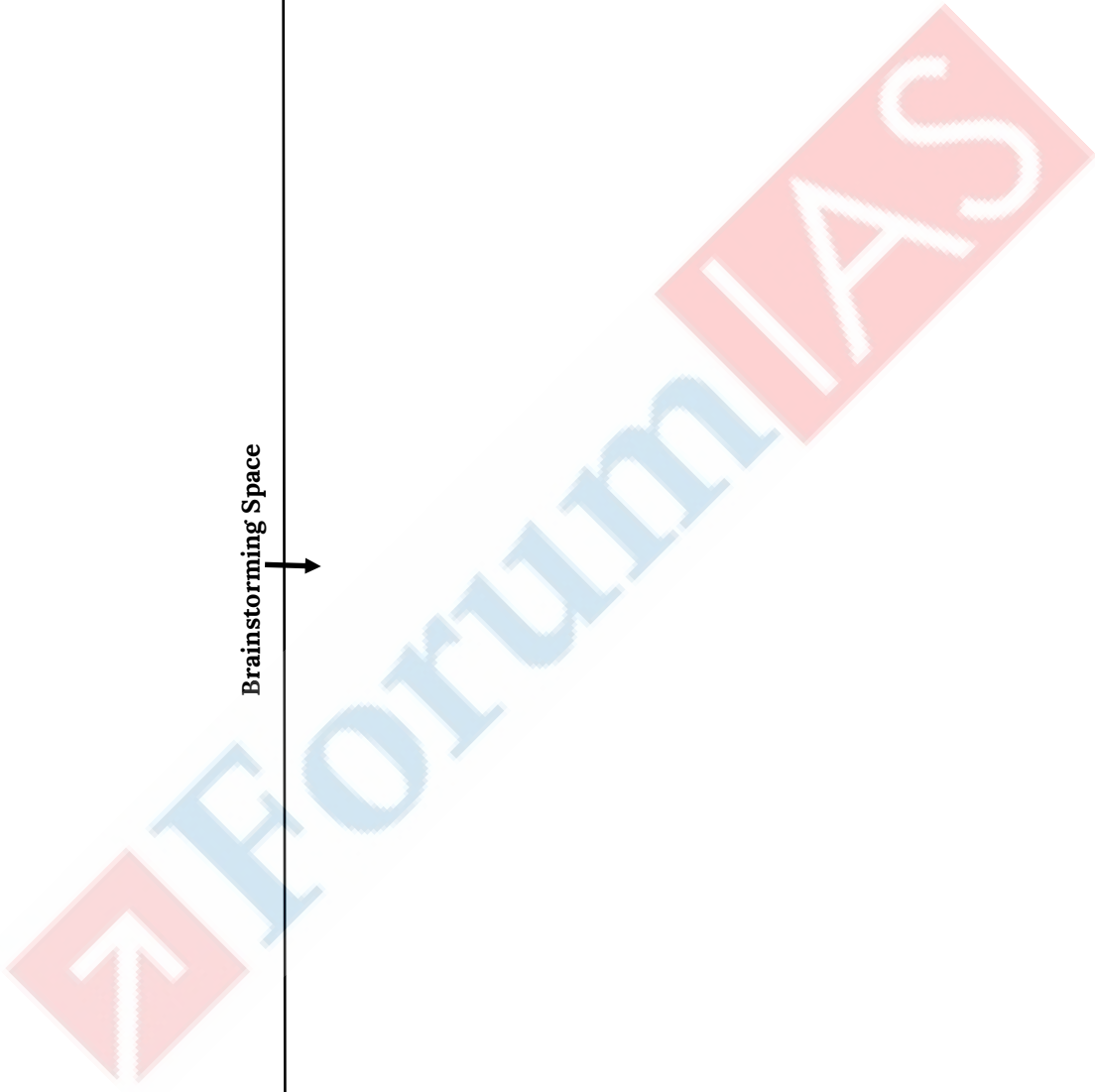
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Q.34) Among several factors for India's potential growth, savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

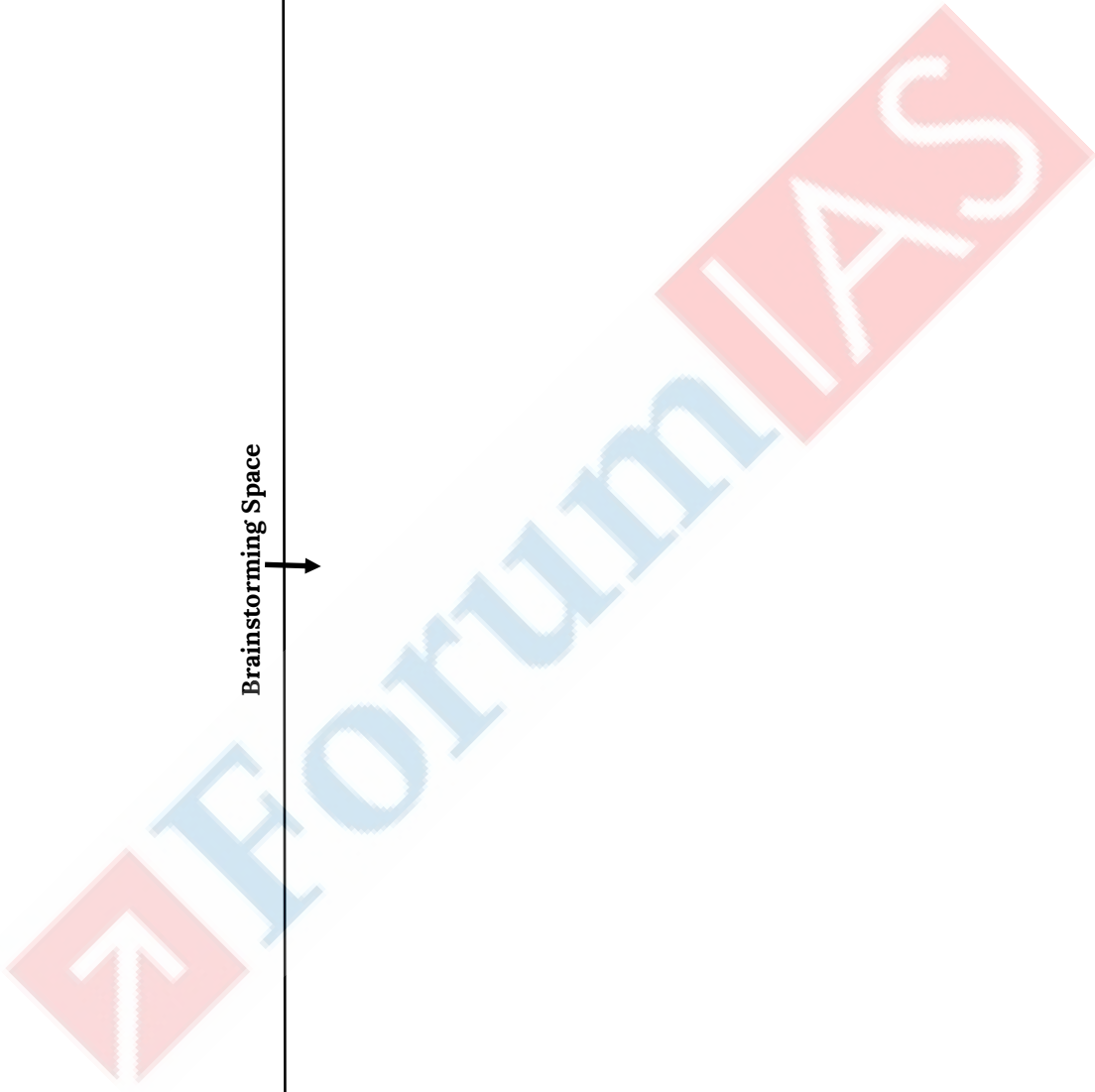
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Q.35) What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyse and suggest measures for inclusive growth. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

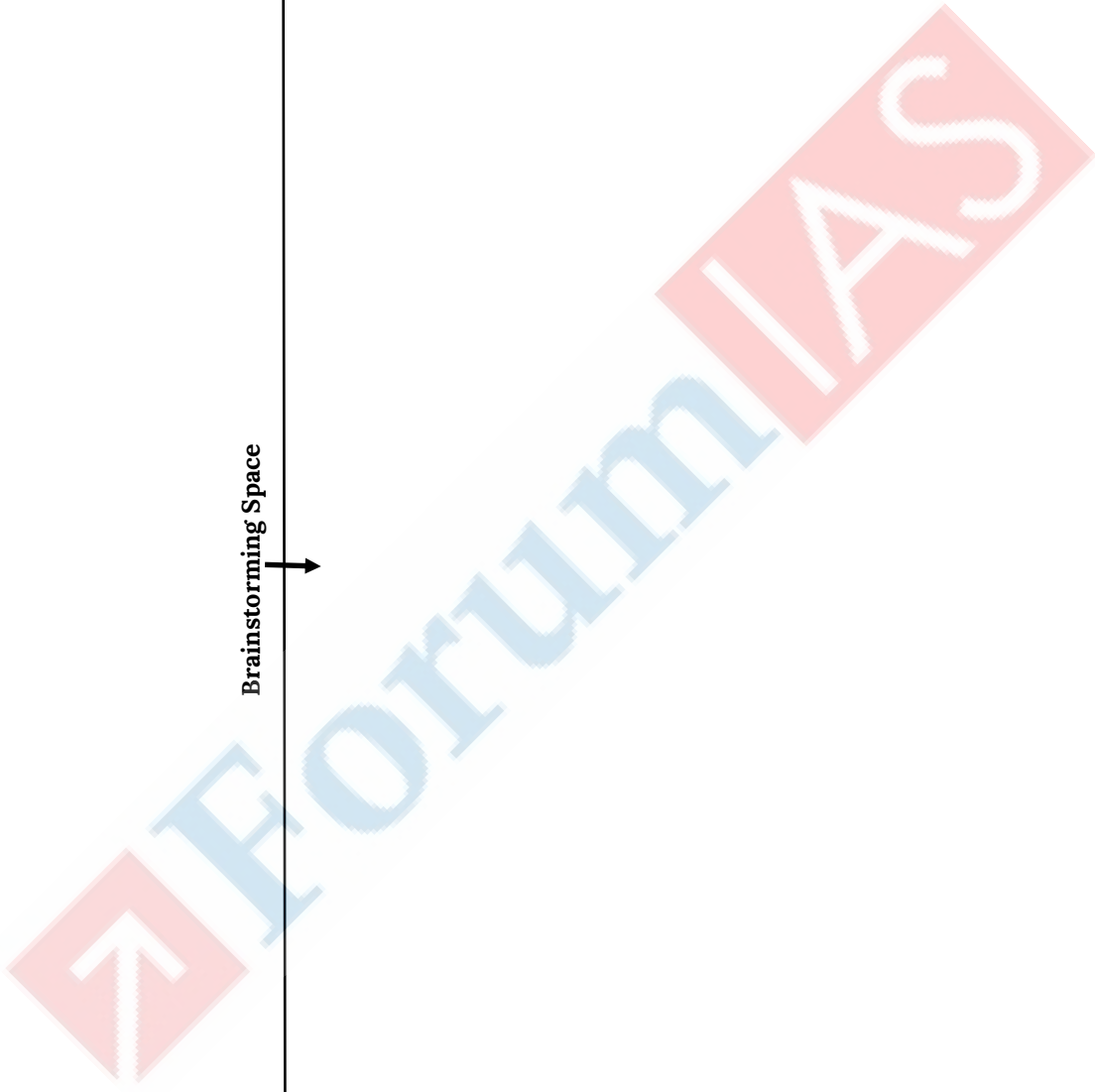
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Q.36) The nature of economic growth in India is described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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Q.37) "While we flaunt India's demographic dividend, we ignore the dropping rates of employability." What are we missing while doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain.
(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

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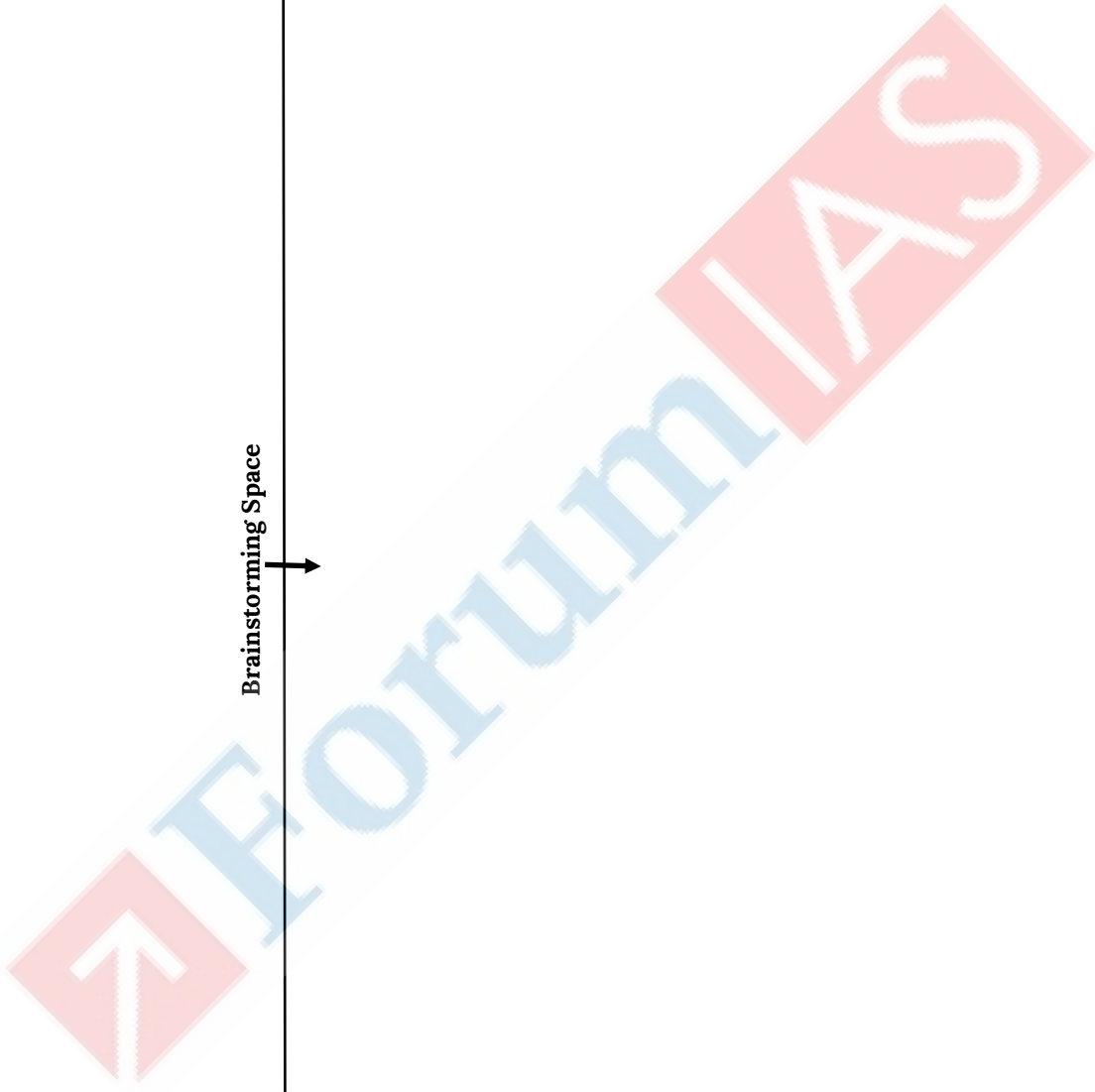
Q.38) Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short-sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

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Q.39) Normally countries shift from agriculture to industry and then later to services, but India shifted directly from agriculture to services. What are the reasons for the huge growth-services vis-a-vis industry in the country? Can India become a developed country without a strong industrial base? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

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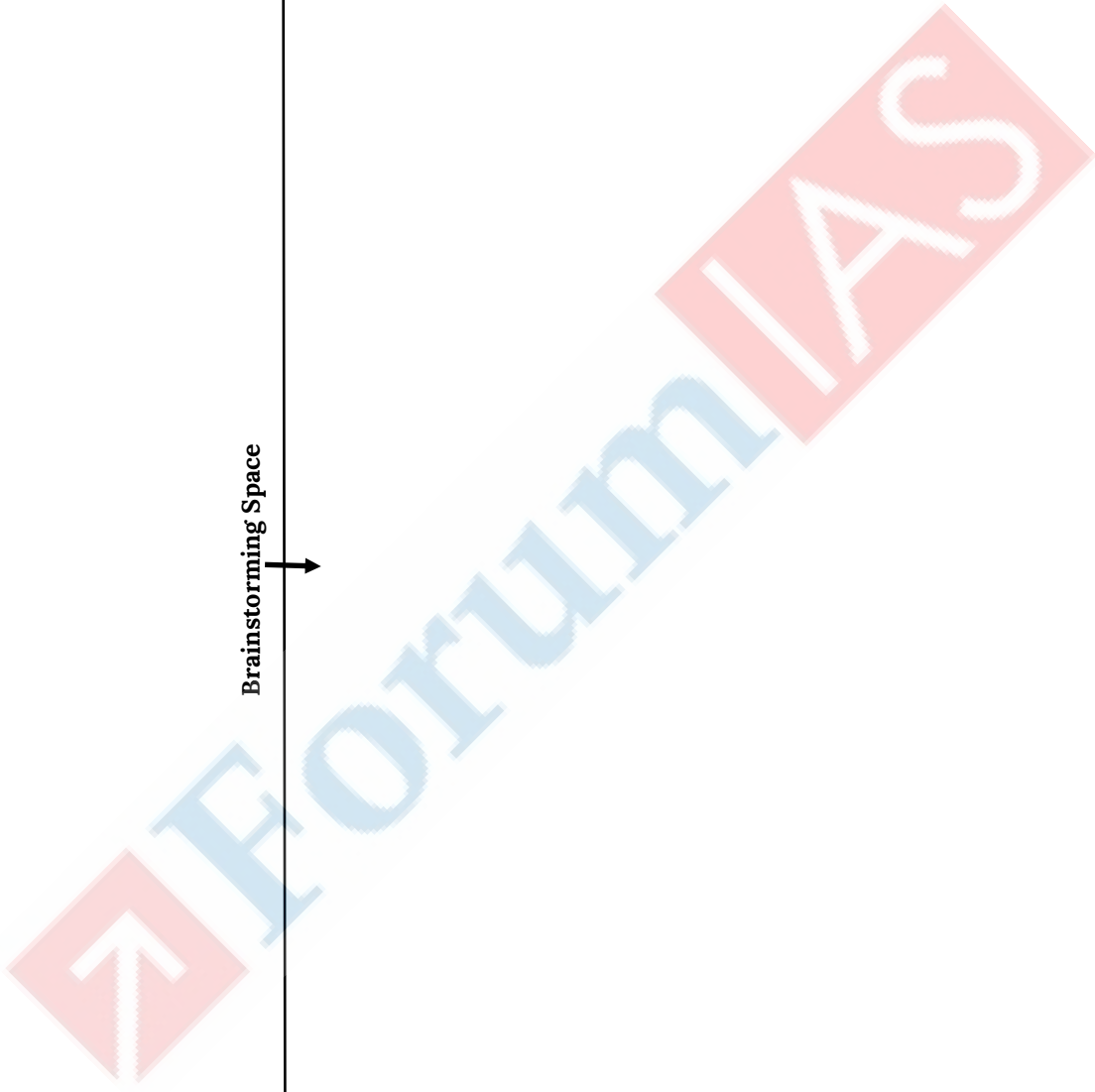


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Q.40) Critically review the international concern in achieving the targets set for the Millennium Development Goals. (15 marks, 250 words) (2012)

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Q.41) Keeping in view the informal sector's share in the total workforce in the country, critically examine the relevant inclusive measures initiated by the Government of India and their effectiveness.

(15 marks, 250 words) (2012)

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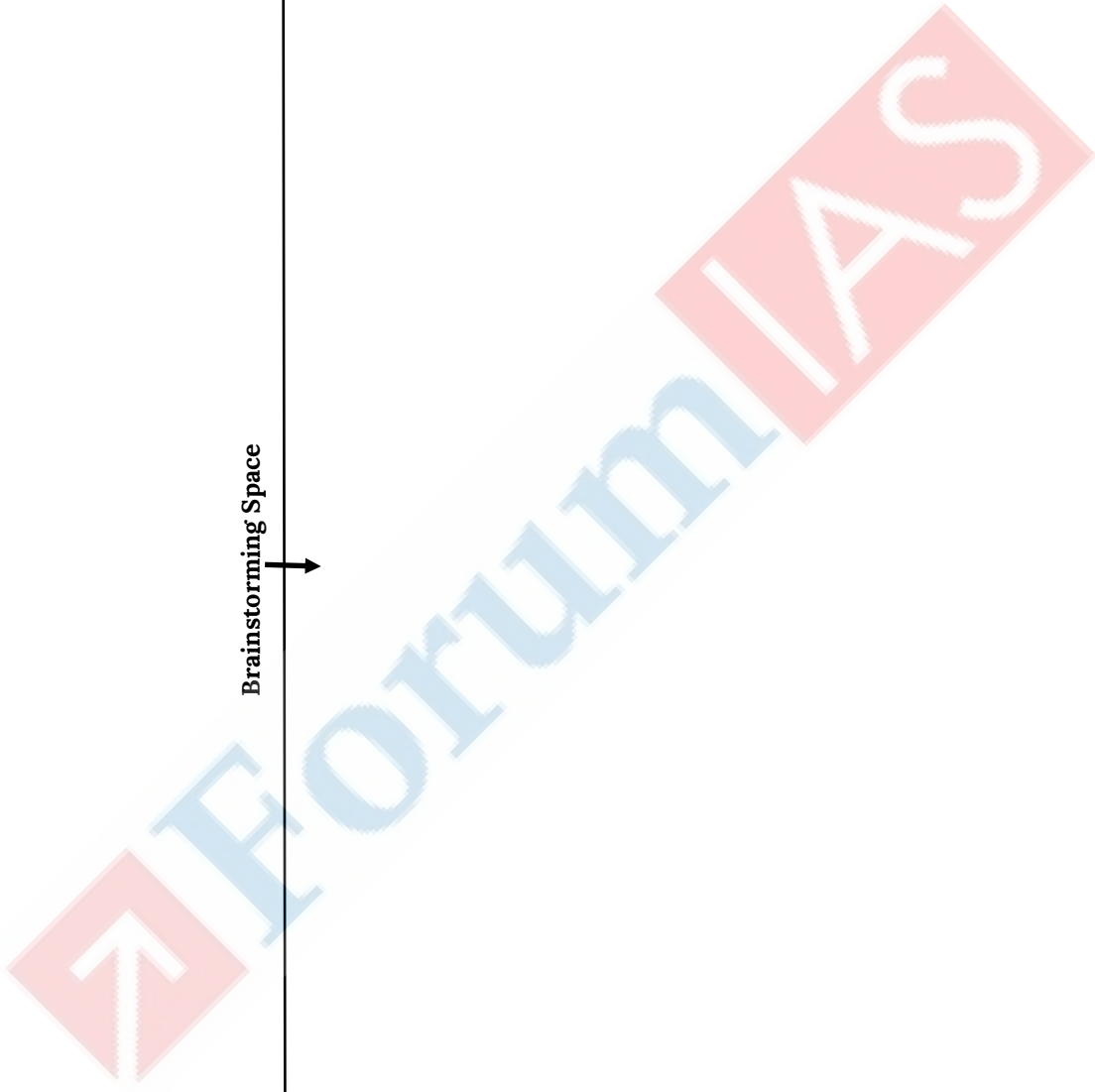


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Q.42) Assess the significance of coastal regions in the economic development of India. (10 marks, 150 words) (2009)

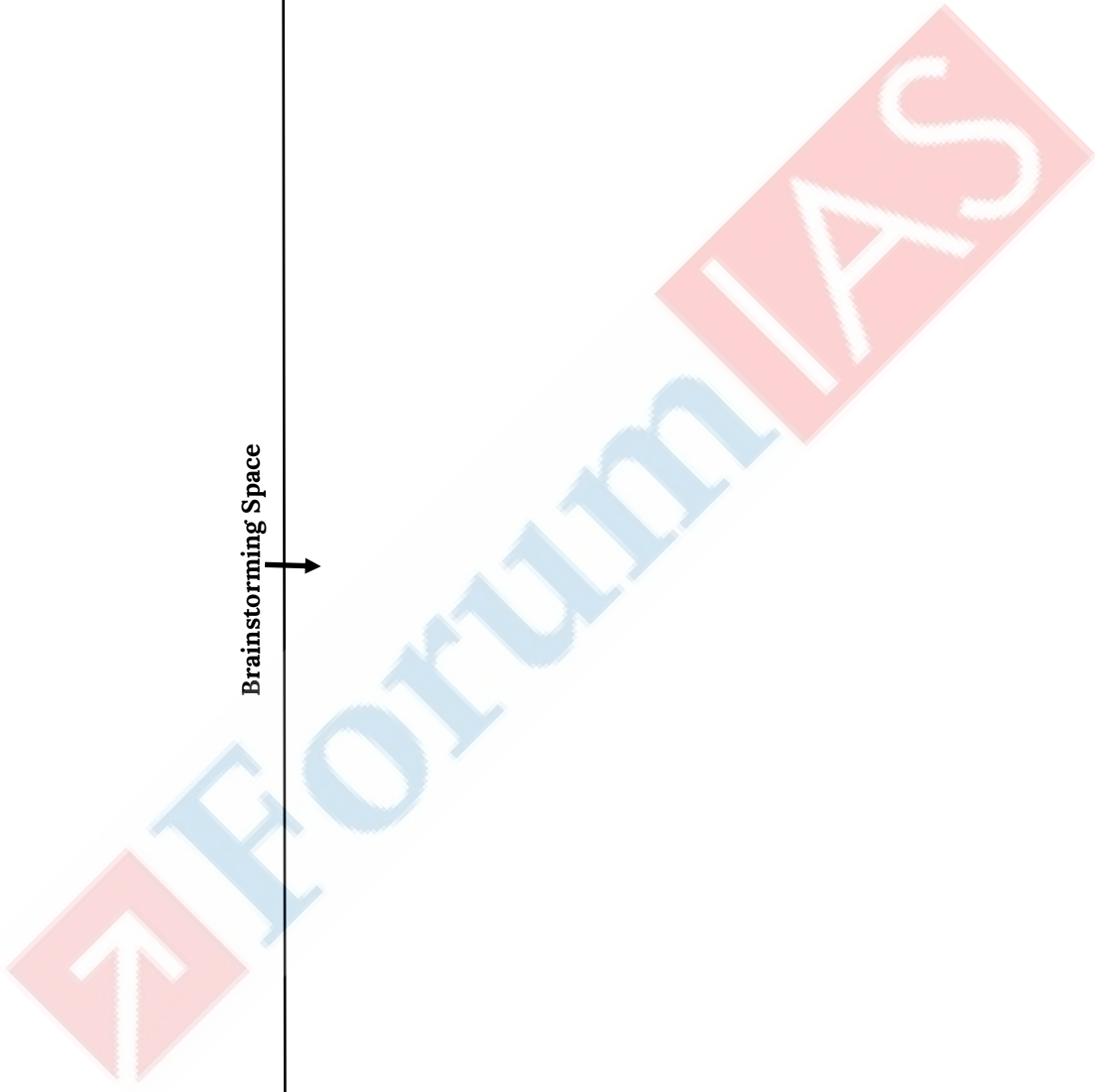
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Q.43) How has the Indian State tackled the trade-off between environment and development?
(10 marks, 150 words) (2005)

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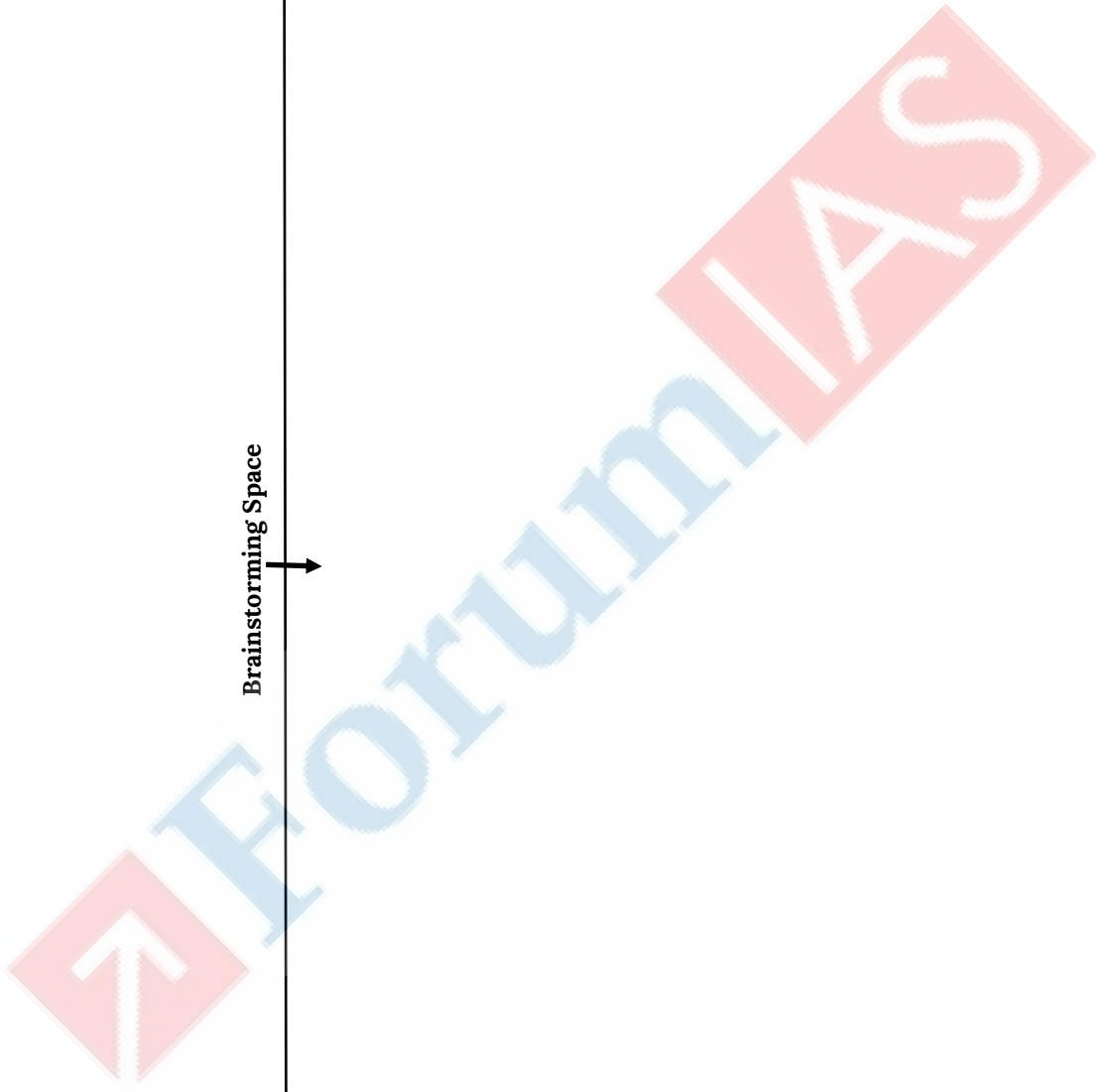


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Q.44) State the comprehensive structural reforms undertaken to improve the Indian economy since 1991. (15 marks, 250 words) (2004)

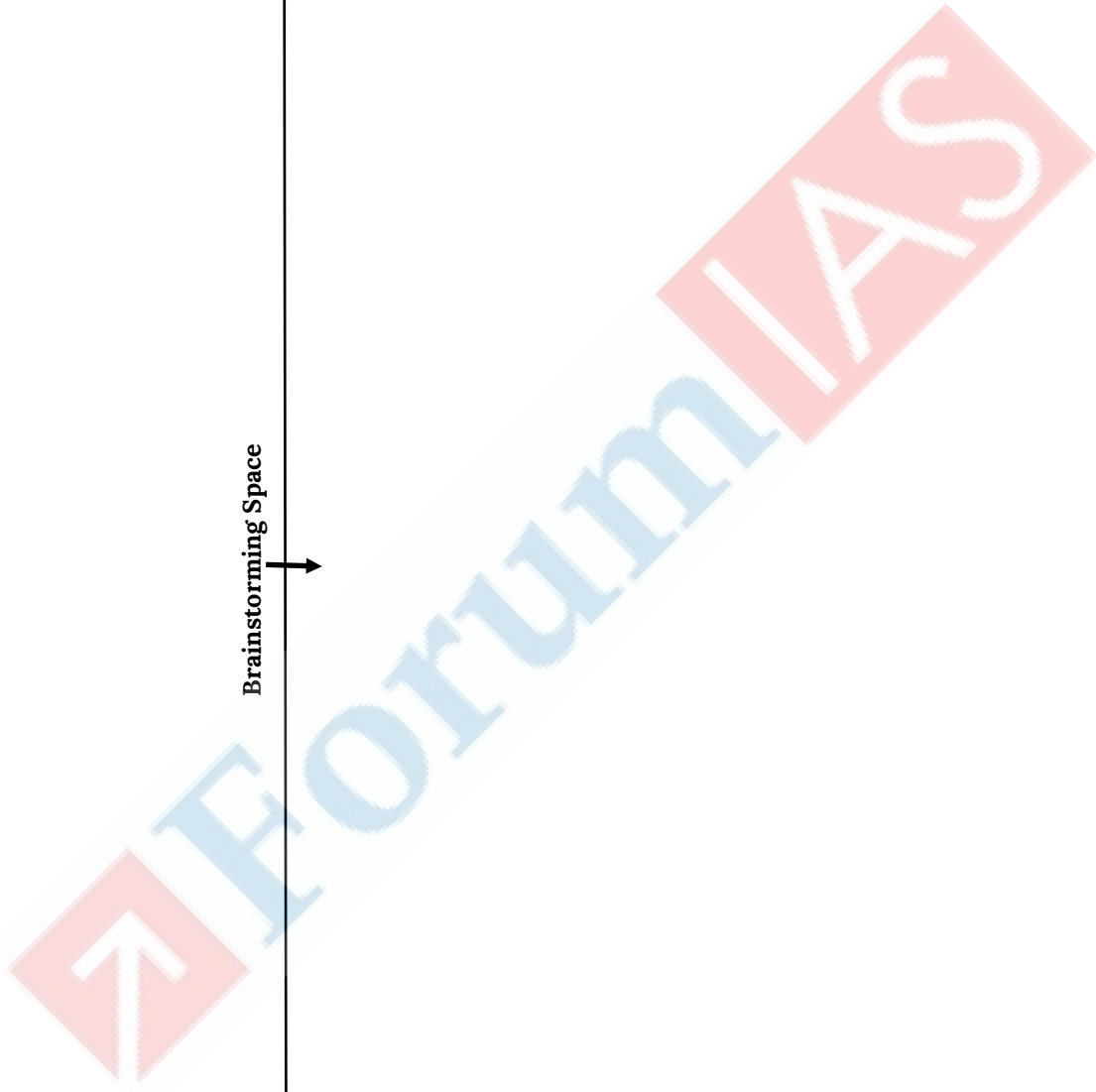
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Q.45) What is the incidence of poverty in India? How should poverty alleviation programmes be constructed? (15 marks, 250 words) (2001)

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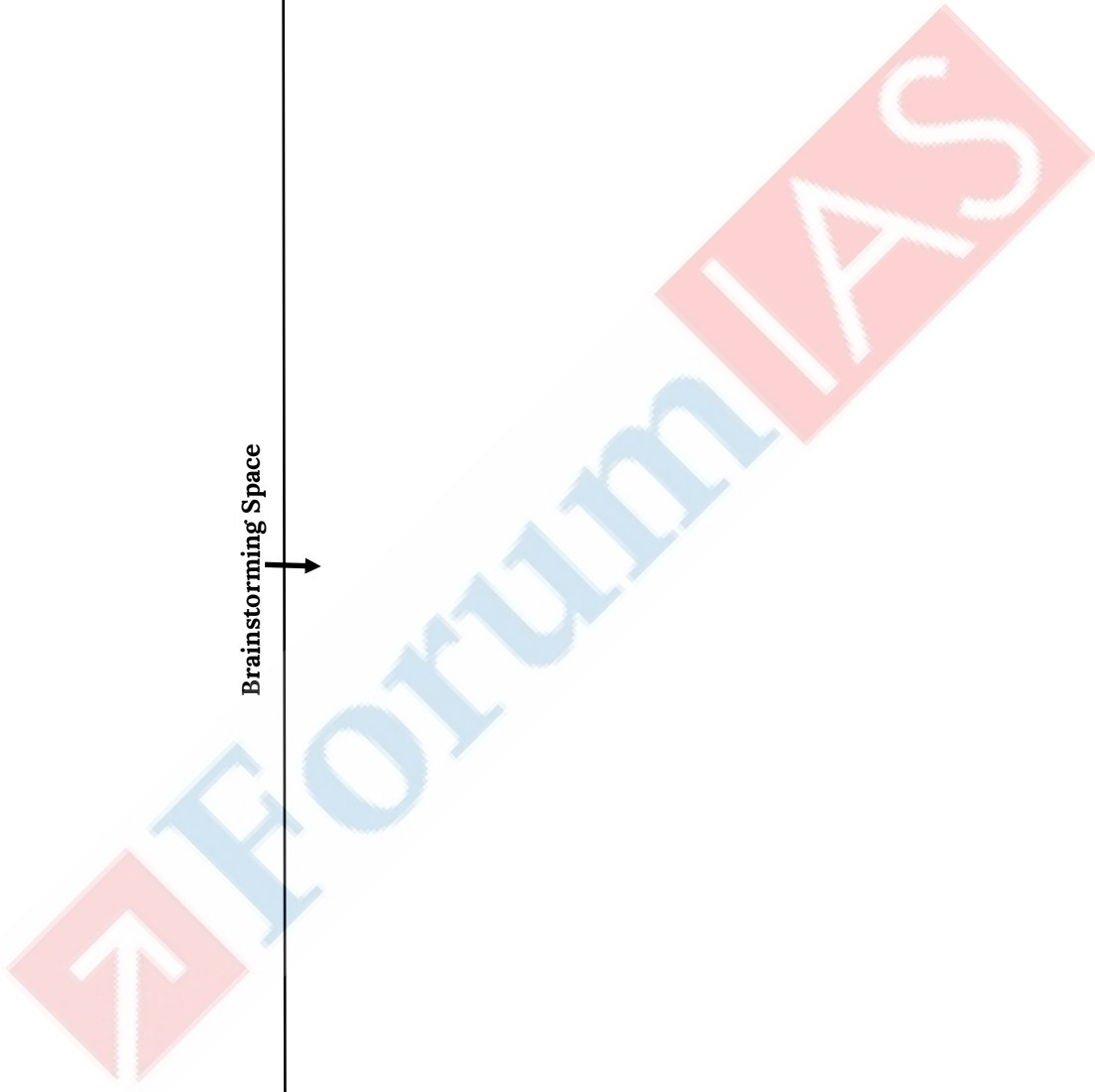
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Q.46) Control over growth of population in India is an essential condition for the country's rapid economic development. Discuss.

(15 marks, 250 words) (2000)

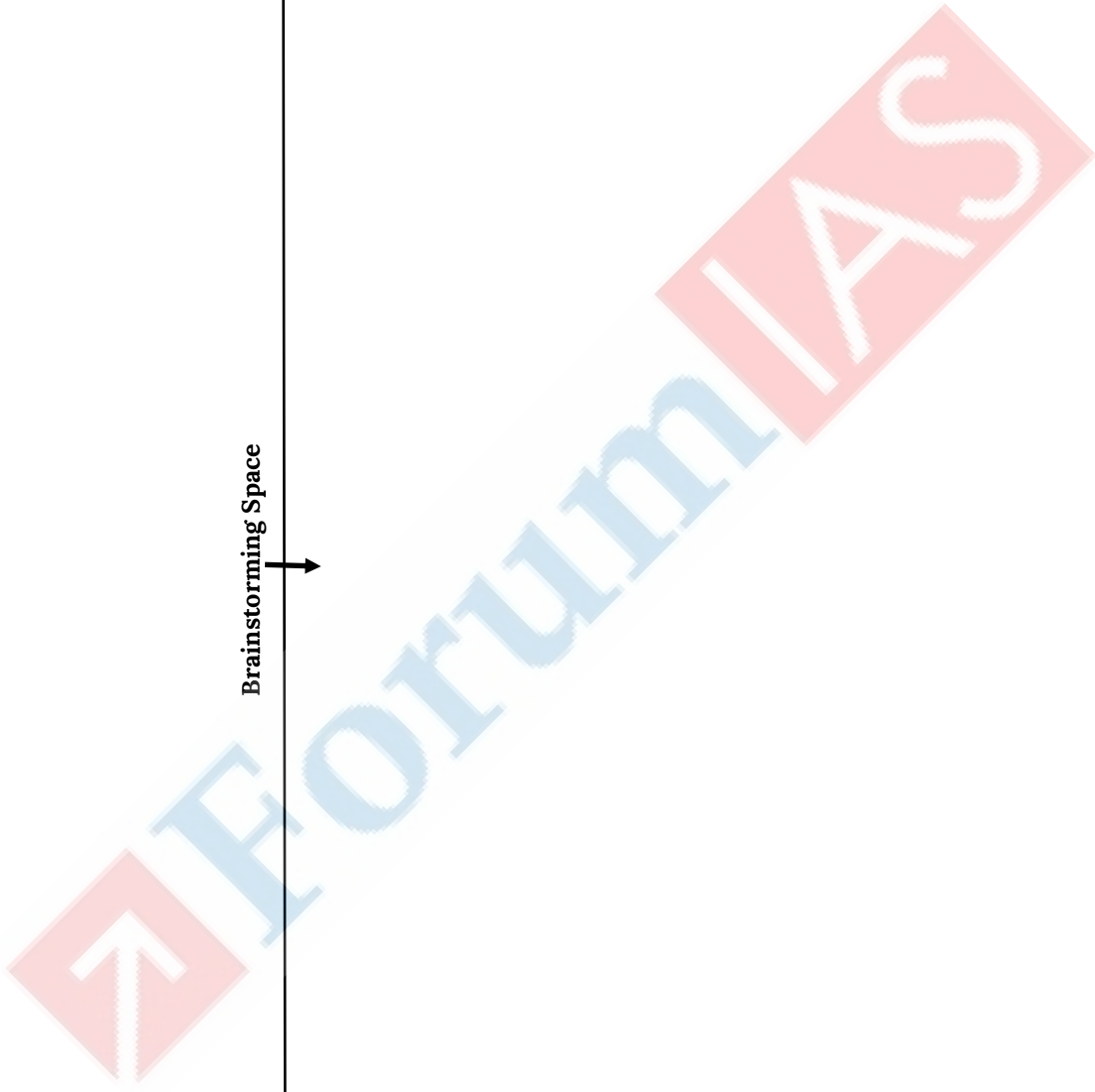
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Q.47) How is absolute poverty line measured? What are the important measures taken by the Government to eradicate rural poverty in India?
(15 marks, 250 words) (1998)

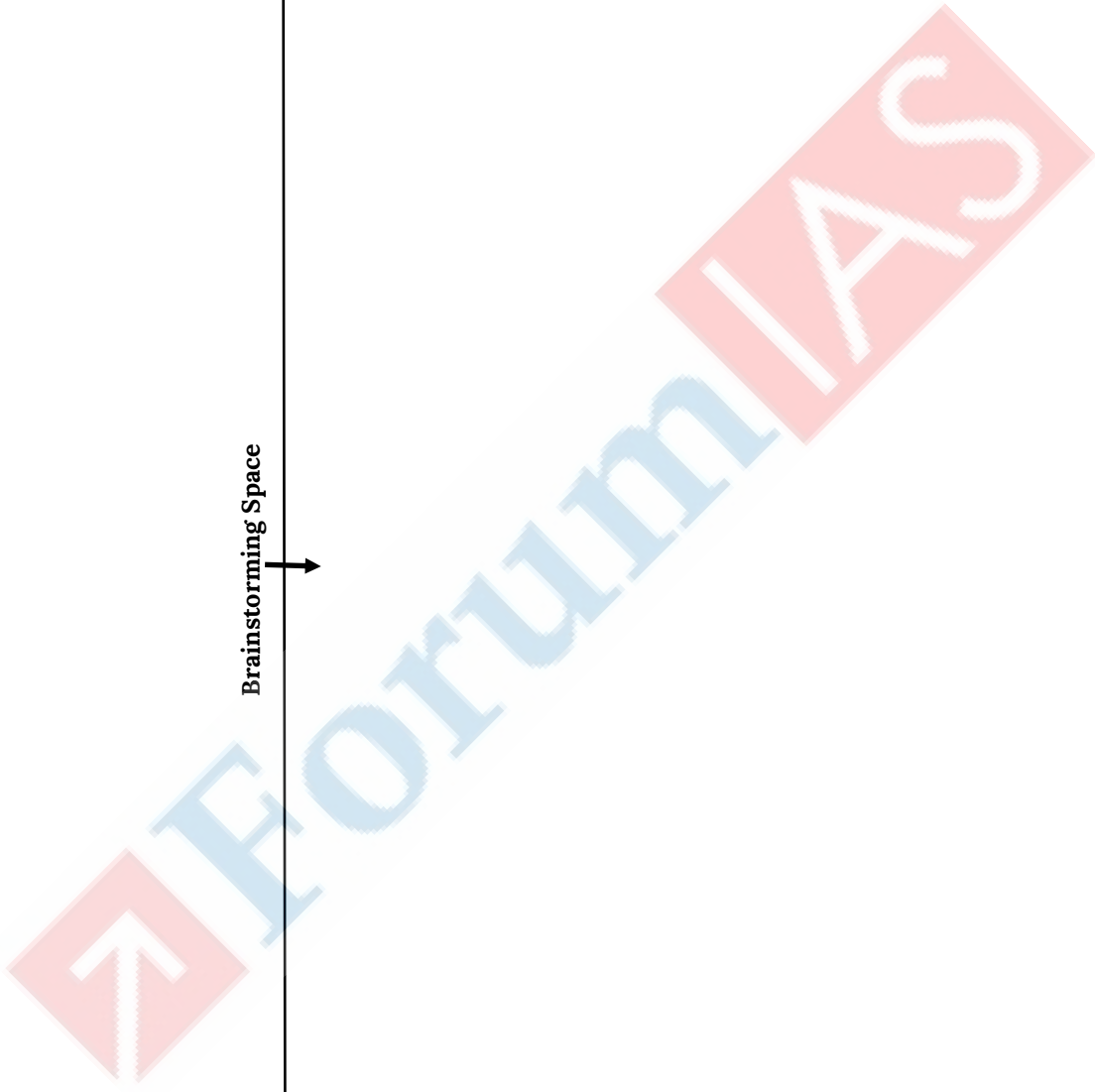
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Q.48) What are the geo-economic causes of underdevelopment of various regions in India? (10 marks, 150 words) (1998)

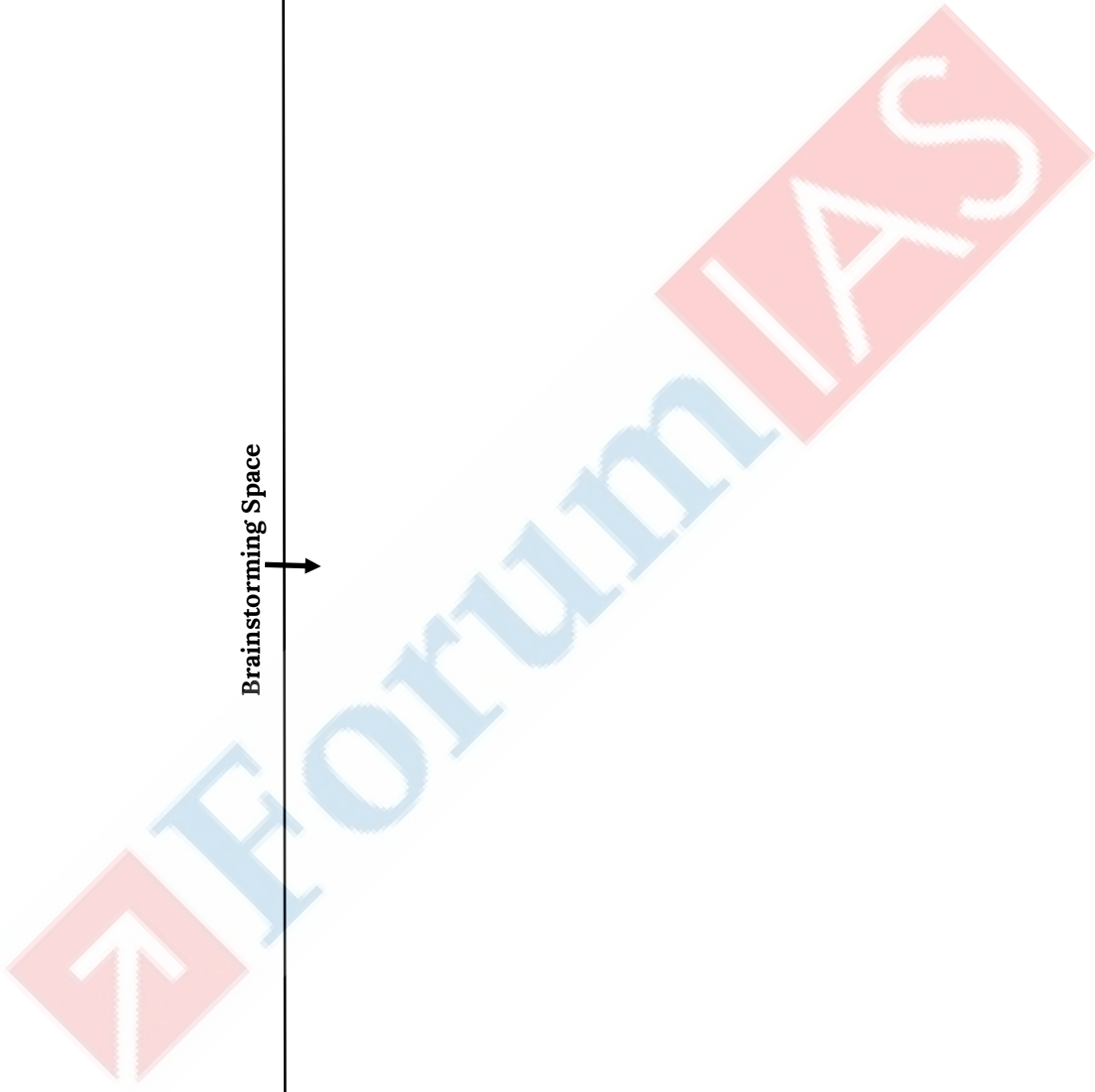
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Q.49) What has been the role of NRIs in the economic development of India in the recent past? (10 marks, 150 words) (1998)

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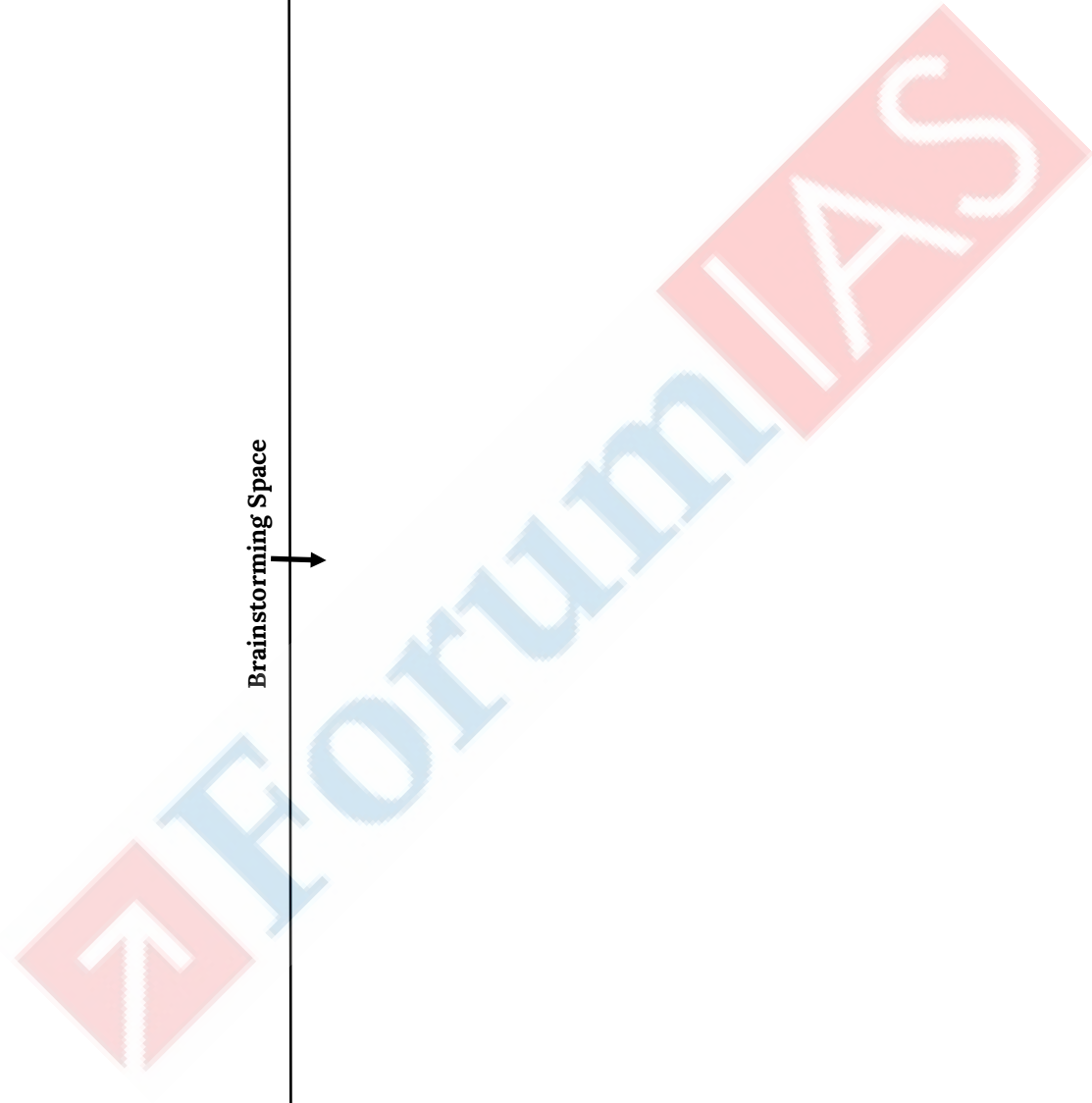


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Q.50) What measures has the Government of India taken for the development of Tribal areas in India?
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Q.51) How is poverty-line defined in India? Briefly enumerate the measures undertaken by the Government in recent years to alleviate poverty (10 marks, 150 words) (1996)

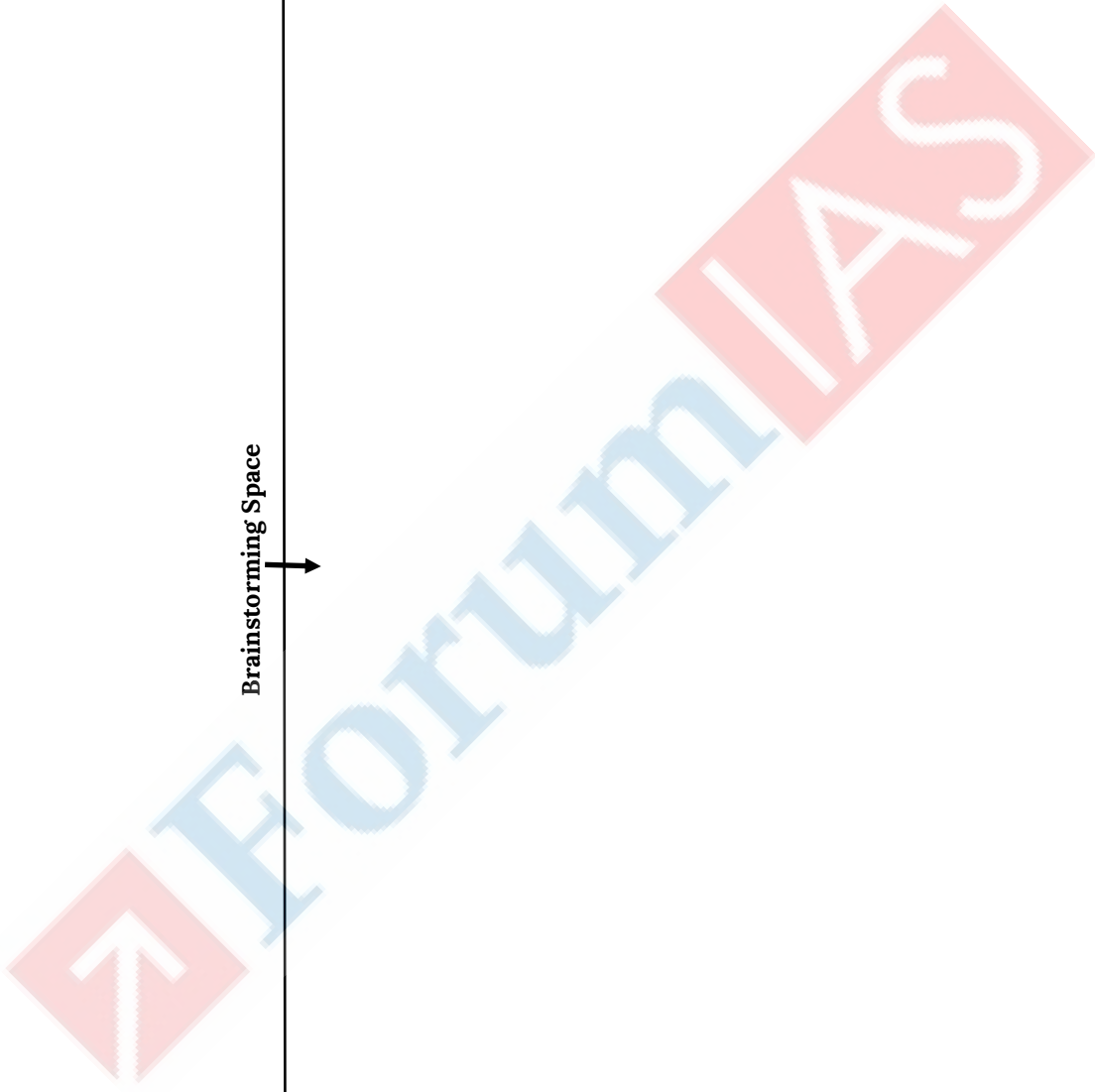
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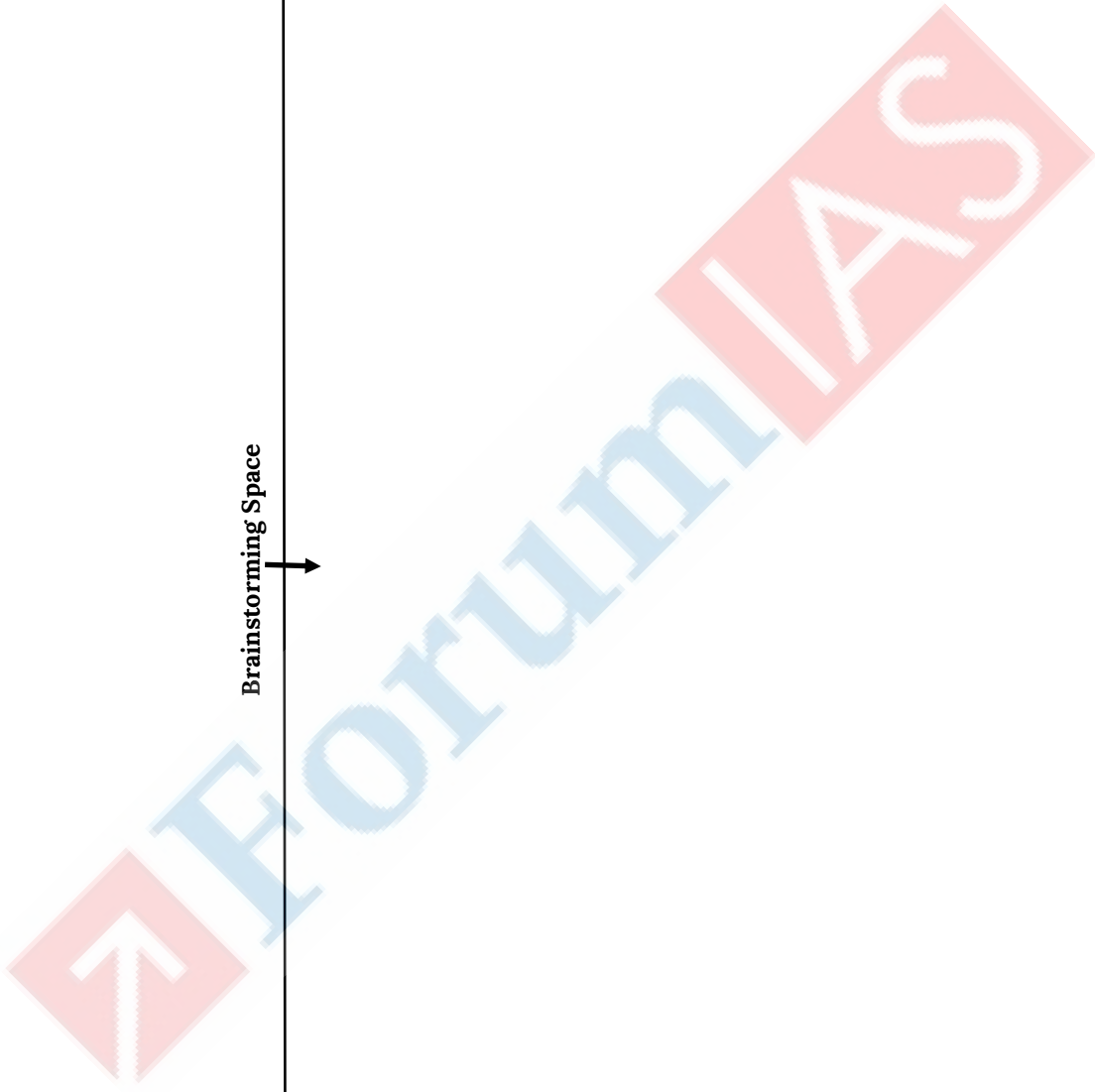
Q.52) What was the rationale of the Mahalanobis Strategy of economic growth?
(10 marks, 150 words) (1994)

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Q.53) What usually is meant by the expression an underdeveloped economy? What, according to you, are the basic causes of underdevelopment in India?
(15 marks, 250 words) (1991)

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Q.54) What is the economic rationale behind the establishment of growth centres? Explain briefly the criteria for selecting three growth centres. (10 marks, 150 words) (1990)

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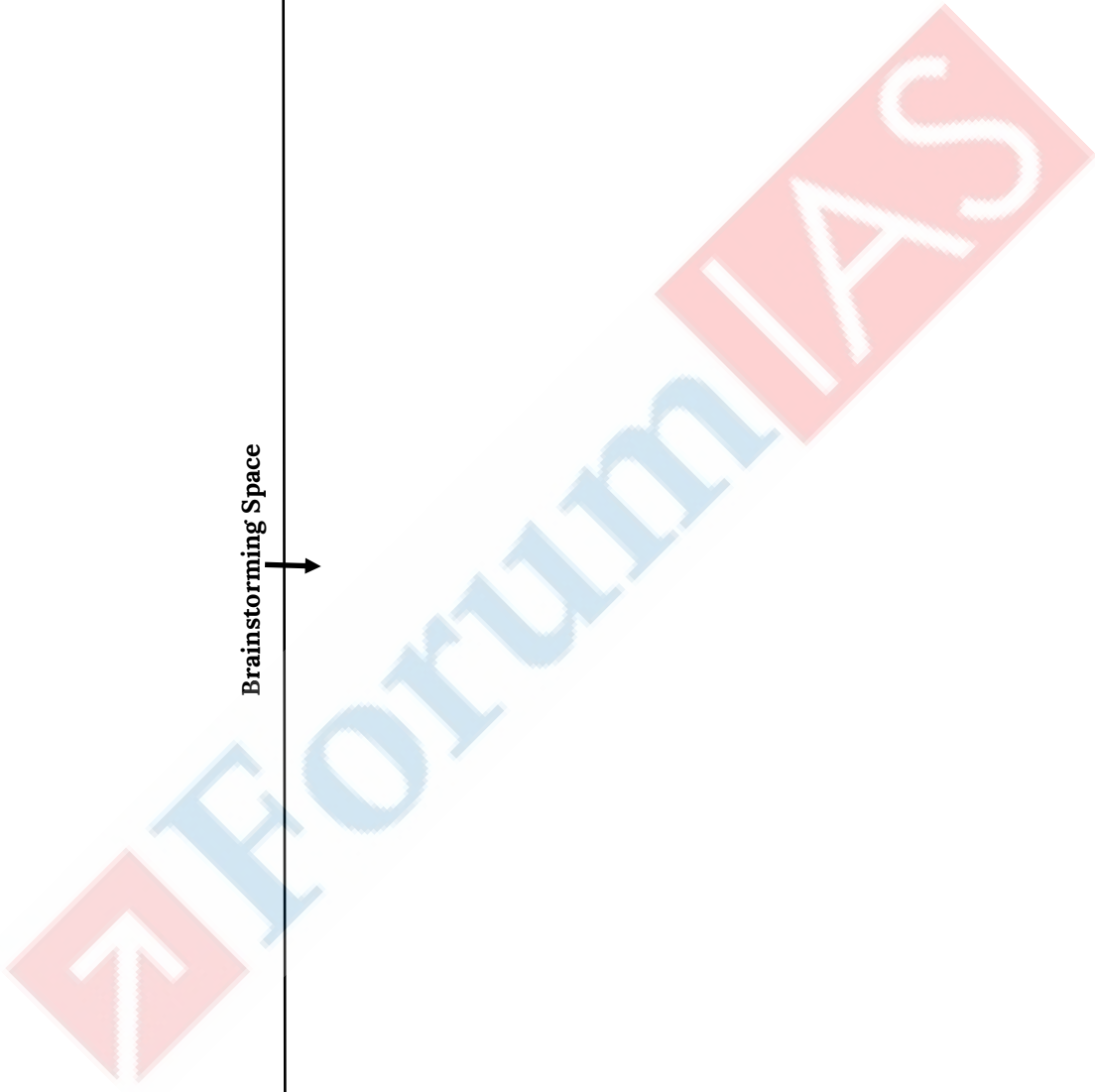


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Q.55) Discuss the progress of Indian economy during 'Forty Years of Freedom' What structural changes do you think, have taken place in the economy?
(15 marks, 250 words) (1988)

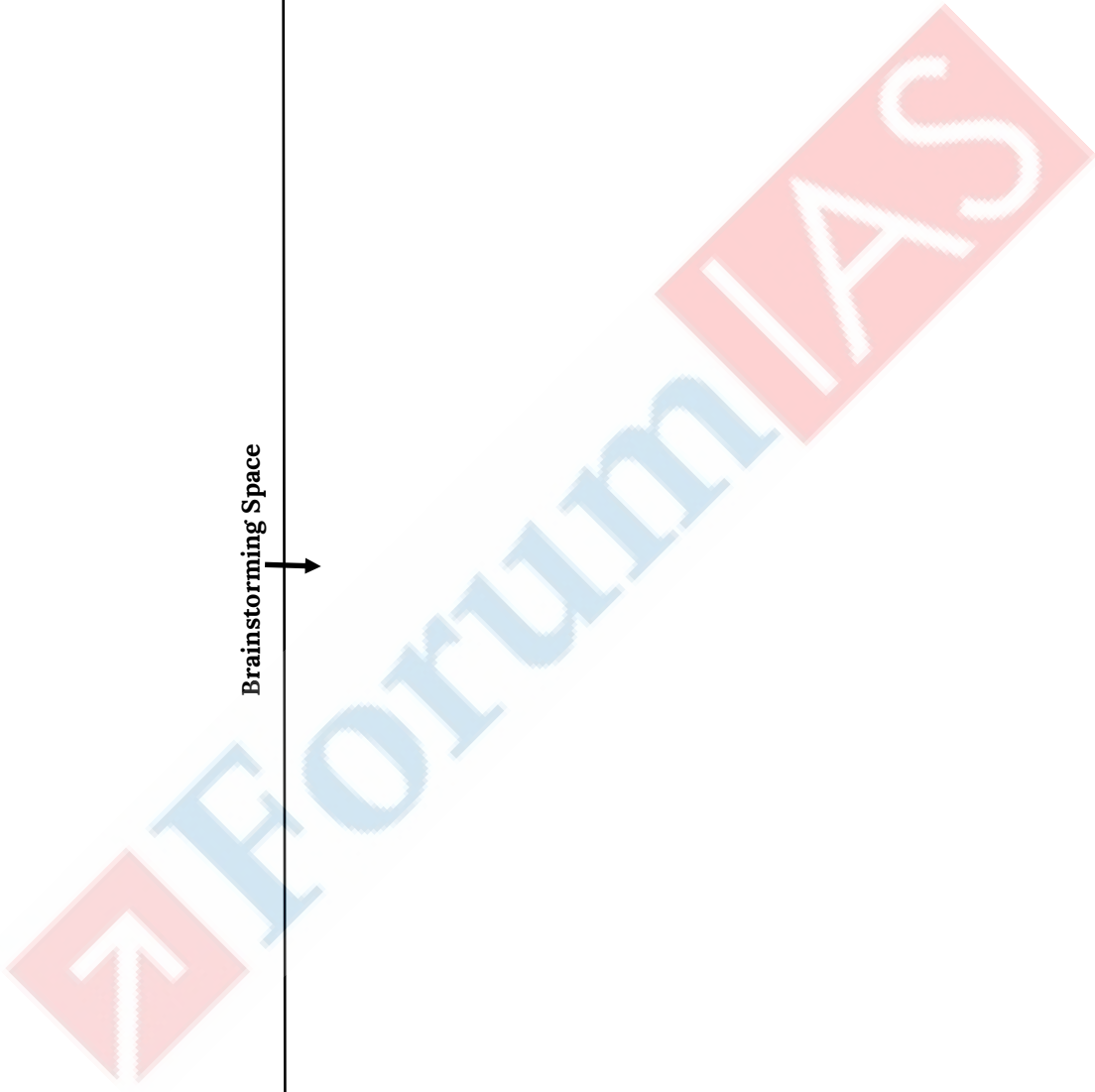
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Q.56) Discuss the problem of rural unemployment in India. What specific schemes have been launched by the Government to generate employment opportunities in rural areas? (15 marks, 250 words) (1987)

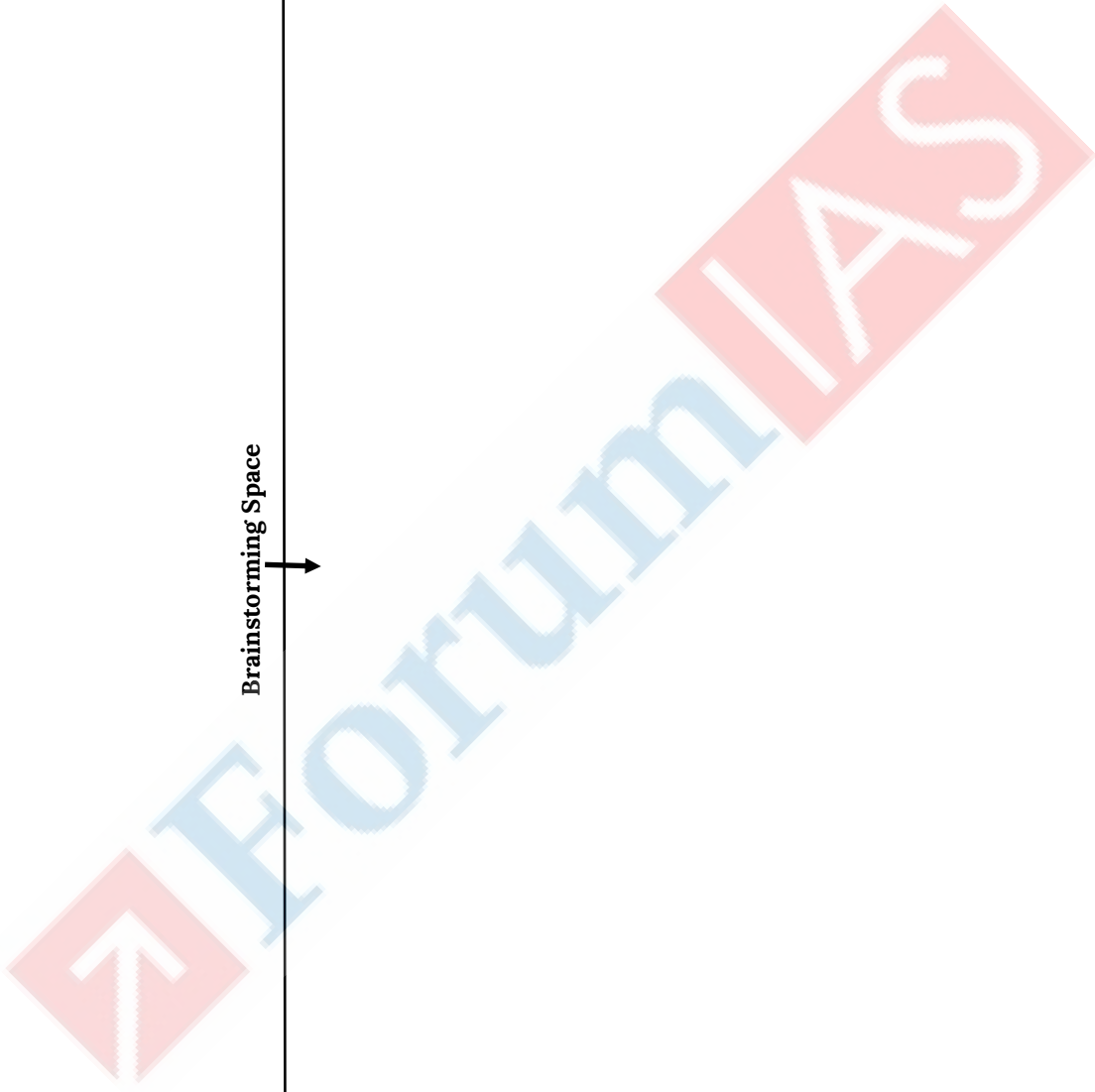
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Q.57) Inflation has been one of the major and persistent cause of poverty and inequality in India' Analyse. (15 marks, 250 words) (1983)

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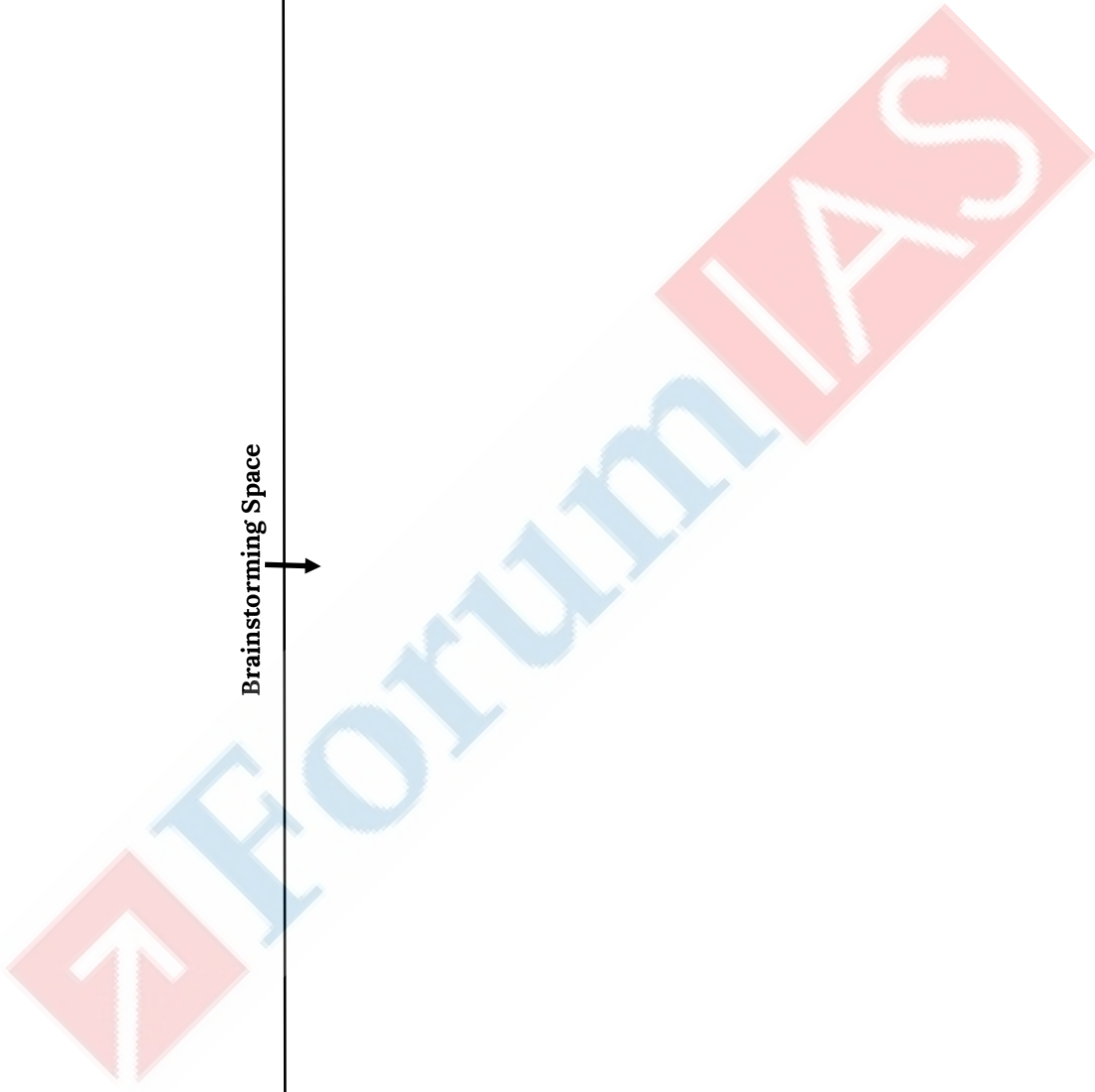


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Q.58) Describe the various types of unemployment in India What are the measures devised in the Sixth Plan to deal with the unemployment?
(10 marks, 150 words) (1982)

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Q.59) Unemployment in India is of many types and therefore a complex issue. Describe the nature of the problem and the measures adopted to deal with it particularly in rural areas.

(10 marks, 150 words) (1981)

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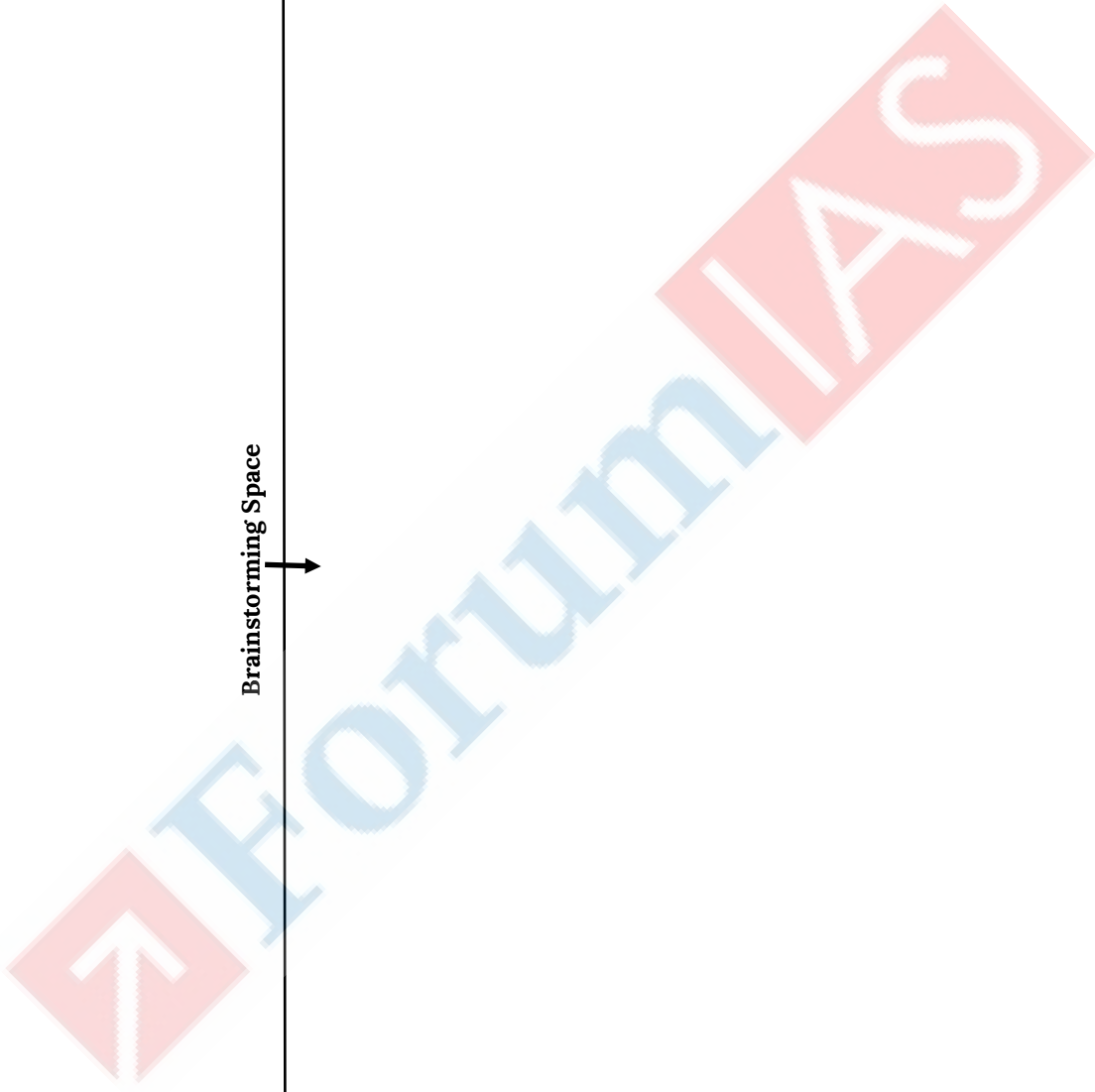




Q.60) What are the challenges before the Indian economy when the world is moving away from free trade and multilateralism to protectionism and bilateralism? How can these challenges be met?

(10 marks, 150 words) (2025)

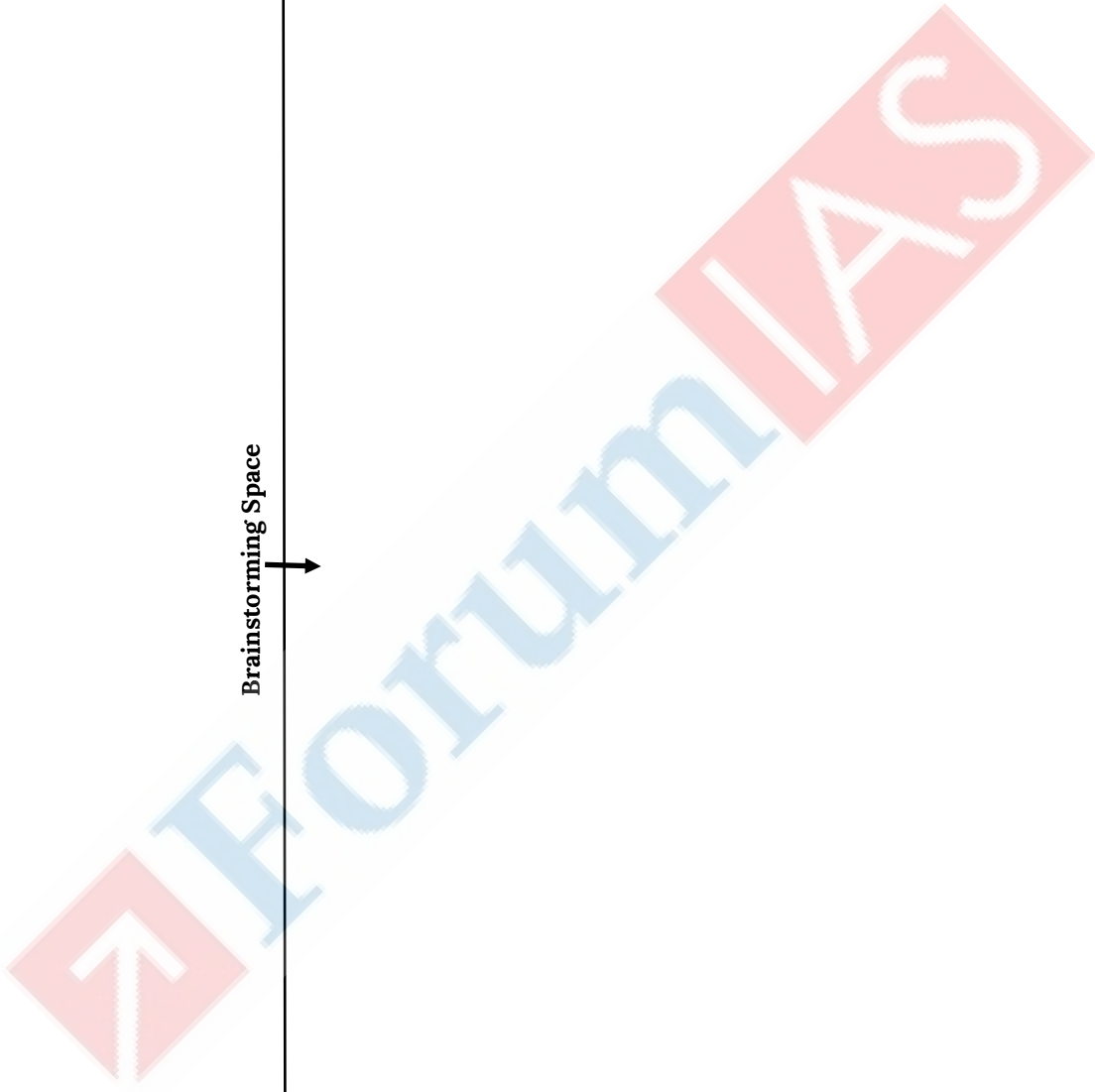
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Q.61) Bringing out the circumstances in 2005 which forced amendment to the section 3(d) in Indian Patent Law, 1970, discuss how it has been utilized by the Supreme Court in its judgement in rejecting Novartis' patent application for 'Glivec'. Discuss briefly the pros and cons of the decision. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

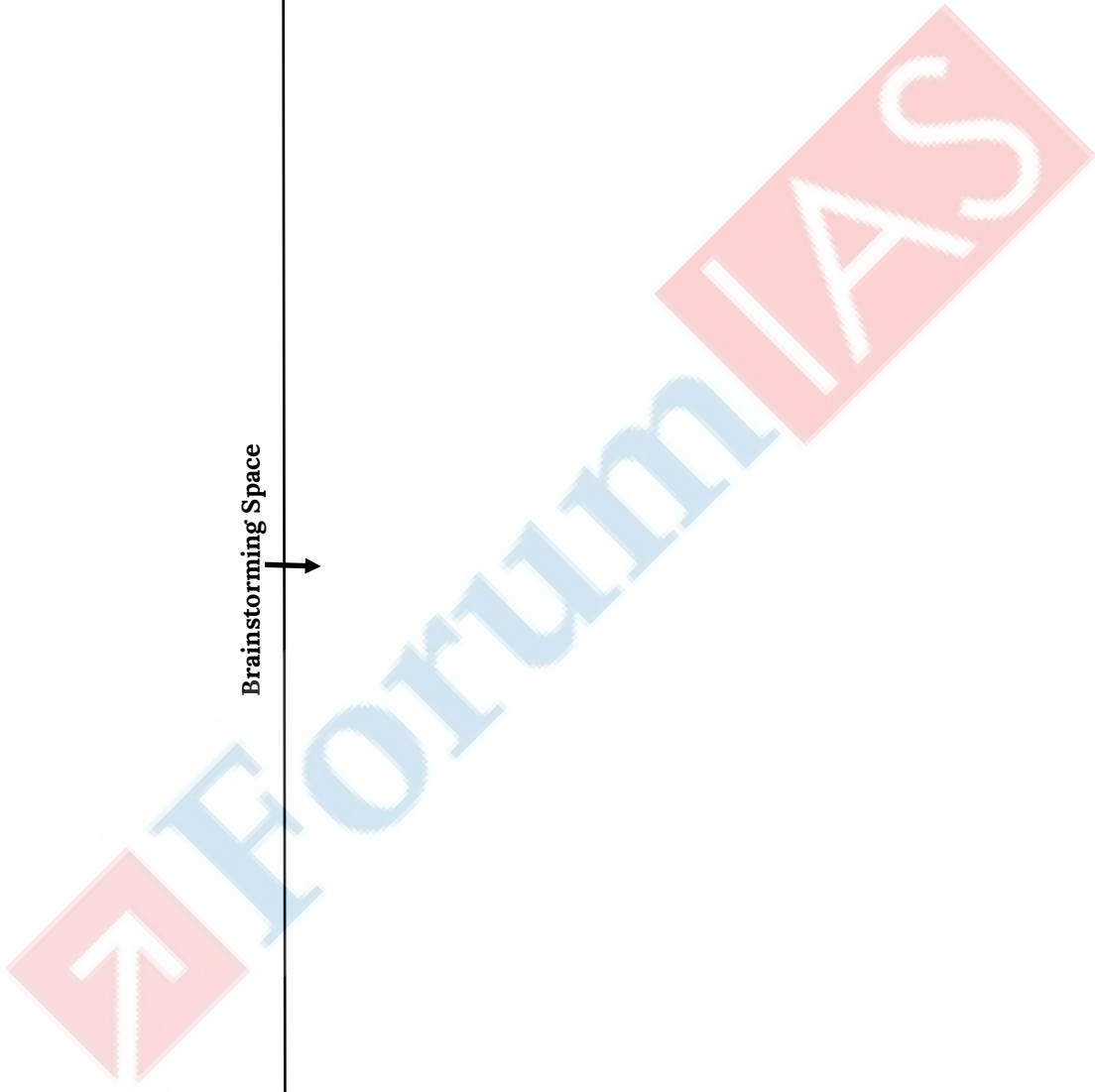
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Q.62) Examine the impact of liberalization on companies owned by Indians. Are they competing with the MNCs satisfactorily? Discuss.
(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

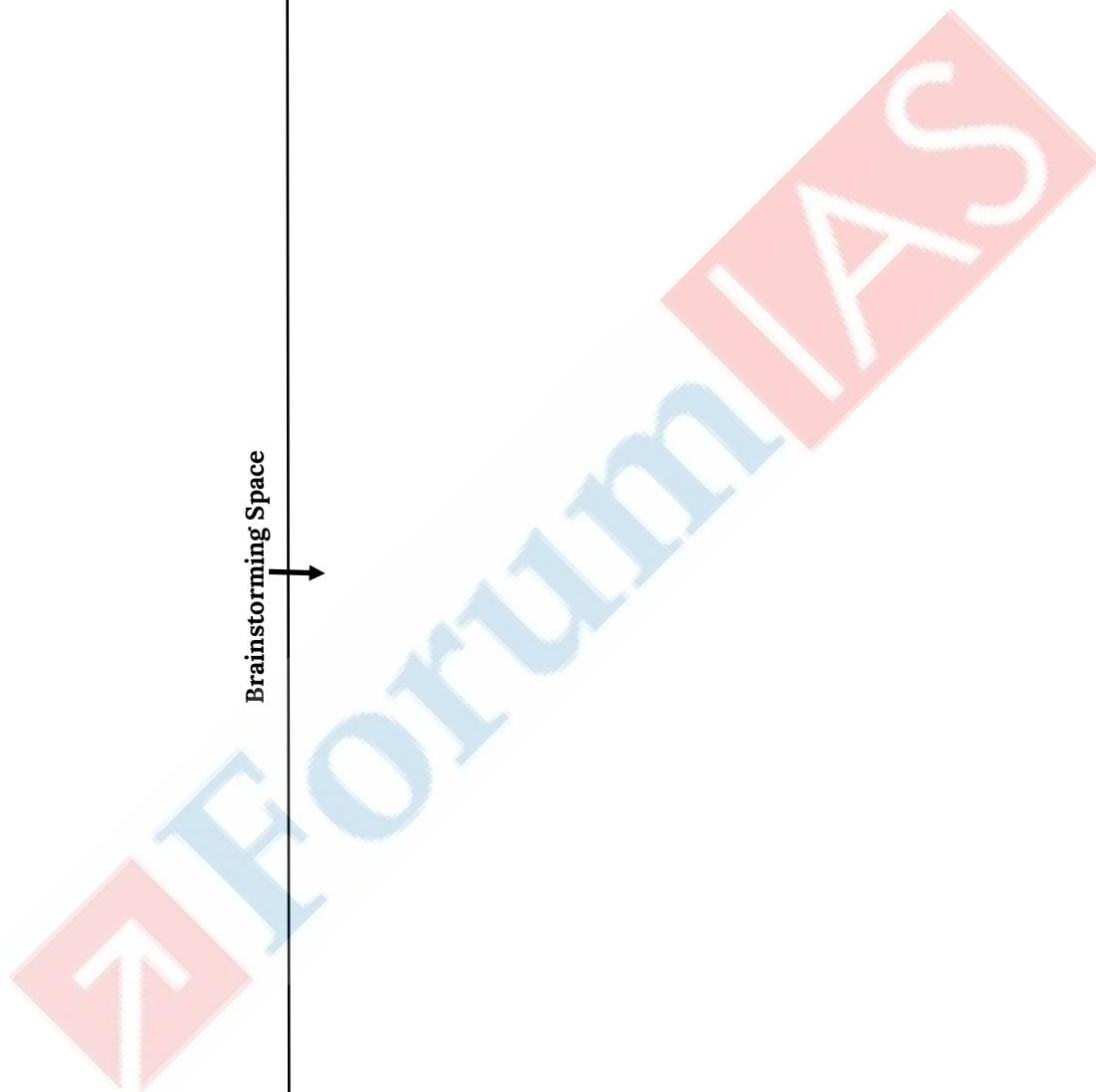
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Q.63) Food Security Bill is expected to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in India. Critically discuss various apprehensions in its effective implementation along with the concerns it has generated in WTO.
(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

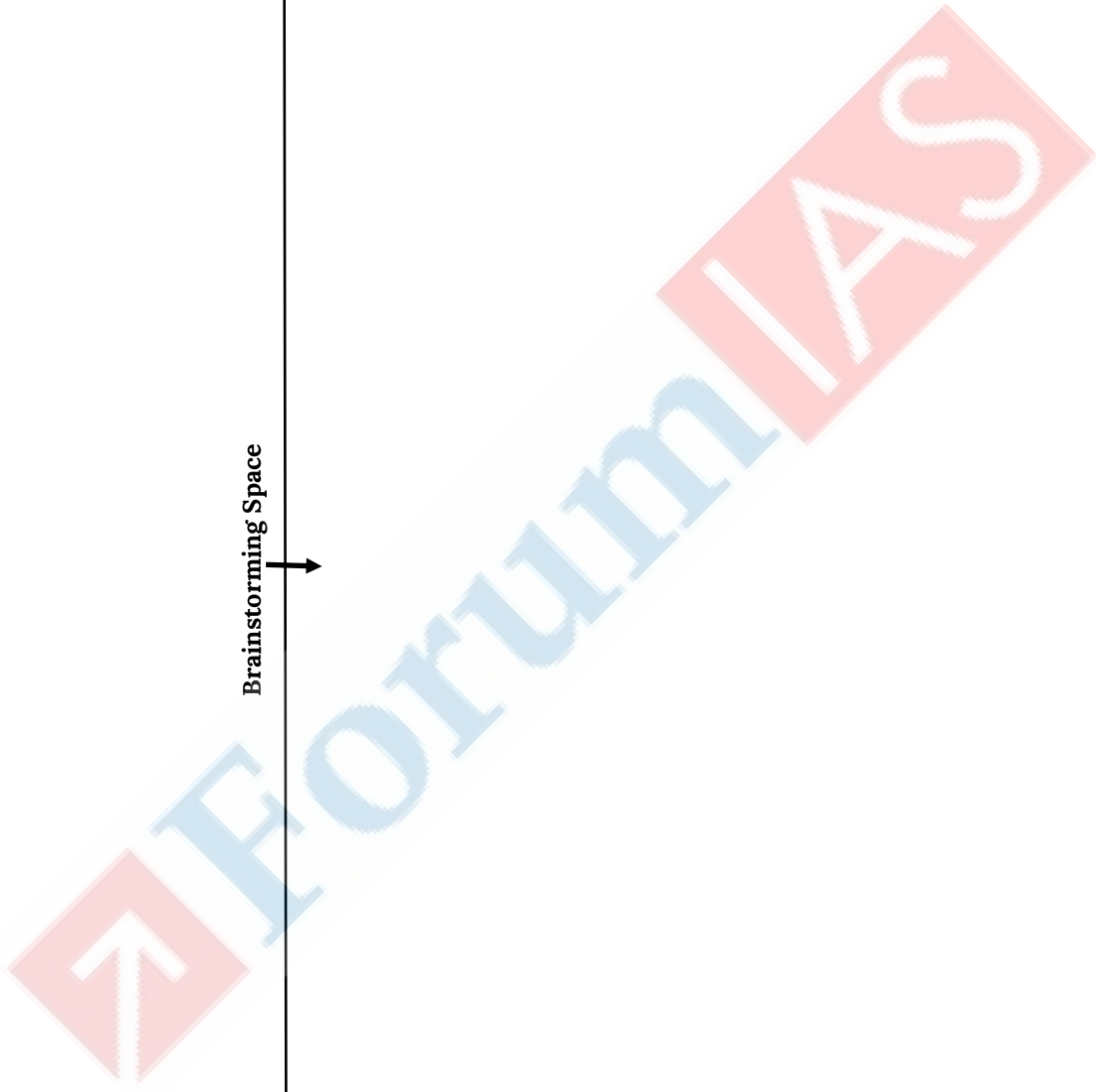
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Q.64) Why is international trade perceived to have failed to act as an “engine of growth” in many developing countries including India?
(15 marks, 250 words) (2012)

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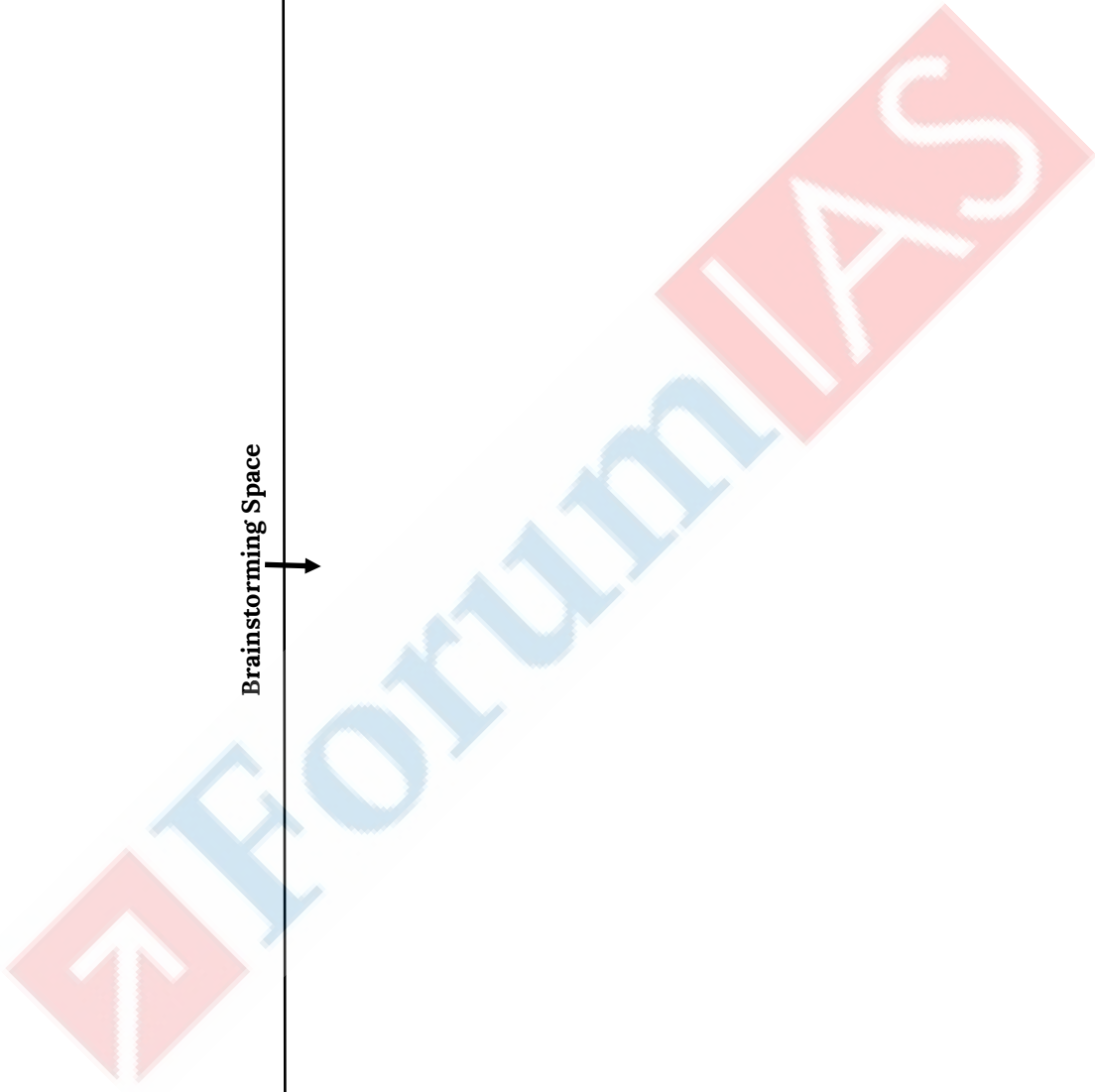




Q.65) In the WTO negotiations over the years of the DOHA Round, India appears to be diluting its stand on agriculture issues to pursue perceived gains in services. Critically examine.

(15 marks, 250 words) (2009)

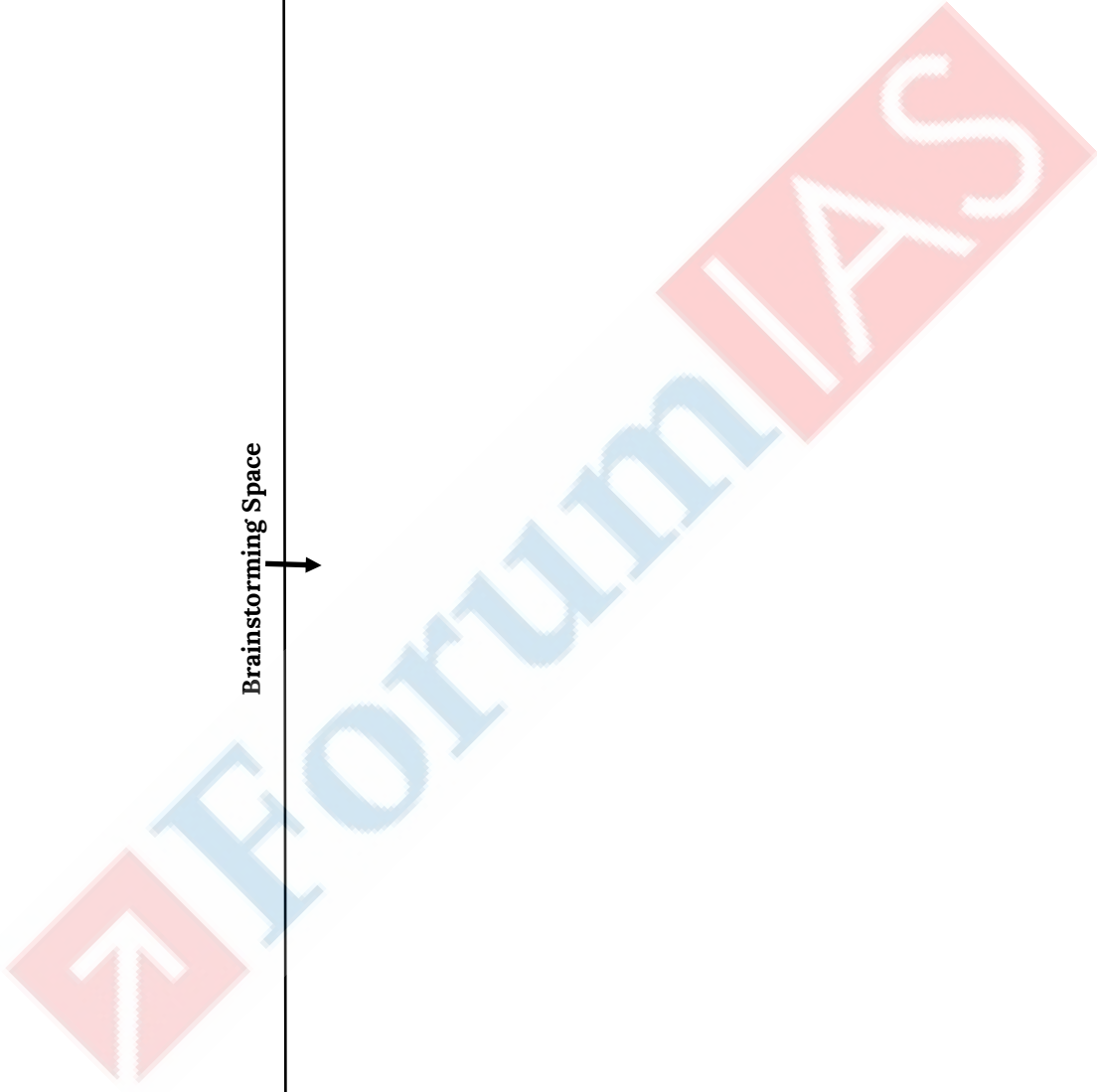
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Q.66) Describe the changes that have taken place in the direction of international trade of India since independence.
(10 marks, 150 words) (1998)

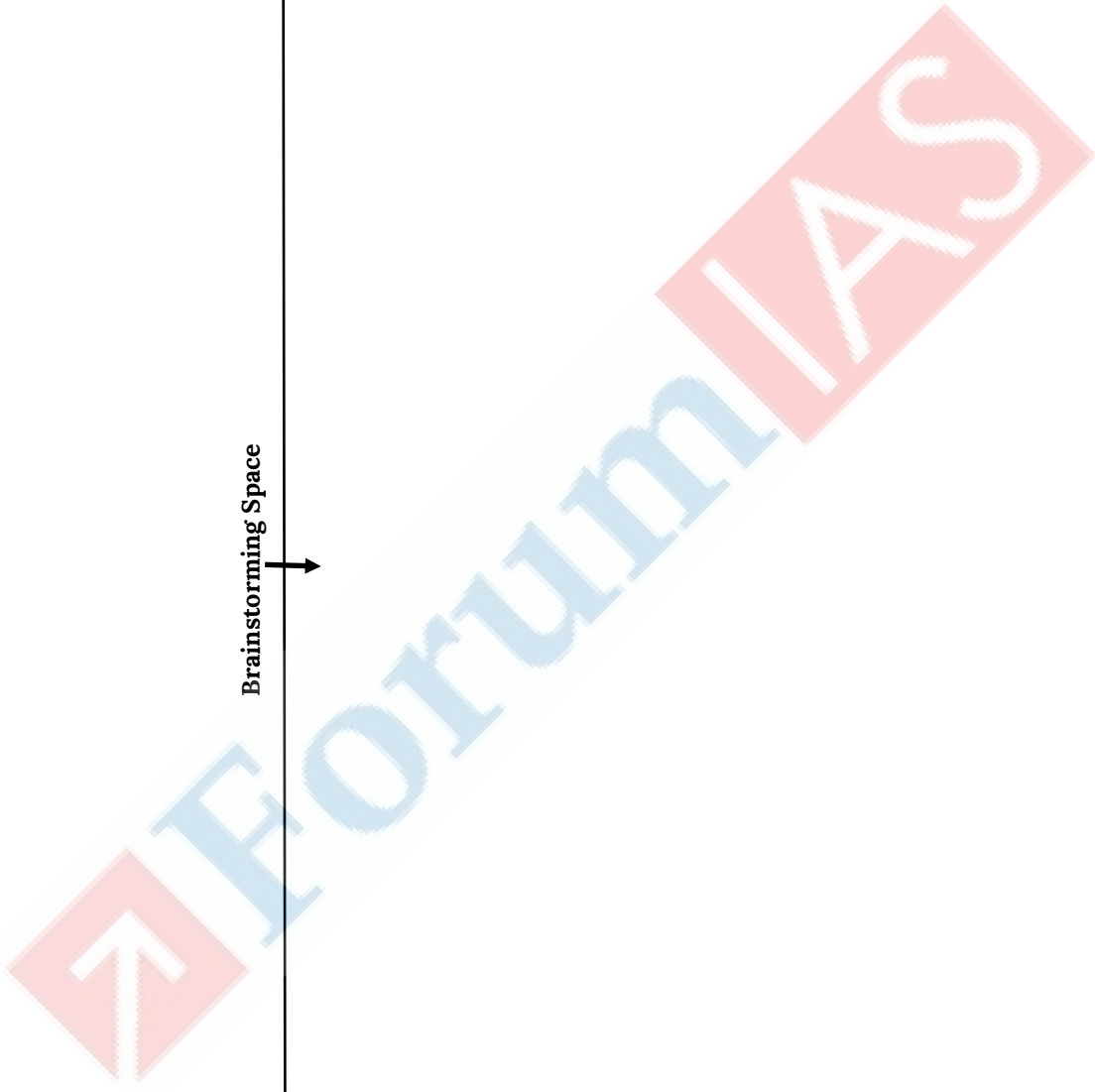
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Q.67) Briefly comment on the purpose and type of changes made in our tax structure in the context of liberalisation and structural reforms during the first half of the 1990s. (10 marks, 150 words) (1996)

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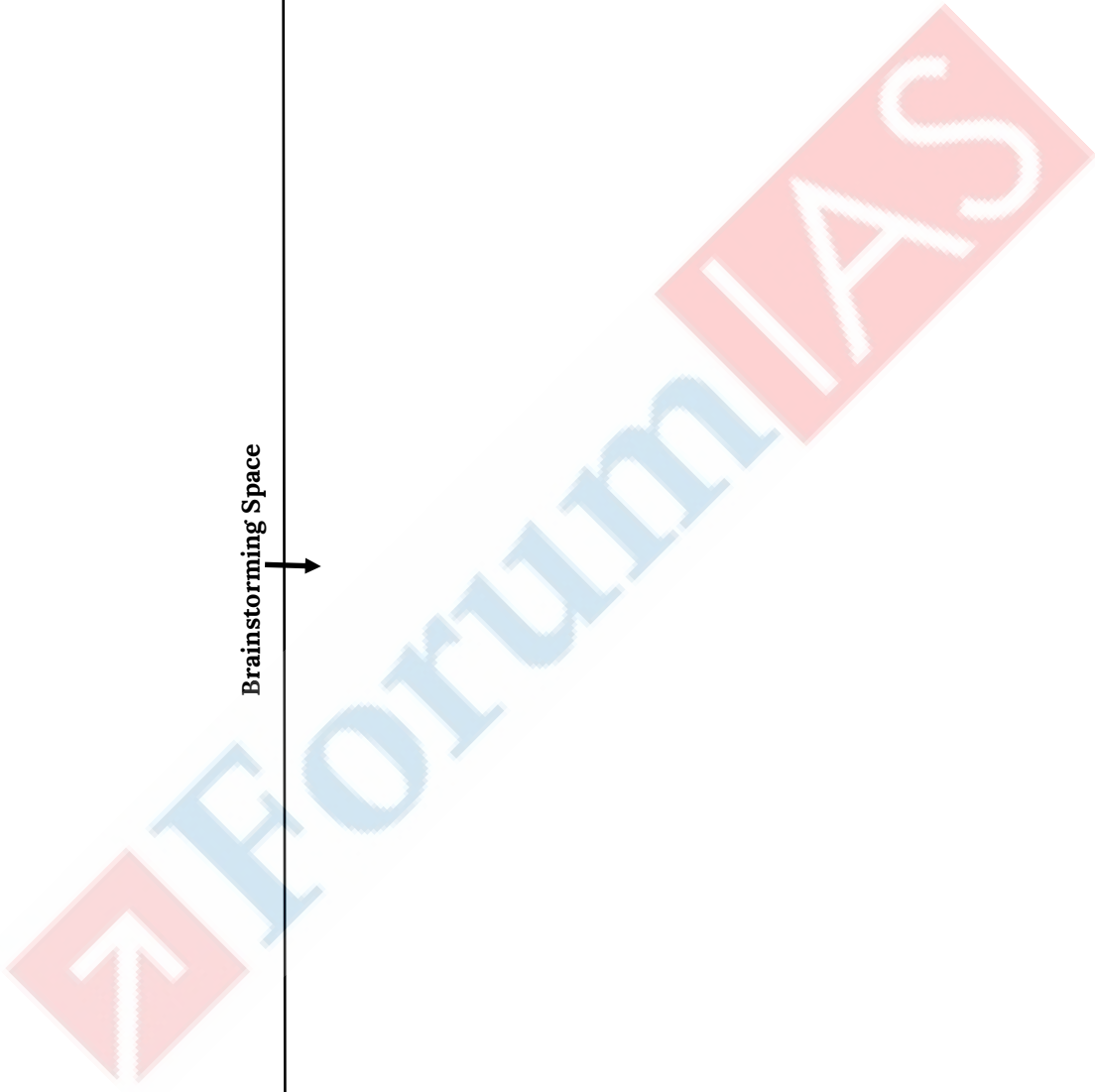


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Q.68) Are there good reasons behind the suggestion that in the new programme of economic liberalization, India should go slow in the matter of 'exit policy'? (15 marks, 250 words) (1991)

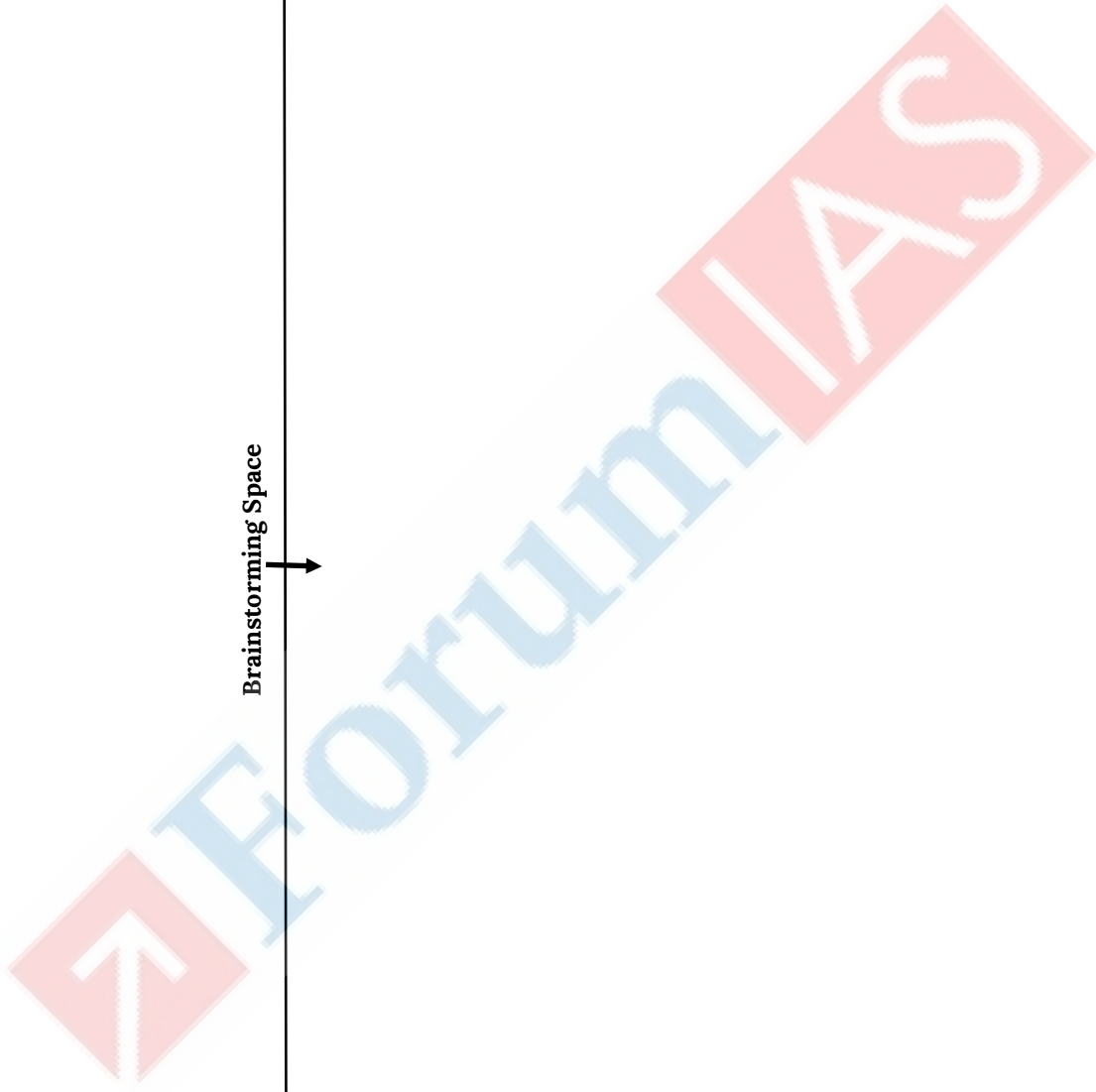
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Q.69) What is the technology being employed for electronic toll collection on highways? What are its advantages and limitations? What are the proposed changes that will make this process seamless? Would this transition carry any potential hazards? (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

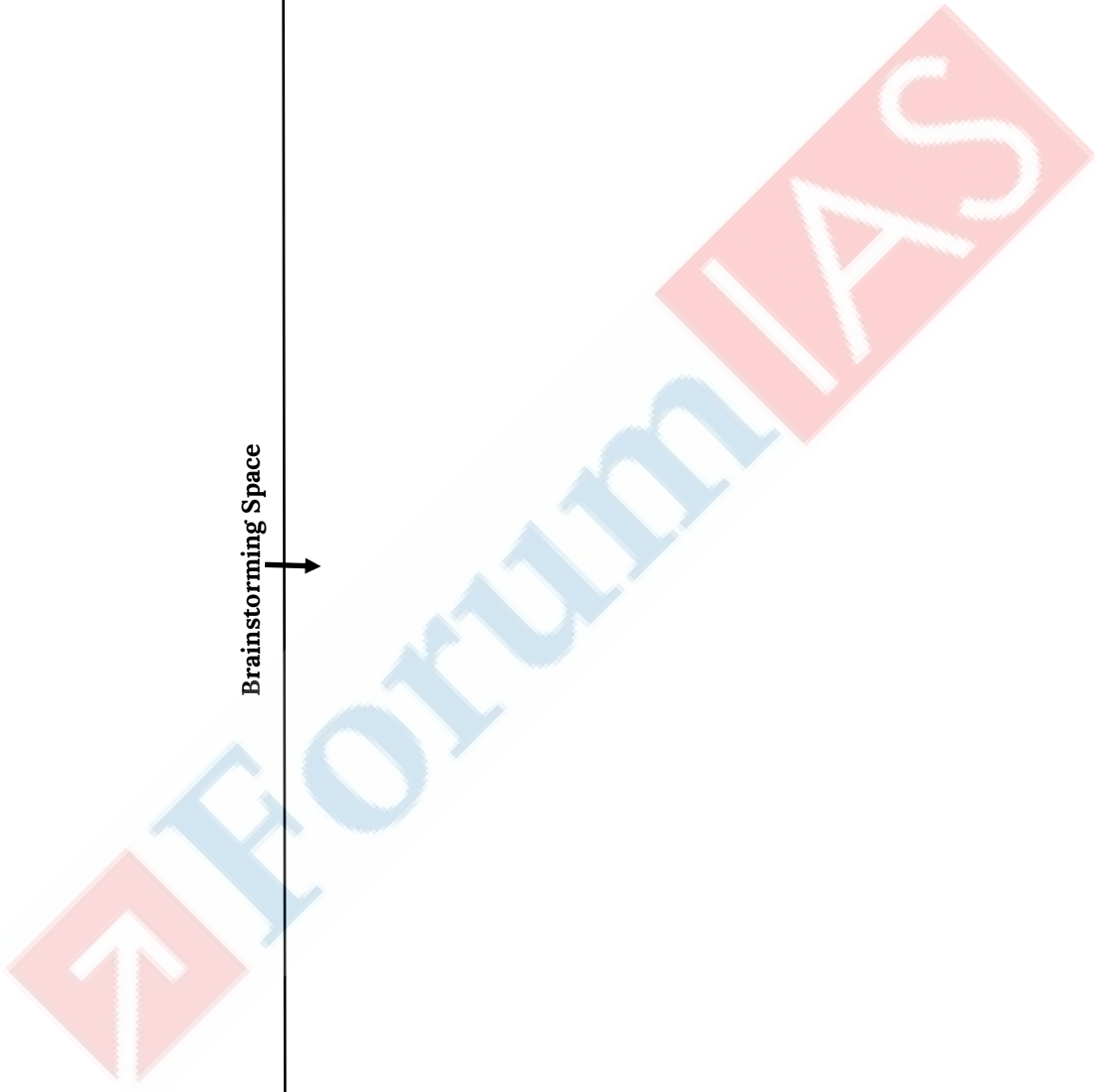
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Q.70) What is the need for expanding the regional air connectivity in India? In this context, discuss the government's UDAN Scheme and its achievements. (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

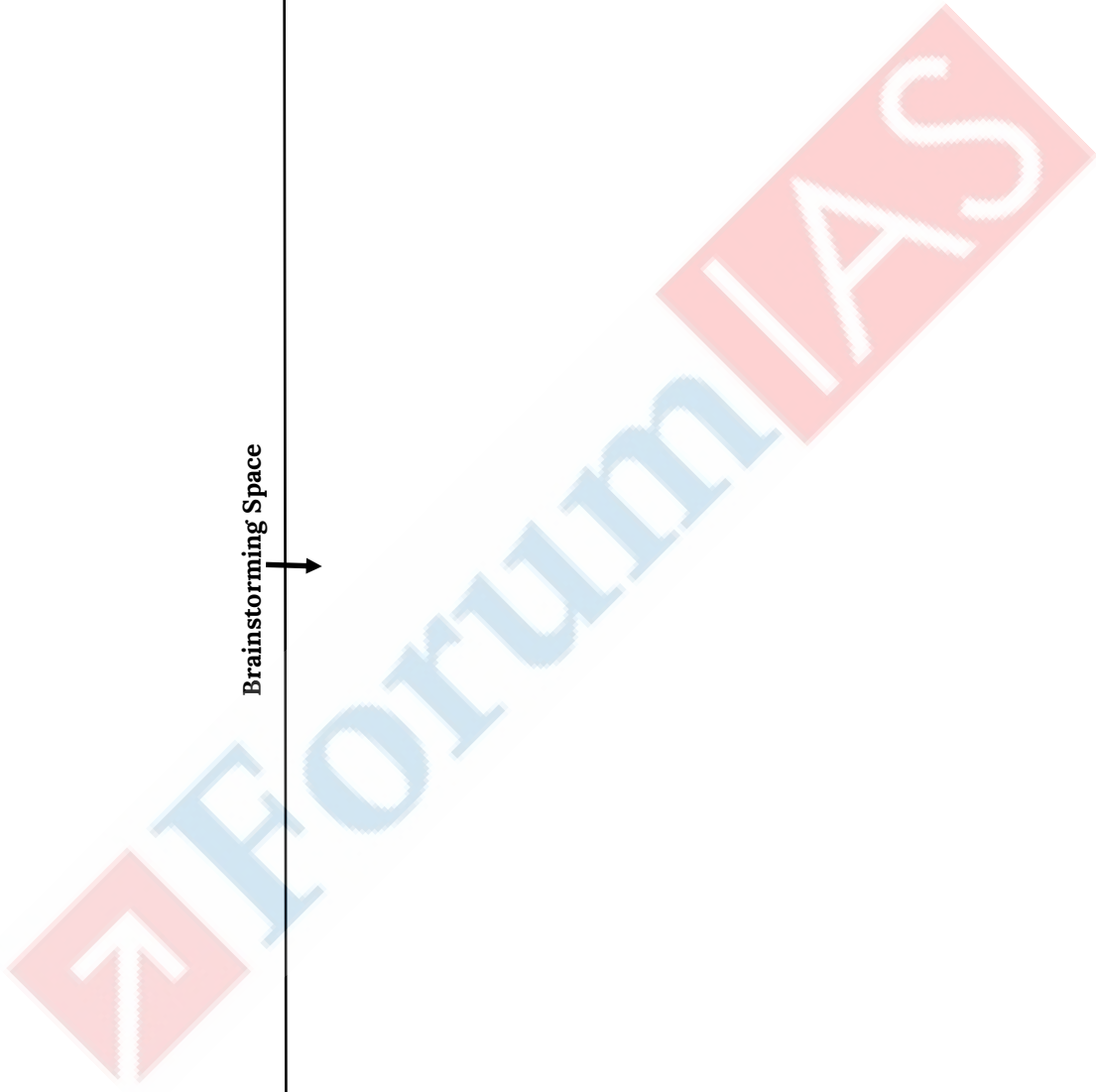
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Q.71) Why is Public Private Partnership (PPP) required in Infrastructural projects? Examine the role of PPP model in the redevelopment of Railway Stations in India. (10 marks, 150 words) (2022)

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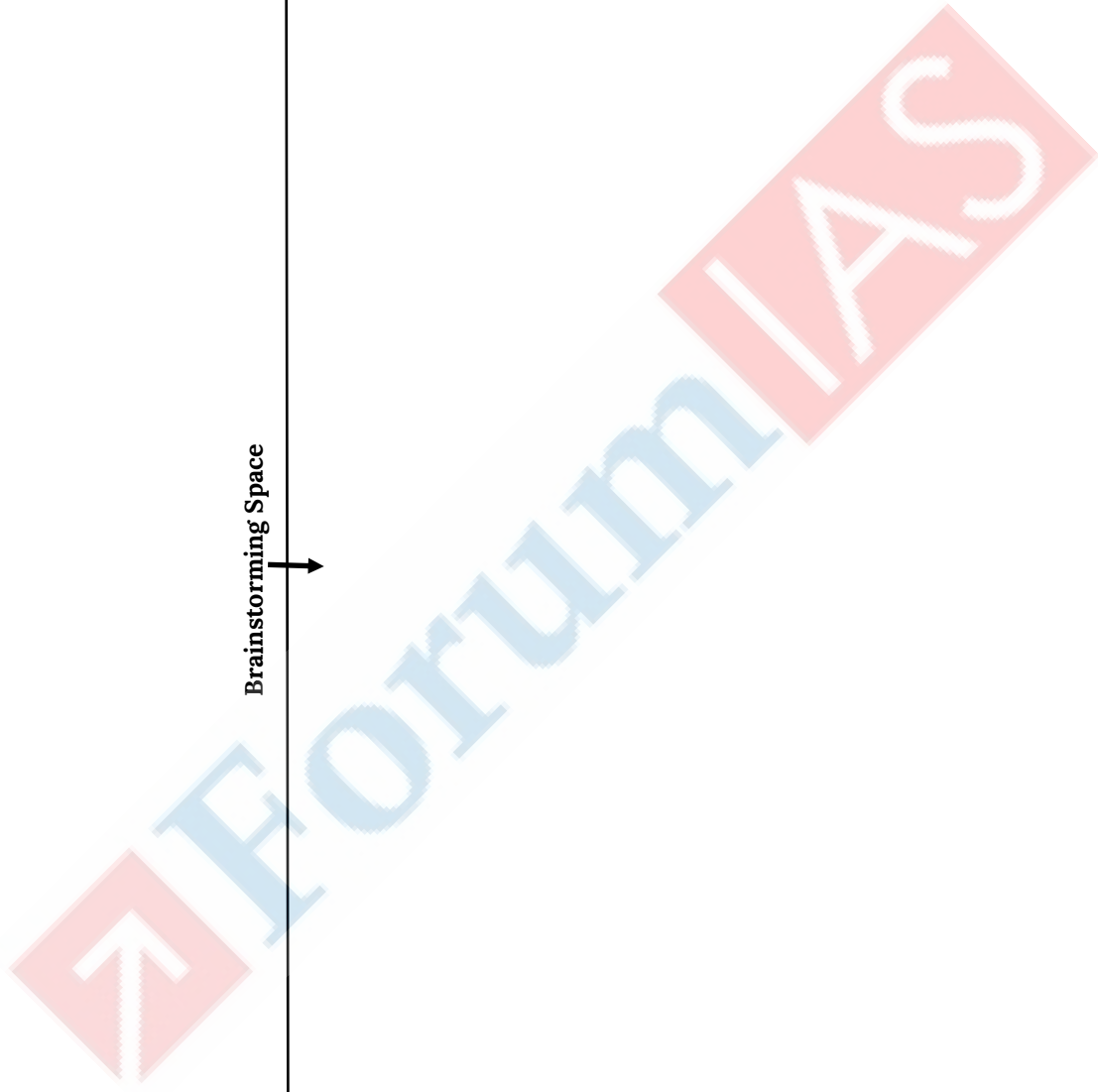


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Q.72) "Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth." Discuss in the light of India's experience.
(15 marks, 250 words) (2021)

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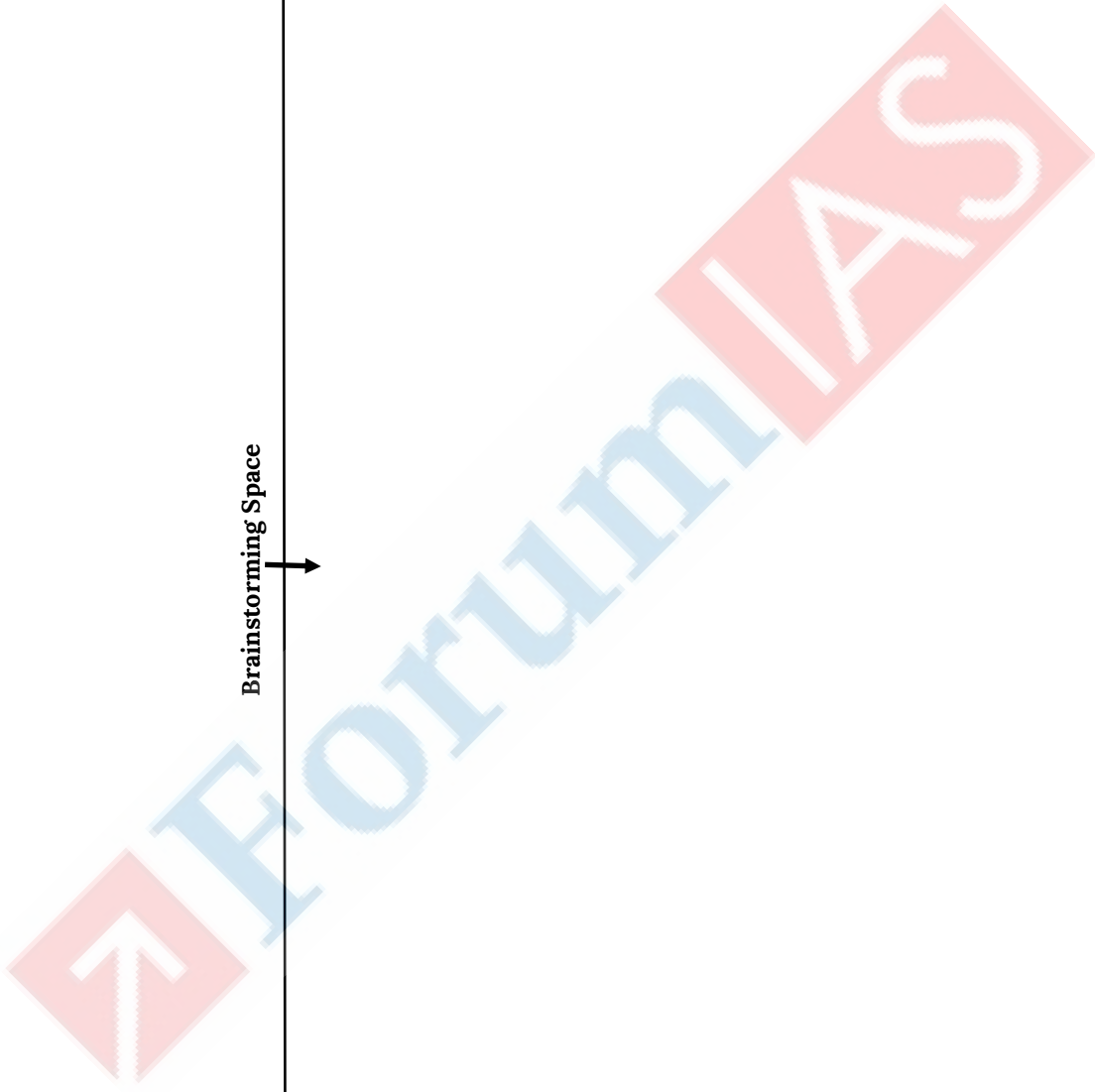


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Q.73) National Urban Transport Policy emphasises on 'moving people' instead of 'moving vehicles'. Discuss critically the success of the various strategies of the Government in this regard. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

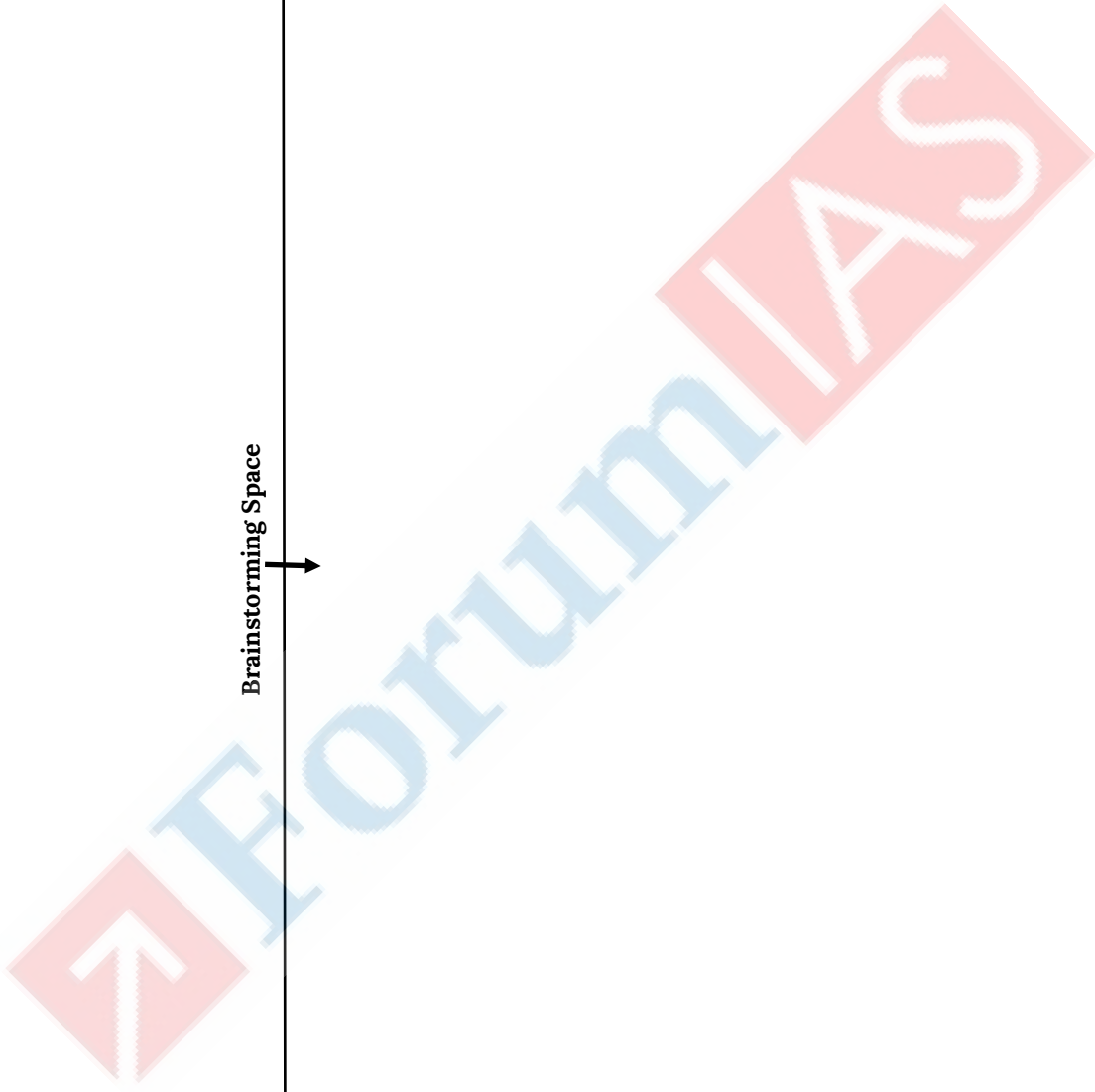
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Q.74) Adoption of PPP model for infrastructure development of the country has not been free of criticism. Critically discuss the pros and cons of the model. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

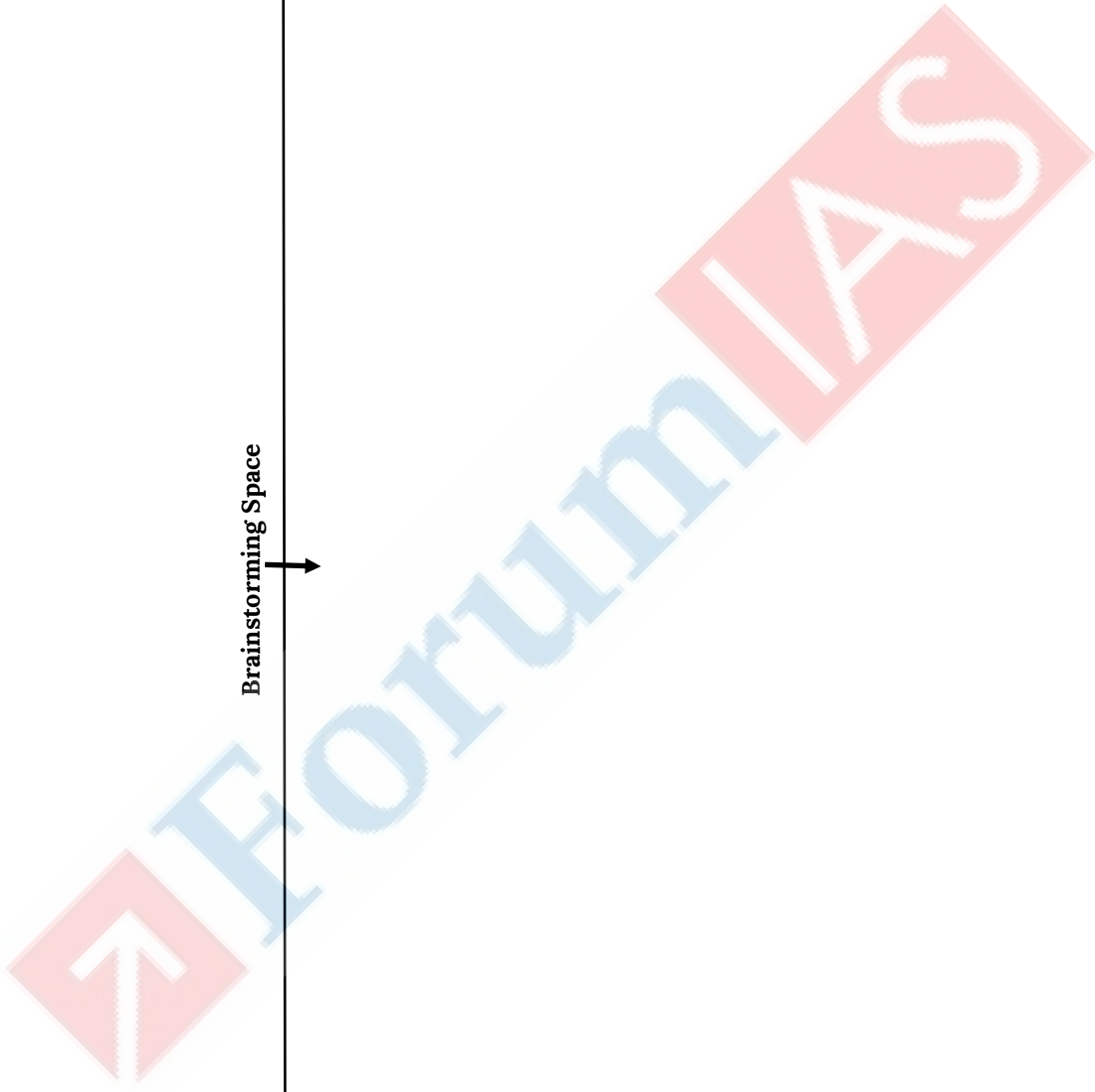
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Q.75) Technological changes have brought in a major shift in the use of roads as transport corridors in India. How far do you agree with this view?
(10 marks, 150 words) (2007)

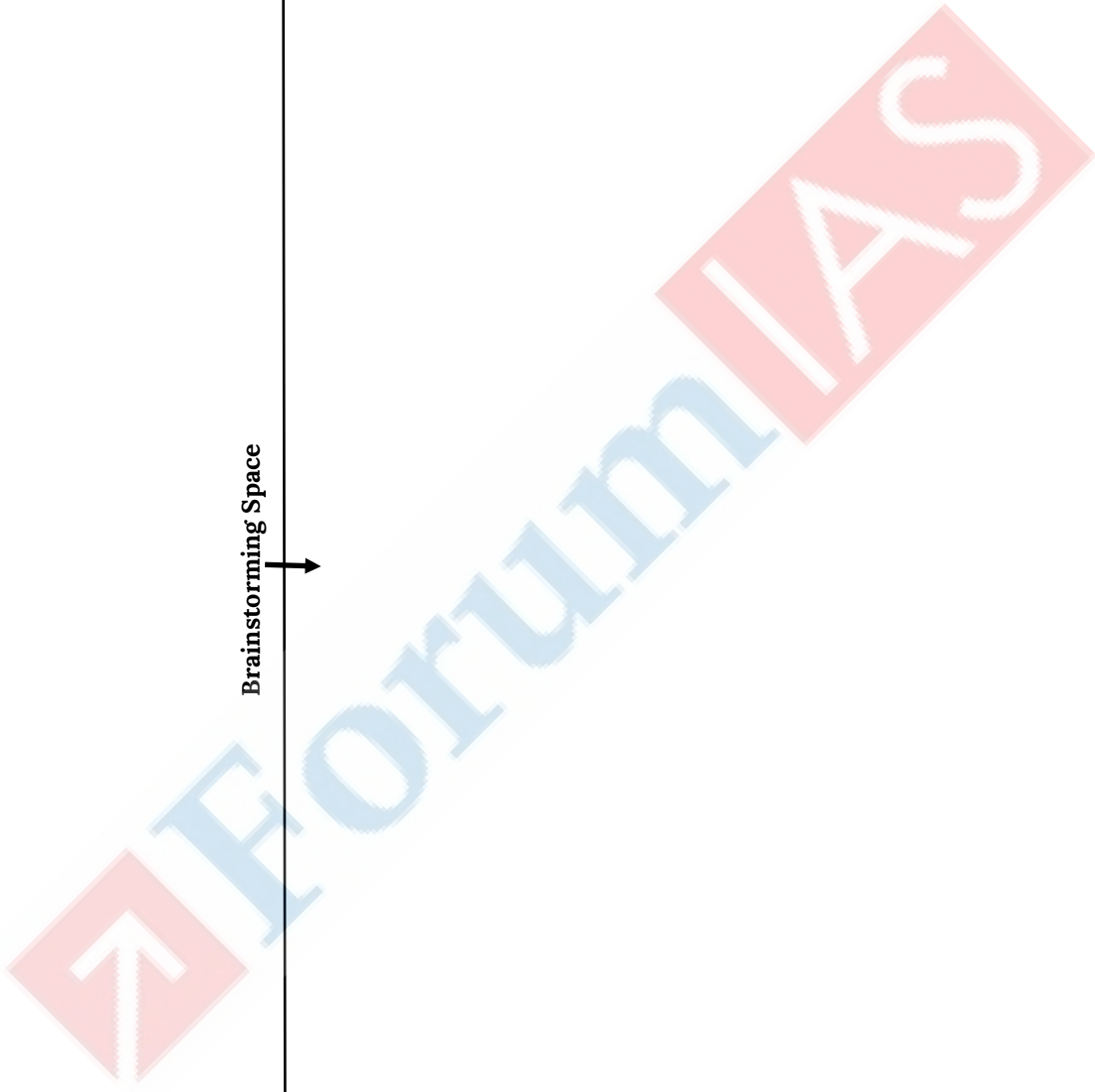
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Q.76) What ails India's road transport economy? Suggest measures of remedy. (10 marks, 150 words) (2004)

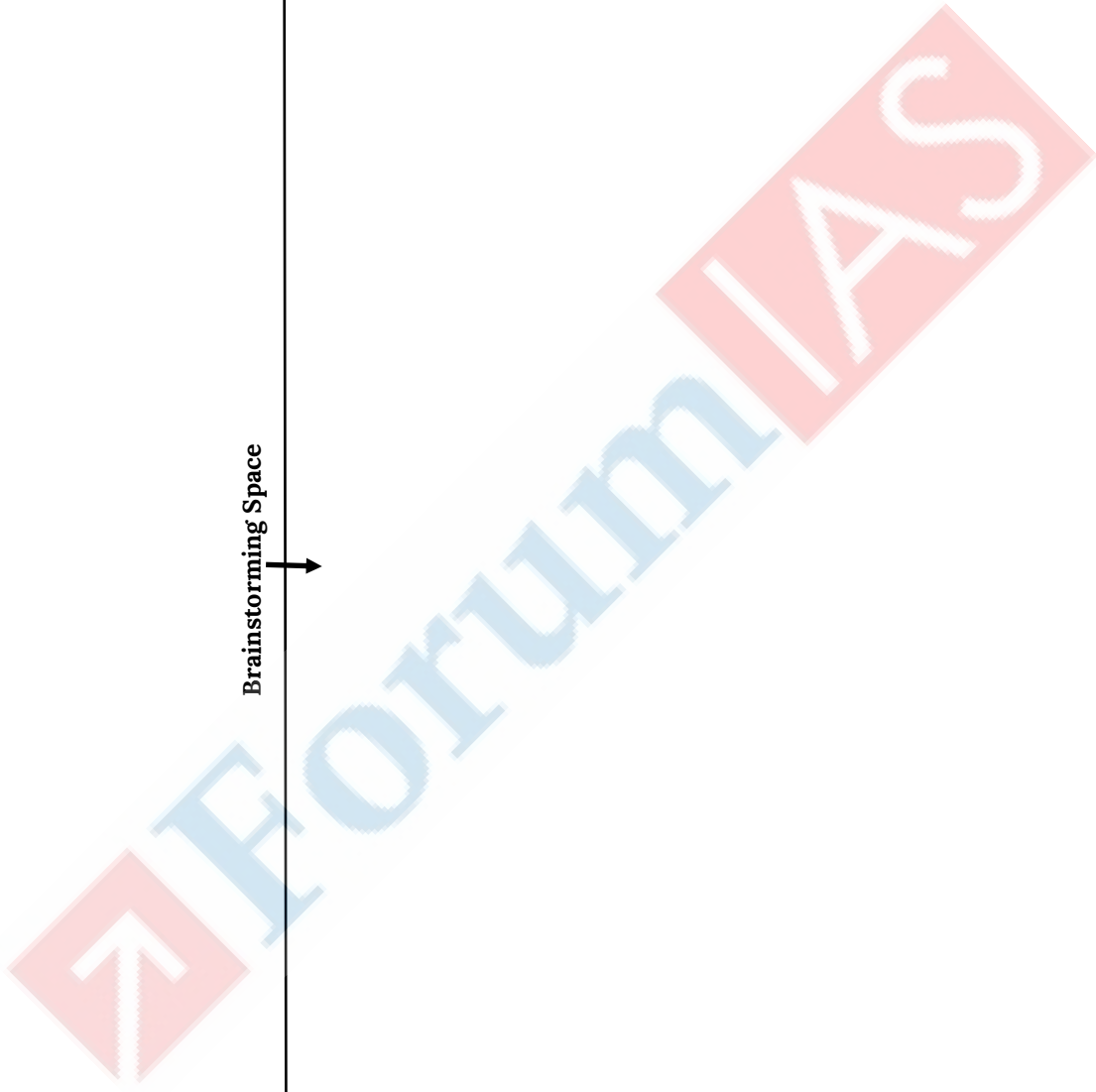
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Q.77) What is Golden Quadrilateral? How will it help in the economic development of the country? (10 marks, 150 words) (2004)

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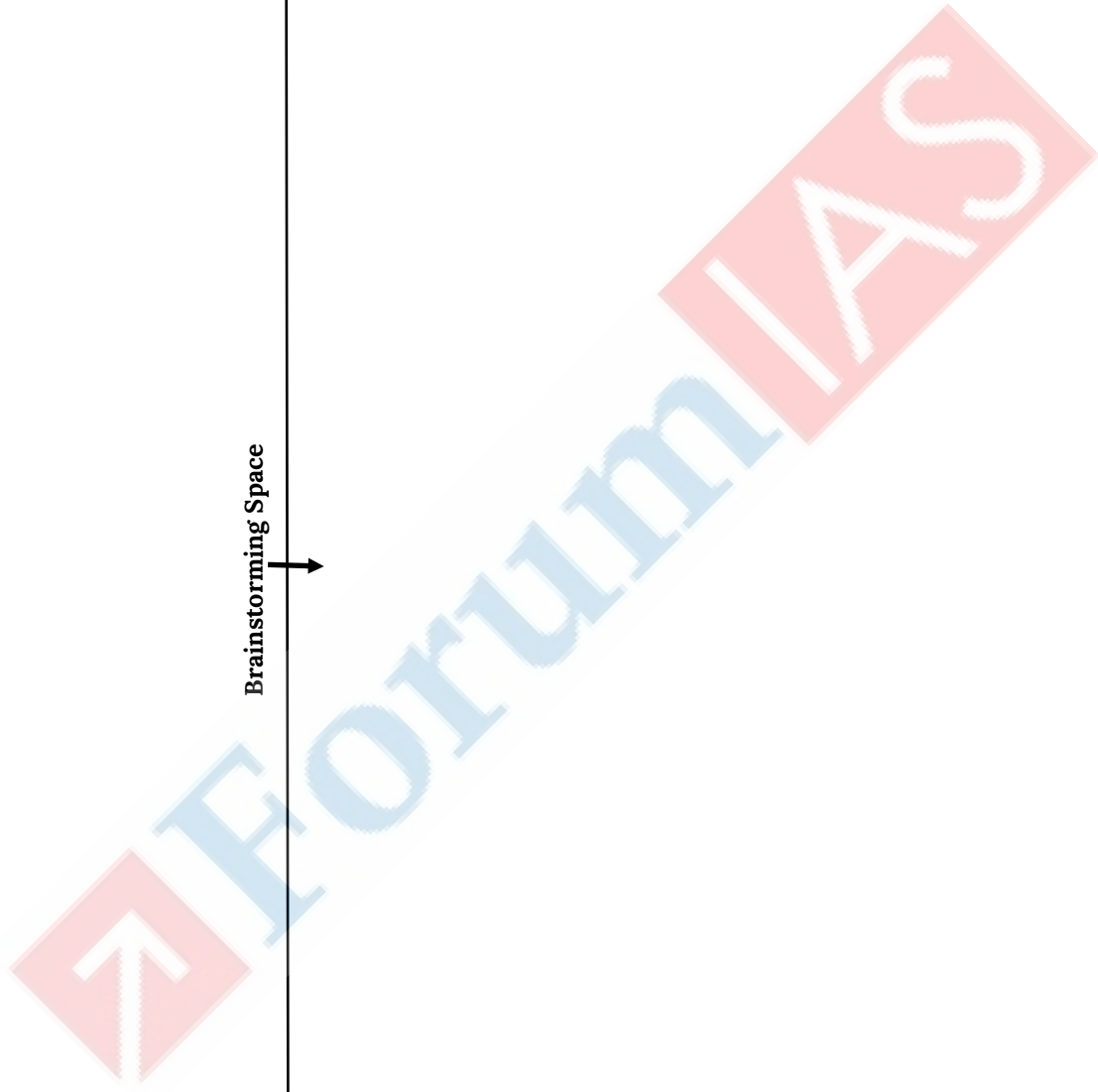


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Q.78) Infrastructure bottlenecks continue to stifle the economic growth in India. Comment. (10 marks, 150 words) (1998)

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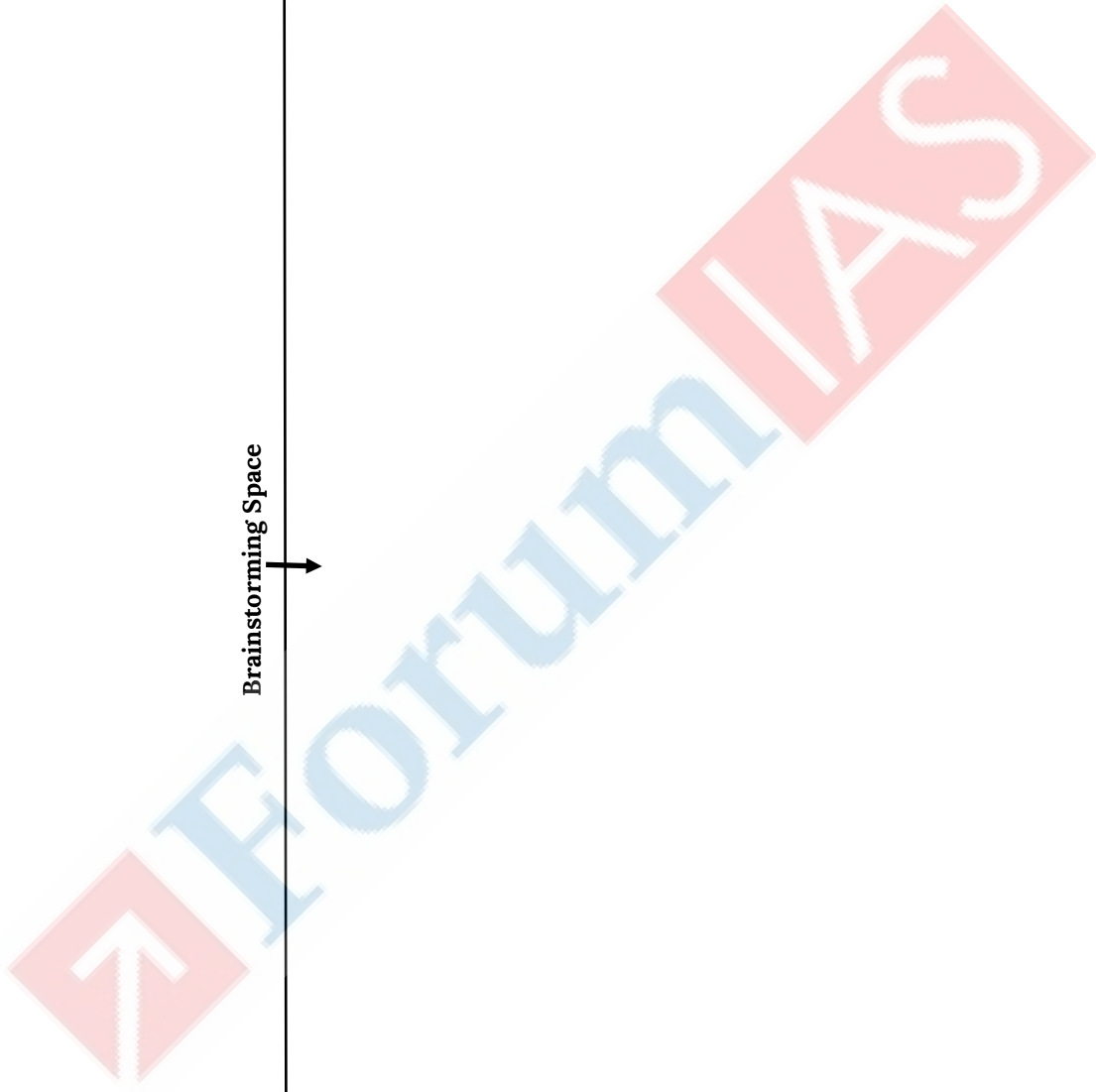


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Q.79) What are the principle components of economic infrastructure? Inadequacy of infrastructure as well as the poor utilization has been the principle bottleneck in economic development. Comment (15 marks, 250 words) (1994)

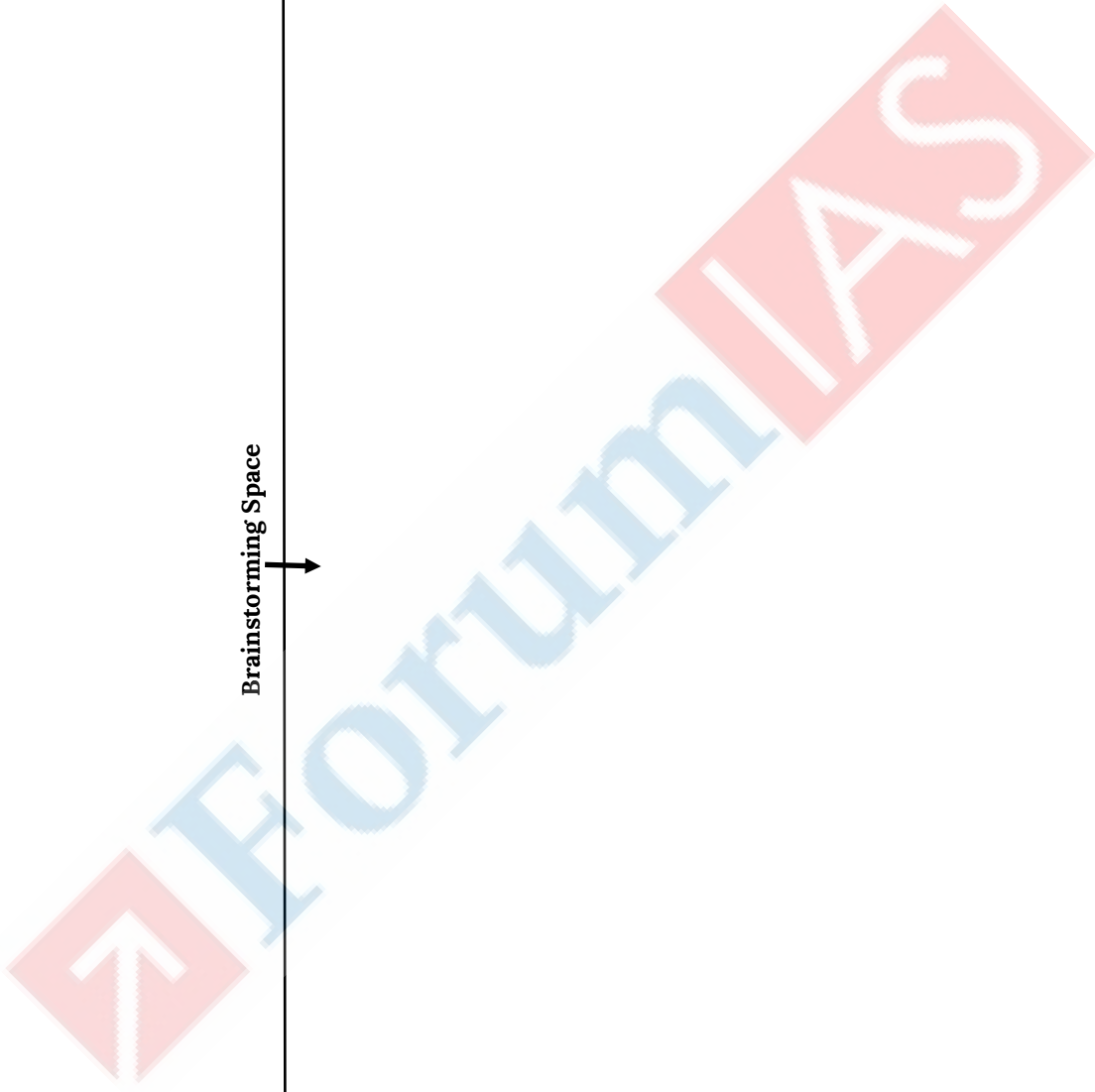
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Q.80) Discuss the rationale of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. What are its achievements? In what way can the functioning and outcomes of the scheme be improved? (15 marks, 250 words) (2025)

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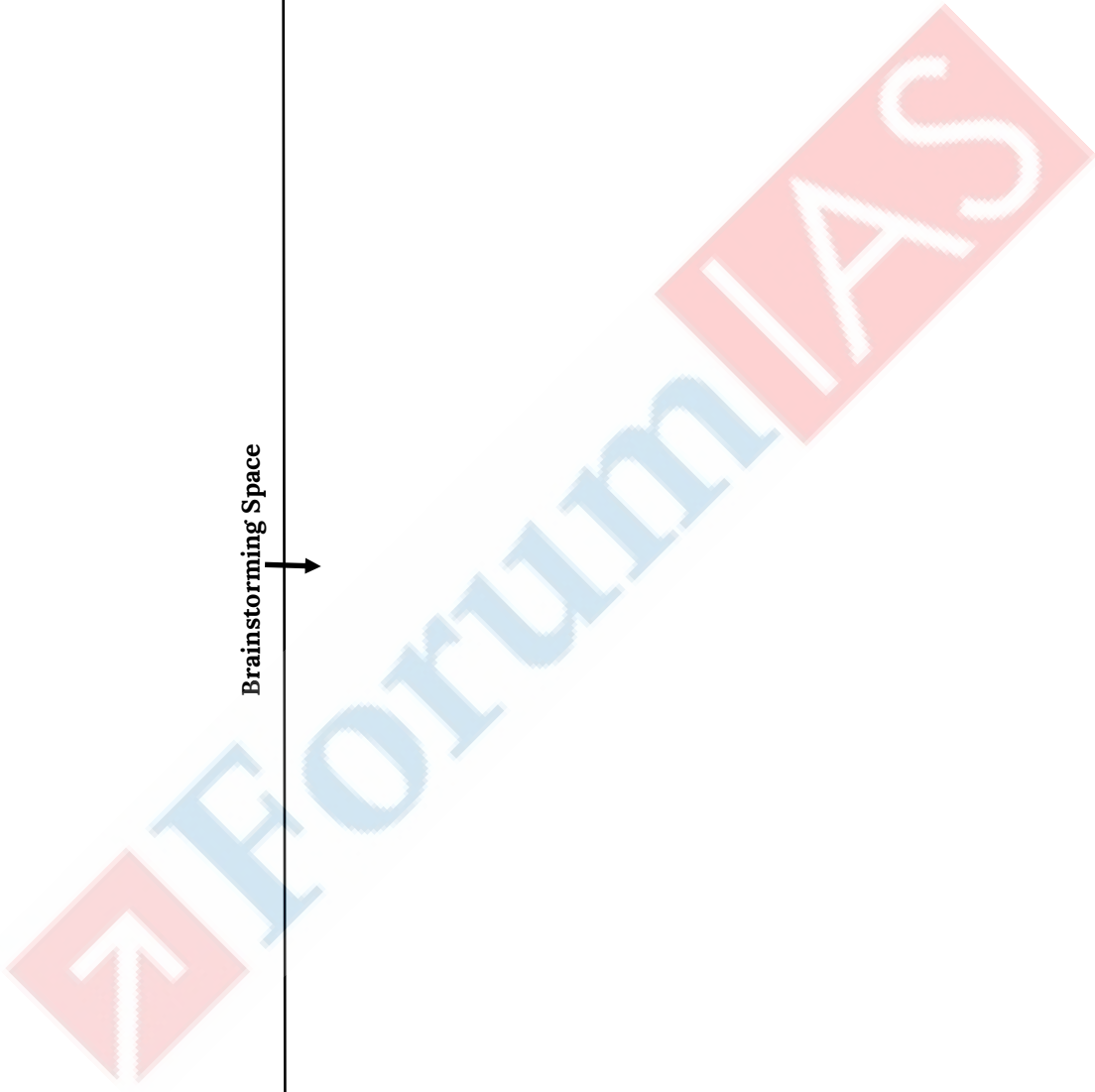
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Q.81) India aims to become a semiconductor manufacturing hub. What are the challenges faced by the semiconductor industry in India? Mention the salient features of the India Semiconductor Mission.

(15 marks, 250 words) (2025)

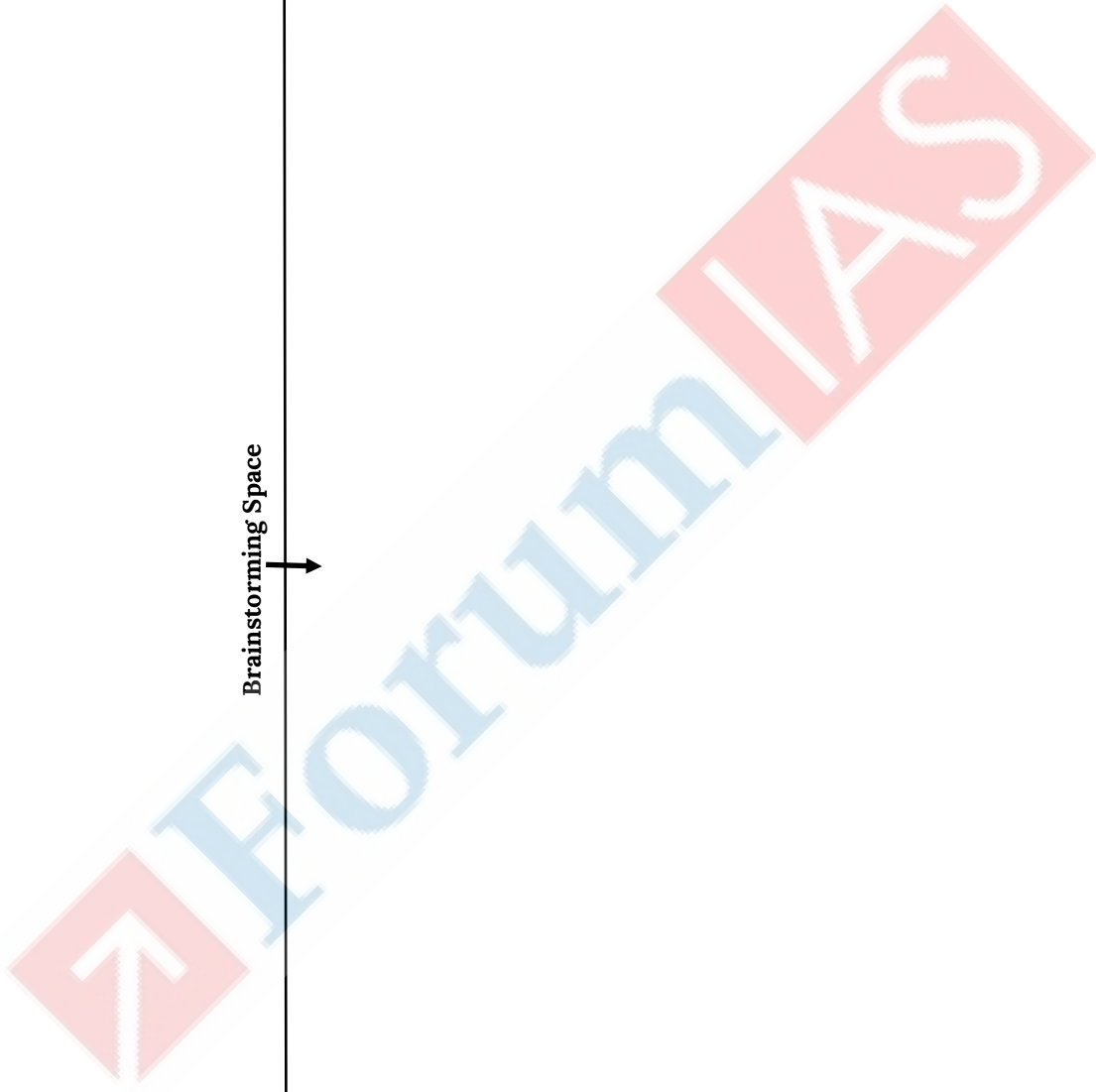
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Q.82) Explain the meaning of investment in an economy in terms of capital formation. Discuss the factors to be considered while designing a concession agreement between a public entity and a private entity.
(15 marks, 250 words) (2020)

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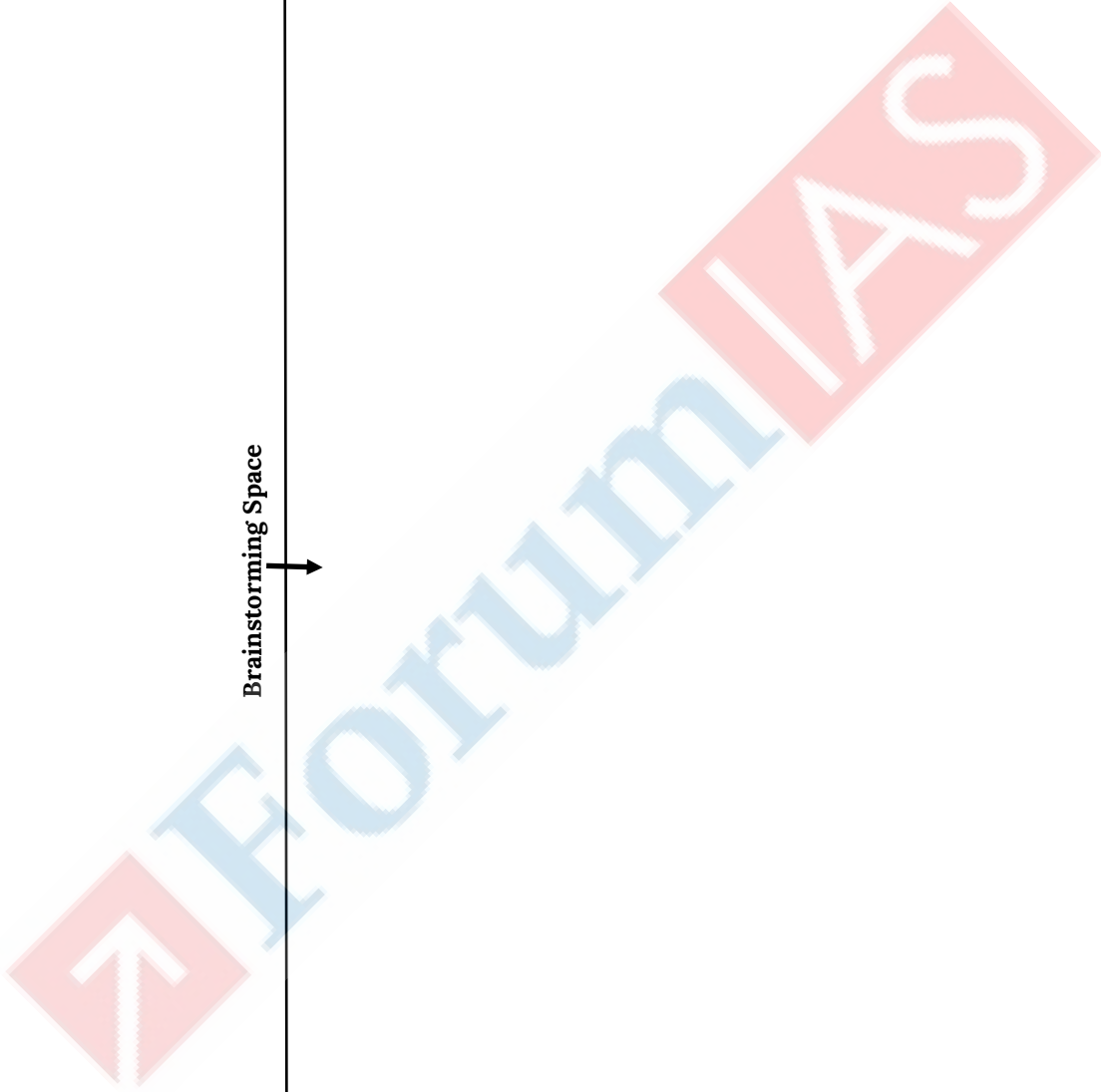




Q.83) Examine the developments of Airports in India through Joint Ventures under Public-Private Partnership(PPP) model. What are the challenges faced by the authorities in this regard.

(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

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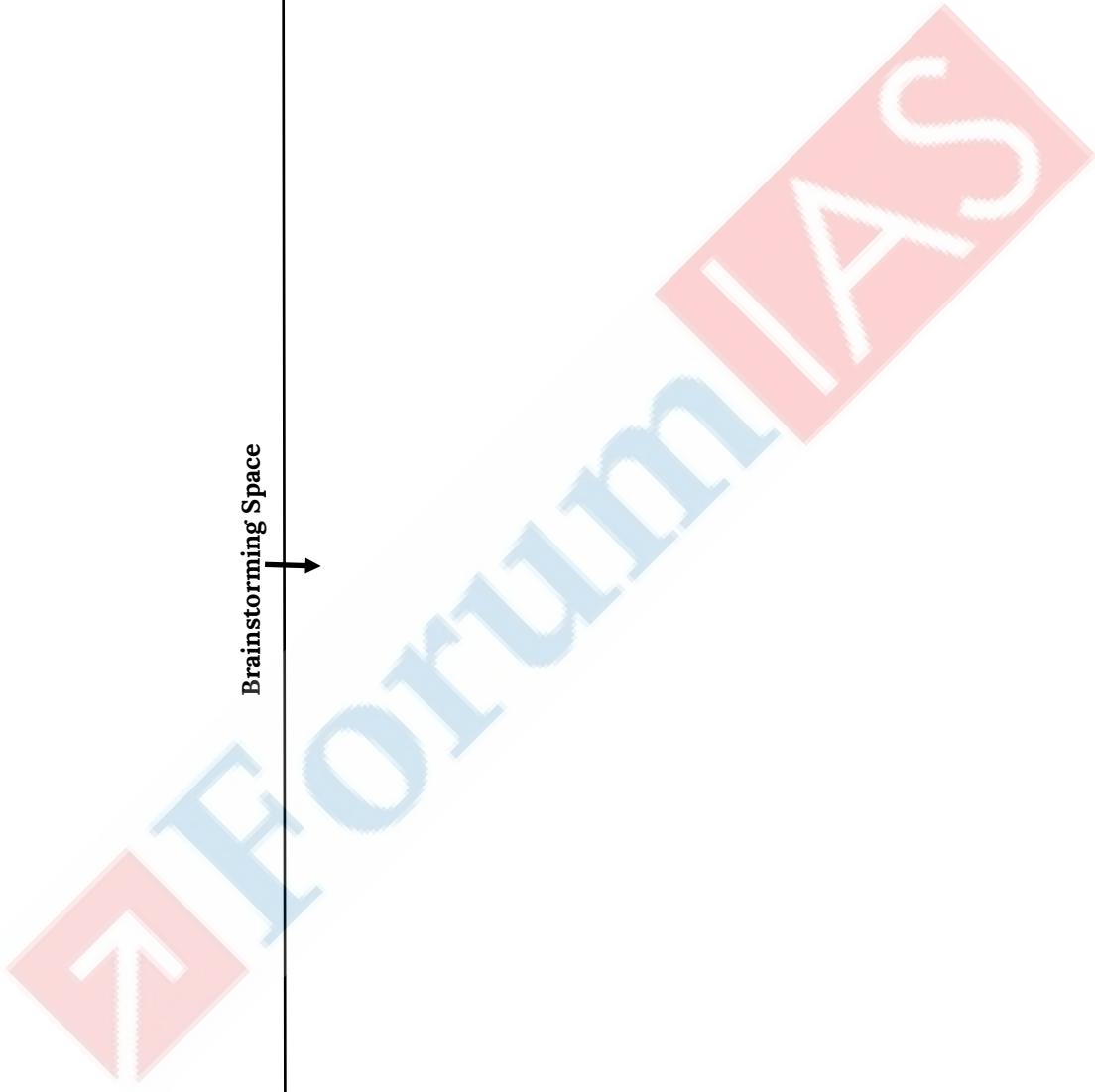




Q.84) There is a clear acknowledgment that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are a tool of industrial development, manufacturing and exports. Recognizing this potential, the whole instrumentality of SEZs requires augmentation. Discuss the issues plaguing the success of SEZs with respect to taxation, governing laws and administration.

(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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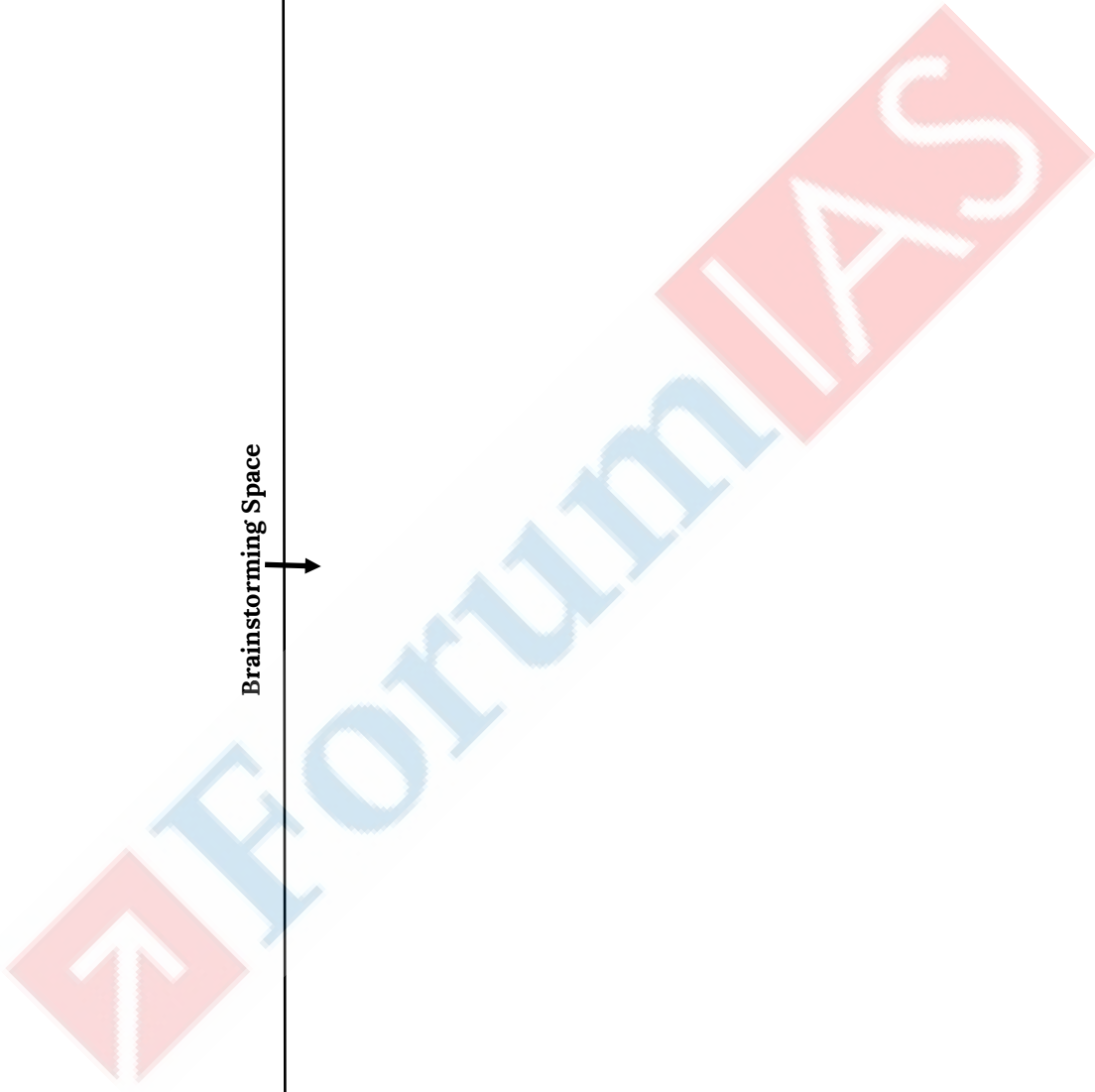


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Q.85) What are the impediments in marketing and supply chain management in industry in India? Can e-commerce help in overcoming these bottlenecks? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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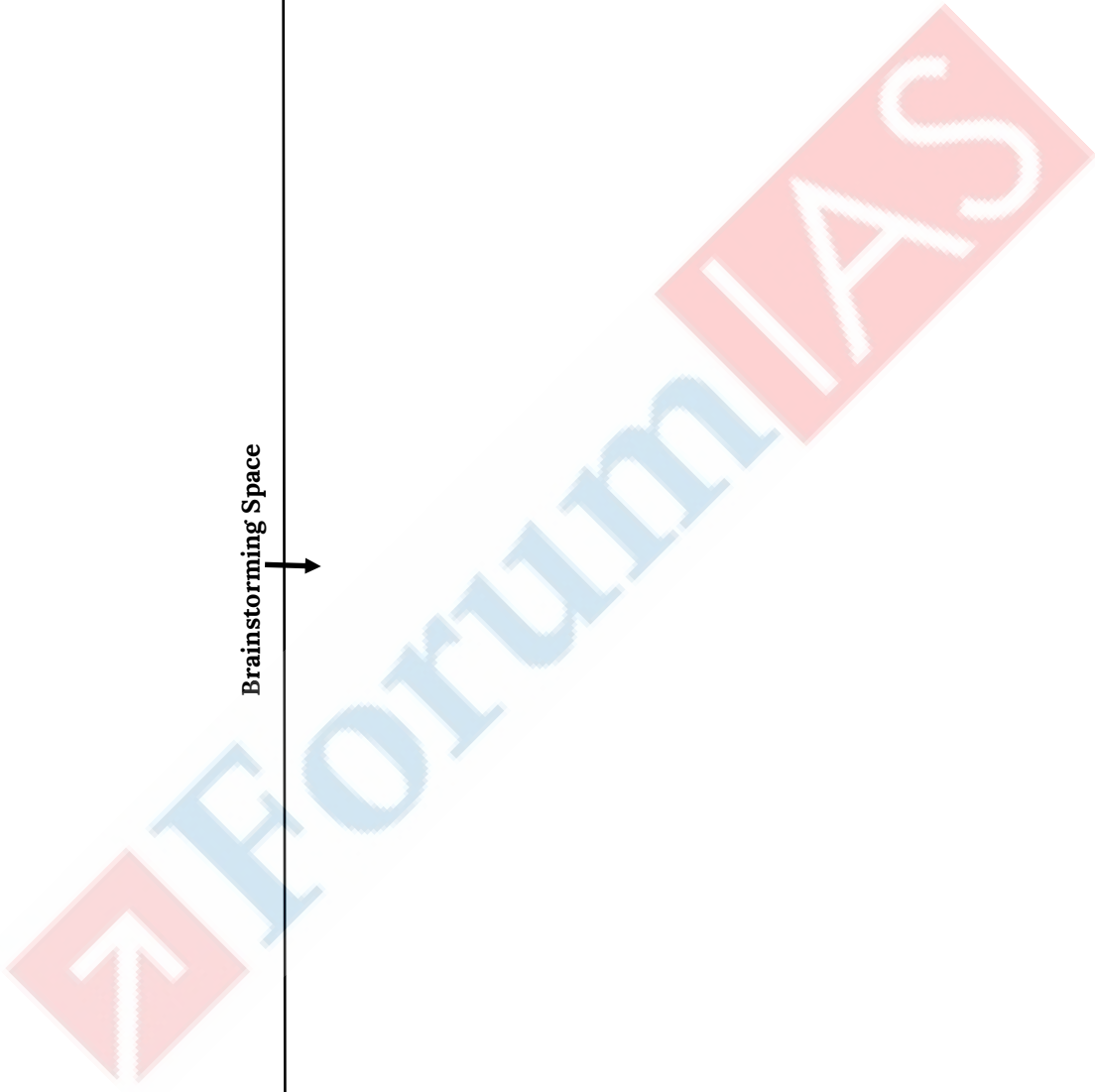




Q.86) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the defence sector is now set to be liberalized: What influence this is expected to have on Indian defence and economy in the short and long run?

(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

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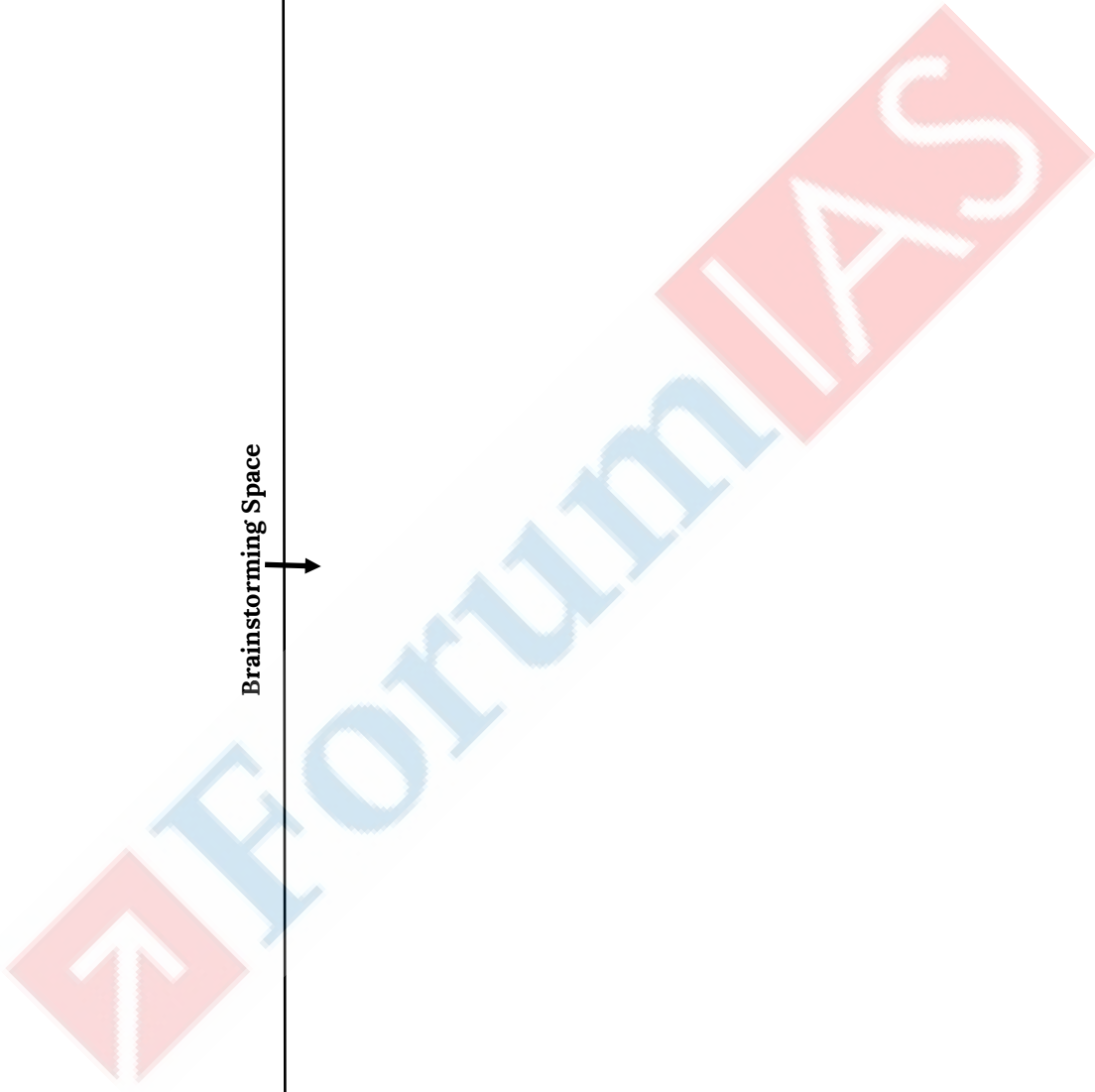


Q.87) Explain how Private Public Partnership arrangements, in long gestation infrastructure projects, can transfer unsustainable liabilities to the future.

What arrangements need to be put in place to ensure that successive generations' capacities are not compromised?

(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

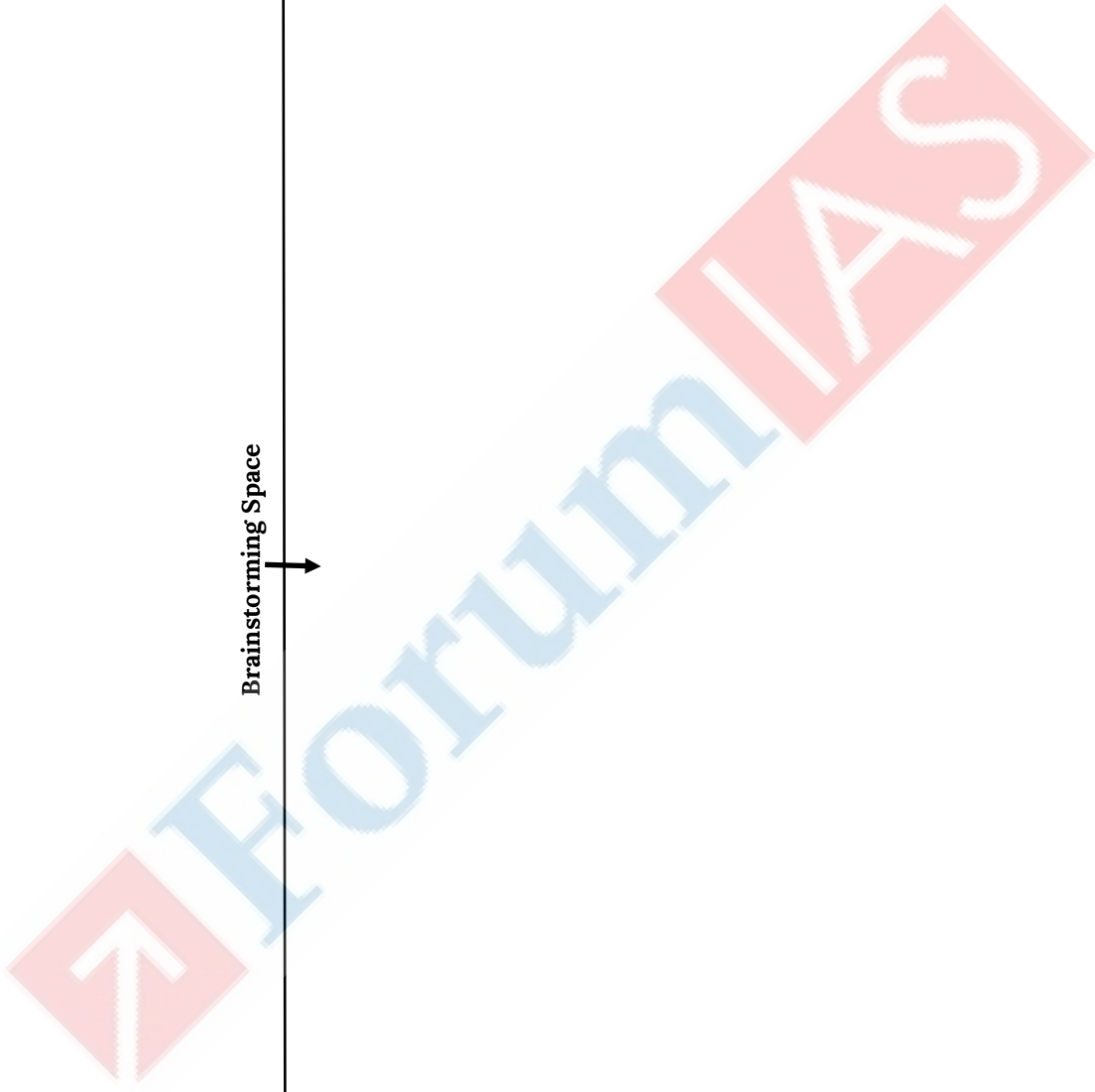
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Q.88) Discuss the impact of FDI entry into Multi-trade retail sector on supply chain management in commodity trade pattern of the economy.
(10 marks, 150 words) (2013)

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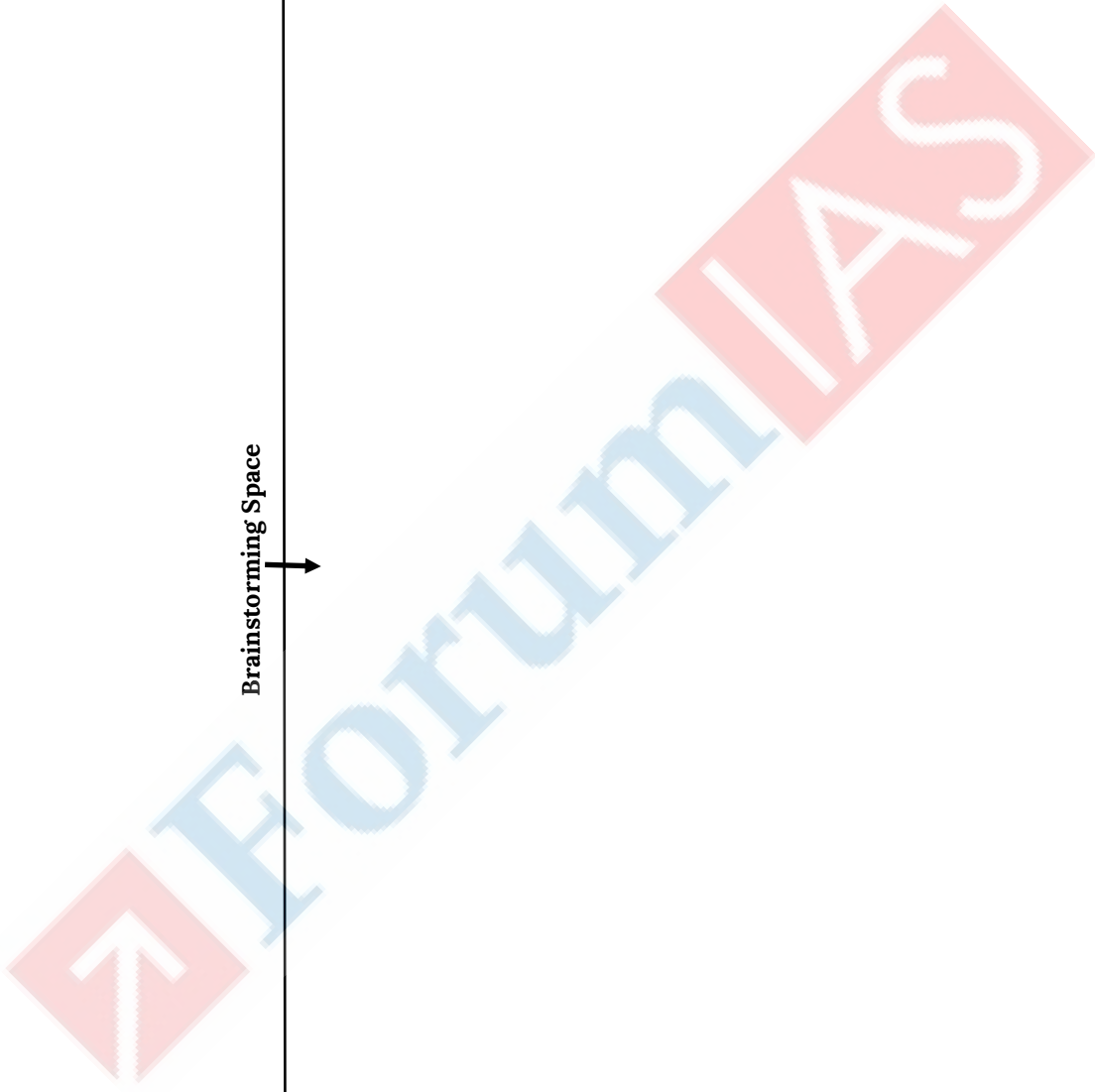




Q.89) Though India allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in what is called multiband retail through the joint venture route in September 2012, the FDI, even after a year, has not picked up. Discuss the reasons.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2013)

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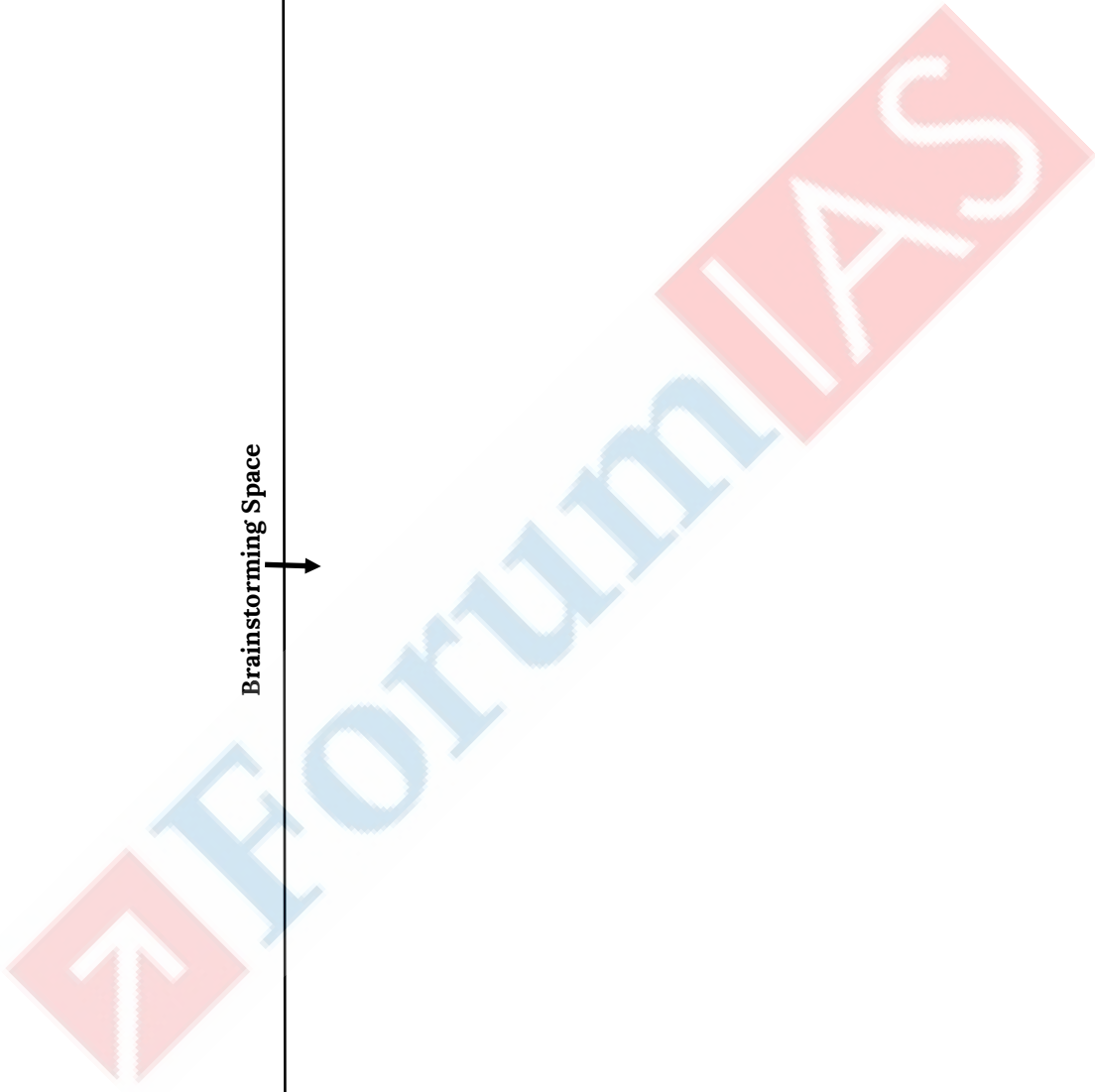


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Q.90) Assess the performance of India in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). (10 marks, 150 words) (2008)

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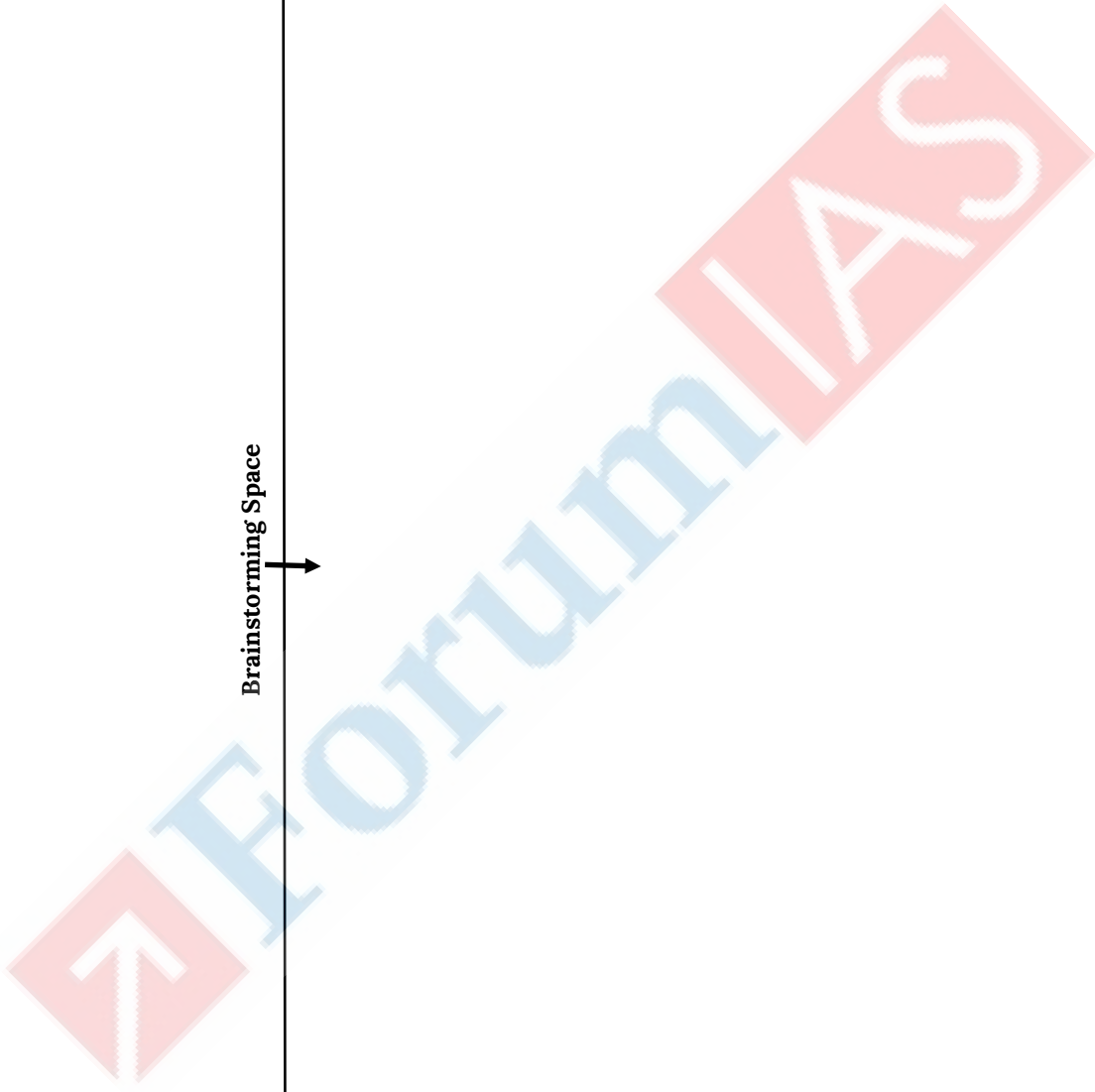
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Q.91) Bring about the pros and cons of Special Economic Zones.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2008)

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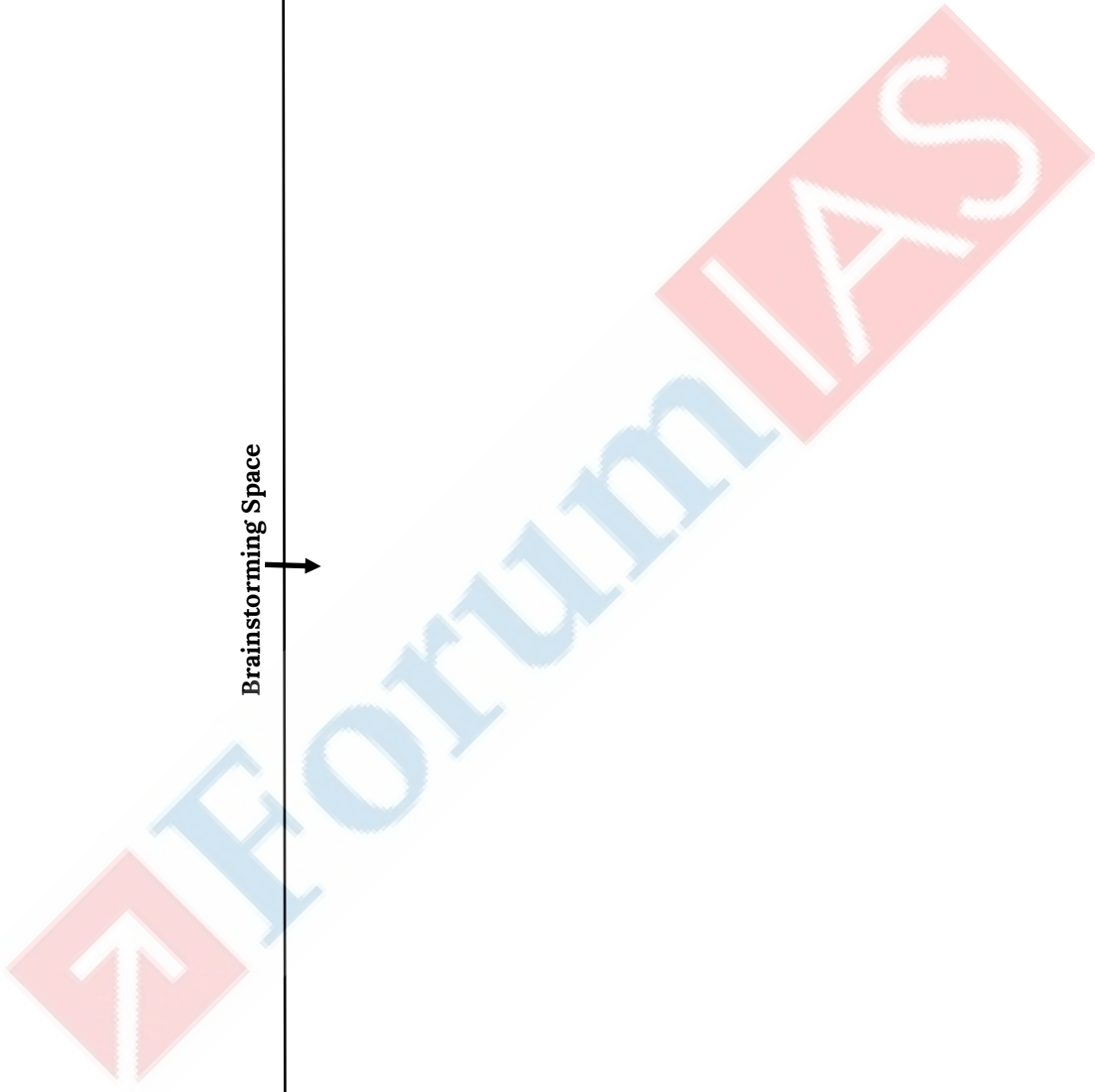
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Q.92) Explain Mega Food Park Scheme of Government of India.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2007)

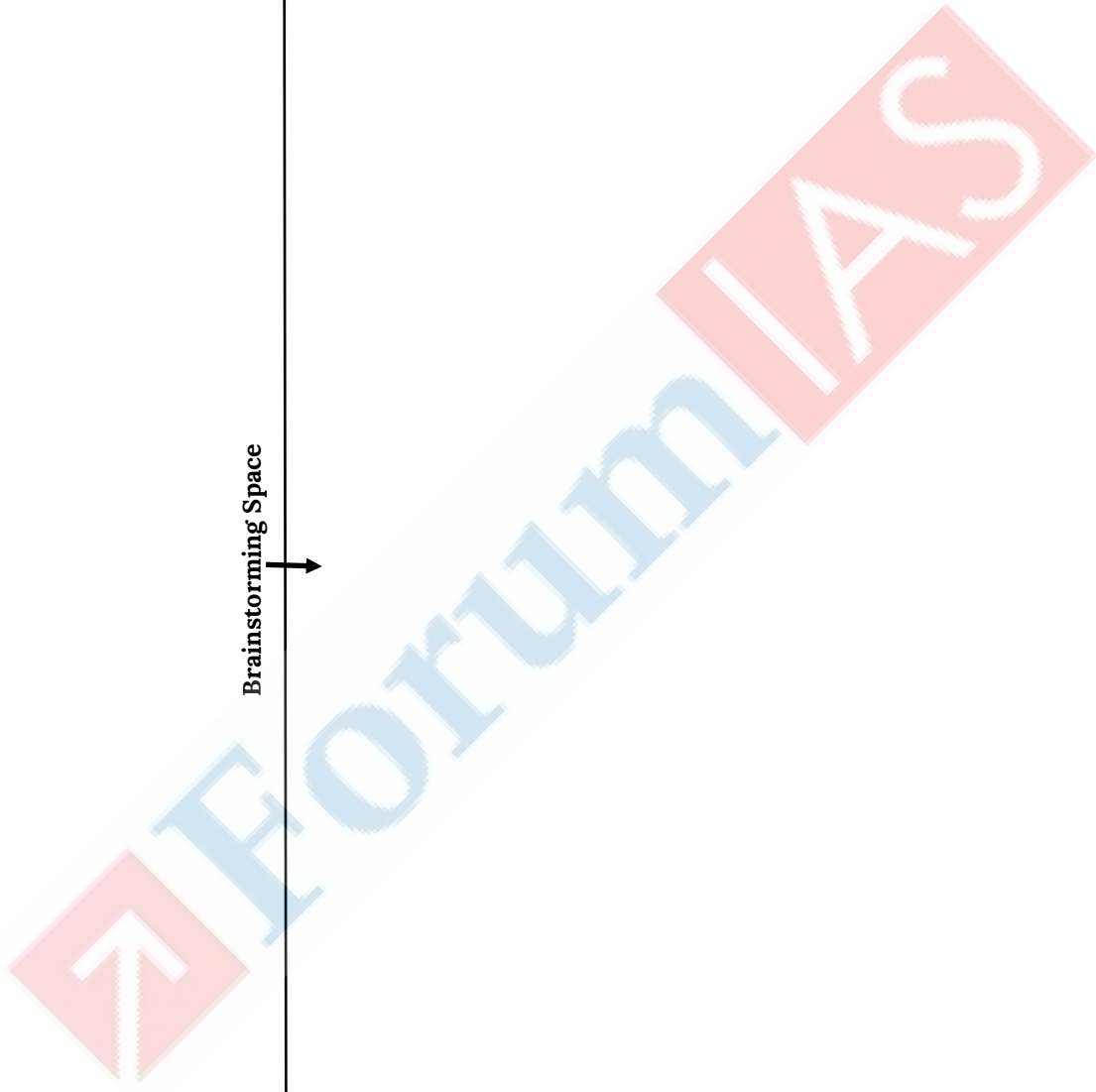
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Q.93) Outline the main objectives and achievements of the policy of disinvestment in India? (10 marks, 150 words) (2002)

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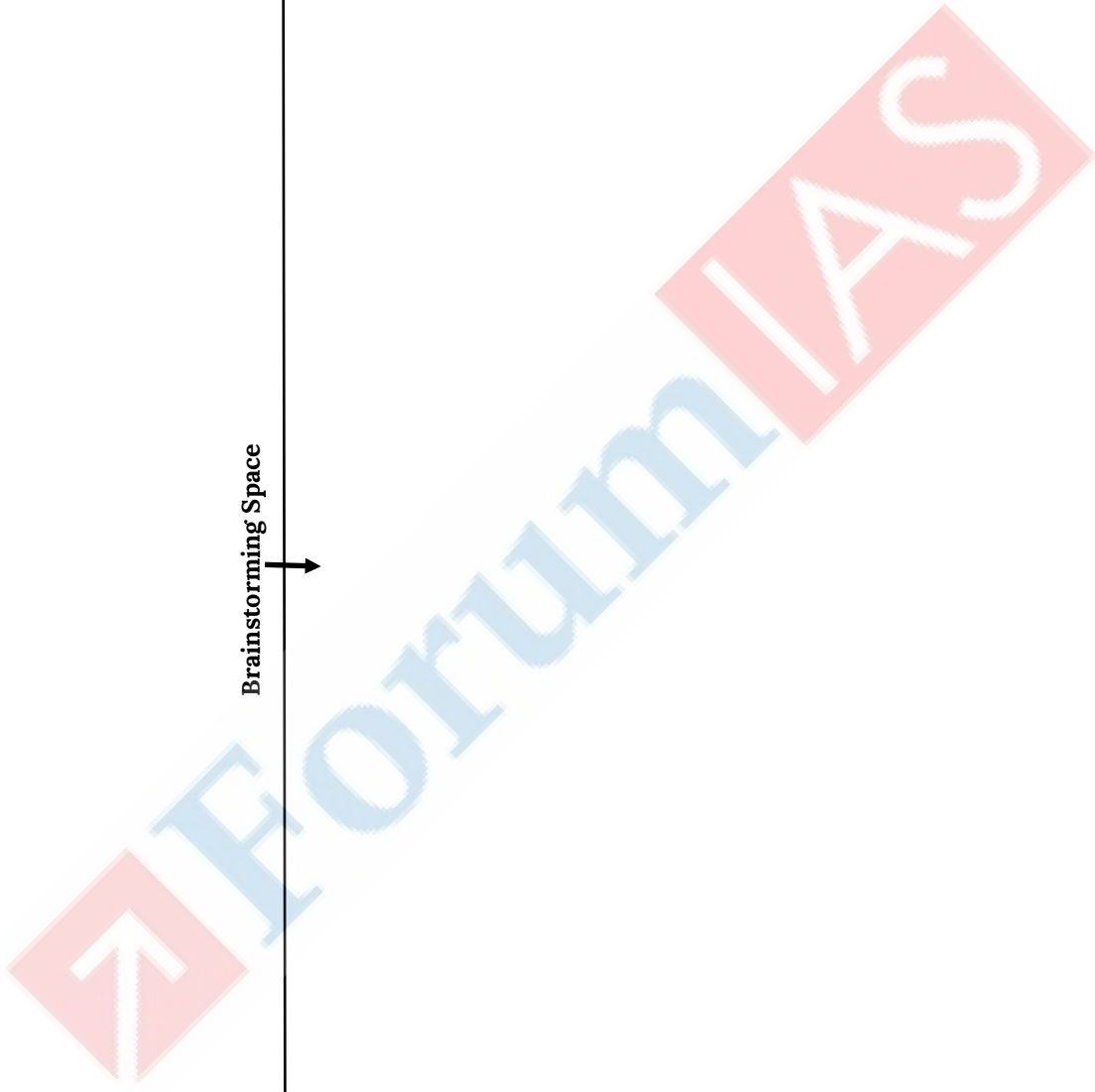


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Q.94) Despite having high saving and investment rates. India is experiencing a low growth rate. Why is it so? (10 marks, 150 words) (1989)

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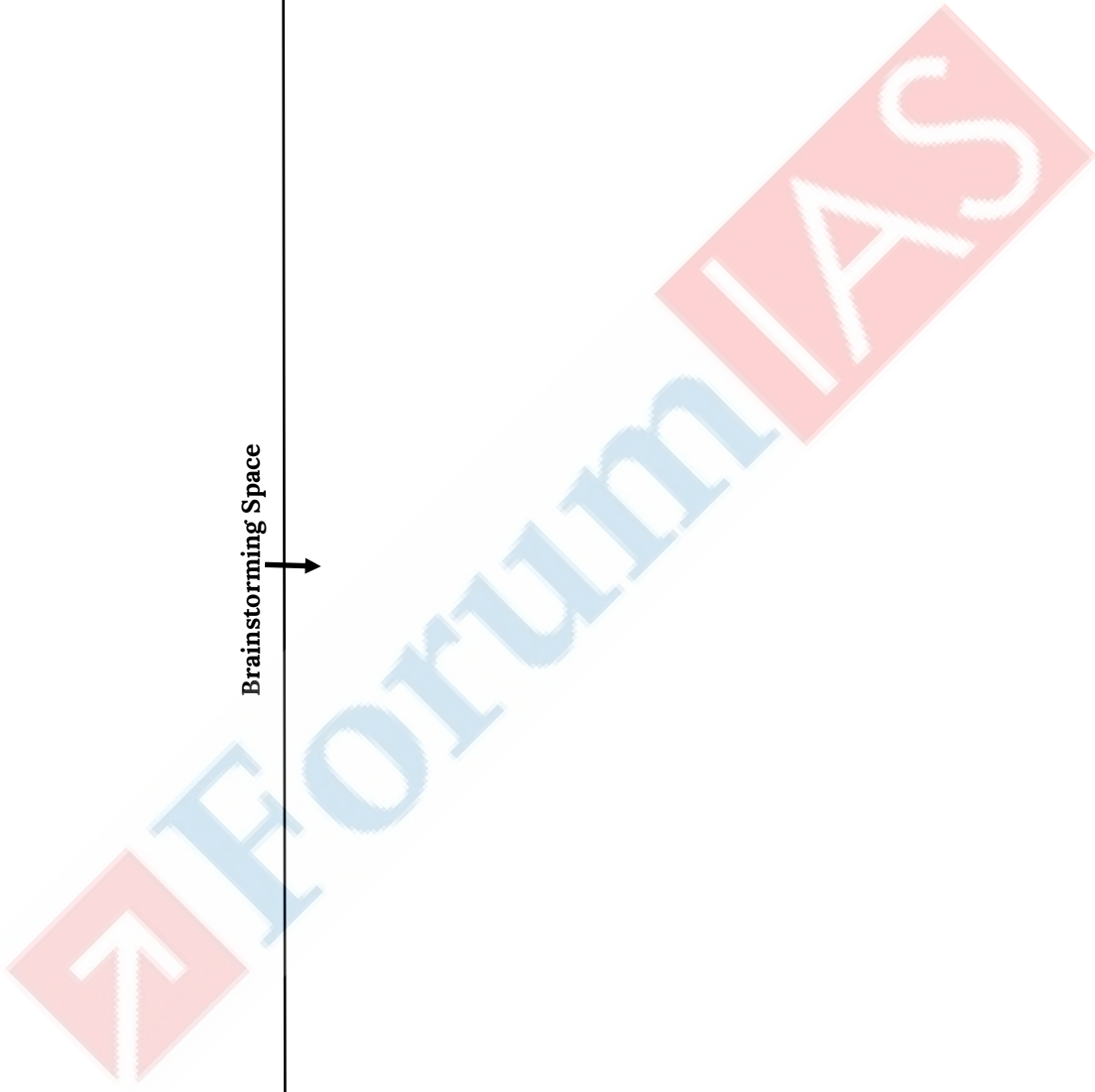


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Q.95) Distinguish clearly between 'Joint Ventures' and 'Foreign Collaboration'. Use appropriate examples to illustrate from India's recent experience. (15 marks, 250 words) (1987)

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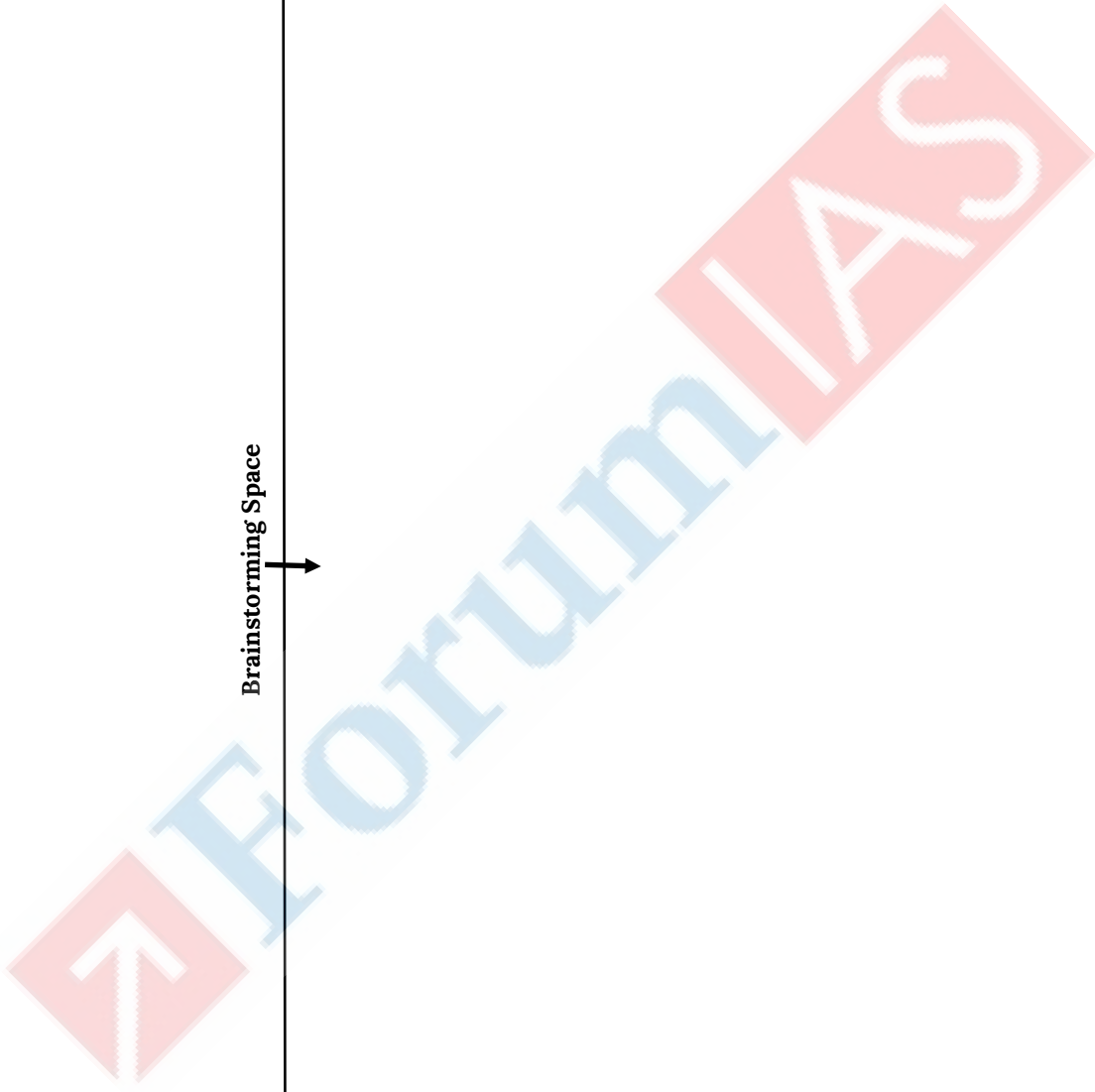


Q.96) What are the causes of persistent high food inflation in India? Comment on the effectiveness of the monetary policy of the RBI to control this type of inflation. (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

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Q.97) Explain the difference between the computing methodology of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) before the year 2015 and after the year 2015. (10 marks, 150 words) (2021)

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Q.98) Define potential GDP and explain its determinants. What are the factors that have been inhibiting India from realizing its potential GDP?
(10 marks, 150 words) (2020)

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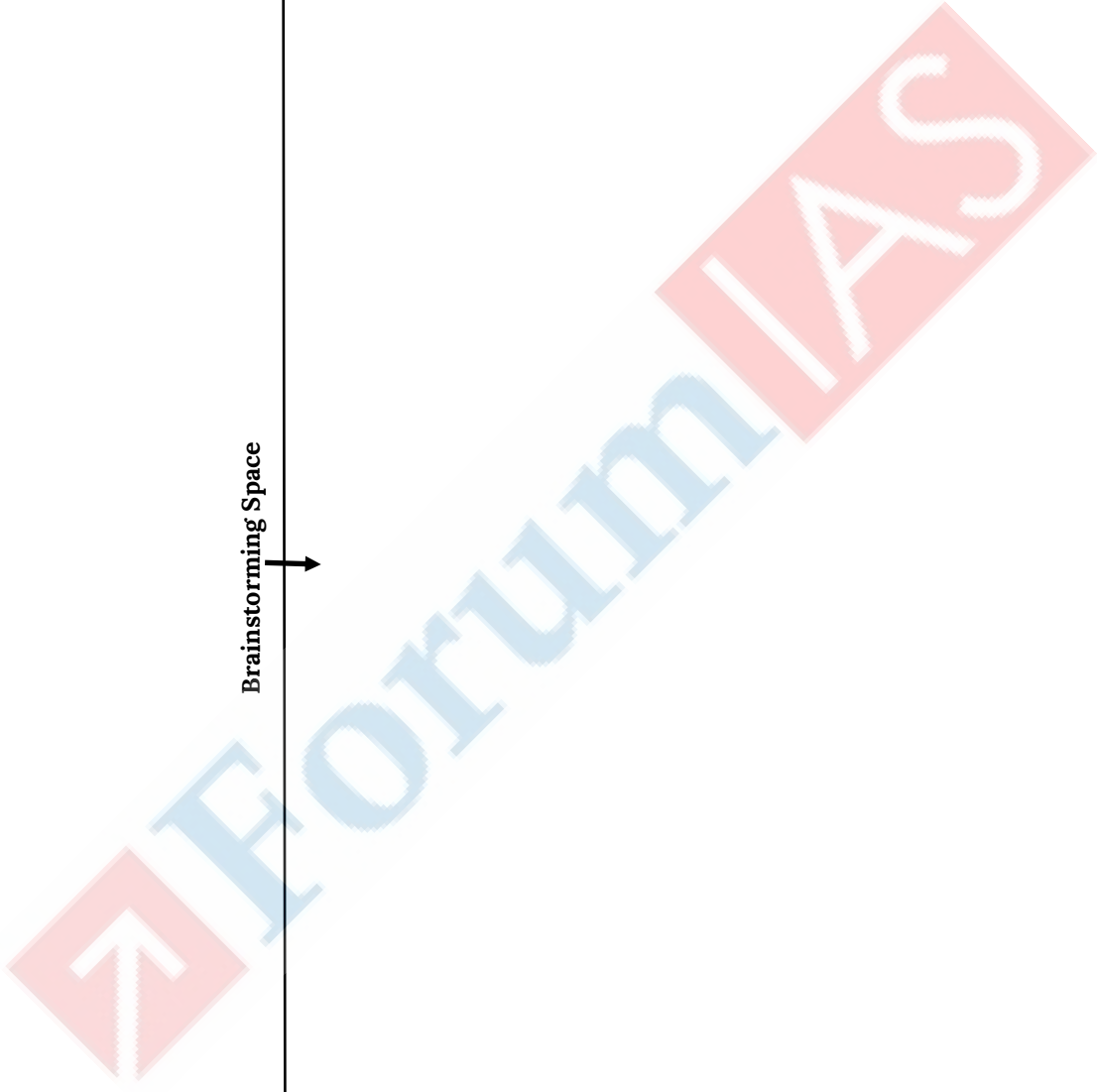
Q.99) Do you agree with the view that steady GDP growth and low inflation have left the Indian economy in good shape? Give reasons in support of your arguments. (10 marks, 150 words) (2019)

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Q.100) How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India? (15 marks, 250 words) (2018)

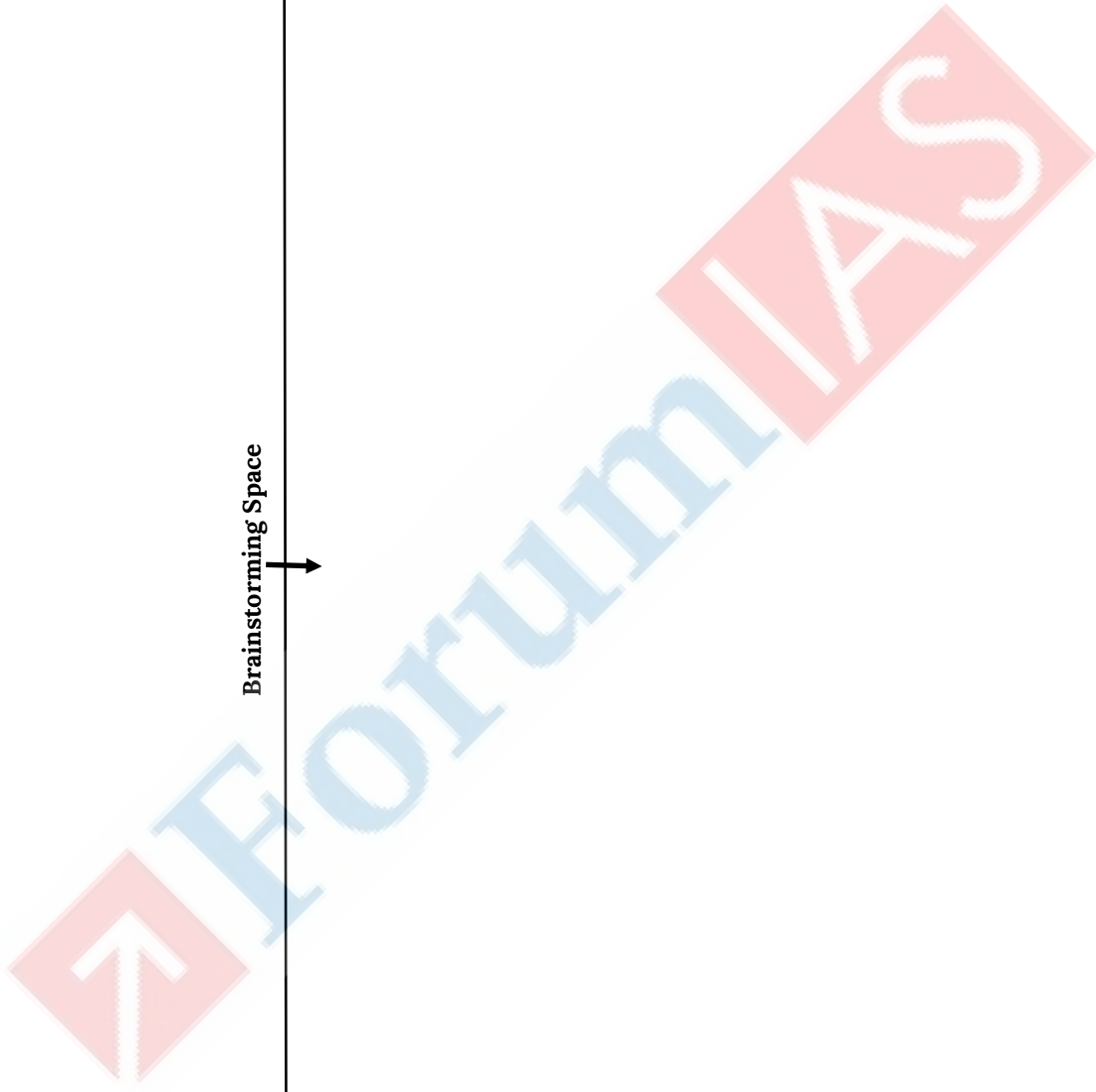
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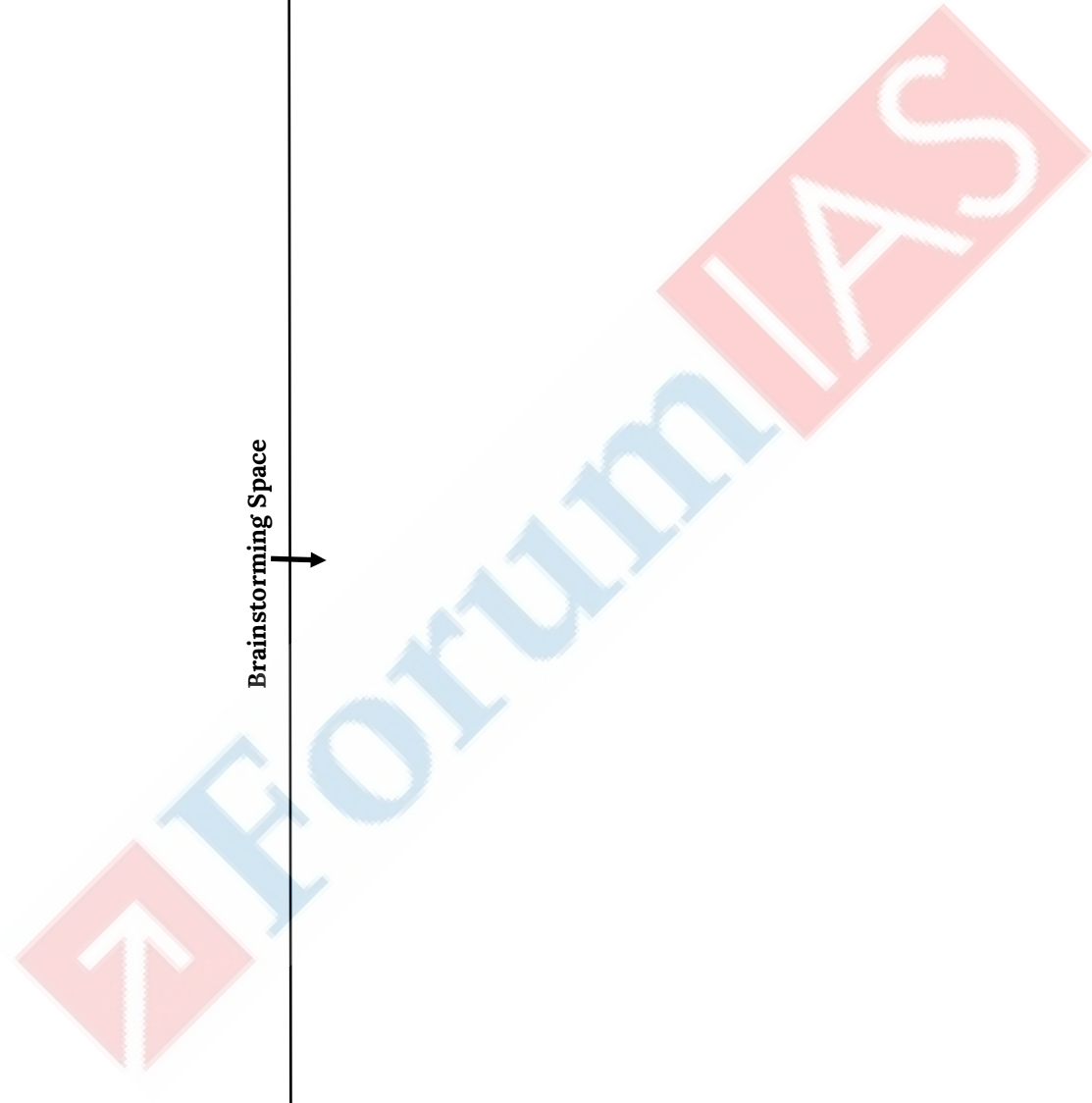
Q.101) Comment on the view that Monetary Policy in India is used more as a stabilisation device rather than as a development tool.
(10 marks, 150 words) (1998)

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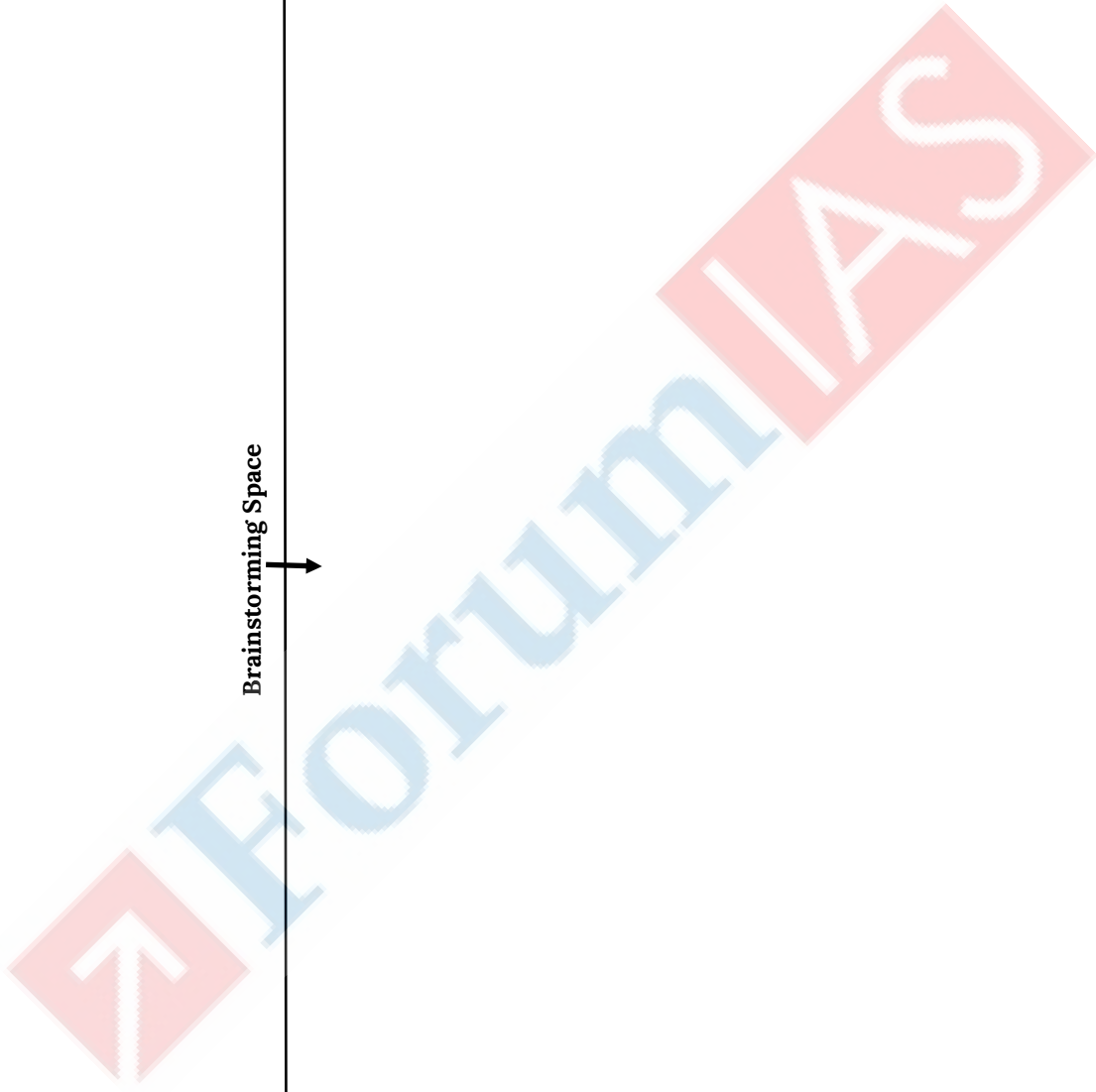
Q.102) Discuss the steps taken by the government in recent years to control inflation. (10 marks, 150 words) (1997)

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Q.103) What has been the rationale for deregulating commercial bank's lending rates as a policy strategy? (10 marks, 150 words) (1995)

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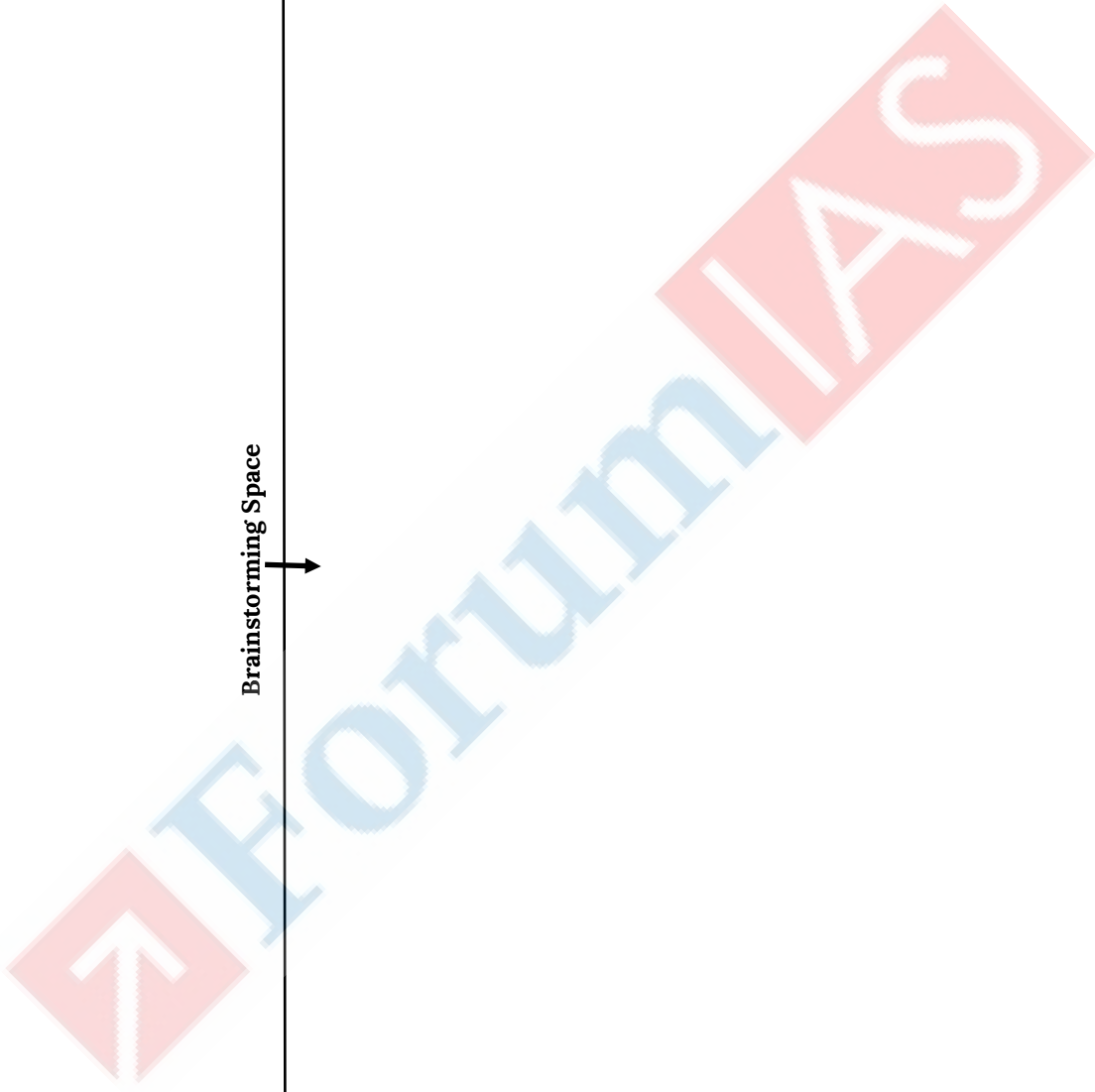


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Q.104) Discuss the factors that have led to the recent increase in the general price level and the measures taken by the Government to Combat it. (10 marks, 150 words) (1990)

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Q.105) The phenomenon of rising prices has been largely responsible for Indian economy and planning cut of welfare; it also causes hardship to the people. What are the basic reasons for continuous inflation in India and what has been the government strategy to control it? What specific measure have been taken by the Government of India for controlling inflation (12.5 marks, 200 words) (1981)

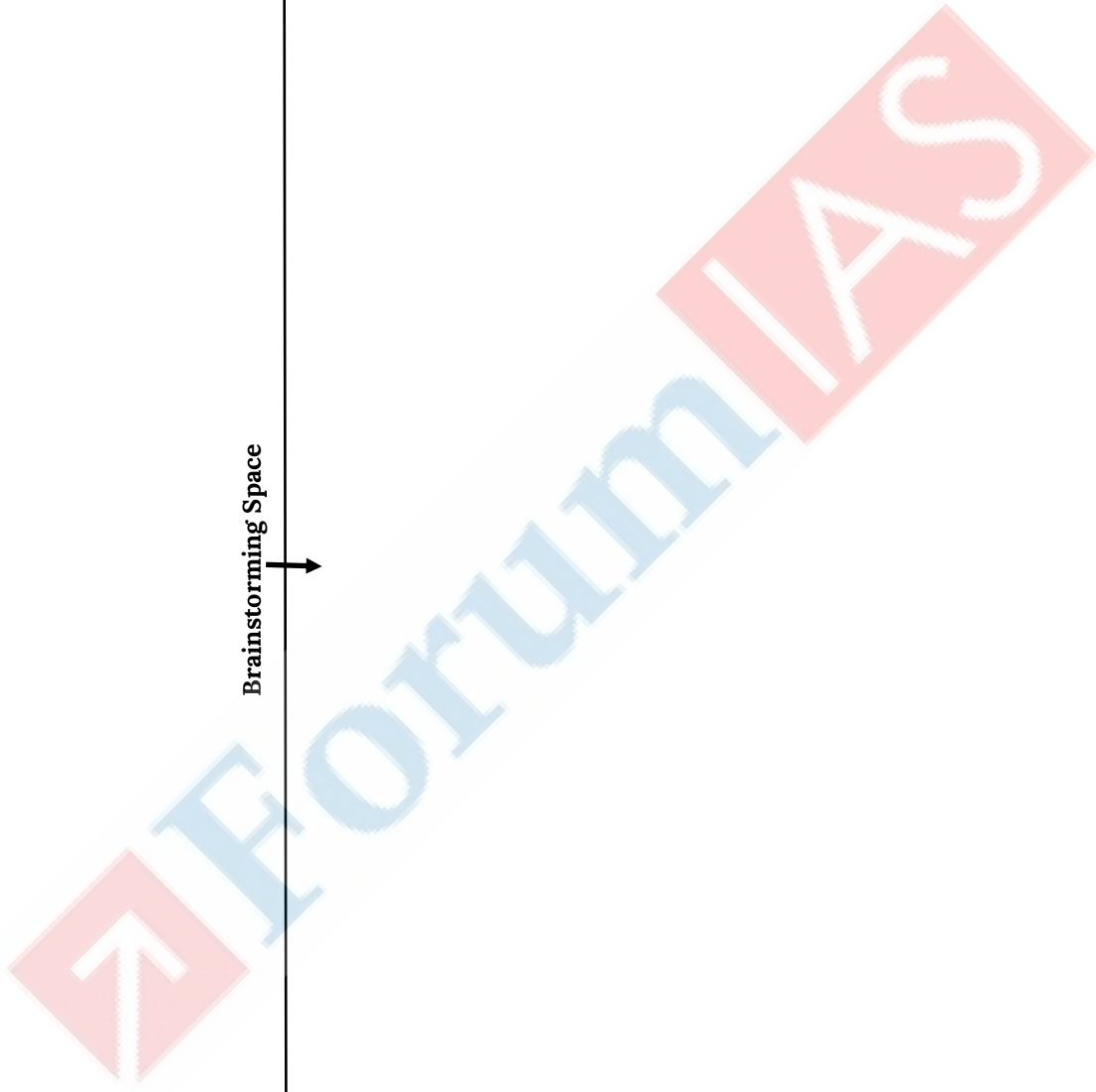
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Q.106) Explain how the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) can be used as a tool for assessing the fiscal performance of states in India. In what way would it encourage the states to adopt prudent and sustainable fiscal policies?

(15 marks, 250 words) (2025)

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Q.107) Examine the pattern and trend of public expenditure on social services in the post-reforms period in India. To what extent this has been in consonance with achieving the objective of inclusive growth?

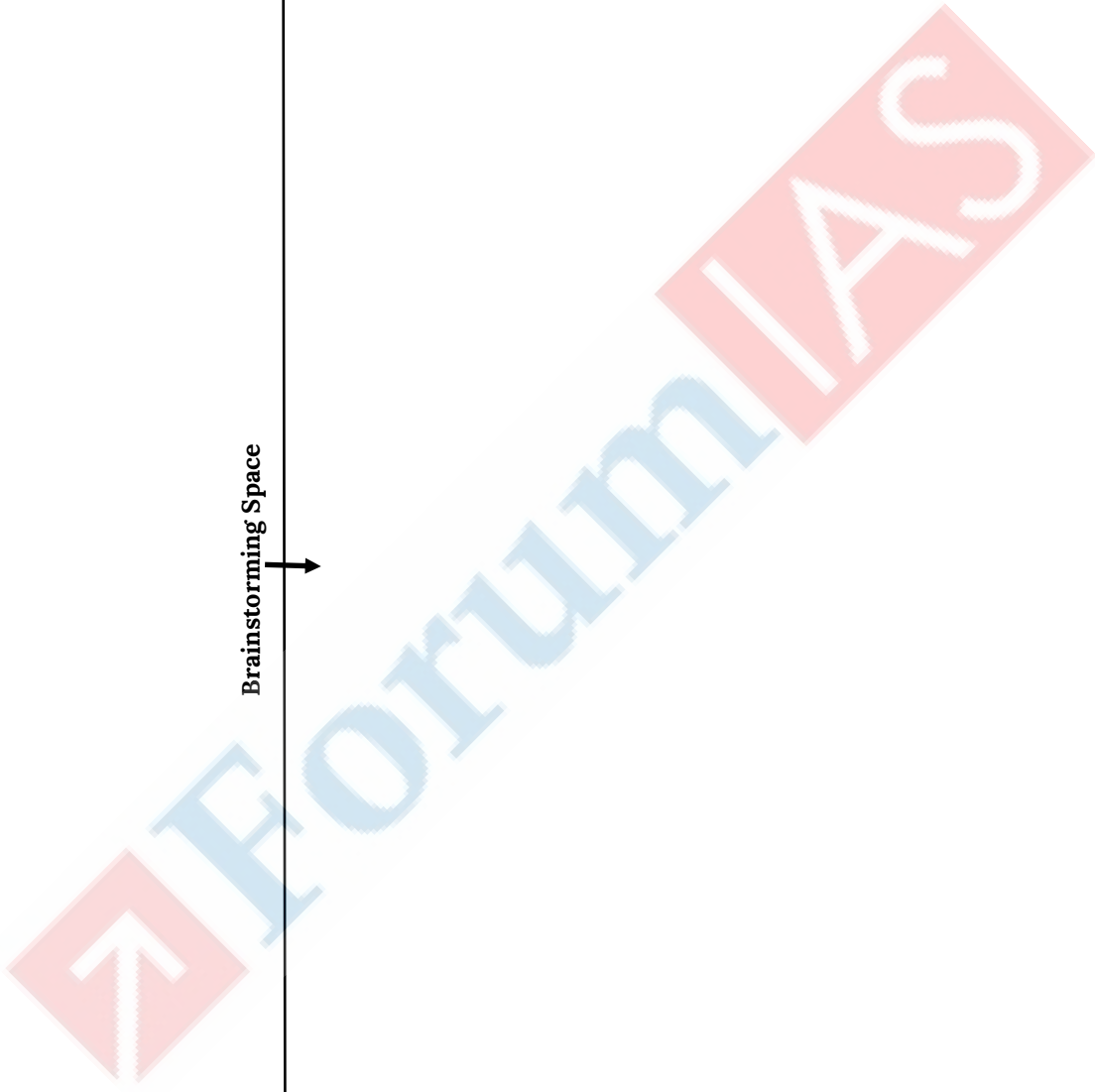
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Q.108) Distinguish between Capital Budget and Revenue Budget. Explain the components of both these Budgets. (10 marks, 150 words) (2021)

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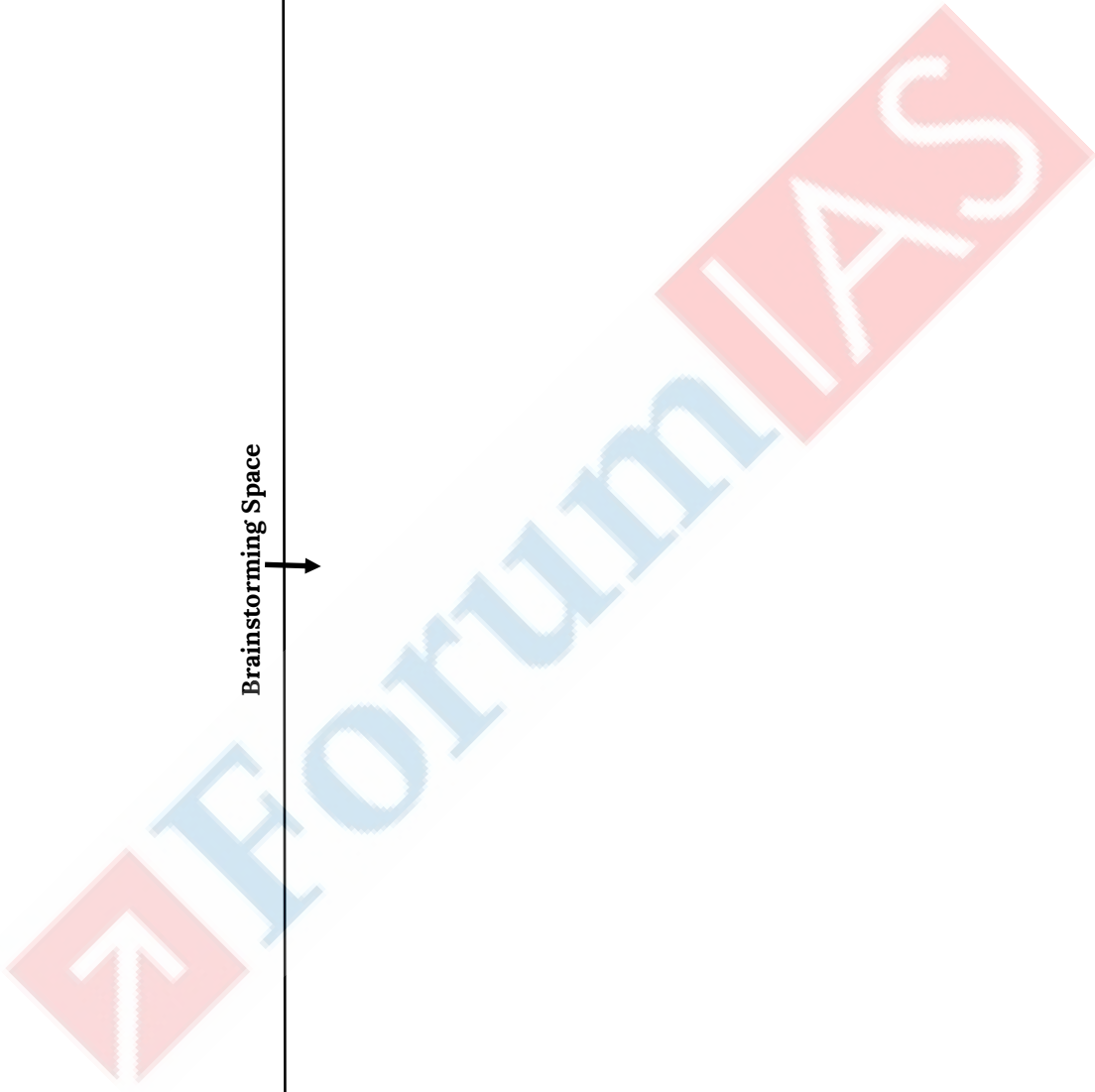




Q.109) Explain the rationale behind the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act of 2017. How has COVID-19 impacted the GST compensation fund and created new federal tensions?

(15 marks, 250 words) (2020)

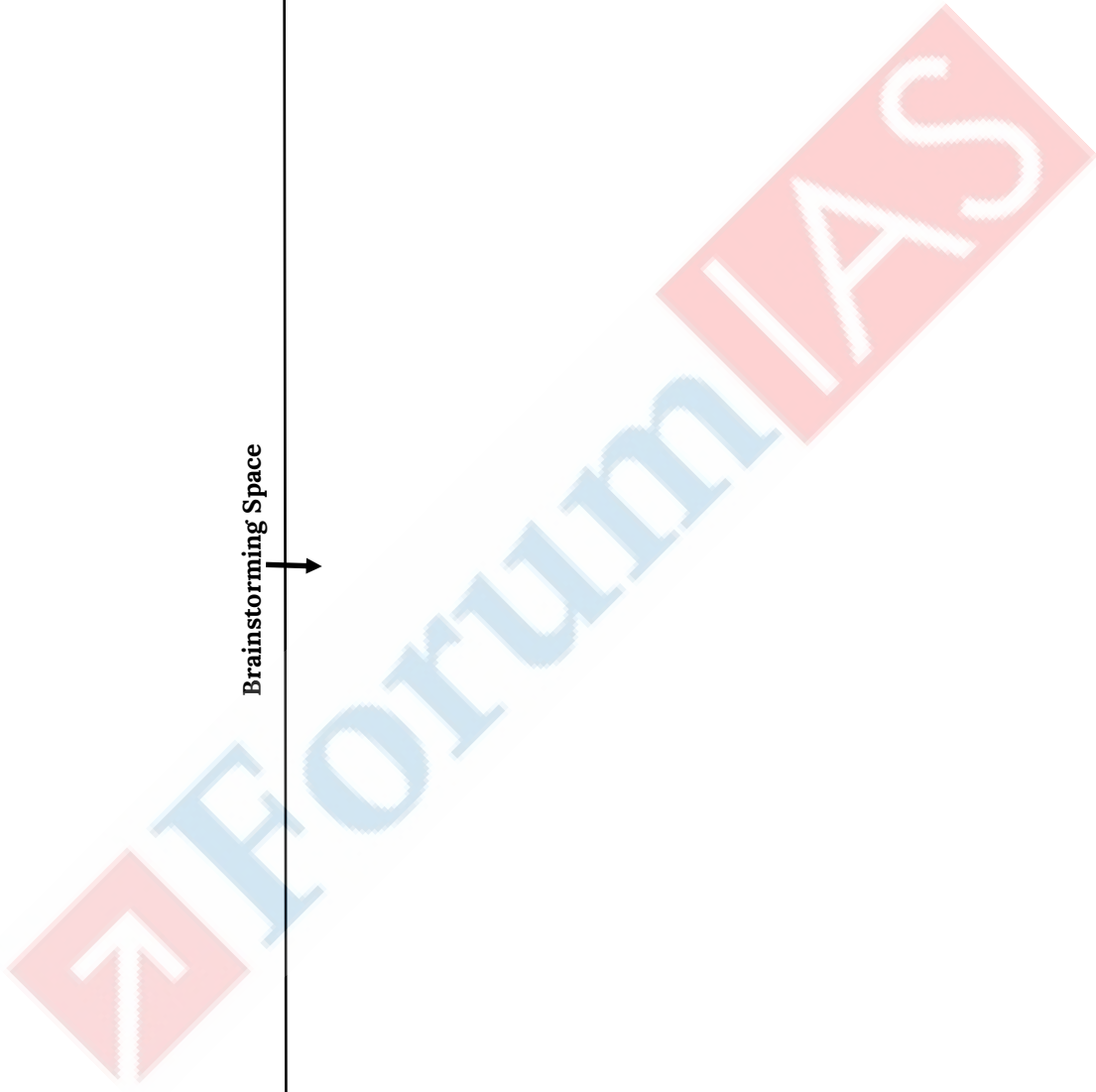
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Q.110) The public expenditure management is a challenge to the Government of India in context of budget making during the post liberalization period. Clarify it. (15 marks, 250 words) (2019)

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Q.111) Enumerate the indirect taxes which have been subsumed in the goods and services tax (GST) in India. Also, comment on the revenue implications of the GST introduced in India since July 2017.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2019)

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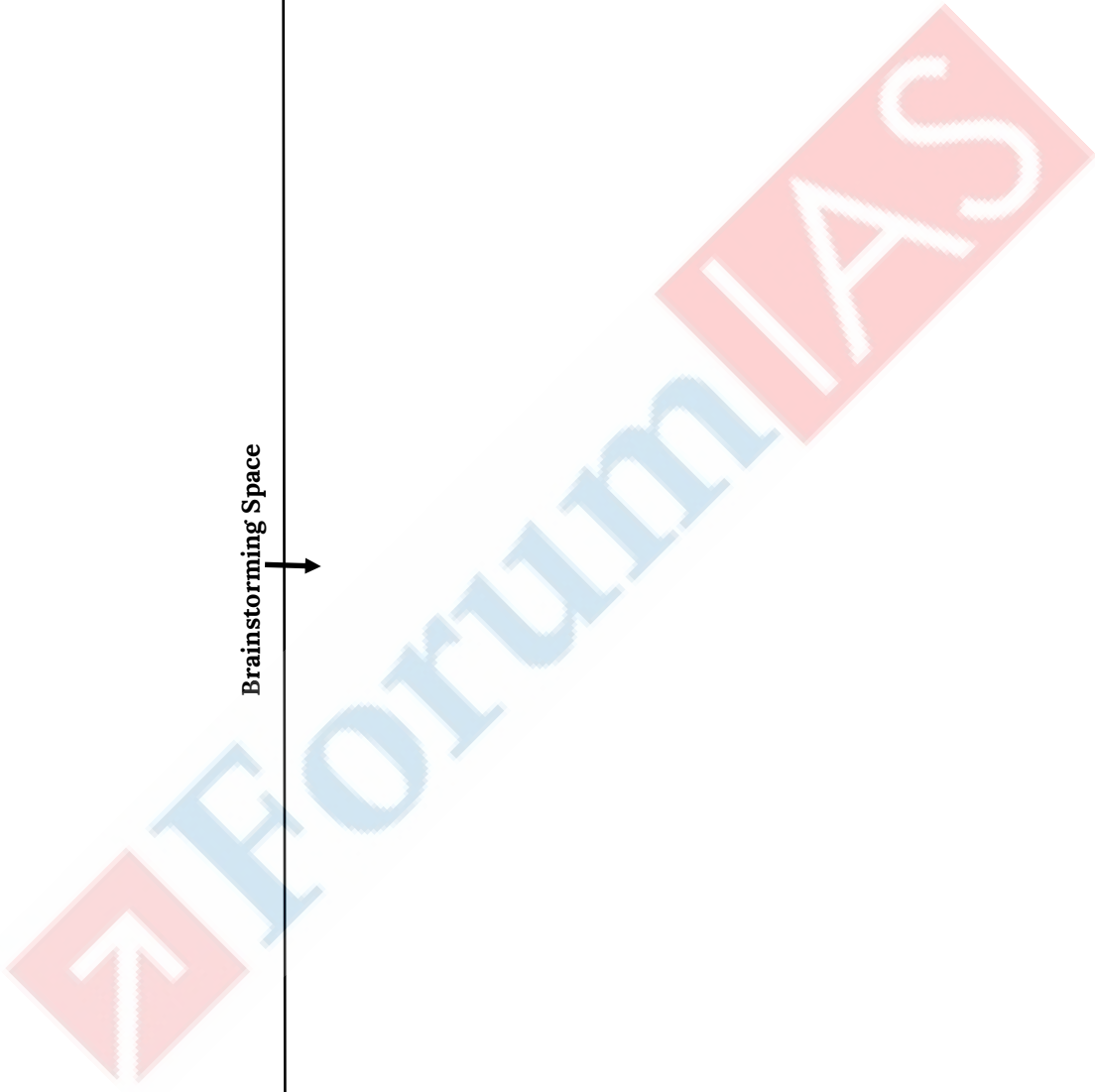


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Q.112) Comment on the important changes introduced in respect of the Long term Capital Gains Tax (LCGT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) in the Union Budget for 2018-2019. (10 marks, 150 words) (2018)

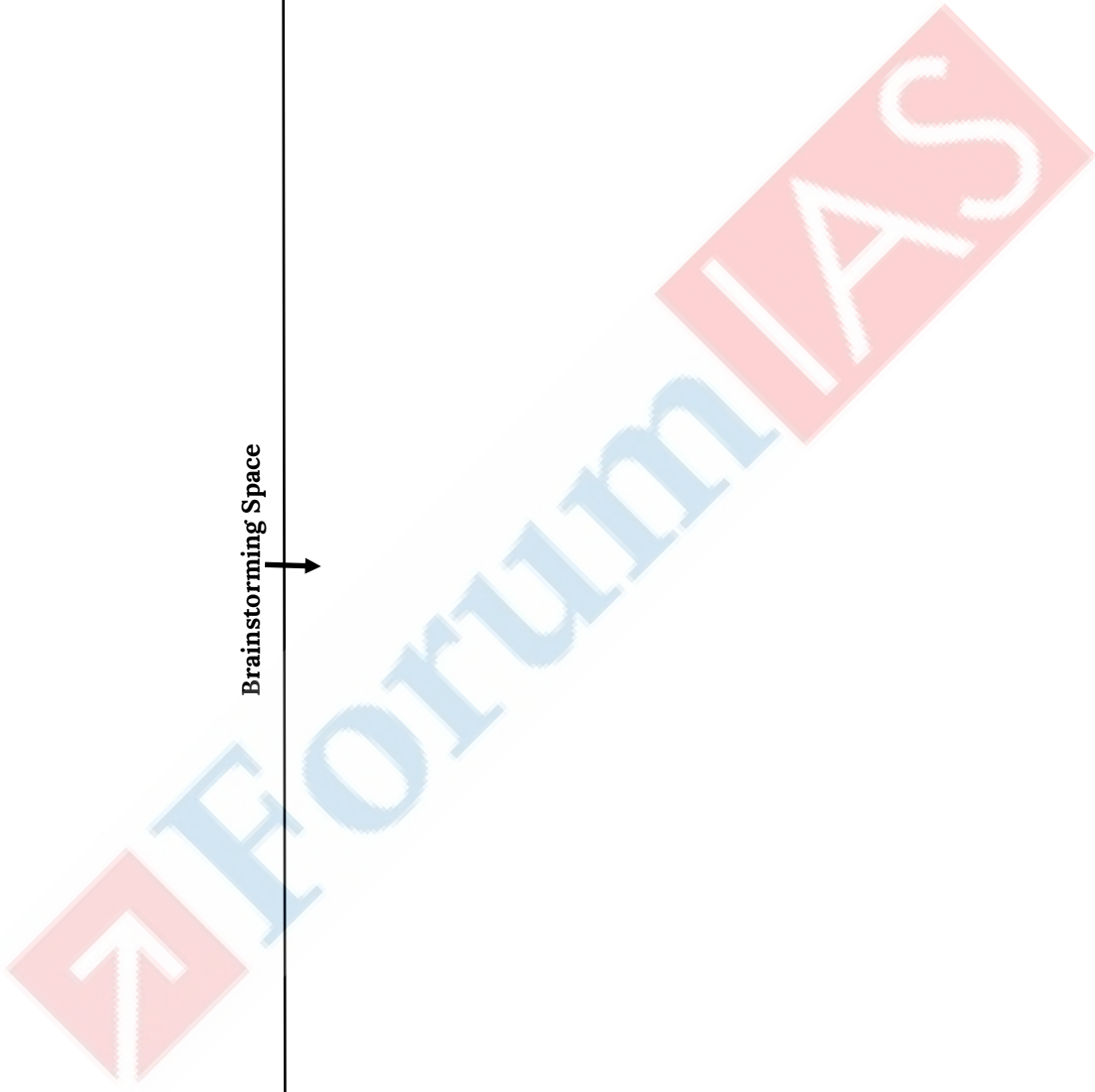
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Q.113) Discuss the rationale for introducing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India. Bring out critically the reasons for the delay in roll out for its regime. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

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Q.114) What is the meaning of the term 'tax expenditure'? Taking housing sector as an example, discuss how it influences the budgetary policies of the government. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

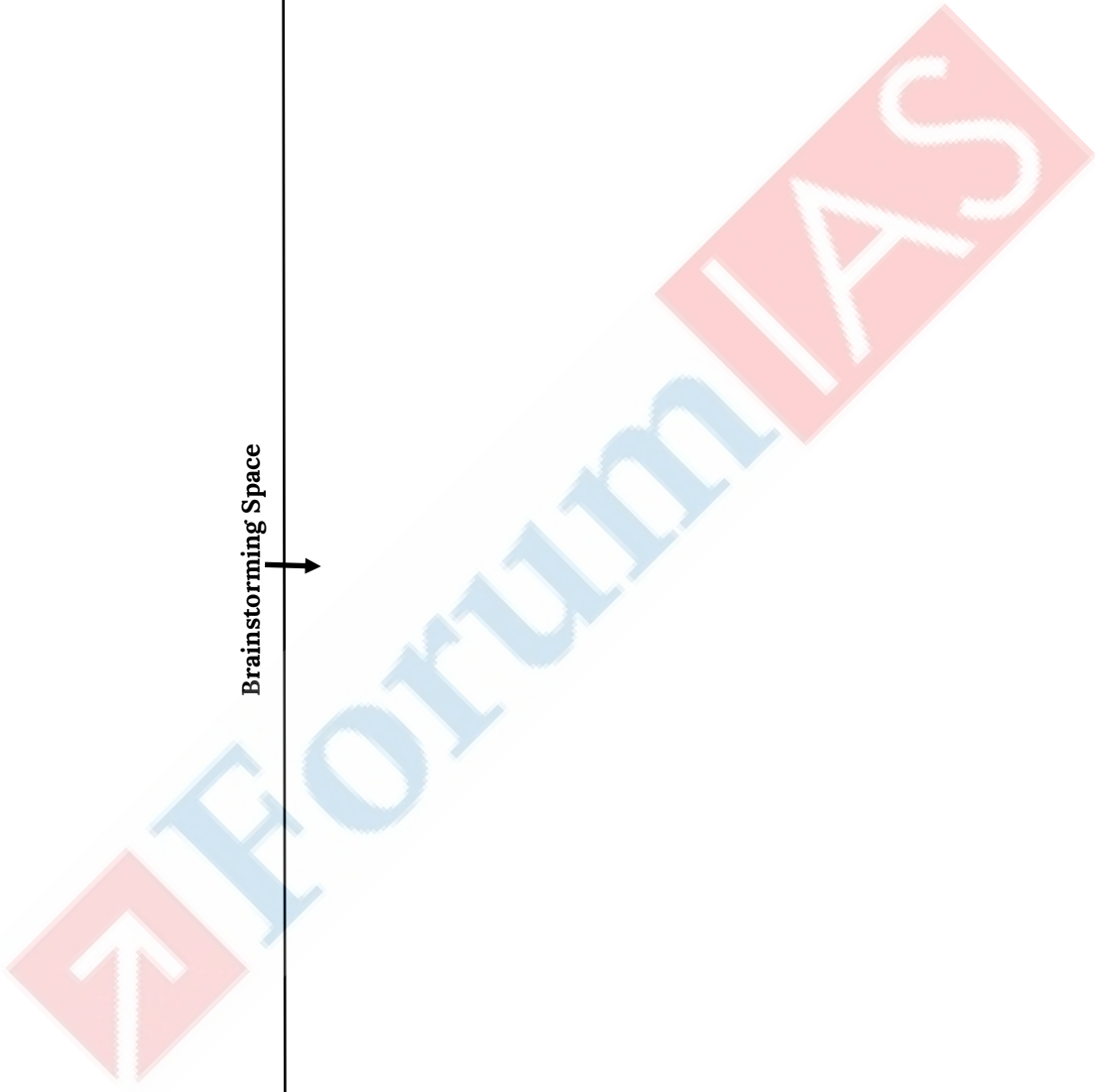
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Q.115) What are the hurdles faced by the Finance Ministers of India in keeping the fiscal deficit below 3 - 4 percent of the GDP? Suggest steps to lower the fiscal deficit. (10 marks, 150 words) (2001)

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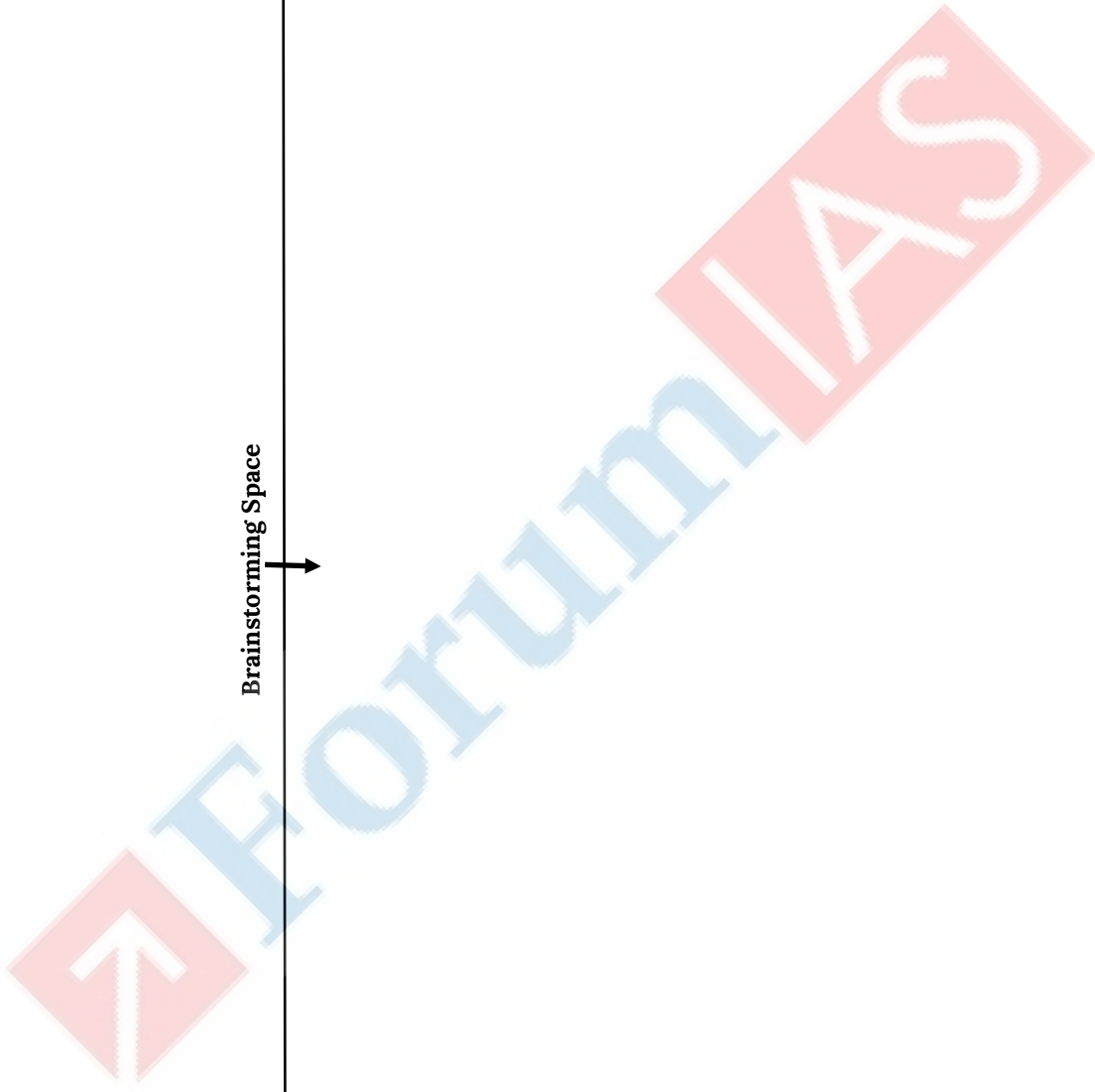




Q.116) Do you agree with the view that, in a country like India, a tax on wealth would be a useful supplement to the income tax? Argue the case in the light of Raja Chelliah Tax Reform Committee Report.

(15 marks, 250 words) (1995)

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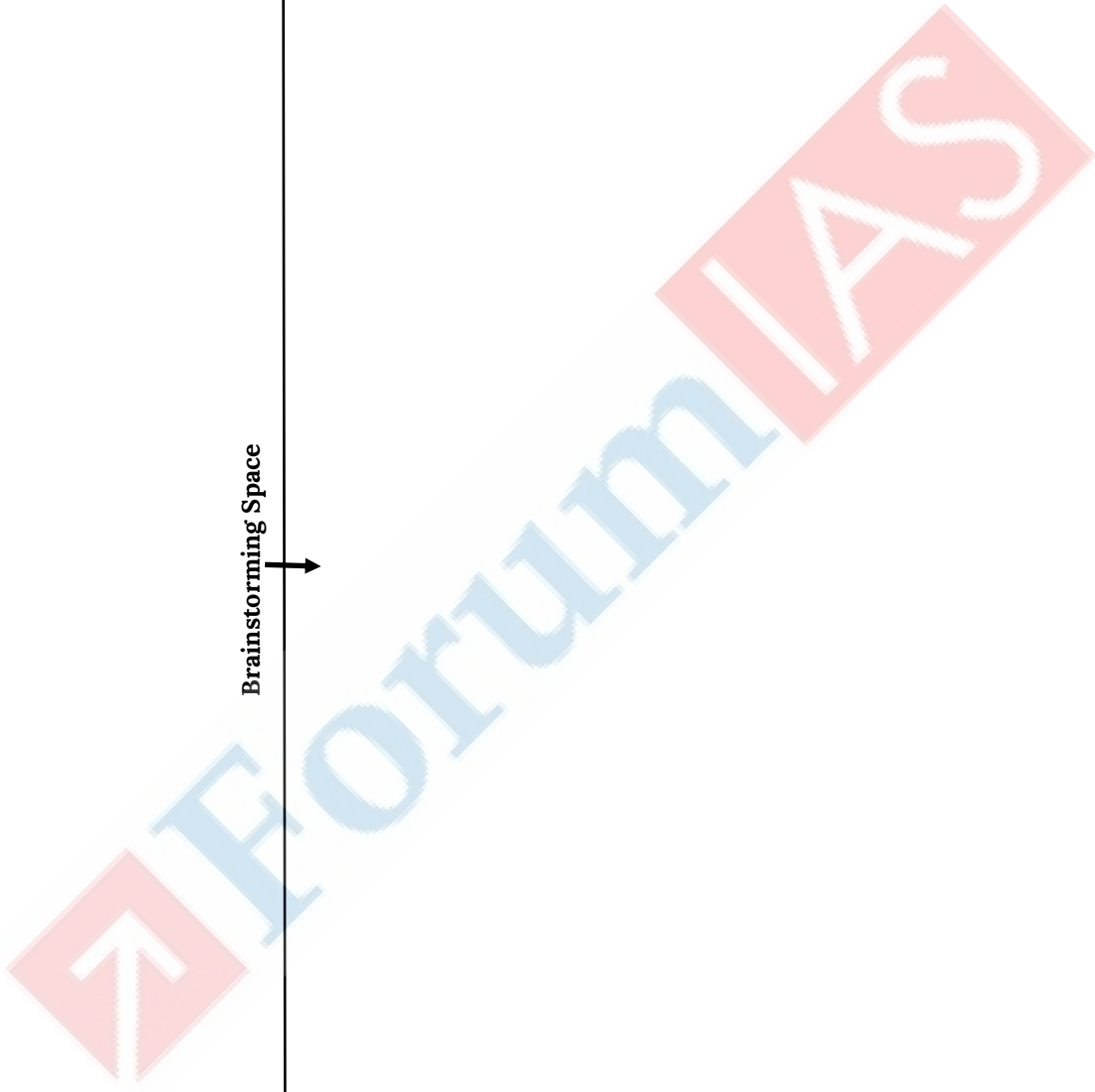


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Q.117) Do you think that income tax reduces economic incentives? Give your reasons. (10 marks, 150 words) (1995)

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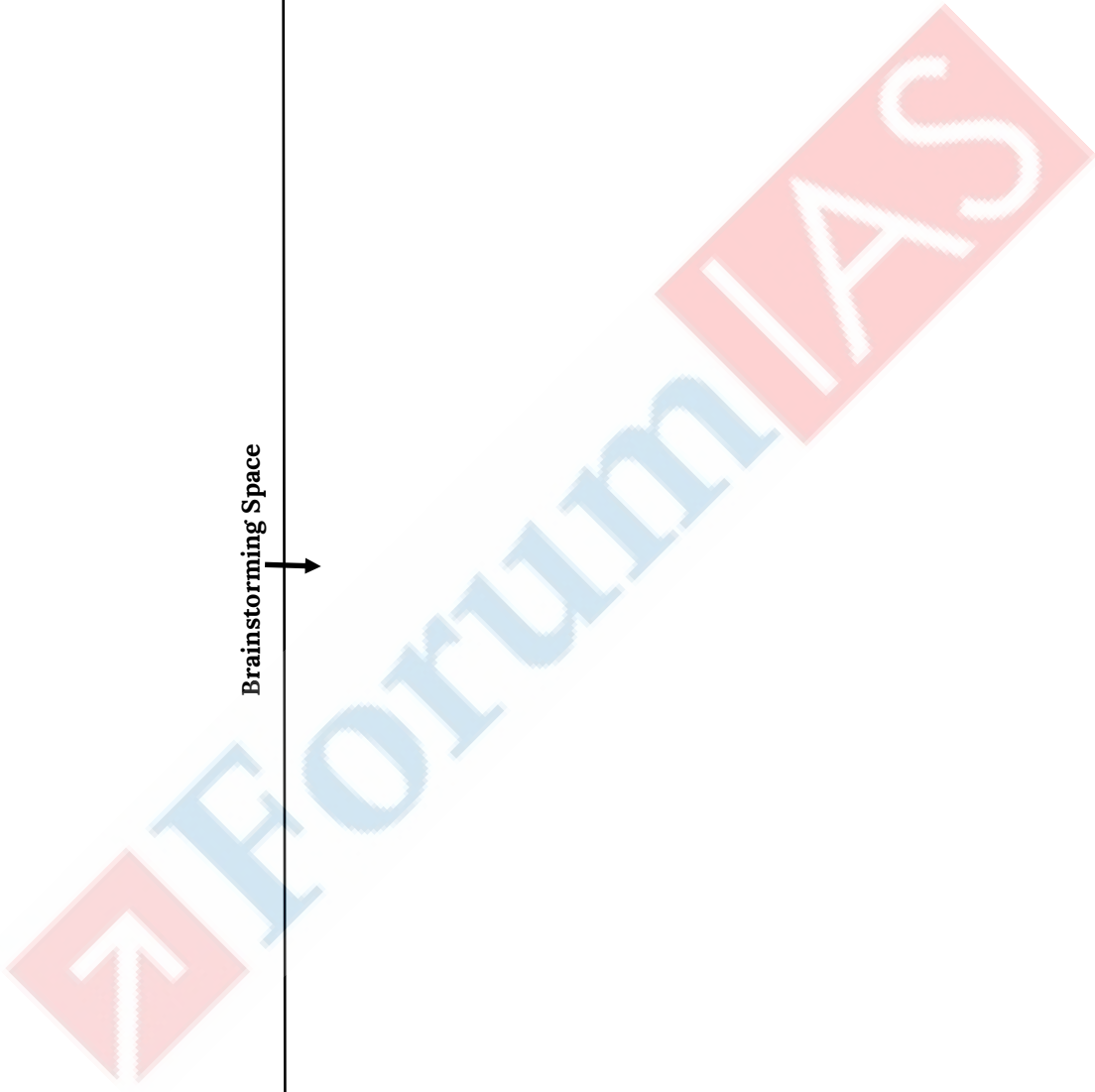


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Q.118) Does reduction in fiscal deficit necessarily assure reduction in inflation?
(10 marks, 150 words) (1995)

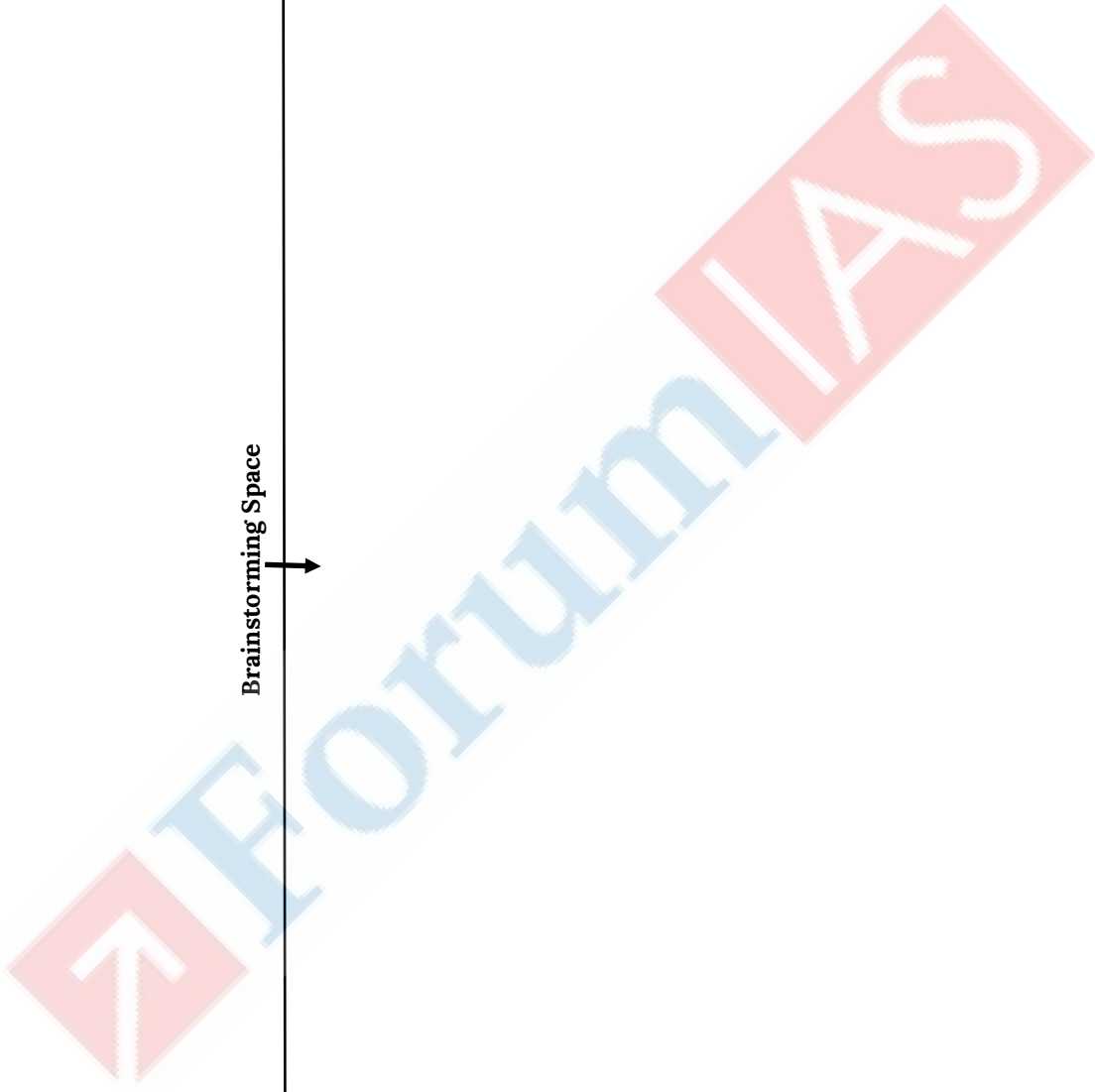
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Q.119) Indicate briefly the tax reforms that have been introduced in India after the coming in of the New Economic Policy.
(10 marks, 150 words) (1994)

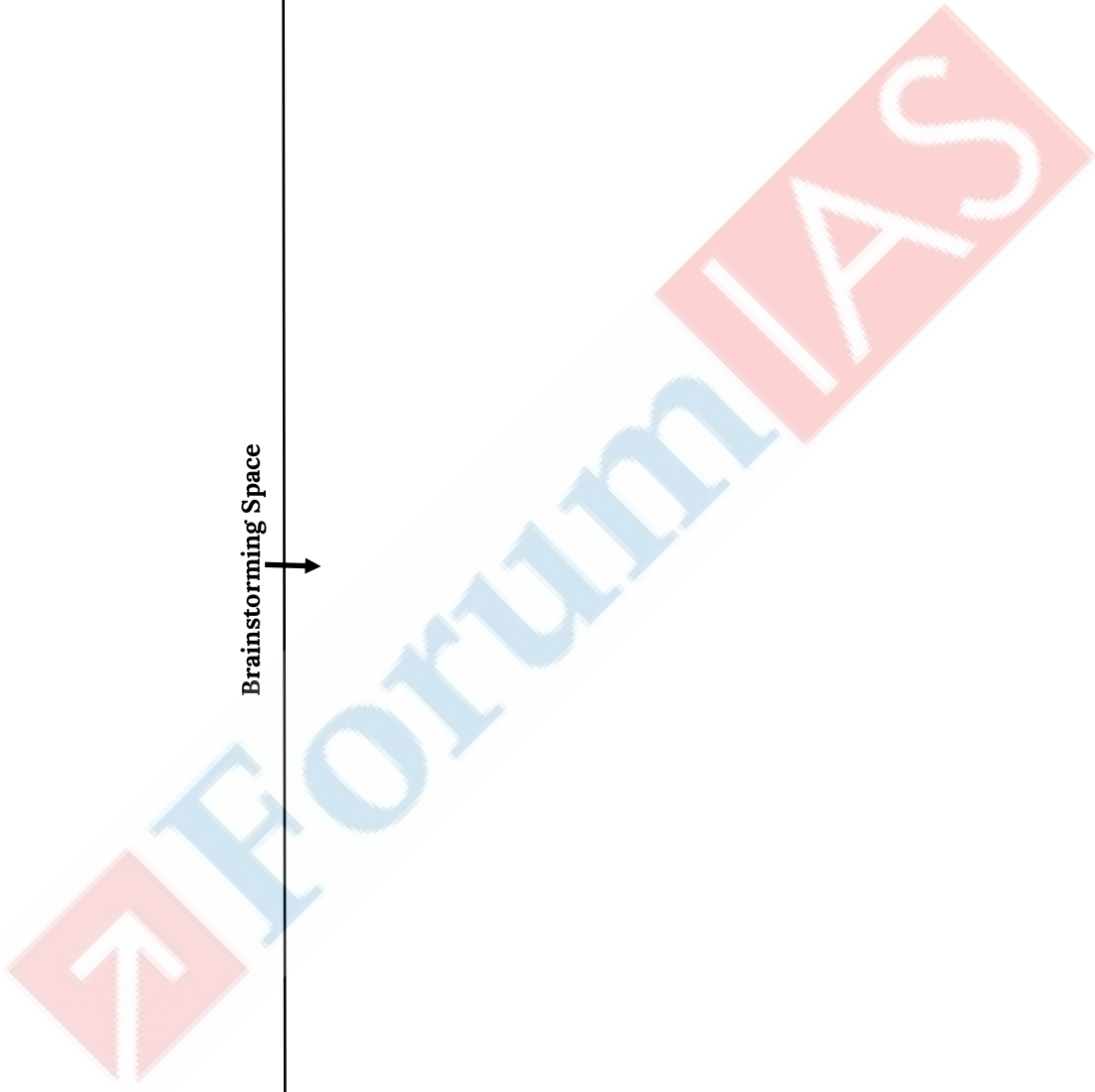
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Q.120) In a developing country like ours what according to you, should be the basis of taxation income or consumption? Spell out your arguments clearly. (10 marks, 150 words) (1993)

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Q.121) State the distinctive features of the national budget for 1979 – 80. To what extent are the present inflationary trends derived from the budget provisions (About 200 are the present inflationary trends derived from the budget provisions. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (1988)

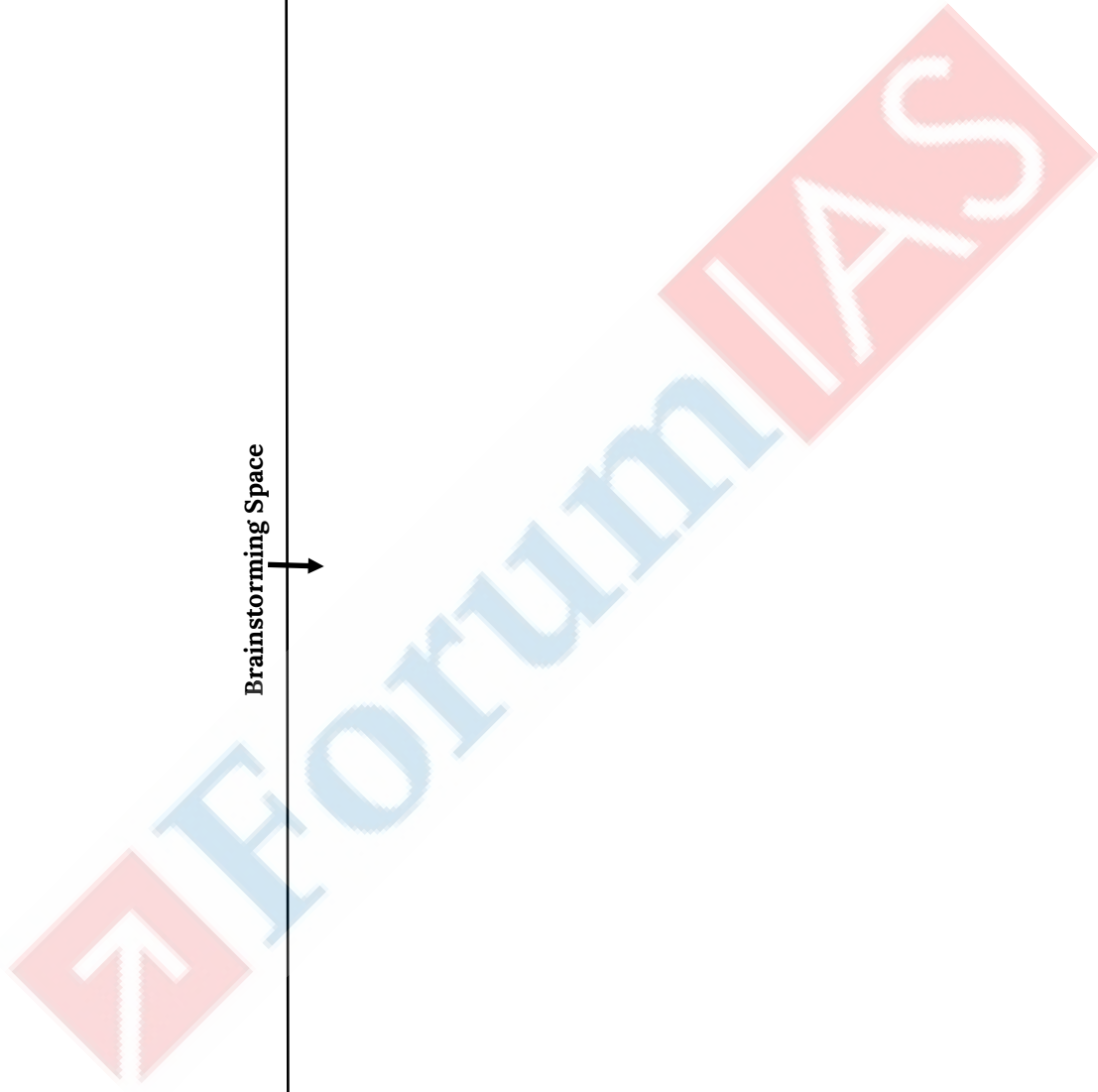
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Q.122) Examine the pros and cons of increasing the level of taxation on agriculture sector. (10 marks, 150 words) (1982)

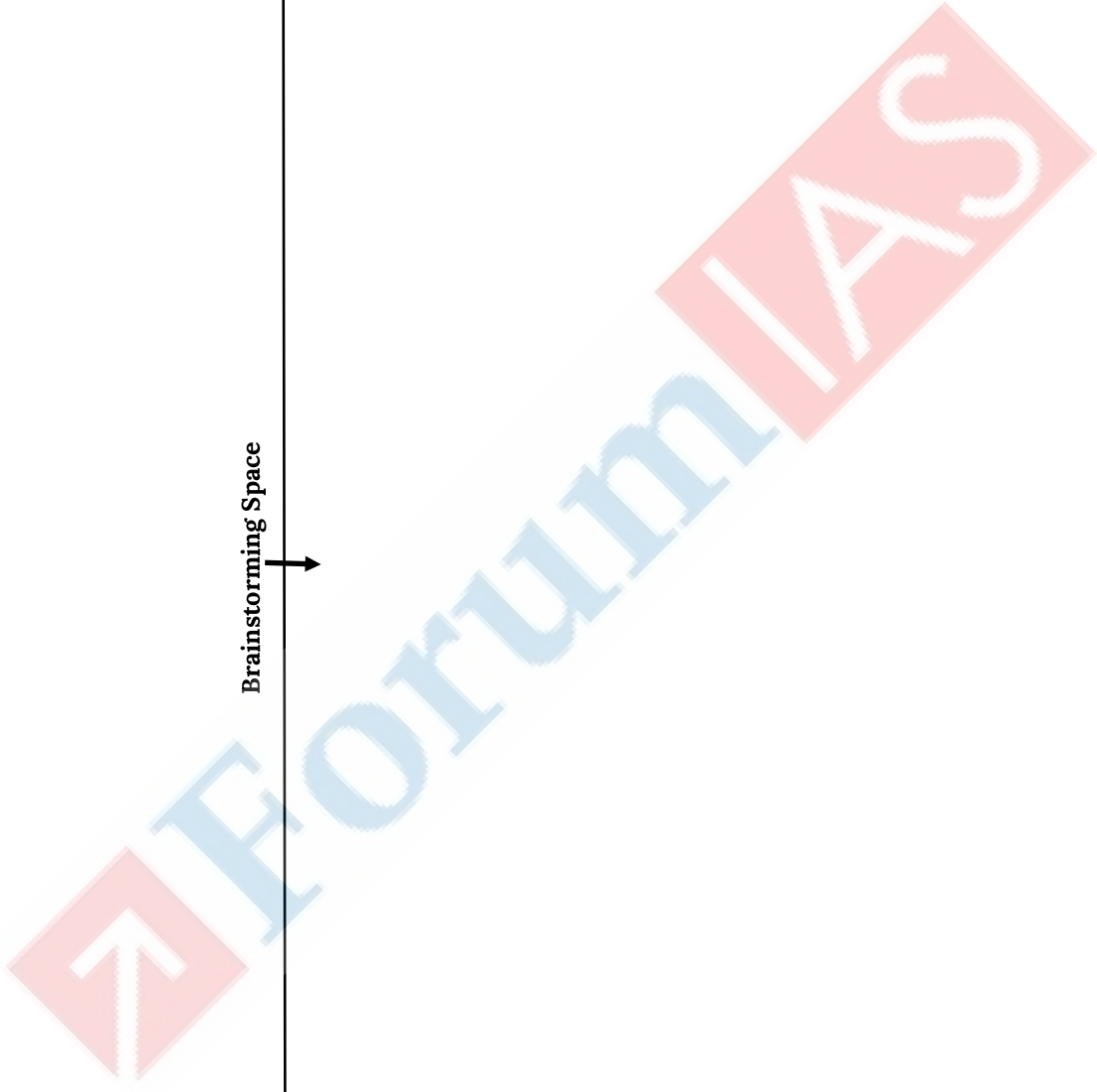
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Q.123) One of the intended objectives of Union Budget 2017-18 is to 'transform, energize and clean India'. Analyse the measures proposed in the Budget 2017-18 to achieve the objective. (10 marks, 150 words) (2017)

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Q.124) To what factors can the recent dramatic fall in equipment costs and tariff of solar energy be attributed? What implications does the trend have for the thermal power producers and the related industry?

(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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Q.125) Should the pursuit of carbon credits and clean development mechanisms set up under UNFCCC be maintained even though there has been a massive slide in the value of a carbon credit? Discuss with respect to India's energy needs for economic growth.

(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

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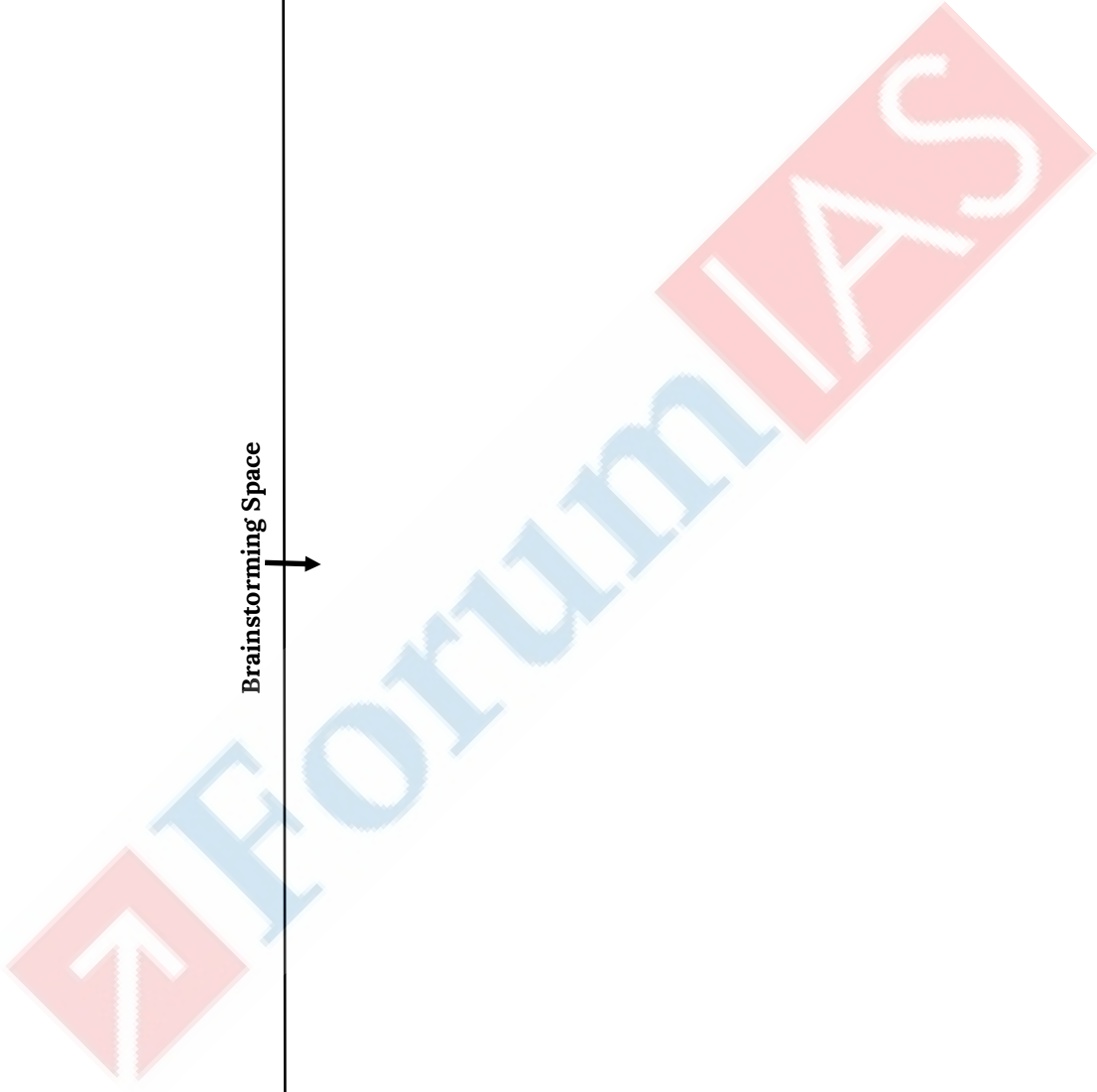


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Q.126) Write a note on India's green energy corridor to alleviate the problem of conventional energy. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

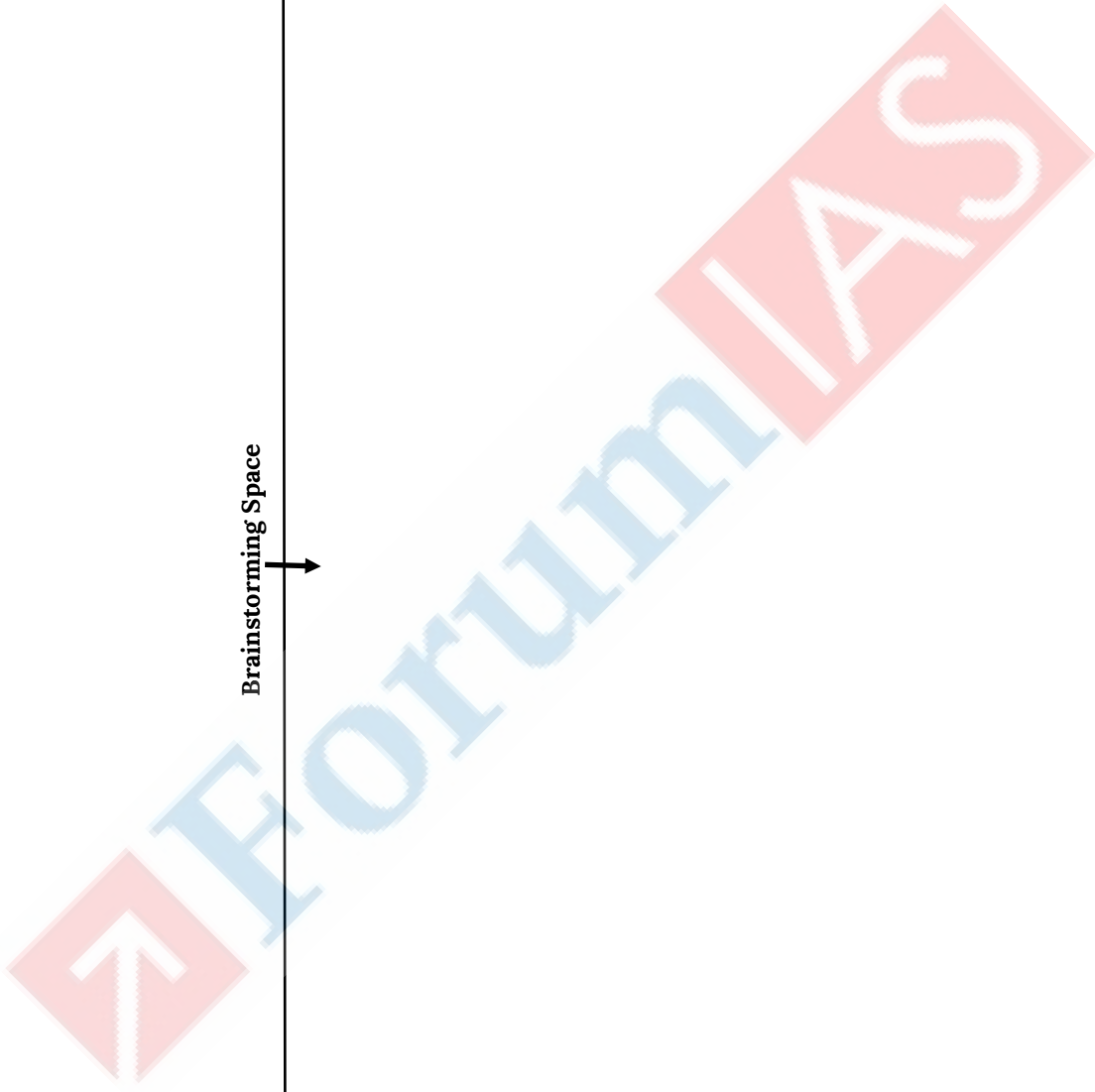
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Q.127) Evaluate India's approach towards meeting the country's growing energy demands. Compare the success of this approach with that of another Asian giant which has perhaps the fastest growing energy demand (15 marks, 250 words) (2010)

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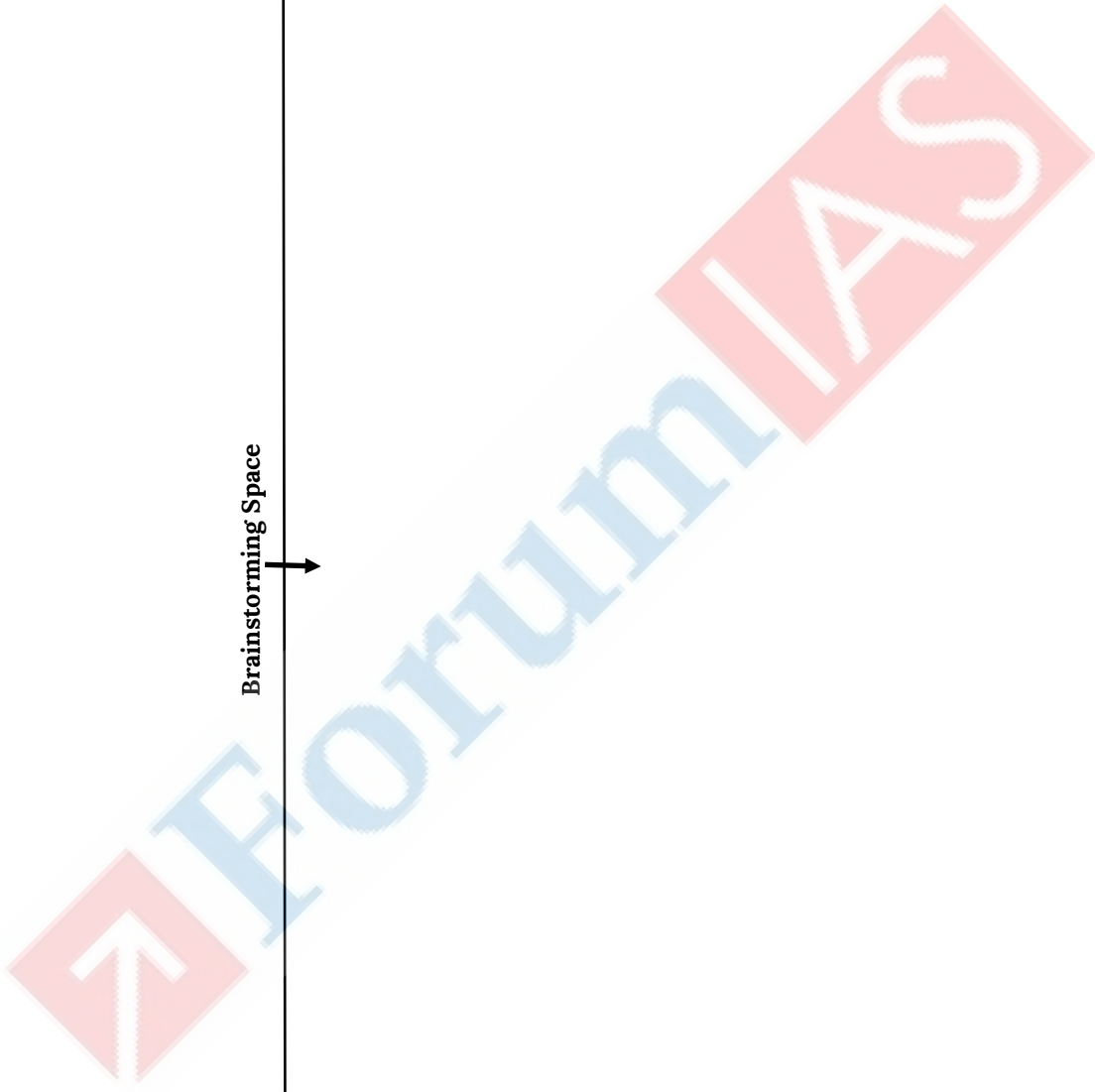


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Q.128) Comment on the salient features of the Integrated Energy Policy and its implications on the energy security needs of the country.
(10 marks, 150 words) (2009)

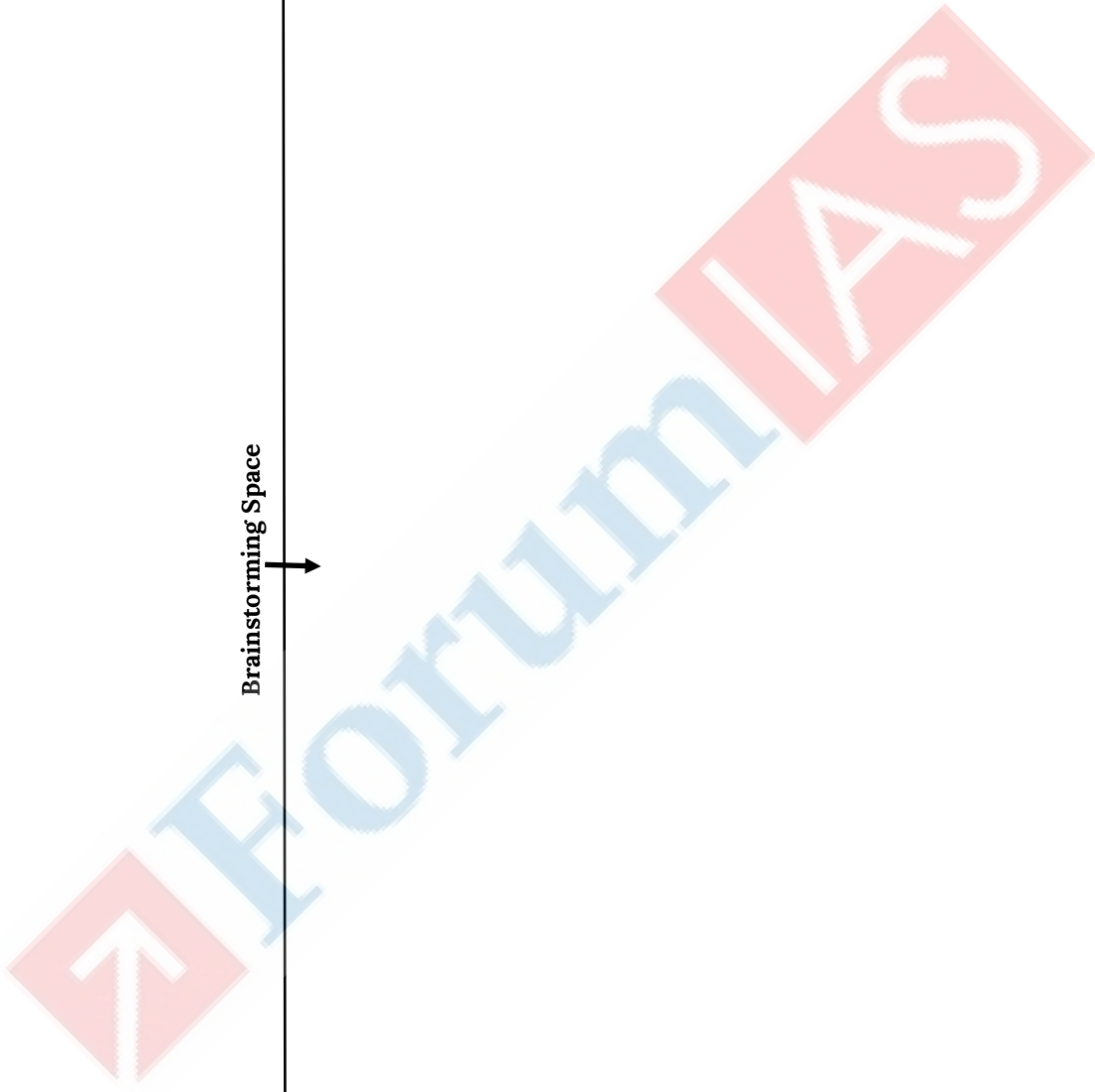
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Q.129) What is the energy Independence? Discuss how India can be transformed into an 'Energy-independent Nation.'
(10 marks, 150 words) (2005)

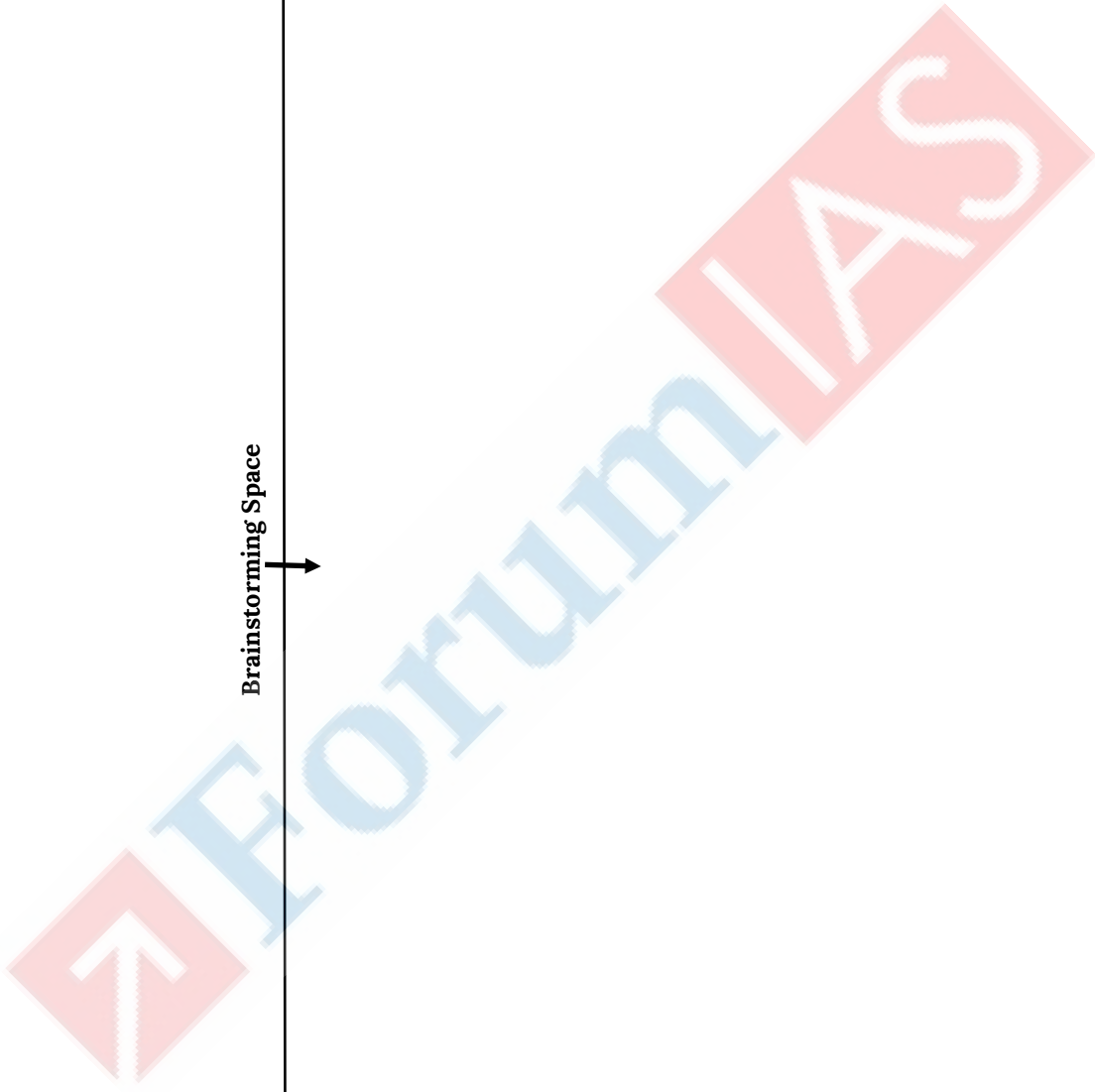
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Q.130) Expert opinion is sharply divided regarding the advisability or otherwise of building nuclear power plants in India. Summarize the chief arguments on either side and suggest what according to you would be a wiser policy. (15 marks, 250 words) (1987)

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Q.131) What measures have been taken by the Government of India to develop our own sources for the supply petroleum crude? Discuss the measure of success achieved in this regard. (15 marks, 250 words) (1985)

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Q.132) What is the global energy crisis and what is its impact on India? Having regard to our situation, environment, resources and problems, what would be the profile of an appropriate energy policy for India? Examine critically the available alternative options.

(15 marks, 250 words) (1982)

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Q.133) What important issues were considered at the Conference held in August 1981 at Nairobi on new and renewable sources of energy under the of United Nations? What progress has been made in India towards the development of renewable sources of energy
(12.5 marks, 200 words) (1981)

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Q.134) Briefly review India's Energy resources. In the context of the world shortage of petroleum, how would you plan for meeting our rural energy needs? Discuss the relative merits of centralised generation, supply and distribution of energy vis-a-vis generation of energy at consumer points or centres. (15 marks, 250 words) (1979)

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Q.135) Craze for gold in Indians have led to a surge in import of gold in recent years and put pressure on balance of payments and external value of rupee. In view of this, examine the merits of Gold Monetization Scheme. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

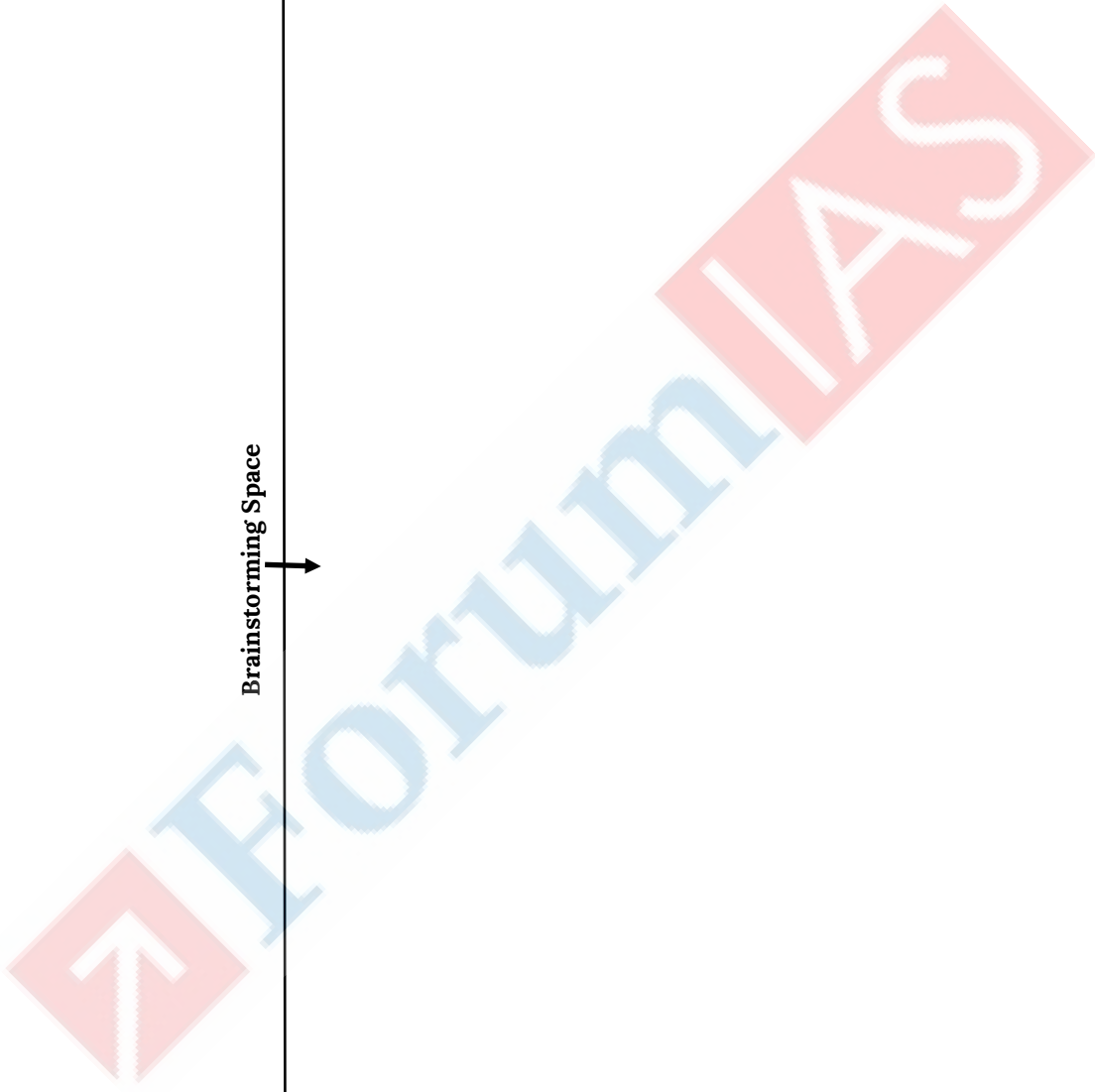
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Q.136) Point out the measures undertaken towards flexibility in capital account transactions during the recent past. (10 marks, 150 words) (2003)

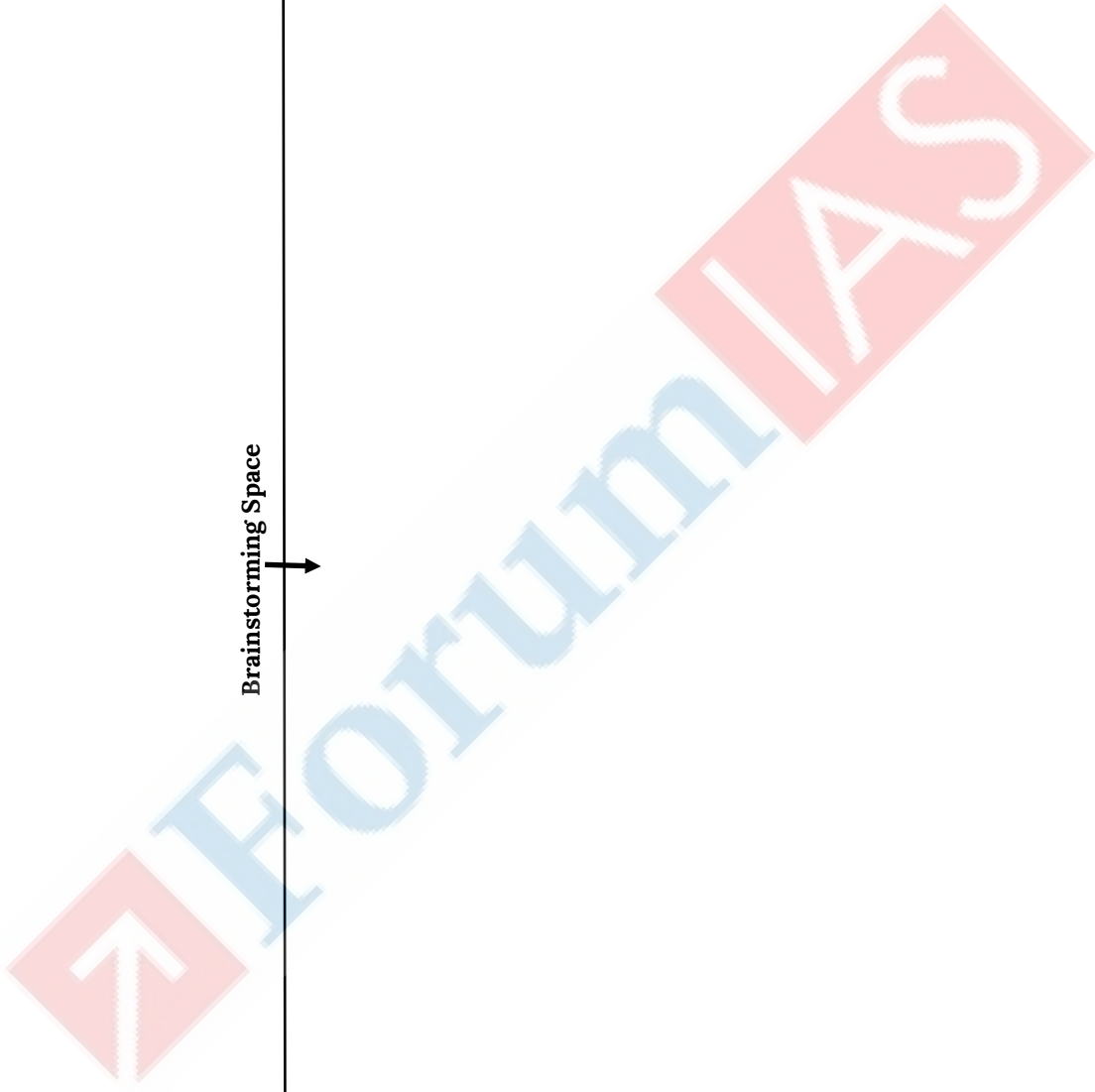
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Q.137) Explain the factors influencing the decision of the farmers on the selection of high value crops in India. (15 marks, 250 words) (2025)

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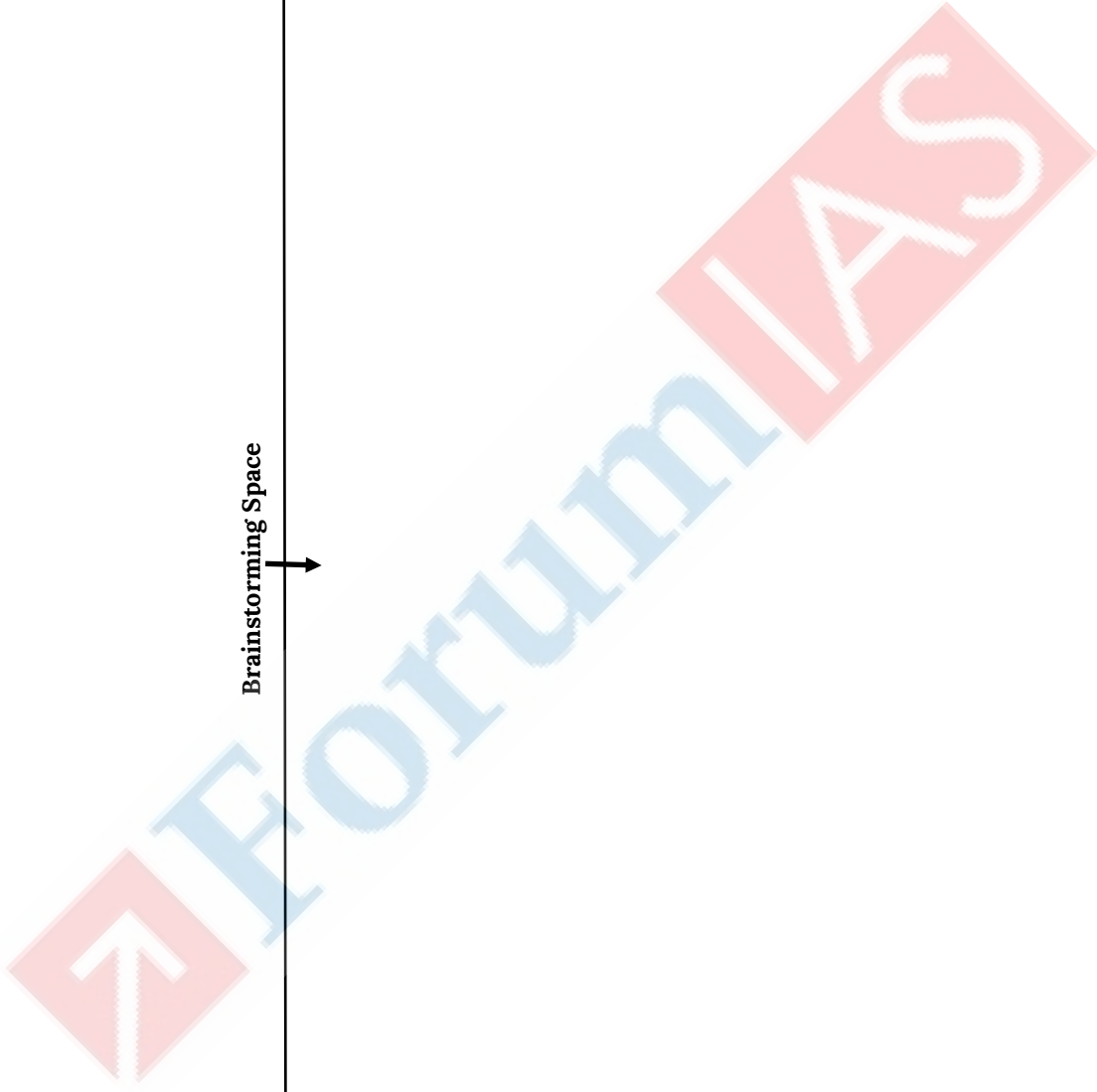


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Q.138) Explain the role of millets for ensuring health and nutritional security in India. (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

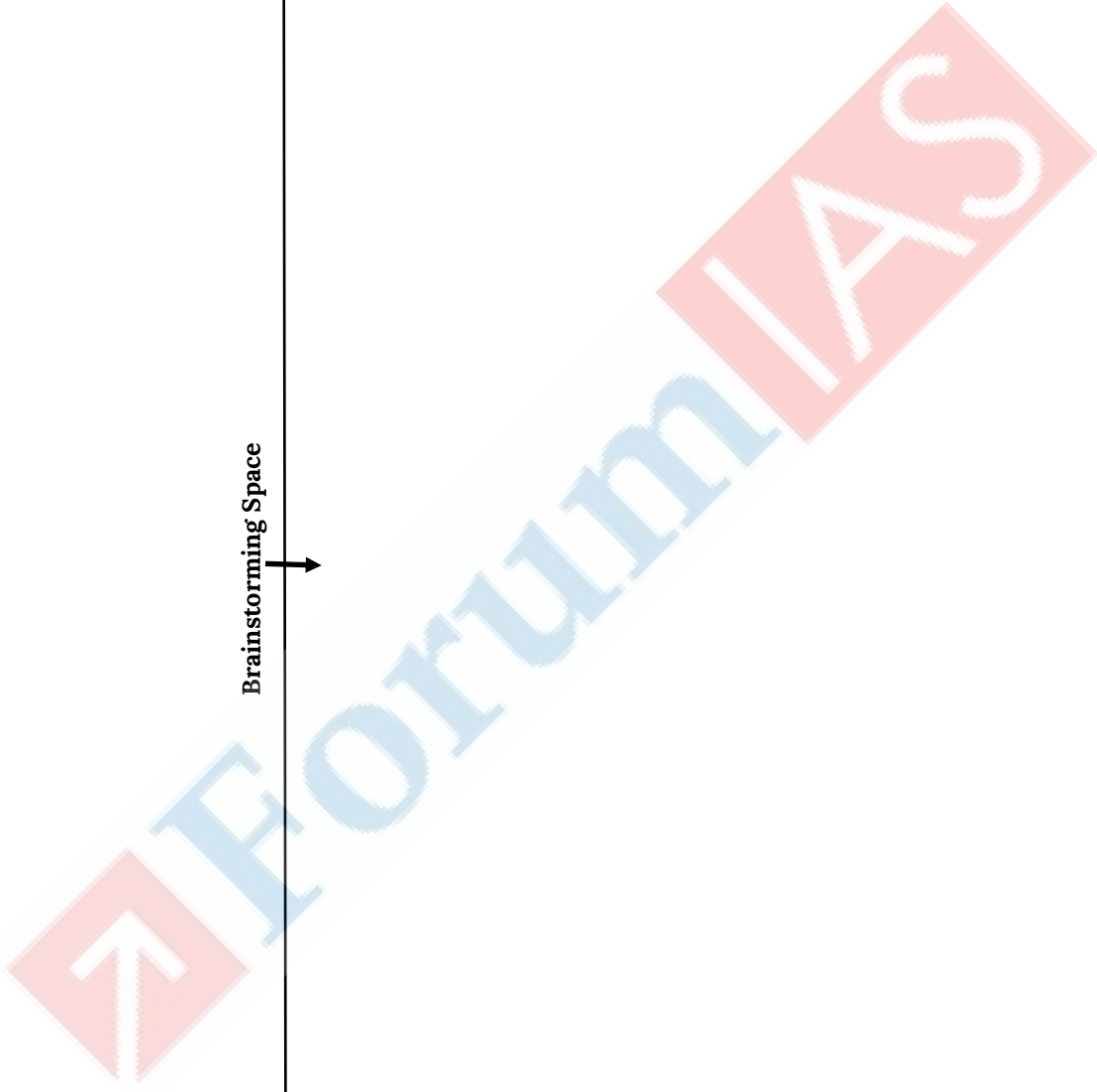
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Q.139) Explain the changes in cropping pattern in India in the context of changes in consumption pattern and marketing conditions.
(10 marks, 150 words) (2023)

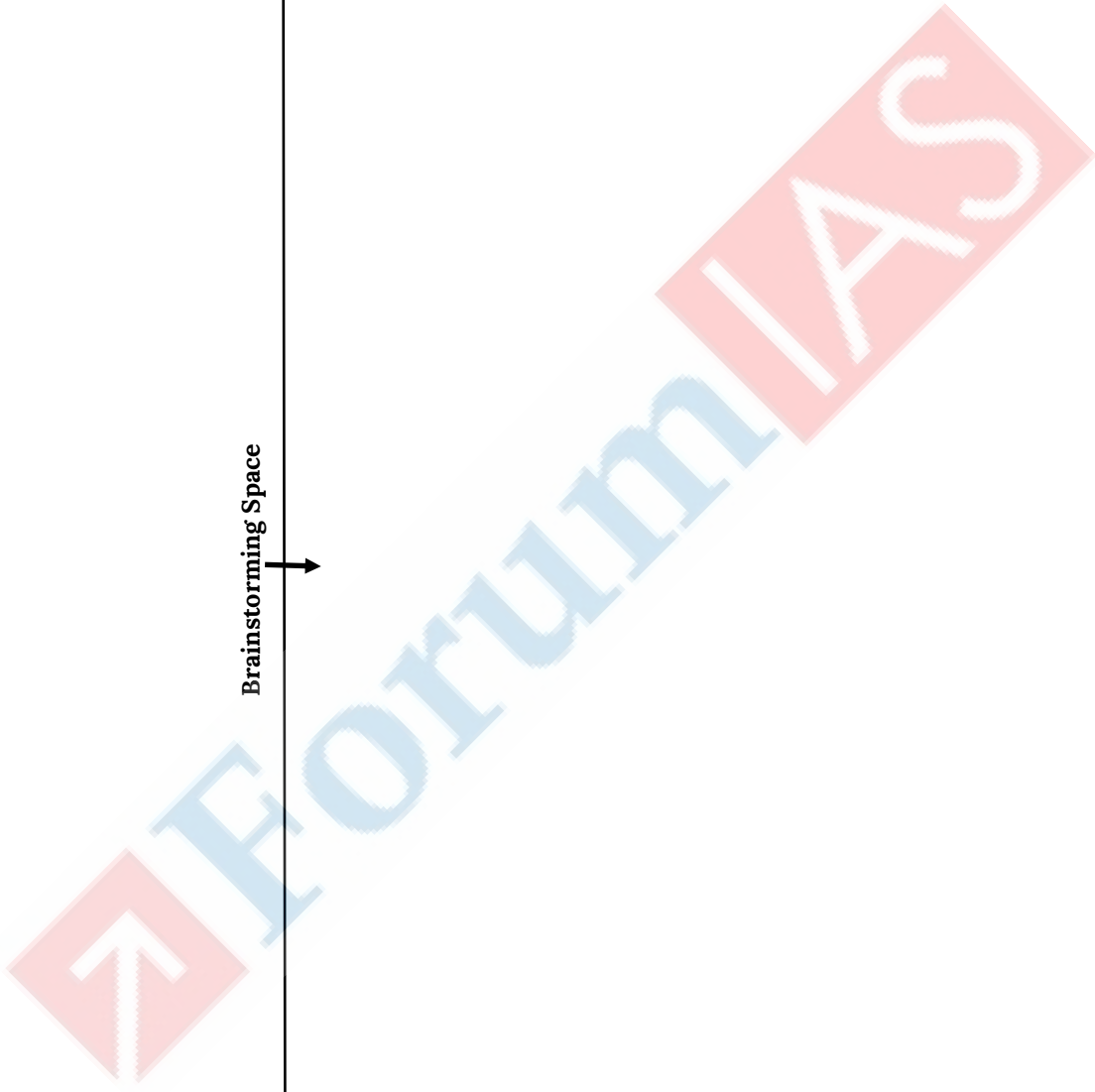
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Q.140) What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India? (15 marks, 250 words) (2022)

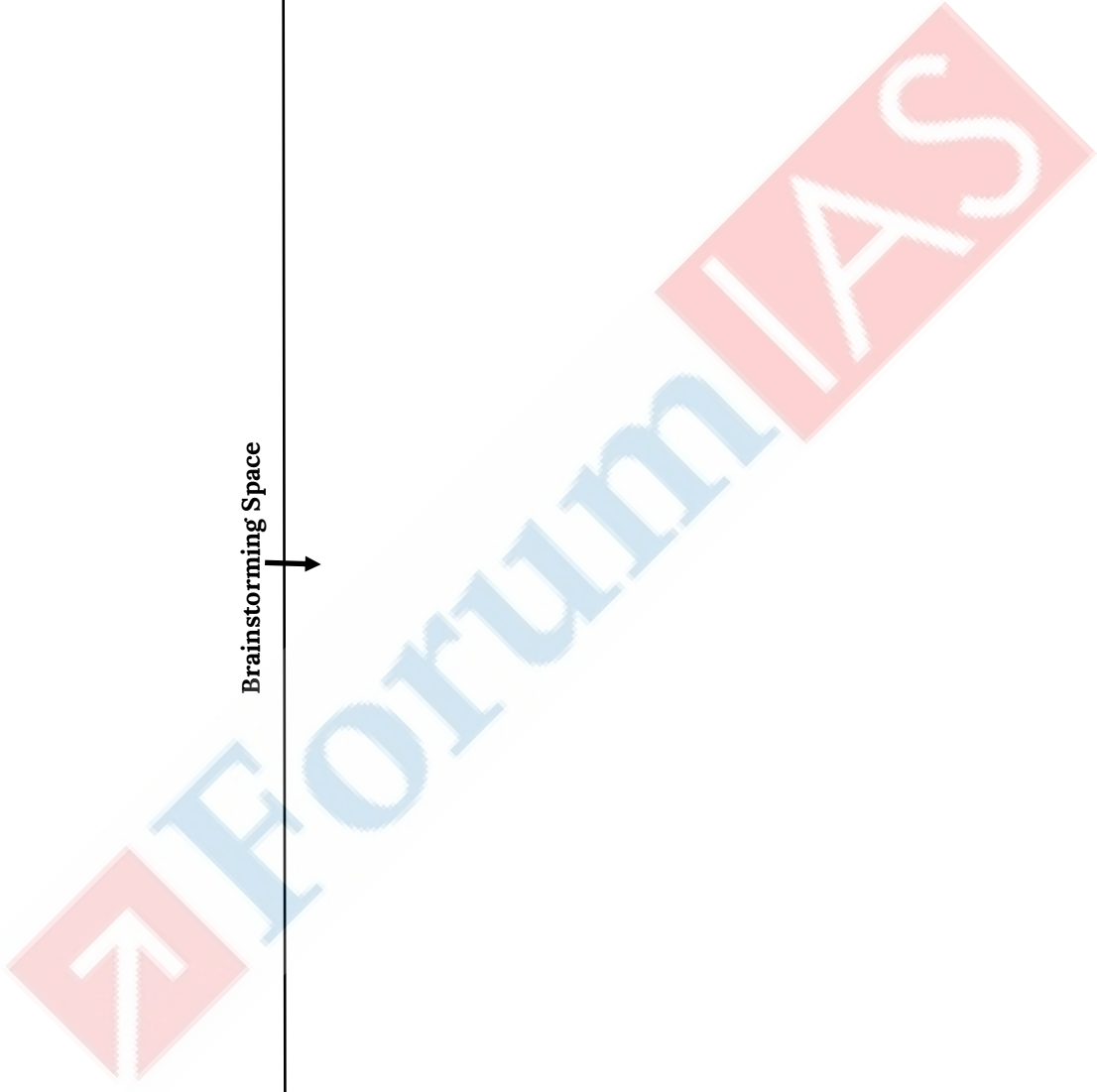
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Q.141) What are the major factors responsible for making rice-wheat system a success? In spite of this success how has this system become bane in India? (15 marks, 250 words) (2020)

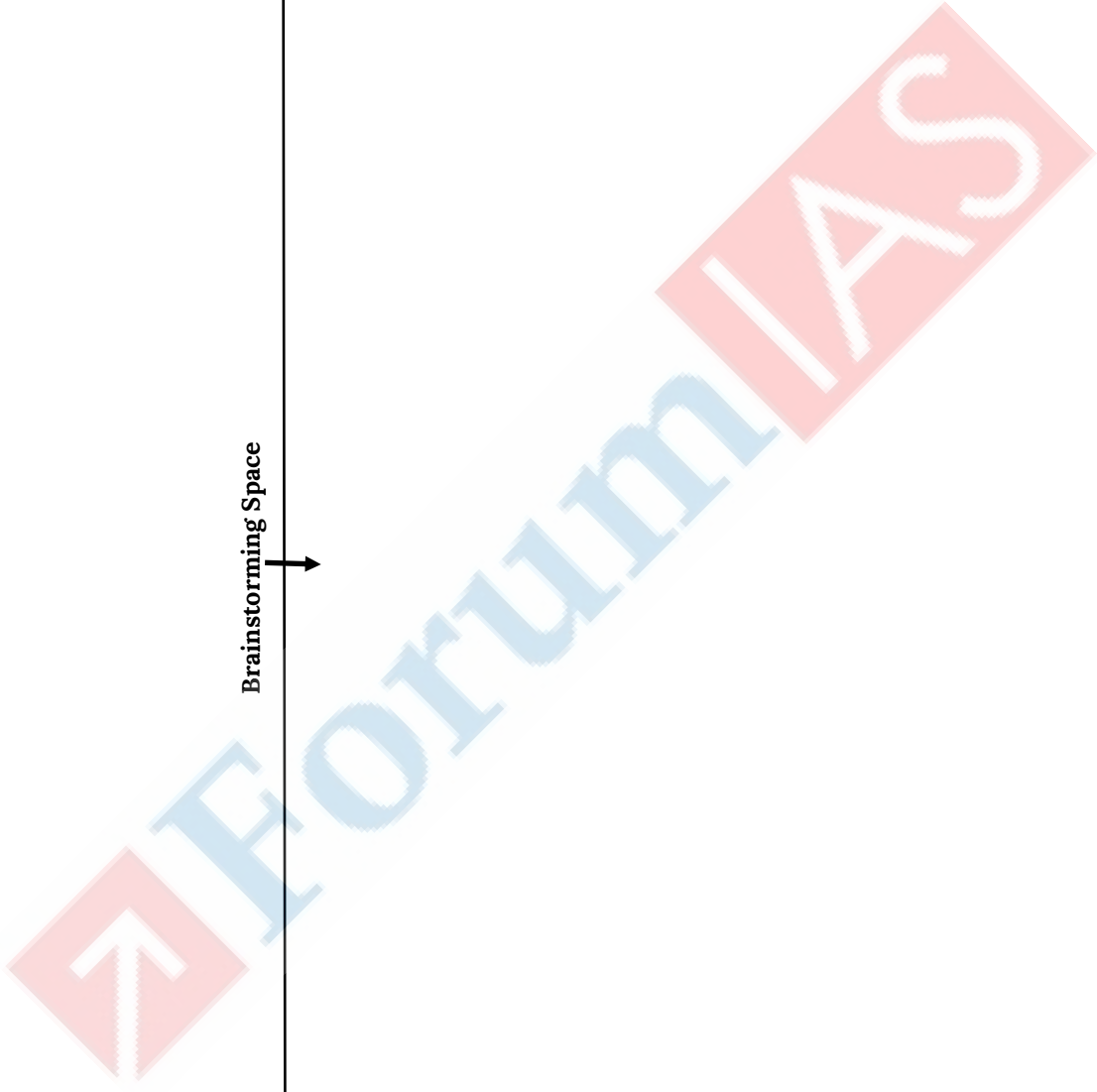
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Q.142) How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production? (10 marks, 150 words) (2019)

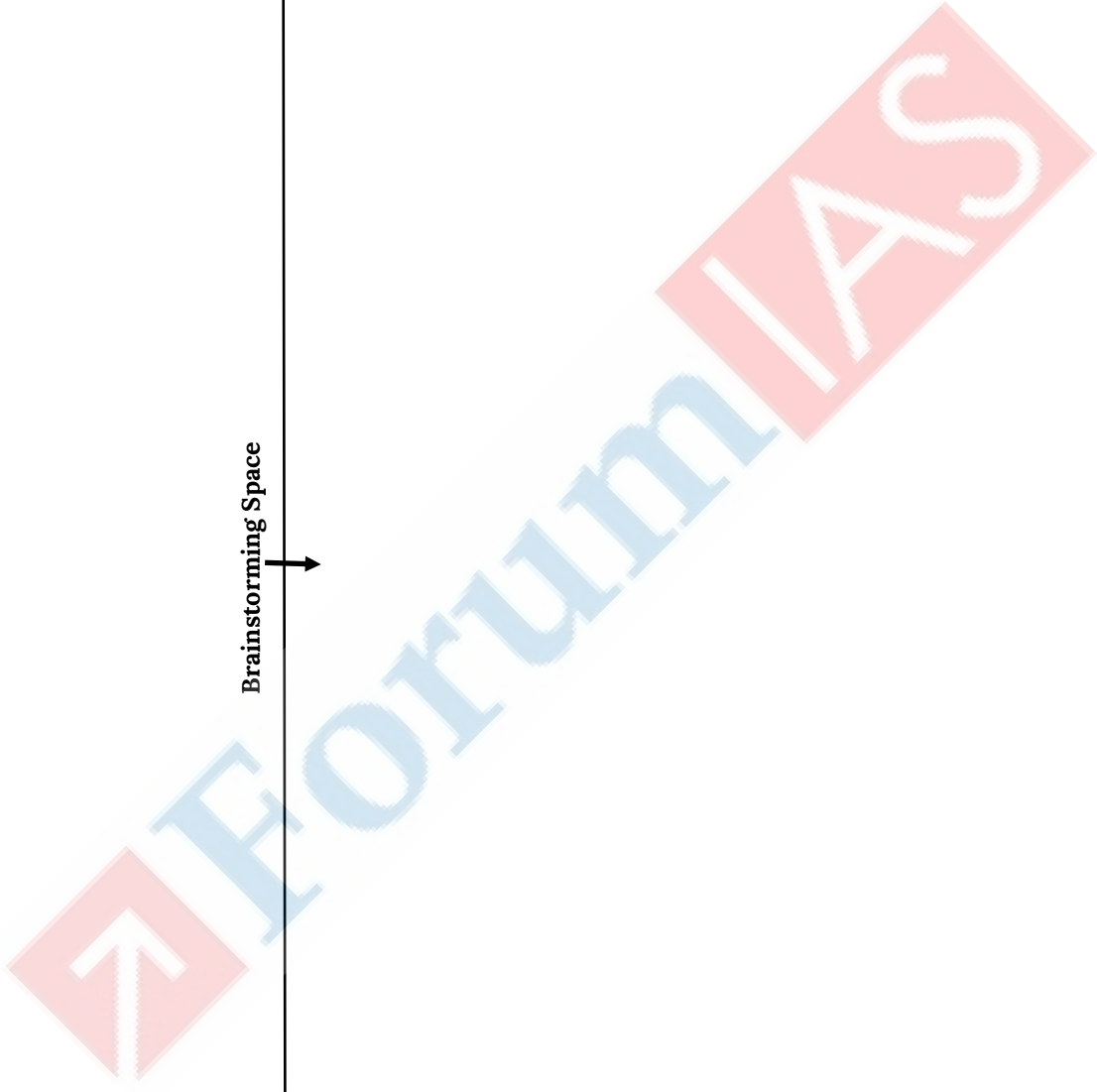
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Q.143) How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption. (15 marks, 250 words) (2018)

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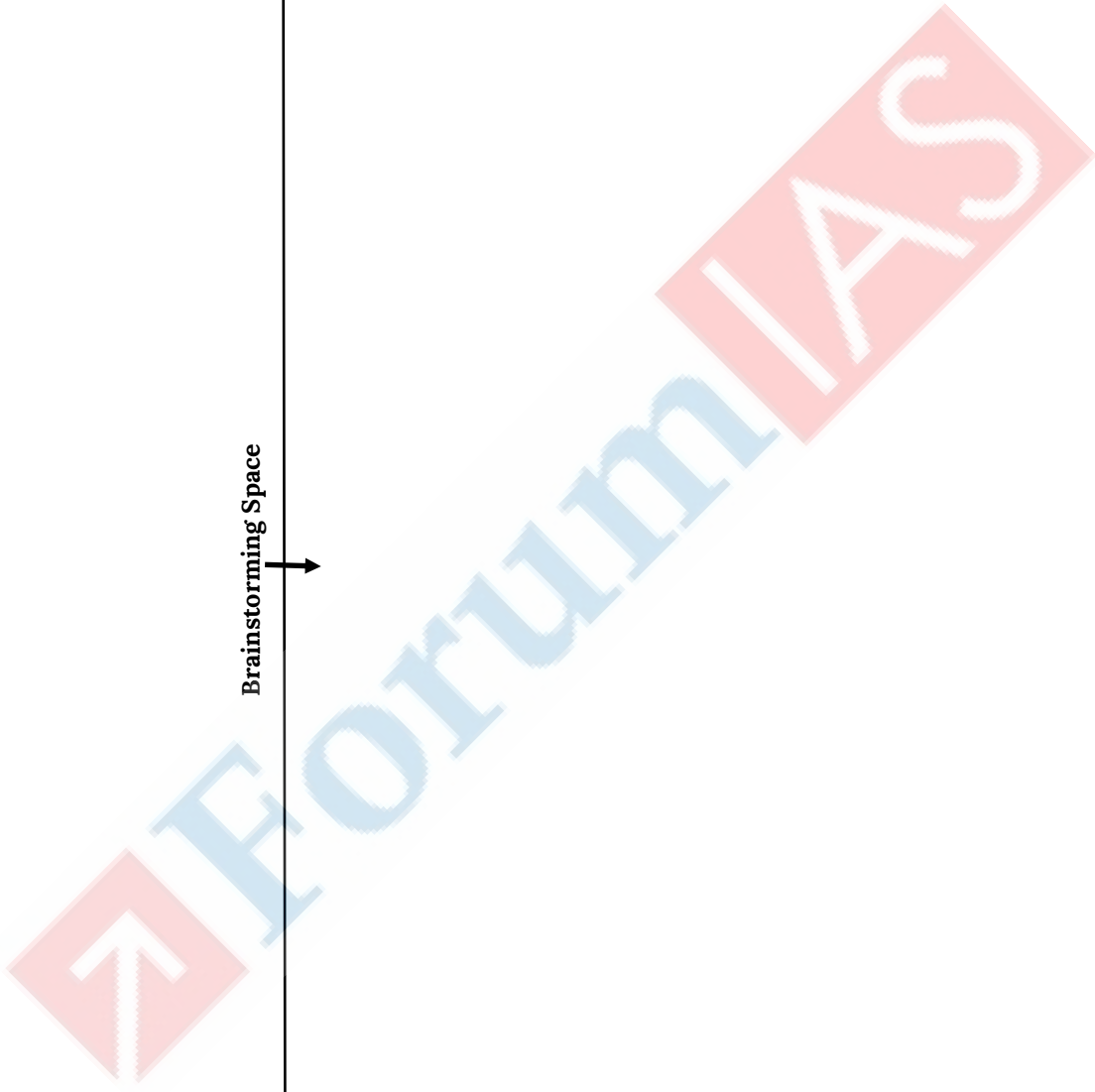


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Q.144) What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How crop diversification is helpful to stabilize the yield of the crop in the system? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

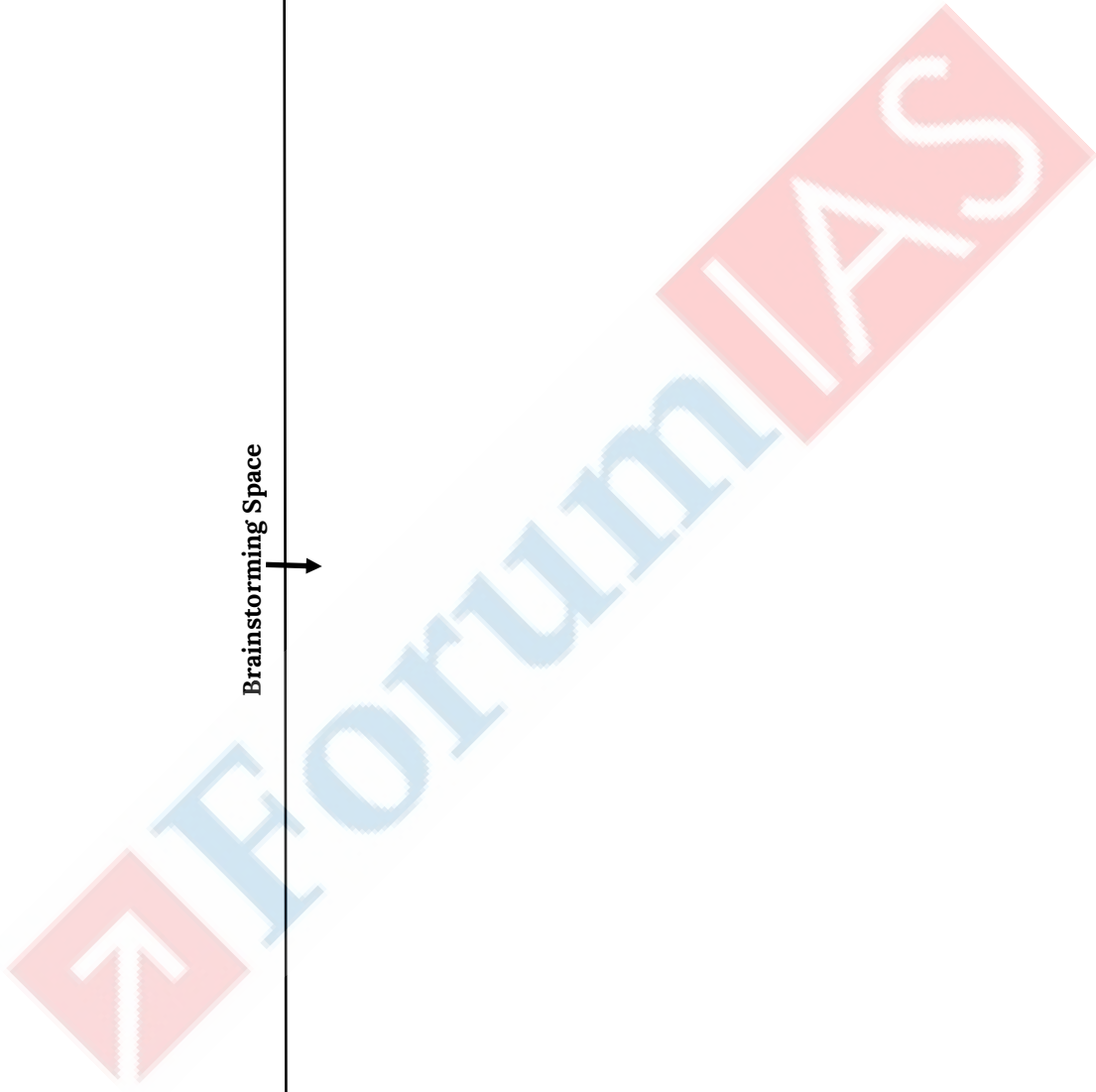
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Q.145) Elaborate the steps taken by the Government for regionally differentiated approach to increase crop production and diversification in the country. (10 marks, 150 words) (2009)

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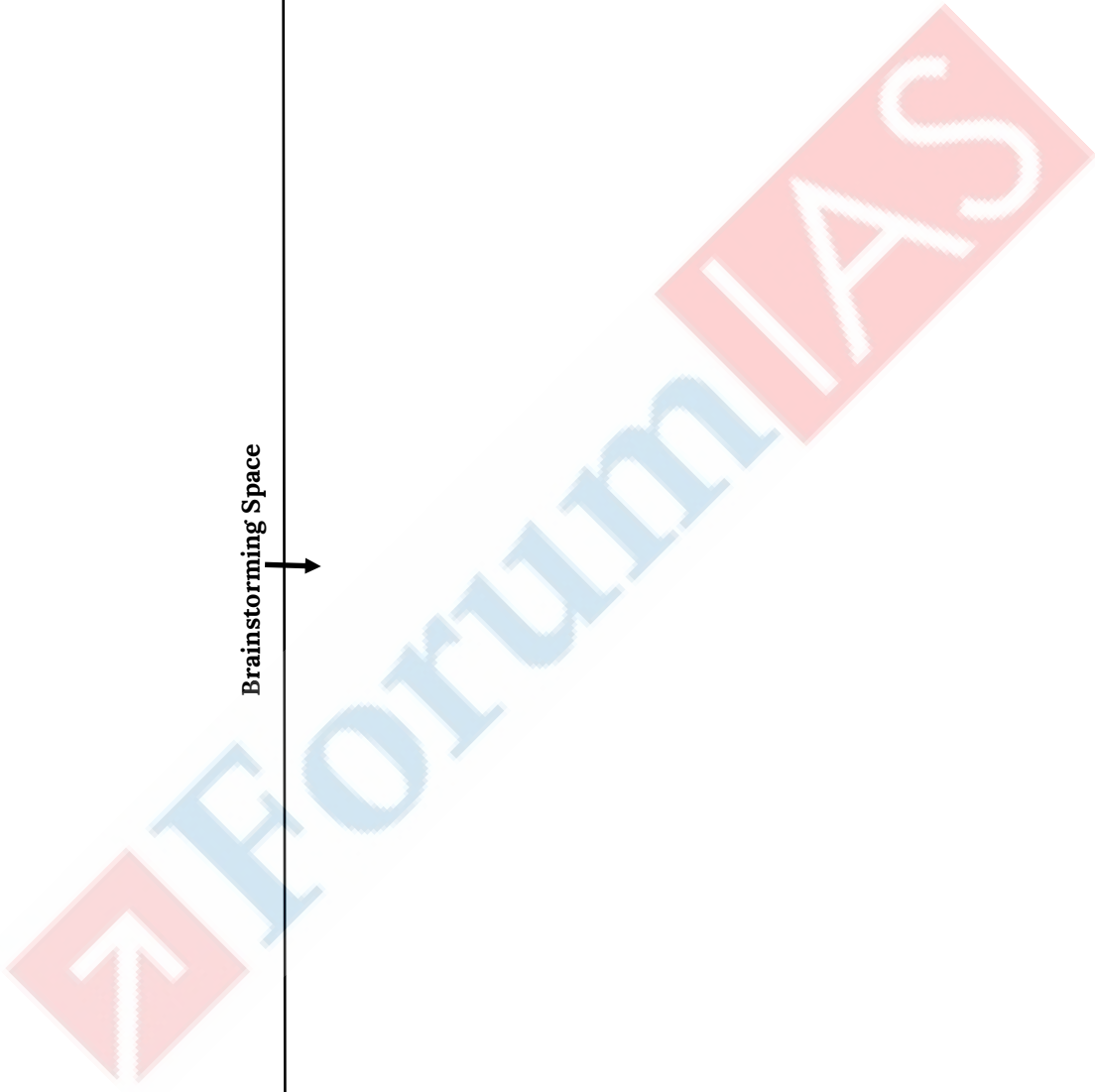




Q.146) What is dry land agriculture? Discuss its importance to India.

(10 marks, 150 words) (1994)

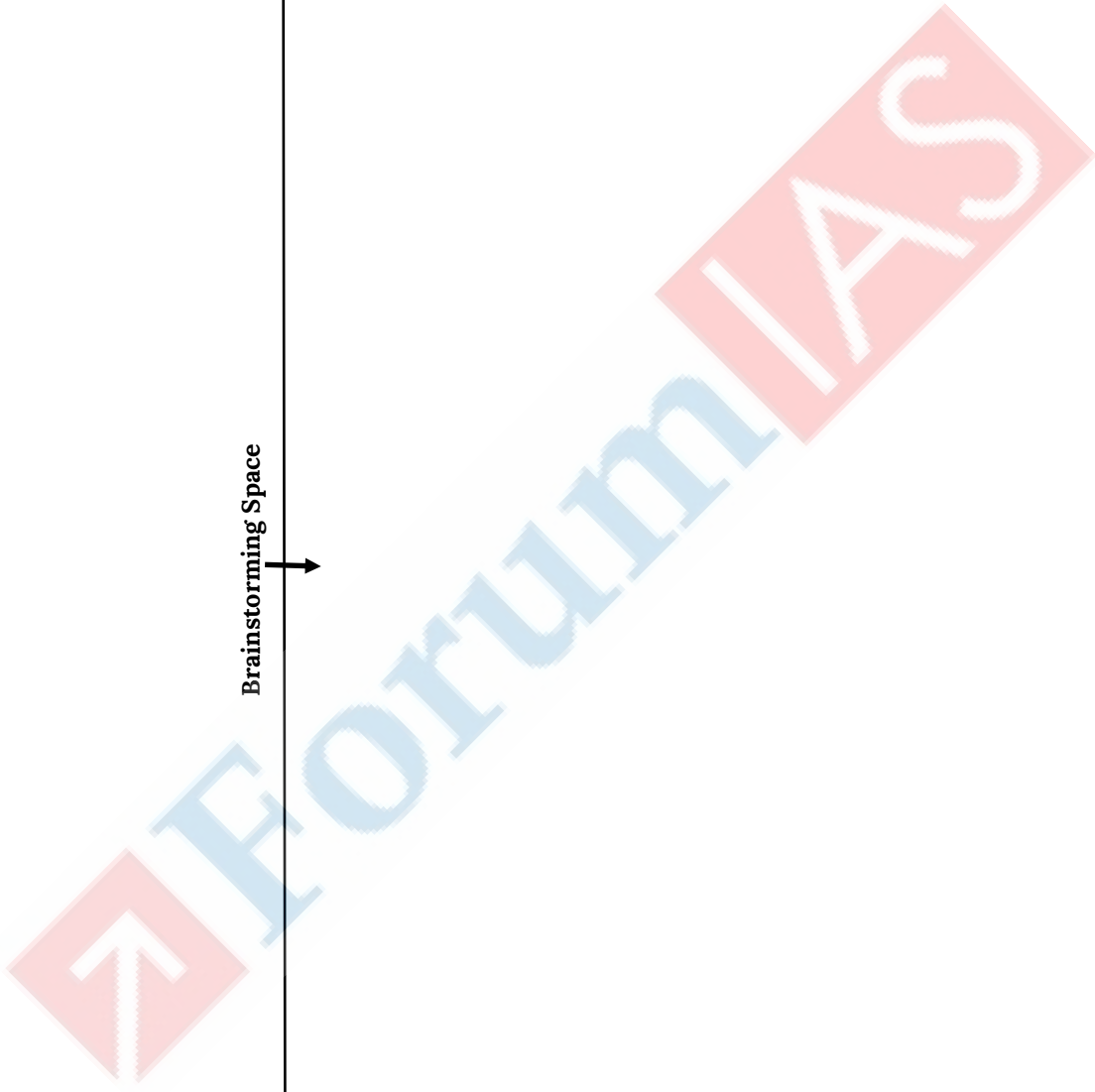
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Q.147) What are the major challenges faced by the Indian irrigation system in recent times? State the measures taken by the government for efficient irrigation management. (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

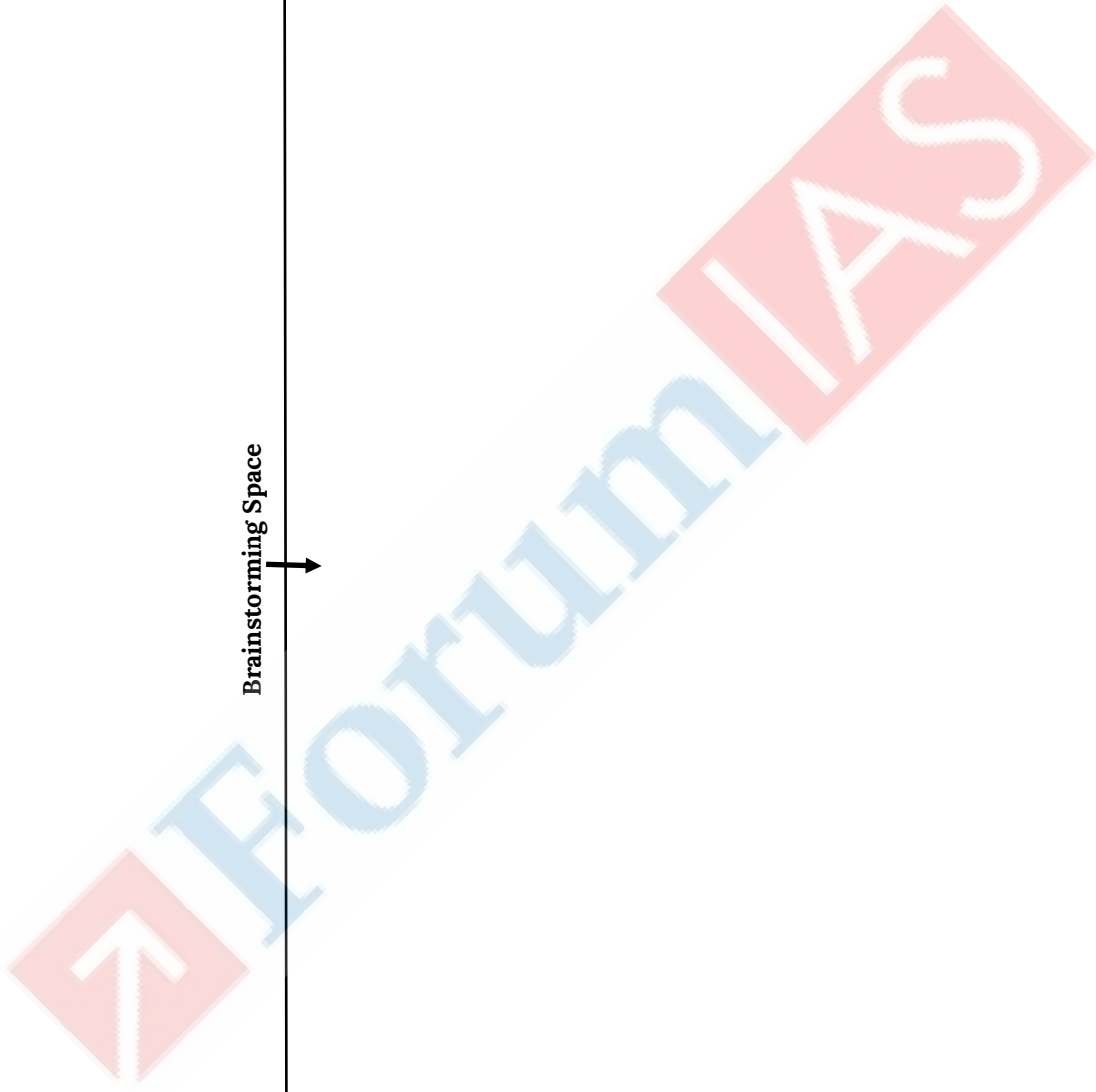
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Q.148) How and to what extent would micro-irrigation help in solving India's water crisis? (10 marks, 150 words) (2021)

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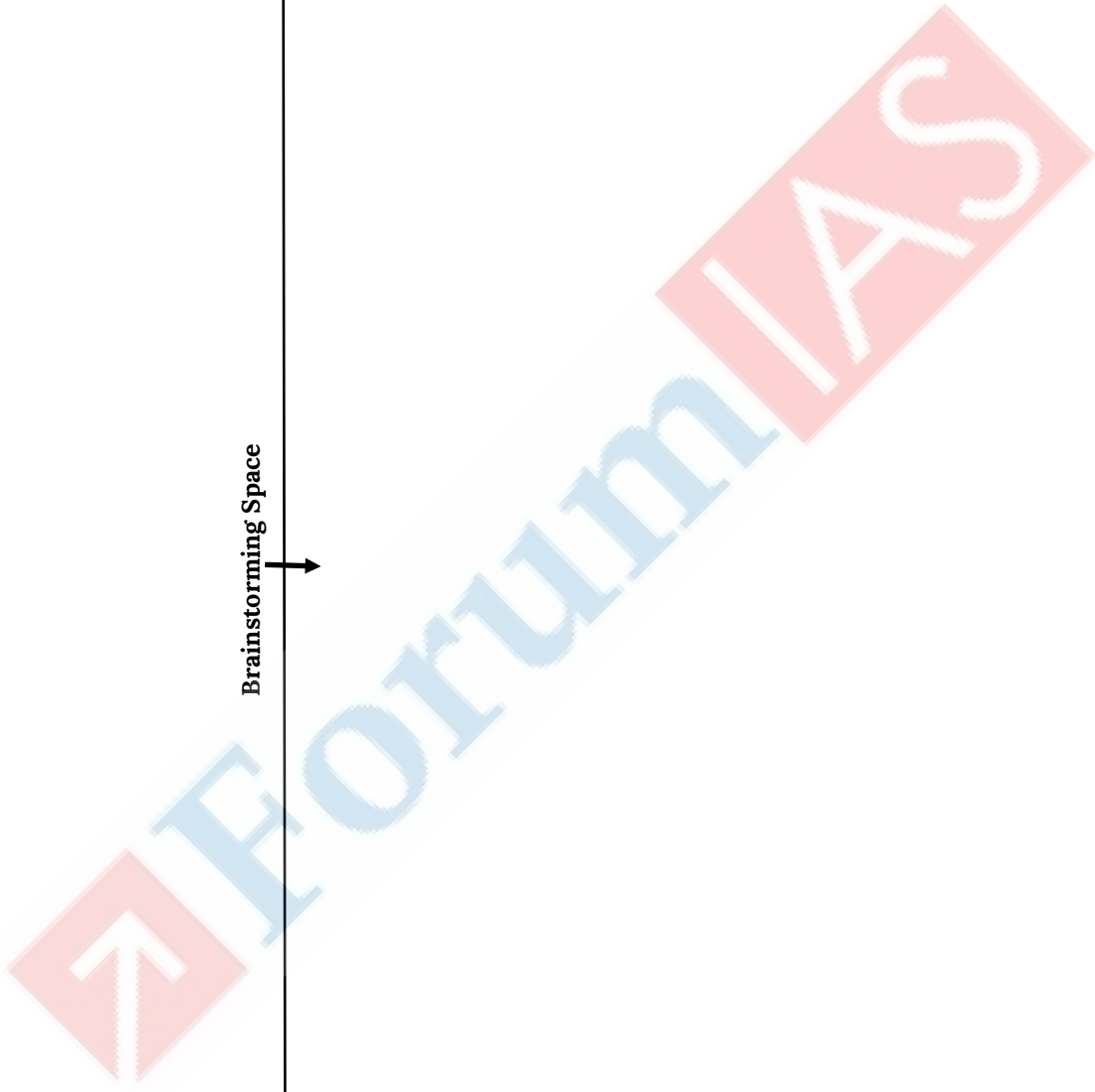




Q.149) Suggest measures to improve water storage and irrigation system to make its judicious use under depleting scenario.

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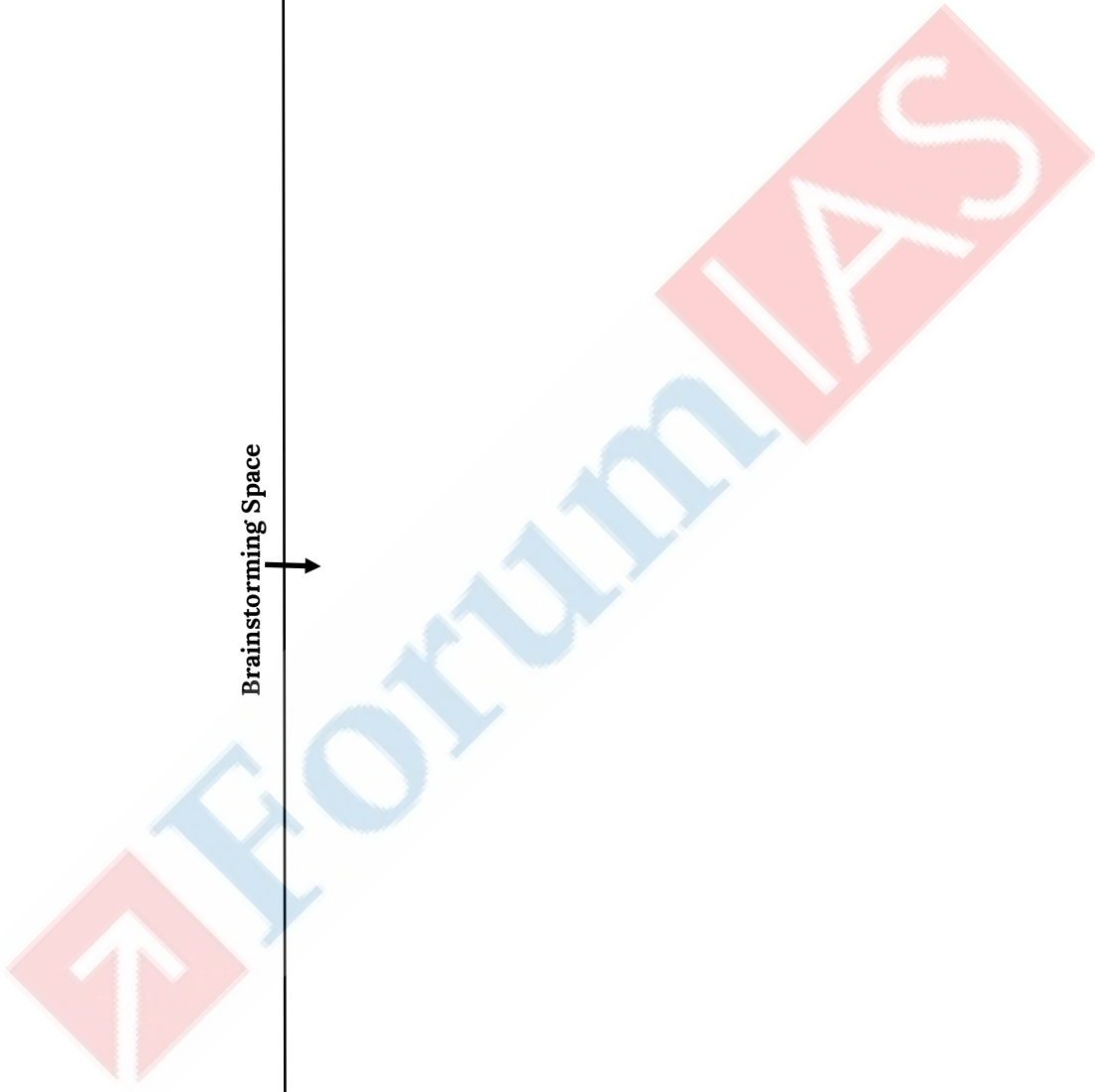
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Q.150) Elaborate the impact of National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2019)

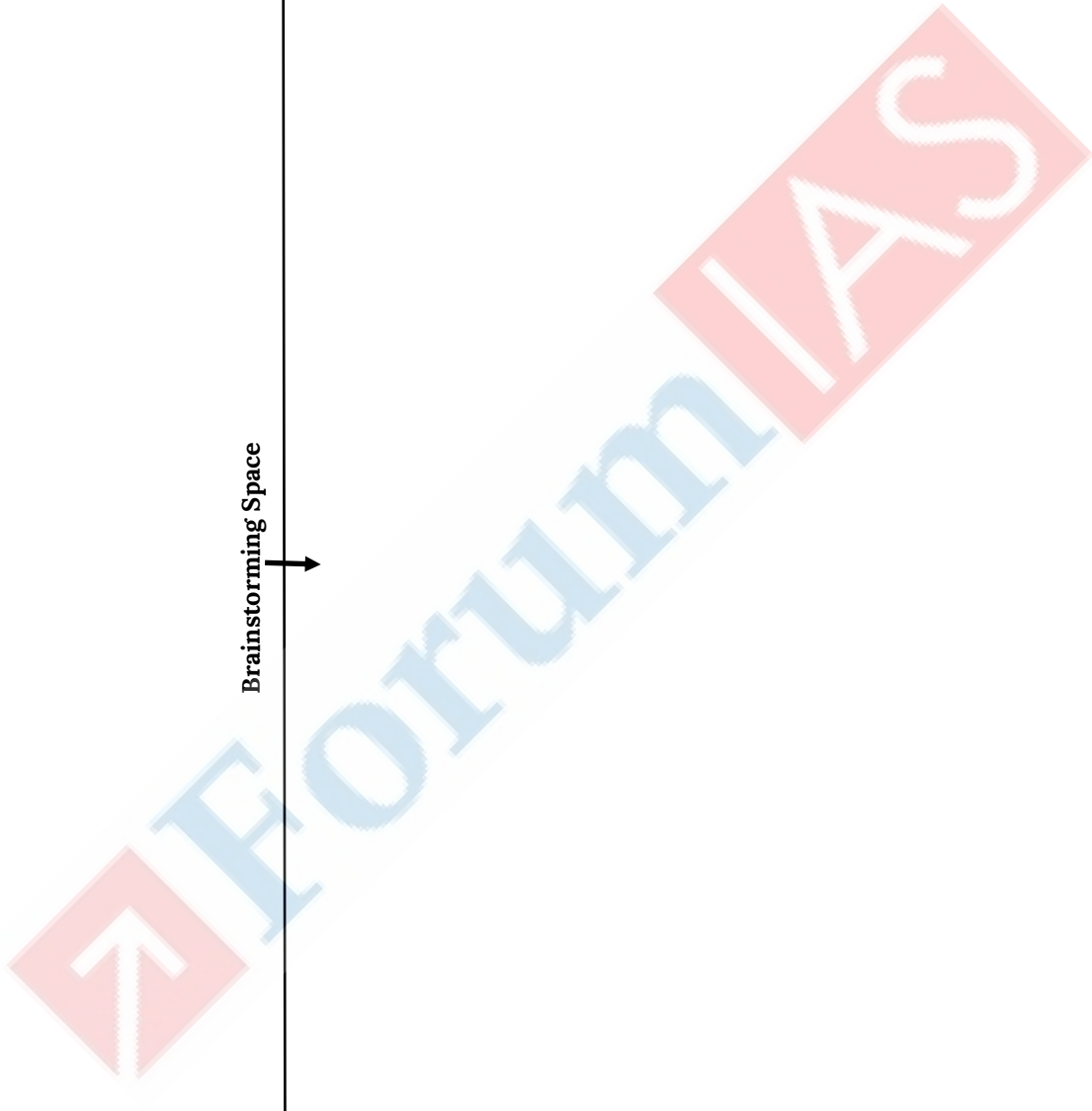
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Q.151) Some of the modern agricultural practices being used at present in India are leading to undesirable consequences. Do you agree with this view? (15 marks, 250 words) (1987)

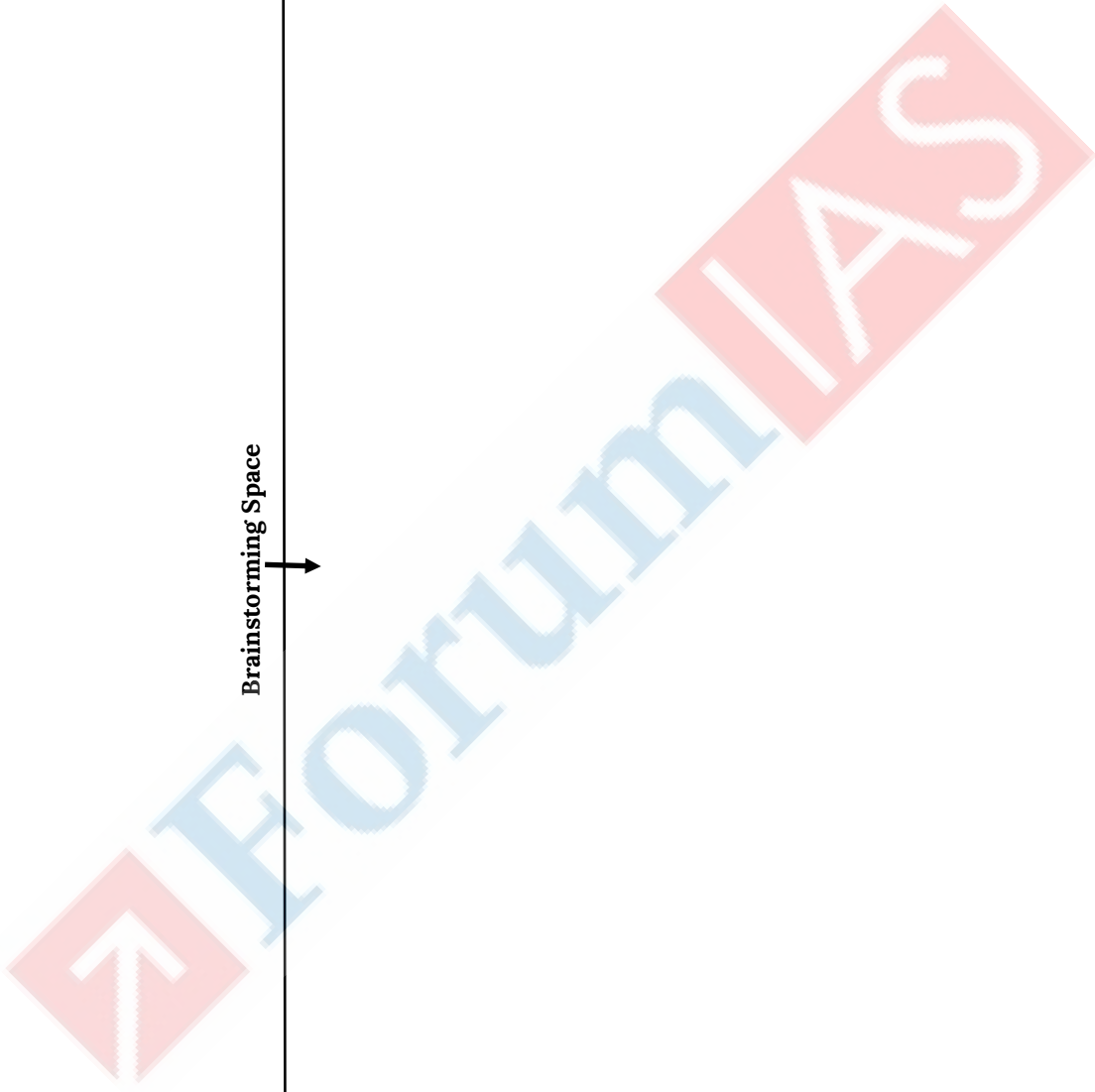
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Q.152) What are the limitations of mechanized farming in the Indian context? (10 marks, 150 words) (1987)

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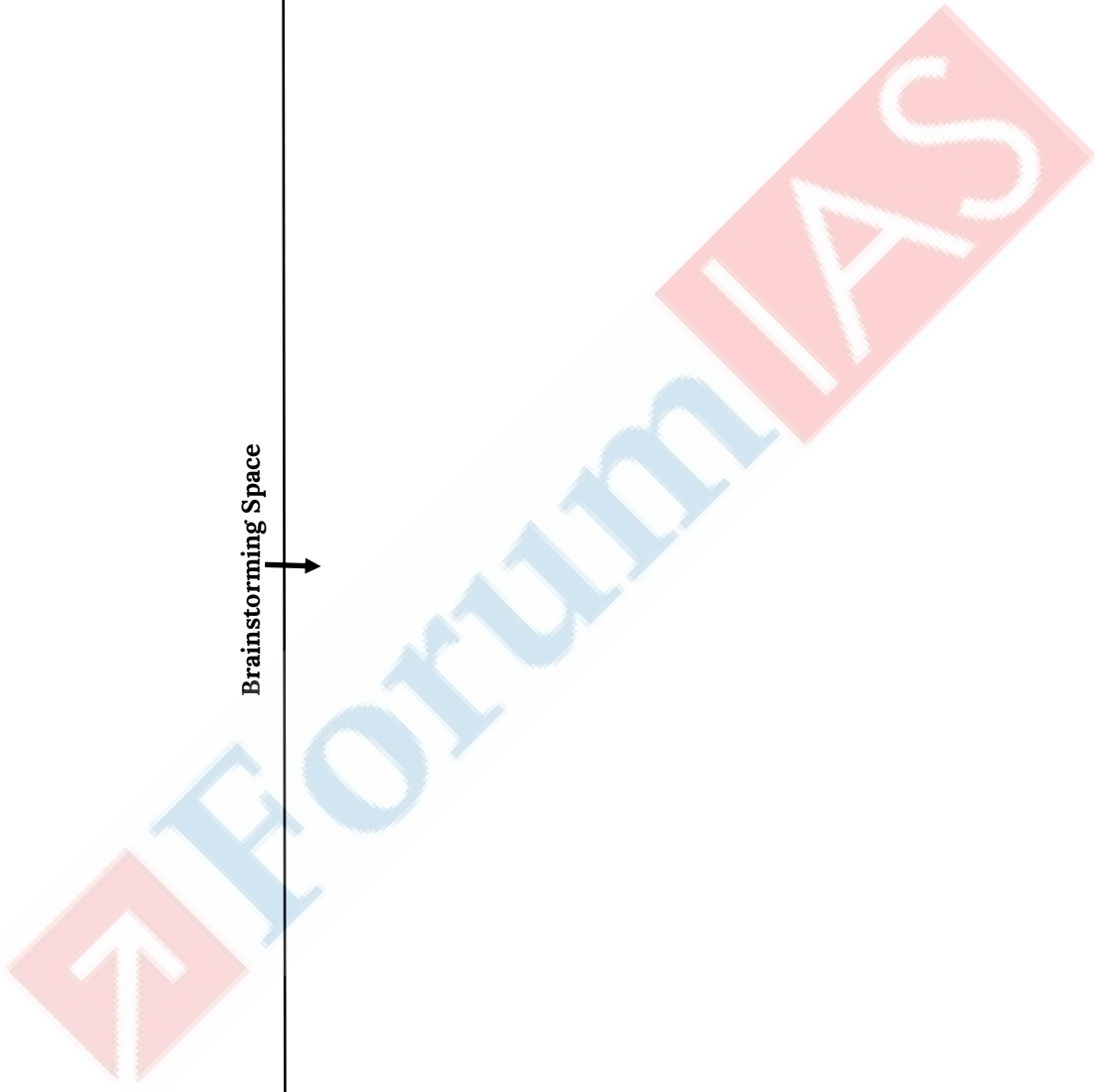


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Q.153) Describe the different modes of irrigation practices in India and bring out the relative importance in the field of recent development in irrigation. (15 marks, 250 words) (1984)

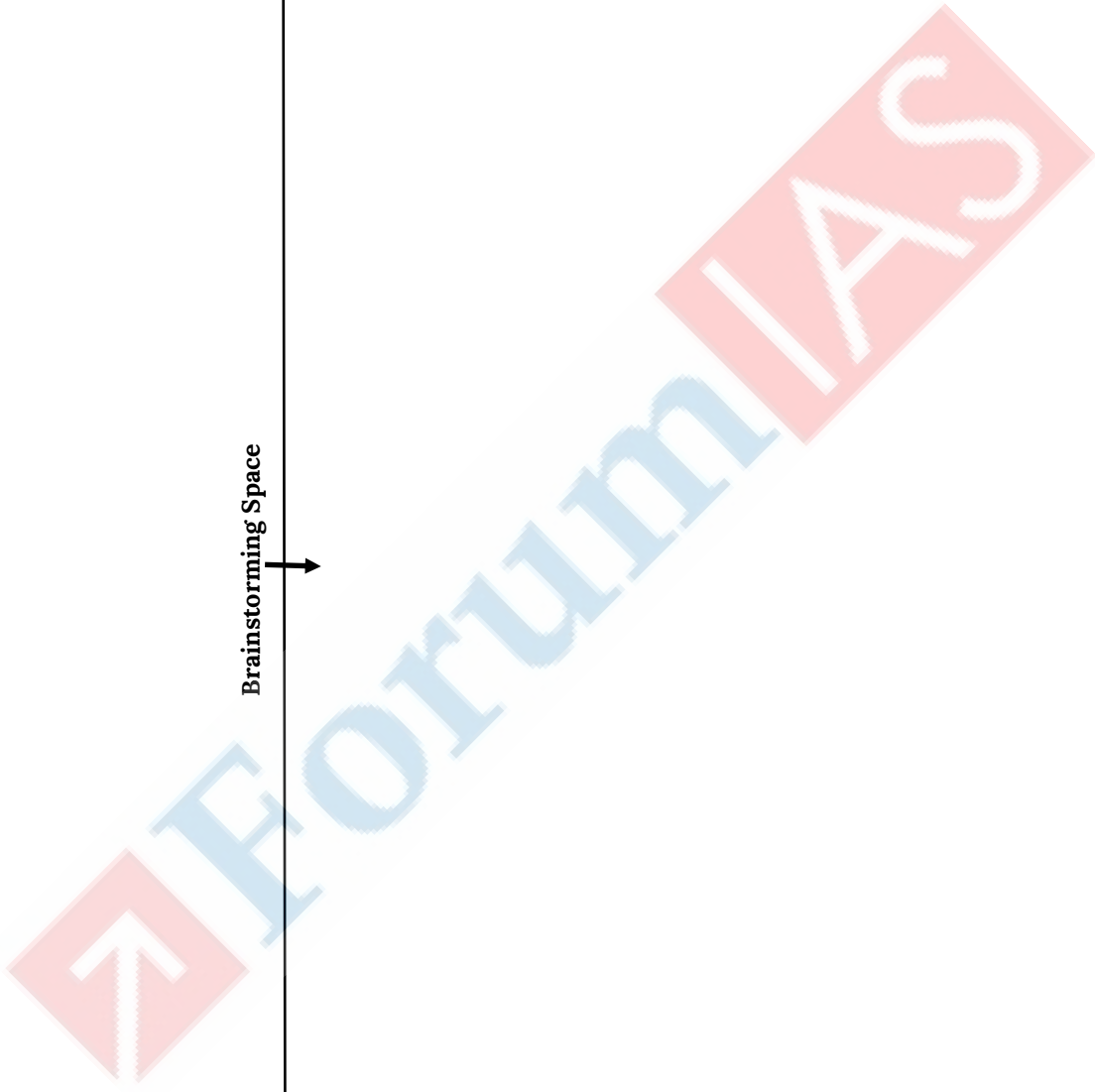
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Q.154) Elaborate the scope and significance of supply chain management of agricultural commodities in India. (15 marks, 250 words) (2025)

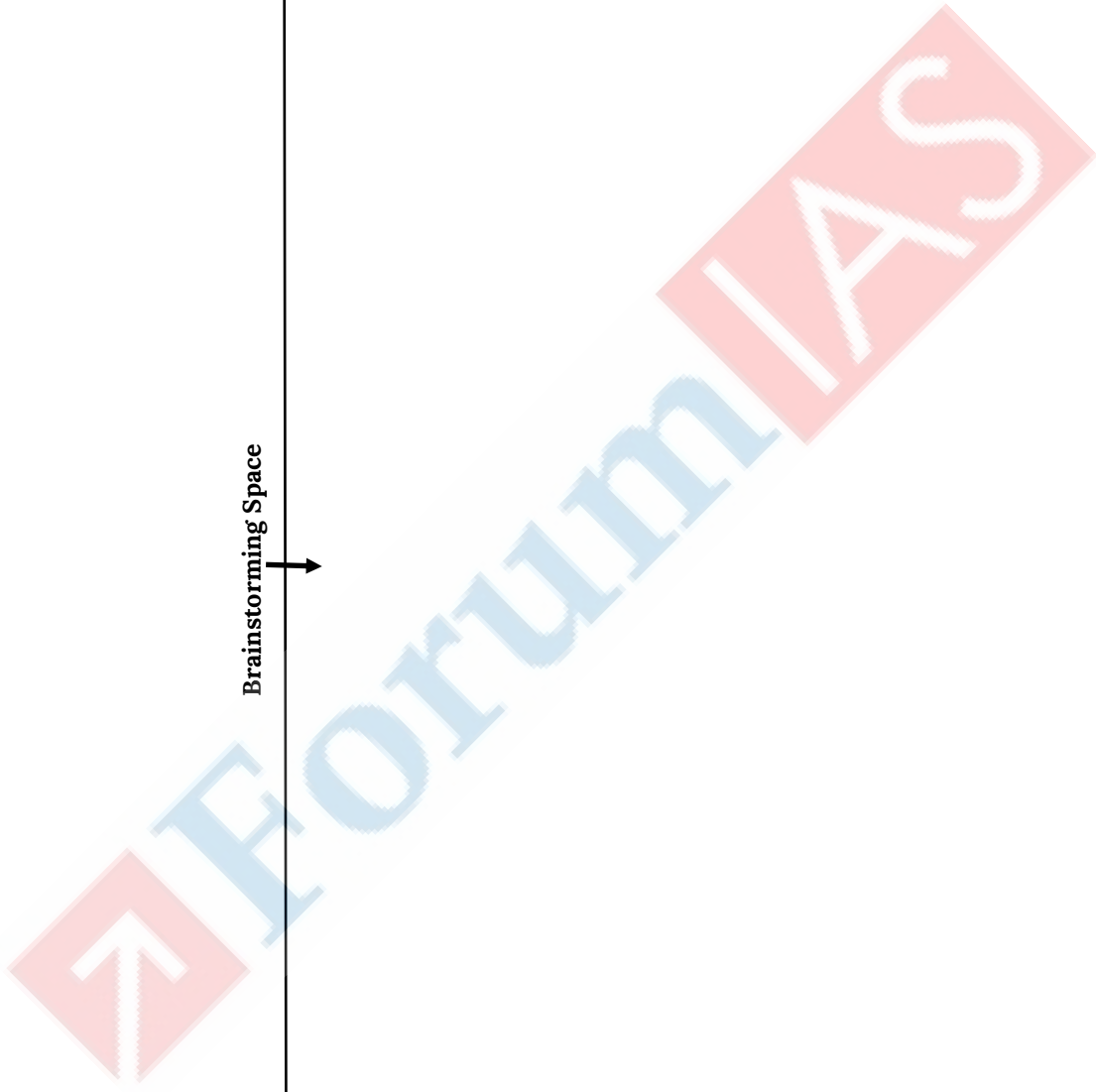
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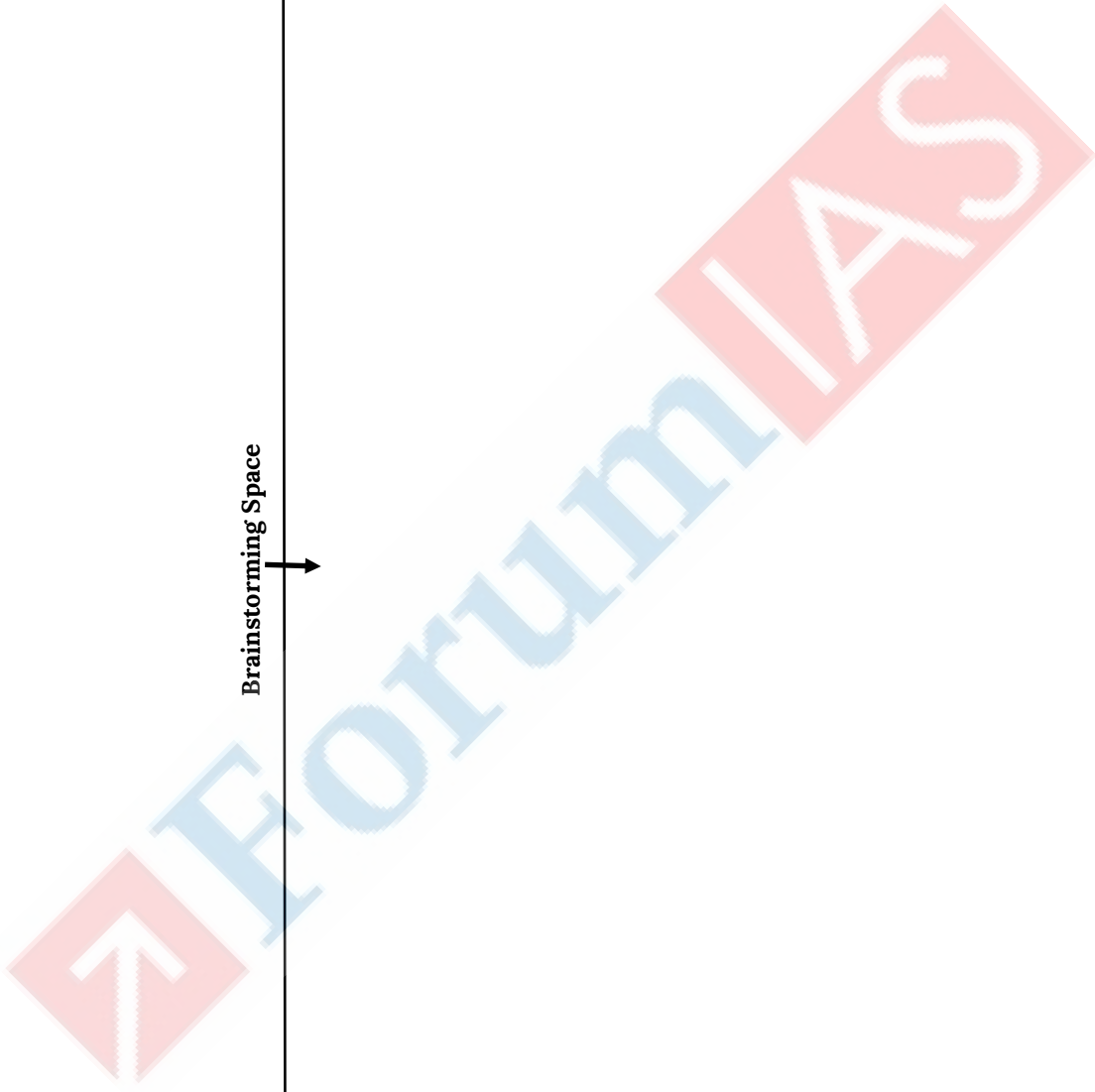
Q.155) What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India?
(15 marks, 250 words) (2022)

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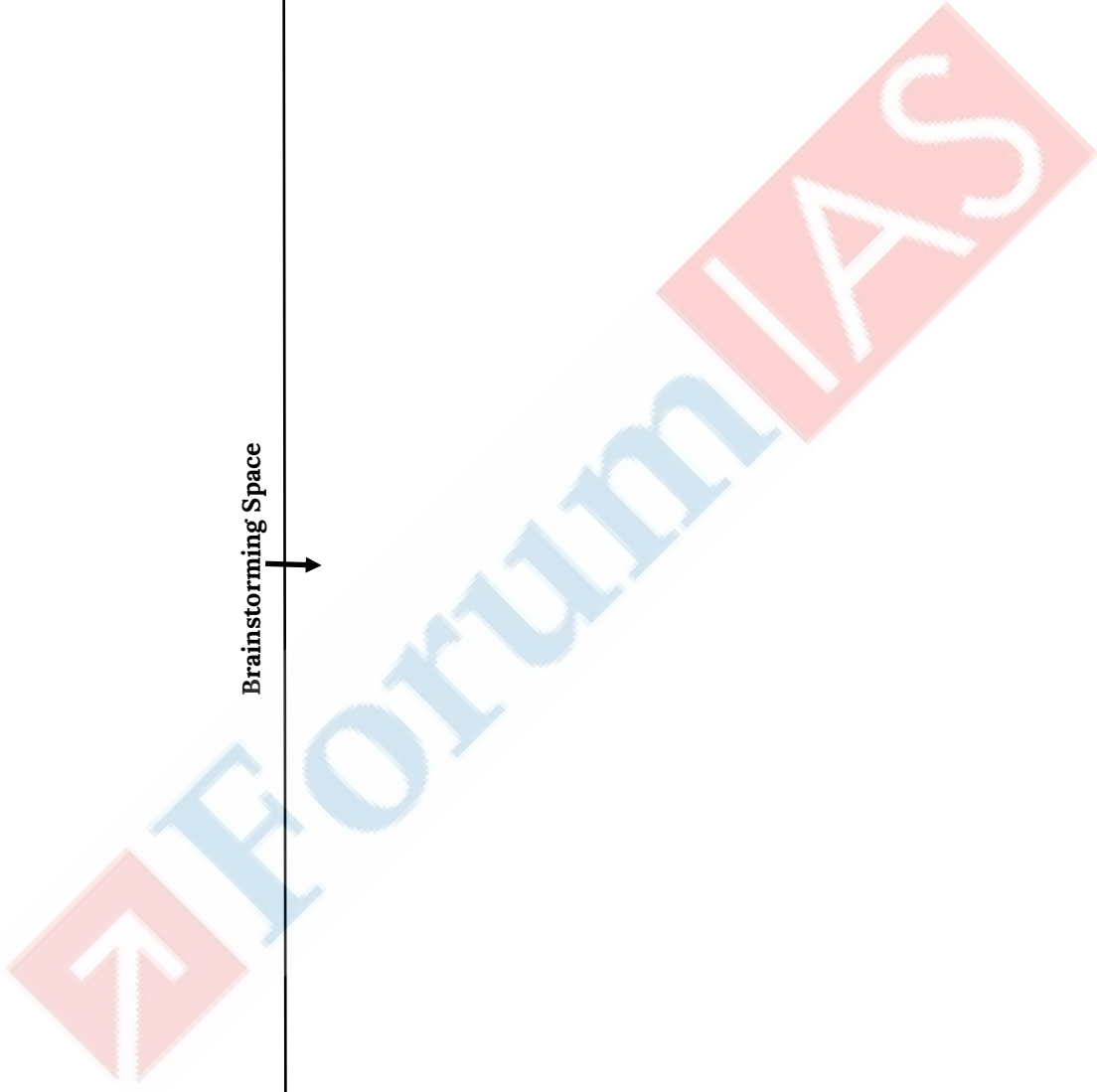
Q.156) What are the main constraints in transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India? (10 marks, 150 words) (2020)

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Q.157) Examine the role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate number of intermediaries? (10 marks, 150 words) (2018)

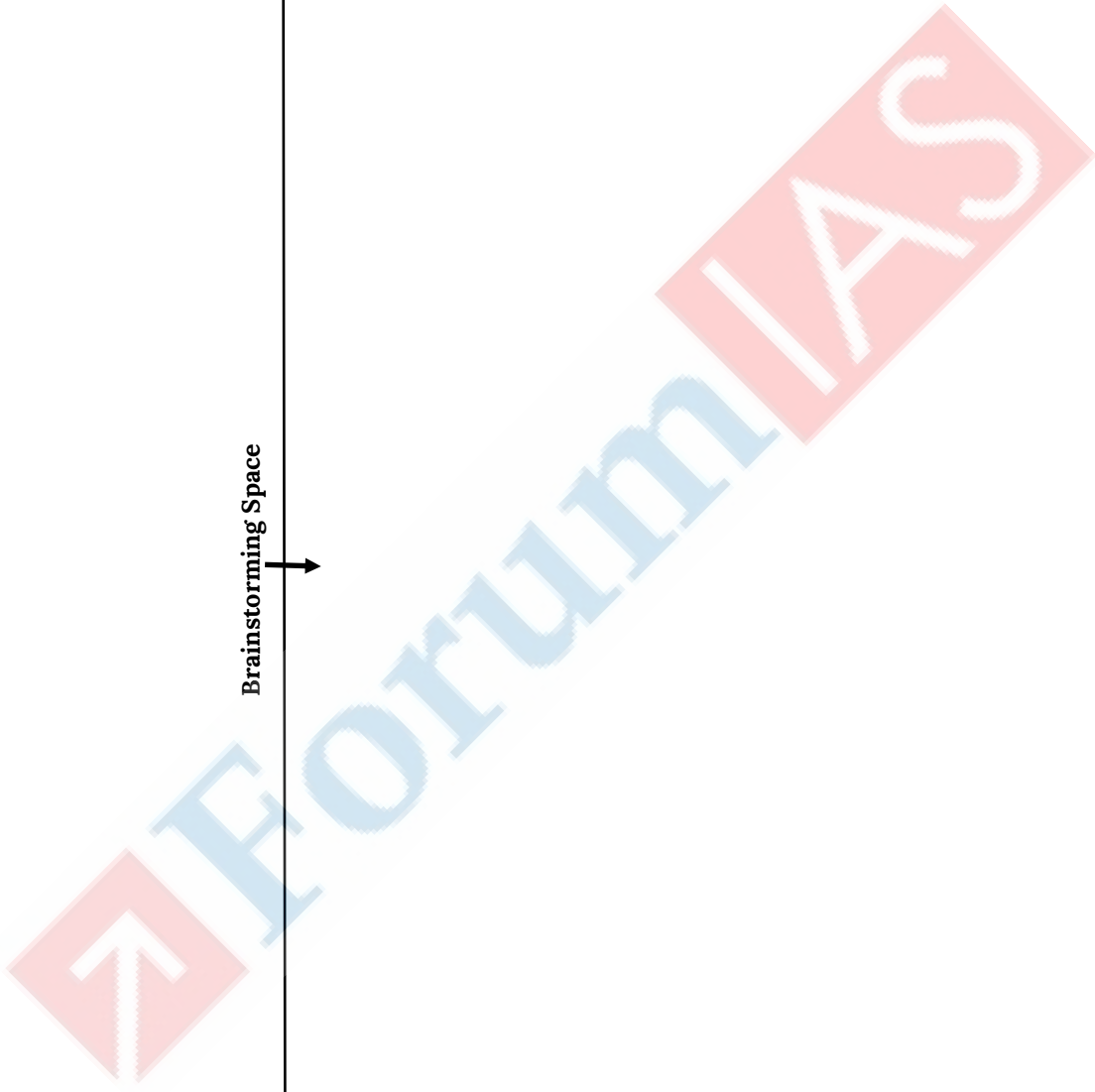
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Q.158) There is also a point of view that Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) set up under the State Acts have not only impeded the development of agriculture but also have been the cause of food inflation in India. Critically examine. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

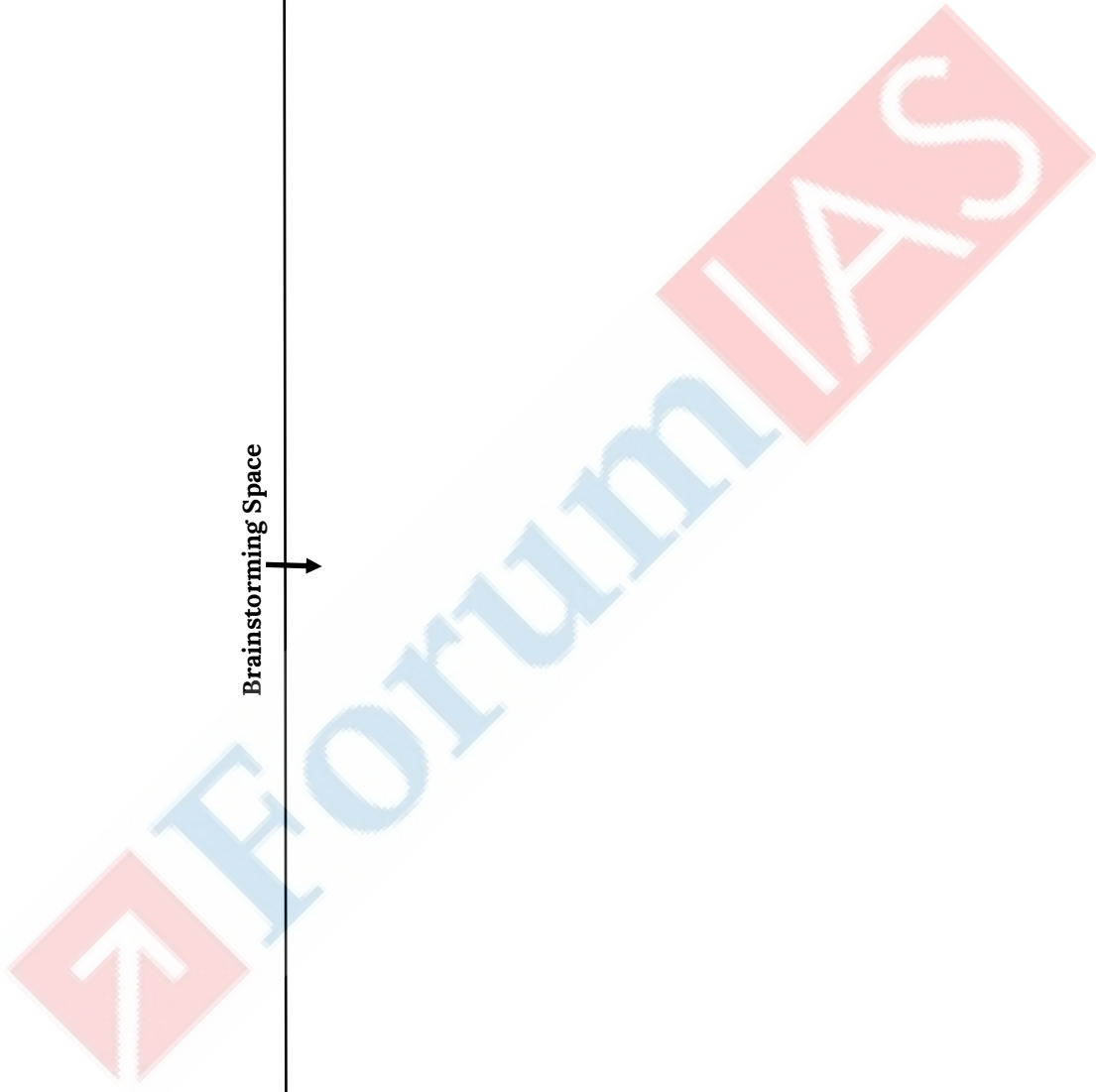
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Q.159) Agriculture productivity reasons for in India remains relatively low. Explain the this situation. (10 marks, 150 words) (2008)

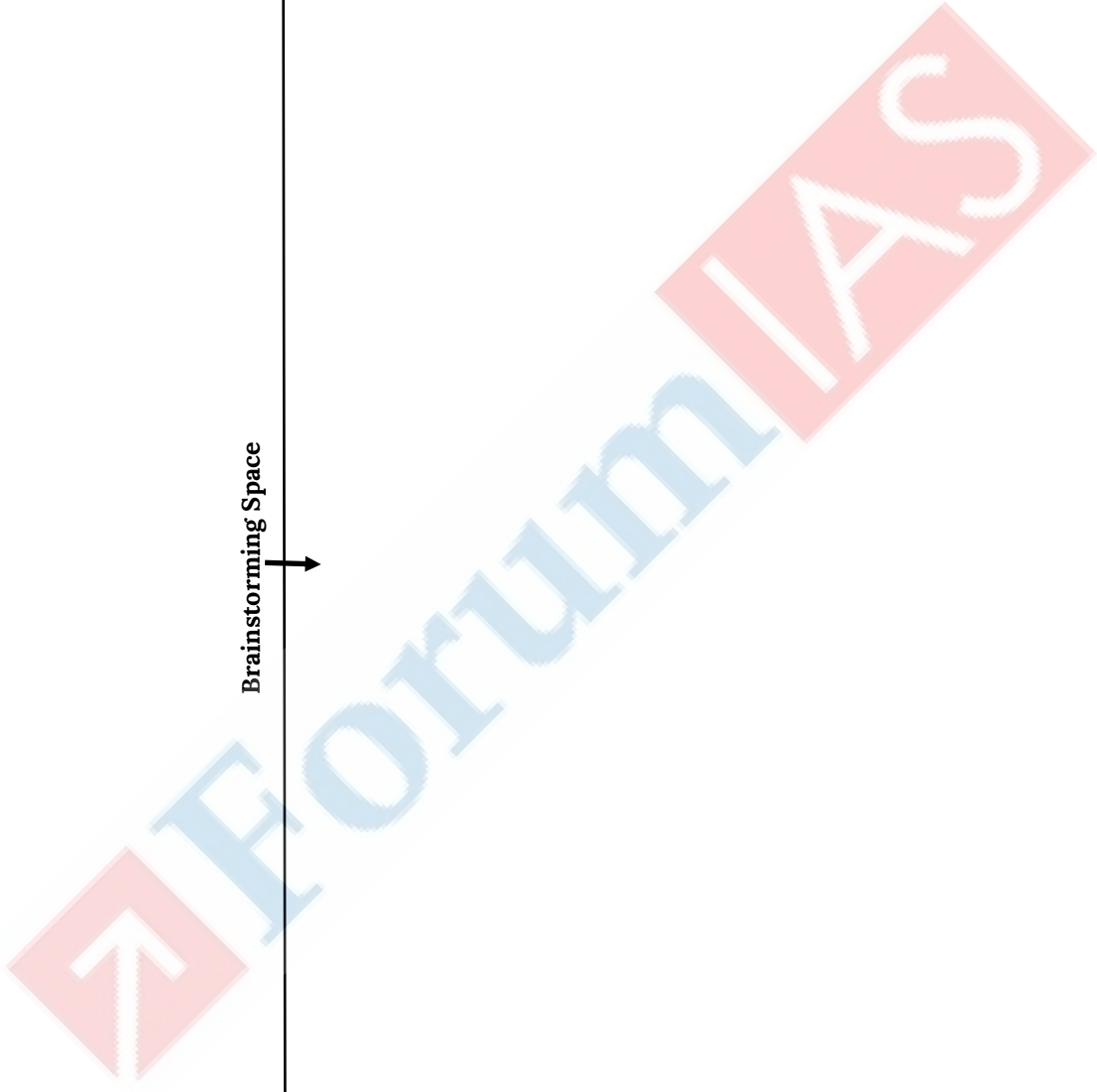
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Q.160) Comment on the relationship between credit availability and agricultural growth in India. (15 marks, 250 words) (2007)

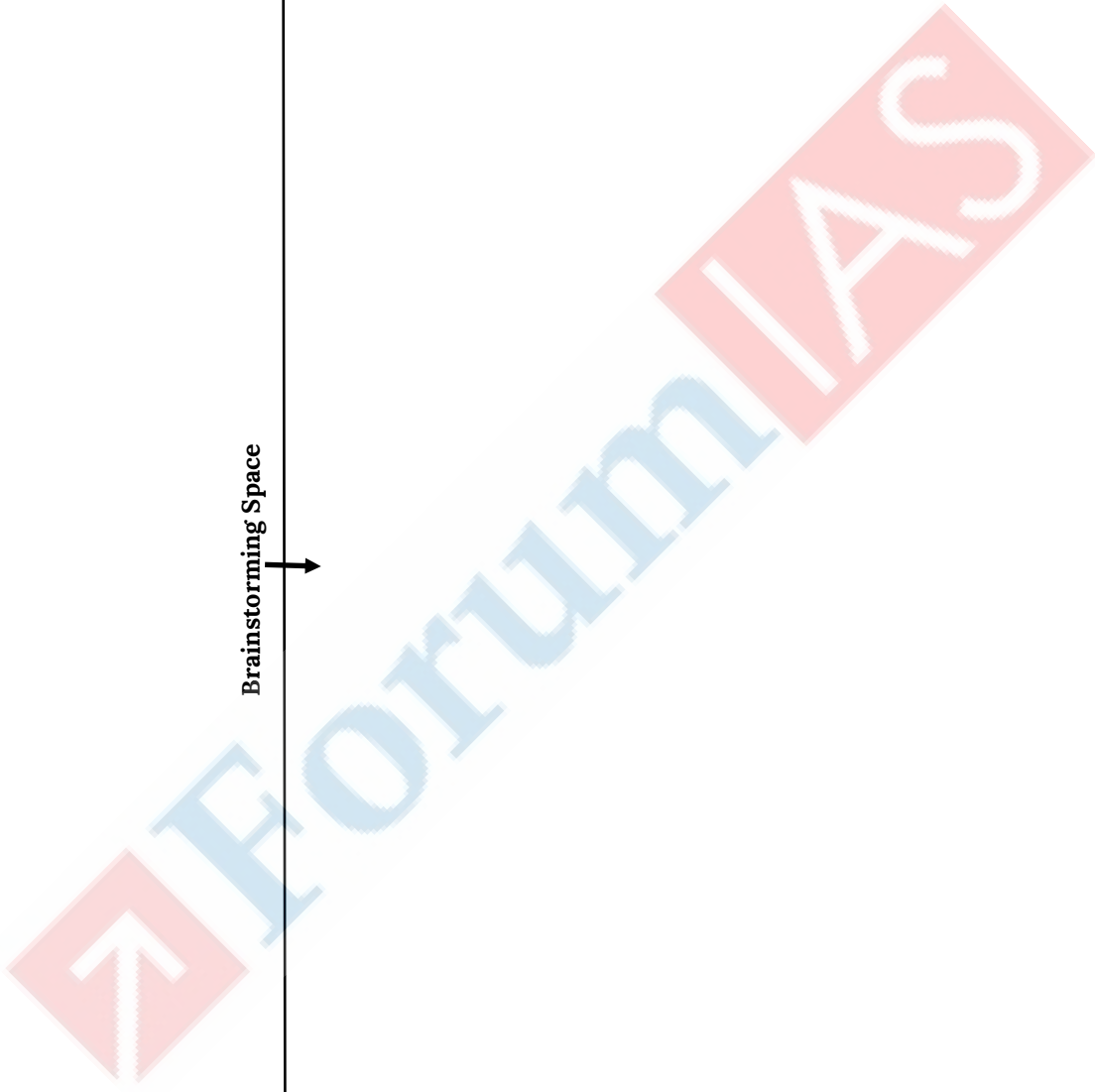
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Q.161) India requires 225 million tons of food grain by the end of twentieth century. Briefly discuss the elements of the strategy of agricultural growth that can ensure an increase in food grains output to meet the projected demand. (15 marks, 250 words) (1984)

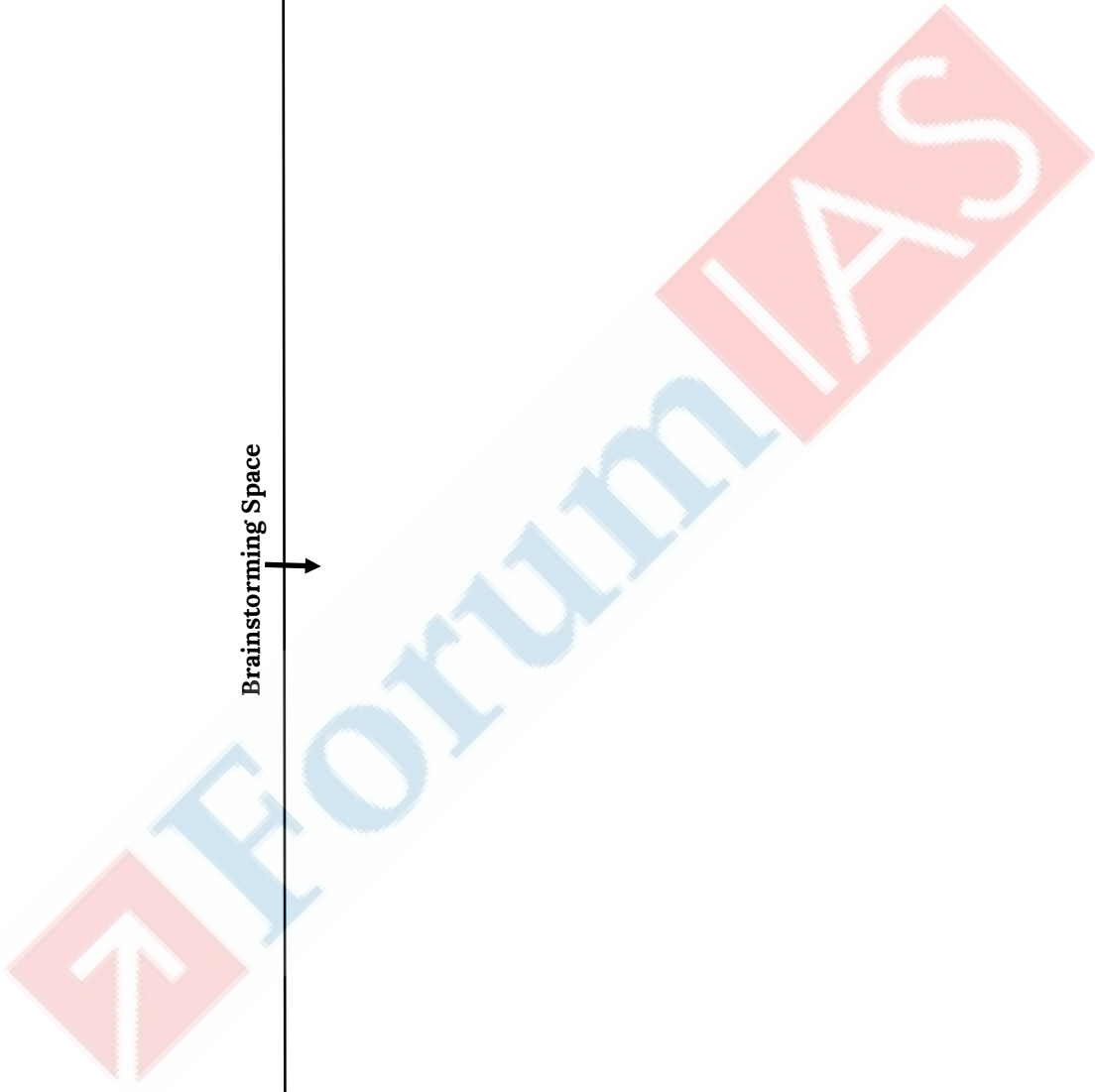
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Q.162) How does e-Technology help farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce? Explain it. (10 marks, 150 words) (2023)

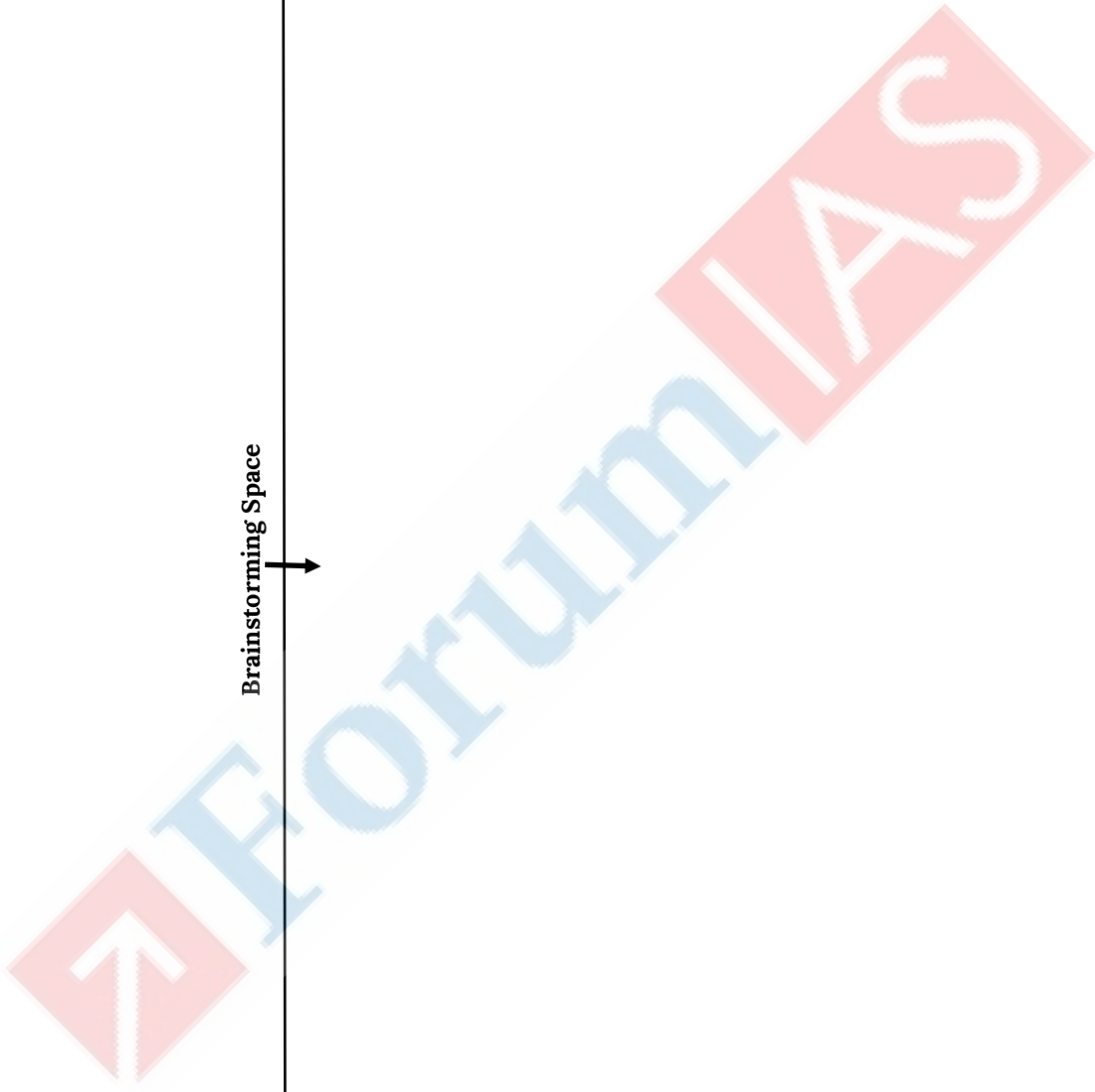
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Q.163) “In the villages itself no form of credit organization will be suitable except the cooperative society.” – All India Rural Credit Survey. Discuss this statement in the background of agricultural finance in India. What constraints and challenges do financial institutions supplying agricultural finance face? How can technology be used to better reach and serve rural clients? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

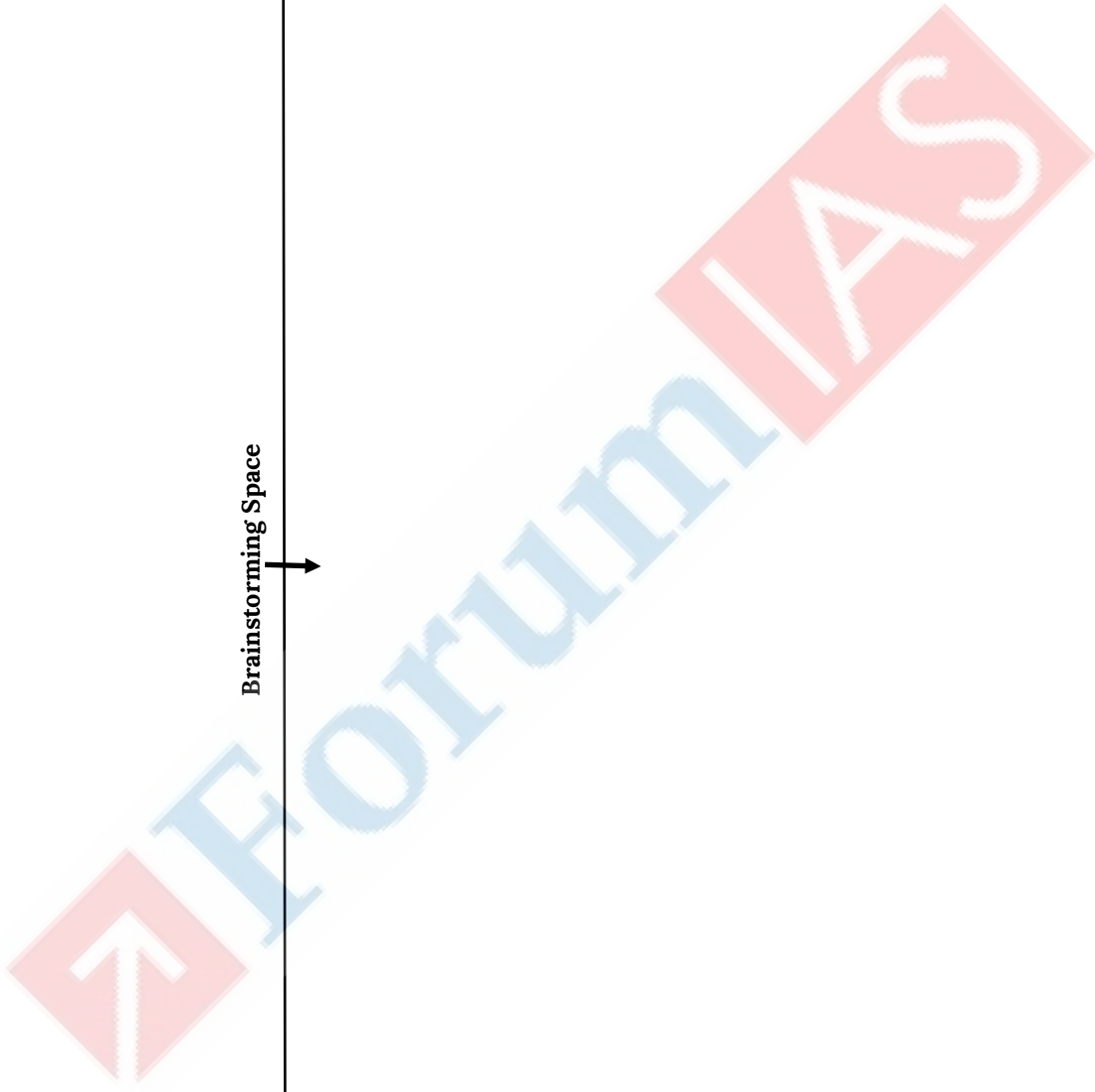
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Q.164) Elucidate the importance of buffer stocks for stabilizing agricultural prices in India. What are the challenges associated with the storage of buffer stock? Discuss. (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

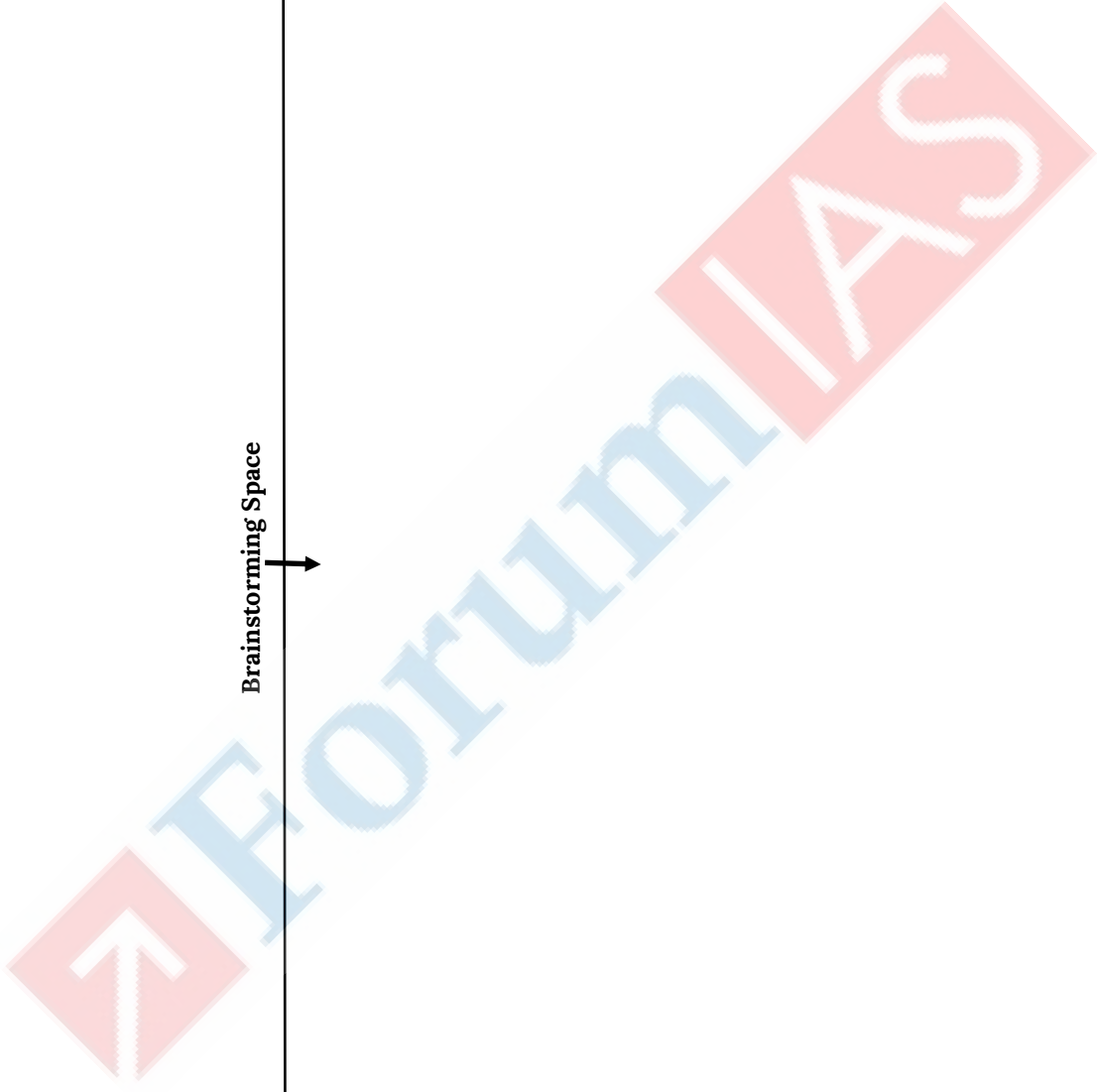
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Q.165) What are the direct and indirect subsidies provided to farm sector in India? Discuss the issues raised by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in relation to agricultural subsidies. (10 marks, 150 words) (2023)

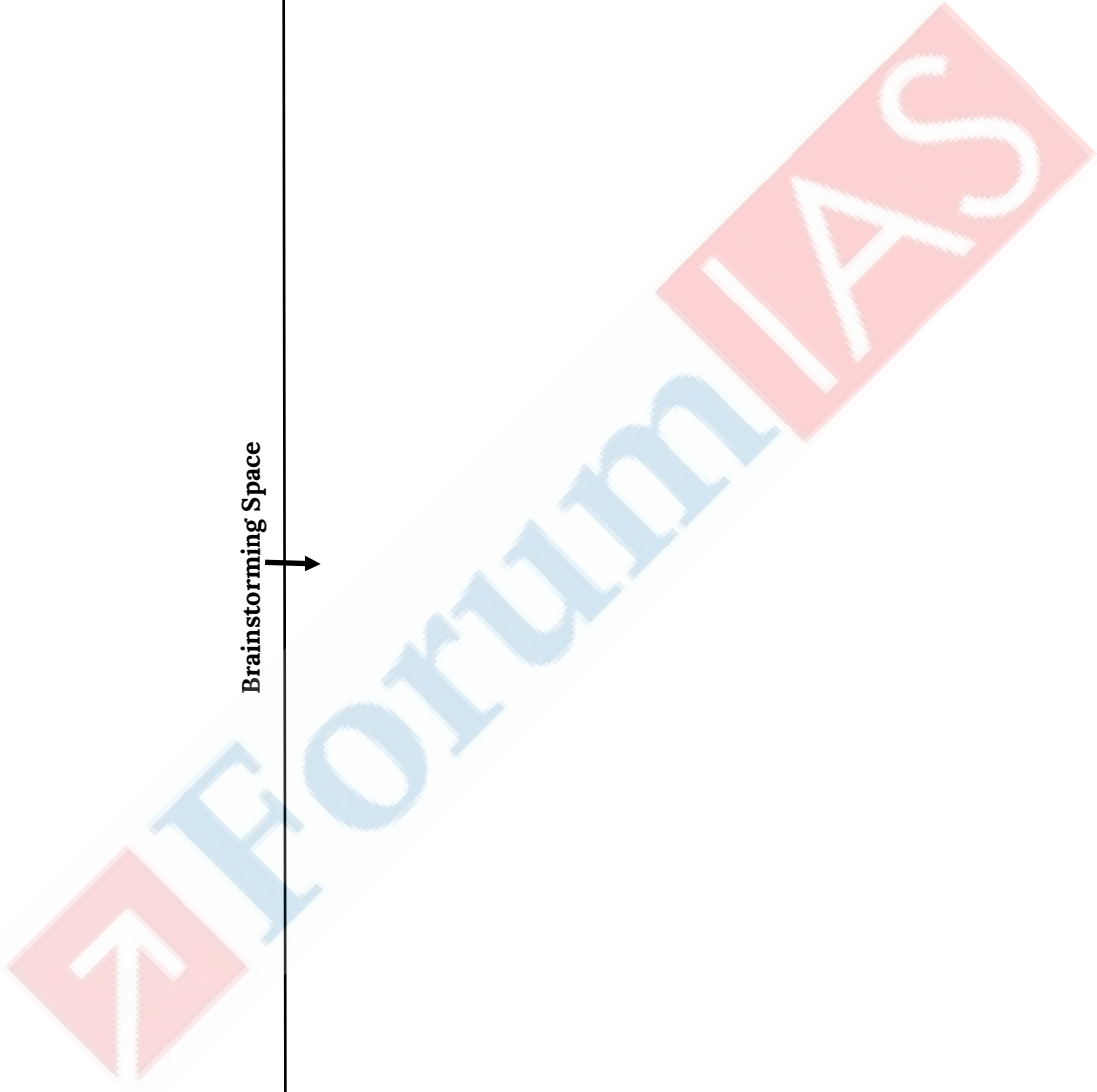
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Q.166) What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent?
(10 marks, 150 words) (2022)

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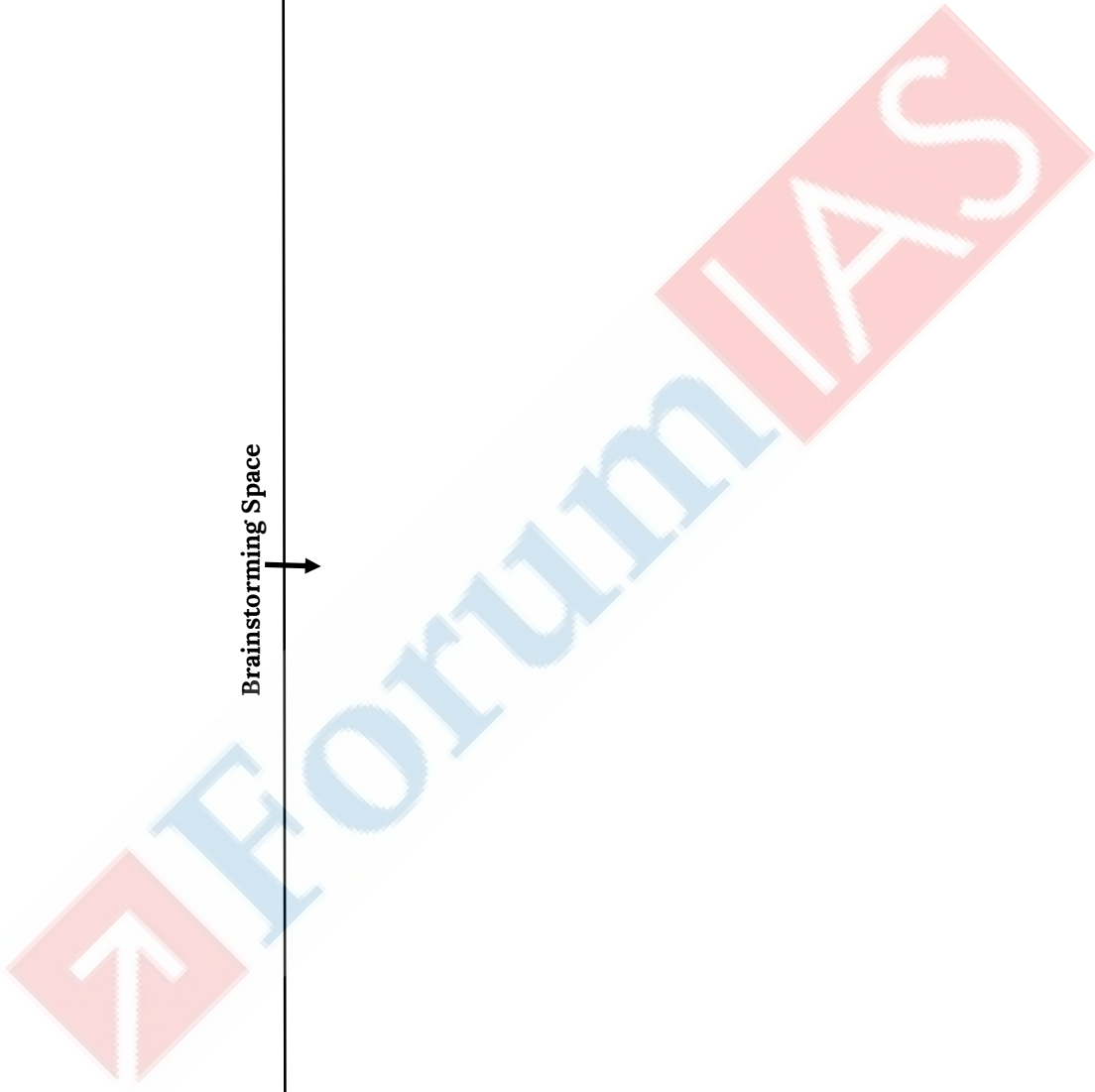


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Q.167) What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, 2013? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India? (15 marks, 250 words) (2021)

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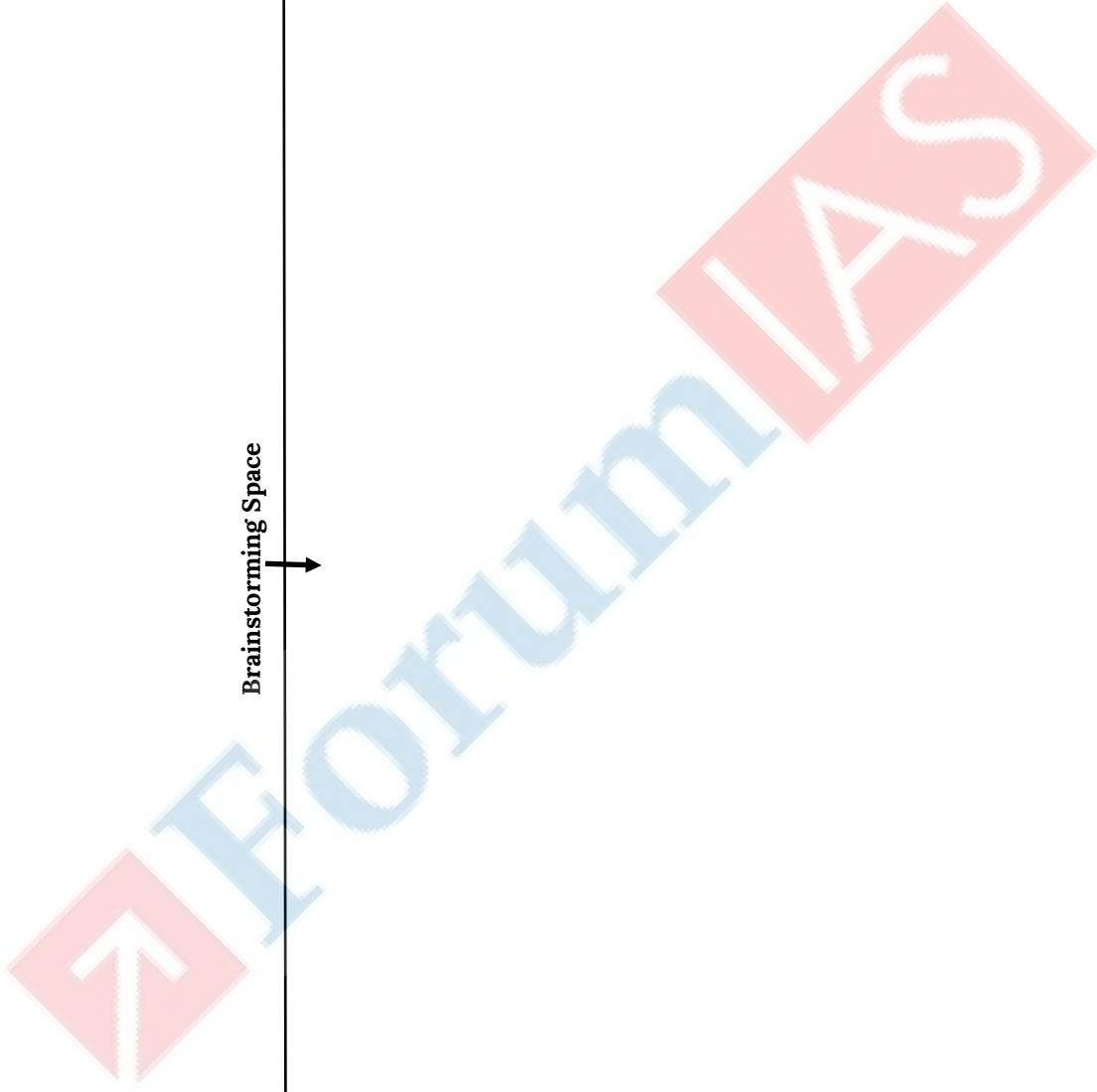
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Q.168) What are the reformative steps taken by the Government to make food grain distribution system more effective?

(15 marks, 250 words) (2019)

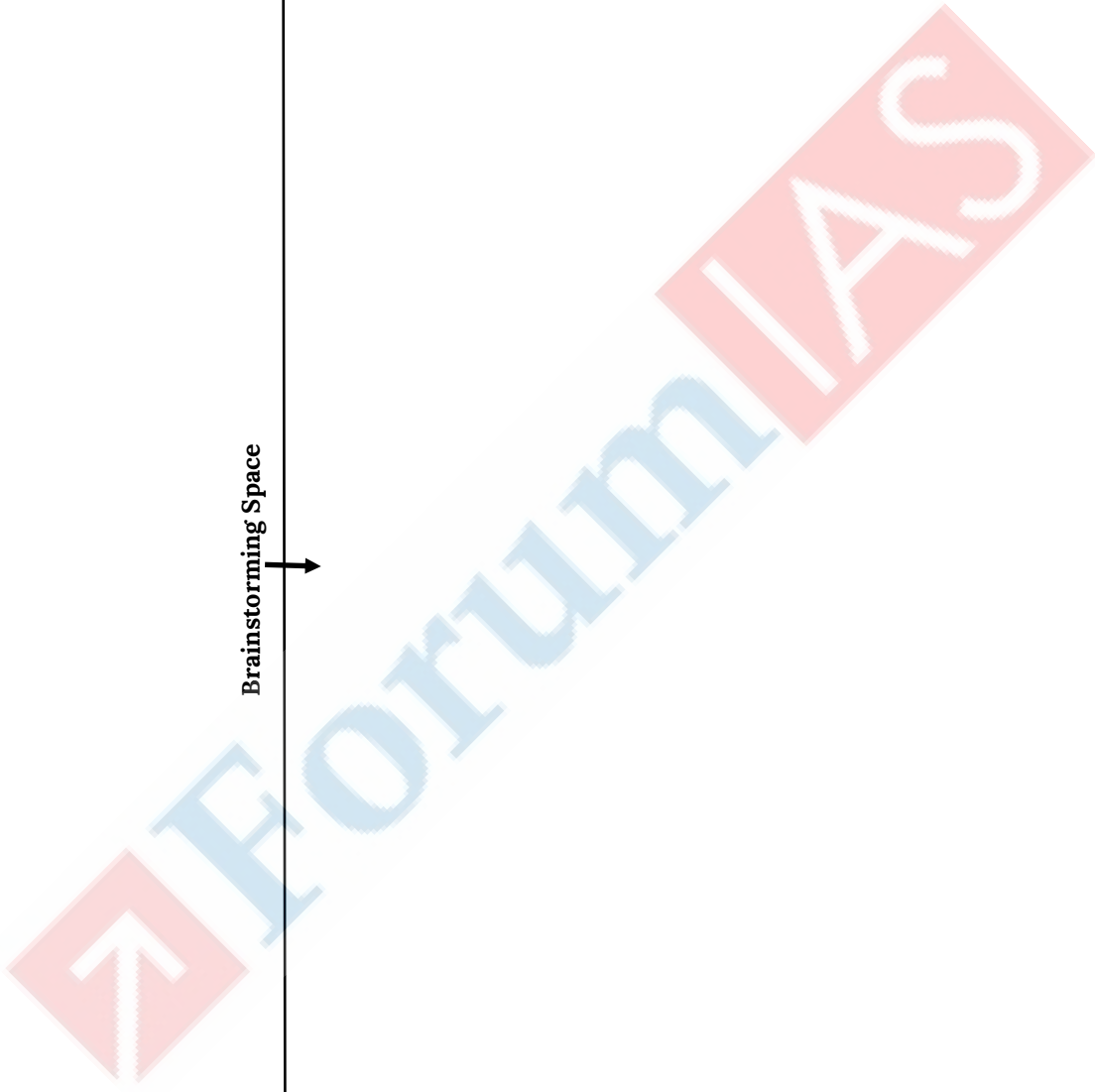
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Q.169) What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low income trap?
(10 marks, 150 words) (2018)

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Q.170) How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price and food processing for small and marginal farmers? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

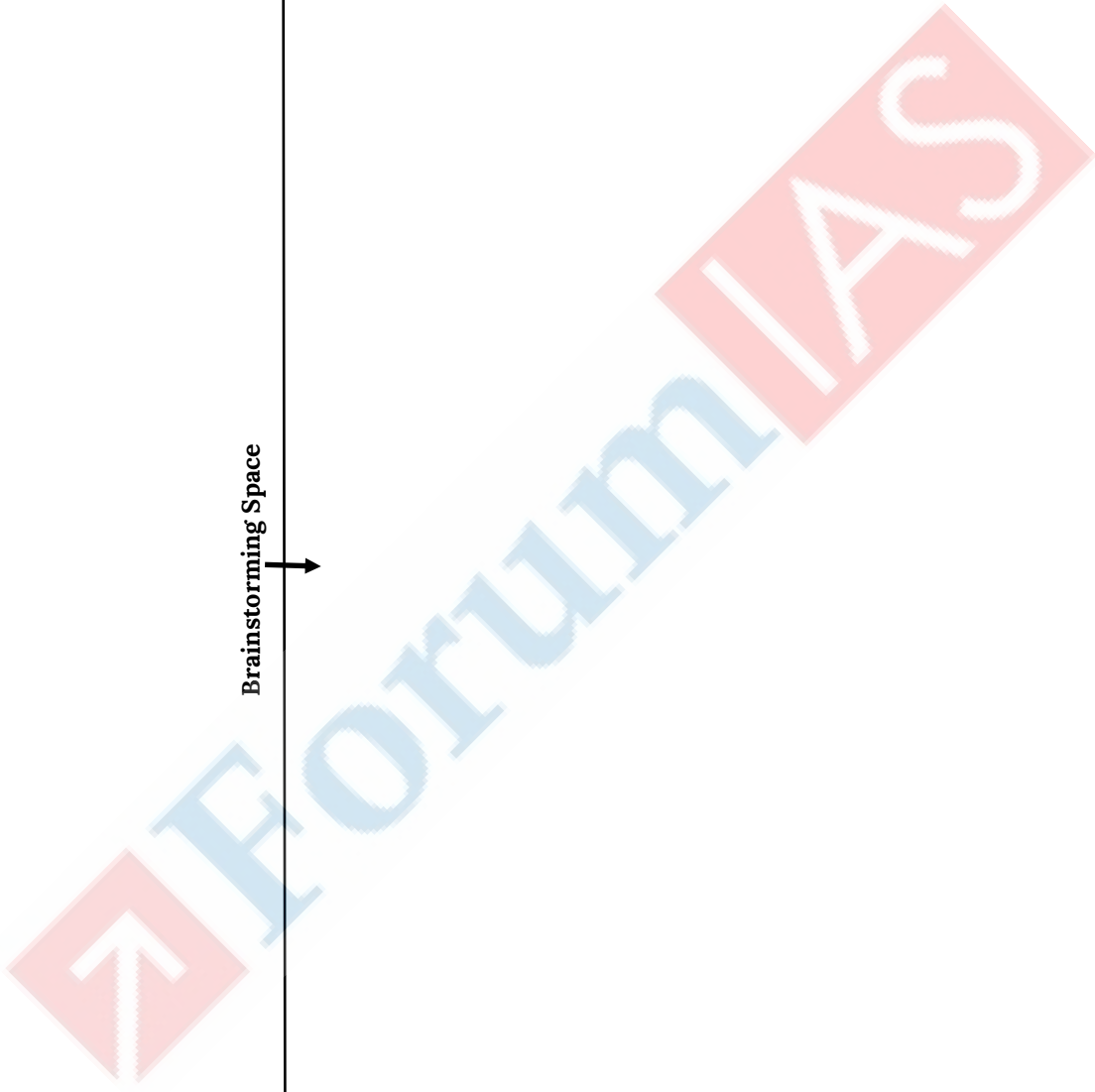
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Q.171) In what way could replacement of price subsidy with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss.
(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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Q.172) What are the different types of agriculture subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by it.

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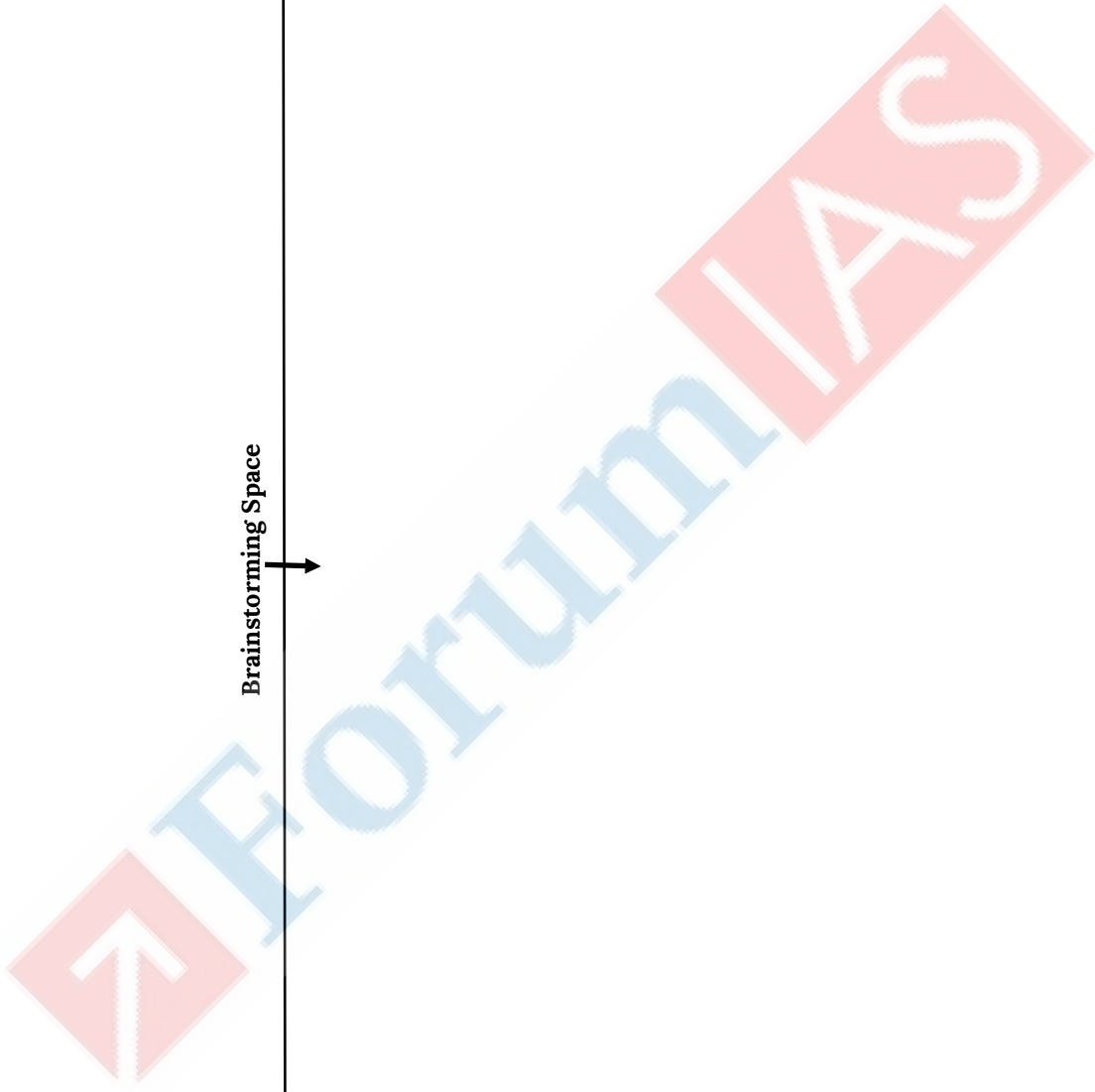
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Q.173) Comment on the recommendations of the Wadhwa Commission on the Public Distribution System. (10 marks, 150 words) (2010)

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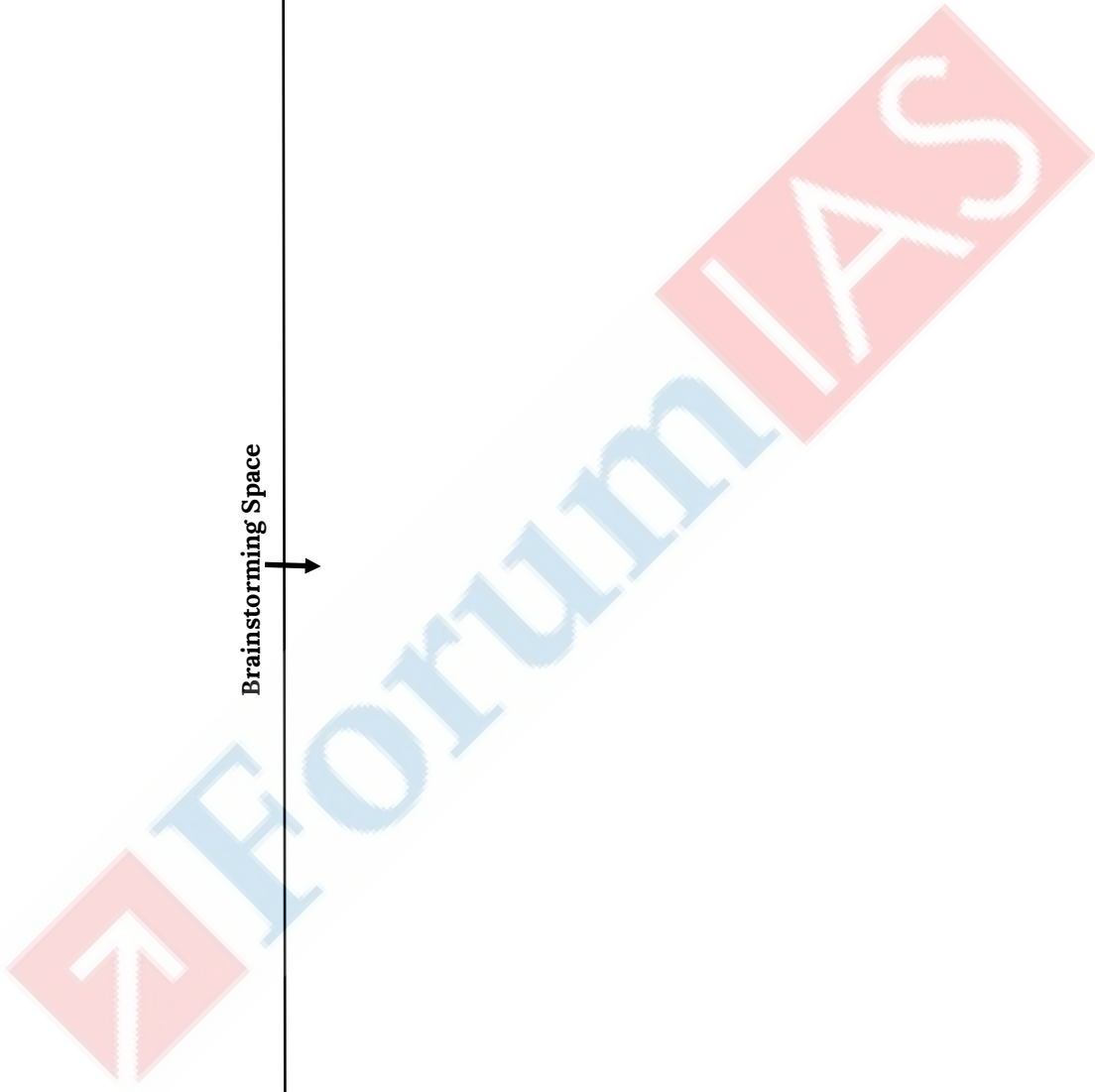
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Q.174) Small holder farms need to be strengthened to achieve national food security. Do you agree with this assessment? Substantiate.

(10 marks, 150 words) (2010)

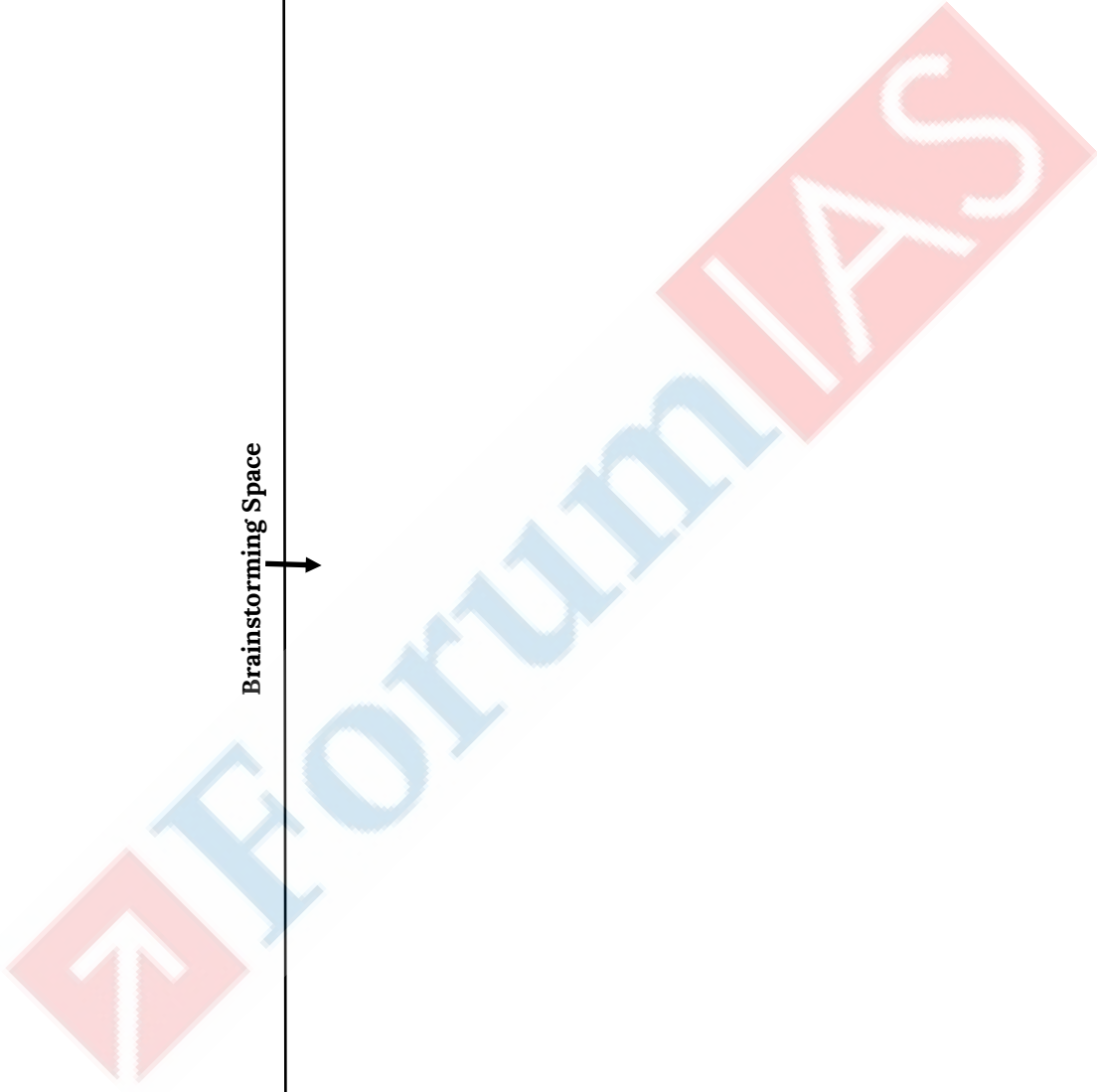
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Q.175) What are 'Minimum Support Prices' in agricultural products? What are their objectives? (10 marks, 150 words) (2002)

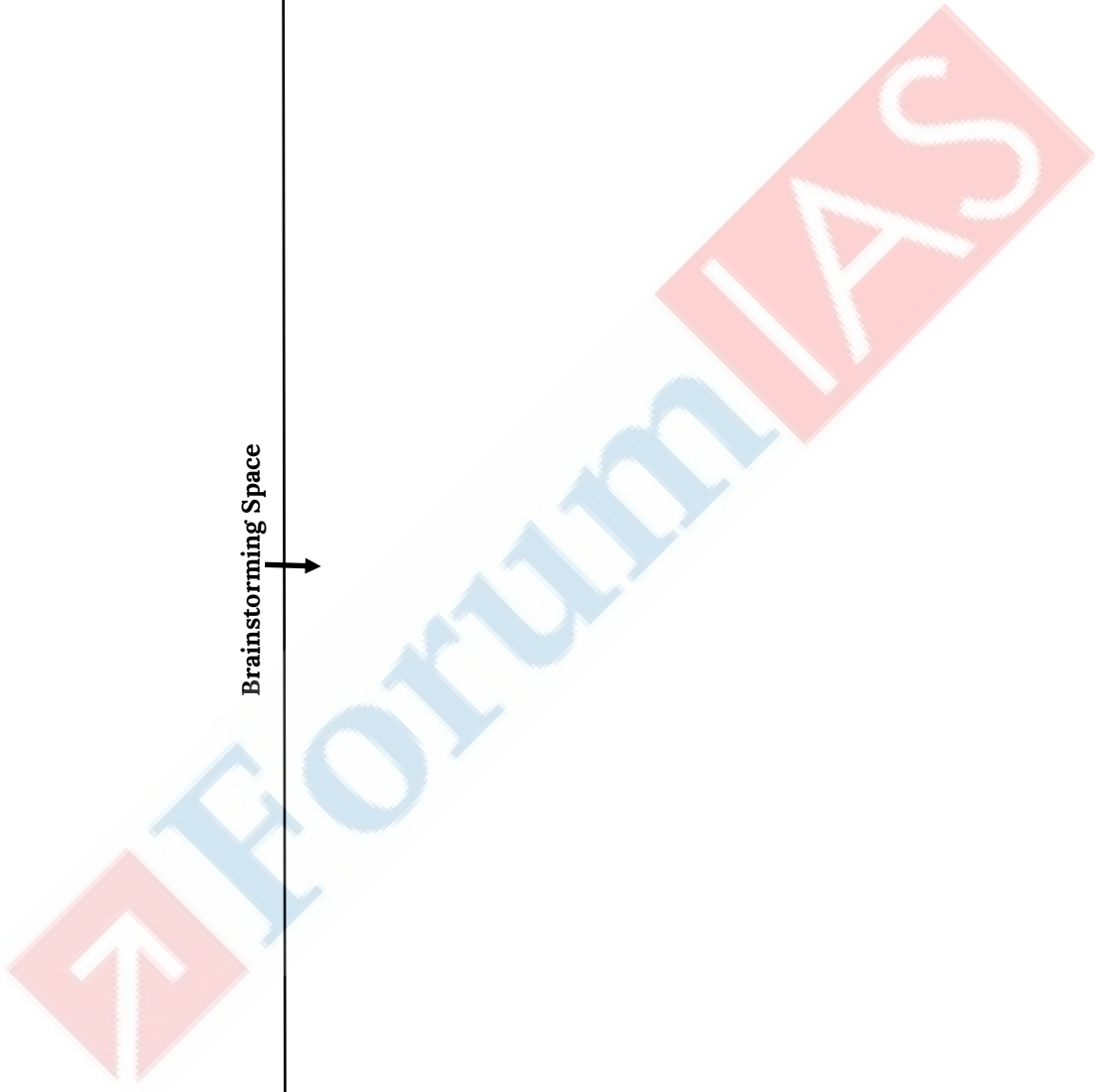
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Q.176) What is (Revised) Targeted Public Distribution System? What are its main features? (10 marks, 150 words) (2000)

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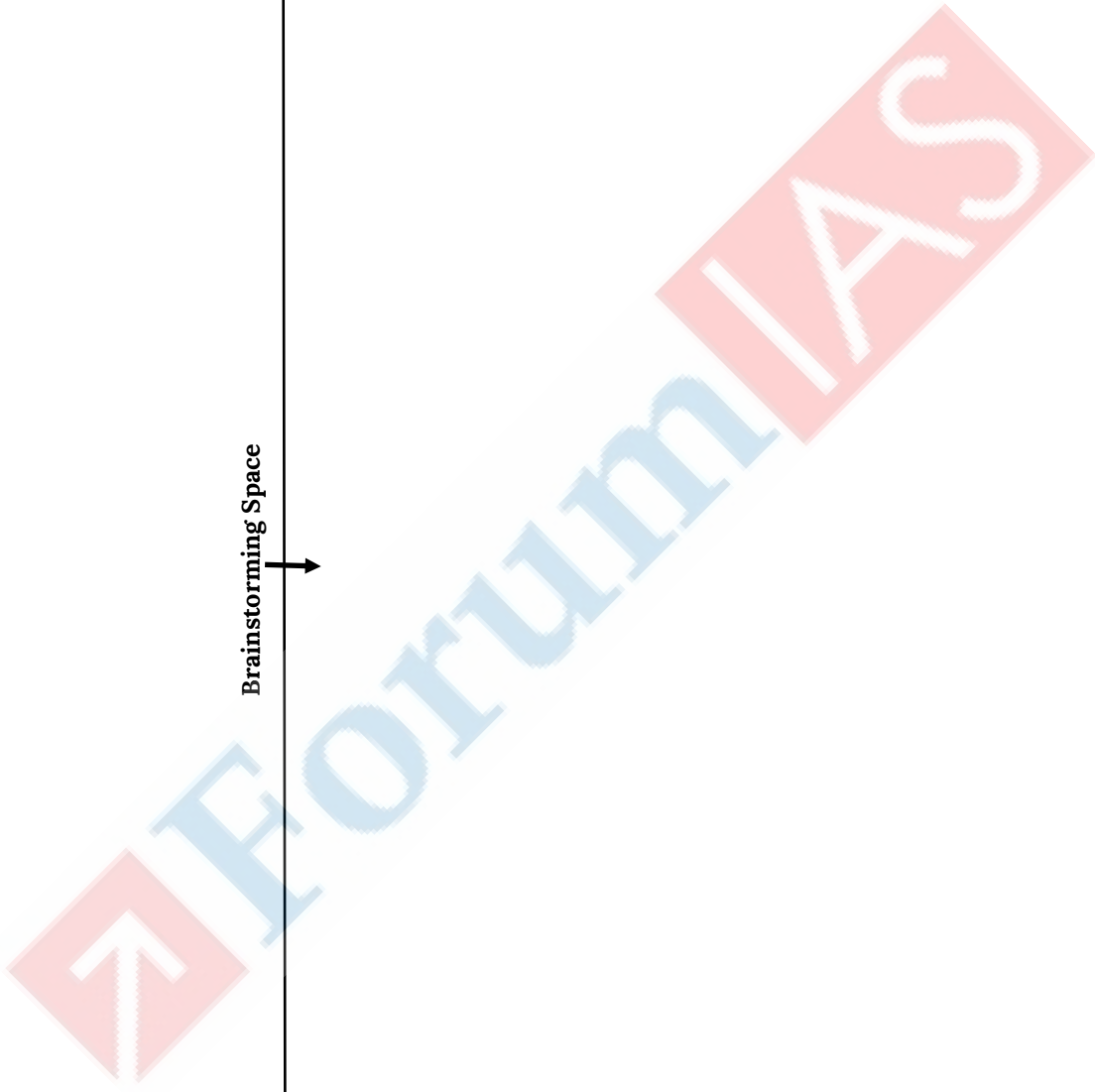


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Q.177) What are the factors that ensure the success of the Public Distribution System? (10 marks, 150 words) (1991)

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Q.178) Examine the working of the Public Distribution System in India, with particular reference to its objectives and constraints. Suggest a set of measures towards an improvement in the present system.

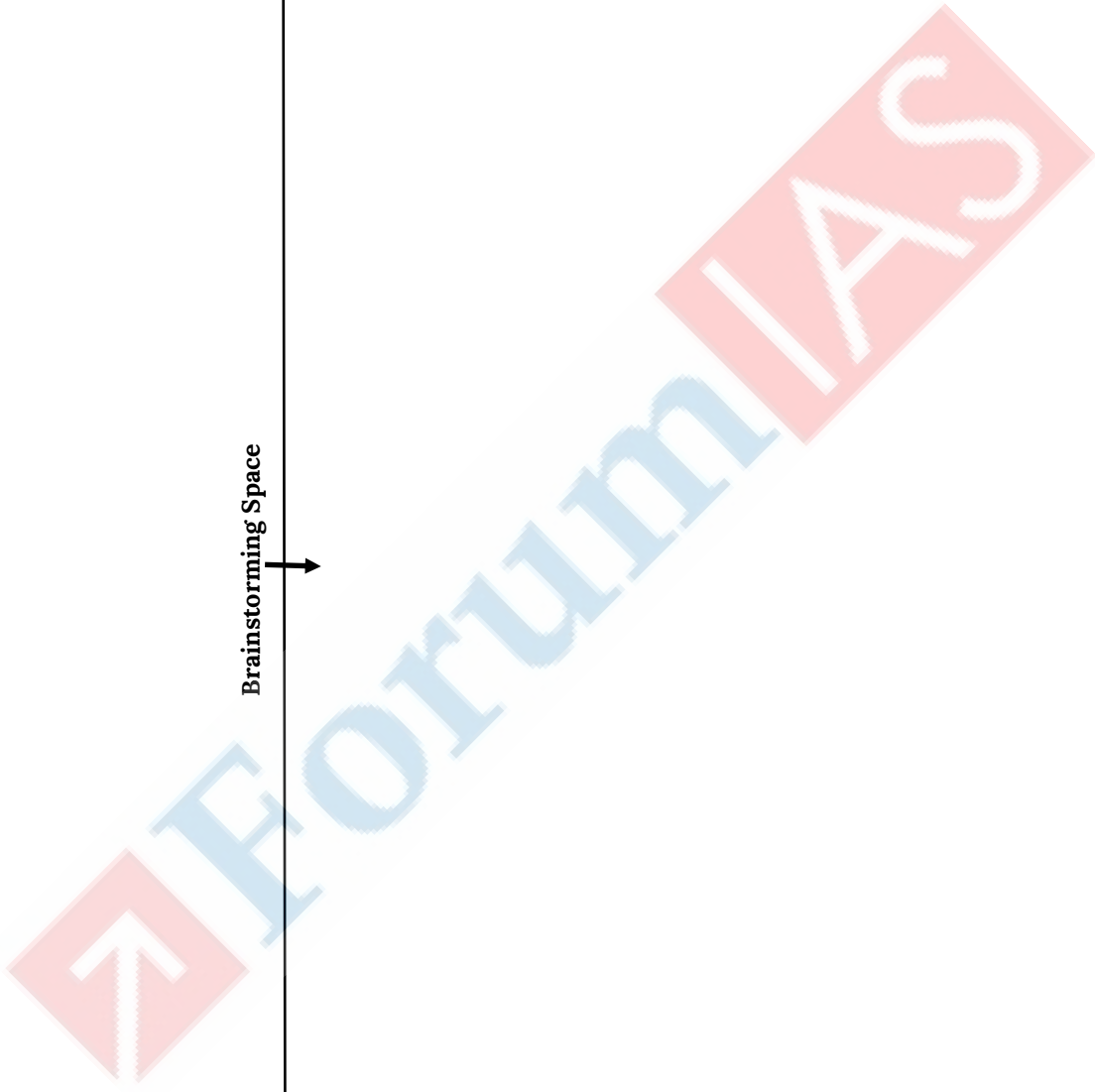
(15 marks, 250 words) (1986)

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Q.179) What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification? (15 marks, 250 words) (2021)

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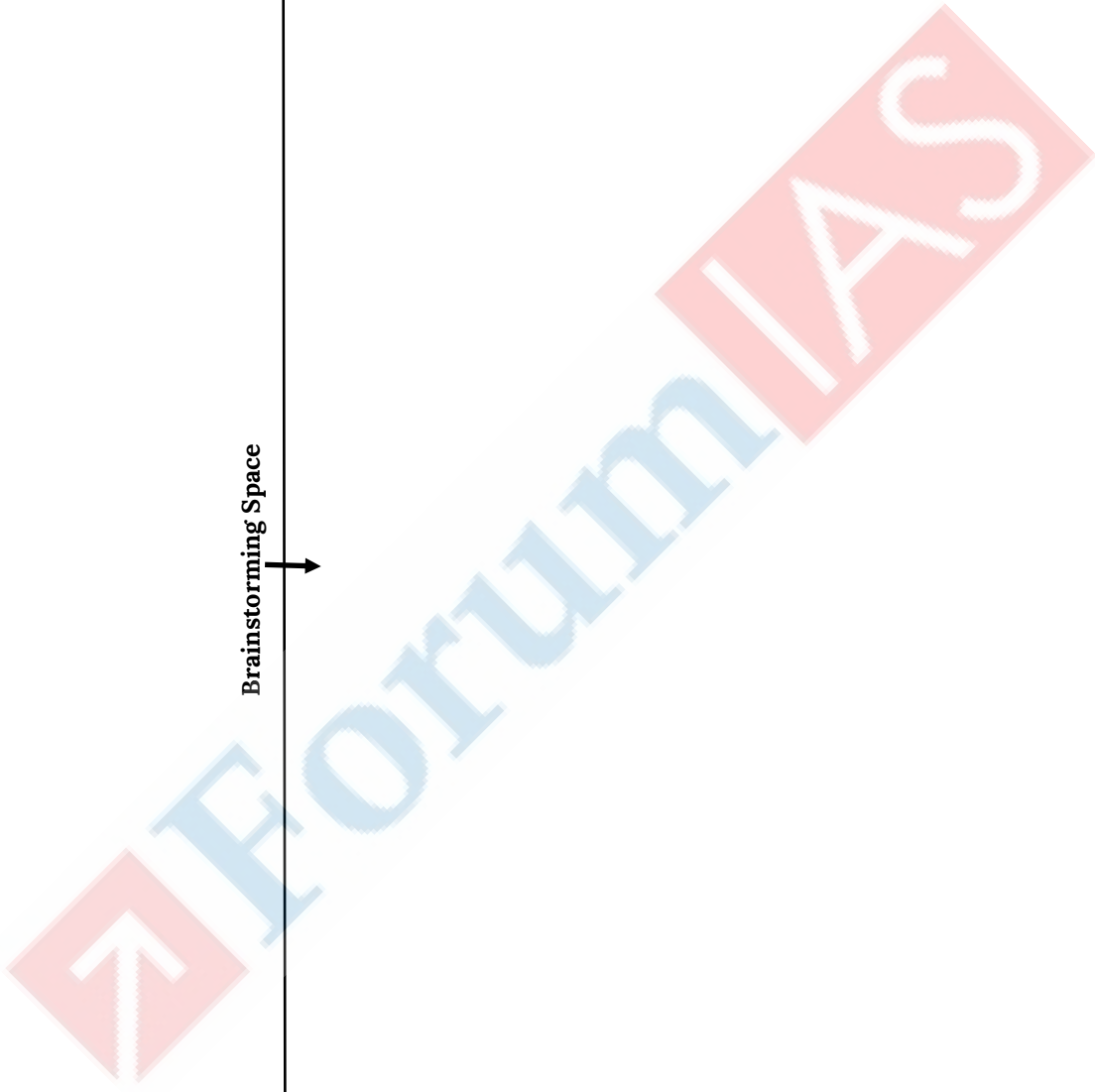




Q.180) How was India benefitted from the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan in the fields of water engineering and agricultural science respectively?

(10 marks, 150 words) (2019)

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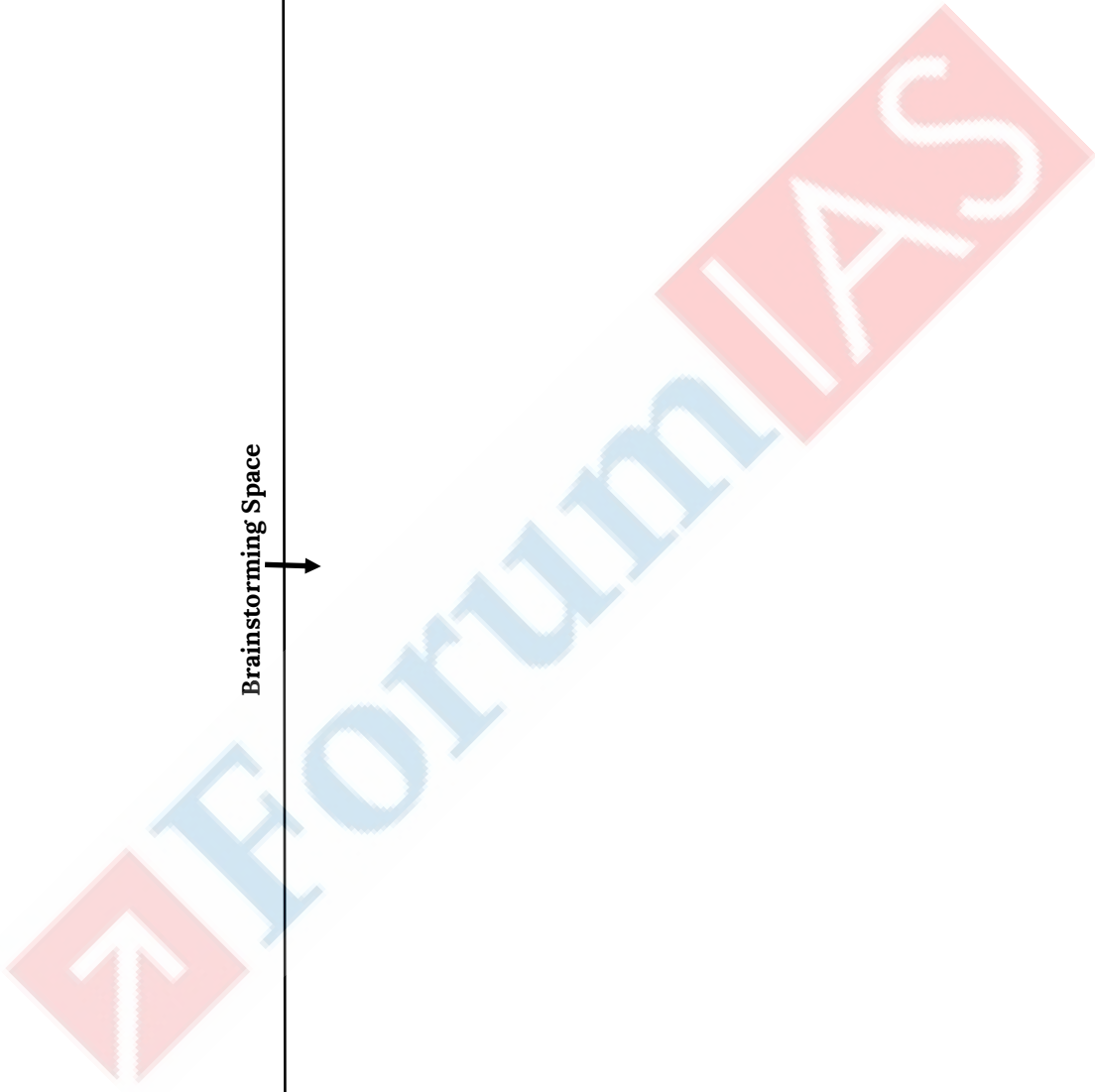




Q.181) Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?

(15 marks, 250 words) (2018)

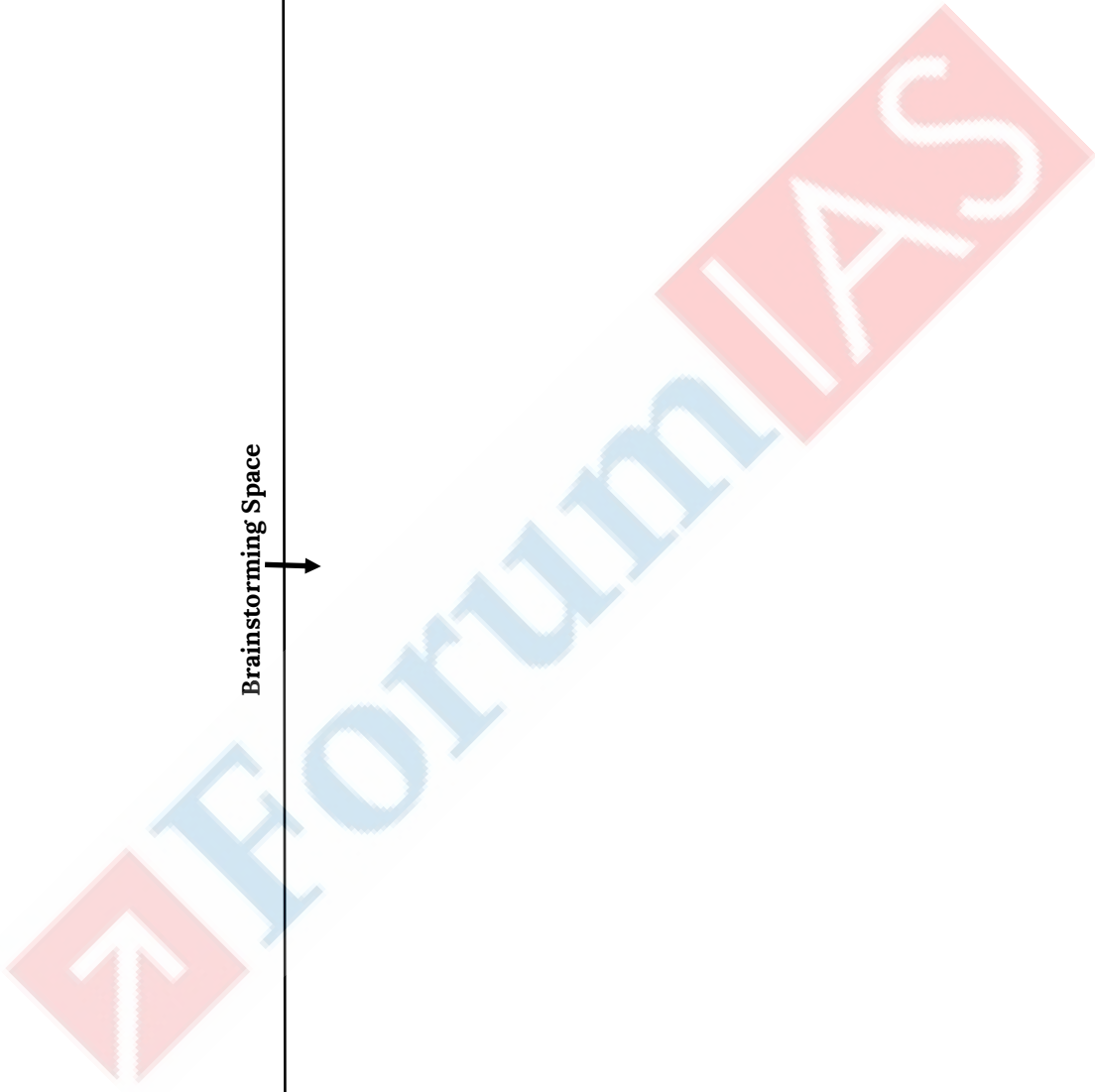
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Q.182) Explain various types of revolutions, took place in Agriculture after Independence in India. How these revolutions have helped in poverty alleviation and food security in India?

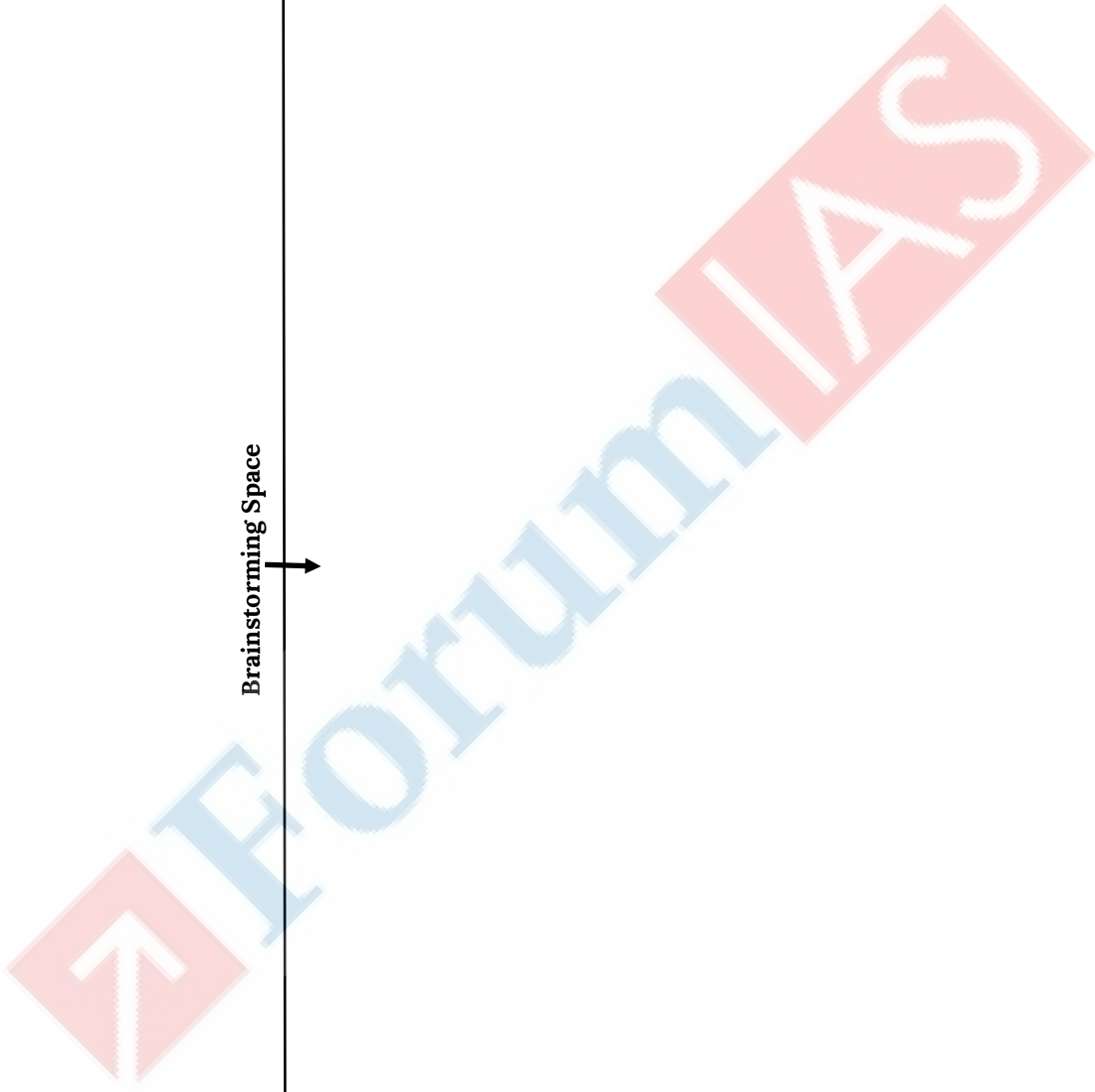
(12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

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Q.183) India needs to strengthen measures to promote the pink revolution in food industry for ensuring better nutrition and health. Critically elucidate the statement. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

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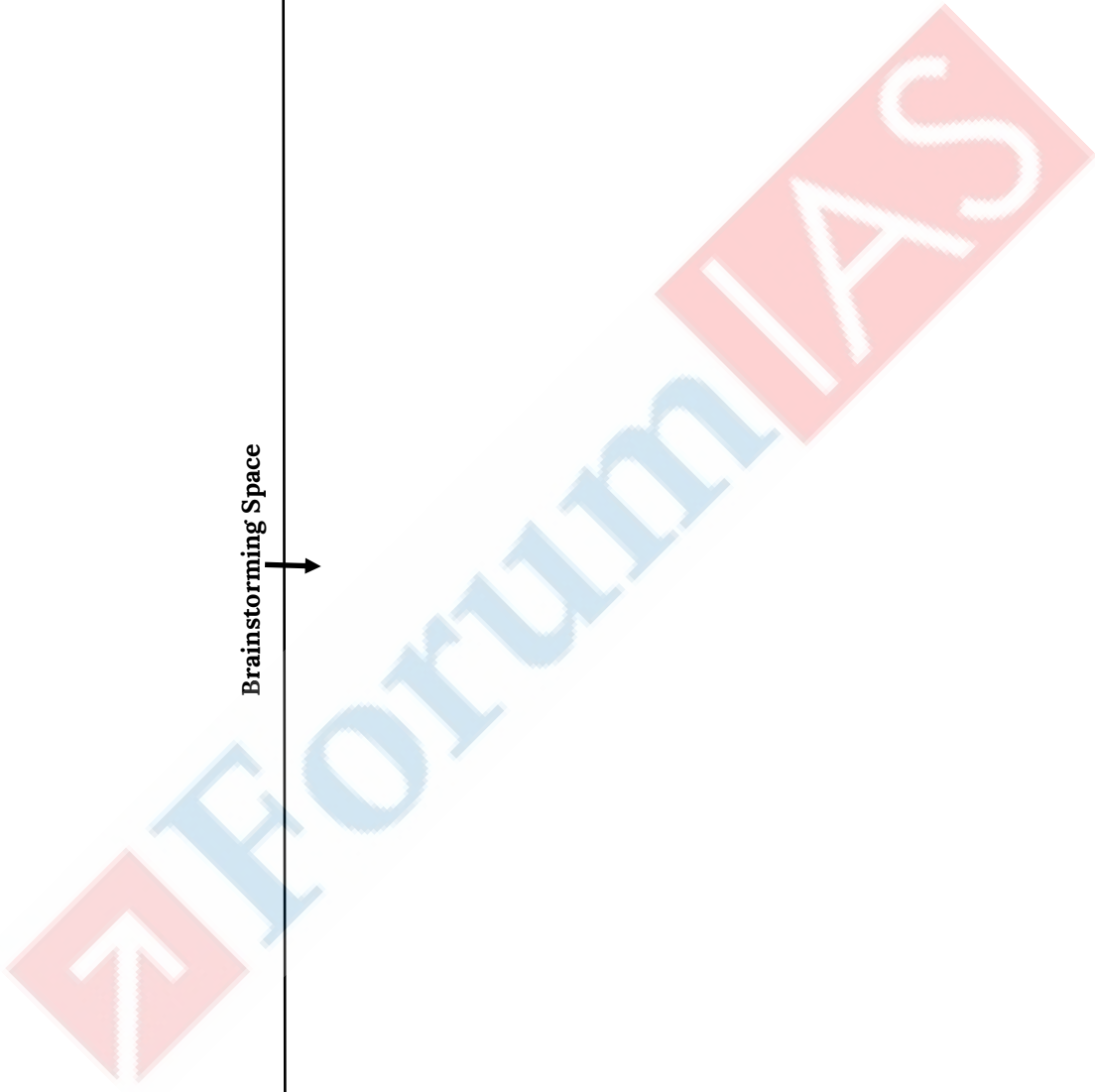
Q.184) Blue Revolution has definite advantages in India but it is not free from environmental impacts. Discuss. (10 marks, 150 words) (2006)

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Q.185) Describe the important new techniques which are being introduced in India for crop improvement. (10 marks, 150 words) (1989)

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Q.186) What is white revolution? Discuss the different aspects which have helped to bring green revolution in India. (10 marks, 150 words) (1986)

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Q.187) Discuss the role of Village Cooperative Movements in promoting rural welfare and development in India. How is the National Dairy Development Board achieving their objectives? (15 marks, 250 words) (1979)

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Q.188) Livestock rearing has a big potential for providing non-farm employment and income in rural areas. Discuss suggesting suitable examples. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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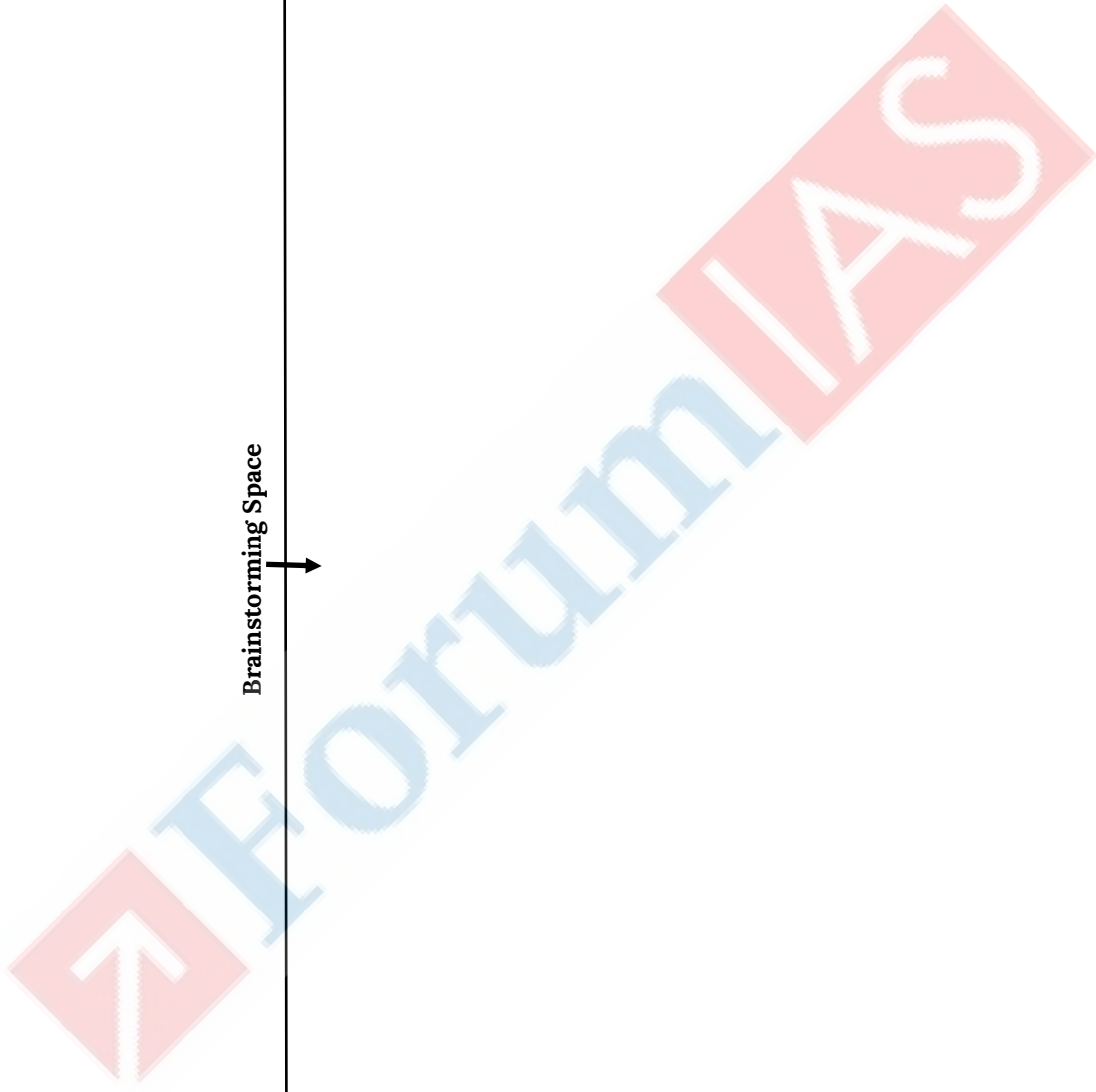




Q.189) Examine the scope of the food processing industries in India. Elaborate the measures taken by the government in the food processing industries for generating employment opportunities.

(15 marks, 250 words) (2025)

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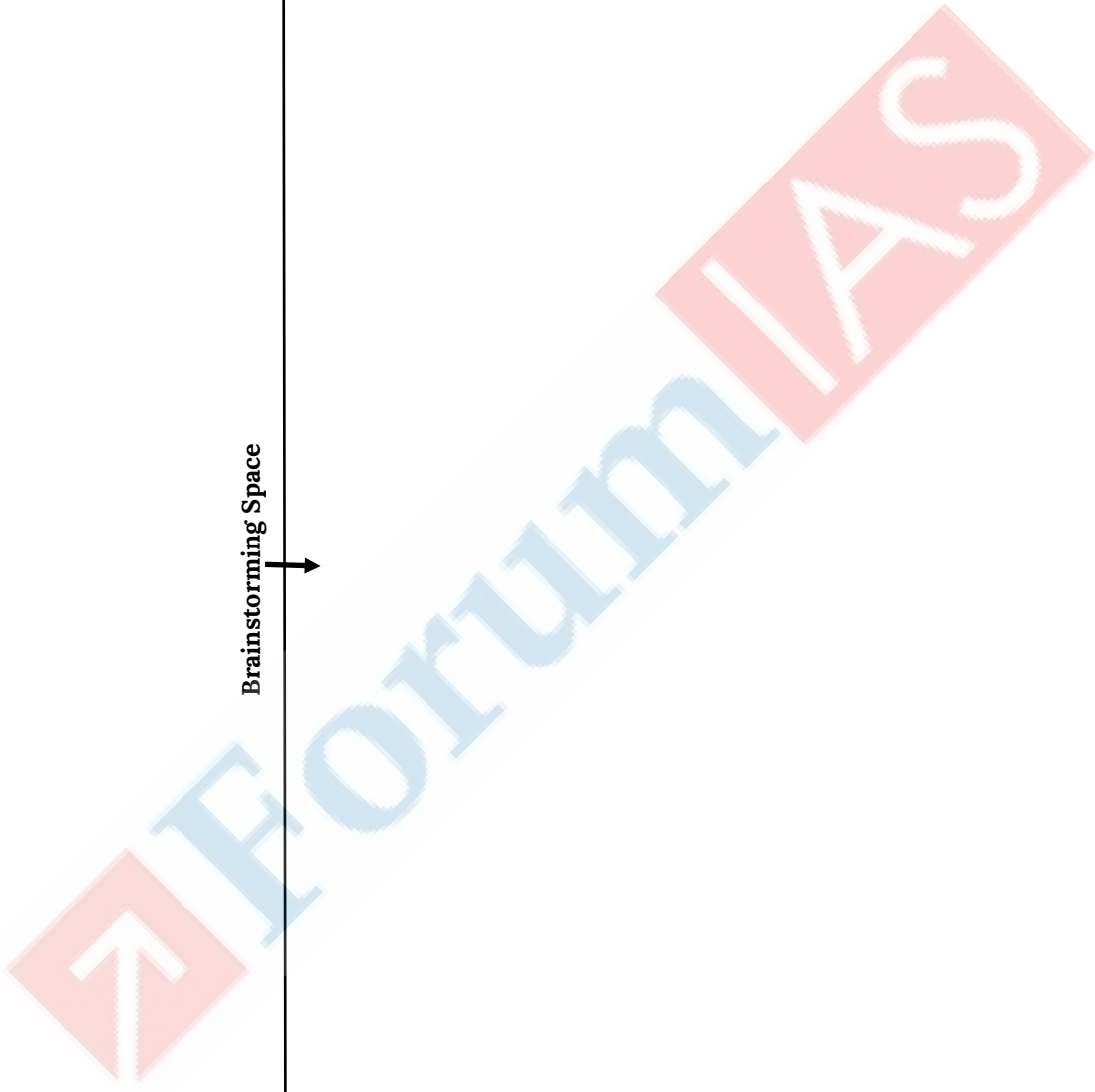




Q.190) What are the challenges and opportunities of food processing sector in the country? How can the income of the farmers be substantially increased by encouraging food processing?

(10 marks, 150 words) (2020)

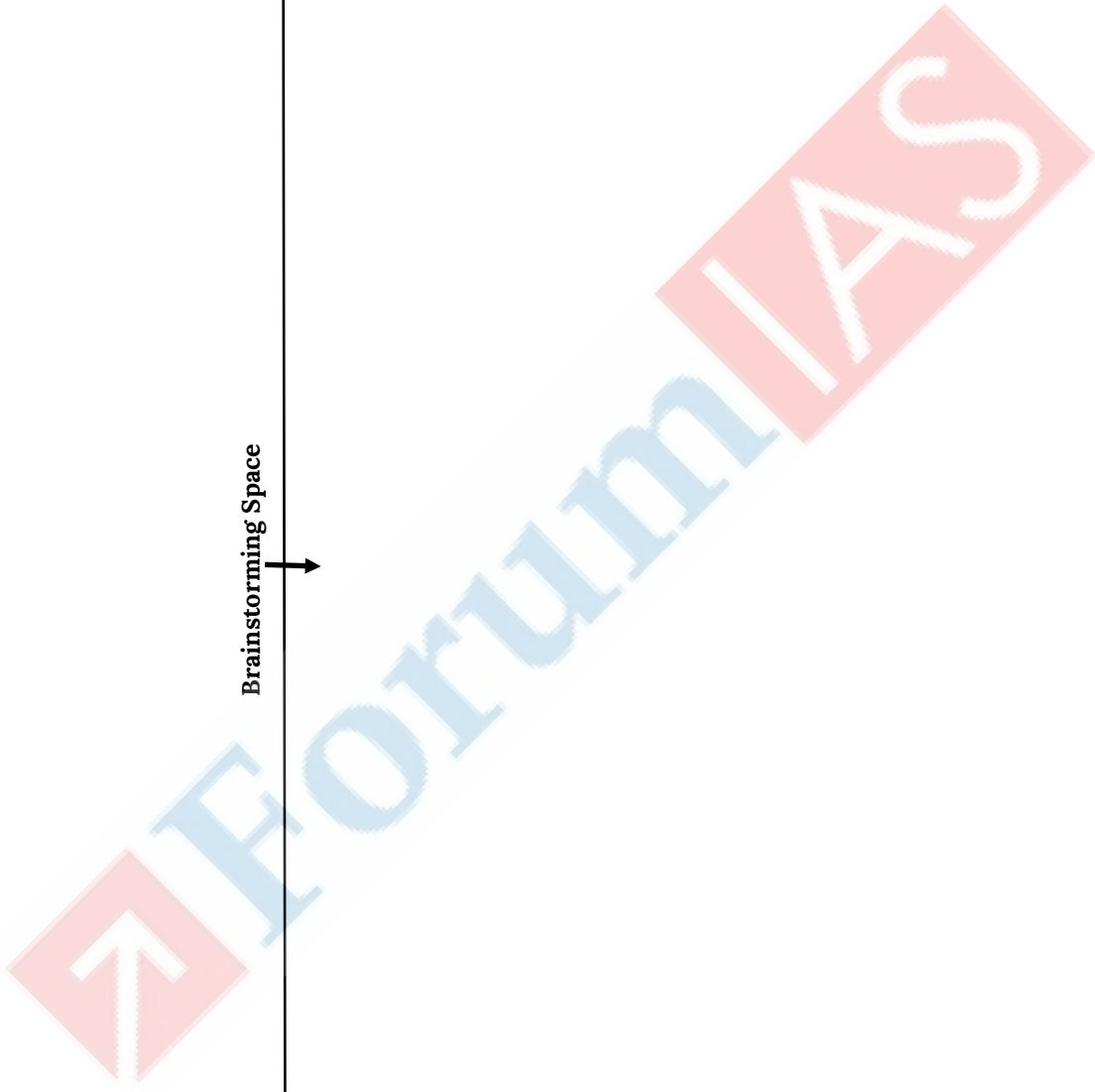
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Q.191) Elaborate the policy taken by the Government of India to meet the challenges of the food processing sector. (15 marks, 250 words) (2019)

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Q.192) What are the reasons for poor acceptance of cost effective small processing unit? How the food processing unit will be helpful to uplift the socio- economic status of poor farmers? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

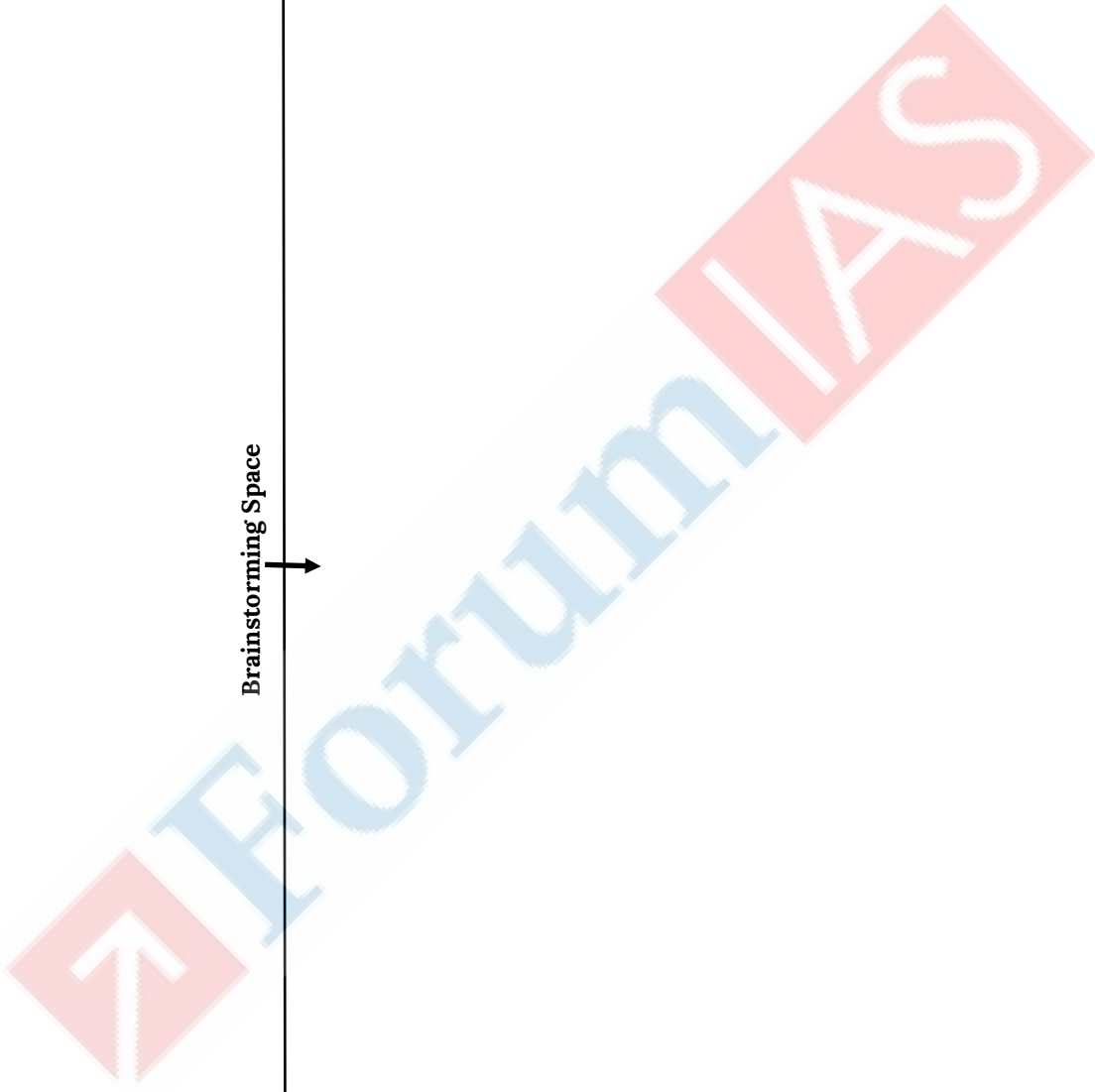
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Q.193) What were the factors responsible for the successful implementation of land reforms in some parts of the country? Elaborate.
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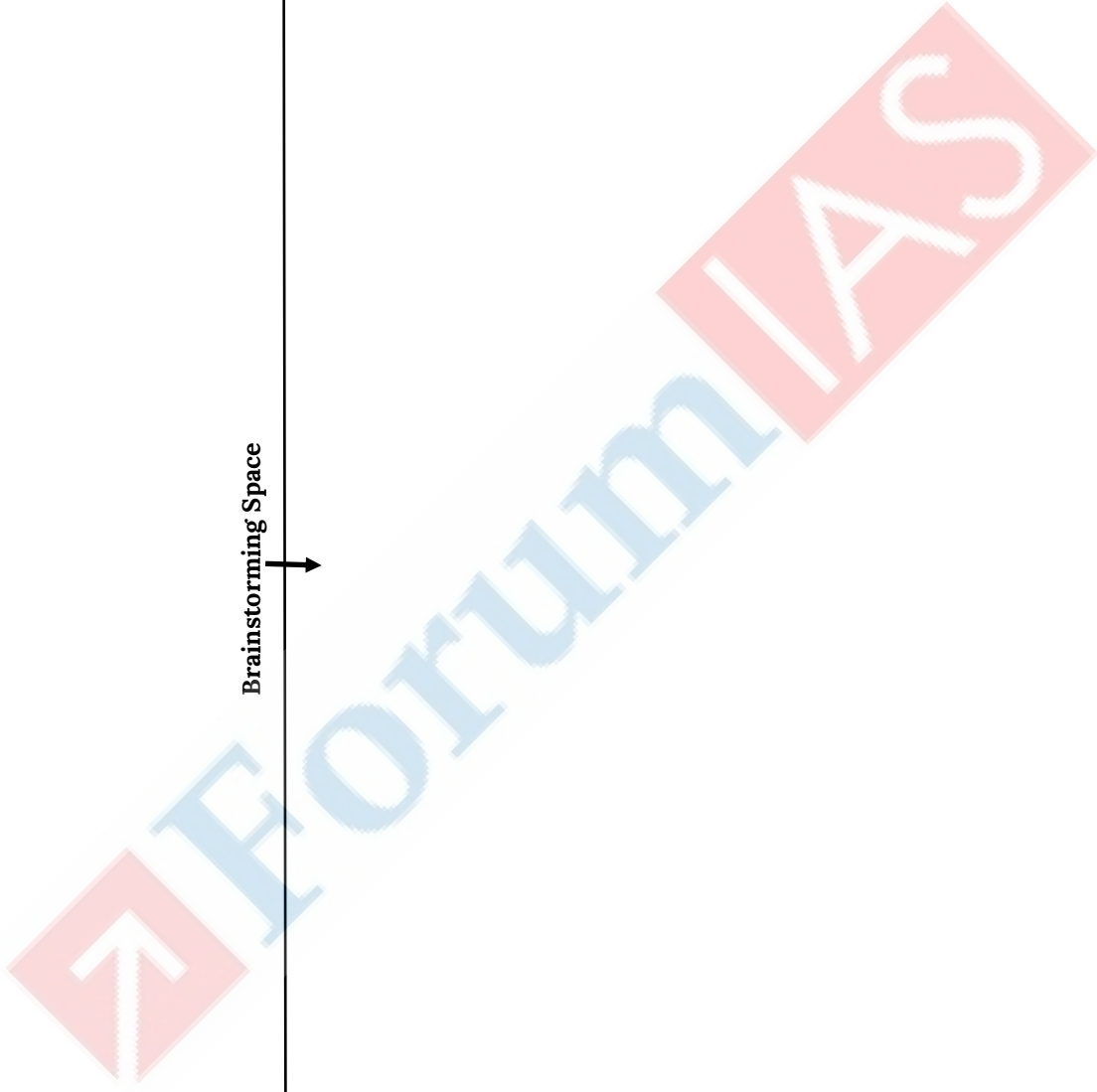
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Q.194) State the objectives and measures of land reforms in India. Discuss how land ceiling policy on landholding can be considered as an effective reform under economic criteria. (10 marks, 150 words) (2023)

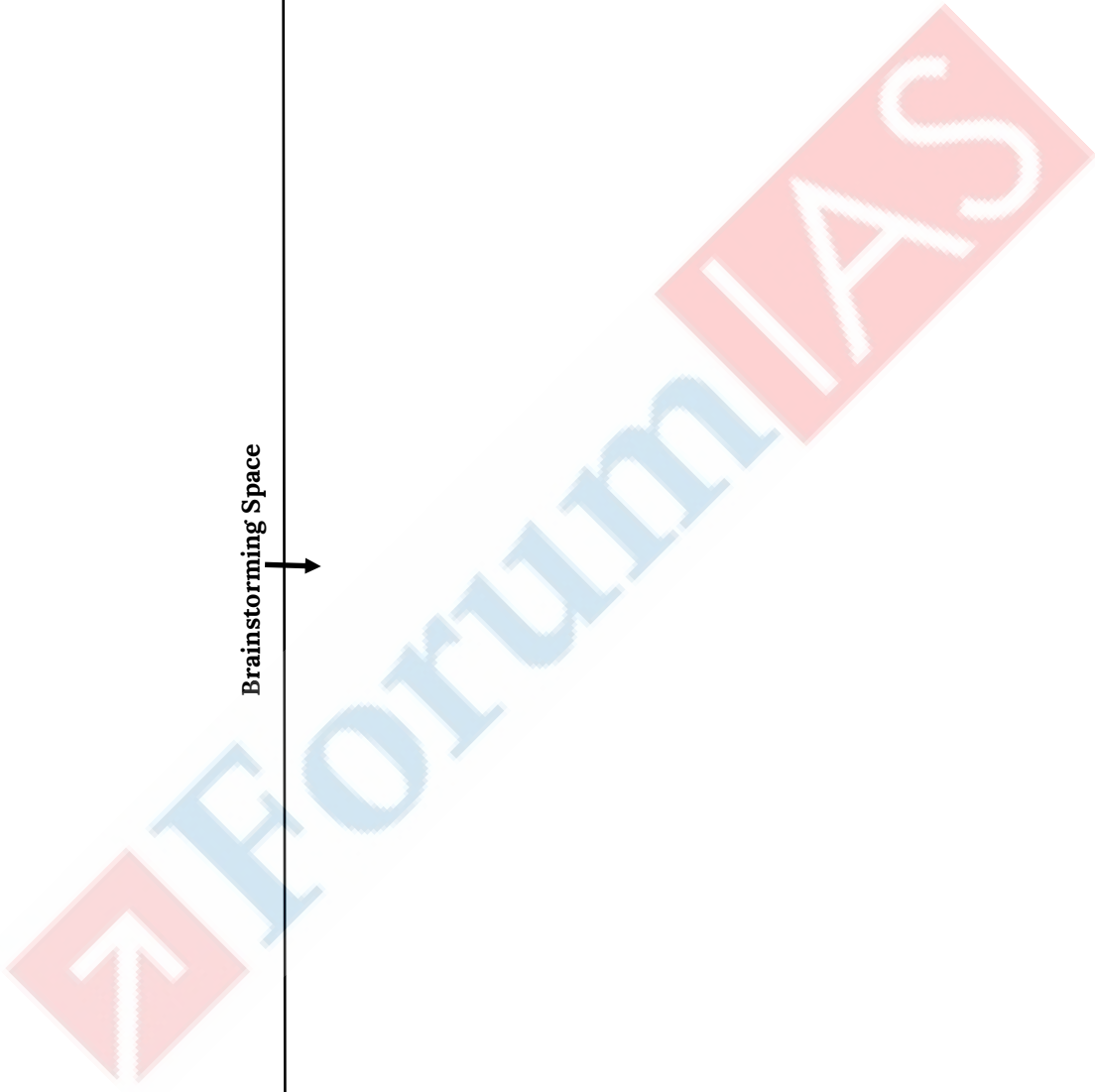
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Q.195) How did land reforms in some parts of the country help to improve the socio- economic conditions of marginal and small farmers?
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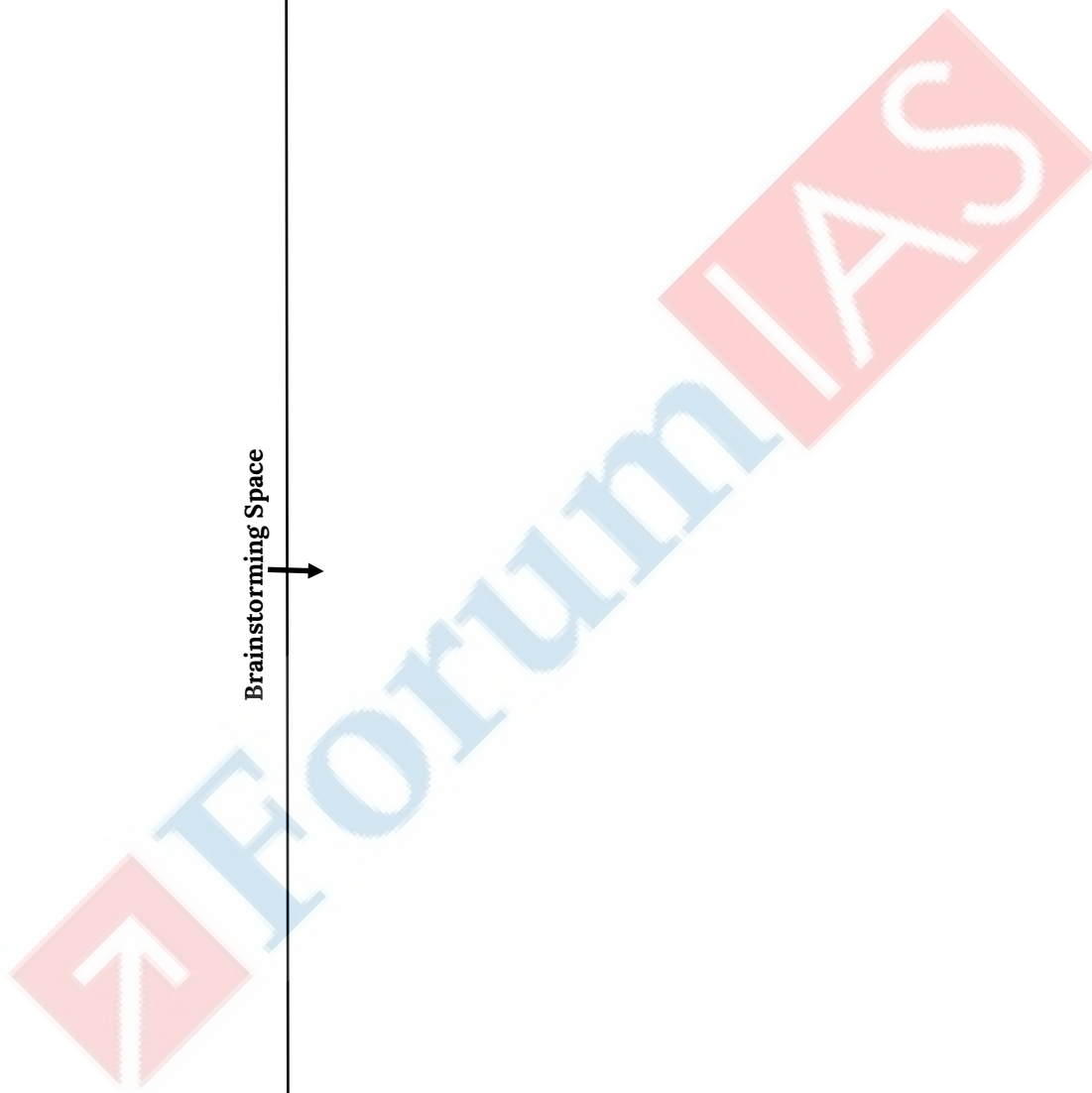
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Q.196) In view of the declining average size of land holdings in India which has made agriculture non-viable for a majority of farmers, should contract farming and land leasing be promoted in agriculture? Critically evaluate the pros and cons. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

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Q.197) The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 has come into effect from 1st January, 2014. What are the key issues which would get addressed with the Act in place? What implications would it have on industrialization and agriculture in India? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2014)

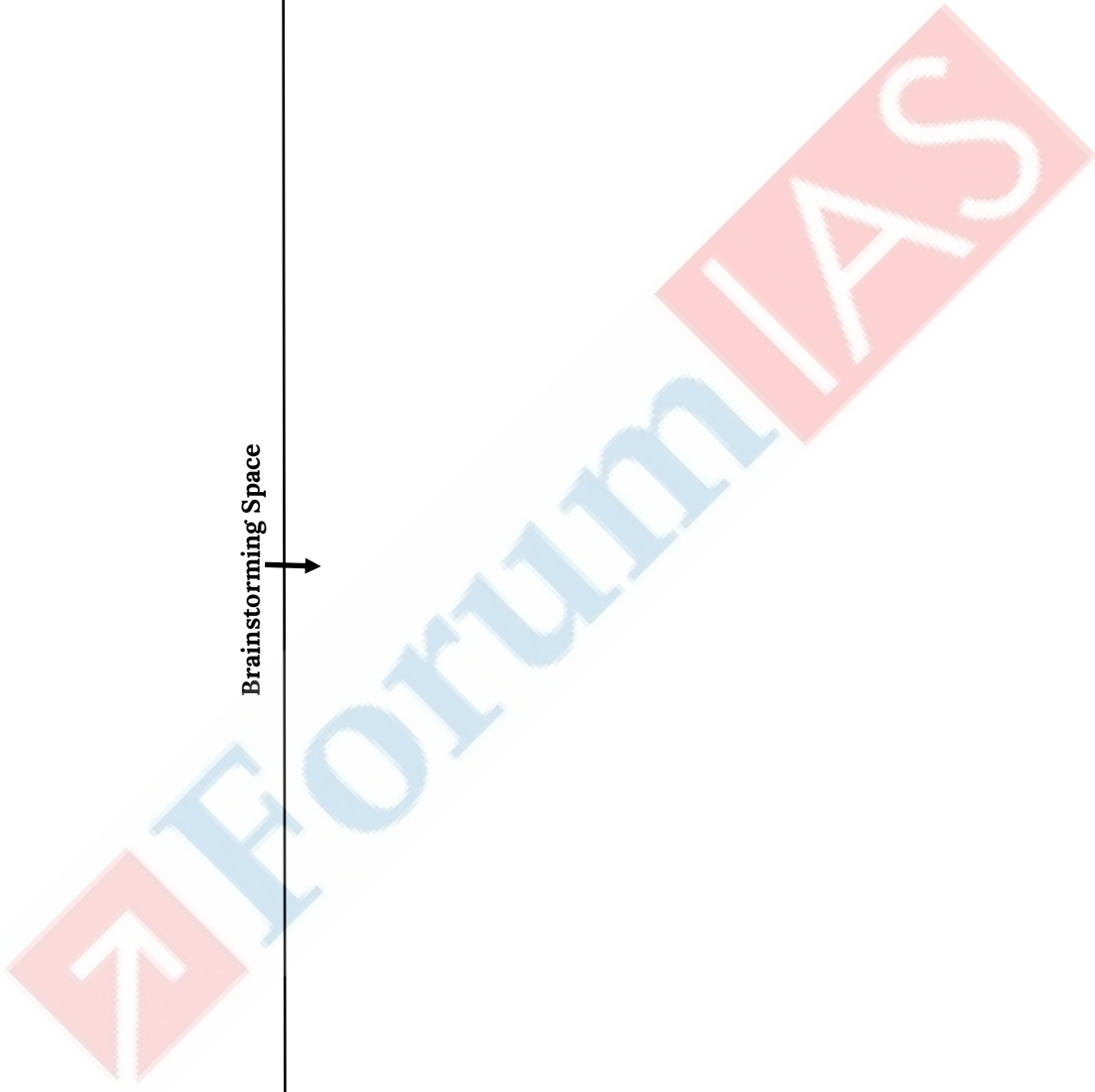
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Q.198) Establish relationship between land reforms, agricultural productivity and elimination of poverty in the Indian economy. Discuss the difficulties in designing and implementation of agriculture friendly land reforms in India. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

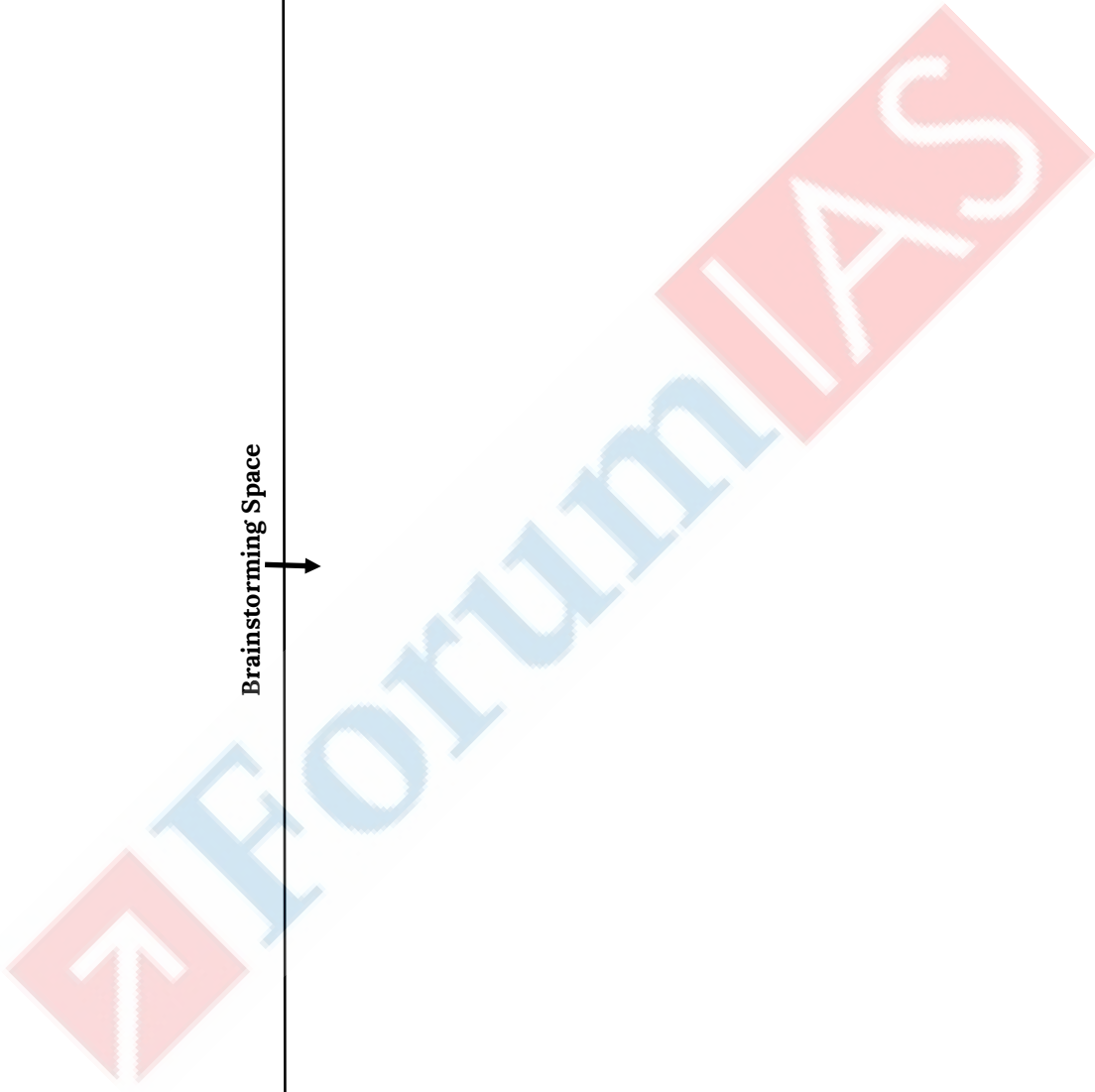
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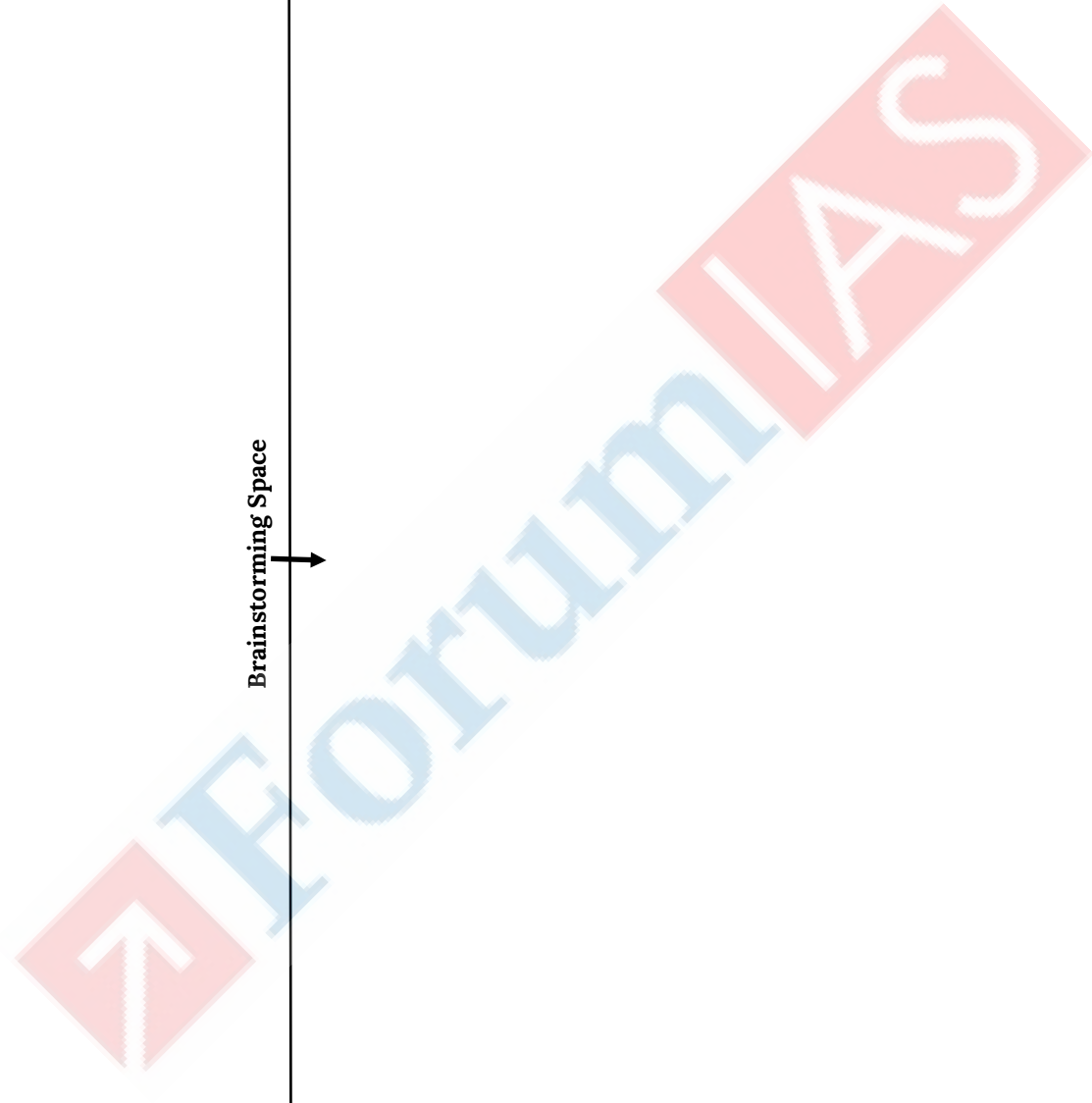
Q.199) Immediately after Independence, Land reform measures were initiated to achieve the twin objective of increasing agricultural production and attainment of social justice. What types of measures have been taken by the State to achieve the objectives and with what results? What is the role of Union Government in this? (15 marks, 250 words) (1983)

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Q.200) Faster economic growth requires increased share of the manufacturing sector in GDP, particularly of MSMEs. Comment on the present policies of the Government in this regard. (10 marks, 150 words) (2023)

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Q.201) Account for the failure of manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labour-intensive exports rather than capital-intensive exports. Suggest measures for more labour-intensive rather than capital-intensive exports. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

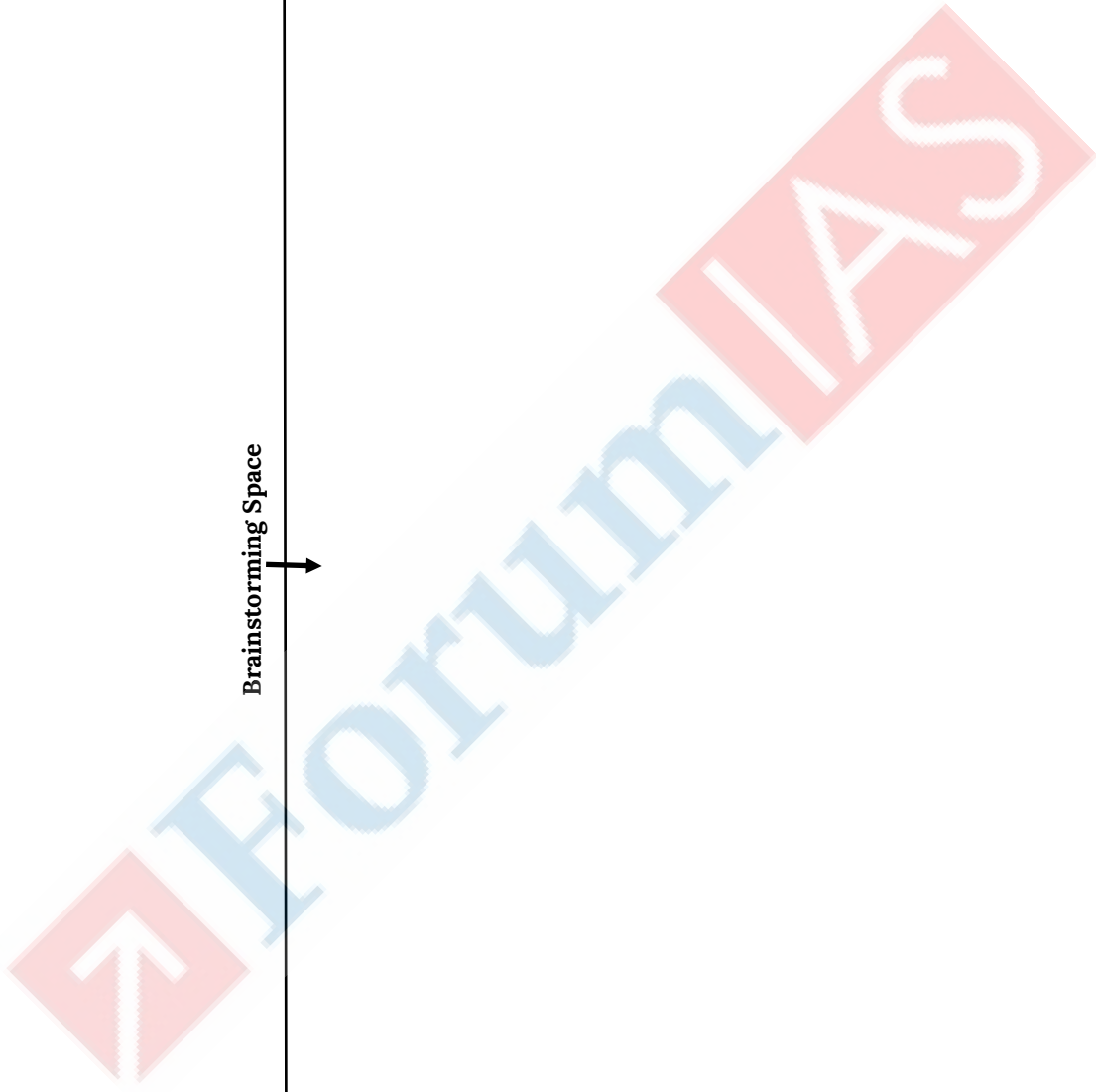
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Q.202) Discuss the merits and demerits of the four 'Labour Codes' in the context of labour market reforms in India. What has been the progress so far in this regard? (15 marks, 250 words) (2024)

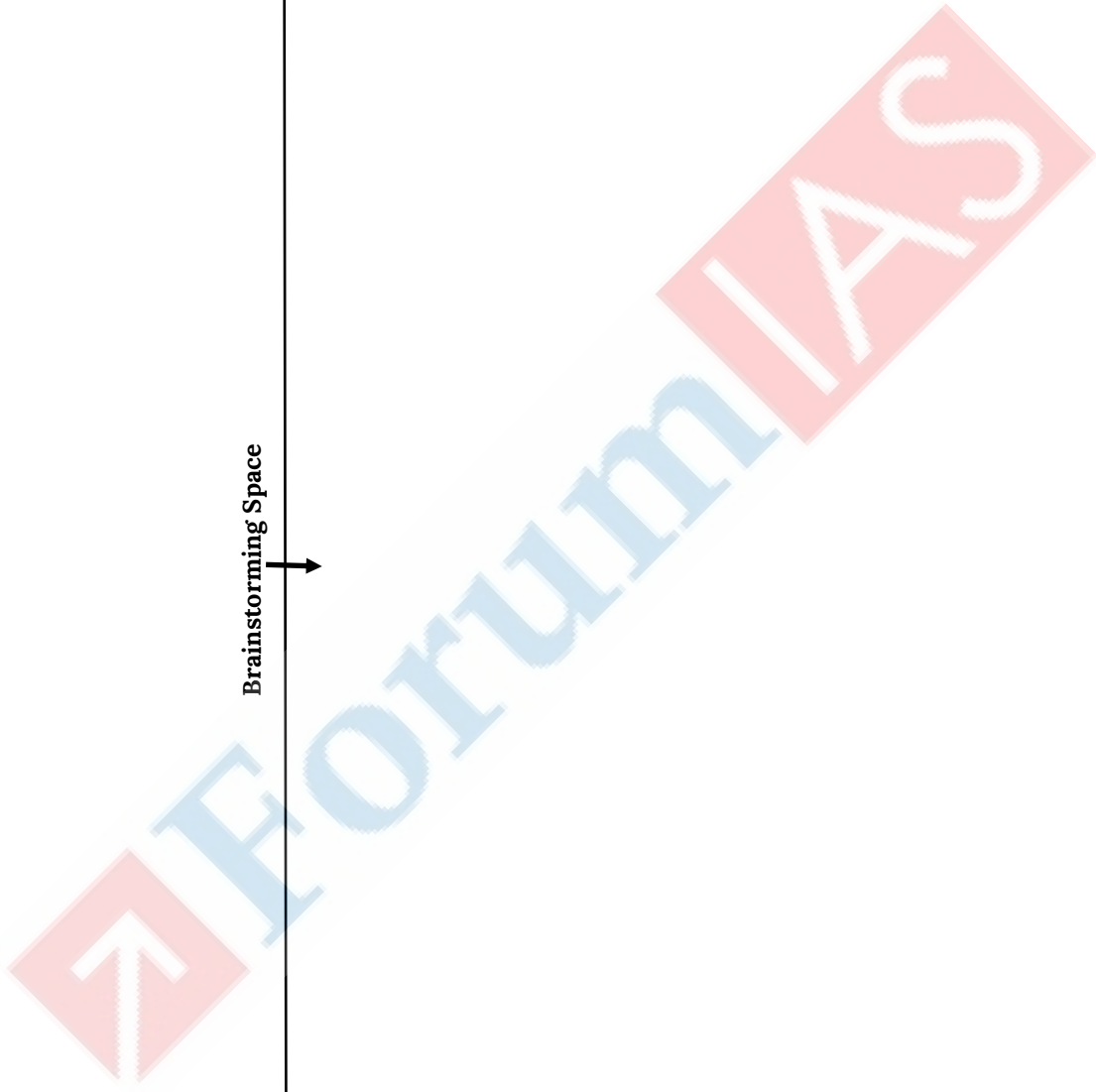
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Q.203) "Industrial growth rate has lagged behind in the overall growth of Gross- Domestic-Product(GDP) in the post-reform period" Give reasons. How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate? (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2016)

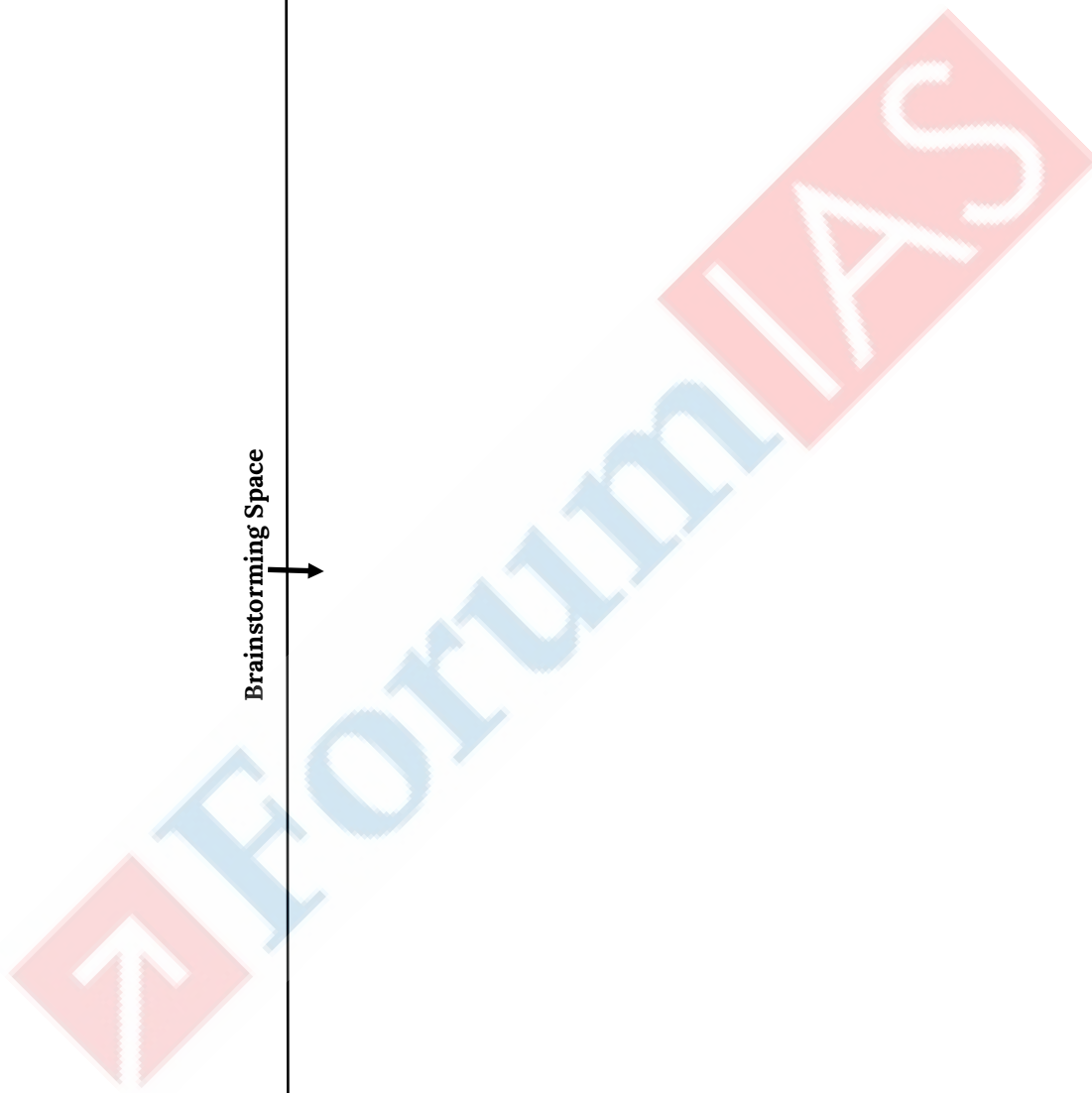
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Q.204) "Success of 'Make in India' programme depends on the success of 'Skill India' programme and radical labour reforms." Discuss with logical arguments. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2015)

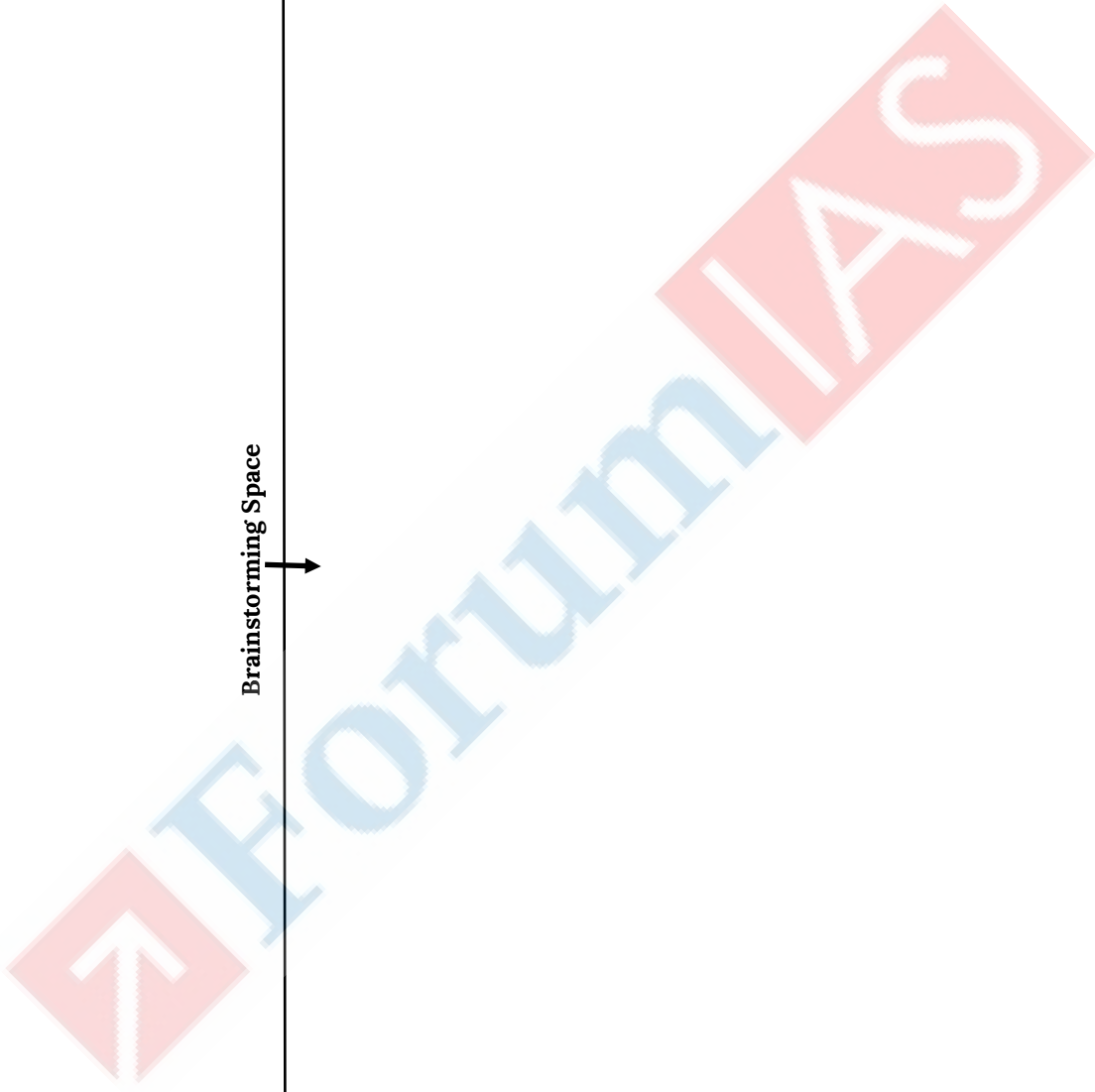
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Q.205) With a consideration towards the strategy of inclusive growth, the new Companies Bill, 2013 has indirectly made CSR a mandatory obligation. Discuss the challenges expected in its implementation in right earnest. Also discuss other provisions in the Bill and their implications. (12.5 marks, 200 words) (2013)

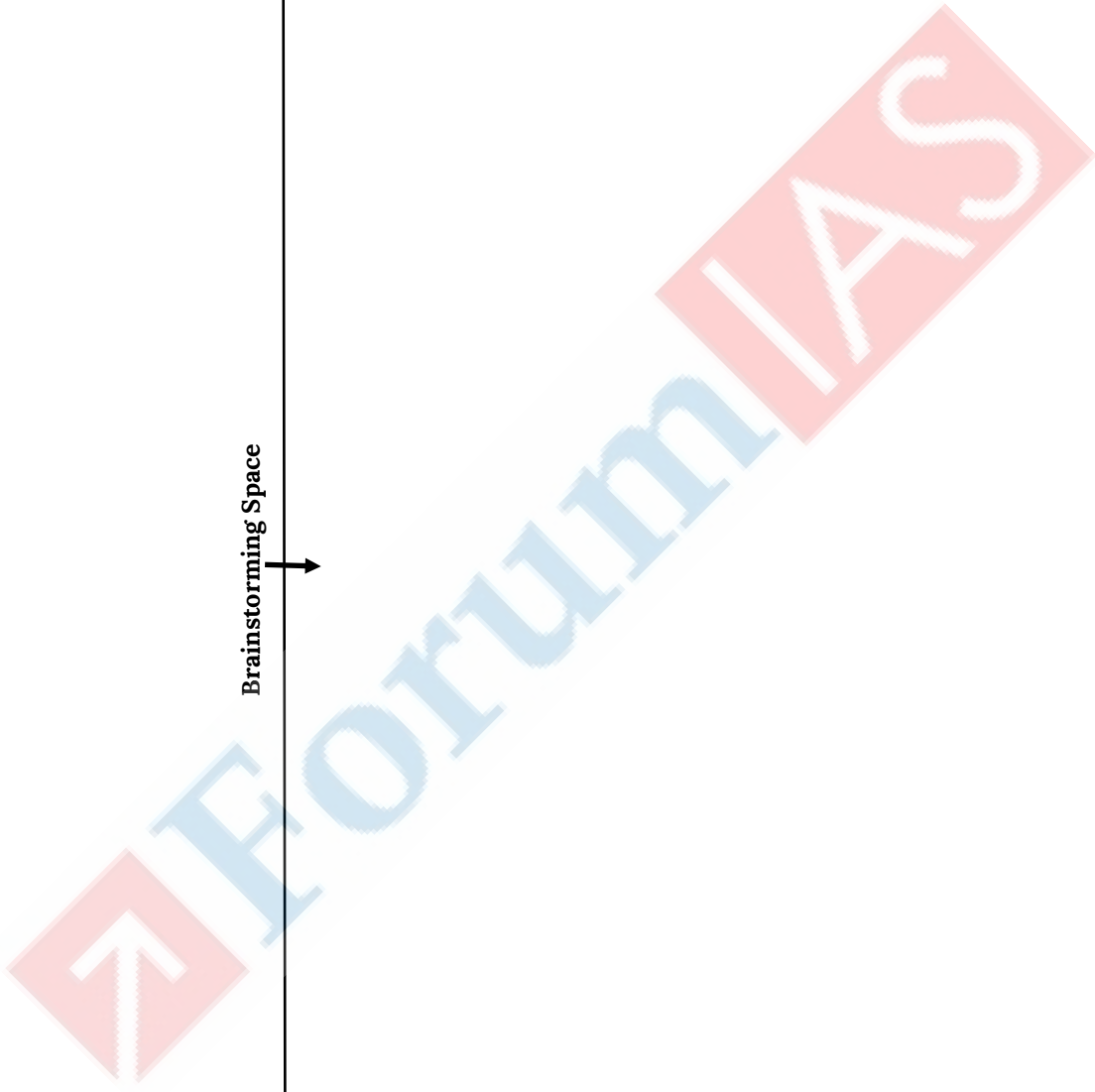
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Q.206) What are the reasons for industrial sickness in India? Suggest suitable remedies. (15 marks, 250 words) (2005)

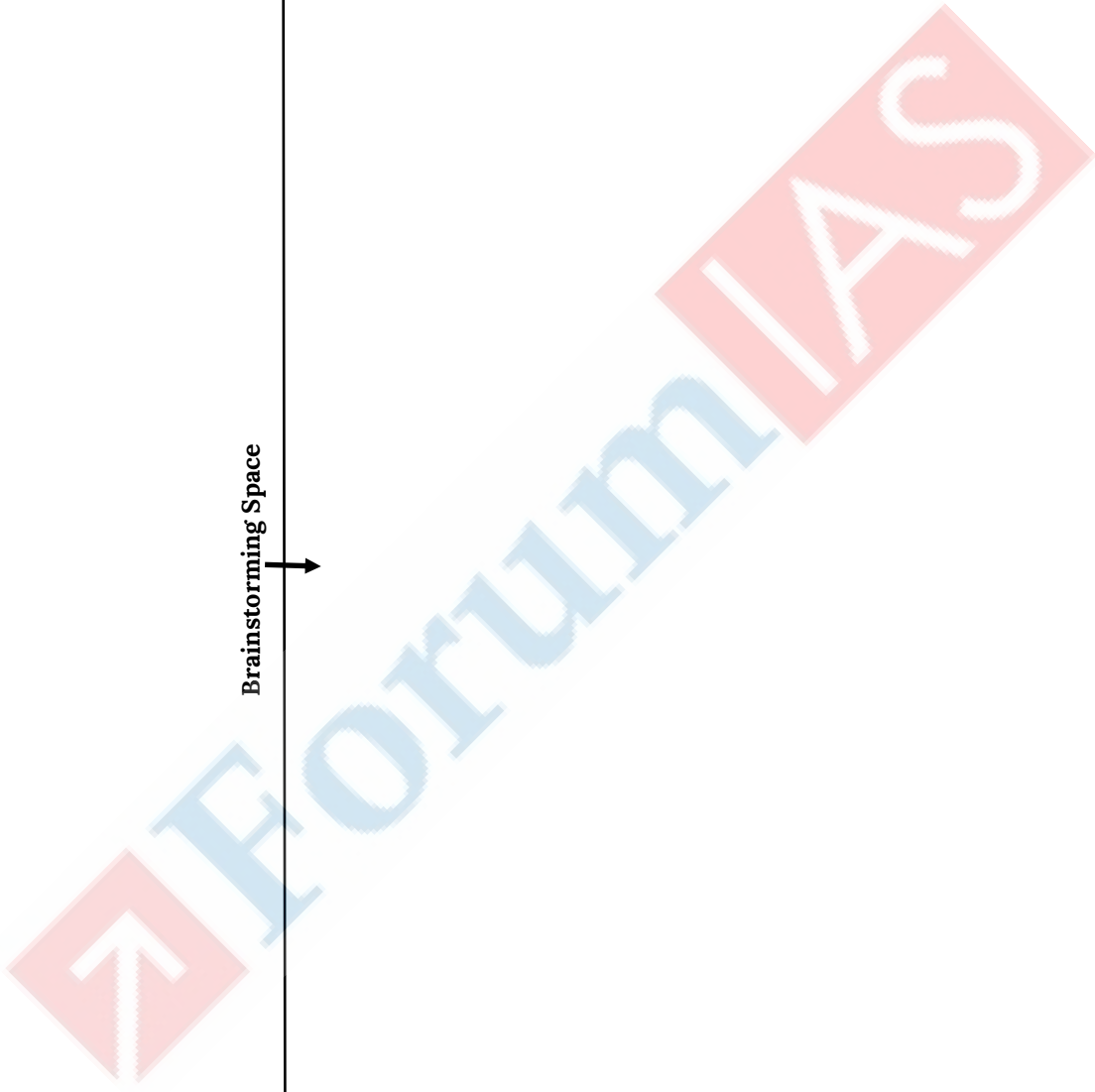
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Q.207) What are the main reasons for industrial sickness in India? How can it be overcome? (10 marks, 150 words) (1998)

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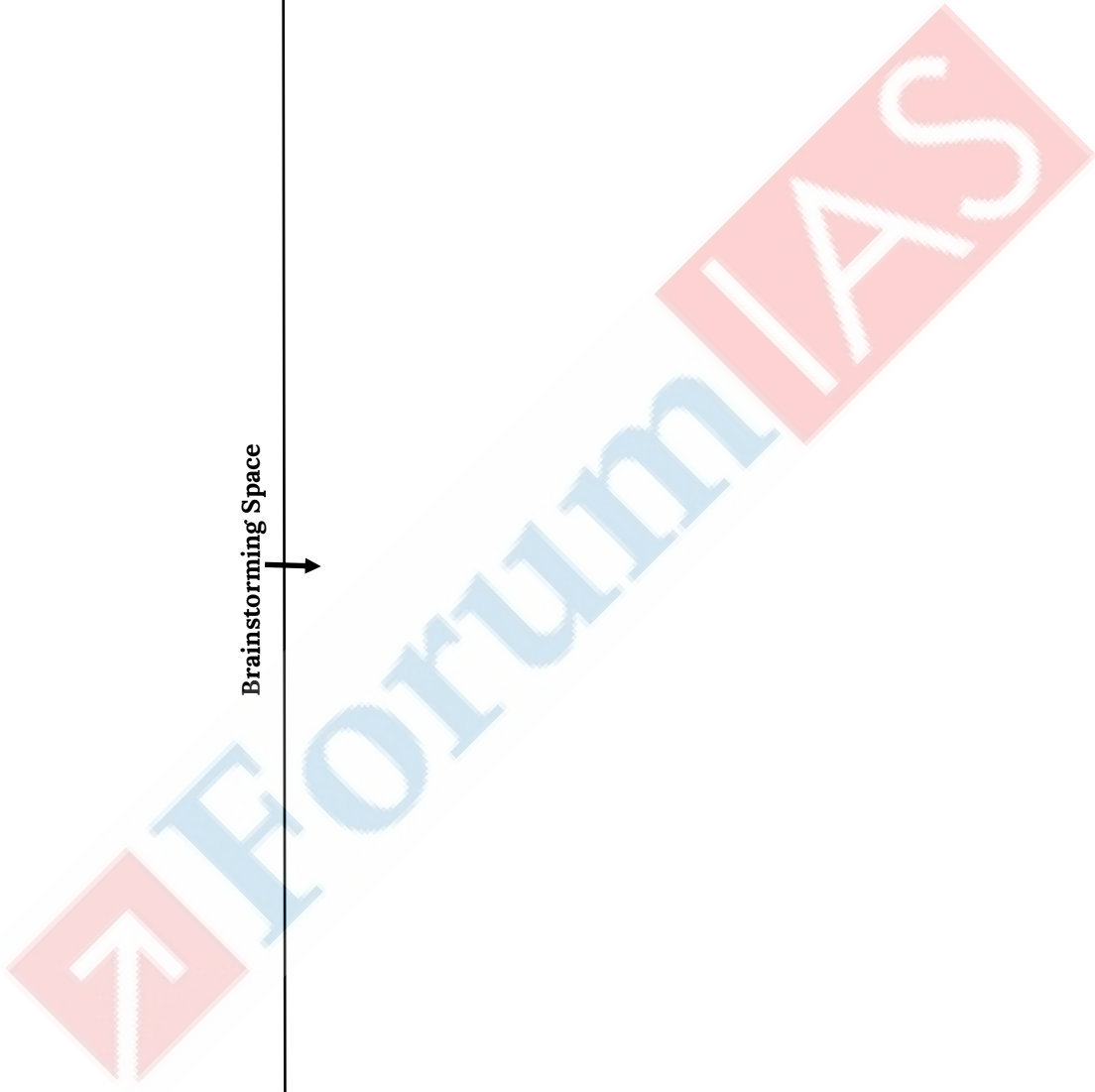
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Q.208) Discuss the Industrial Policy of India adopted in the Sixth plan, tracing the changes in Industrial policy since Independence.

(10 marks, 150 words) (1983)

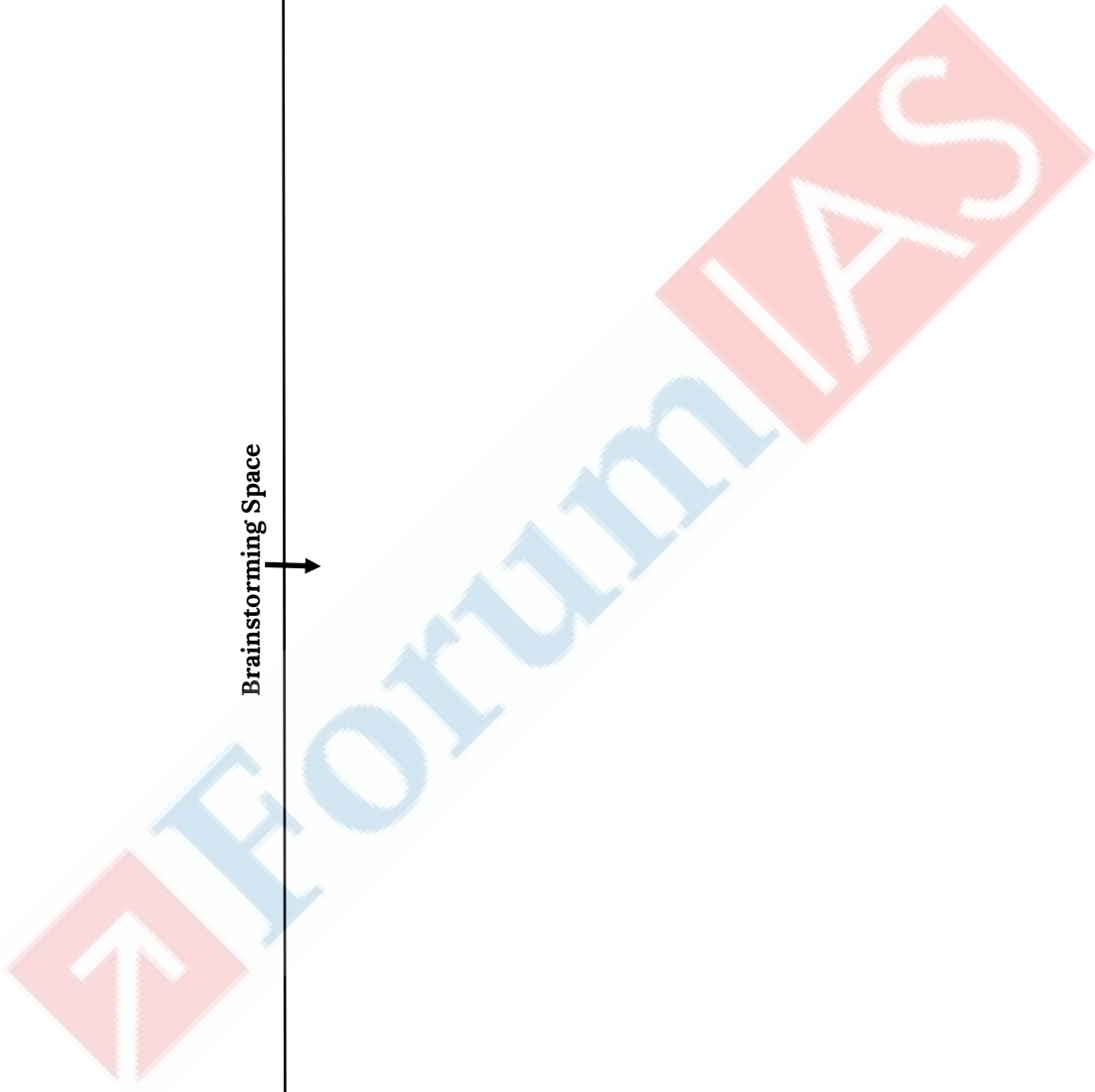
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Q.209) Socialism as a goal of National Policy b)Place of Industries in Indian Economy. (10 marks, 150 words) (1980)

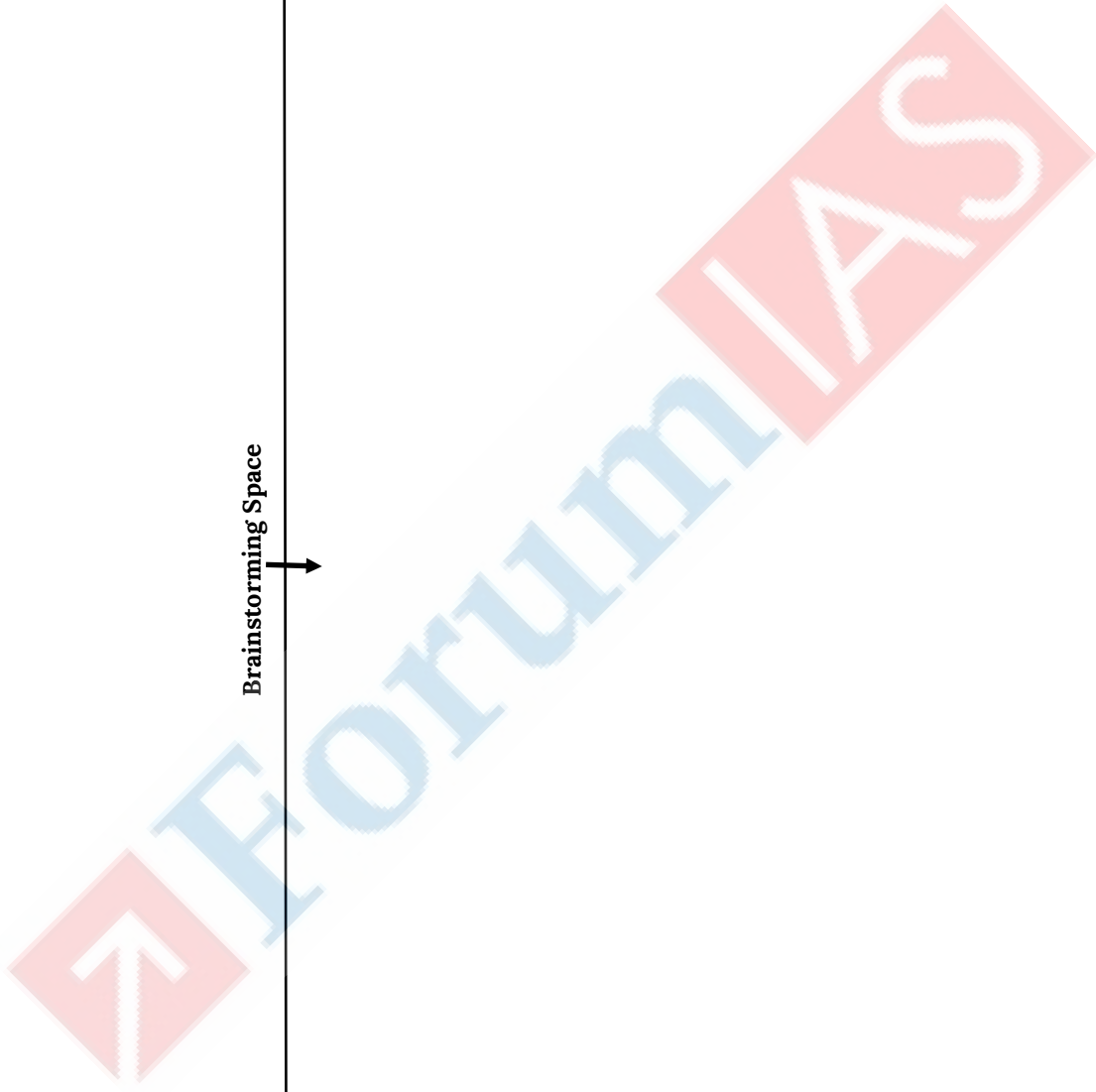
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Q.210) Discuss the role of public sector during the post-reform period of Indian economy. (10 marks, 150 words) (2006)

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Q.211) What role were the Public Sector Undertakings expected to play in our planning process? Briefly state the current policy of the Government of India with respect to Public Sector Undertakings.

(15 marks, 250 words) (1991)

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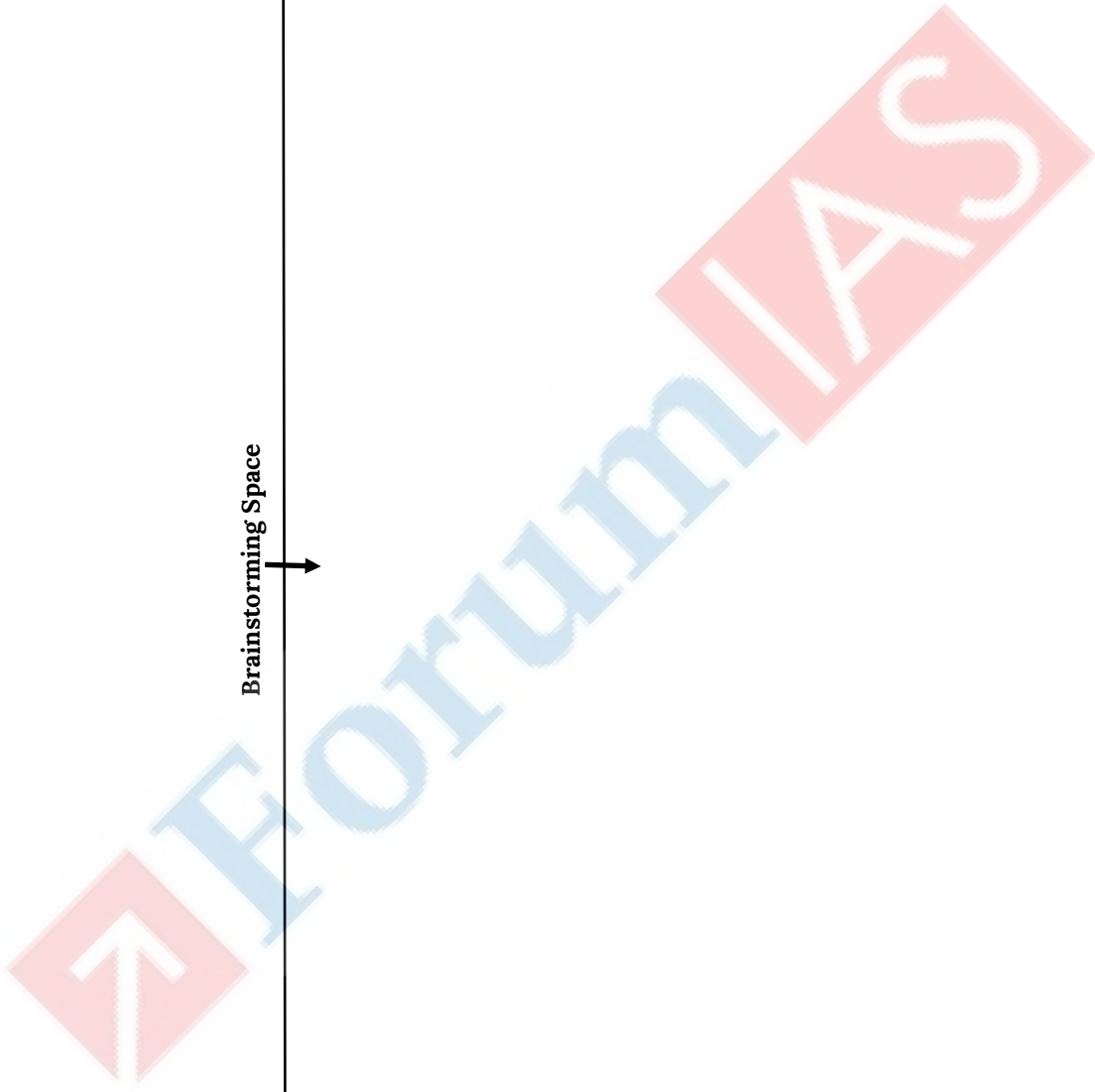




Q.212) Identify and analyses a few major management problems which the Indian public enterprises are facing today. In the light of your analysis, would you advocate privatisation of some of our public enterprises?

(15 marks, 250 words) (1990)

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Q.213) Discuss the contribution of public sector enterprises to the economic development of India. Are these enterprises generating enough resources for further investment in the economy? (15 marks, 250 words) (1988)

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Q.214) Profitability is one of the indices of judging the performance of the public sector enterprises. What other indices can be used for this purpose? Do you consider the performance of the public sector has improved in during the last decade? (15 marks, 250 words) (1984)

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Q.215) Appraise the performance of the Public Sector Enterprises in India with reference to their objectives and the role assigned to them. Give your concrete suggestions for up their performance.

(15 marks, 250 words) (1979)

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