

SOCIAL ISSUES – UPSC MAINS PYQS (BRAINSTORMING SHEETS - 45 YEARS PYQS COVERED)

MACRO TOPIC - INDIAN SOCIETY - SALIENT FEATURES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
1.	Marriages in Modern India	2024	10	Inter caste marriages between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of inter religious marriages. Discuss.
2.	Marriages in Modern India	2023	10	Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in modern India?
3.	Children Socialization	2023	10	Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children.
4.	Digital Initiatives and Education	2020	15	How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the education system in the country? Elaborate your answer.
5.	Uniqueness of Indian Society	2019	15	Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.
6.	Uniqueness of Indian Society	2019	10	What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.
7.	Joint Family - Life Cycle	2014	12.5	The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss.

MACRO TOPIC - INDIAN SOCIETY - VULNERABLE SECTIONS

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
8.	Affirmative Action Benefits	2024	15	Despite comprehensive policies for equity and social justice, underprivileged sections are not yet getting the full benefits of affirmative action envisaged by the Constitution. Comment.
9.	Culture Diversity and marginalities	2024	15	Critically analyse the proposition that there is a high correlation between India's cultural diversities and socio-economic marginalities.
10.	Human vs Economic Development	2023	15	Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India?
11.	COVID-19 and Inequality	2020	10	COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment.
12.	Poverty And Deprivation	2018	10	'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty still exists'. Explain by giving reasons.
13.	Poverty And Deprivation	2016	12.5	"An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.
14.	Poverty And Deprivation	2006	15	Discuss economic backwardness as a major challenge of Indian democracy. Can Democracy and development go together smoothly?

MACRO TOPIC - INDIAN SOCIETY - POPULATION ISSUES

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15.	Demographic Winter	2024	10	What is the concept of a 'demographic Winter'? Is the world moving towards such a situation? Elaborate.

16.	Population Dynamics	2021	15	Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail.
17.	Population Dynamics	1981	10	Bring out the findings of the 1981 Census in regard to the growth and variations in rates of growth of population in different parts of the country. How do you account for population explosion during the last three decades? What measures should be adopted for population control?
18.	Women Empowerment and Population	2019	10	“Empowering women is the key to control population growth”. Discuss.
19.	Sex Ratio Dynamics	2015	12.5	How do you explain the statistics that show that the sex ratio in Tribes in India is more favourable to women than the sex ratio among Scheduled Castes?
20.	Sex Ratio Dynamics	2014	12.5	Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.
21.	Sex Ratio Dynamics	2008	10	Decline in the sex ratio in India is an alarming sign for India's future social development. Discuss.
22.	Population and Poverty	2015	12.5	Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the main cause of population increase in India.

MACRO TOPIC - INDIAN SOCIETY - MIGRATION

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
23.	Labour Migration trends	2015	12.5	Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.

MACRO TOPIC - INDIAN SOCIETY - GLOBALIZATION AND ITS IMPACT

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
24	Fast Food and Health	2025	15	How do you account for the growing fast food industries given that there are increased health concerns in modern society? Illustrate your answer with the Indian experience.
25.	Globalization and Consumerism	2025	10	Do you think that globalization results in only an aggressive consumer culture? Justify your answer.
26	Globalization and Family	2024	15	Globalization has increased urban migration by skilled, young, unmarried women from various classes. How has this trend impacted upon their personal freedom and relationship with family?
27.	Liberalization And Communalism	2023	15	Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism.
28	Globalization And Technology	2022	15	Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources with special reference to India.
29.	Work From Home and Family	2022	10	Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships.
30	Cryptocurrency and Society	2021	15	What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also?
31.	IT Industry Growth	2021	15	What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India?
32	Globalization And Diversity	2020	15	Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer.
33.	Local Vs Global Identity	2019	15	Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.

34	Globalization and Culture	2018	10	'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificity appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.
35.	Globalization and Culture	2016	12.5	To what extent globalization has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.
36	Globalization And Women	2015	12.5	Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India.
37.	Globalization and elderly	2013	12.5	Critically examine the effect of globalization on the aged population in India.
38	Globalization and Class Divide	2008	15	Globalization has brought about a distinct class divide in India instead of ushering in a classless society. Critically examine this argument.
39.	Globalization And Poverty	2006	10	Examine the effects of globalization on poverty removal in India.
40	Globalization and Higher Education	2005	15	Discuss the impact of globalization on higher education in India.

MACRO TOPIC - COMMUNALISM

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
41	Causes Of Communalism	2018	10	'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.
42.	Religiosity And Communalism	2017	15	Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.

MACRO TOPIC - REGIONALISM

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
43.	Regionalism and its Dynamics	2024	15	"What is regional disparity? How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India?"
44.	Regionalism and Culture	2020	10	Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.
45.	Regionalism and Culture	2017	10	In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your view point.
46.	Development And Regionalism	2016	12.5	"What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer."
47.	Diversity and National Identity	2015	12.5	"Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity."
48.	Regionalism and Separate States	2013	12.5	Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss.
49.	National Integration Problems	2008	10	Discuss the problems in achieving National Integration of India.
50.	Regionalism and its Dynamics	2007	15	What is regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian Polity.
51.	Regionalism and its Dynamics	2005	10	What is regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian Polity.
52.	National Integration Problems	1988	15	What do you consider are the problems of National Integration in India? Suggest suitable remedies.

53.	National Integration Problems	1985	10	Keeping in view the political developments in India explain how the need for the national integration and the demand for the regional autonomy can be reconciled.
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MACRO TOPIC - SECULARISM

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
54.	Sect vs Caste&Religion	2022	15	Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.
55.	Indian Secularism Dynamics	2022	15	Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.
56.	Indian Secularism Dynamics	2019	10	What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?
57.	Indian Vs Western Secularism	2018	10	How is the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.
58.	Tolerance in Indian Society	2017	15	The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate.
59.	Indian Vs Western Secularism	2014	10	How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?

MACRO TOPIC - URBANISATION

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
60	Smart City	2025	10	How does smart city in India, address the issues of urban poverty and distributive justice ?
61	Smart City	2016	12.5	With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme'.
62	Sustainable Growth and Environment	2025	15	Achieving sustainable growth with emphasis on environmental protection could come into conflict with poor people's needs in a country like India – Comment.
63	Urbanization and its problems	2023	15	Does urbanisation lead to more segregation and/or marginalisation of the poor in Indian metropolises?
64	Urbanization and its problems	2013	12.5	Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India.
65	Urbanization and its problems	2007	10	Explain the nature and causes of growing slum problems in the metropolitan cities of India.
66	Tier 2 Cities and Consumption	2022	10	How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption?
67	Water Bodies in Urban Areas	2021	10	What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples.
68	Urban Mass Transport	2019	15	How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development of India?
69	Aspirational Districts	2018	10	Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.
70	Smart Village Integration	2015	12.5	Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss this statement in the backdrop of rural urban integration.
71	Urban vs Rural Poor	2008	15	The conditions of the urban poor are more deplorable than that of their rural counterparts. Give your views.

MACRO TOPIC - SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
72	Civil Services and Nationalism	2025	10	The ethos of civil service in India stand for the combination of professionalism with nationalistic consciousness – Elucidate.
73	Tribal Development	2025	15	Does tribal development in India centre around two axes, those of displacement and of rehabilitation? Give your opinion.
74	Socio-Economic Development	2024	10	What type of cooperation between the government, NGOs, and private sectors would be most effective in tackling socio-economic issues of development?
75	Women Empowerment	2024	10	Distinguish between gender equality, gender equity and women's empowerment. Why is it important to take gender concerns into account in programme design and implementation?
76	Caste System Dynamics	2023	15	Why is caste identity in India both static and fluid?
77	Caste System Dynamics	2020	10	Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi-cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.
78	Tribal Categorization	2022	10	Given the diversities among tribal communities in India in which specific context should they be considered as a single category?
79	Traditional Values Continuity	2021	15	How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it.
80	Caste Eradication	2018	10	“Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India.” Comment.
81	Discrimination against ST	2017	10	What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)?
82	Schedule Tribes	2016	12.5	Why are the tribal in India referred to as the Scheduled Tribes? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment.
83	Annihilation of Caste	2015	12.5	Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.
84	Feminization Of Agriculture	2014	12.5	Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.
85	Caste In Politics	2008	15	Examine the role of caste in Indian politics.
86	Women In Panchayats	2008	10	Examine whether rural women in India have been empowered by their active participation in Panchayat Raj System.
87	Gender Equality Constraints	2006	10	Explain the social constraints in bringing about gender equality in Indian society.
88	Gender Disparities Implications	2006	10	What are the implications of gender disparities in India?

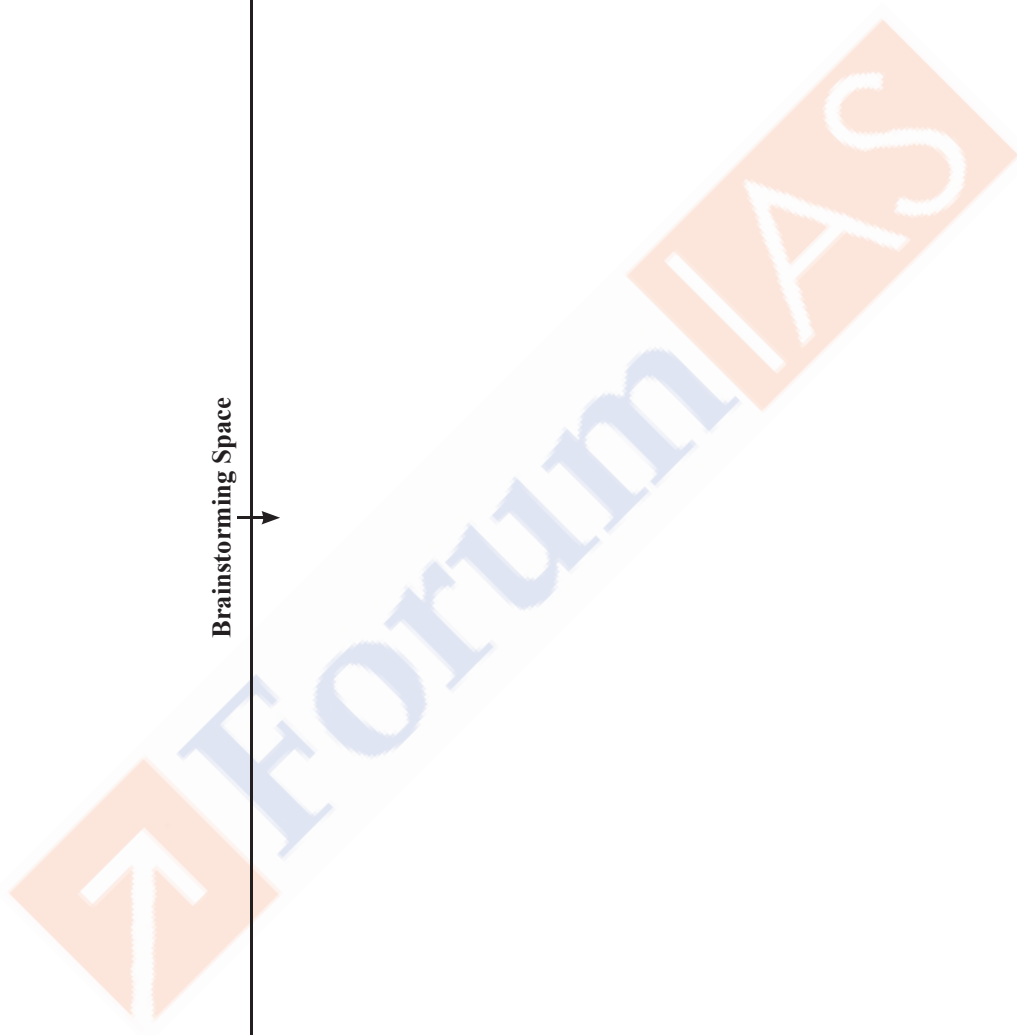
MACRO TOPIC - ROLE OF WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

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89	Suicide among Young Women	2023	10	Why is suicide among young women increasing in Indian society?
90	Gig Economy and Women	2021	10	Examine the role of the 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.
91	Women Empowerment	2019	15	What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?

92.	Women's Movement	2018	15	'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.
93.	Women's Movement	2017	15	The women's question arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?
94.	Women Empowerment Issues	2013	12.5	"Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from gender bias." Comment.
95.	Women Empowerment Issues	1985	10	What efforts have been made for the upliftment of women in Nineteenth Century till the present day?
96.	Womens Rights	1980	15	The most striking change in our social life today is the improved status of women. Who and what organisations helped their cause enabling them to attain that present status? What important safeguards have been provided in the Constitution and the laws of the land for protection of women's interests? In what directions are further legal measures for their protection called for?
97	Women Empowerment	1983	15	In recent times bride burning has increased. Women are tortured for not bringing sufficient dowry. Why such cases are rare amongst Muslims? What measures are being taken by the government to end this pernicious system of dowry and bride burning? What further steps can be taken in your opinion?
98	Patriarchy and Working Women	2014	12.5	How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?

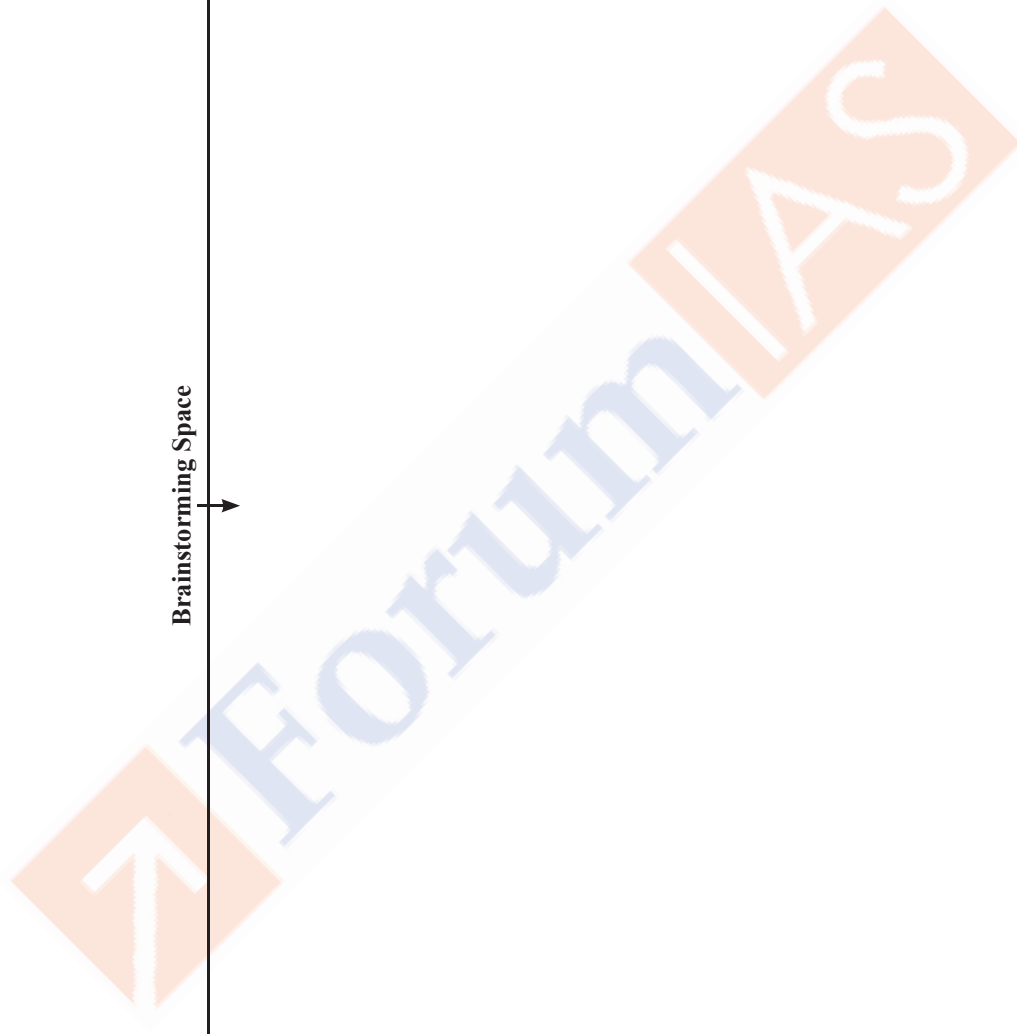
Q.1) Intercaste marriages between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of inter religious marriages. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2024]

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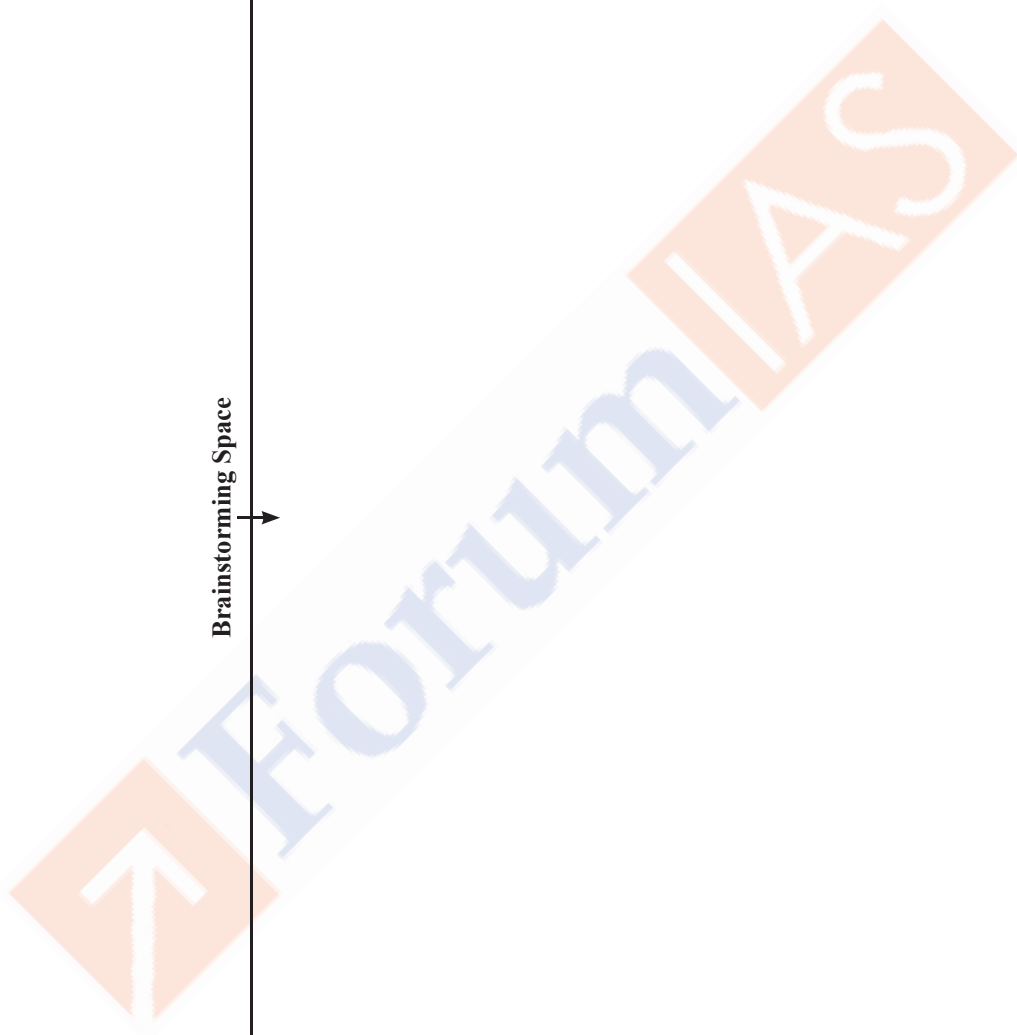
Q.2) Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in modern India? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

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Q.3) Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

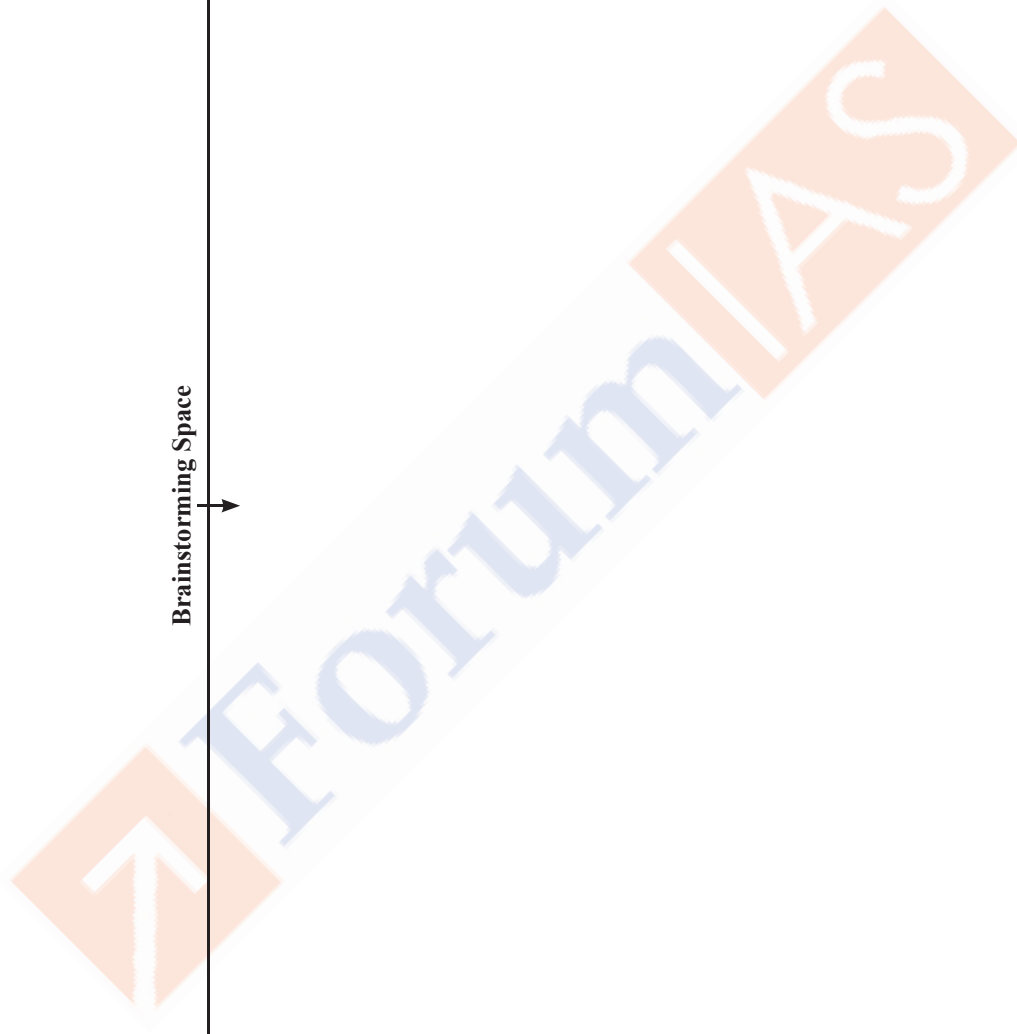
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Q.4) How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the education system in the country? Elaborate your answer.

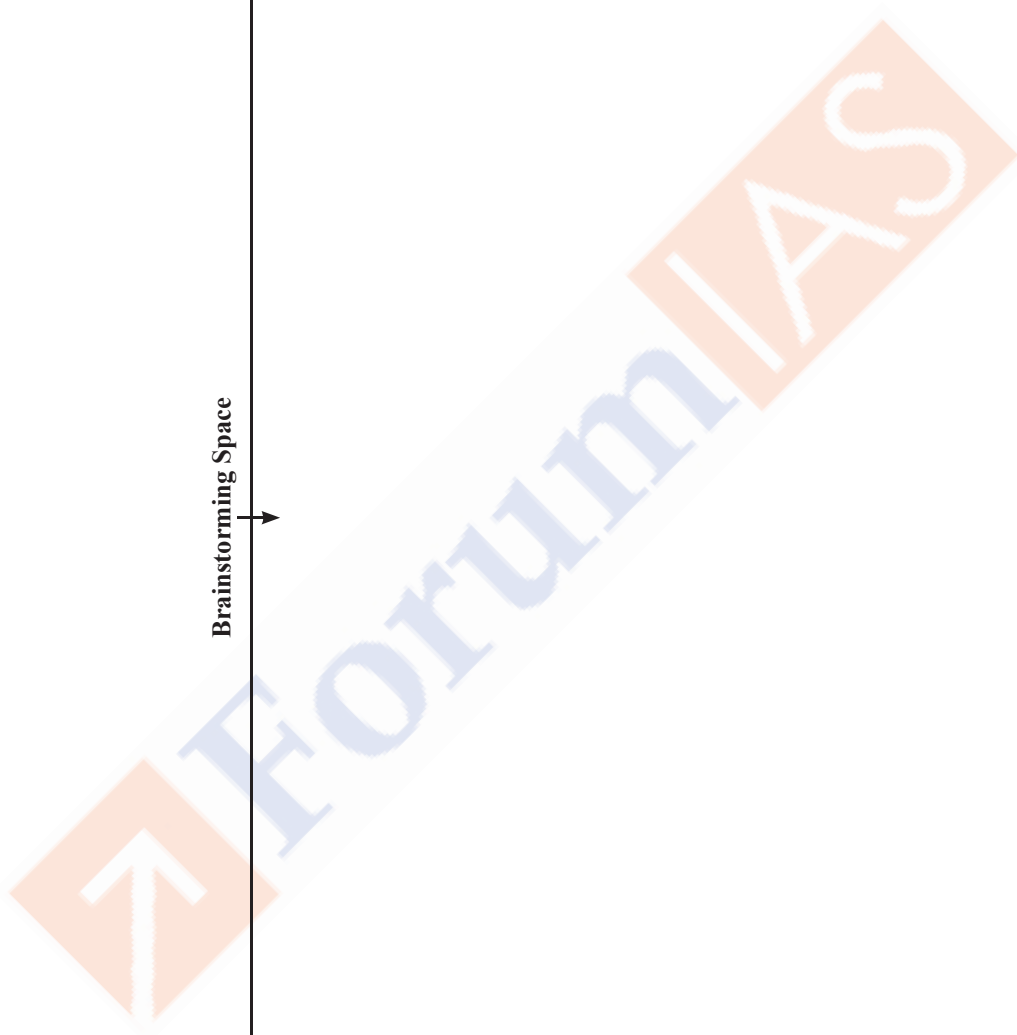
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

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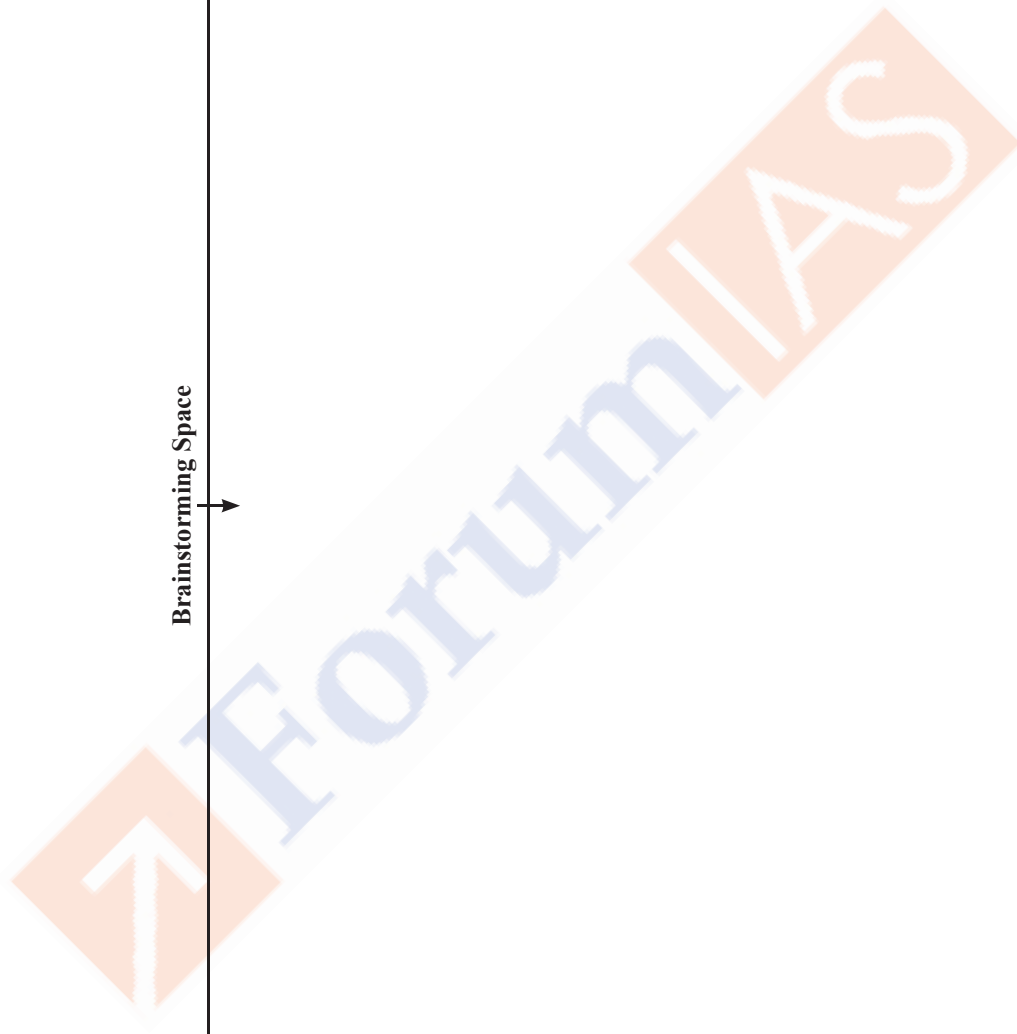
Q.5) Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation?
Elaborate with examples. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

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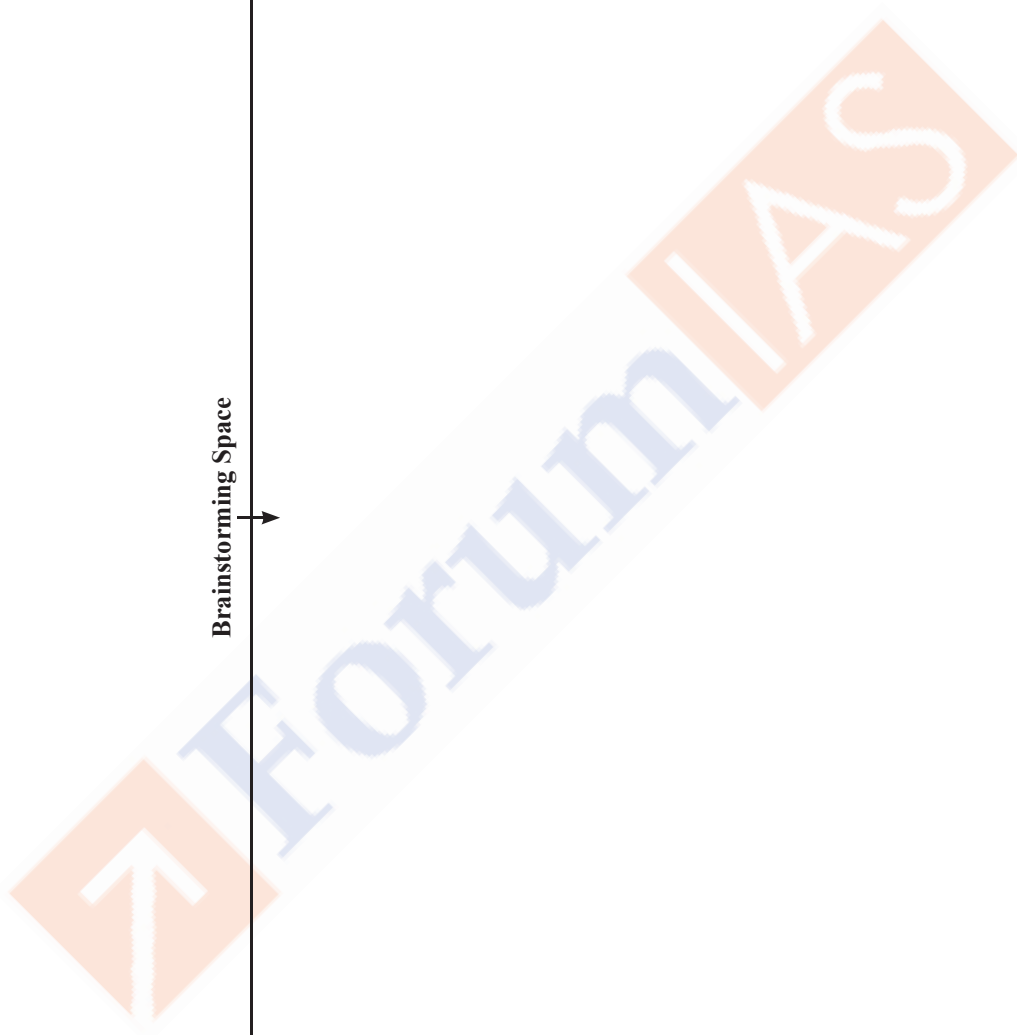
Q.6) What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture?
Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

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Q.7) The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

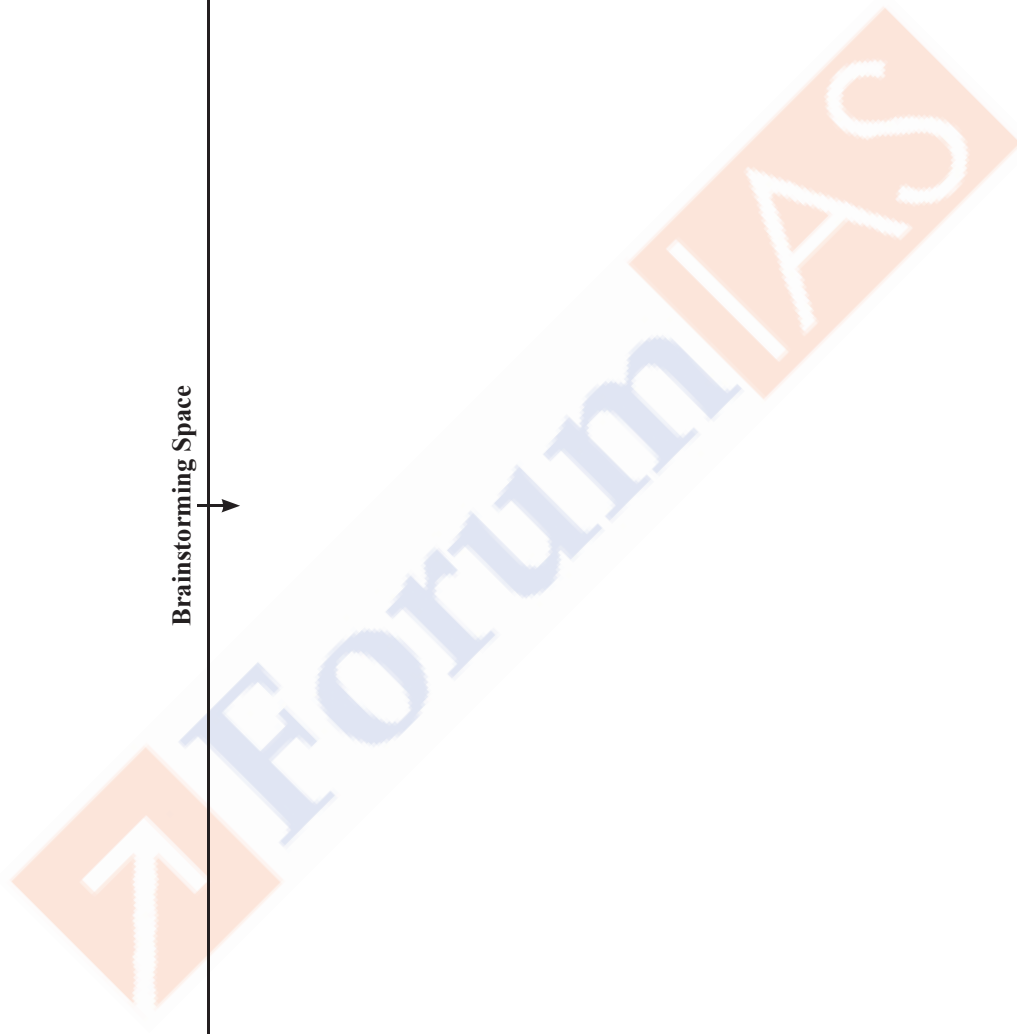
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Q.8) Despite comprehensive policies for equity and social justice, underprivileged sections are not yet getting the full benefits of affirmative action envisaged by the Constitution. Comment.

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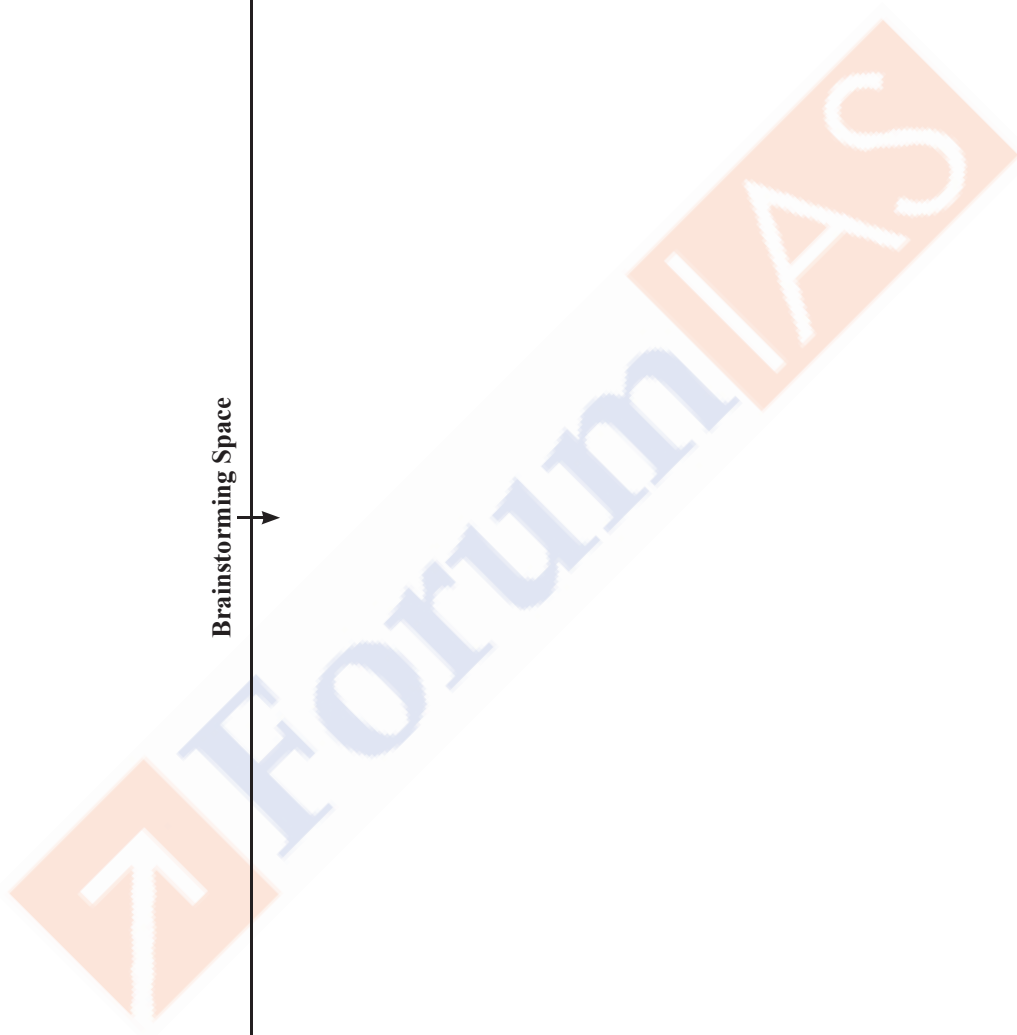
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Q.9) Critically analyse the proposition that there is a high correlation between India's cultural diversities and socio-economic marginalities.

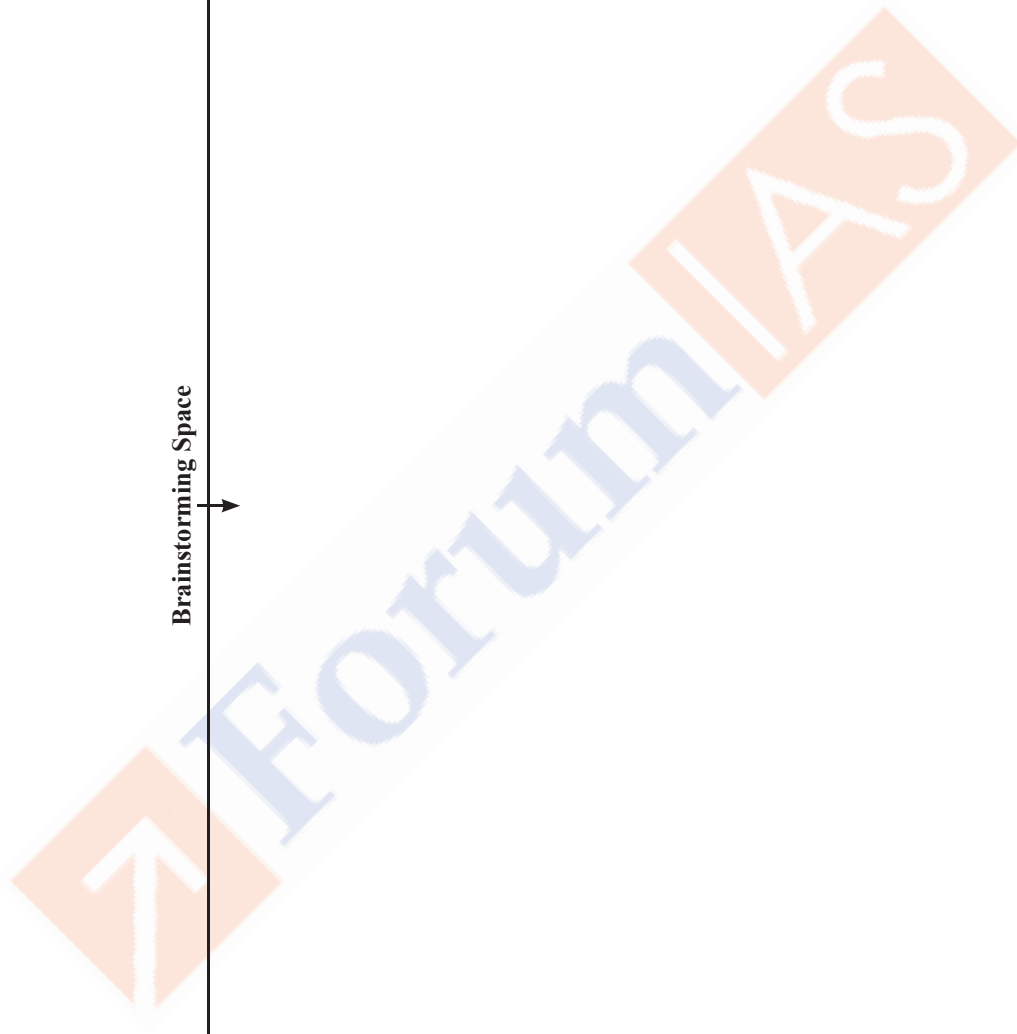
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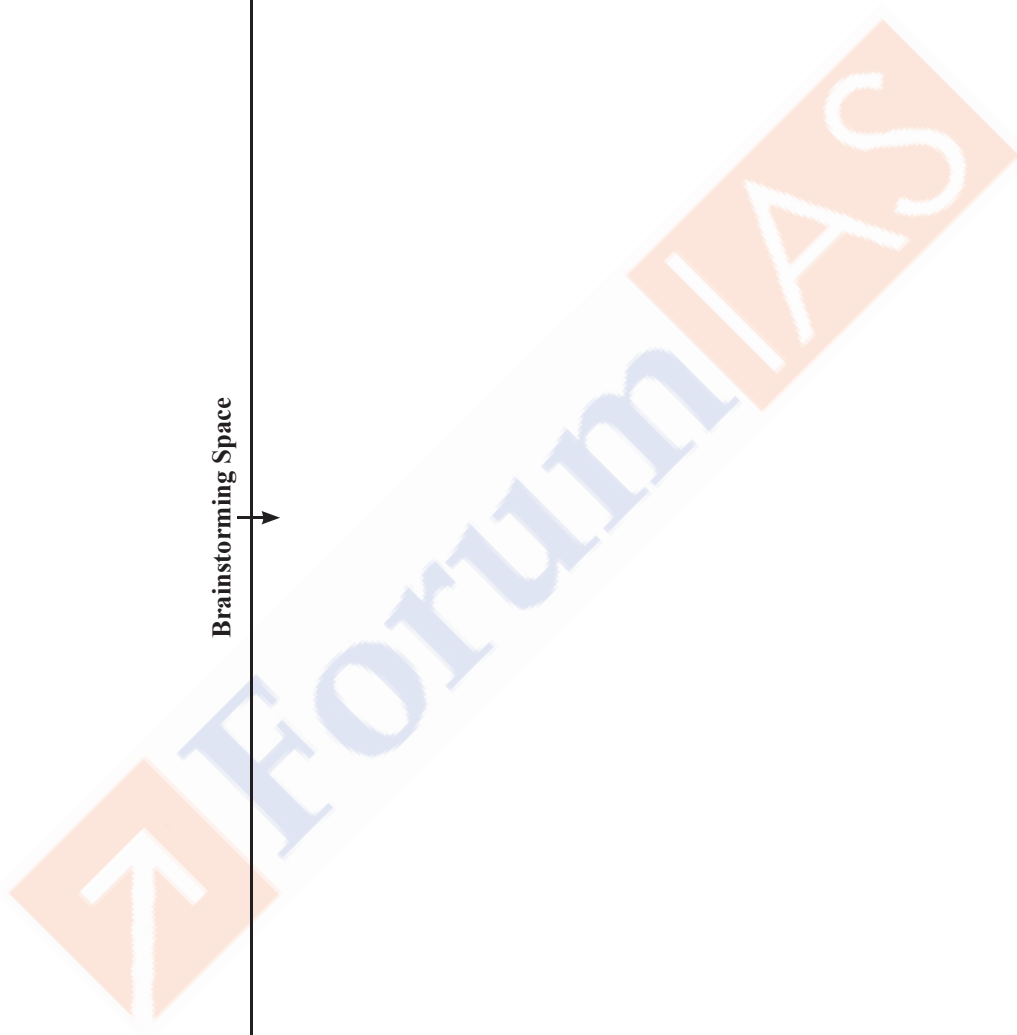
Q.10) Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

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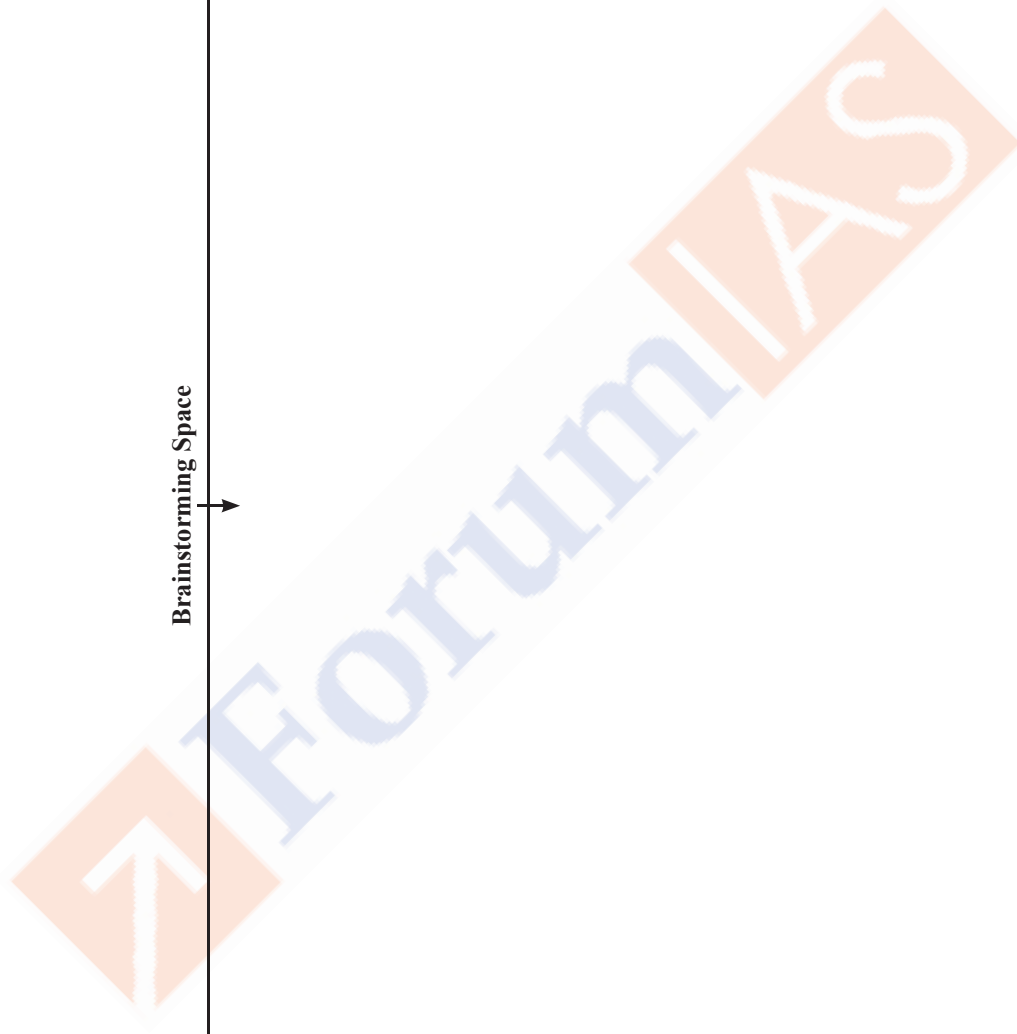
Q.11) COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

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Q.12) 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty still exists'. Explain by giving reasons. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

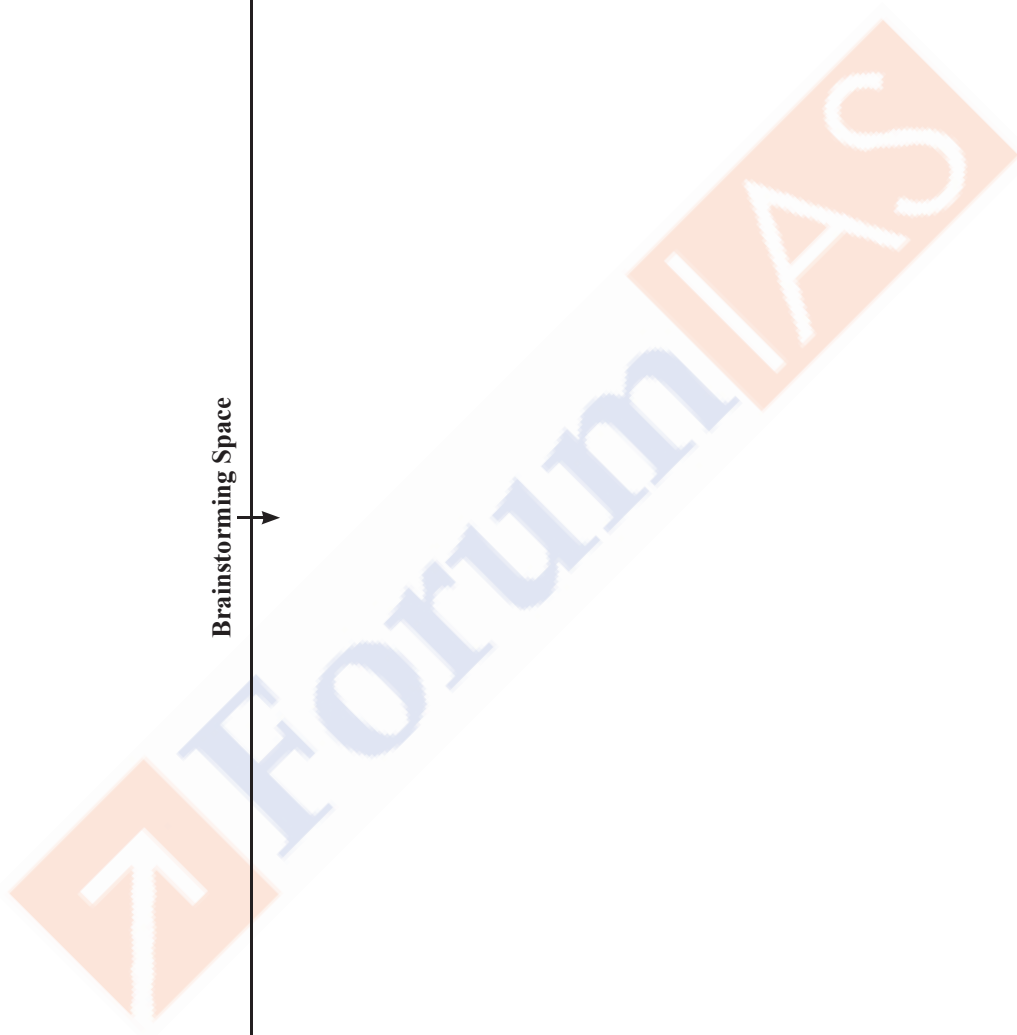
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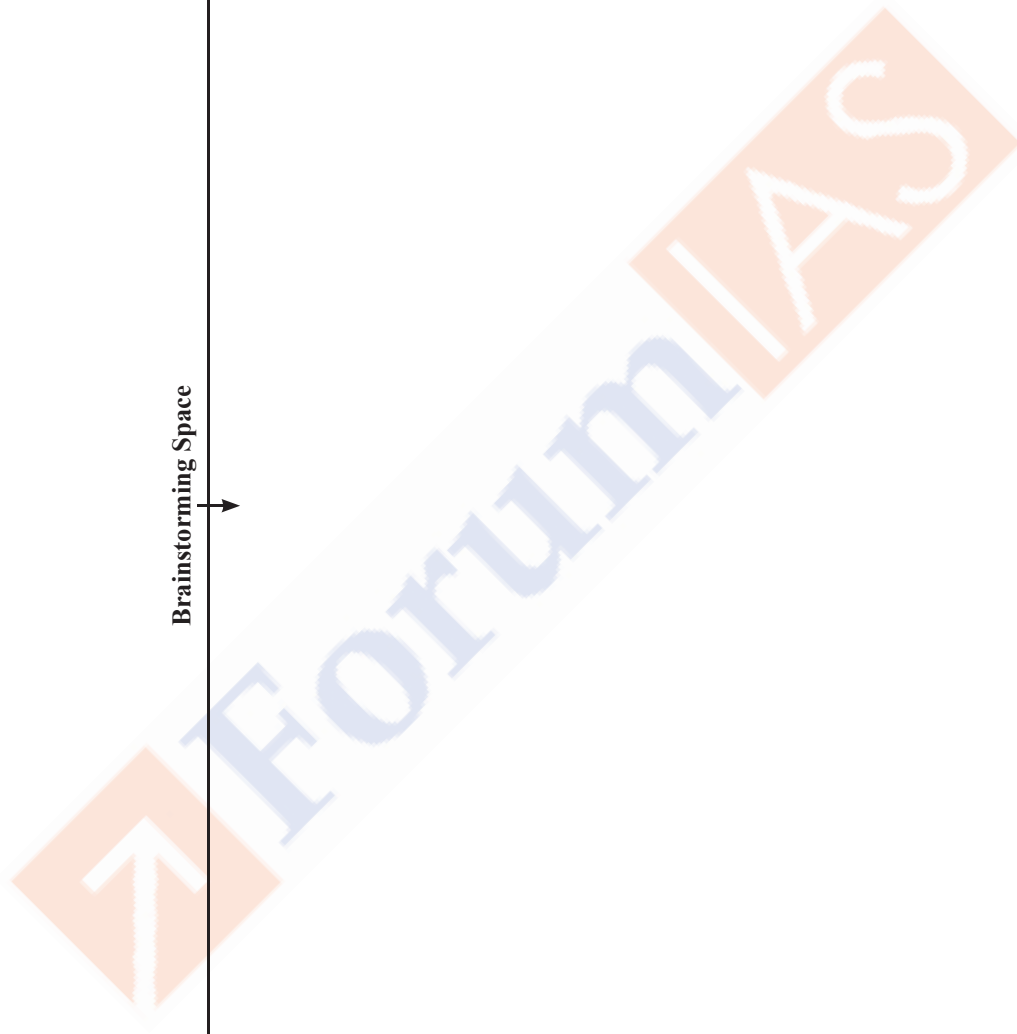
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

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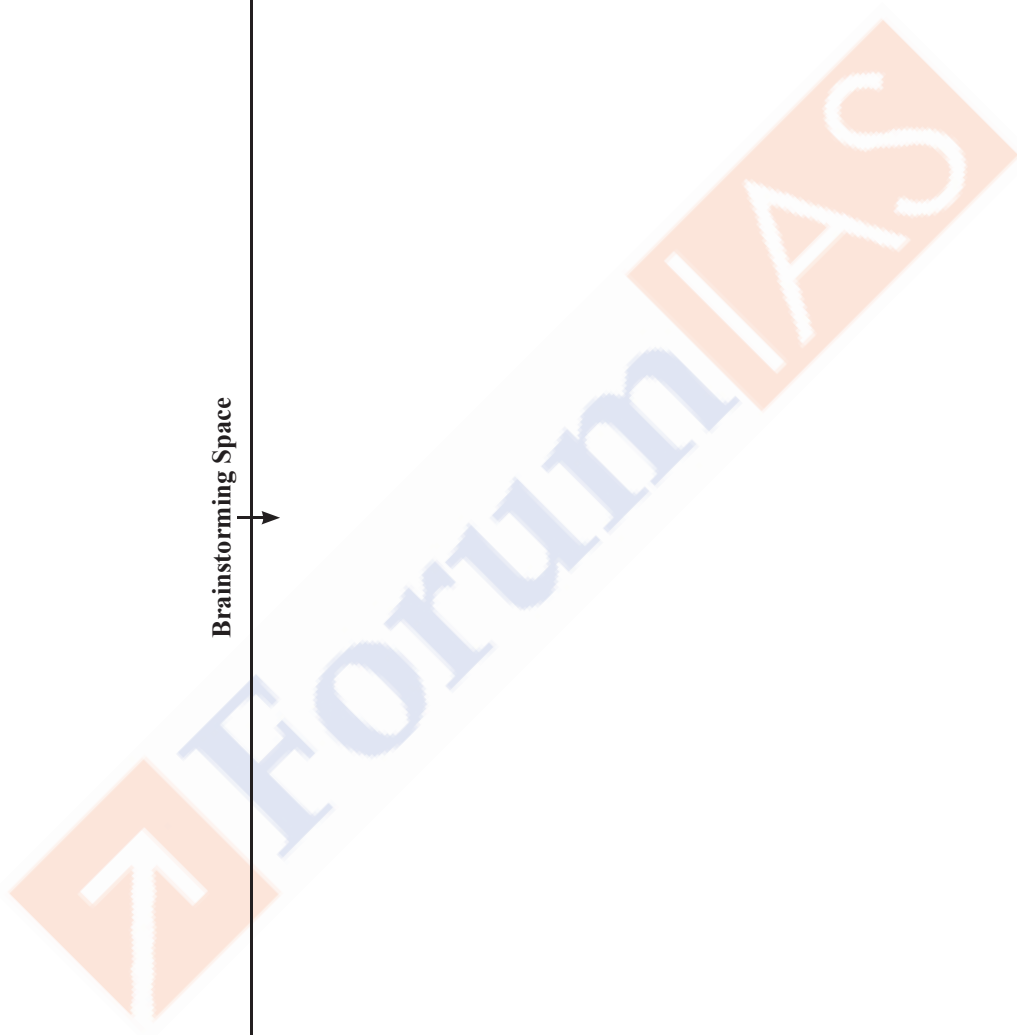
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(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2006]

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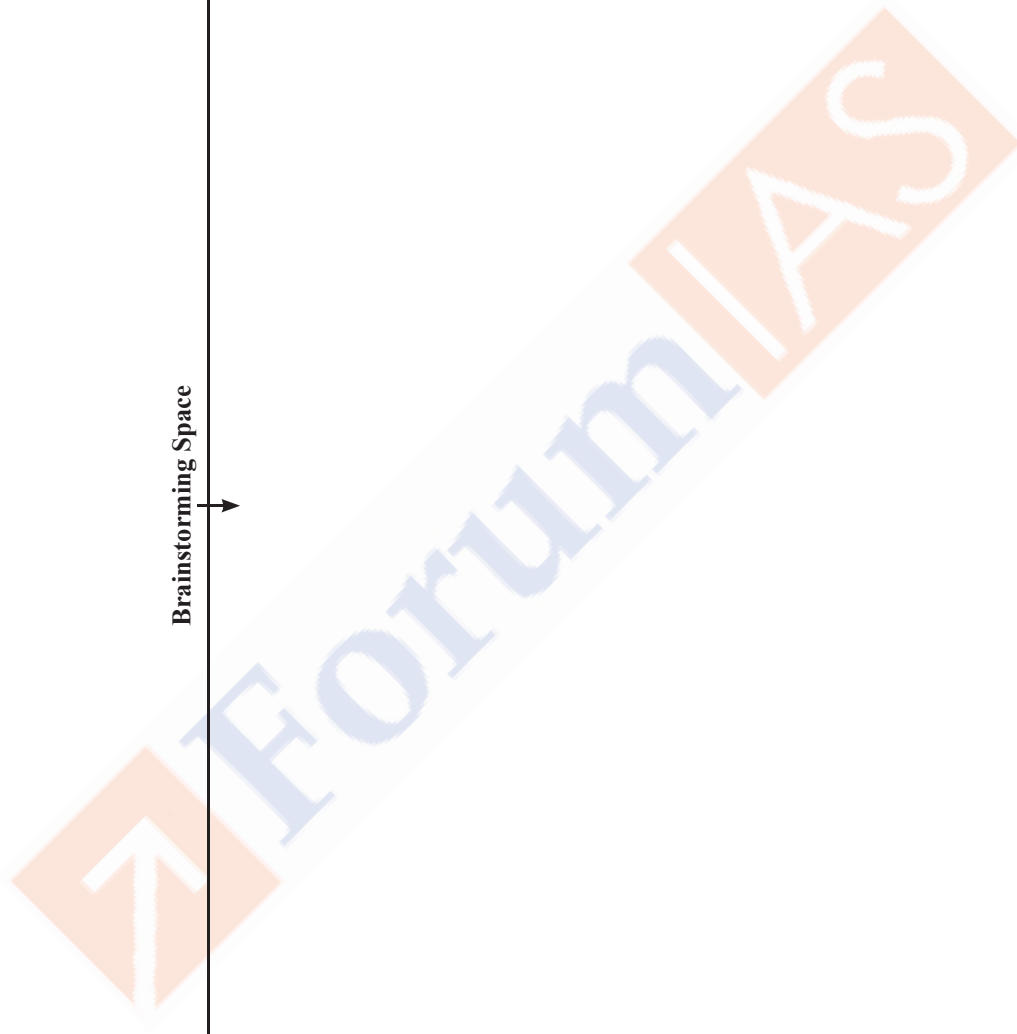
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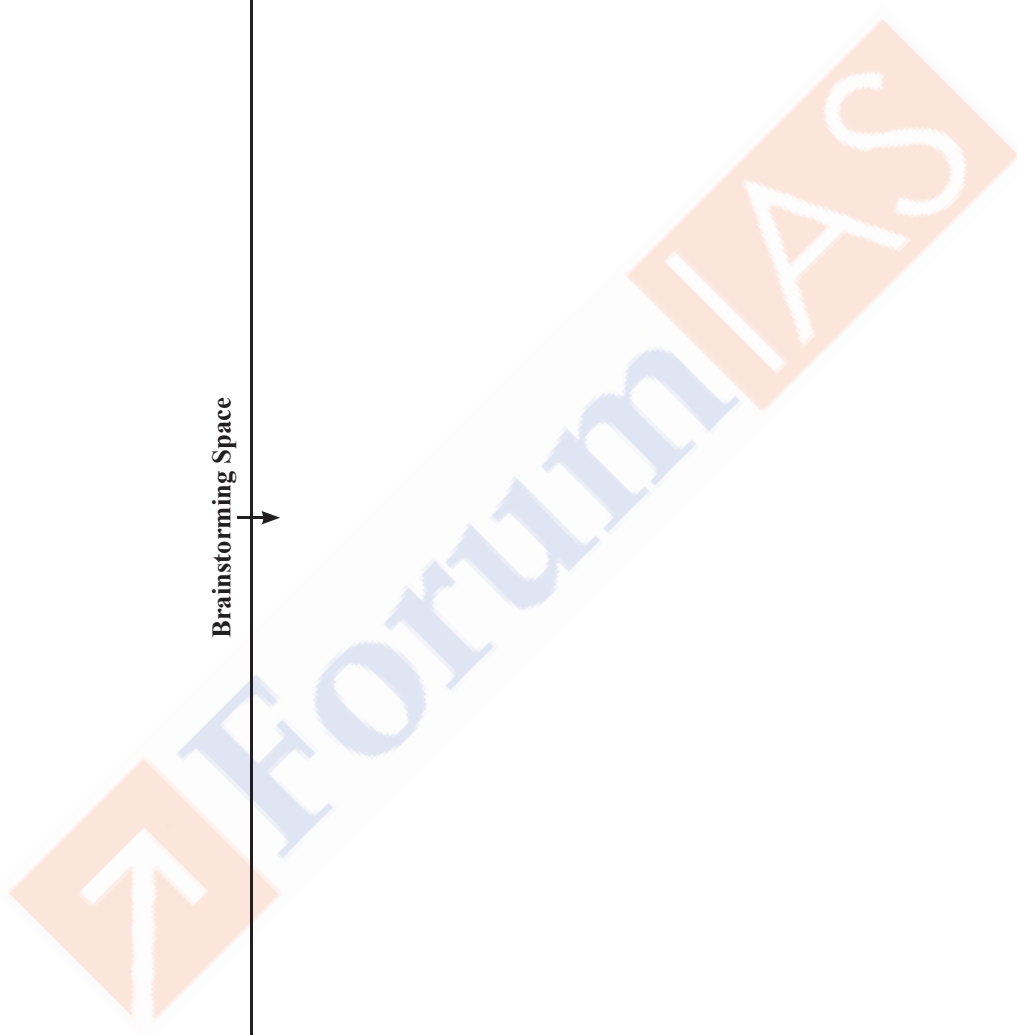
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

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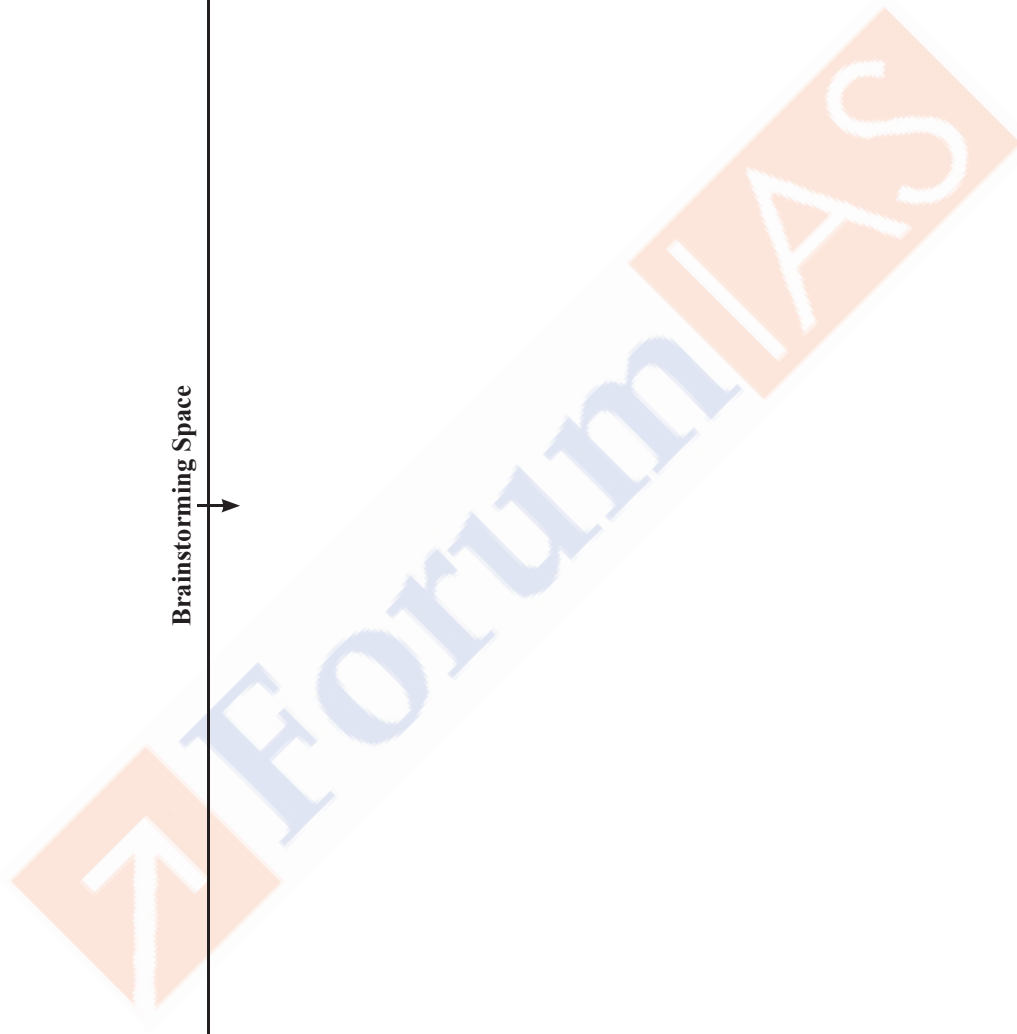
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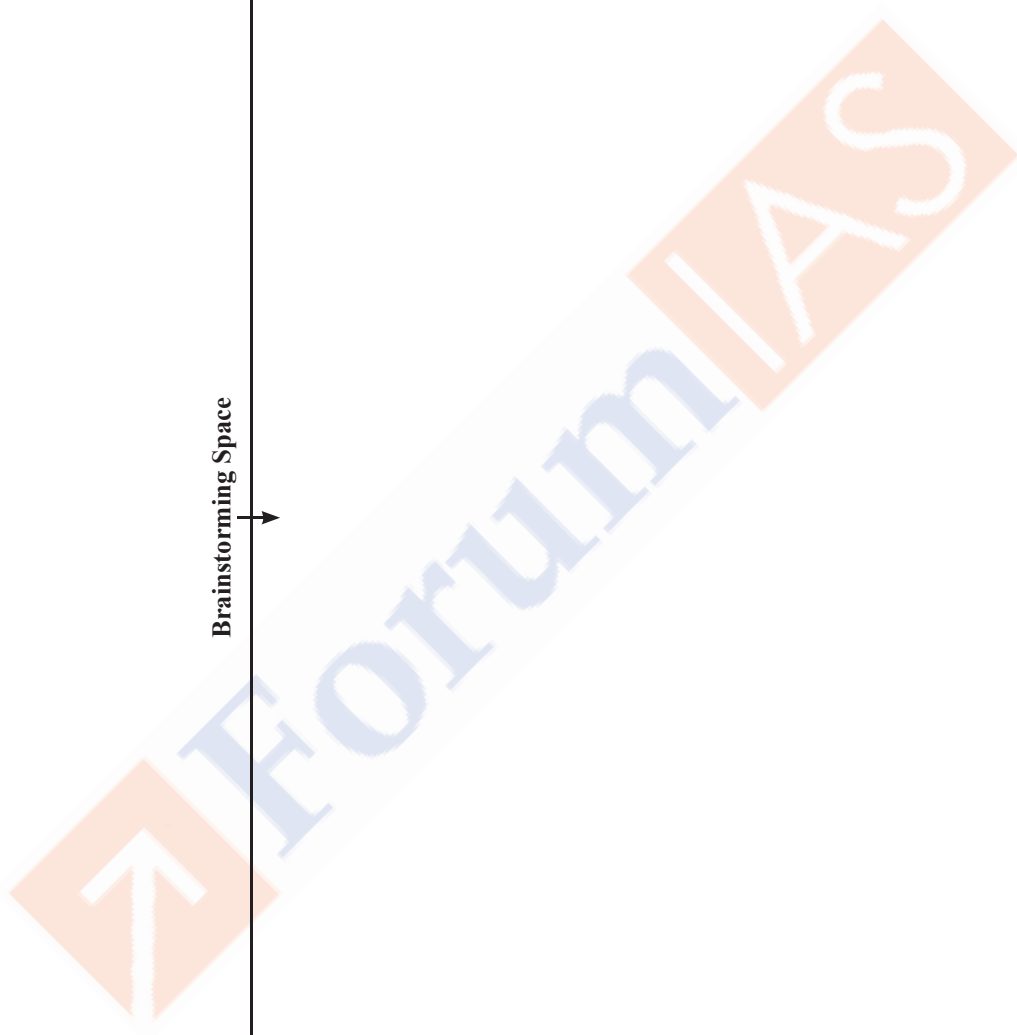
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Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

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Q.19) How do you explain the statistics that show that the sex ratio in Tribes in India is more favourable to women than the sex ratio among Scheduled Castes? (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

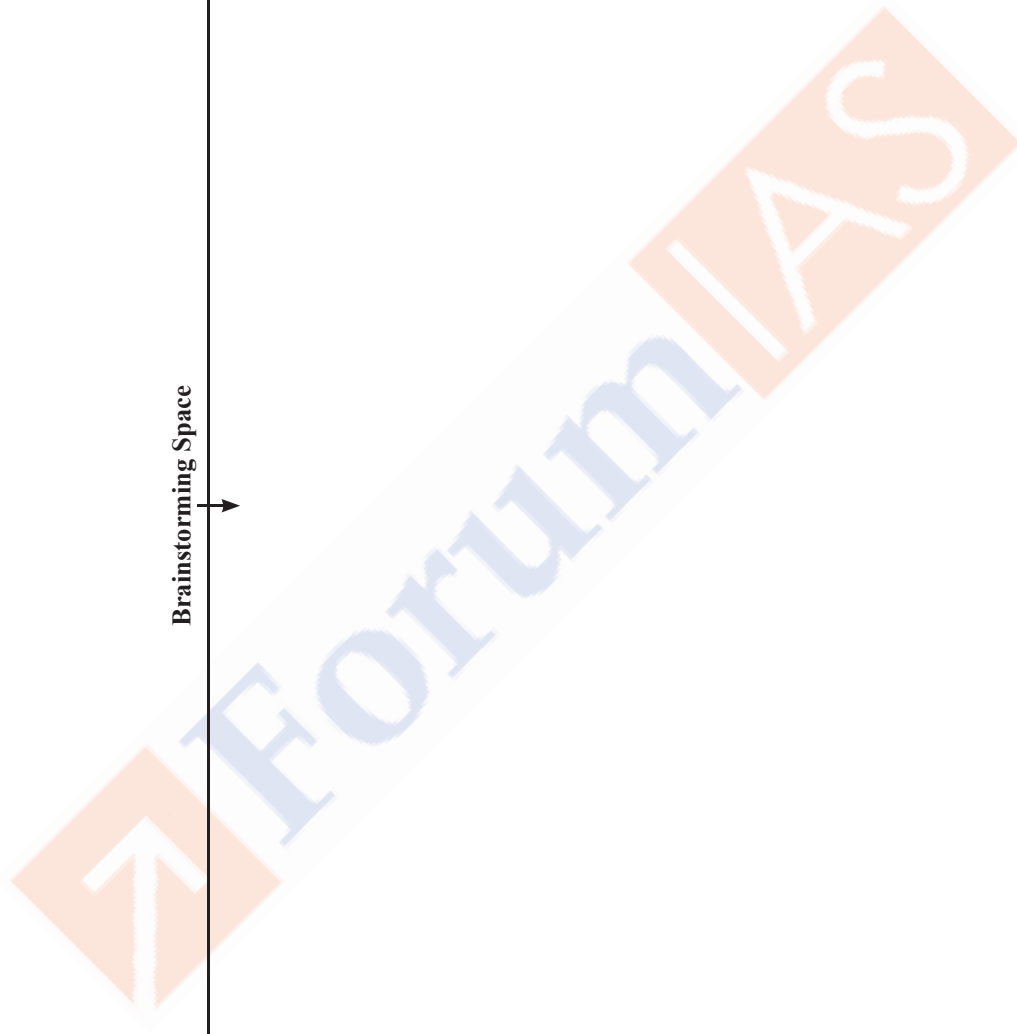
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Q.20) Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.

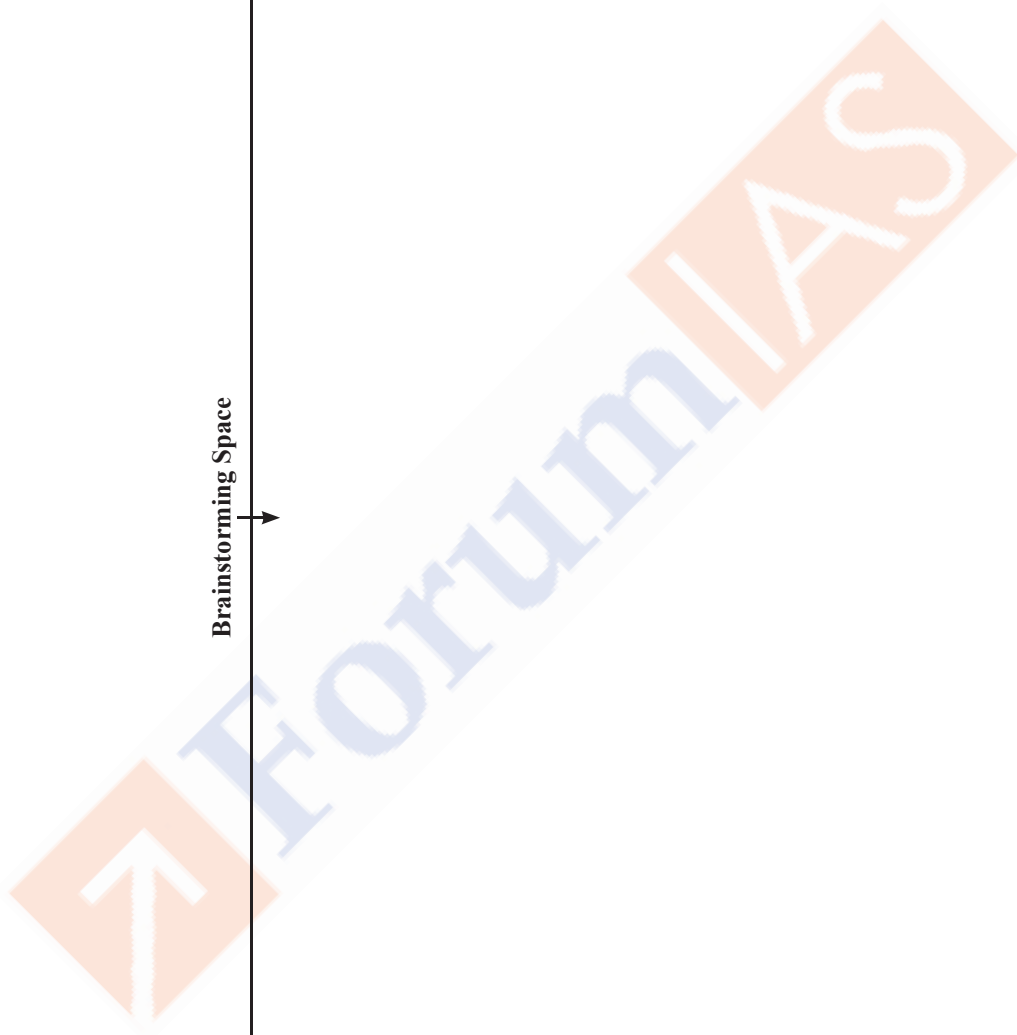
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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Q.21) Decline in the sex ratio in India is an alarming sign for India's future social development. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2008]

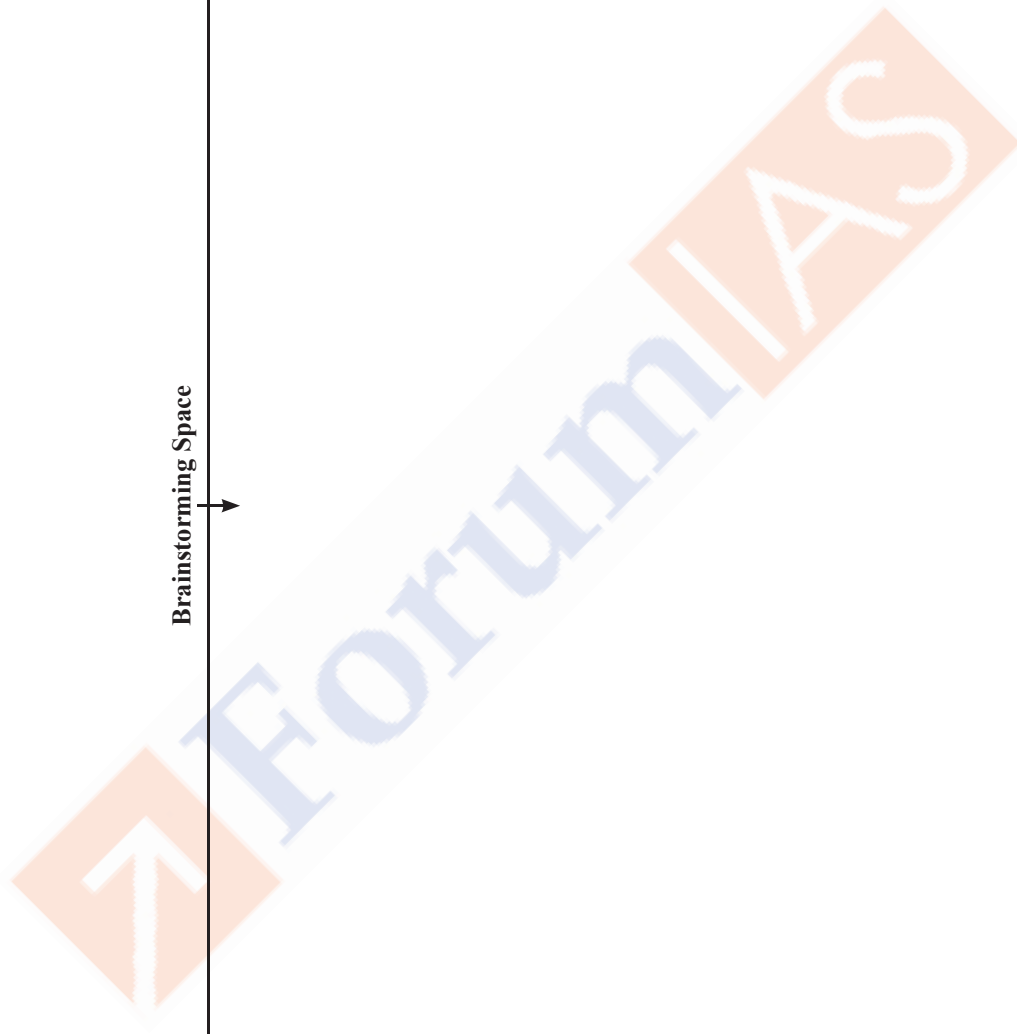
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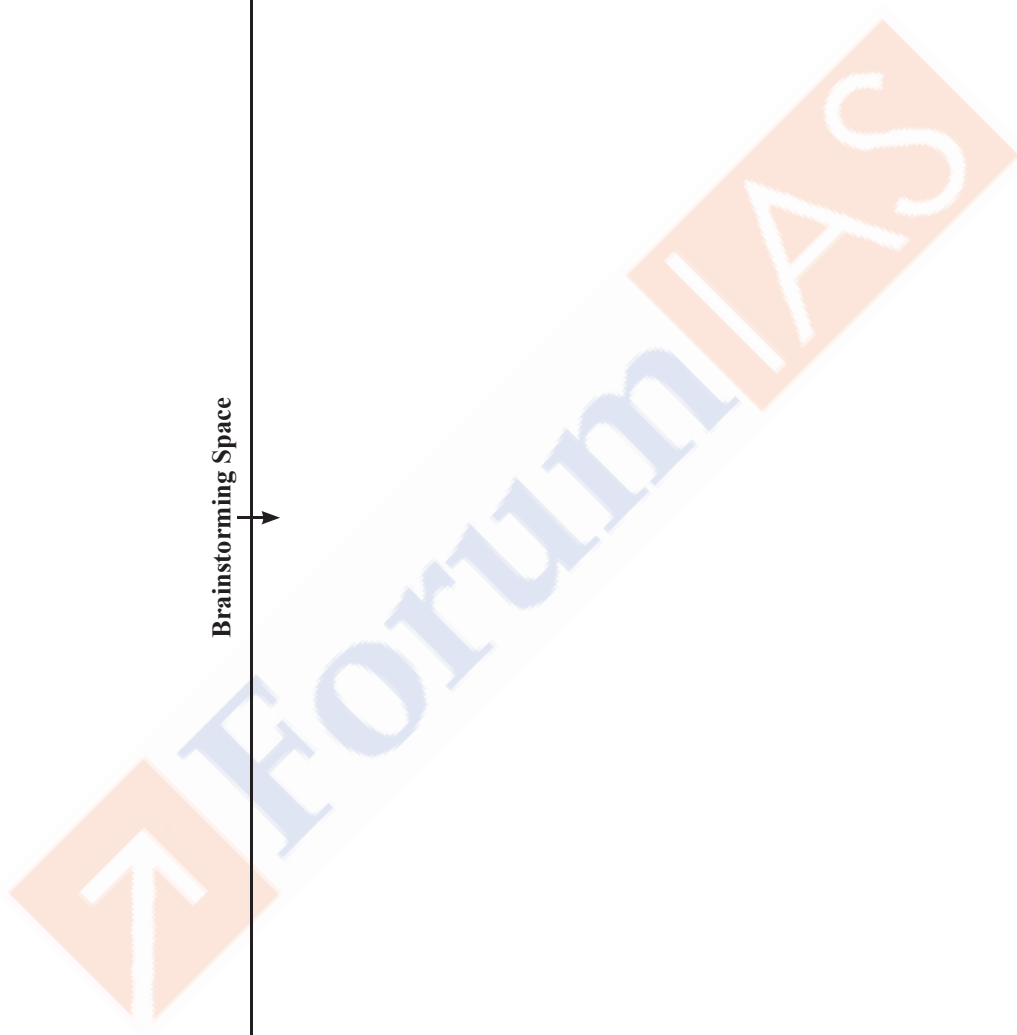
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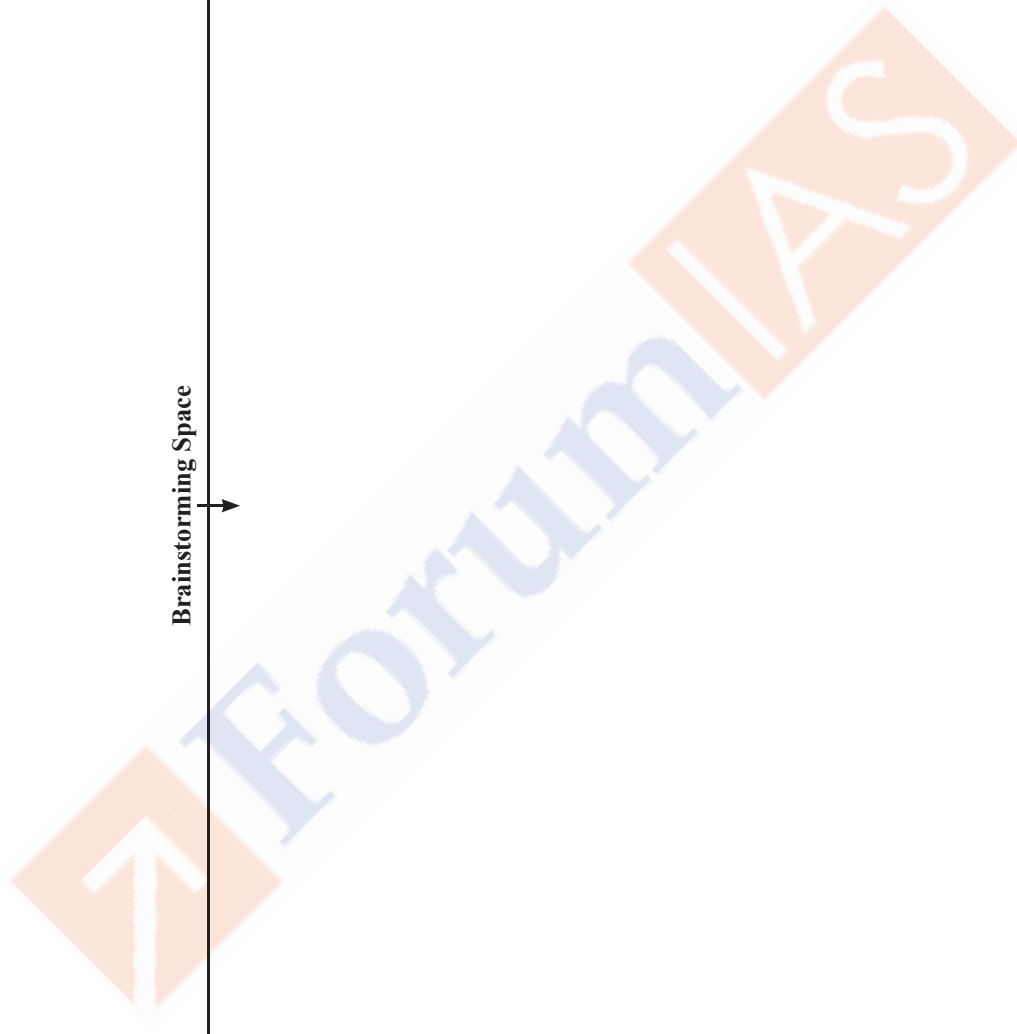
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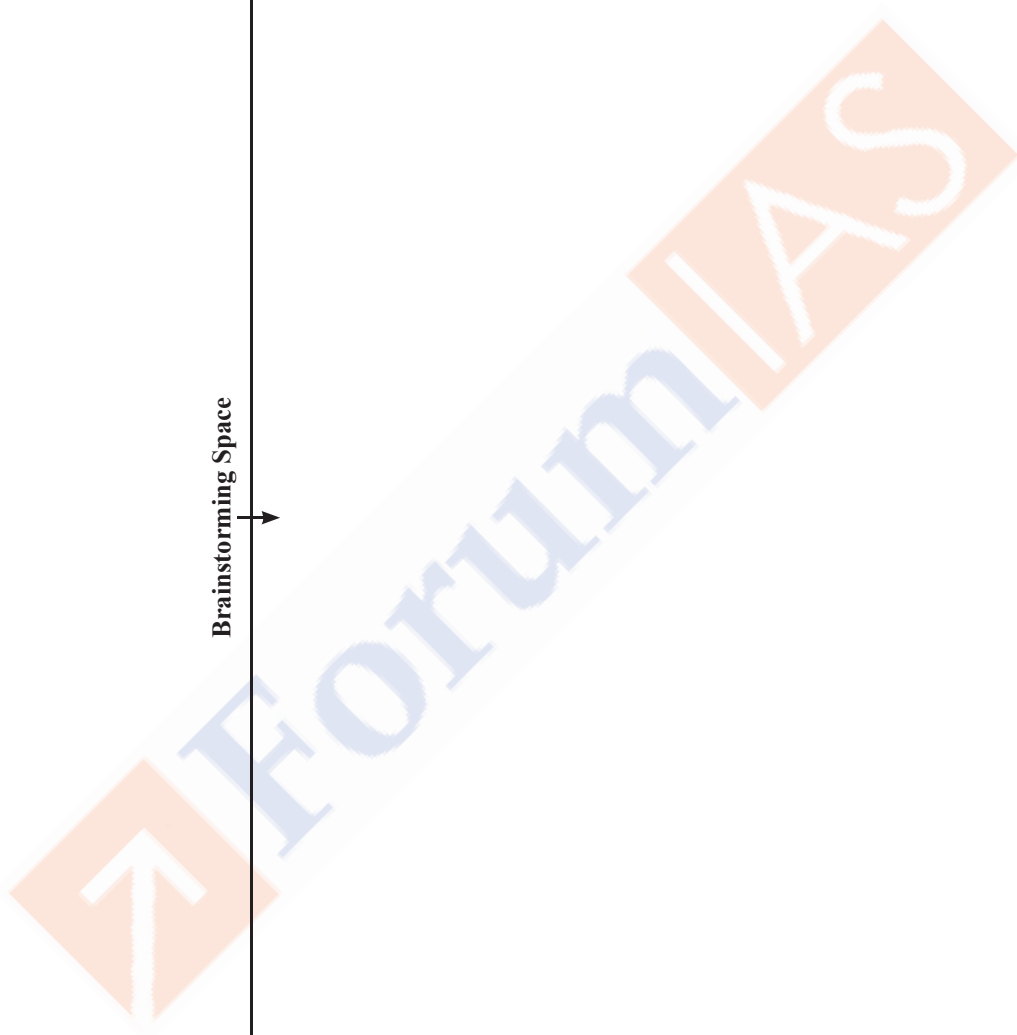
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Q.25) Do you think that globalization results in only an aggressive consumer culture? Justify your answer. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

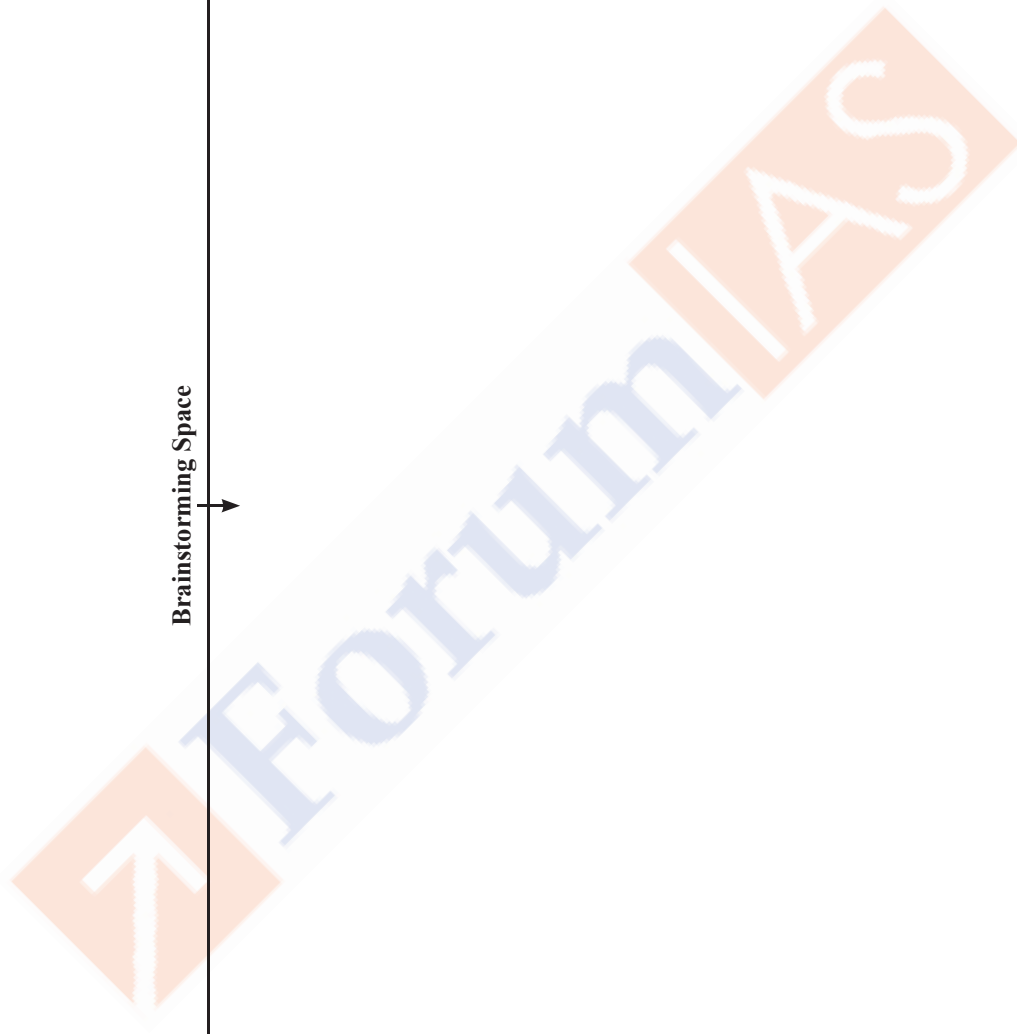
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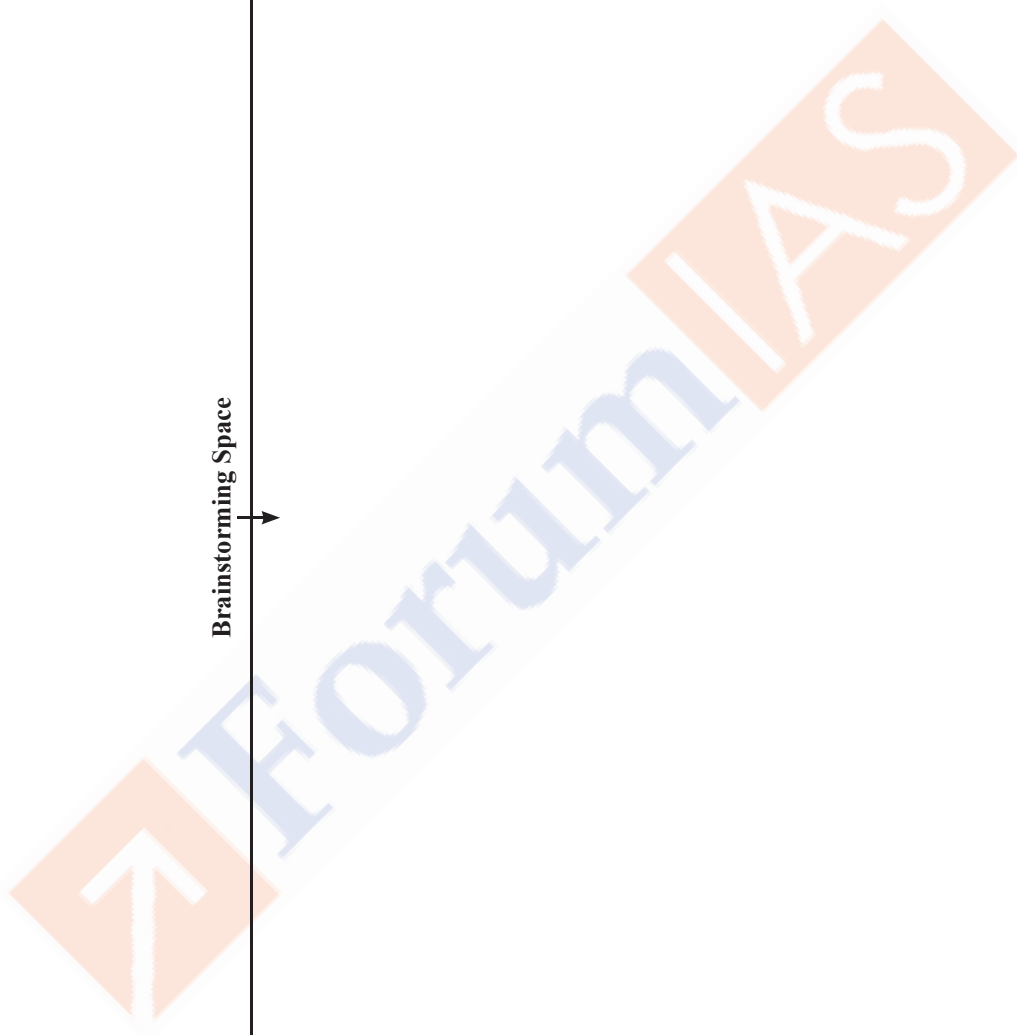
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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Q.27) Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

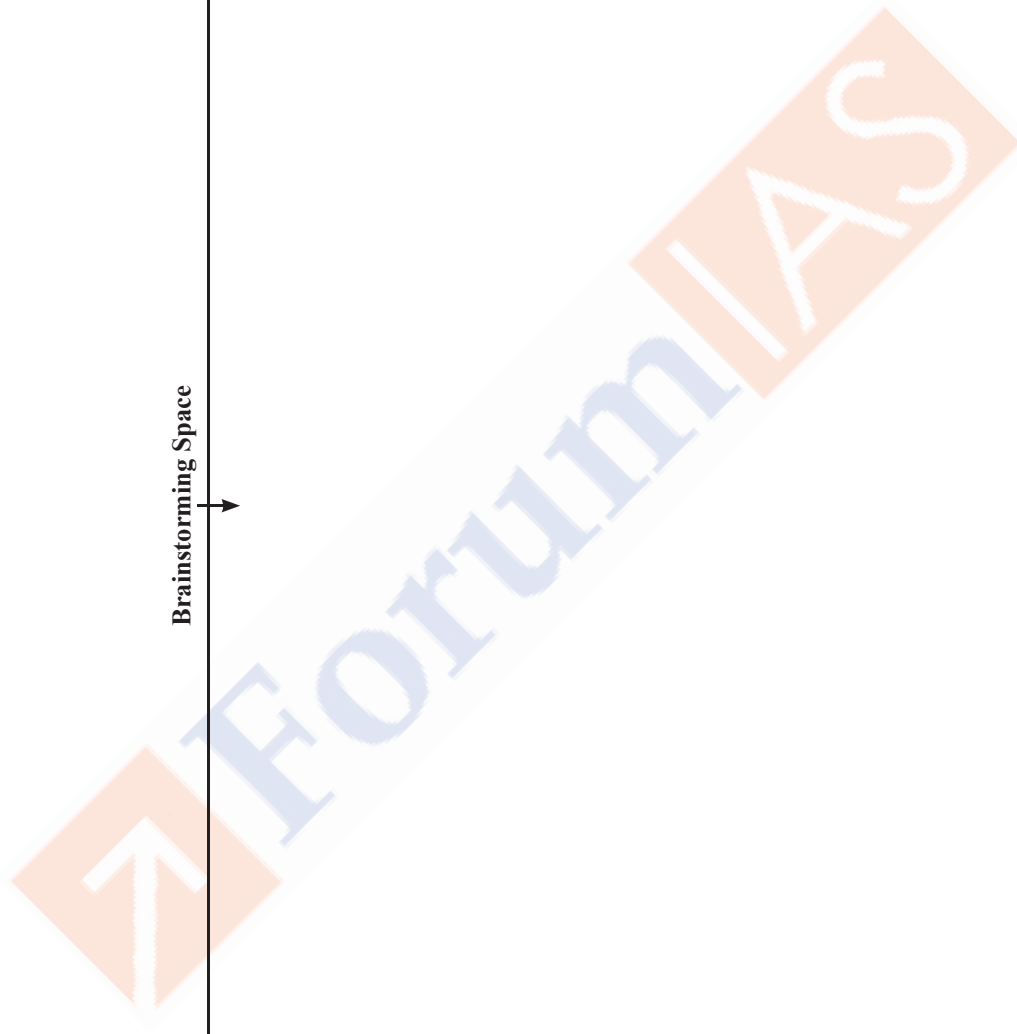
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Q.28) Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources with special reference to India.

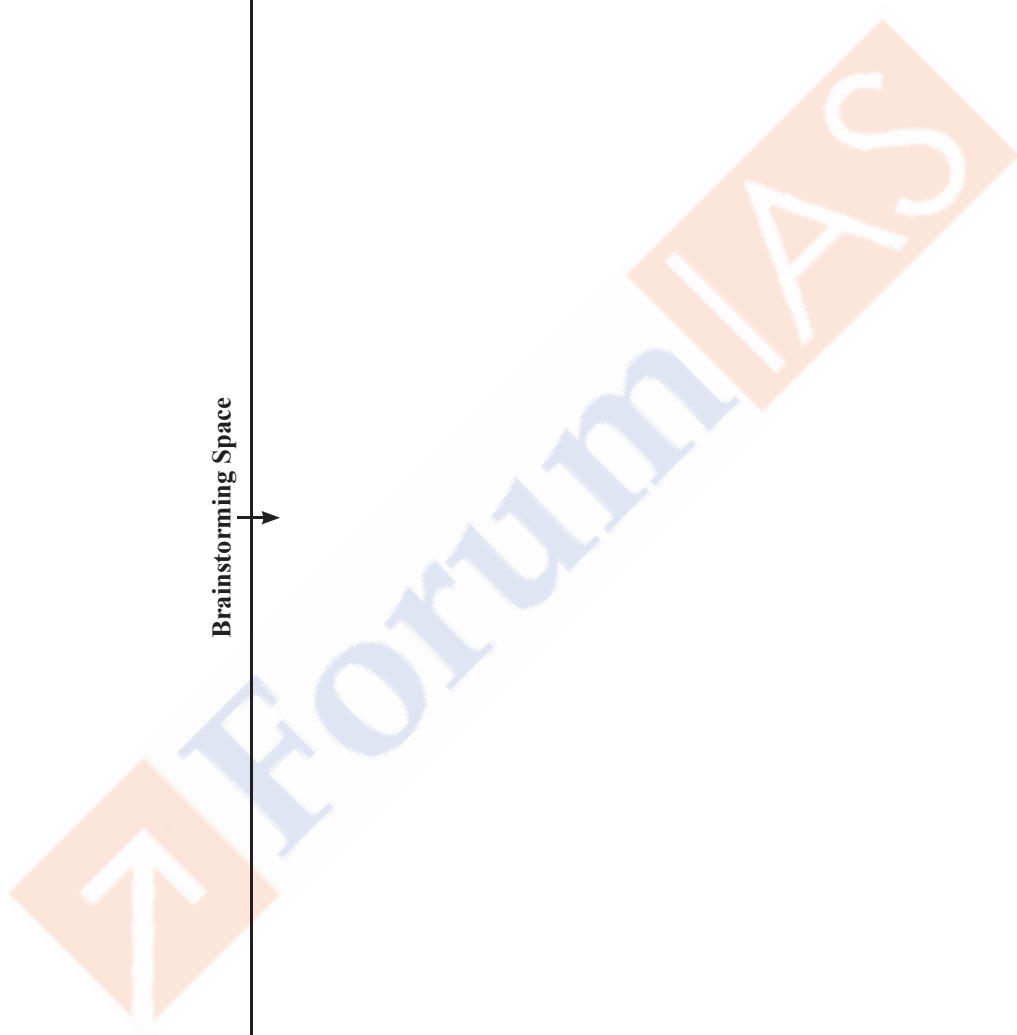
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2022]

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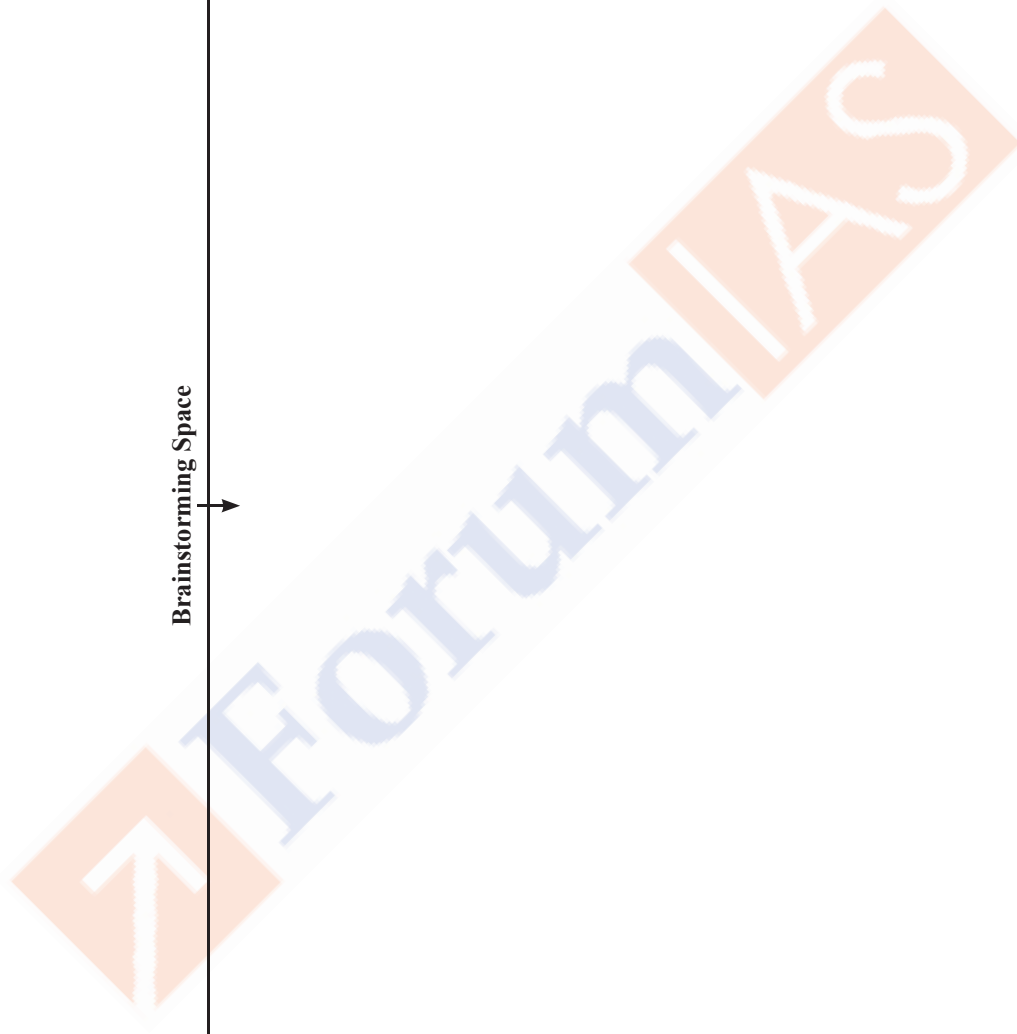
Q.29) Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

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Q.30) What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

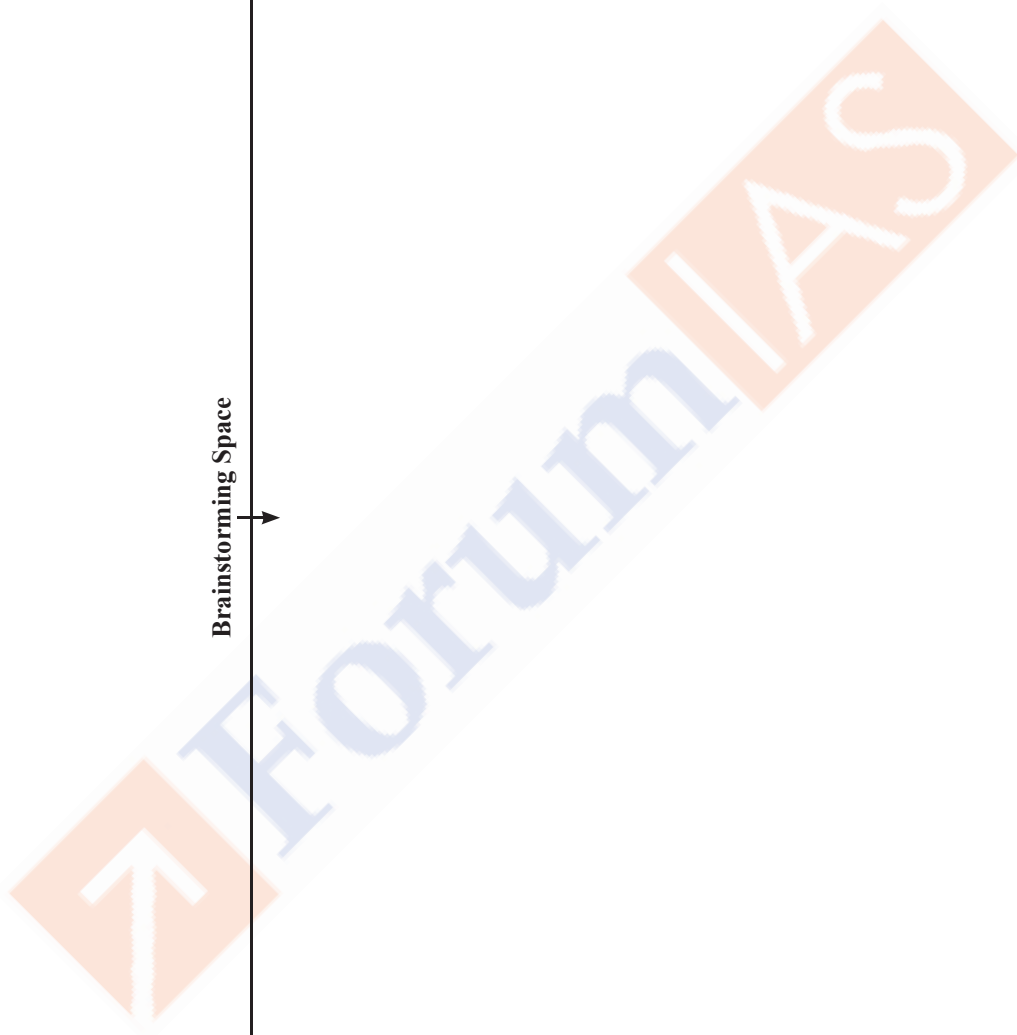
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Q.31) What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India?

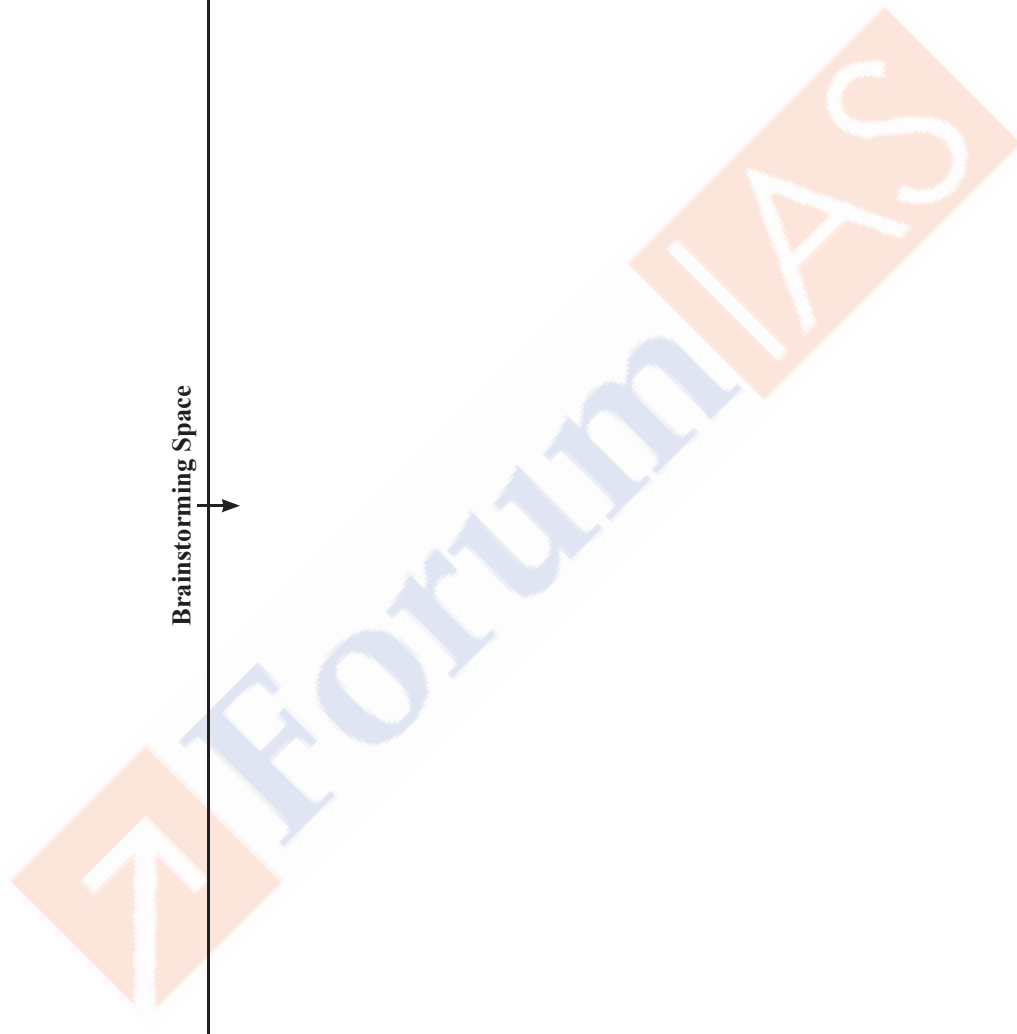
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Q.32) Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

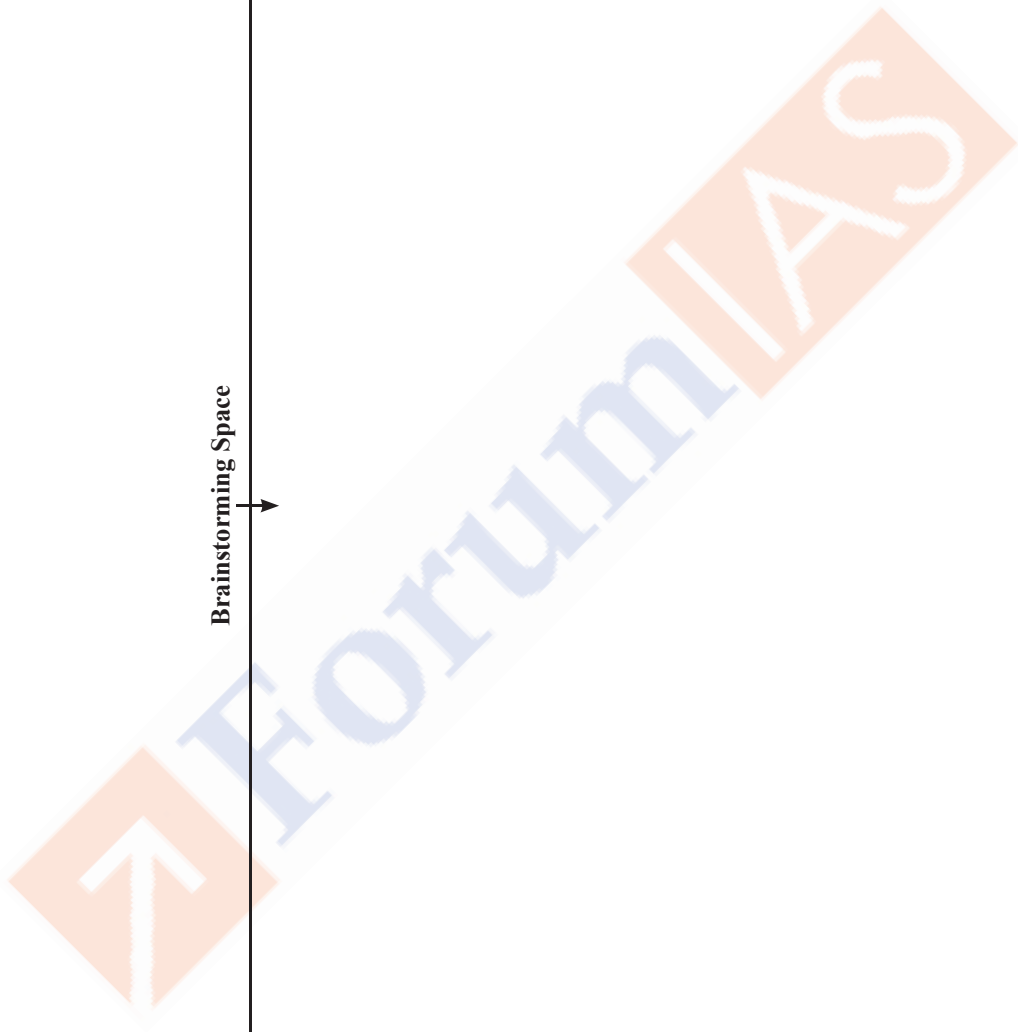
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Q.33) Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.

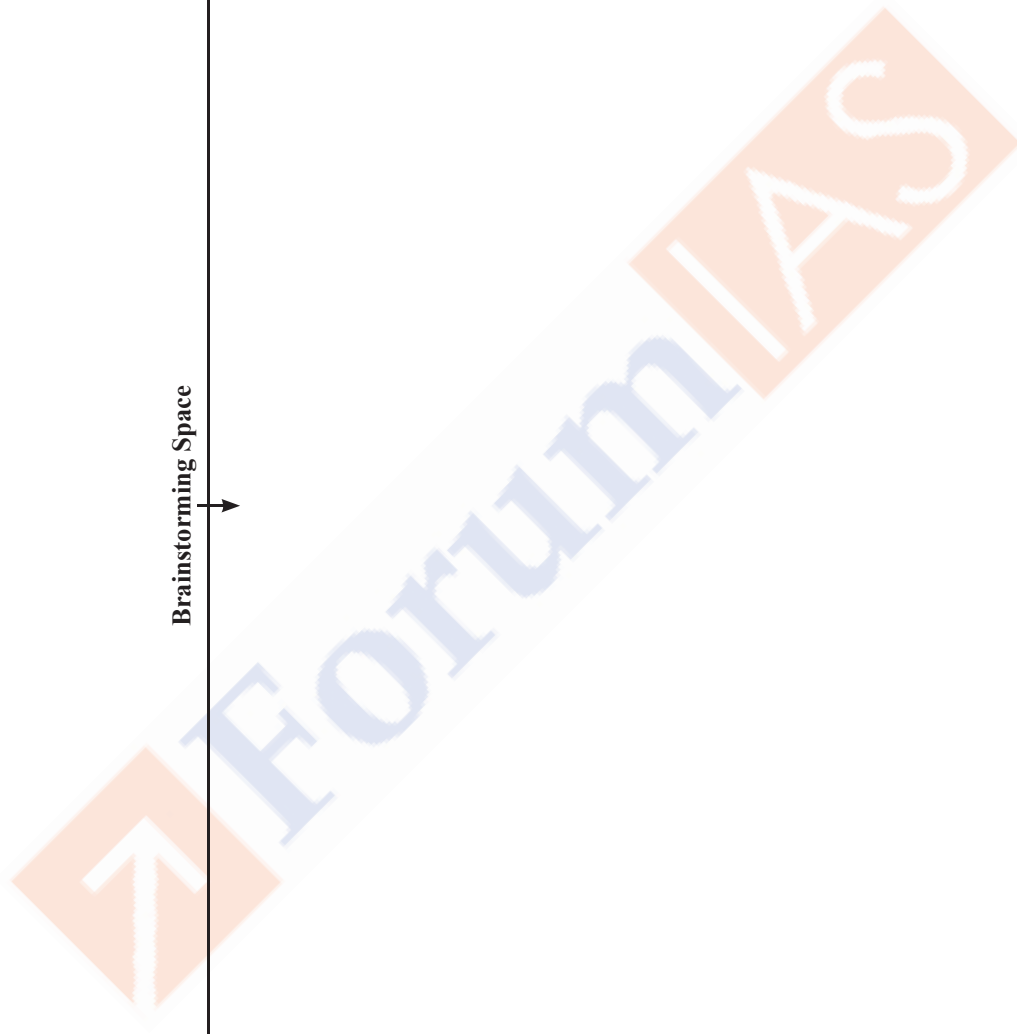
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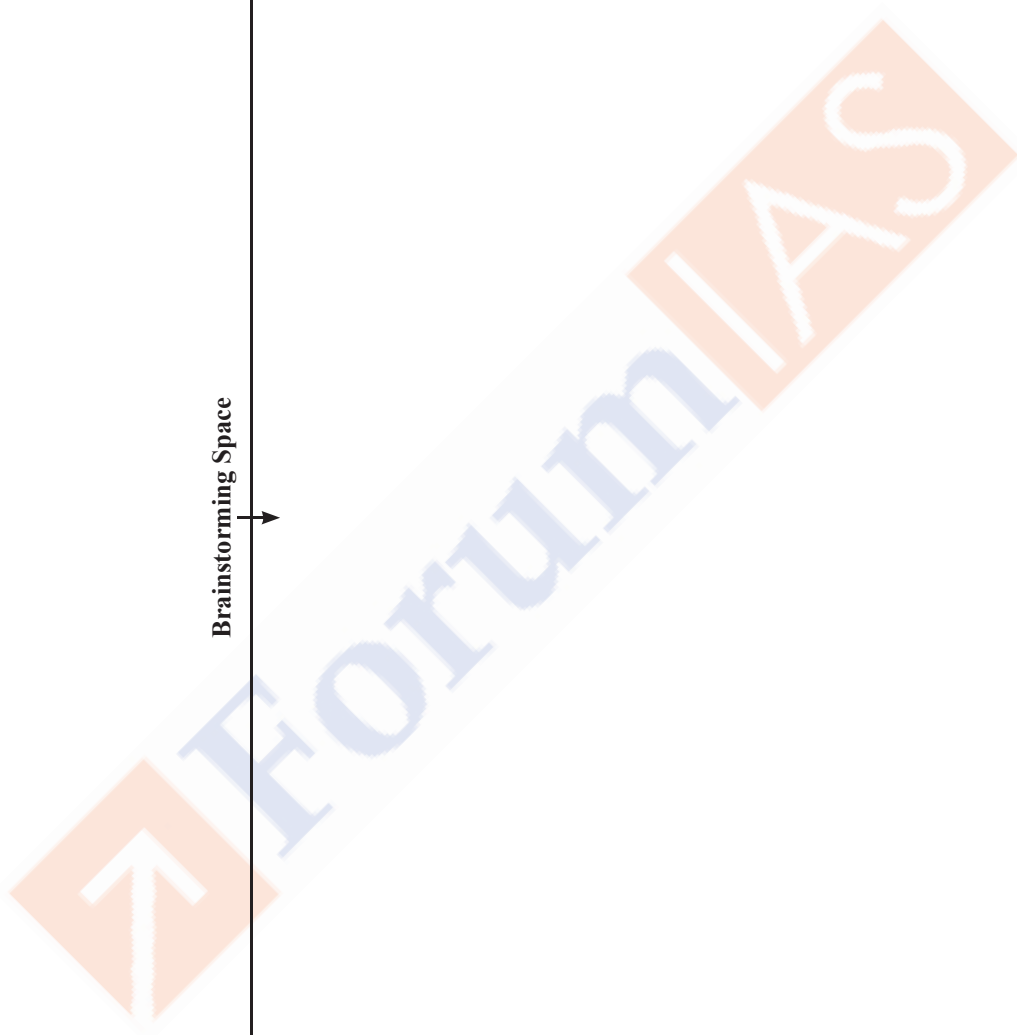
Q.34) 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificity appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

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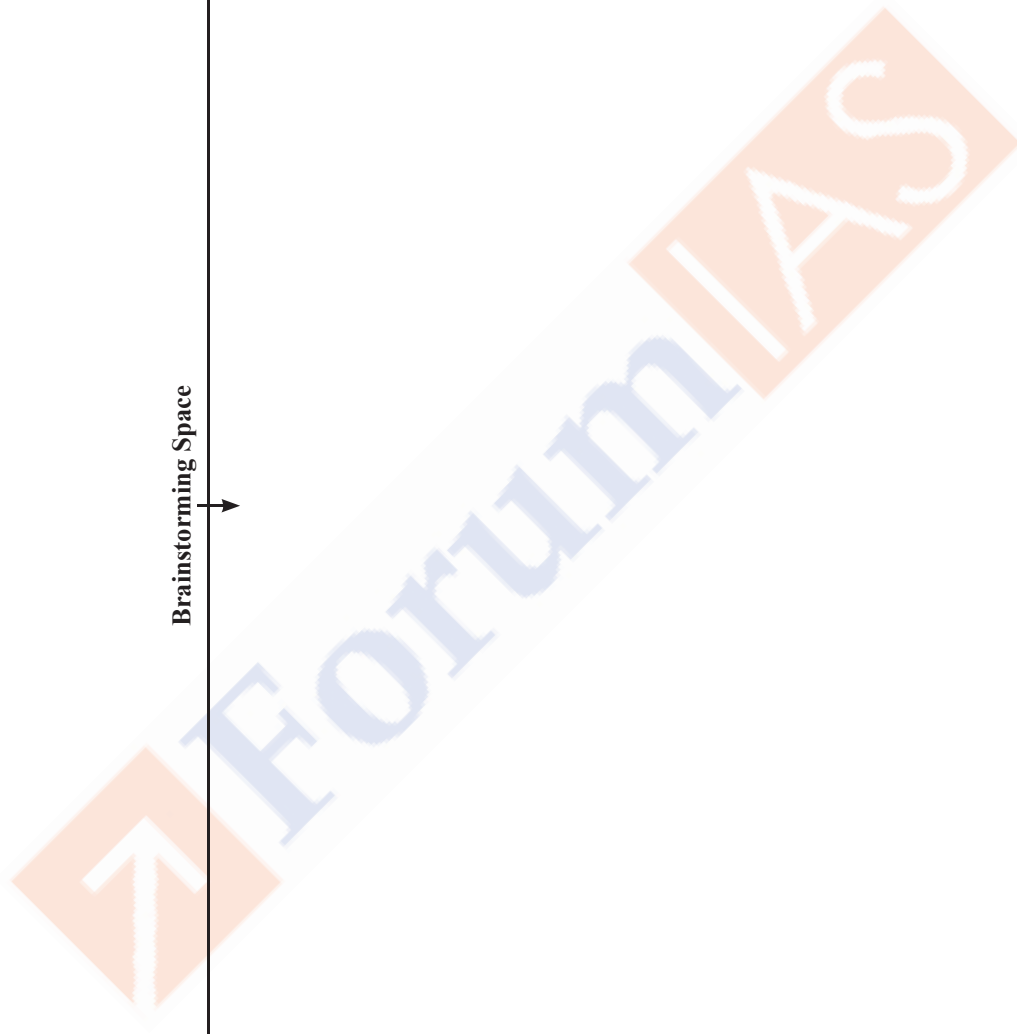
Q.35) To what extent globalization has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

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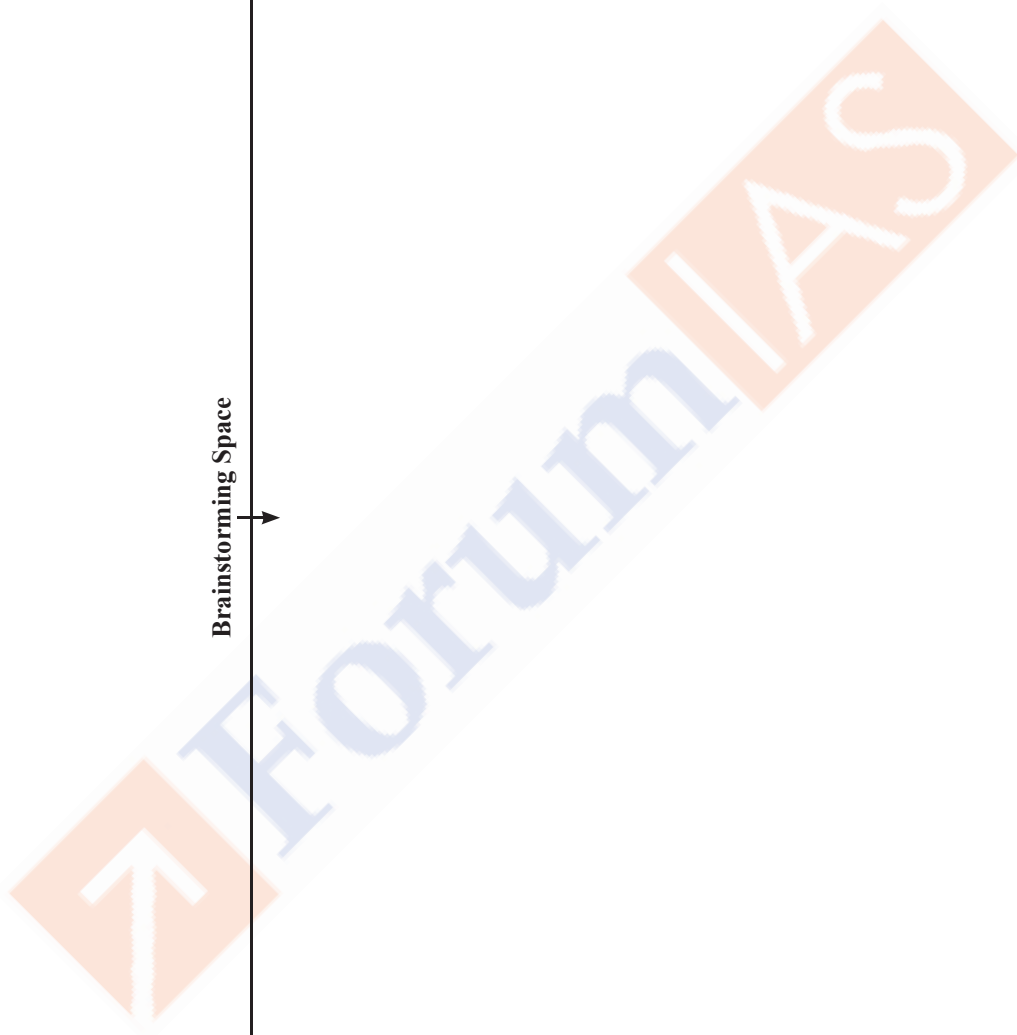
Q.36) Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

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Q.37) Critically examine the effect of globalization on the aged population in India. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

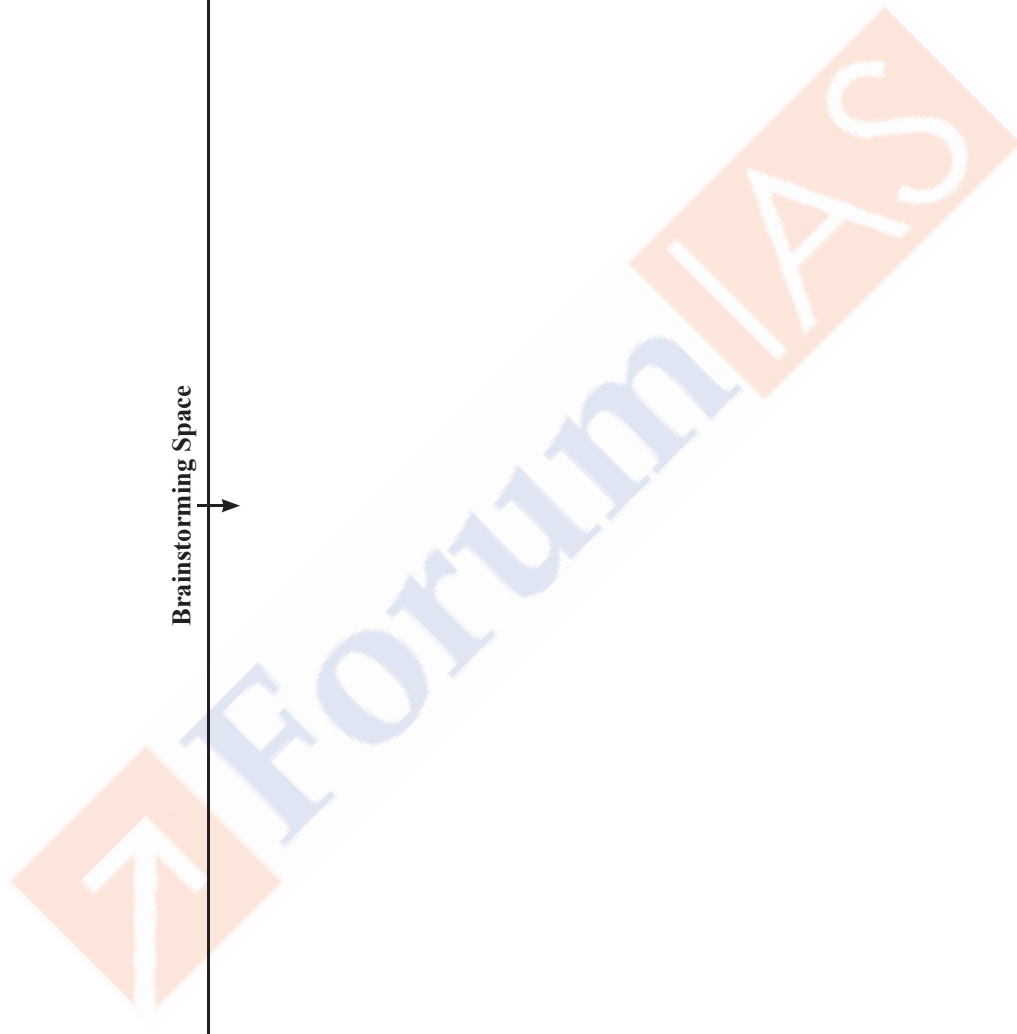
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Q.38) Globalization has brought about a distinct class divide in India instead of ushering in a classless society. Critically examine this argument.

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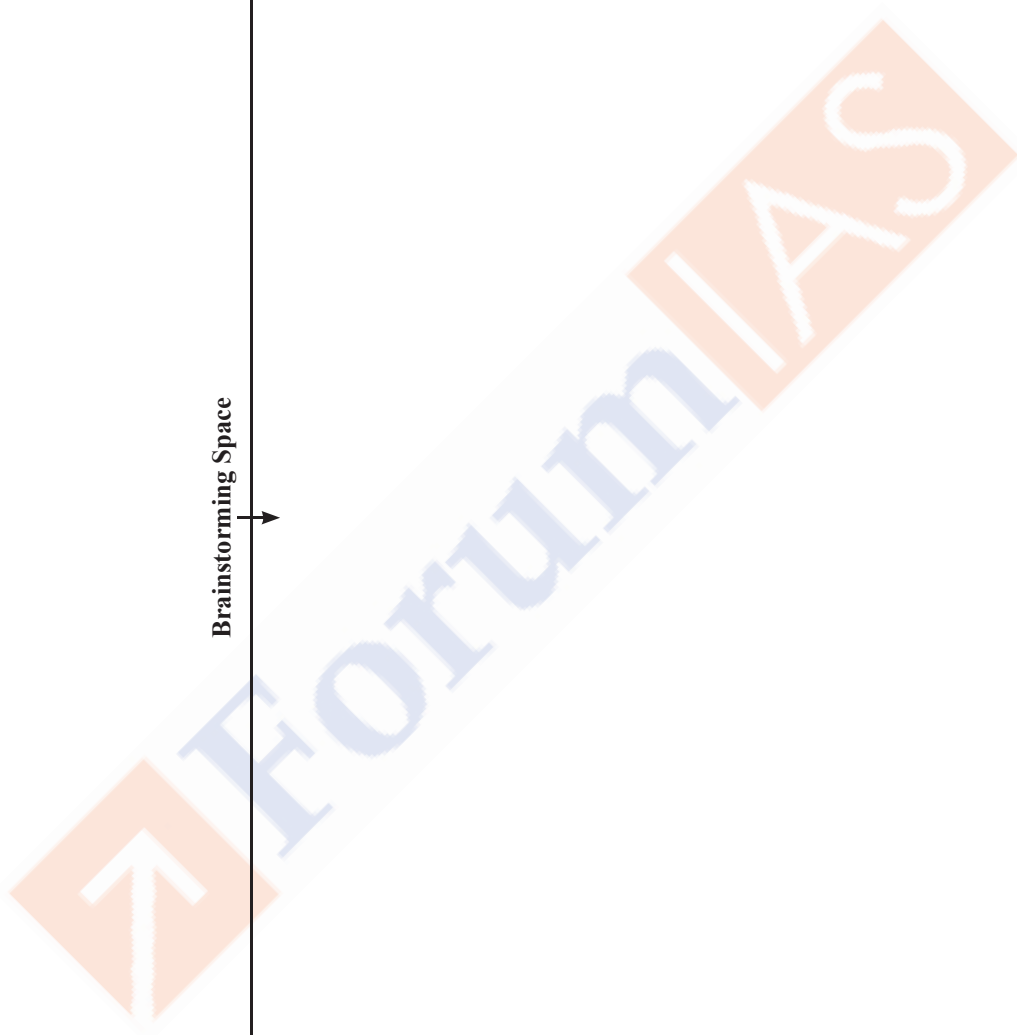
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Q.39) Examine the effects of globalization on poverty removal in India.

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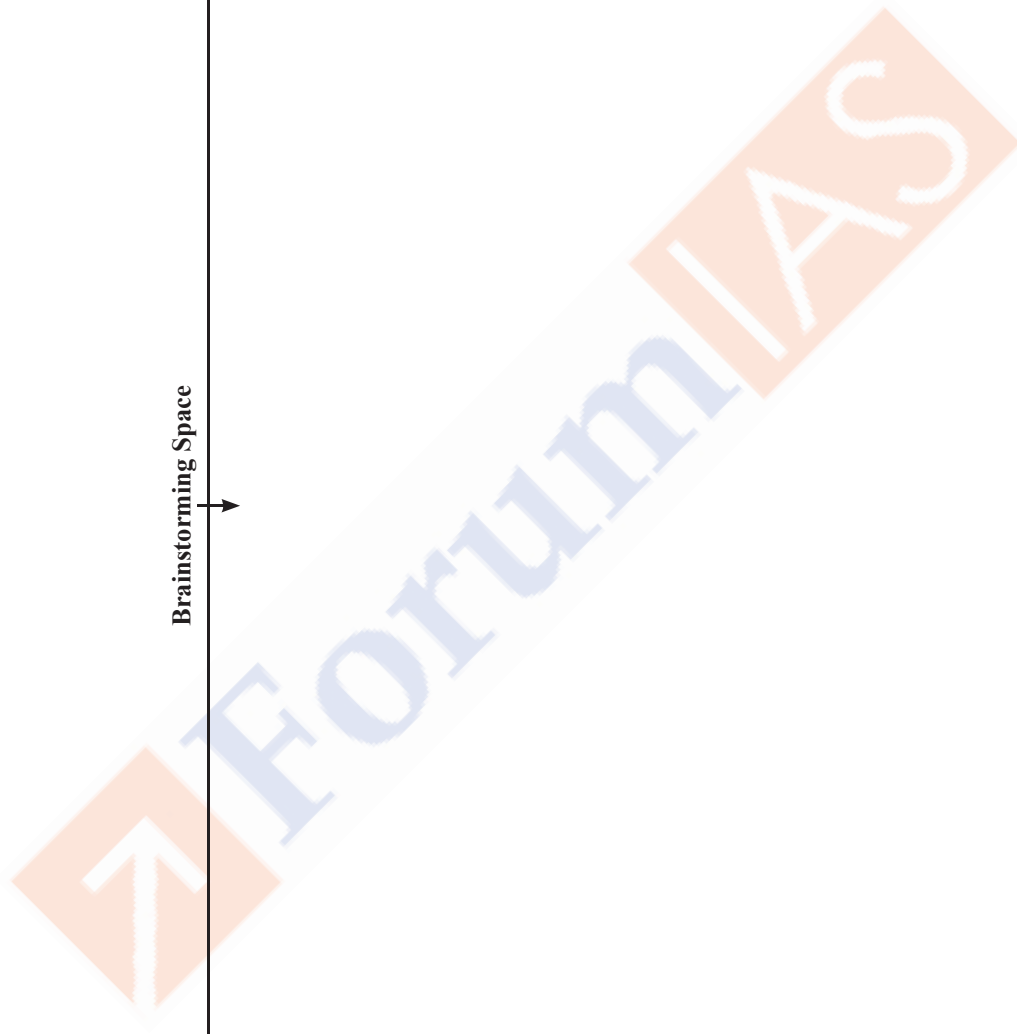
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Q.40) Discuss the impact of globalization on higher education in India.

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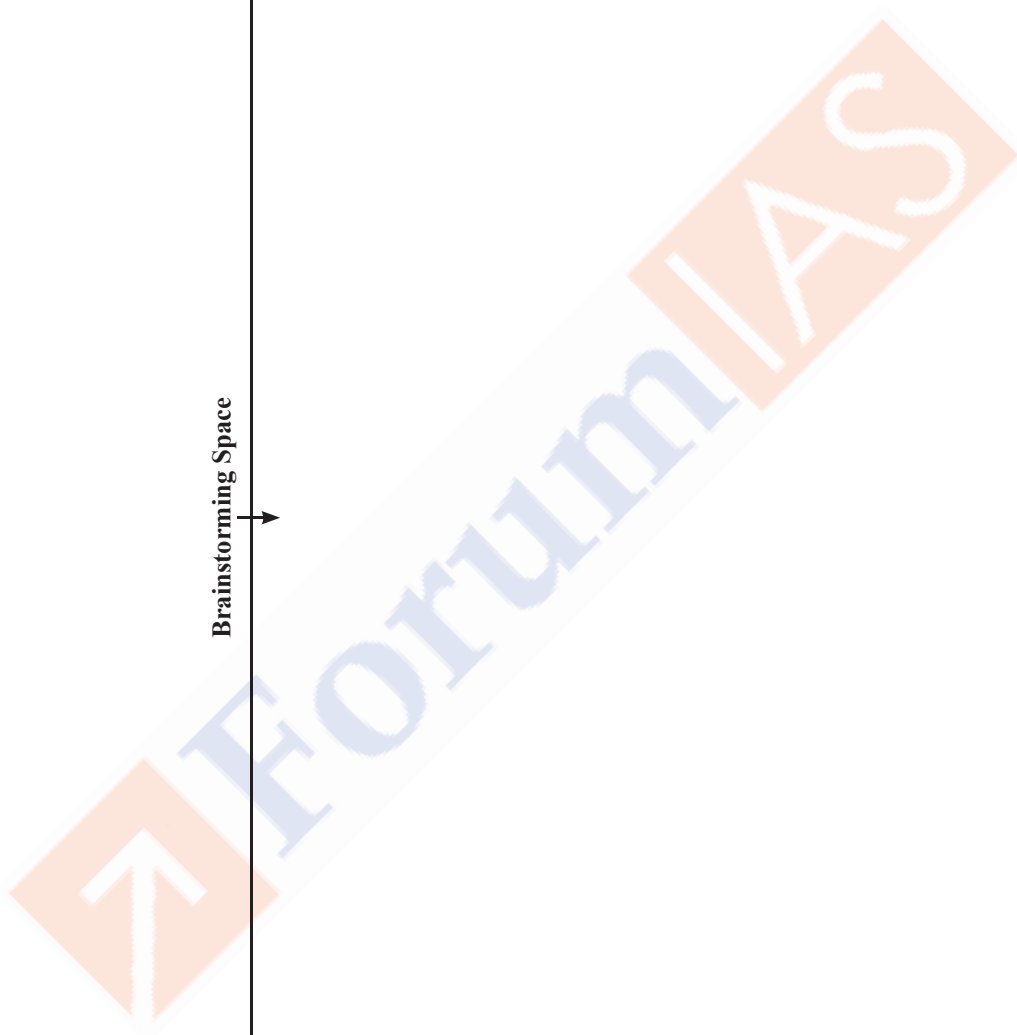
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Q.41) 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.

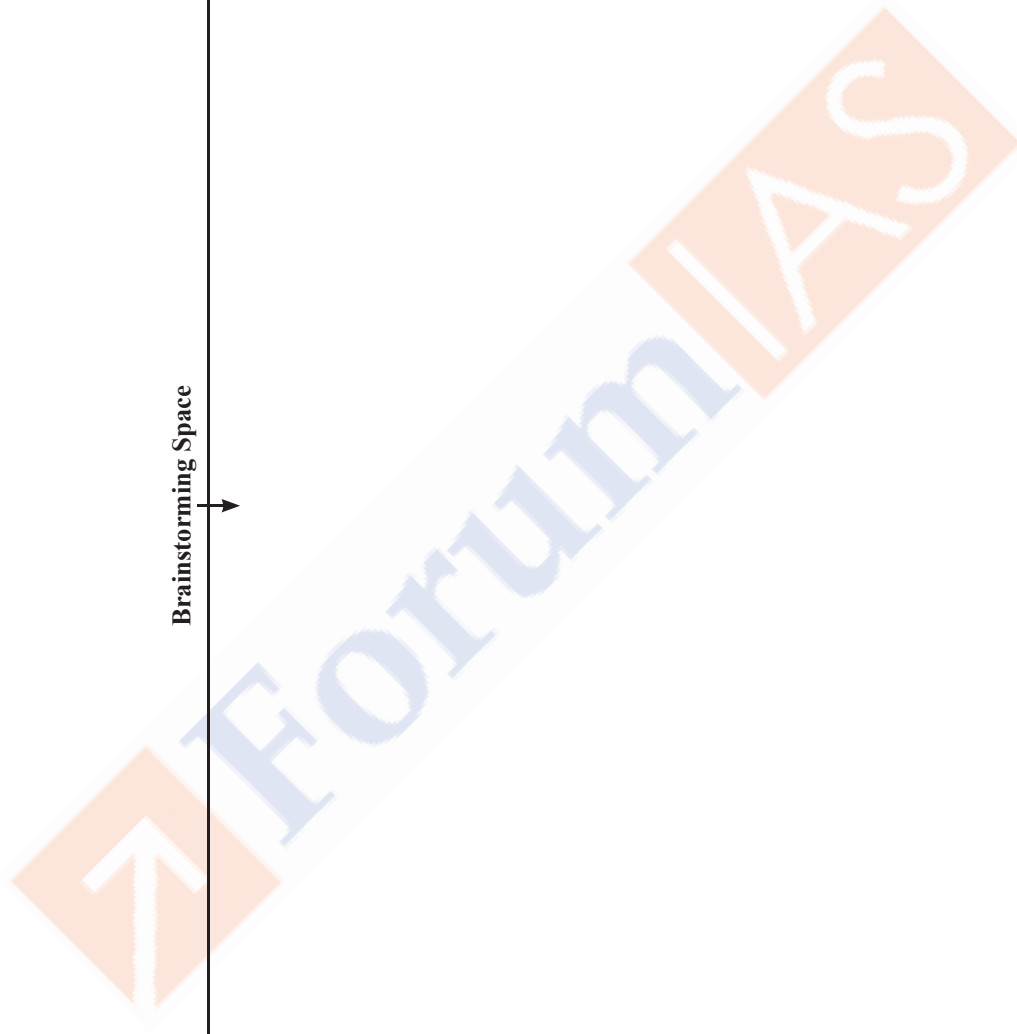
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Q.42) Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (15 Marks, 250)[2017]

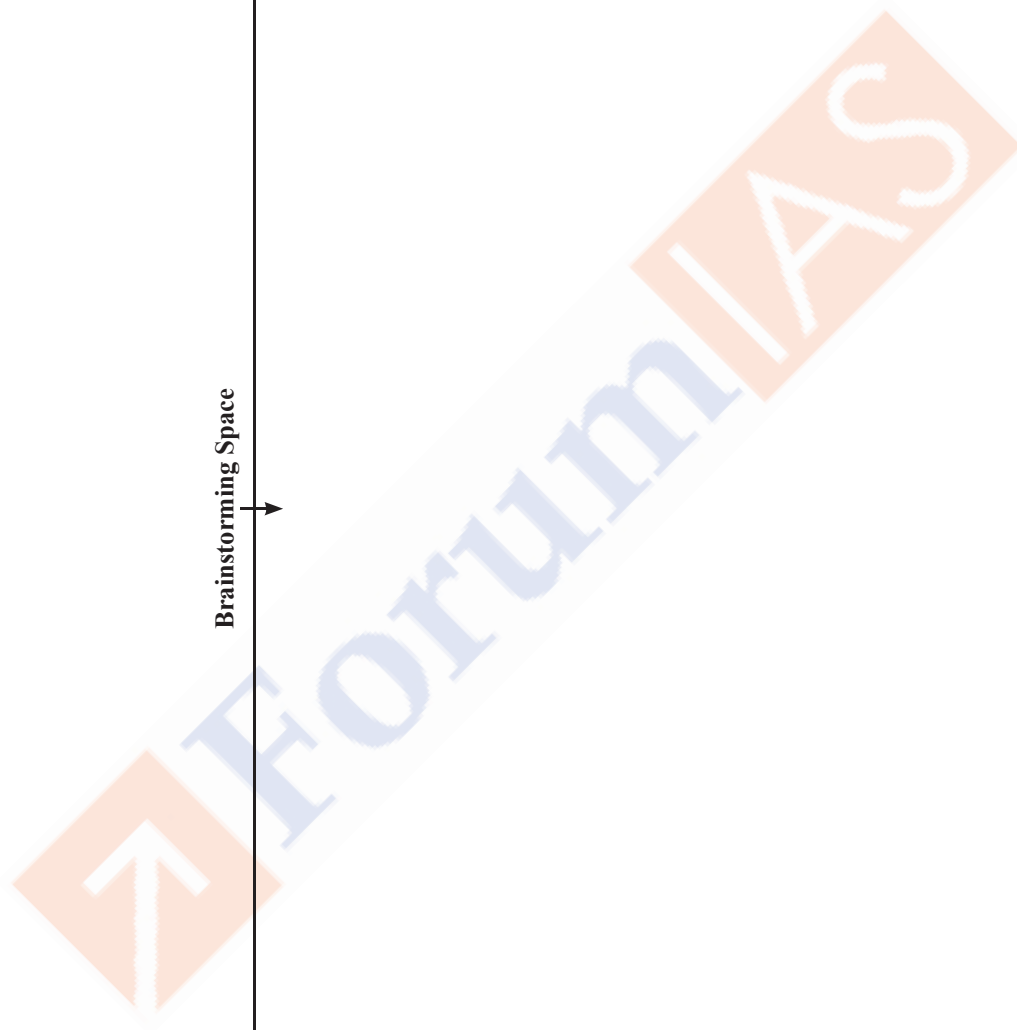
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Q.43) What is regional disparity? How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India?

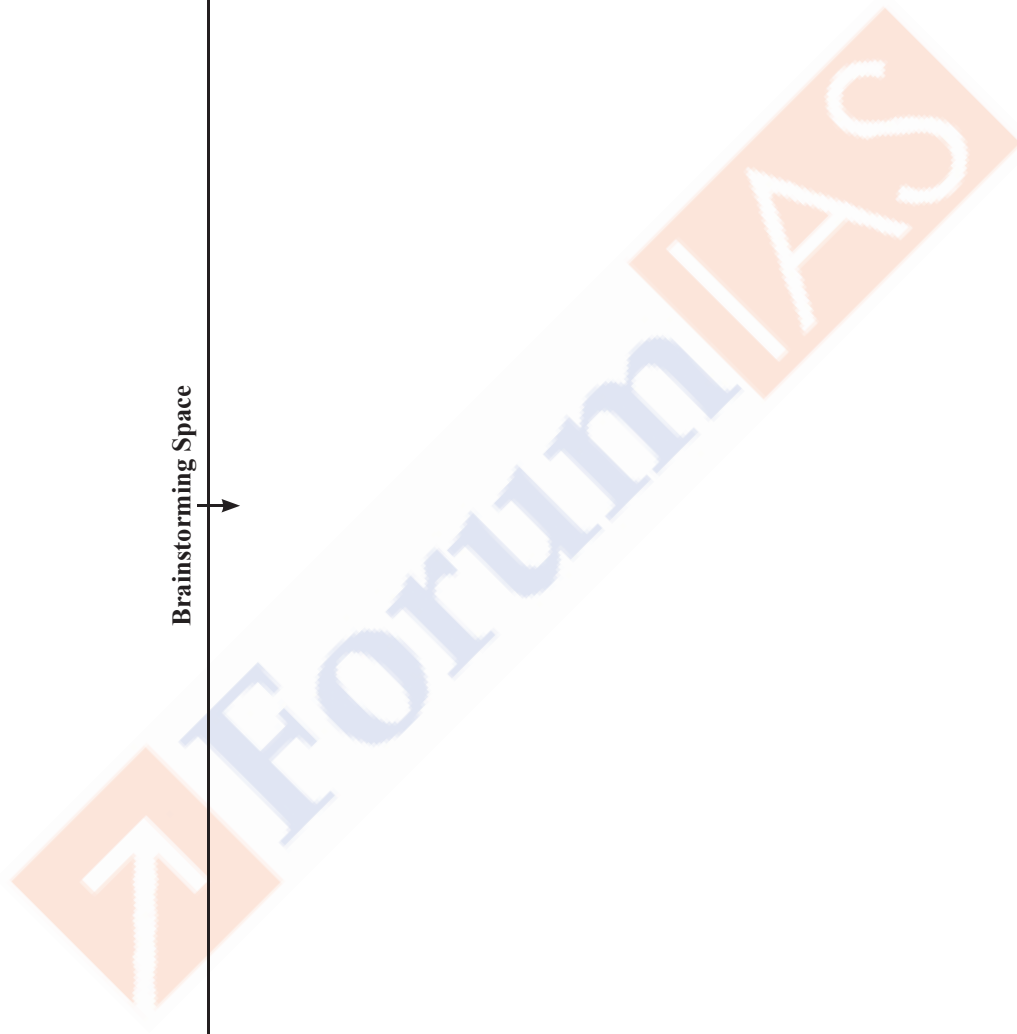
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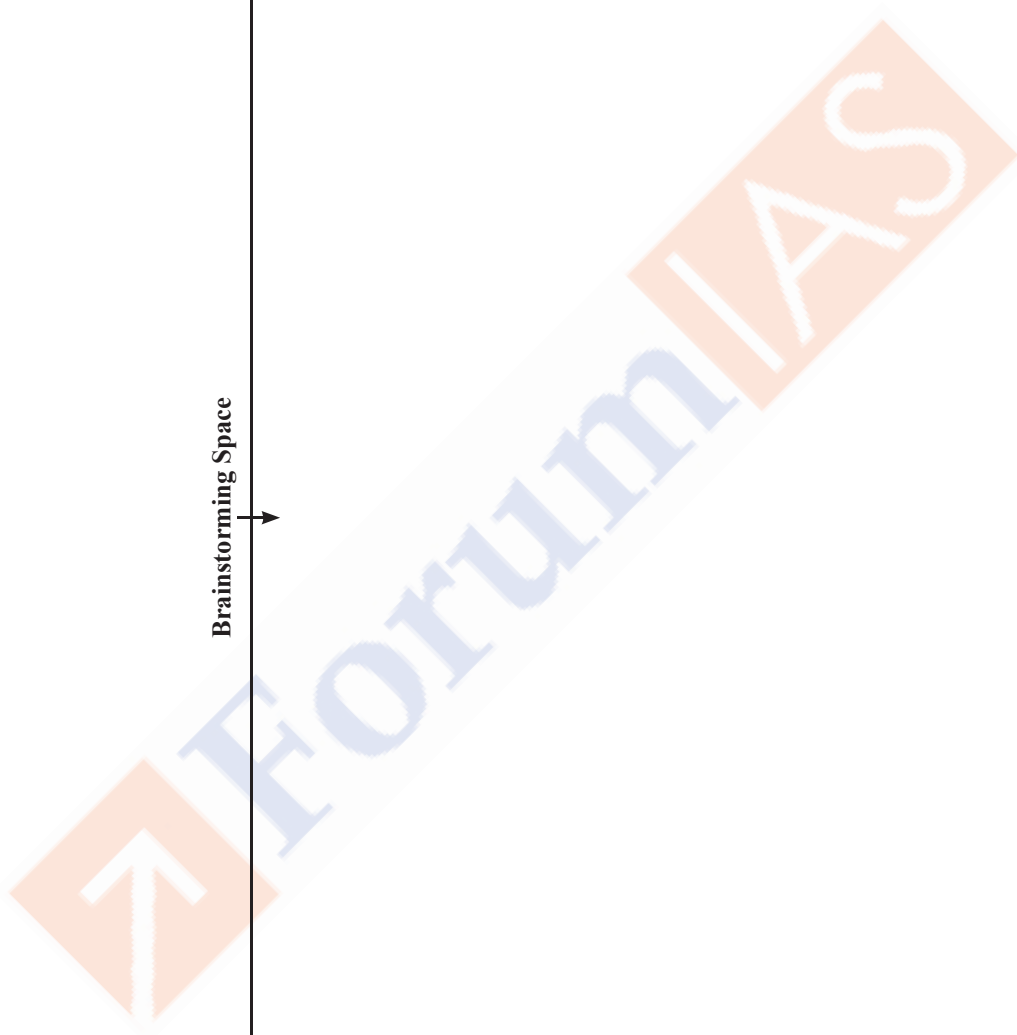
Q.44) Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

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Q.45) In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your view point. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

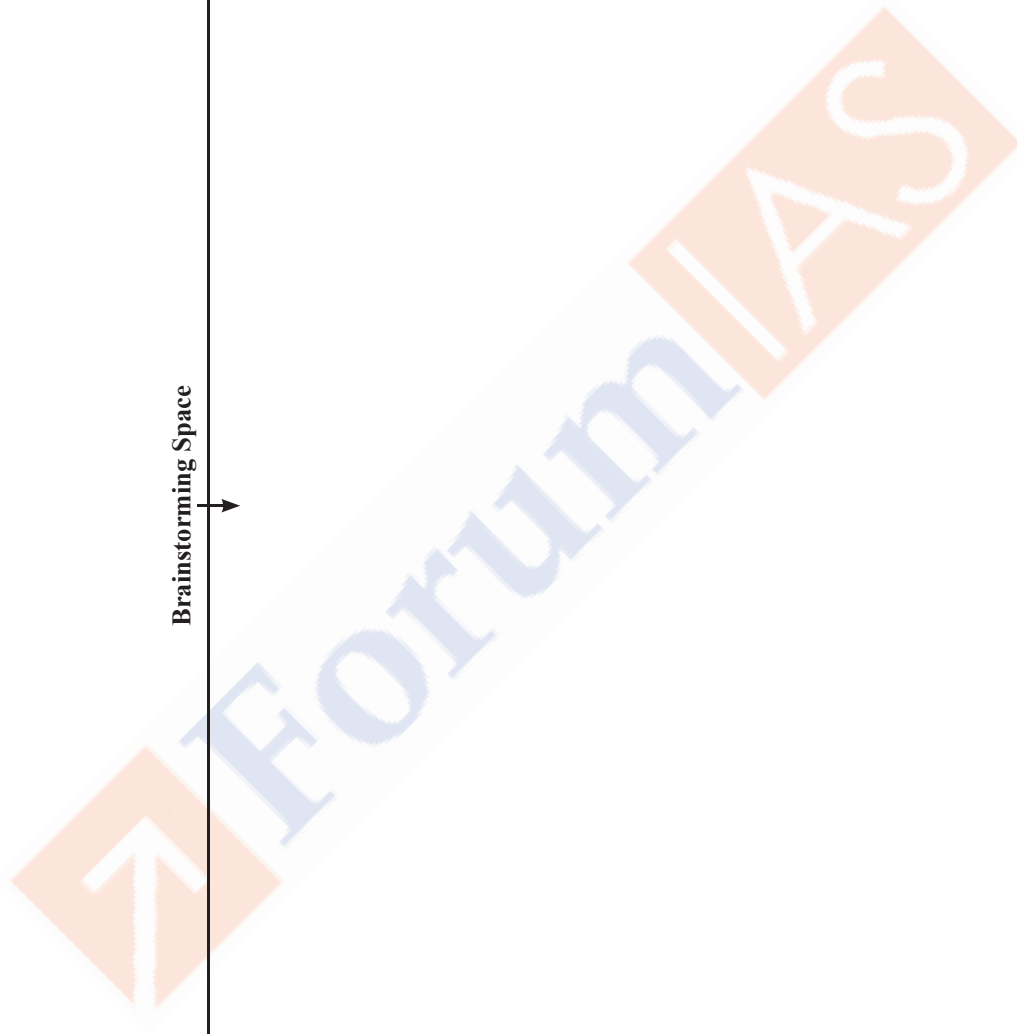
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Q.46) What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.

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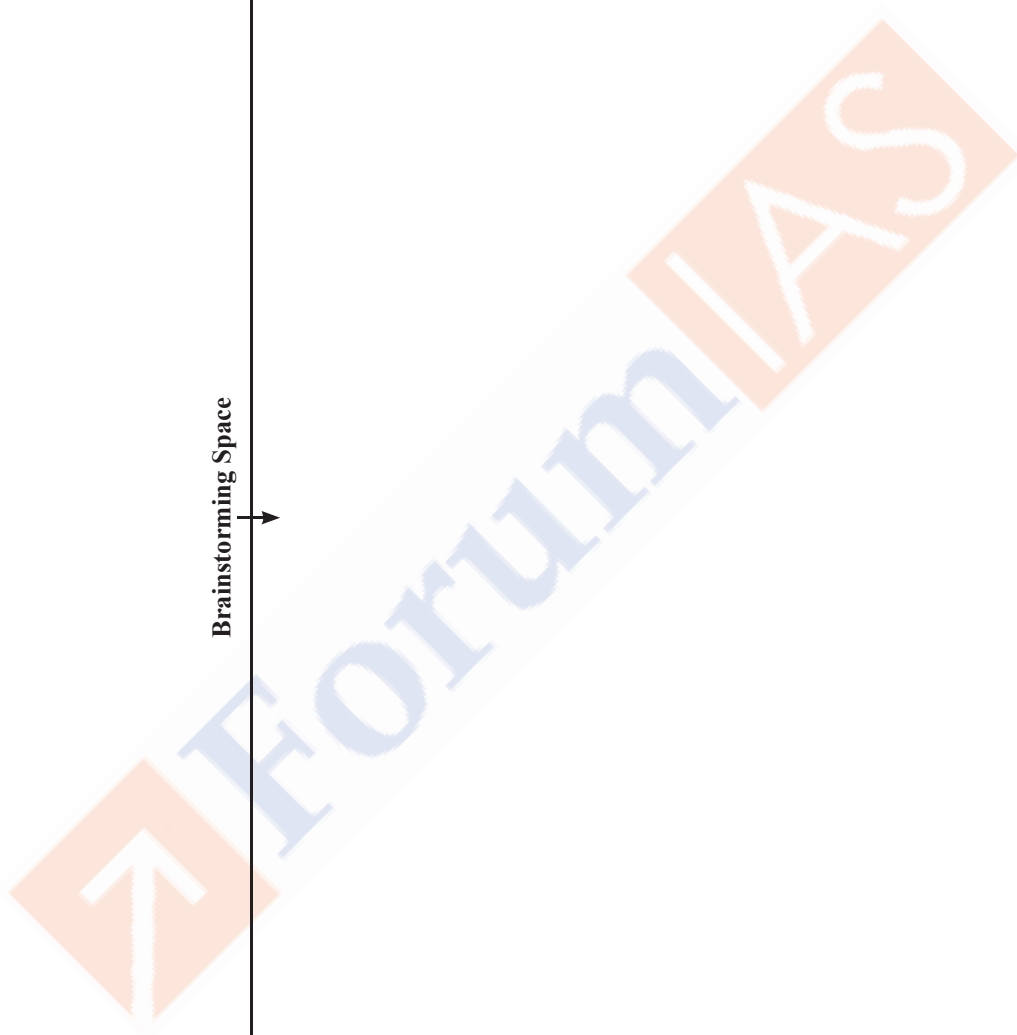
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Q.47) Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.

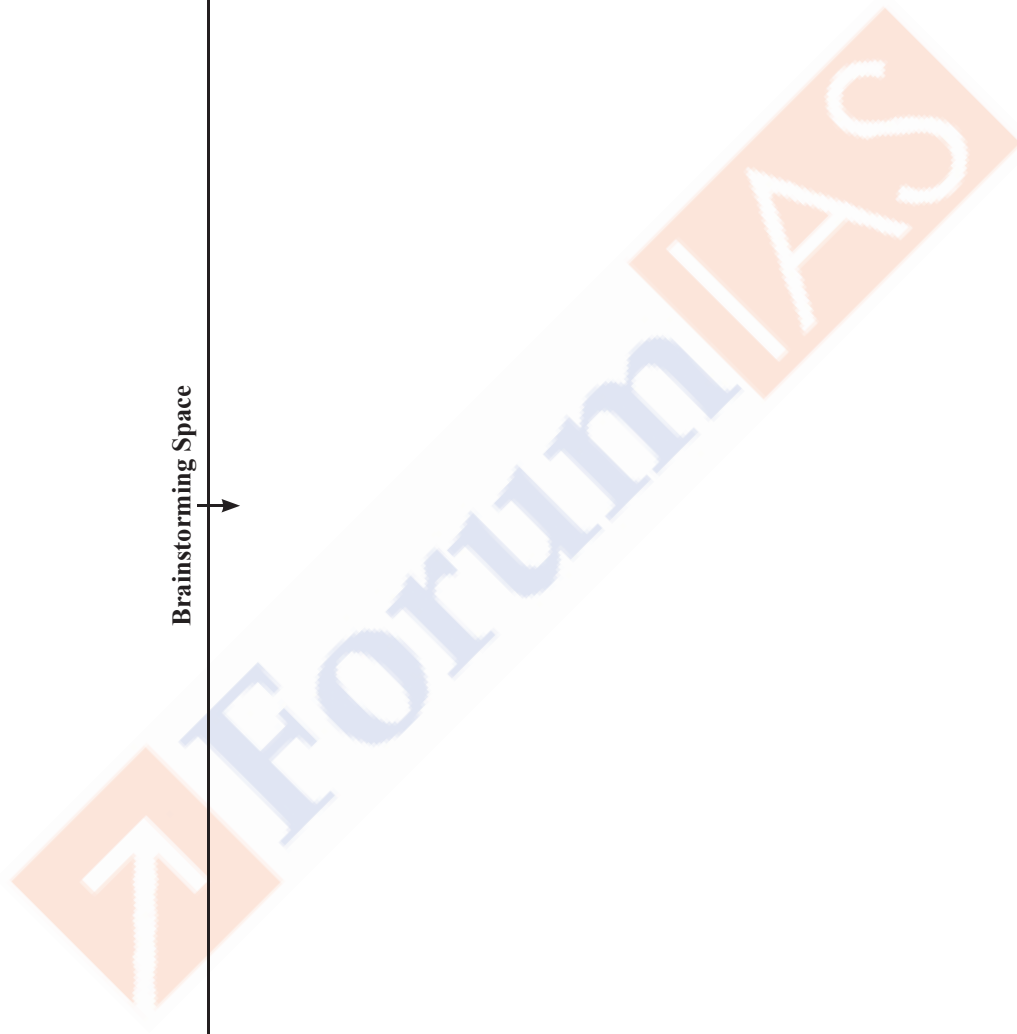
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Q.48) Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

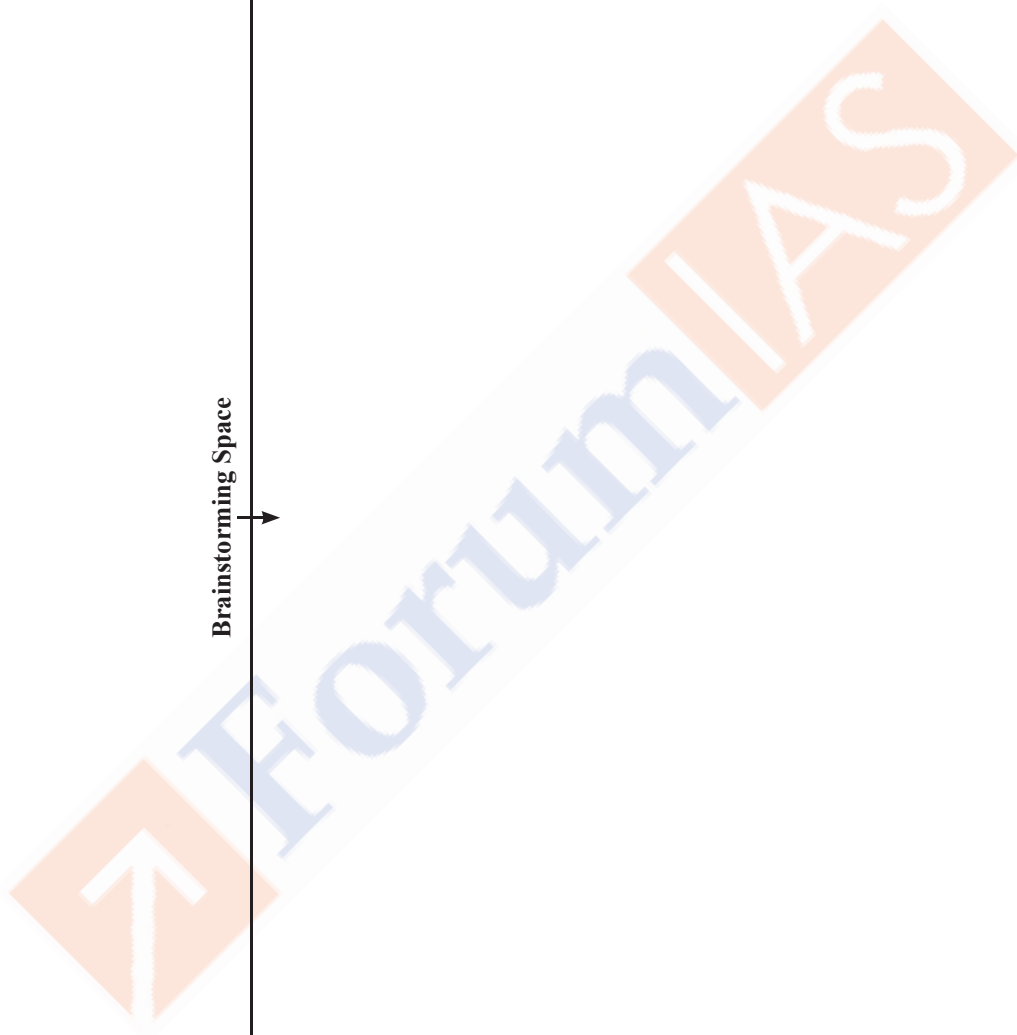
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Q.49) Discuss the problems in achieving National Integration of India.

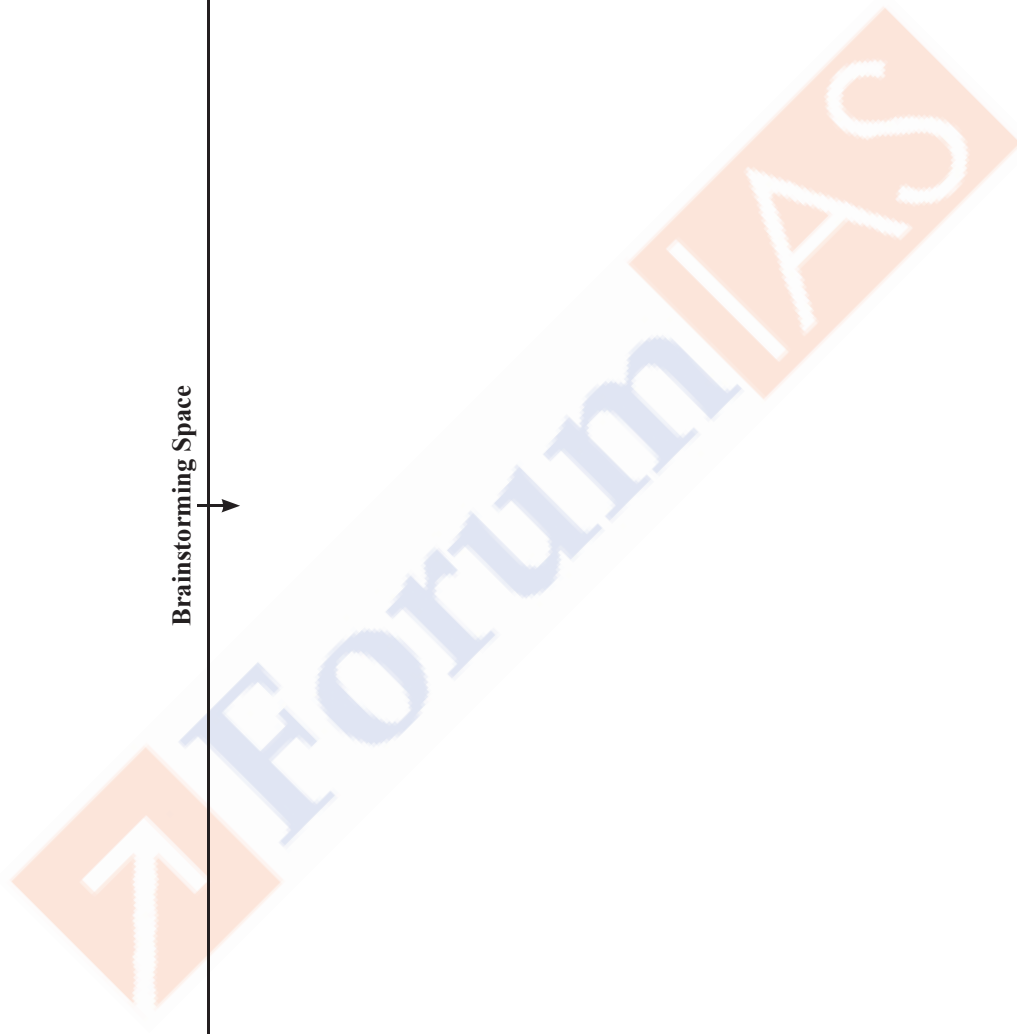
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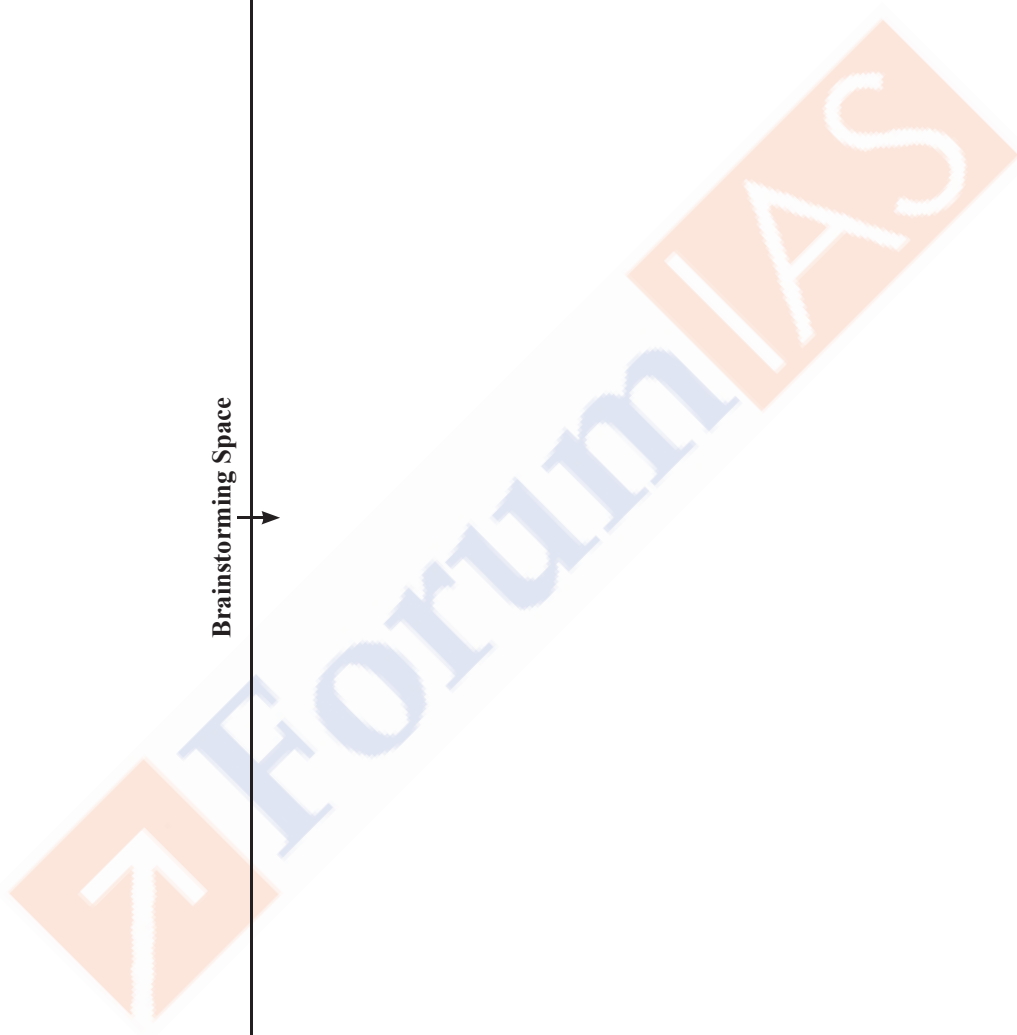
Q.50) What is regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian Polity. (15 Marks, 250)[2007]

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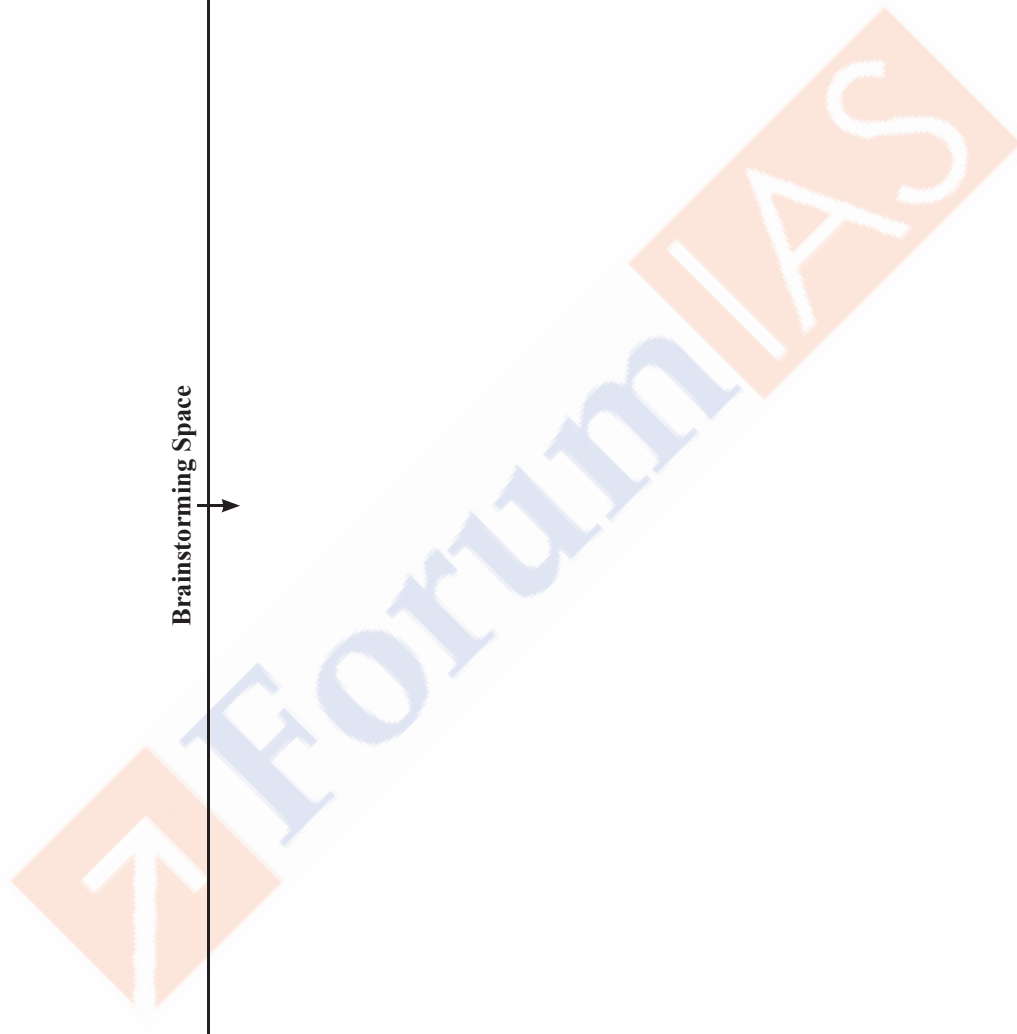
Q.51) "Political boundaries and regional boundaries need to be co-terminus." Do you agree? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2005]

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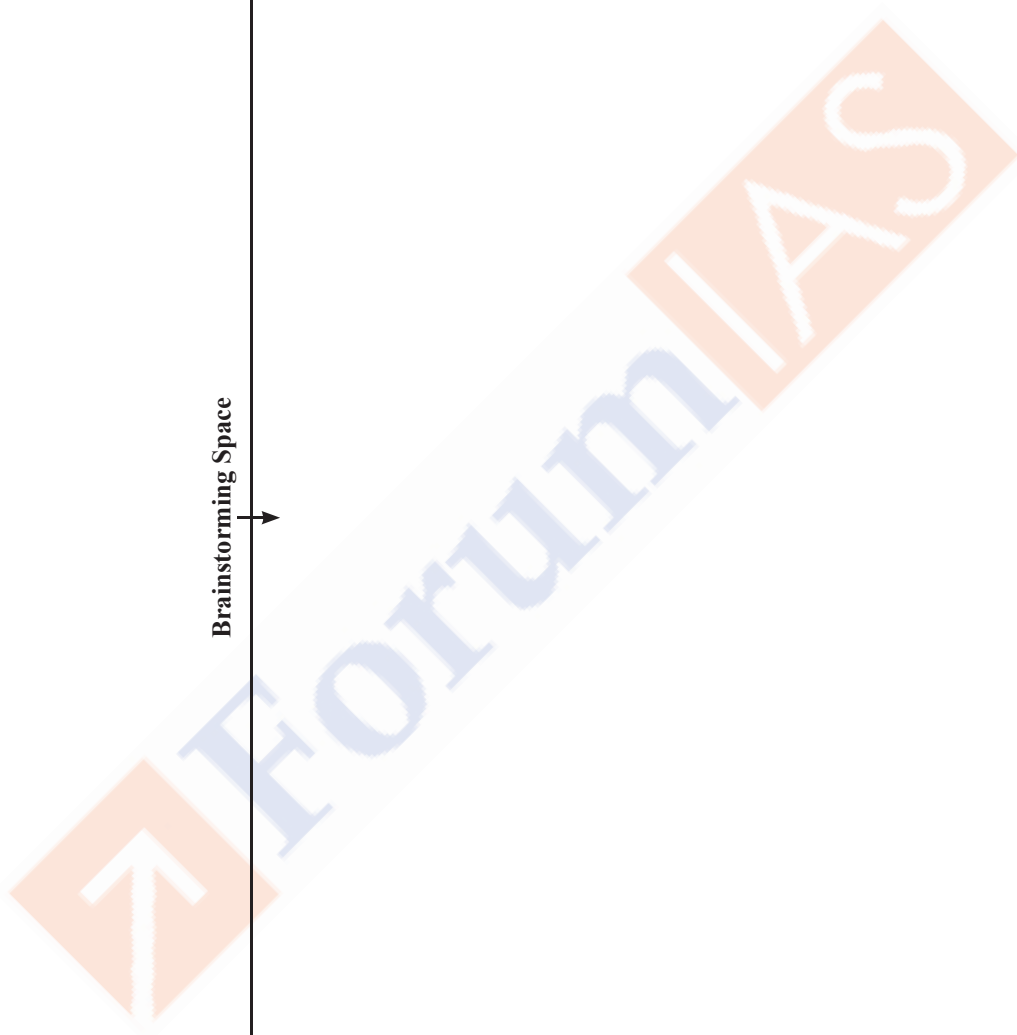
Q.52) What do you consider are the problems of National Integration in India? Suggest suitable remedies. (15 Marks, 250)[1988]

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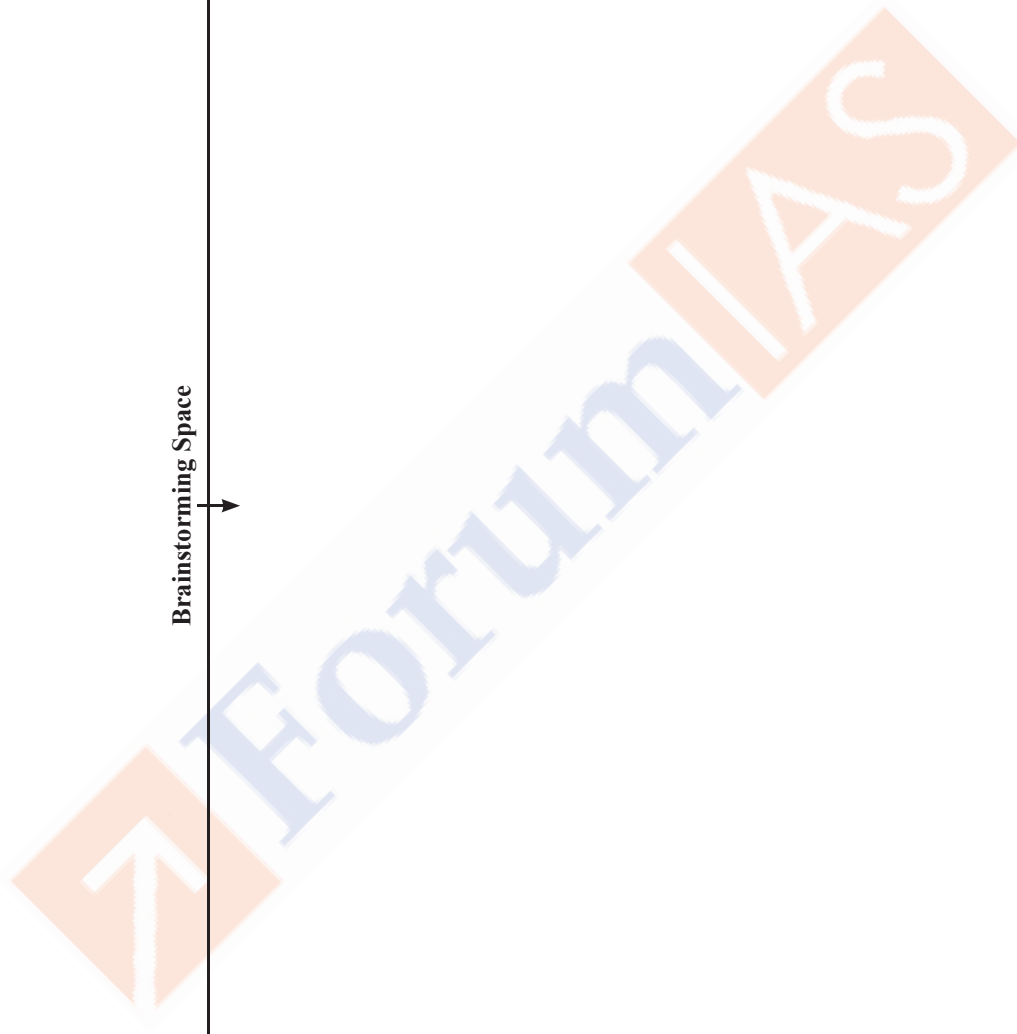
Q.53) Keeping in view the political developments in India explain how the need for the national integration and the demand for the regional autonomy can be reconciled. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1985]

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Q.54) Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion. (15 Marks, 250)[2022]

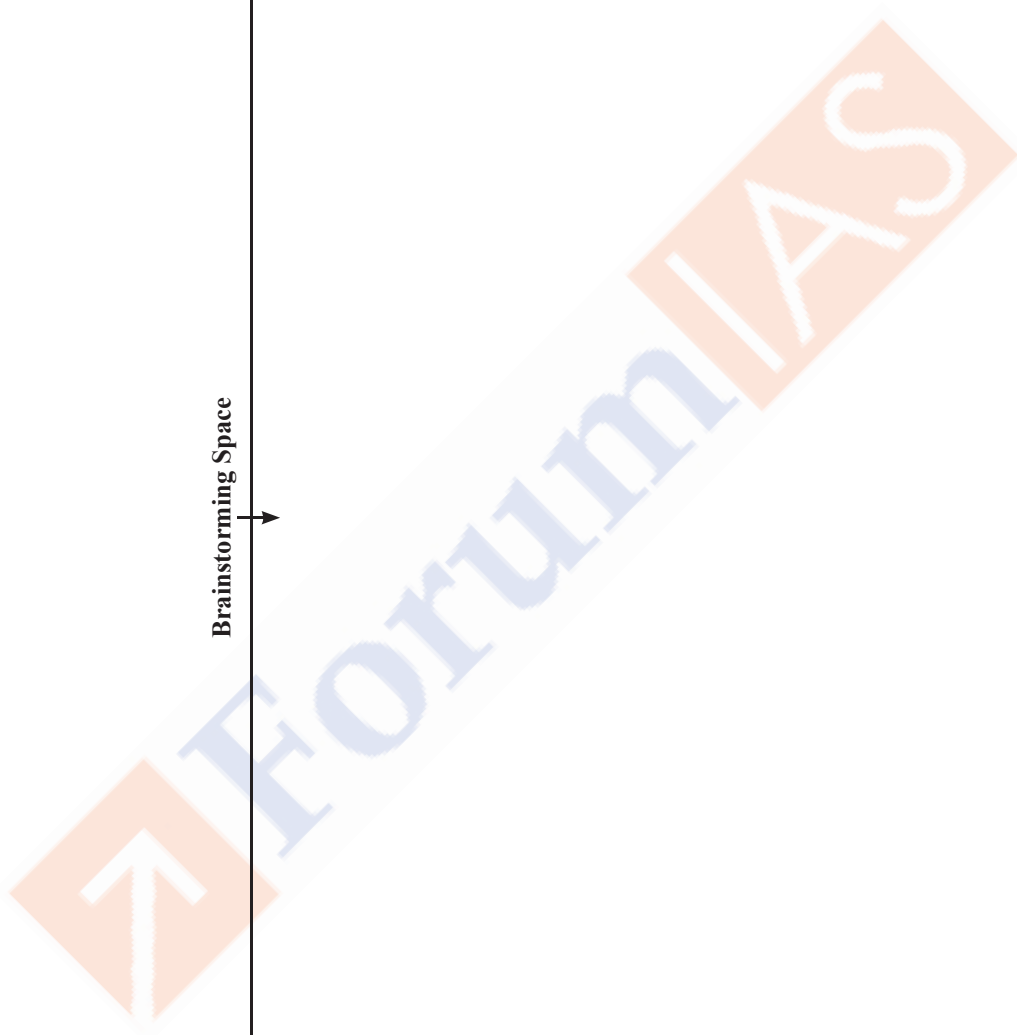
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Q.55) Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.

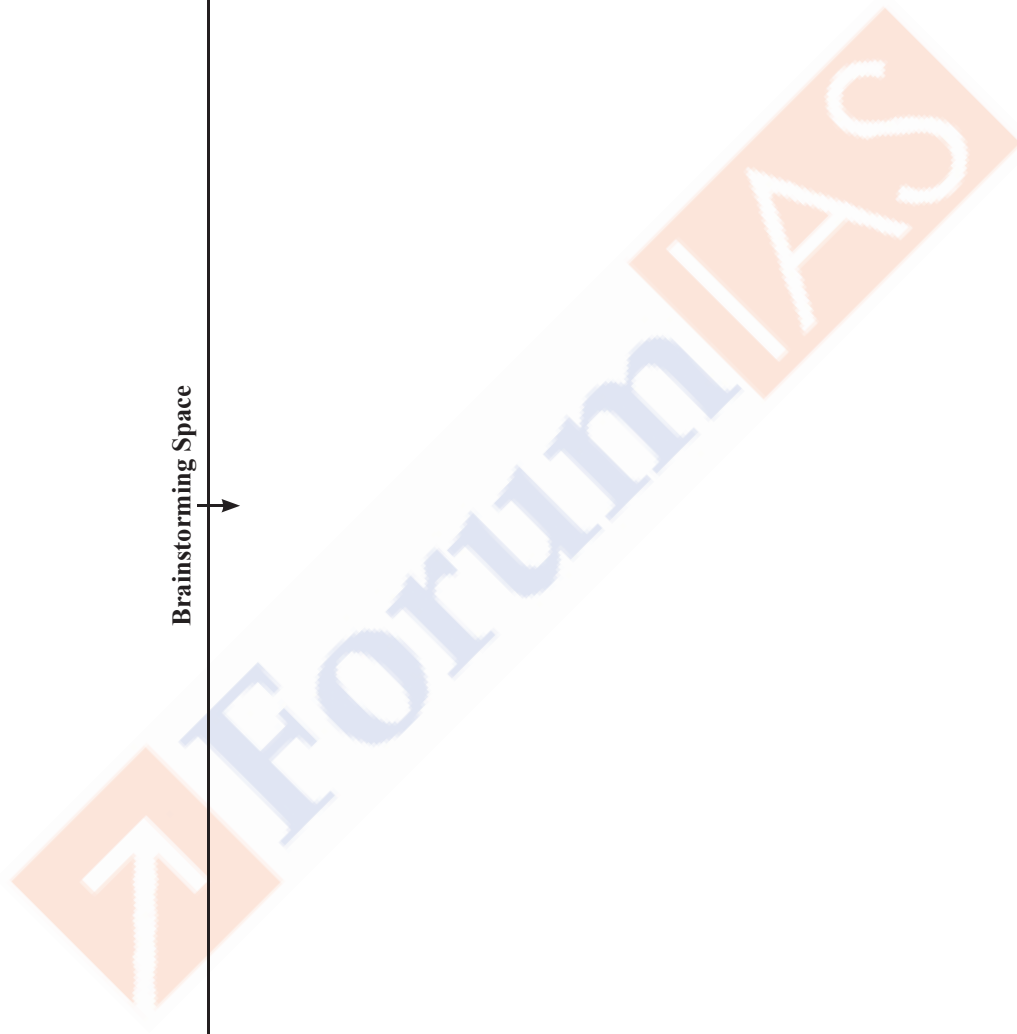
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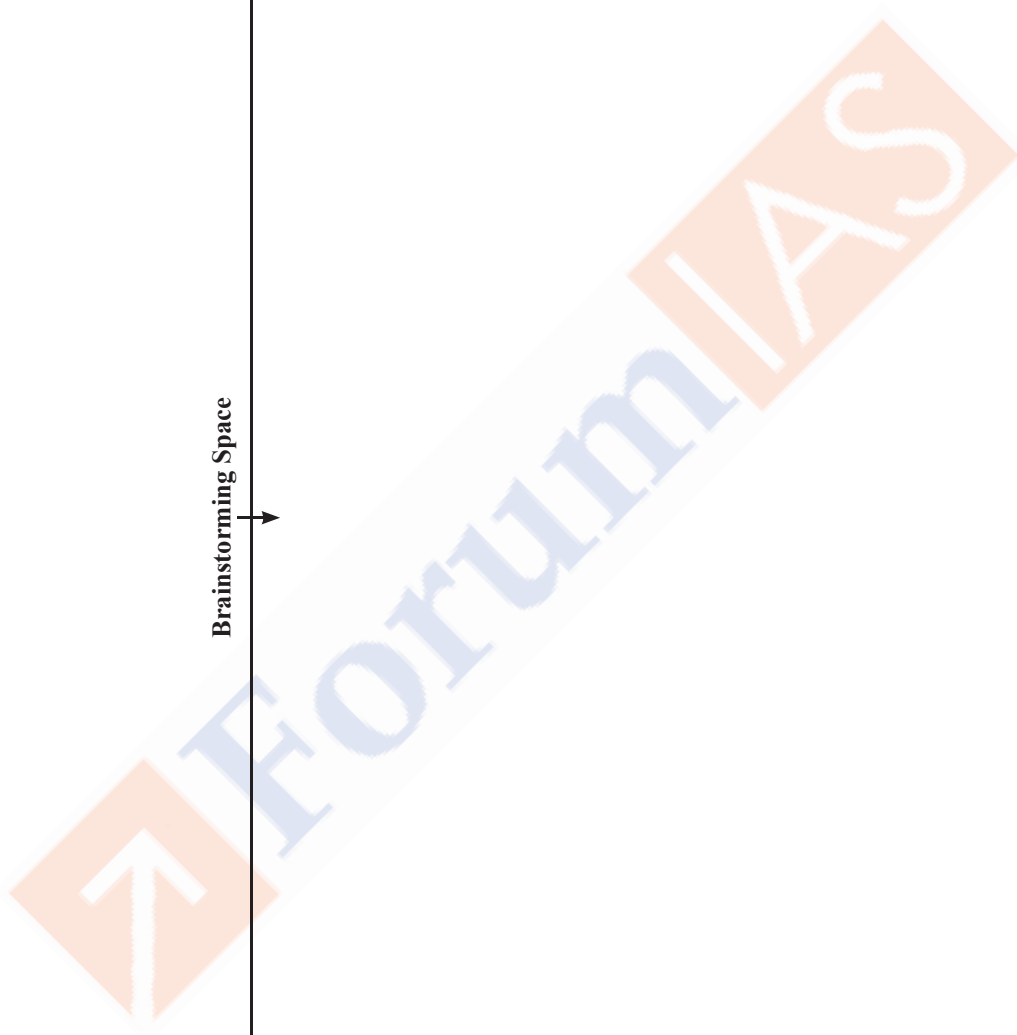
Q.56) What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

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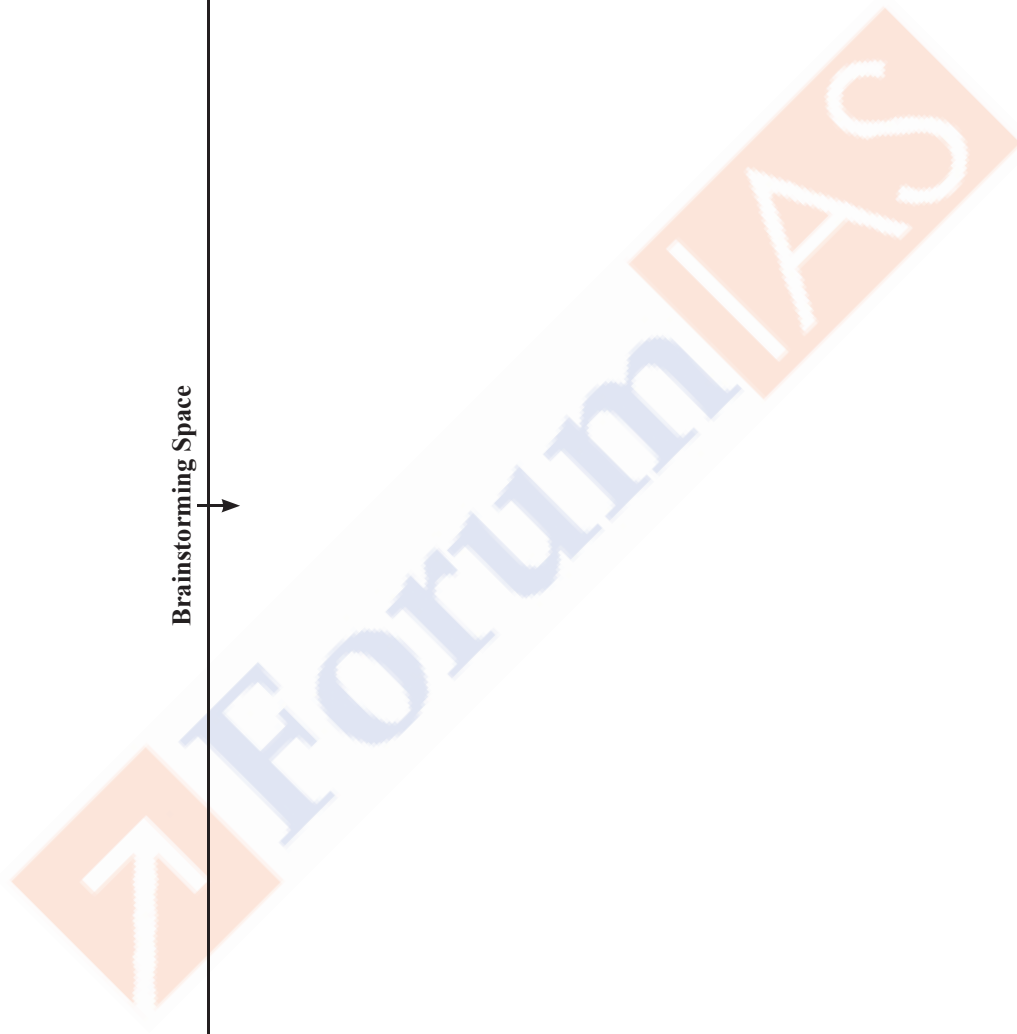
Q.57) How is the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

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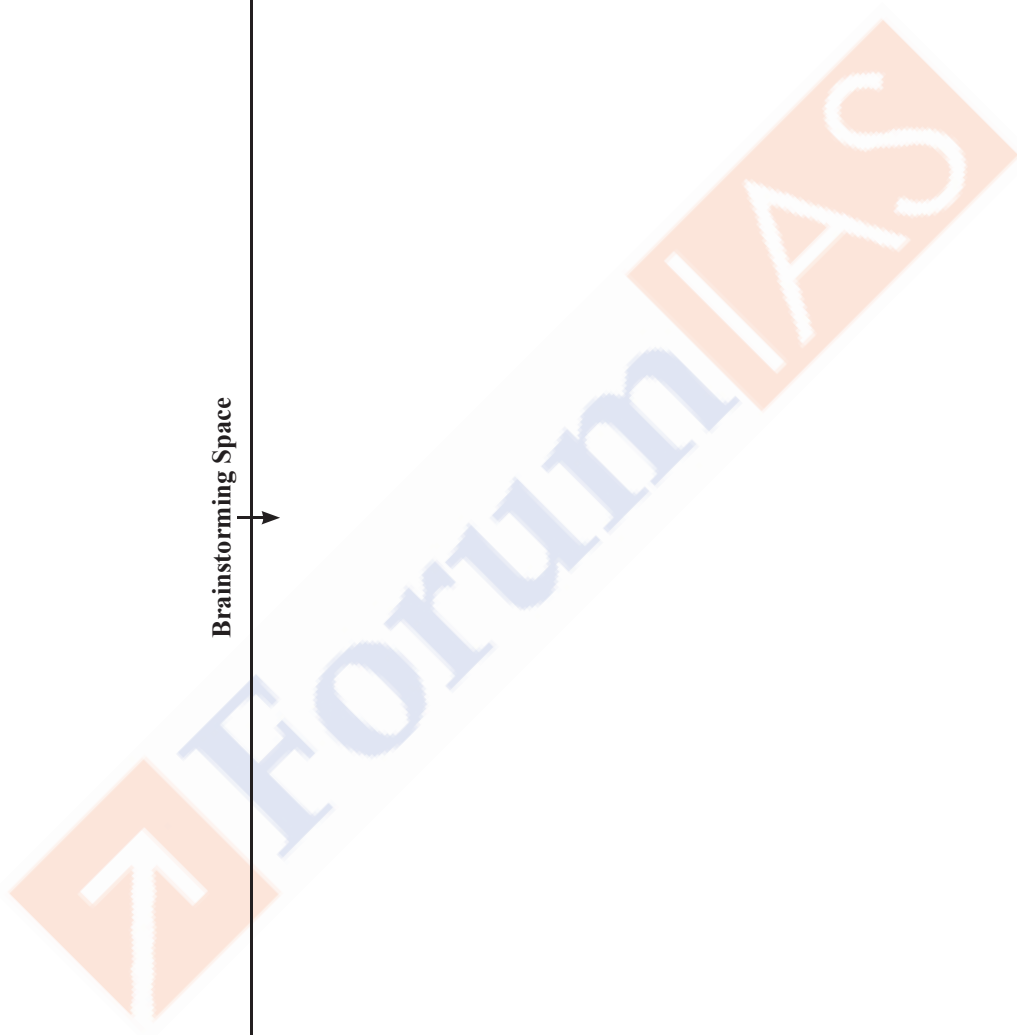
Q.58) The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate. (15 Marks, 250)[2017]

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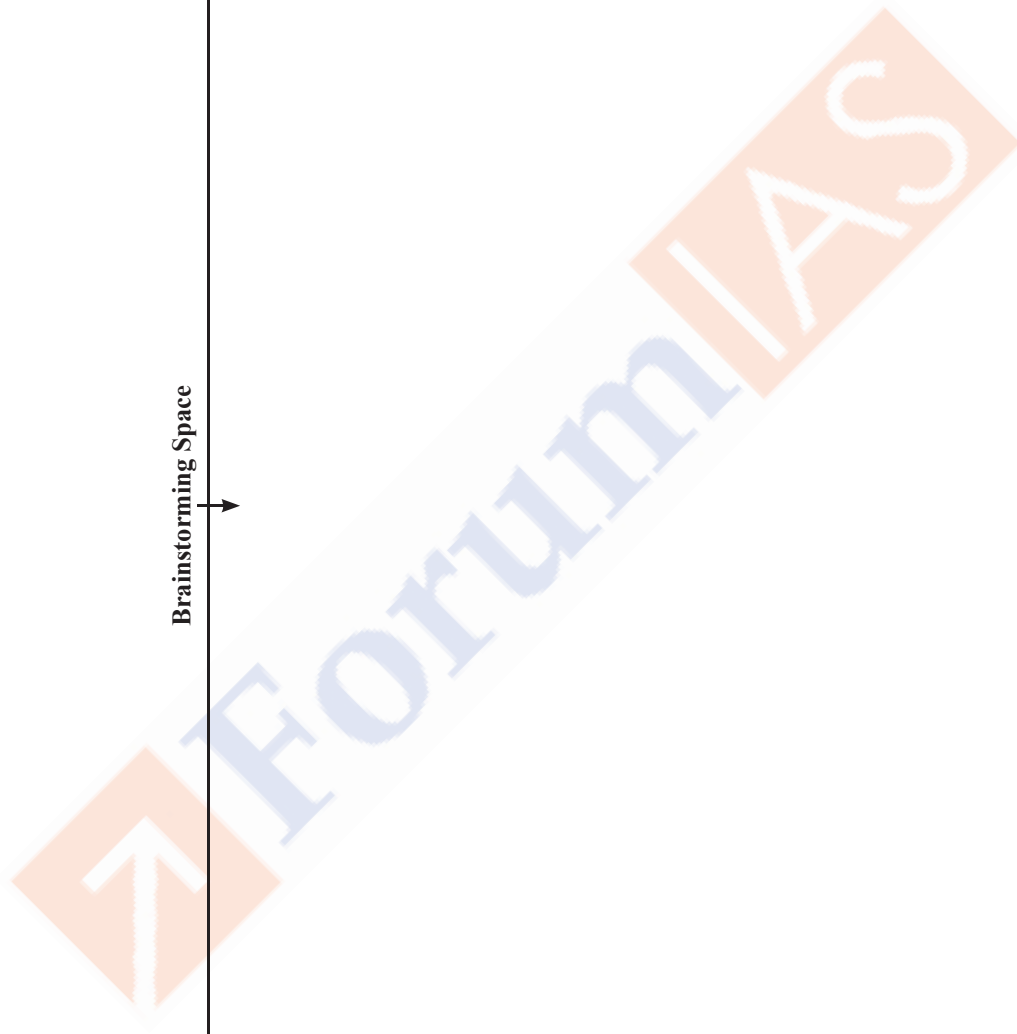
Q.59) How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?
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Q.60) How does smart city in India, address the issues of urban poverty and distributive justice ?
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

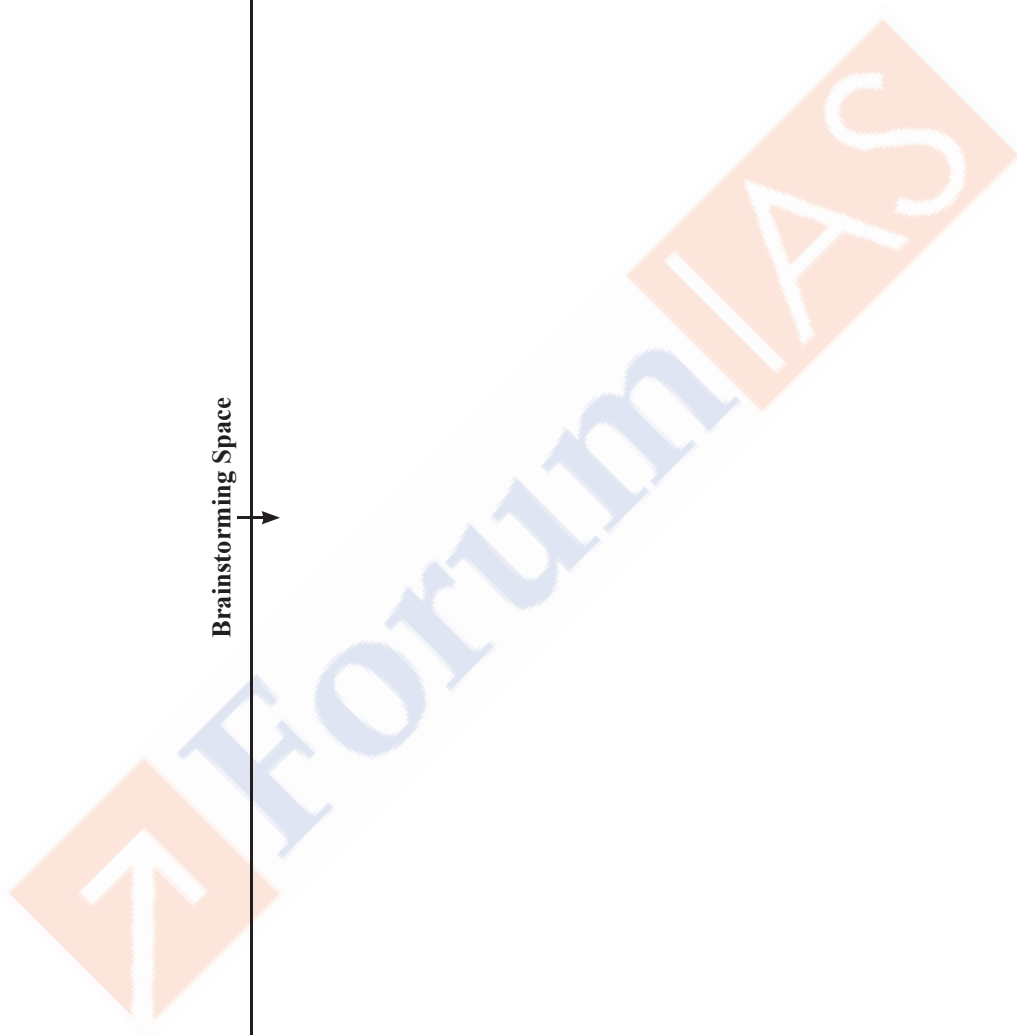
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Q.61) With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme'.

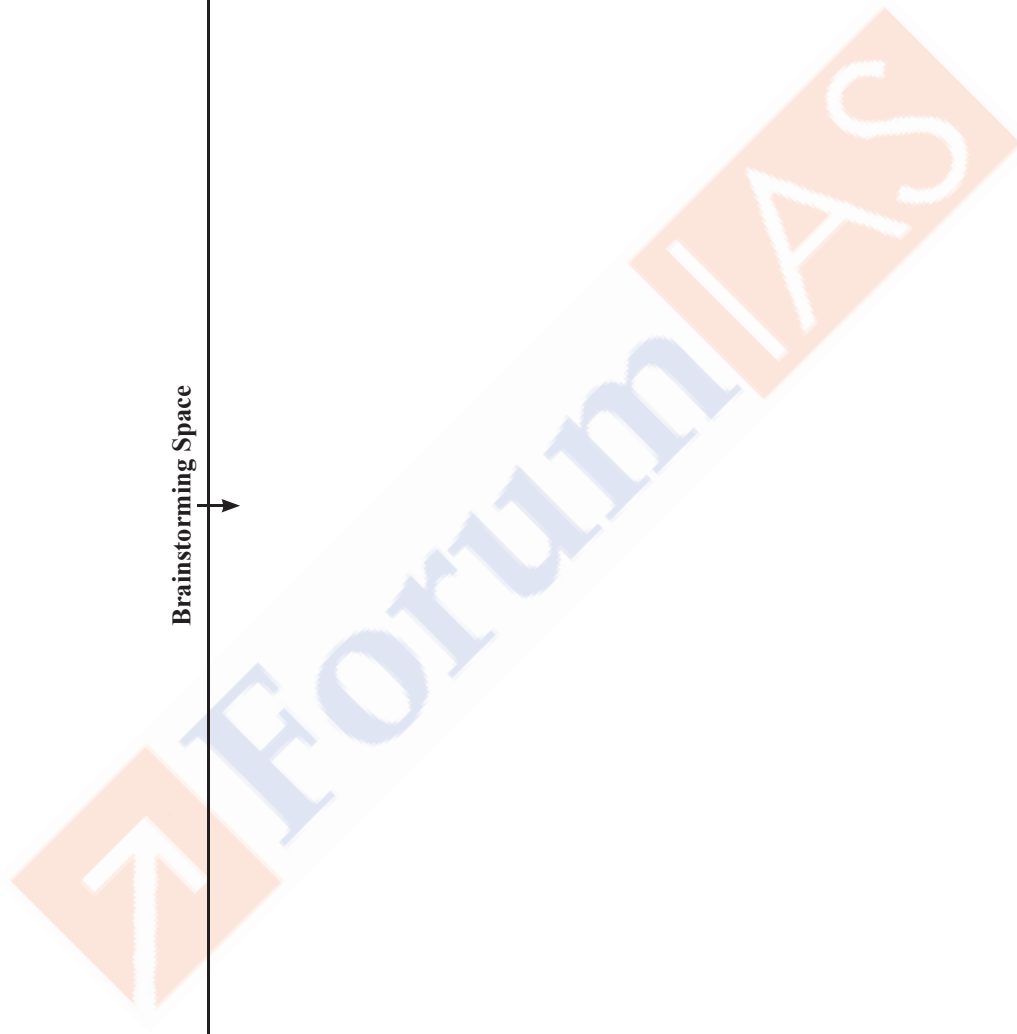
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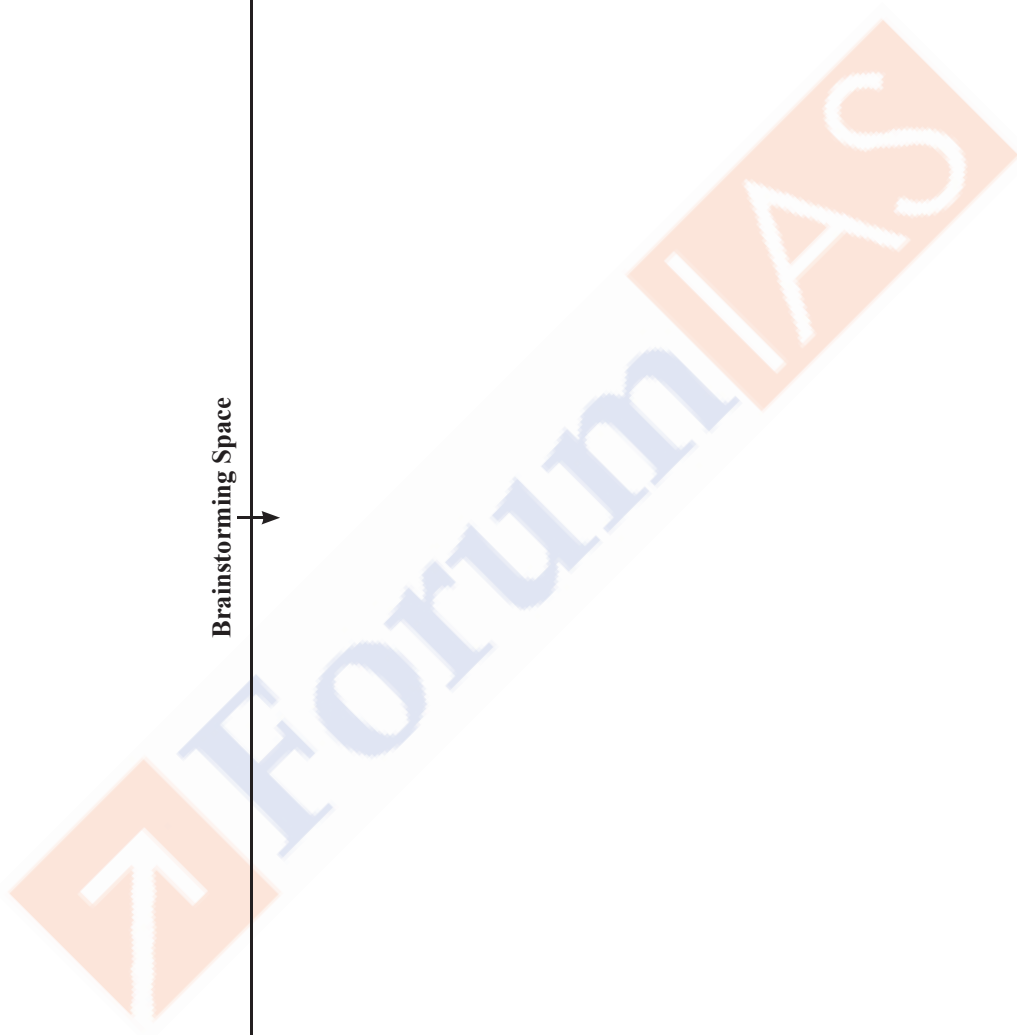
Q.62) Achieving sustainable growth with emphasis on environmental protection could come into conflict with poor people's needs in a country like India – Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

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Q.63) Does urbanisation lead to more segregation and/or marginalisation of the poor in Indian metropolises? (15 Marks, 250)[2023]

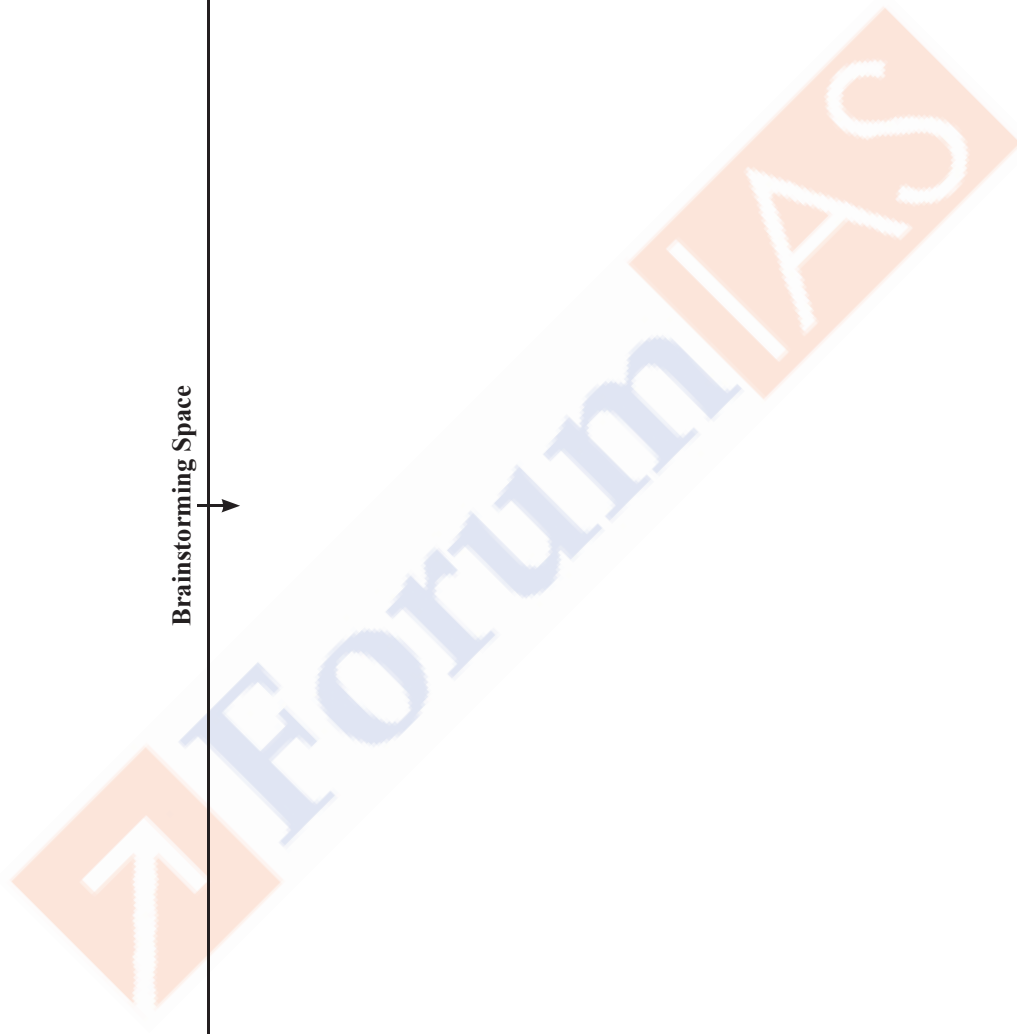
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Q.64) Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India.

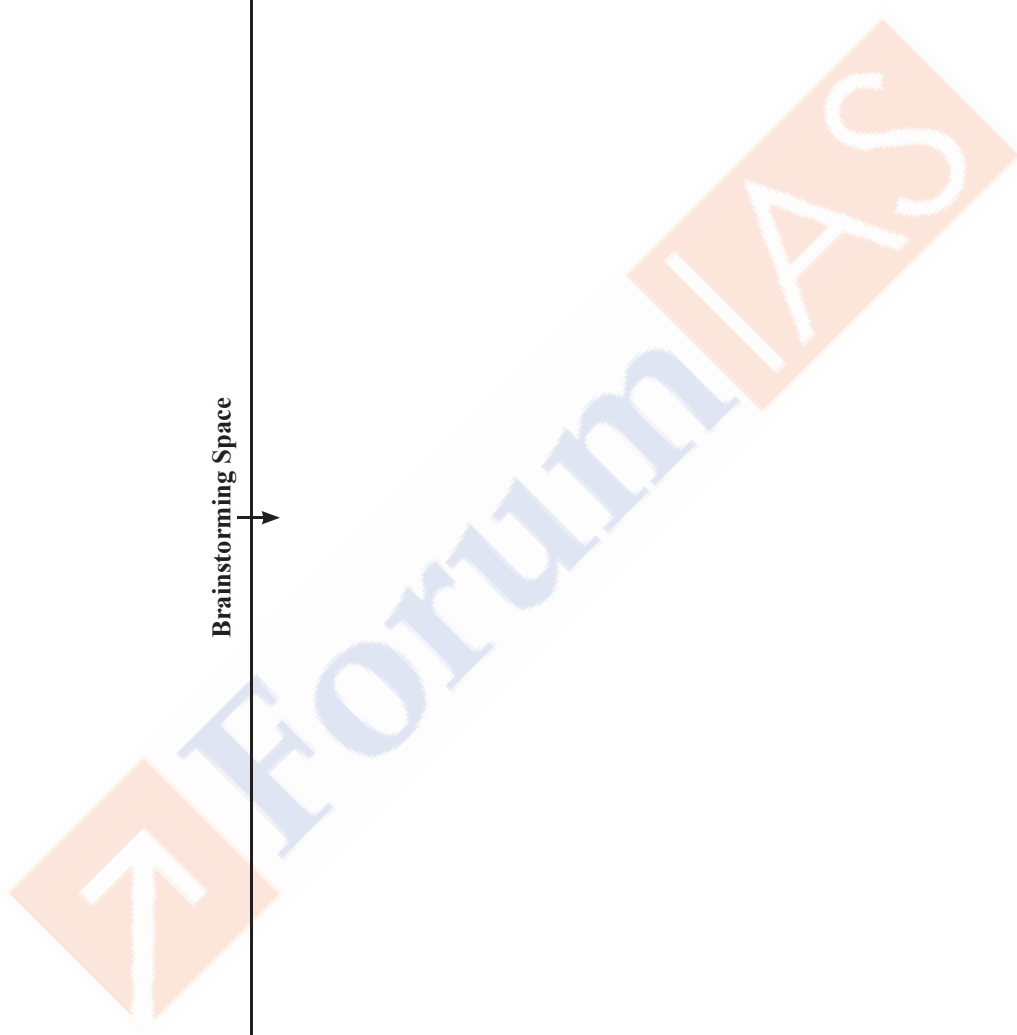
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Q.65) Explain the nature and causes of growing slum problems in the metropolitan cities of India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2007]

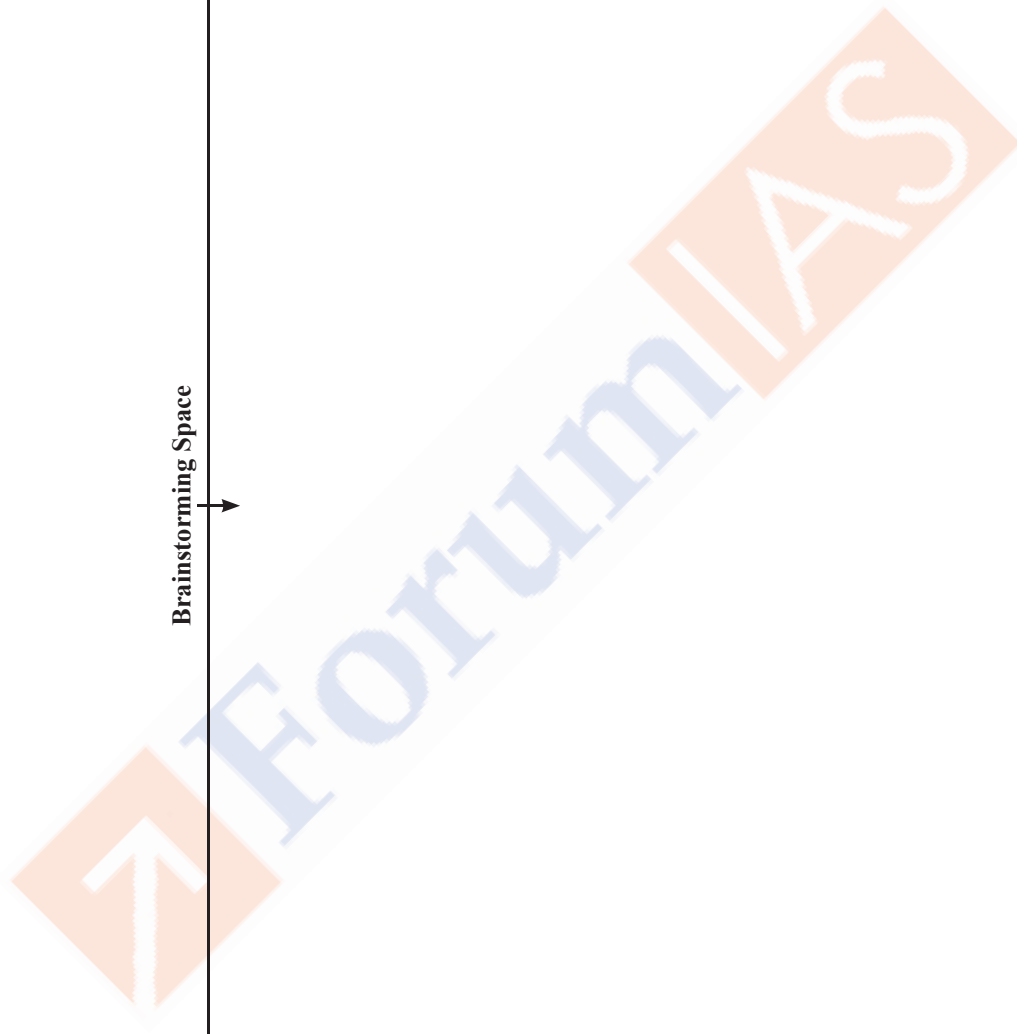
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Q.66) How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption?

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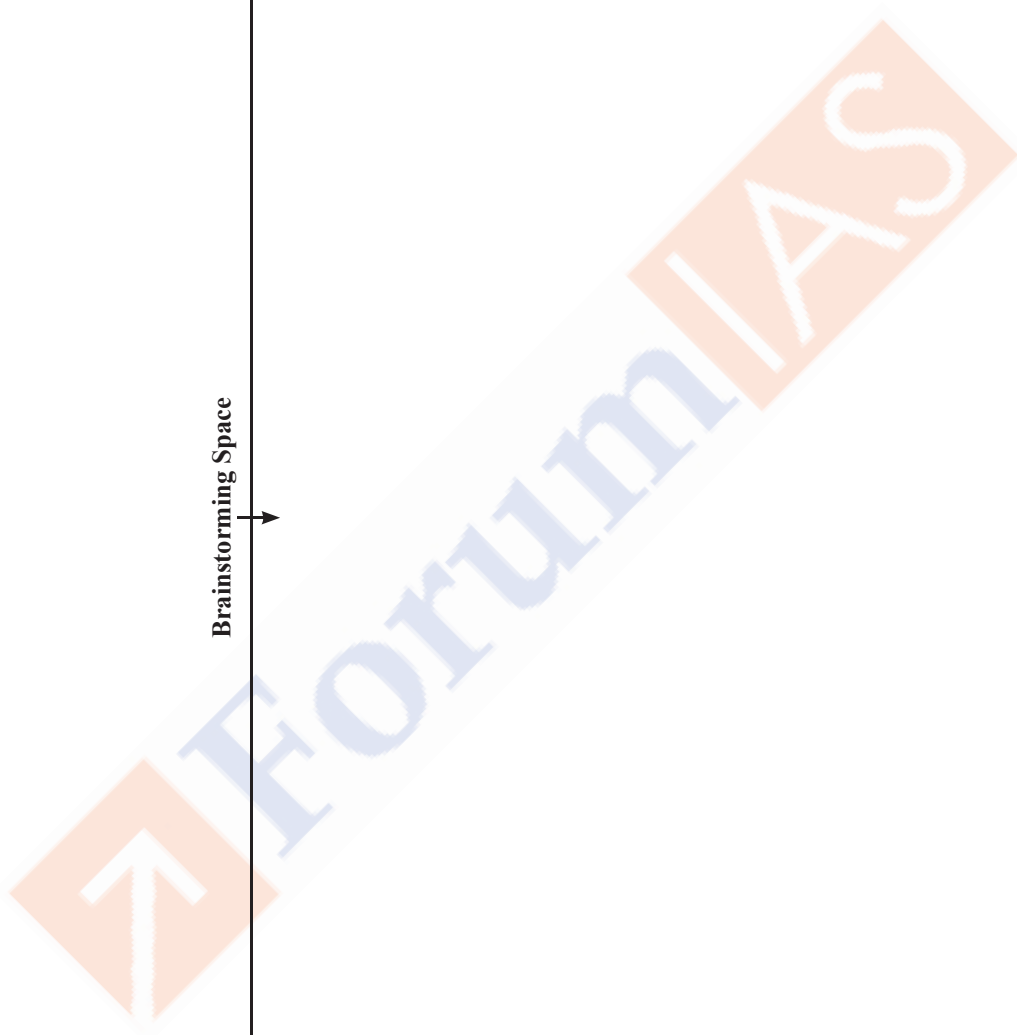
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Q.67) What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples.

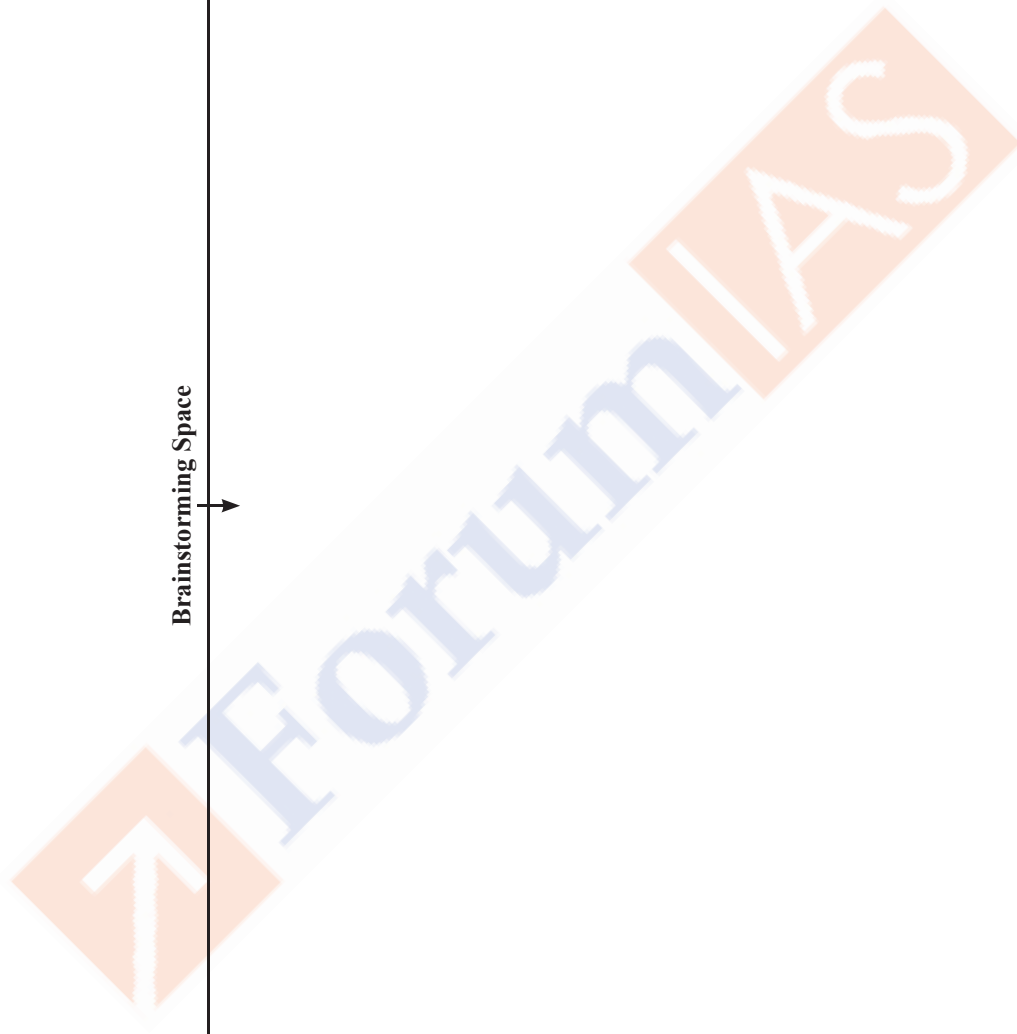
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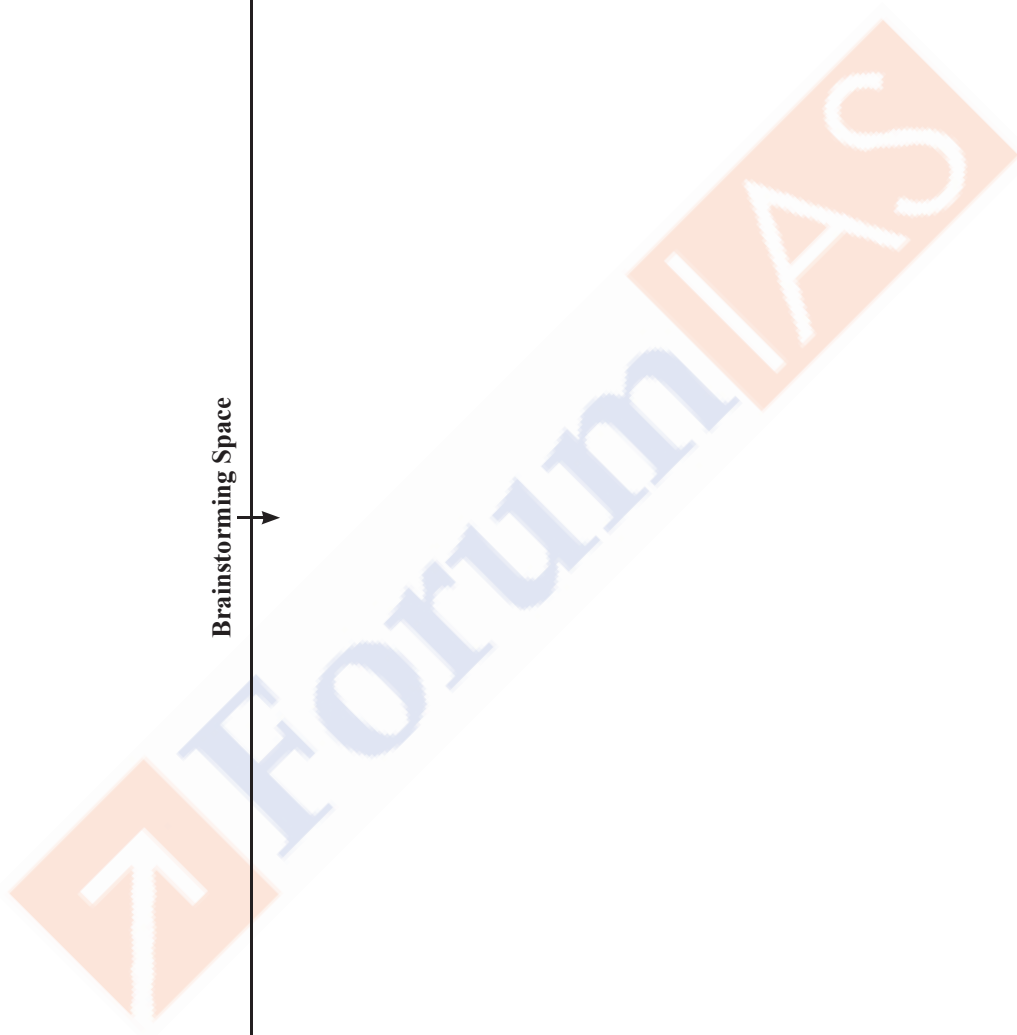
Q.68) How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development of India? (15 Marks, 250)[2019]

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Q.69) Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

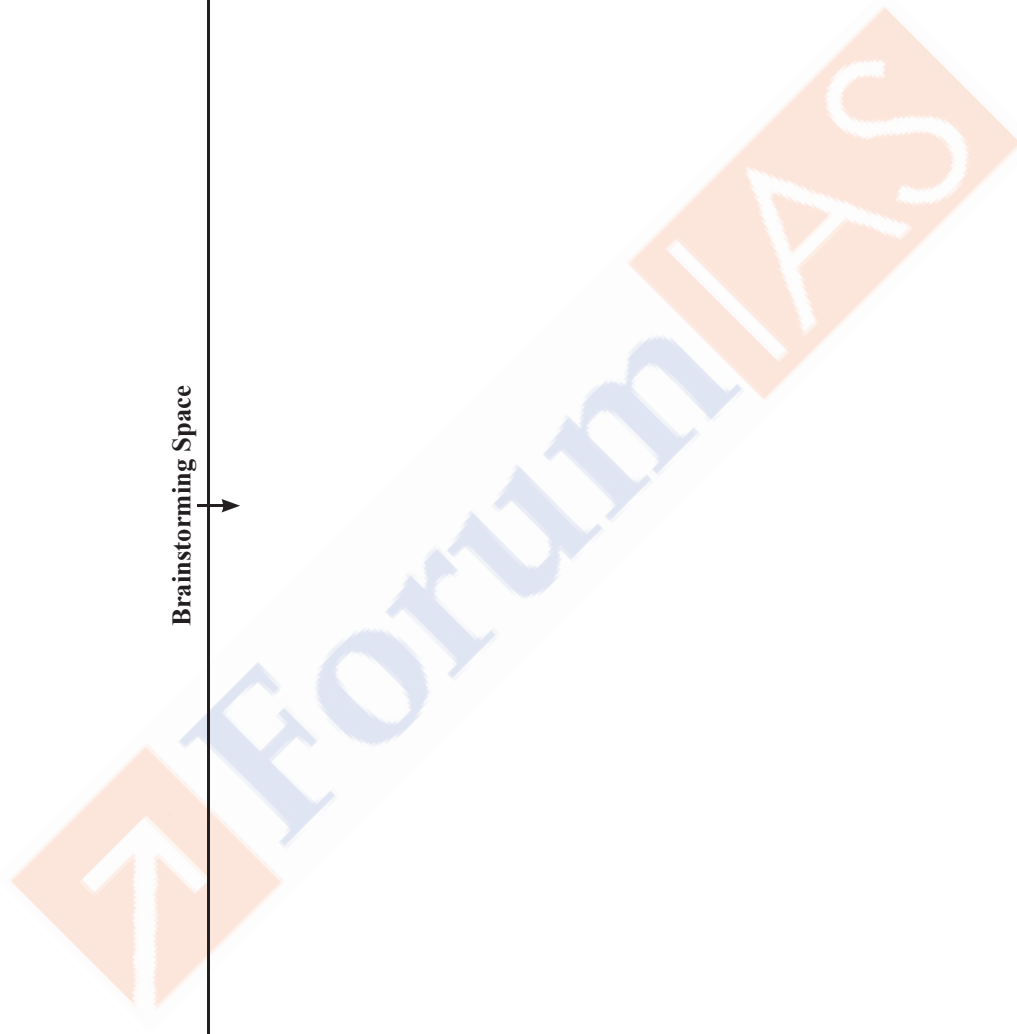
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Q.70) Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss this statement in the backdrop of rural urban integration.

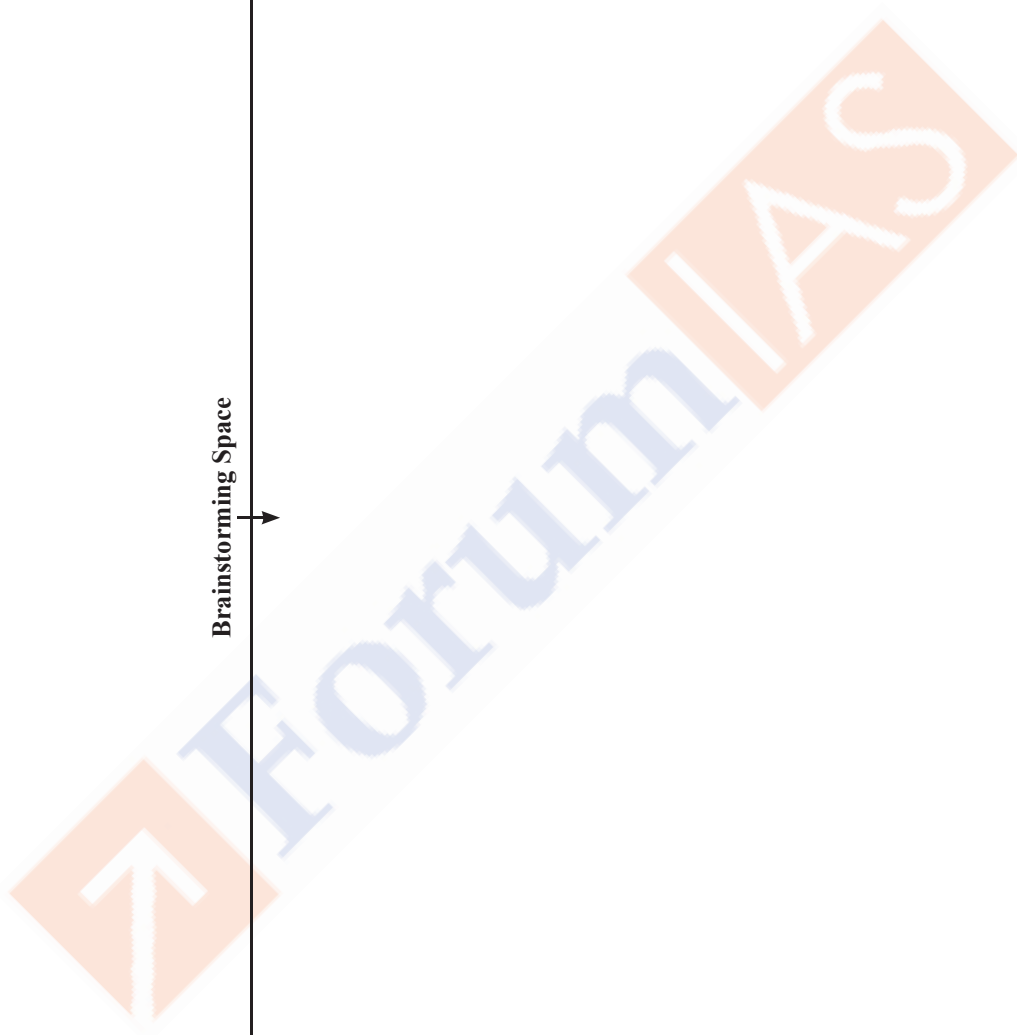
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Q.71) The conditions of the urban poor are more deplorable than that of their rural counterparts. Give your views. (15 Marks, 250)[2008]

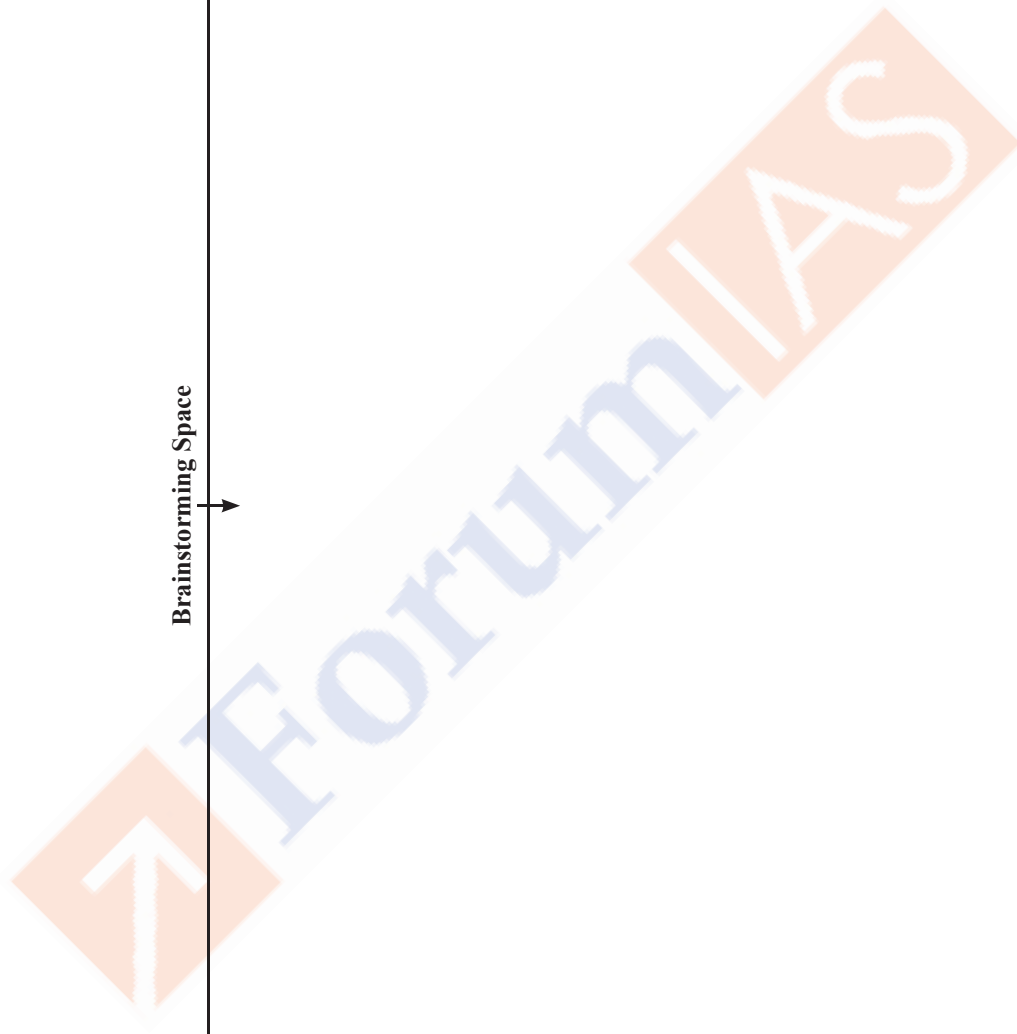
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Q.72) The ethos of civil service in India stand for the combination of professionalism with nationalistic consciousness – Elucidate.

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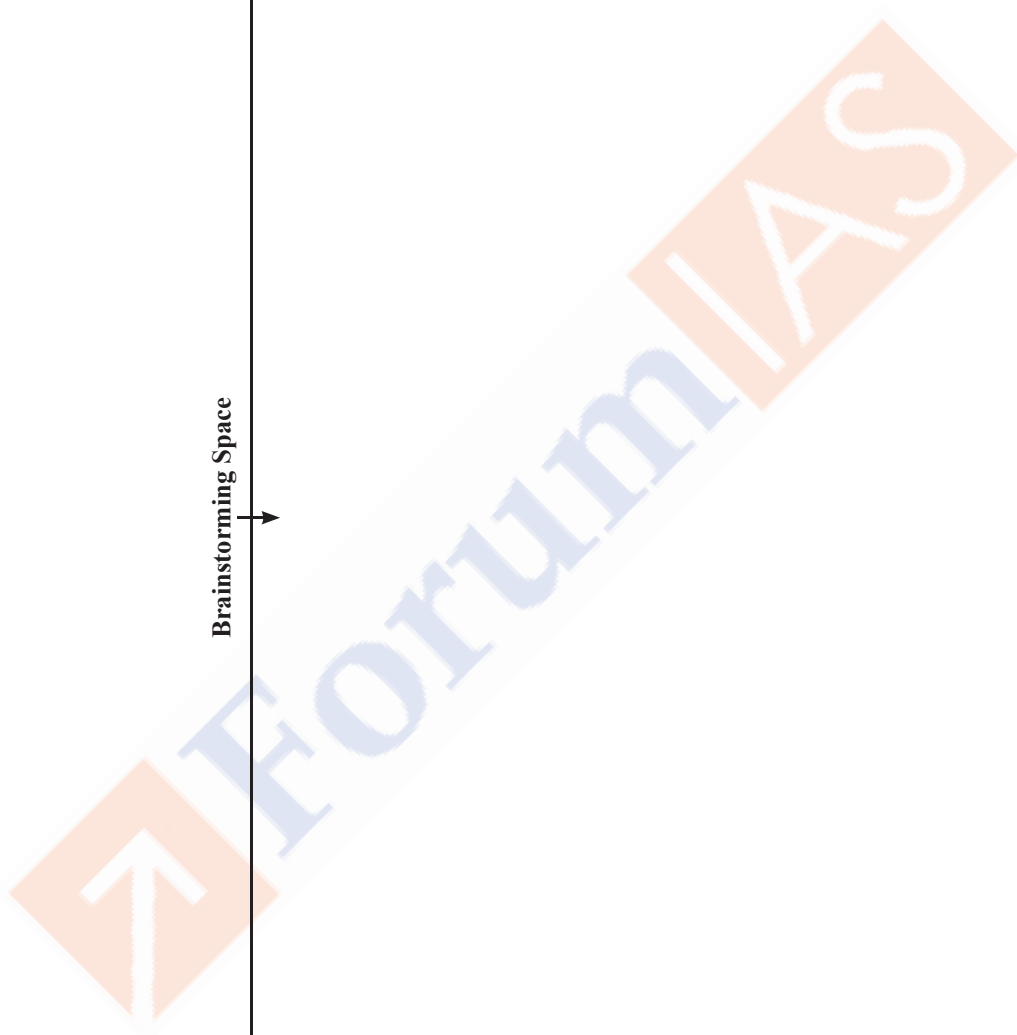
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Q.73) Does tribal development in India centre around two axes, those of displacement and of rehabilitation? Give your opinion.

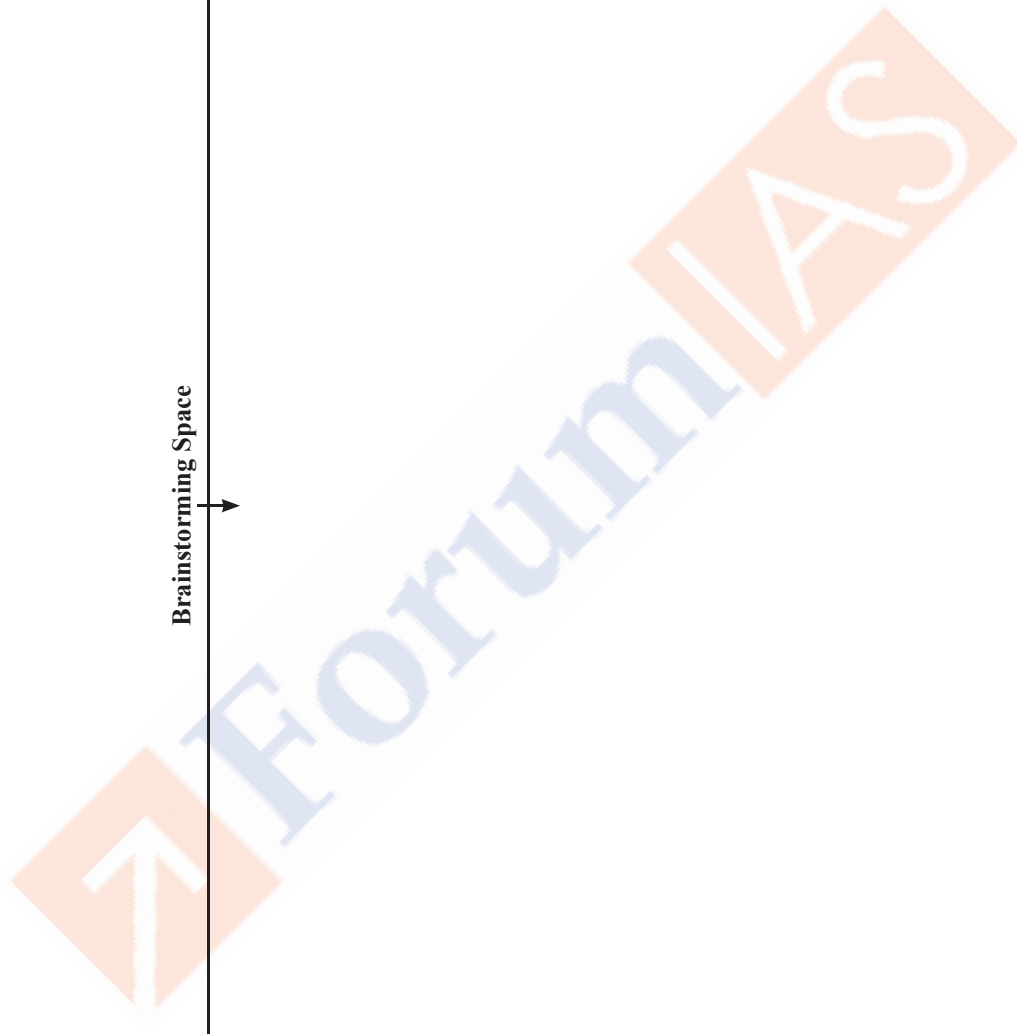
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Q.74) What type of cooperation between the government, NGOs, and private sectors would be most effective in tackling socio-economic issues of development? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2024]

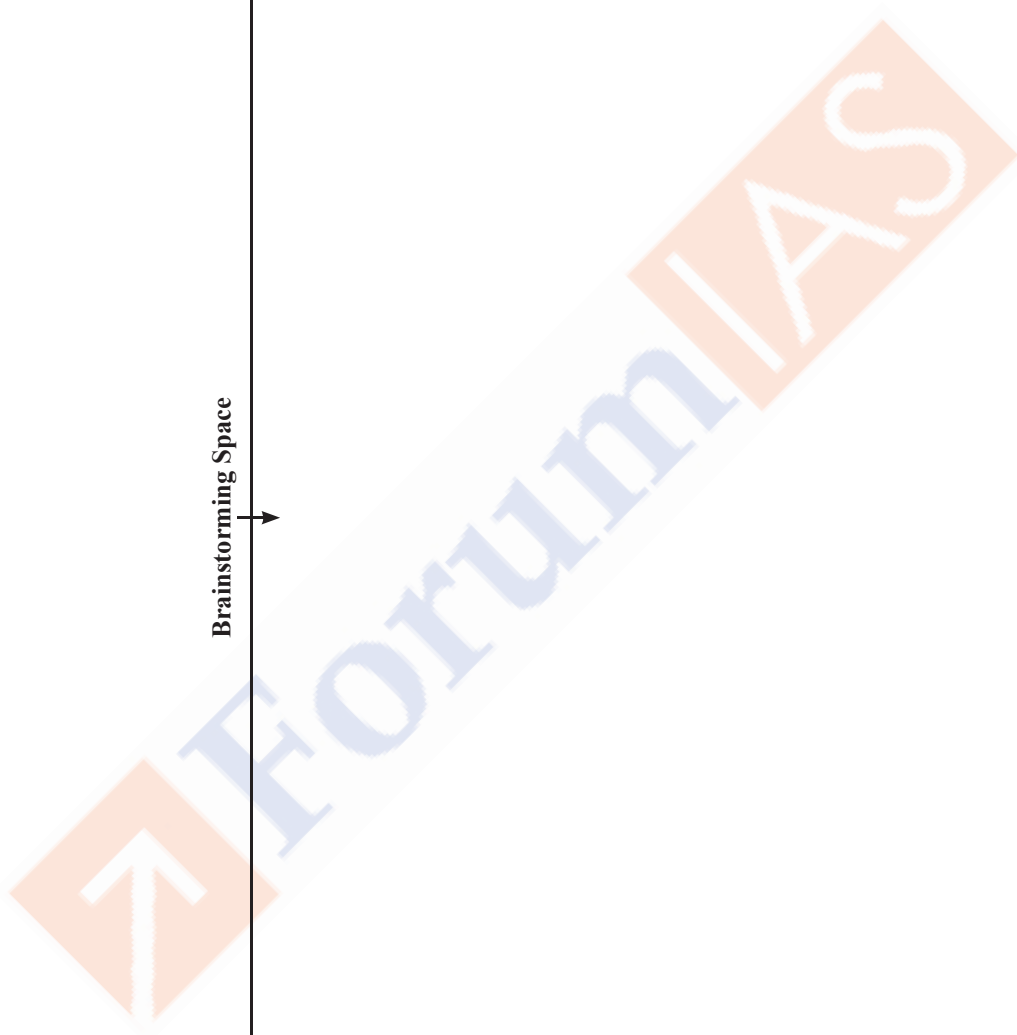
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Q.75) Distinguish between gender equality, gender equity and women's empowerment. Why is it important to take gender concerns into account in programme design and implementation?

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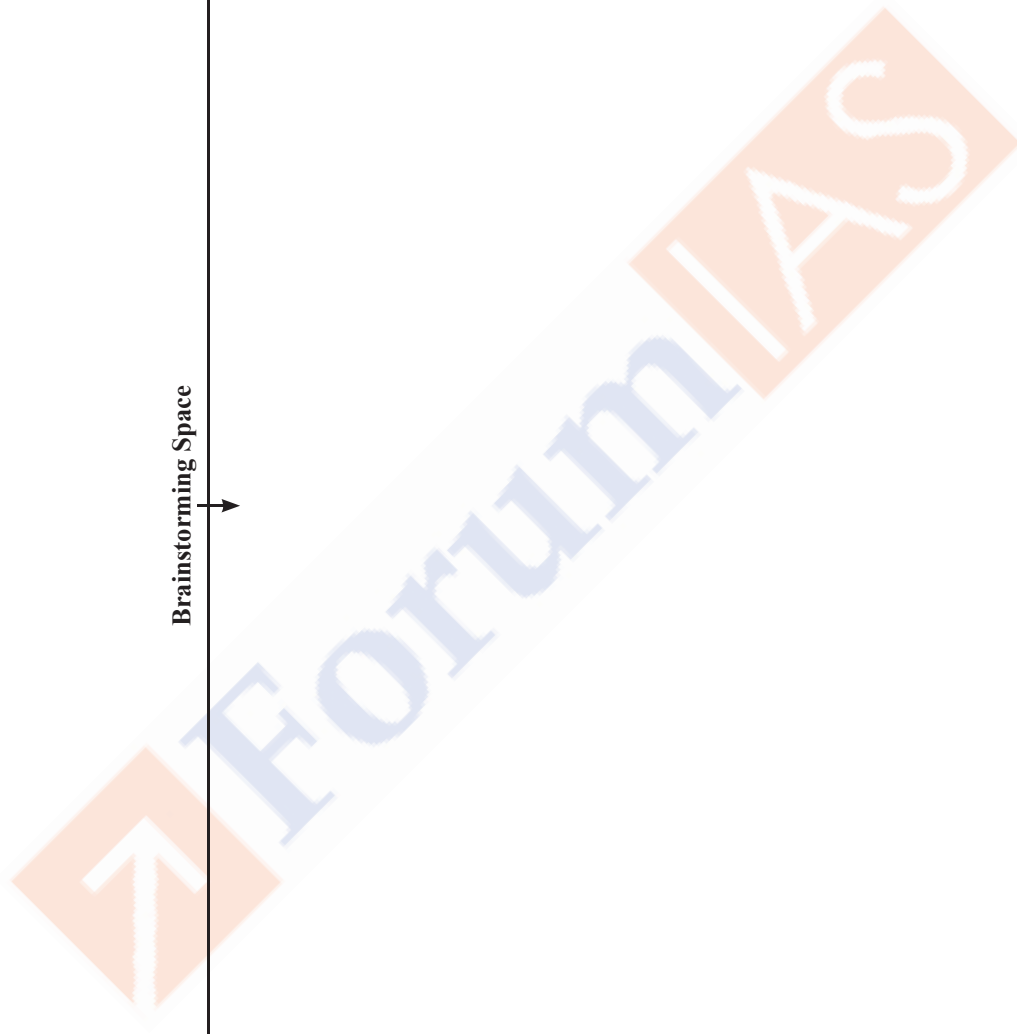
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Q.76) Why is caste identity in India both static and fluid?

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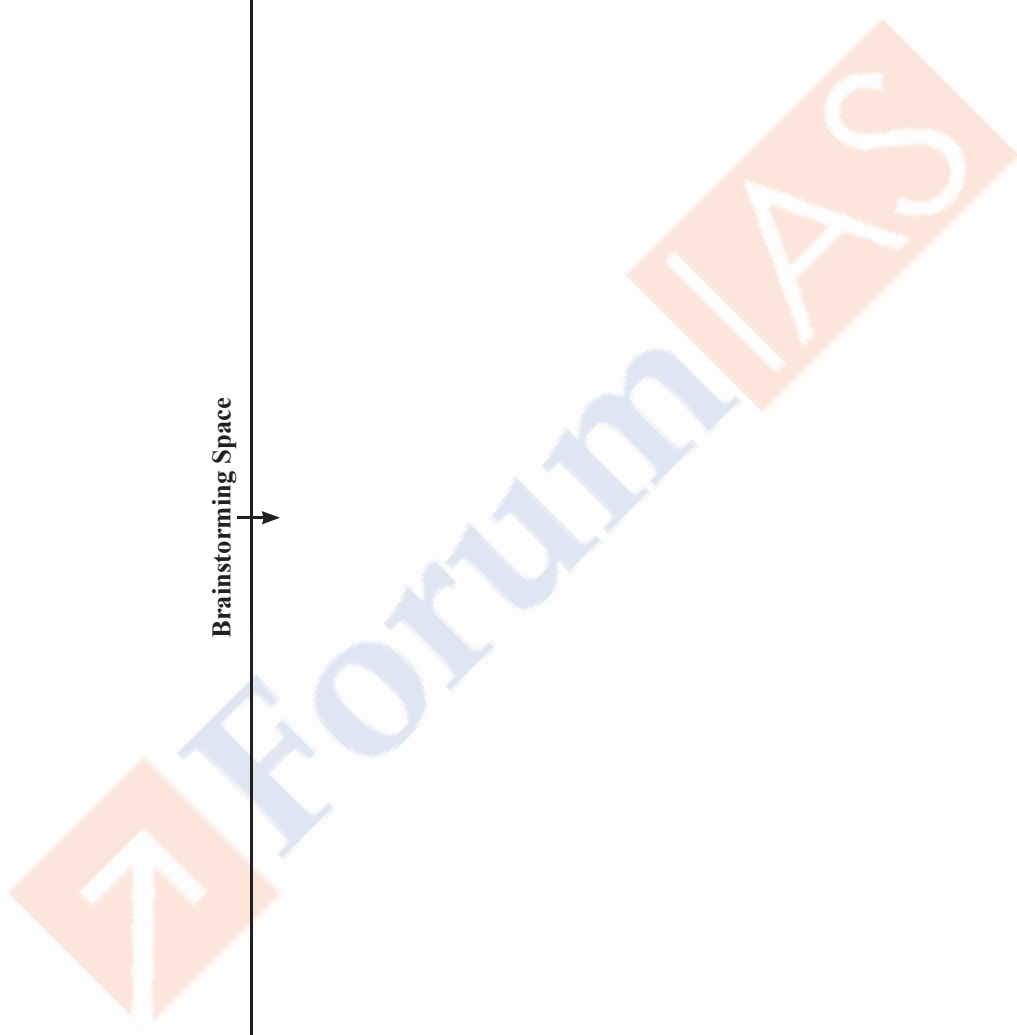
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Q.77) Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi-cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.

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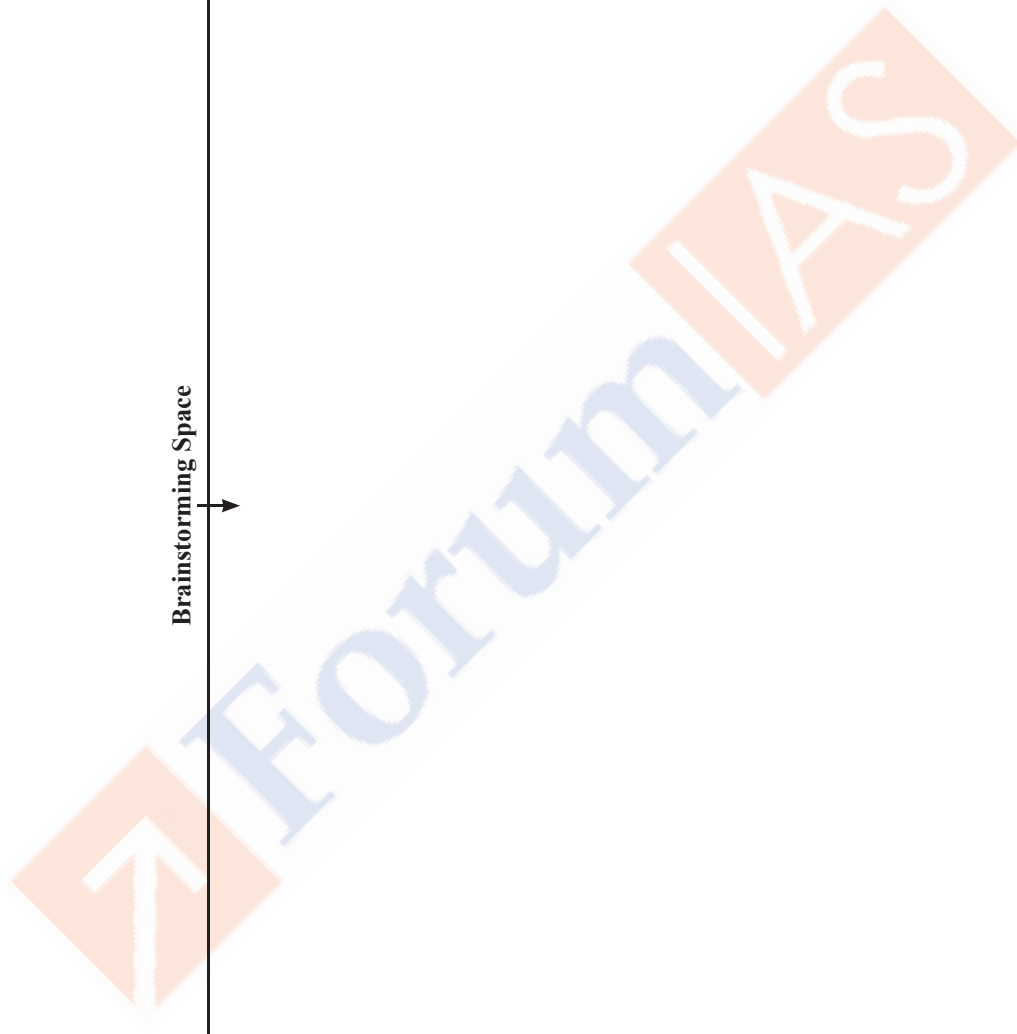
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Q.78) Given the diversities among tribal communities in India in which specific context should they be considered as a single category?

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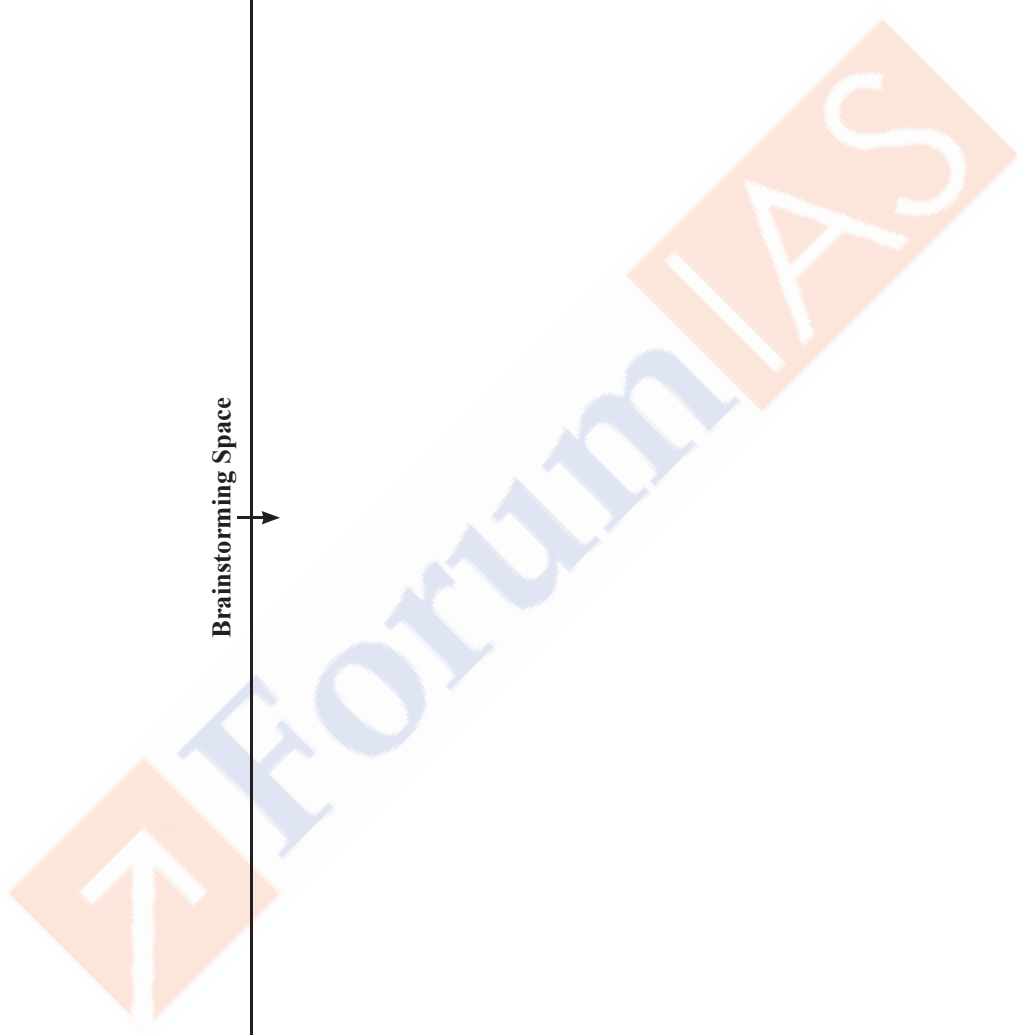
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Q.79) How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it.

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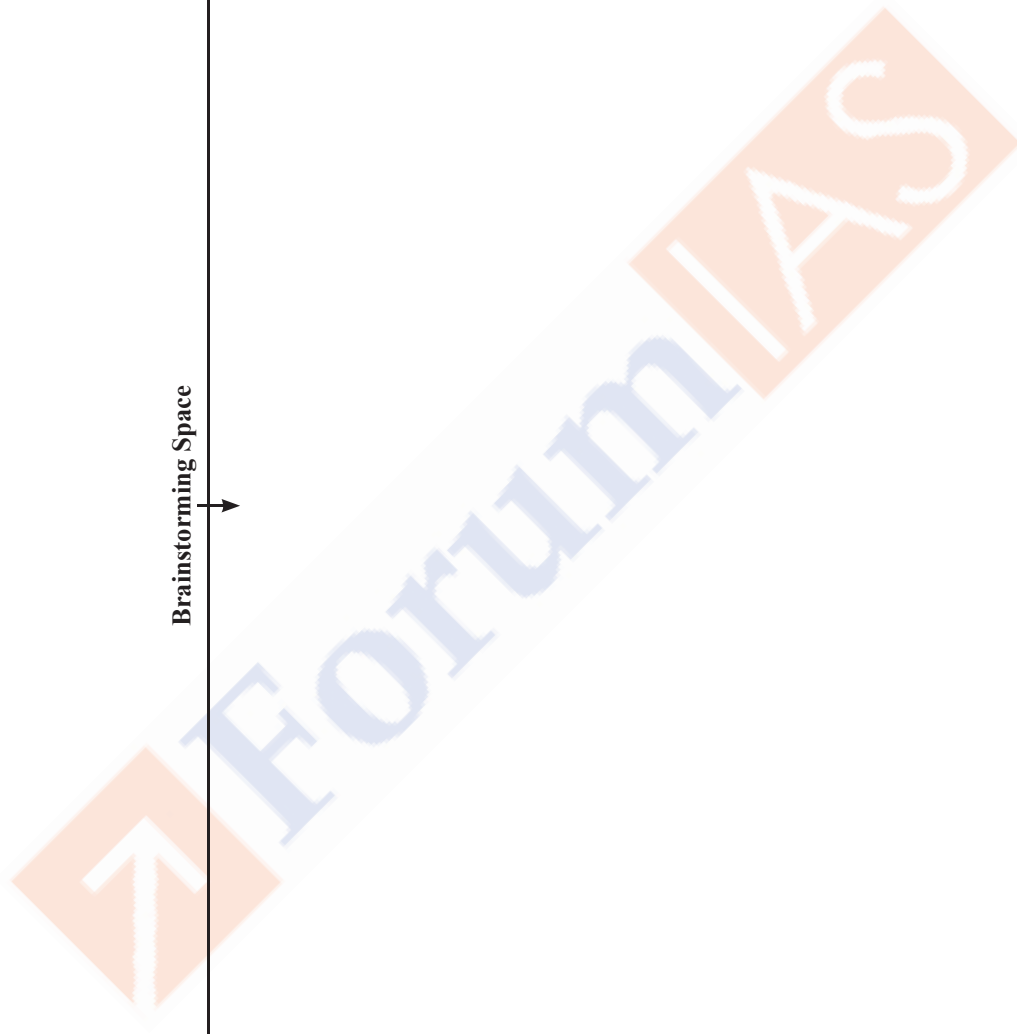
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Q.80) “Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India.” Comment.

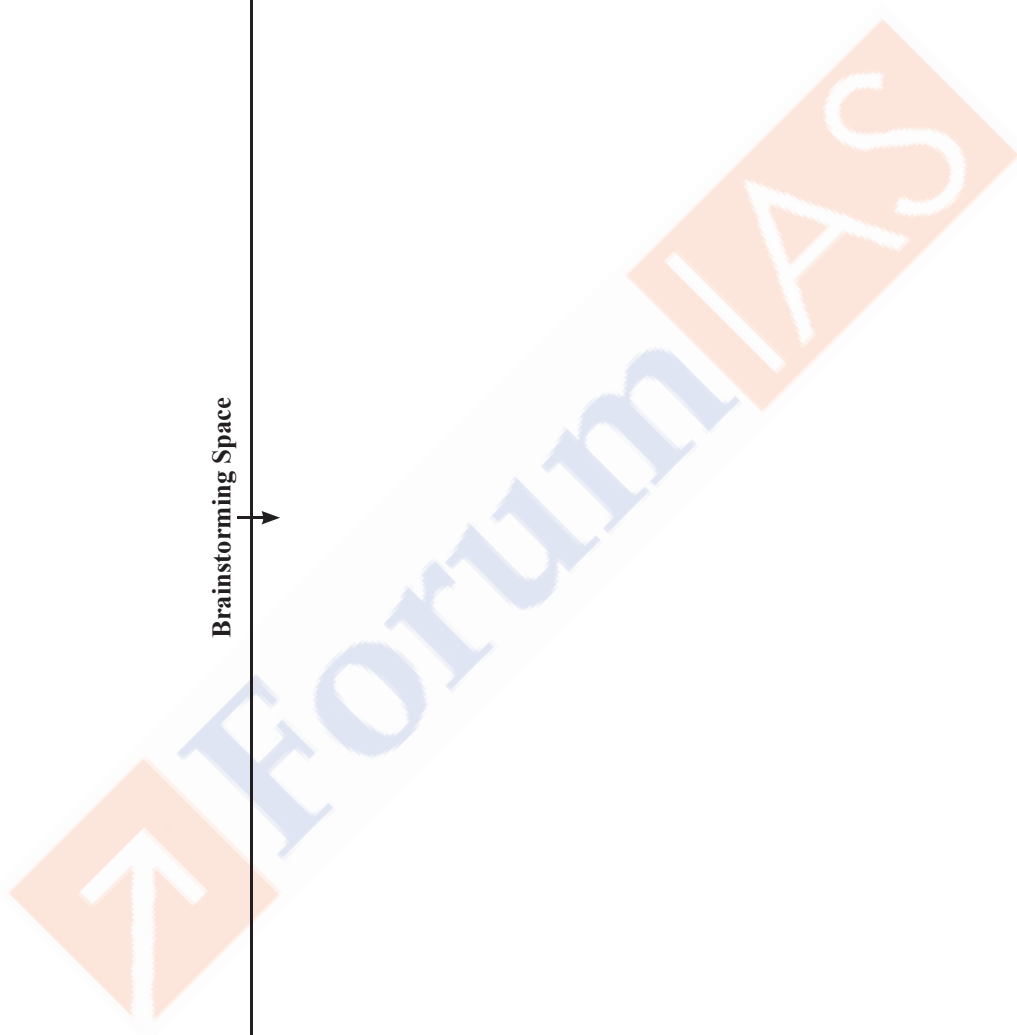
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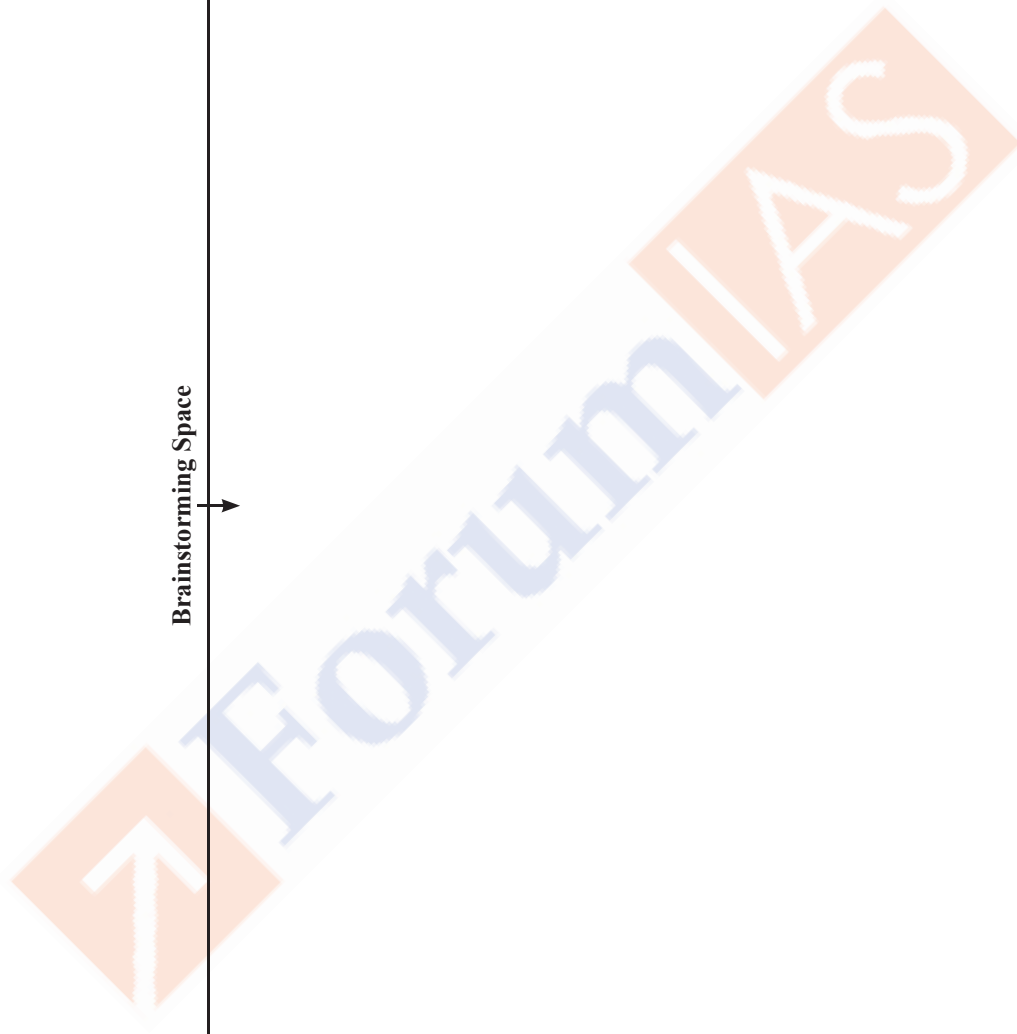
Q.81) What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

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Q.82) Why are the tribal in India referred to as the Scheduled Tribes? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

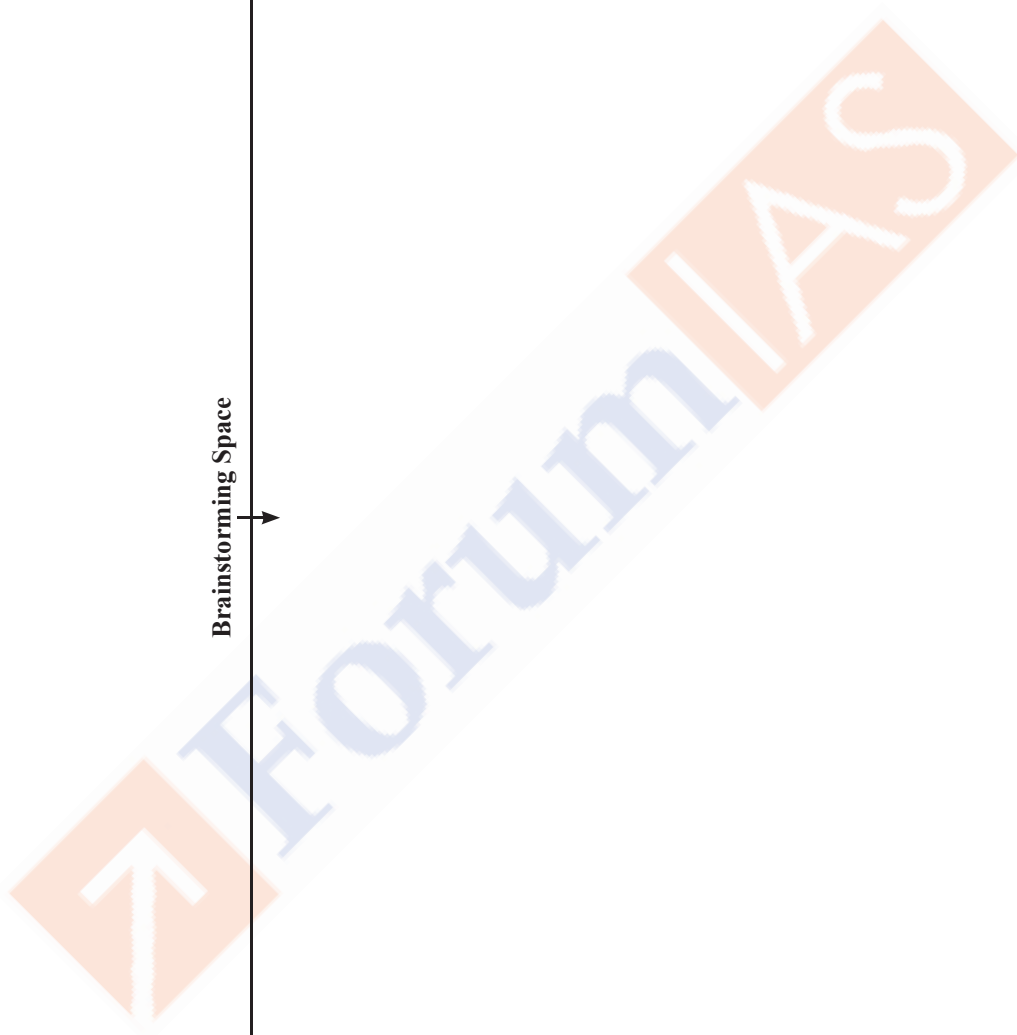
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Q.83) Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.

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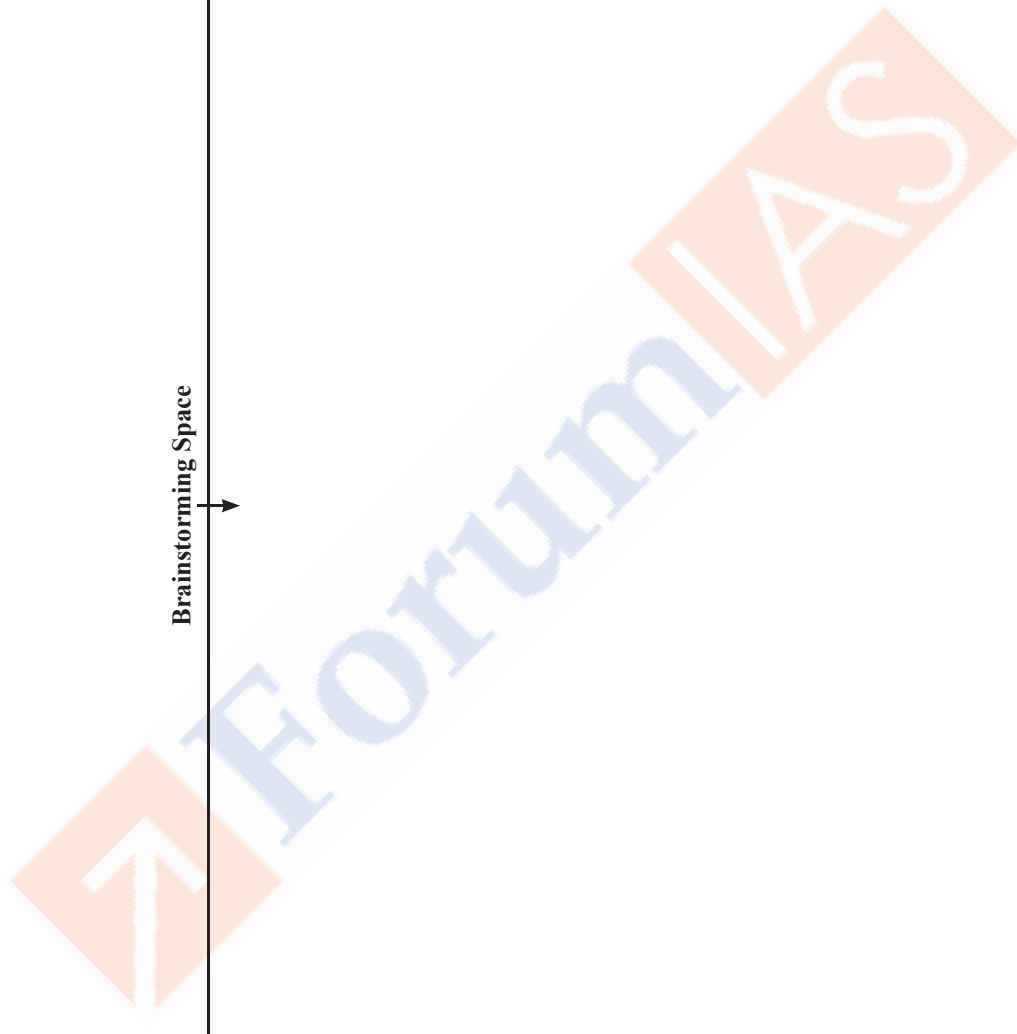
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Q.84) Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.

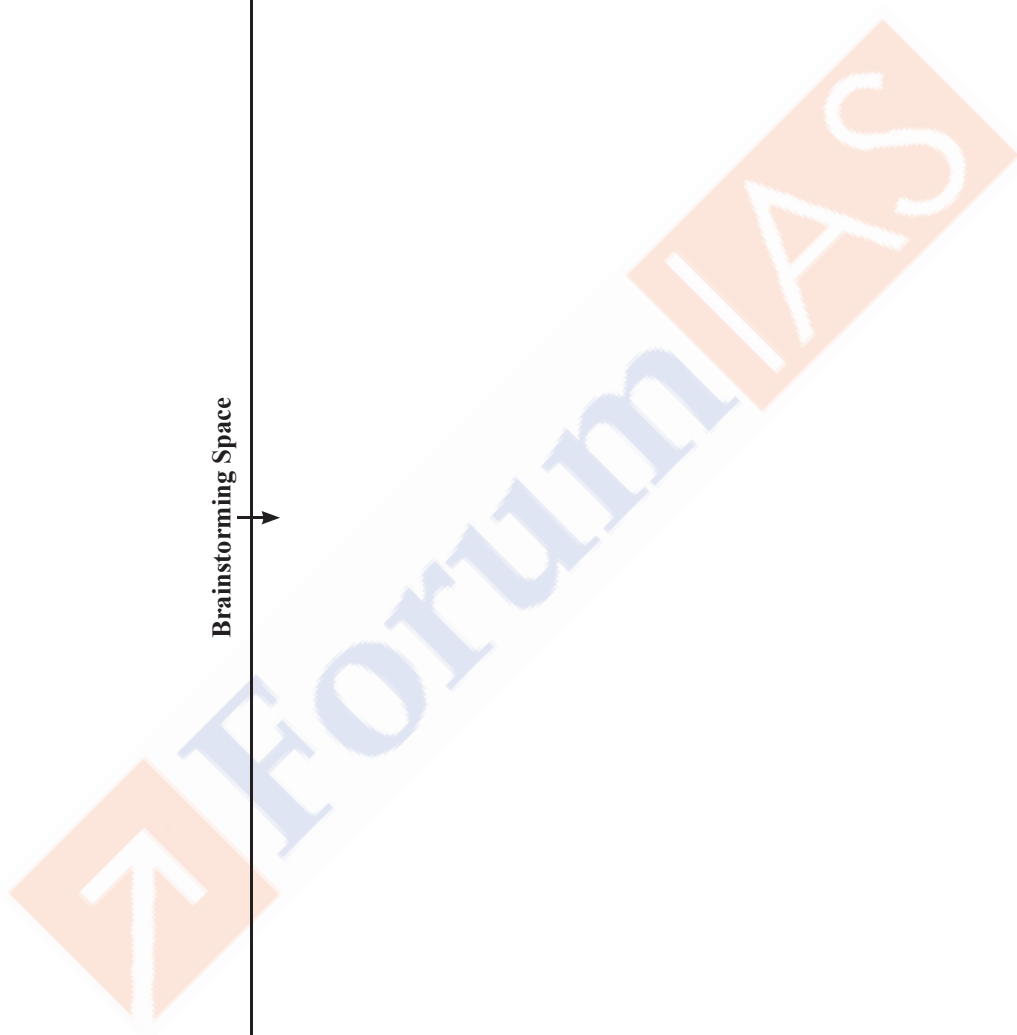
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Q.85) Examine the role of caste in Indian politics. (15 Marks, 250)[2008]

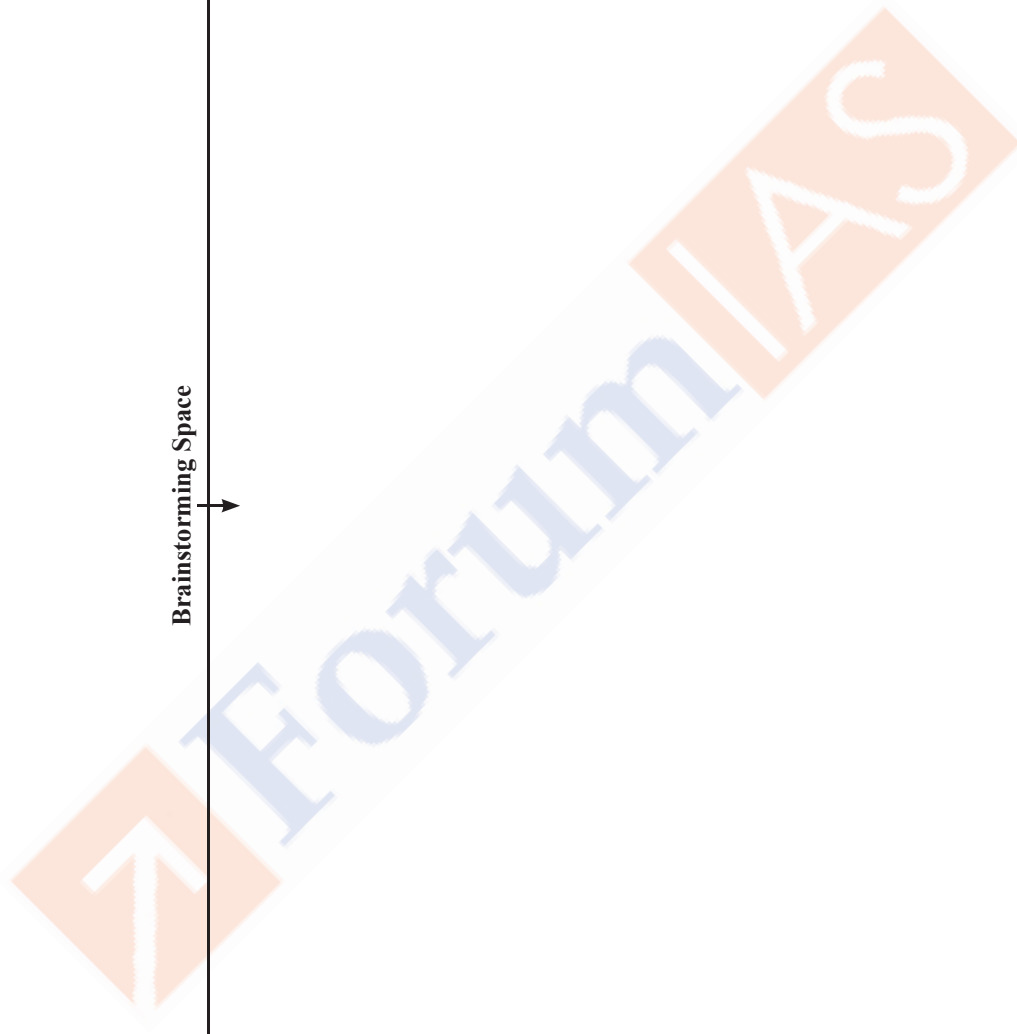
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Q.86) Examine whether rural women in India have been empowered by their active participation in Panchayat Raj System.

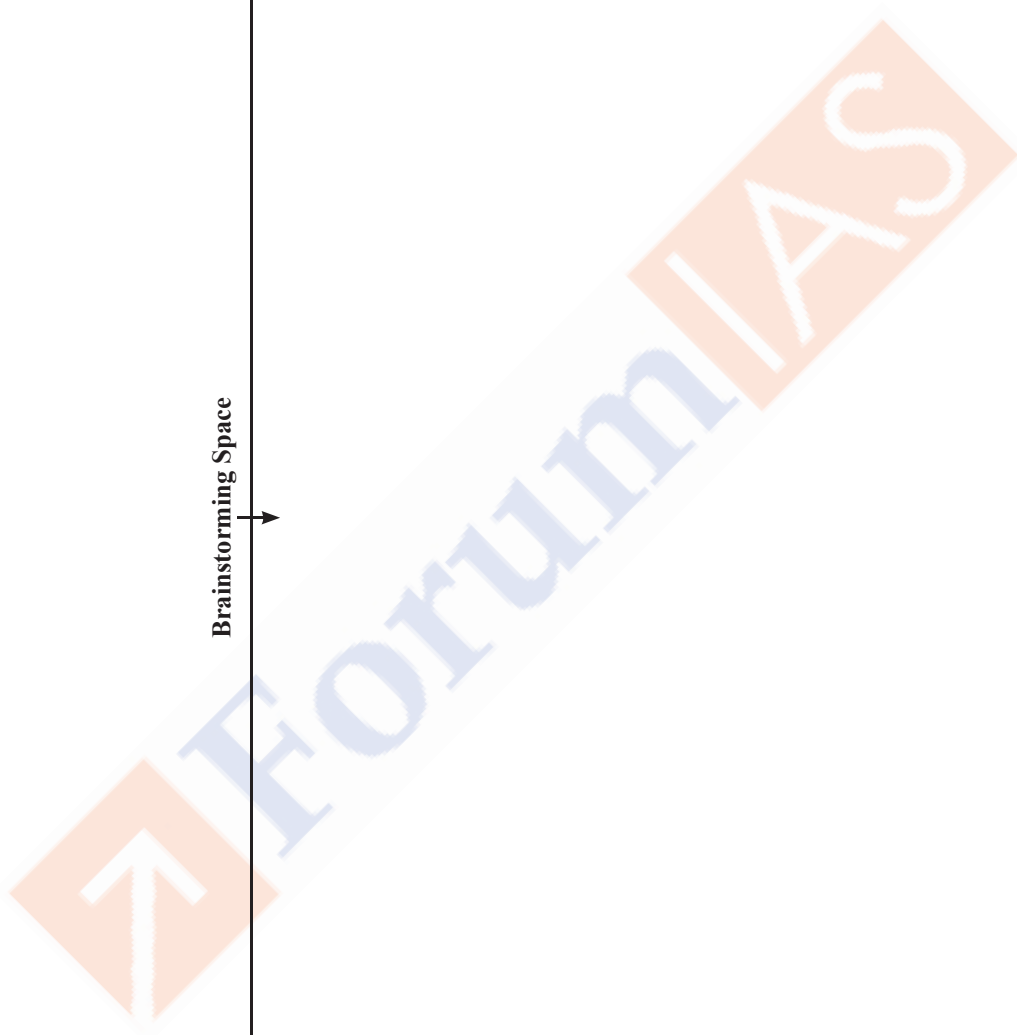
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Q.87) Explain the social constraints in bringing about gender equality in Indian society. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2006]

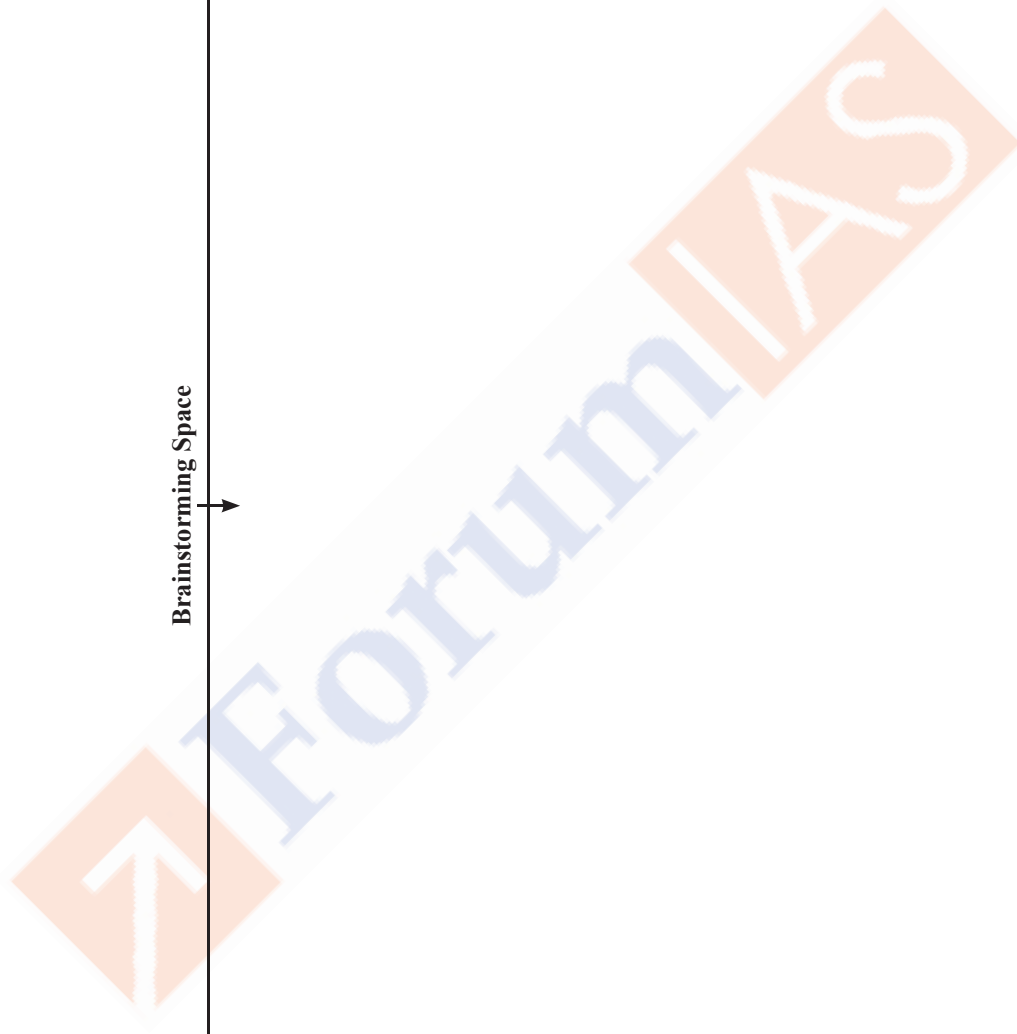
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Q.88) What are the implications of gender disparities in India?

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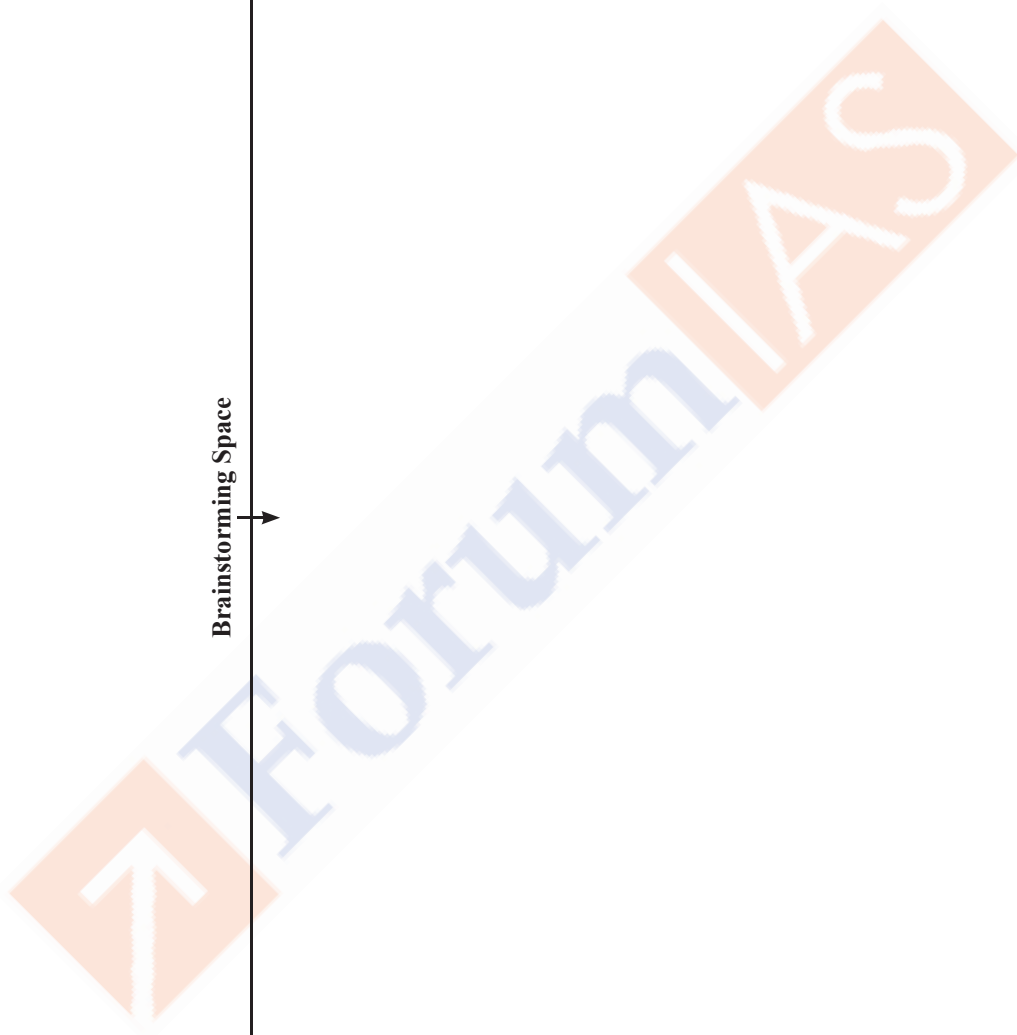
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Q.89) Why is suicide among young women increasing in Indian society?

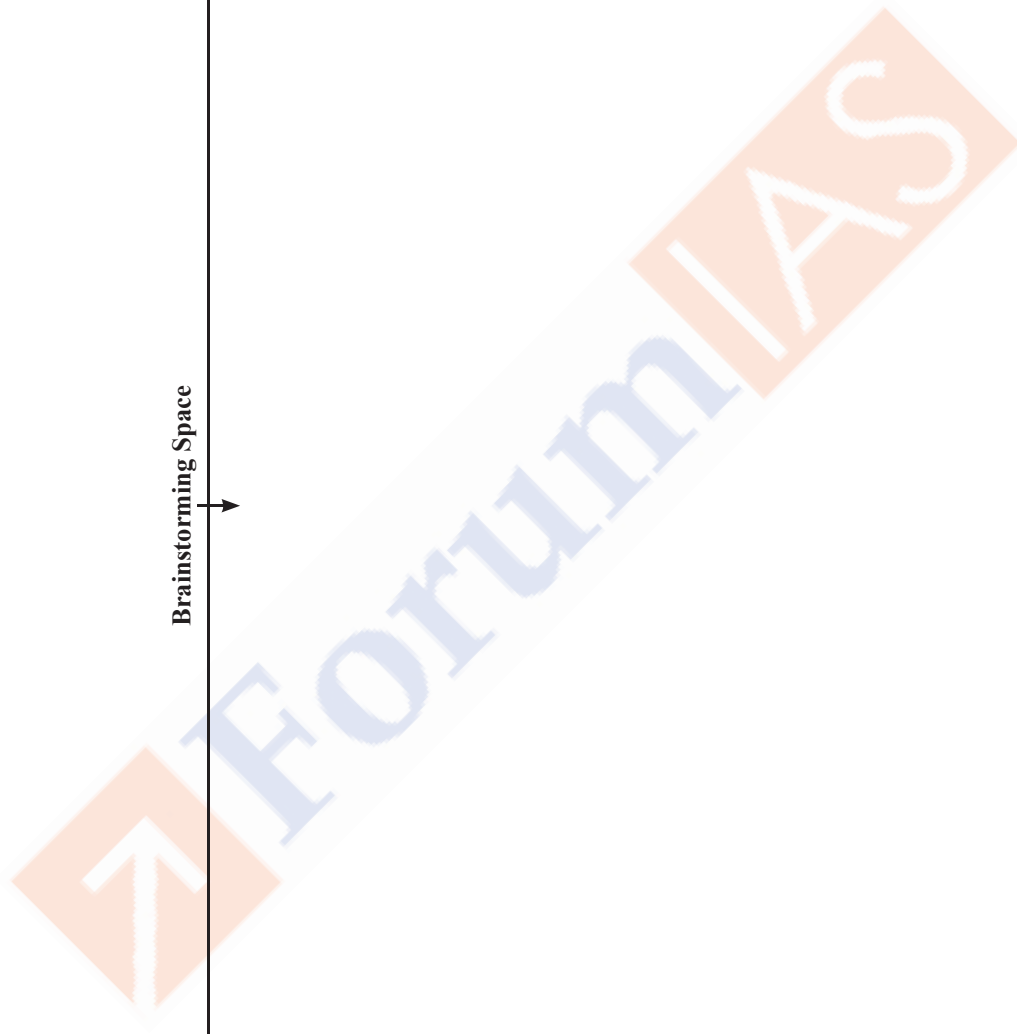
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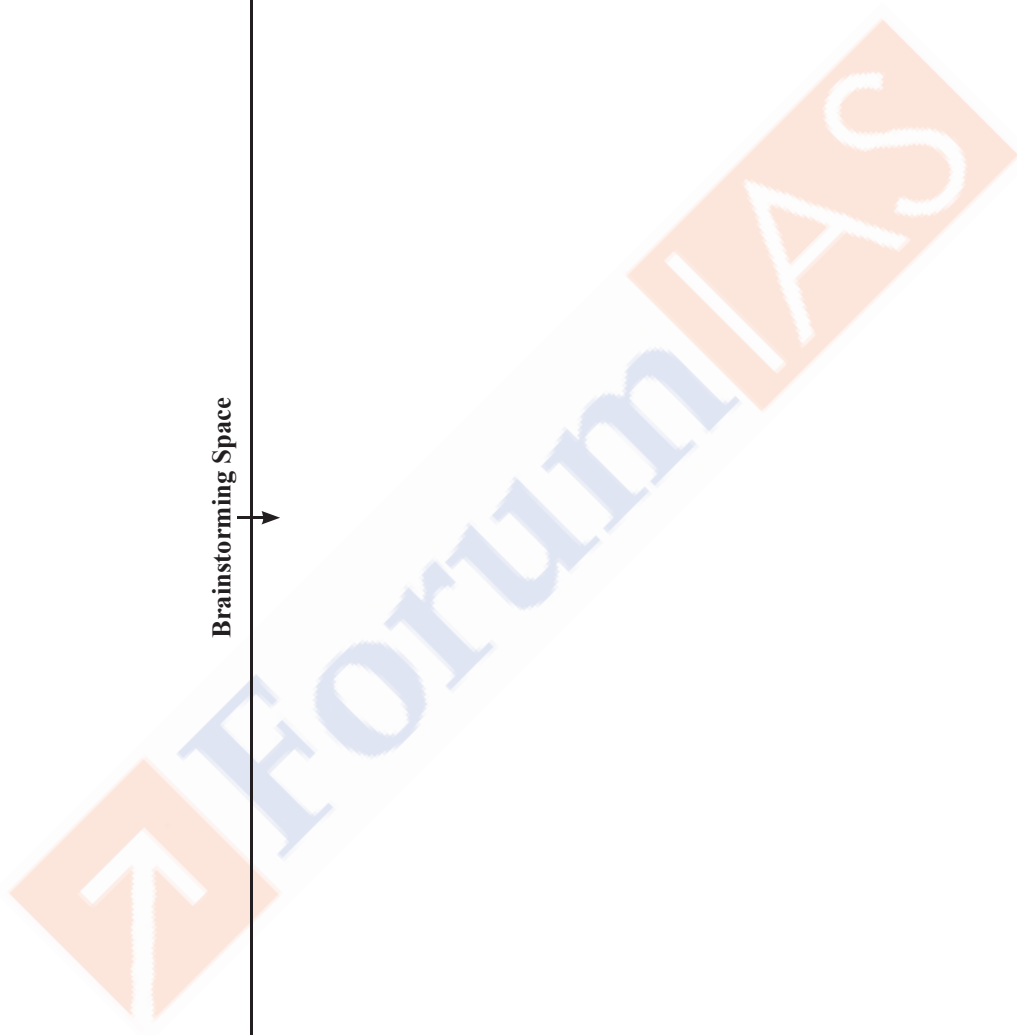
Q.90) Examine the role of the 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2021]

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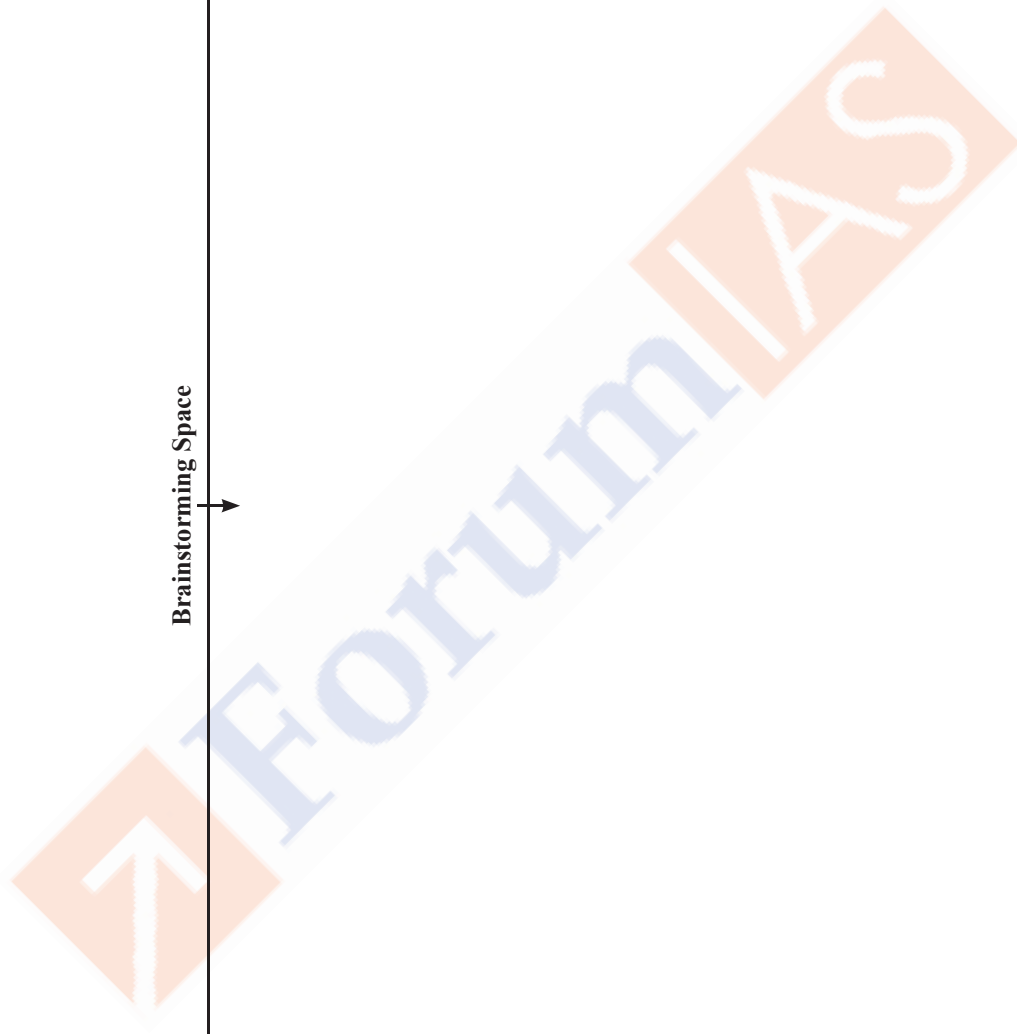
Q.91) What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?
(15 Marks, 250)[2019]

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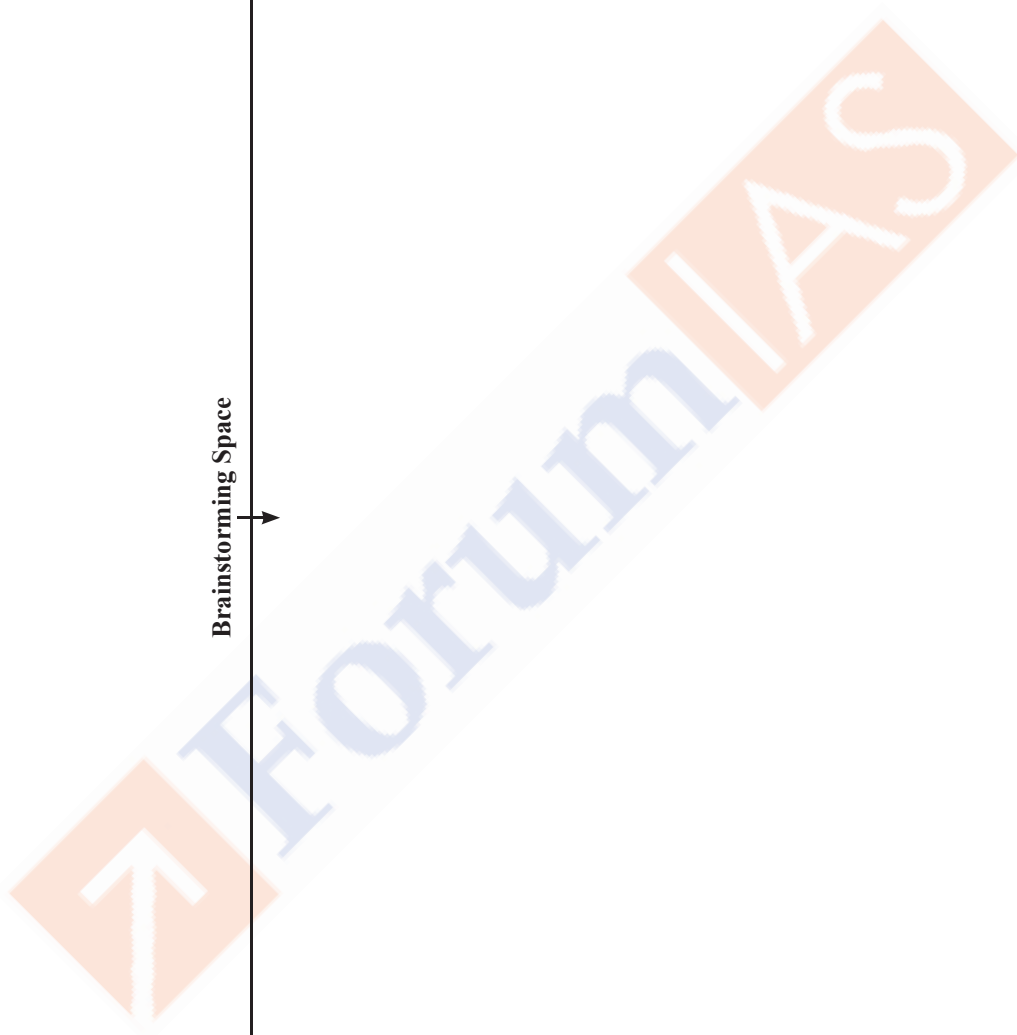
Q.92) 'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view. (15 Marks, 250)[2018]

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Q.93) The women's question arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period? (15 Marks, 250)[2017]

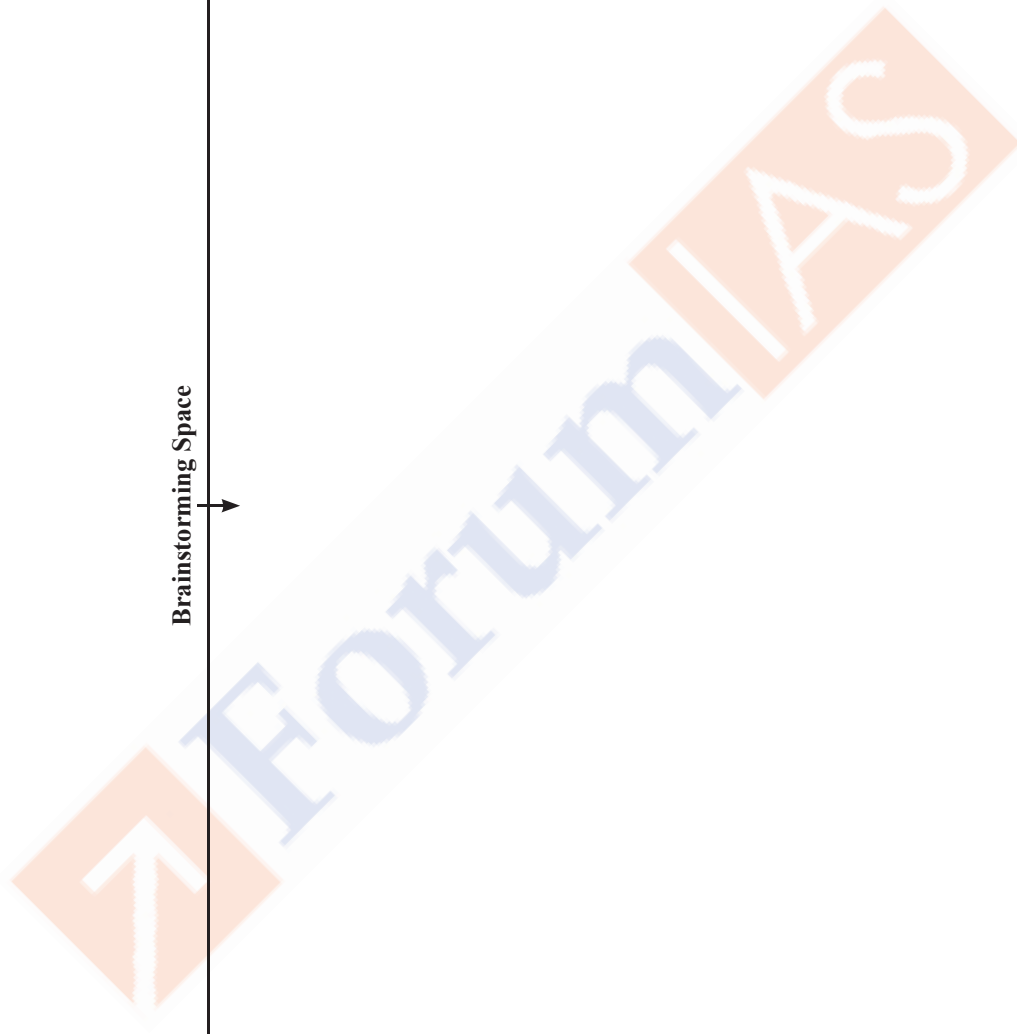
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Q.94) “Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women’s organization free from gender bias.” Comment.

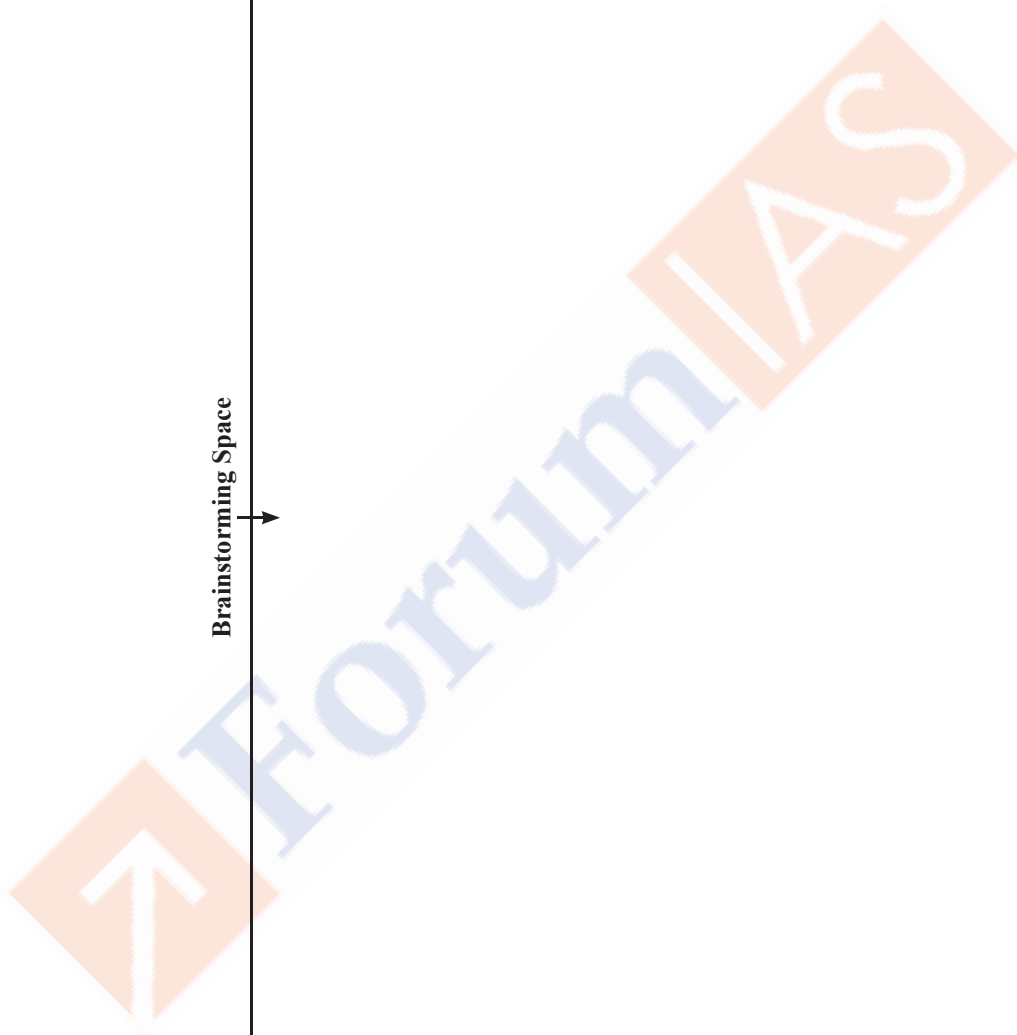
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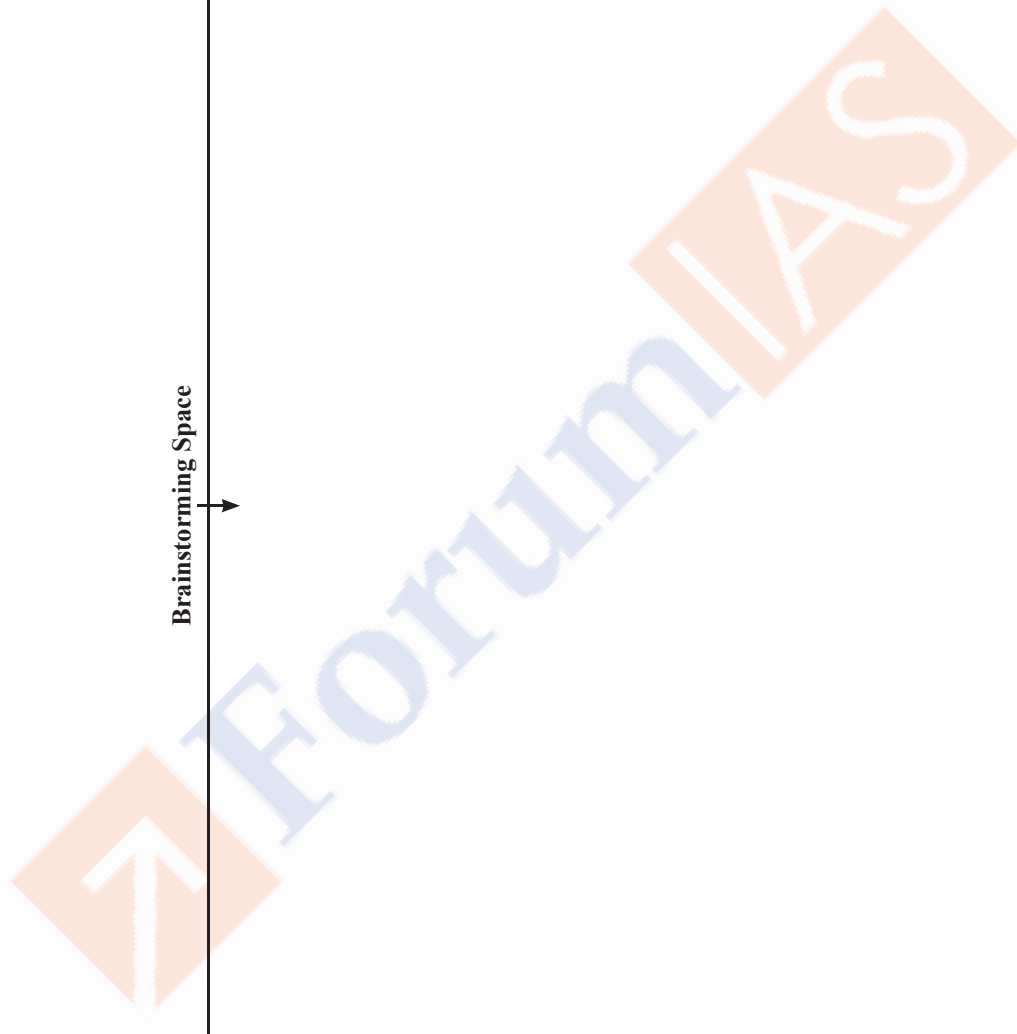
Q.95) What efforts have been made for the upliftment of women in Nineteenth Century till the present day? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1985]

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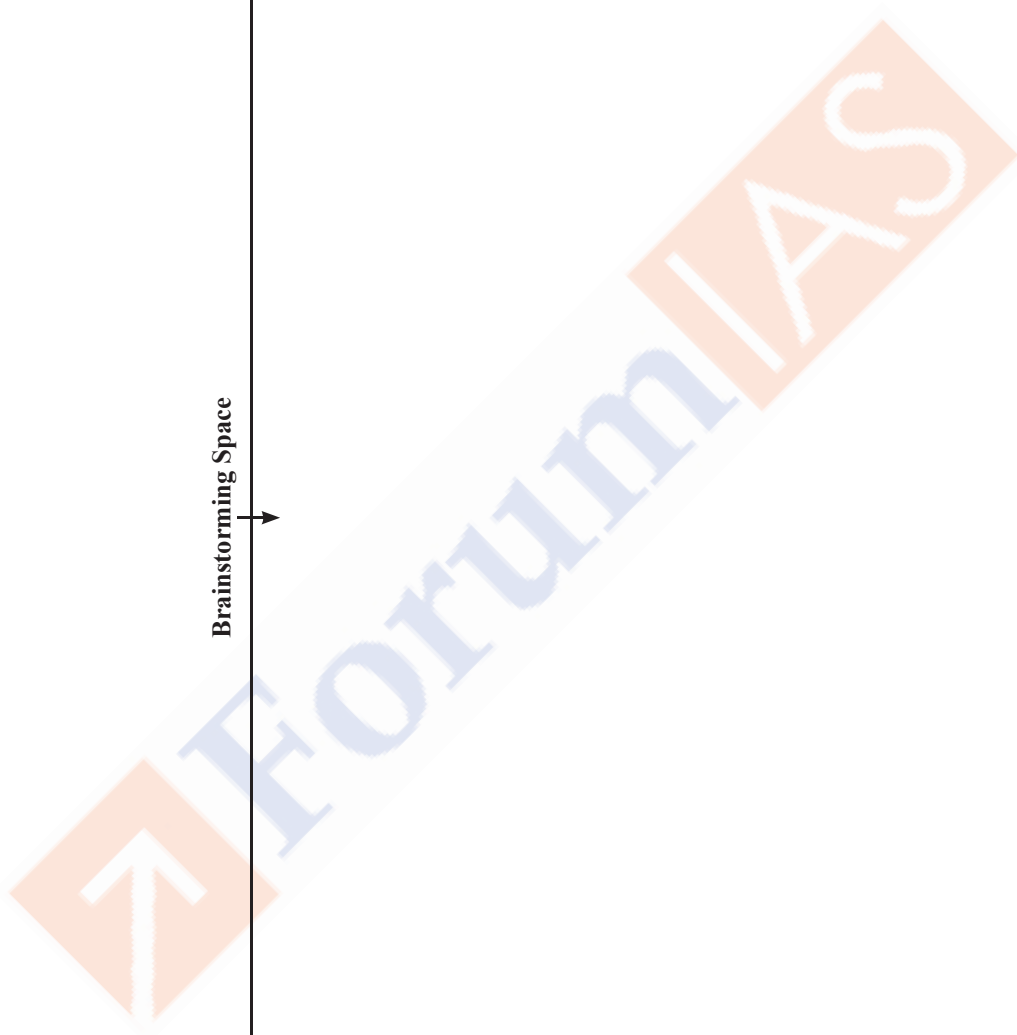
Q.96) The most striking change in our social life today is the improved status of women. Who and what organisations helped their cause enabling them to attain that present status? What important safeguards have been provided in the Constitution and the laws of the land for protection of women's interests? In what directions are further legal measures for their protection called for? (15 Marks, 250)[1980]

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Q.97) In recent times bride burning has increased. Women are tortured for not bringing sufficient dowry. Why such cases are rare amongst Muslims? What measures are being taken by the government to end this pernicious system of dowry and bride burning? What further steps can be taken in your opinion? (15 Marks, 250)[1980]

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Q.98) How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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