

MOCK - 2 (PAPER - I)

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

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1.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 25 questions.• All questions are compulsory• The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it.• Answer the questions in NOT MORE THAN 150 words each. Contents of the answer is more important than its length.• Answers must be written within the space provided.• Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
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Q1. The remains of Buddhist architecture and sculpture at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh tells the story of the rise, flowering and gradual decline of Buddhism in India. Comment.

(10 Marks)

Remains of Buddhist architecture & sculpture have been found at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh. The most prominent among them is the Sanchi Stupa that was built over a period of time.

The stupa was primarily a wooden architecture which was later beautified and enclosed by walls. Also there was growth of other Buddhist sculptural forms.

But gradually during the late ancient period this started to decline. The main reasons for this decline were as follows.

Buddhism was started as a reaction against the Vedic of Hinduism but gradually it inculcated some of those Vedic rituals, eg. the Monk used to live extravagant life.

Hinduism tried to accommodate Buddhism by calling Buddha, one of the incarnation of Vishnu.

Alarmed by the phenomenal rise of Buddhism, Hindus reformed their religion, like practice of non-violence in Hinduism is said to be borrowed from Buddhism & Jainism.

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religious persecution as one of the rulers cut down the Bodhi tree.

Thus gradually by 6th century

3. Buddhism almost disappeared from the land of its birth.

Reverse mention related facts

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Q2. As with other art forms, Kutch embroidery has had to evolve with modern times and it successfully did so. Considering the above statement discuss about Kutch embroidery art. (10 Marks)

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Q3. Almost around the time, when the Gupta's were creating architectural heritage in northern India, another purposeful movement was taking place in the Deccan. Analyze the above given statement with special reference to Chalukya architecture. (10 Marks)

Gupta rulers ruled over north India from around 3rd century AD to 6th century AD. During Gupta times temple building started in north India. Also the cave art & other art forms reached their perfection during Gupta times only.

During this period Chalukya Rulers were ruling over the southern part of the country. They built many temples in south India, using the Dravida style of architecture.

Temples built by Chalukya rulers were mostly multistoried with Umana not so high.

Features and examples of Varaha style.

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Q4. How far do you agree that Yoga is a wonderful gift to the Modern World by the Ancient Indians? (10 Marks)

Yoga has its genesis in the ancient classical school of philosophy. The yoga school of philosophy - emphasised on the practice of this activity to achieve salvation.

In the modern times with the advent of globalisation yoga has trivially become a global activity. In fact many people are of the view that yoga is a gift of India to the world. The importance of yoga can be discussed as follows -

In the present times due to work pressure & unhealthy environment people are suffering from a lot of stress. In such situation yoga which emphasises on peace of mind can be of a lot of help to these people.

Yoga can help in maintaining a healthy lifestyle among the people.

India can use 'Yoga' as a significant soft power to garner support for India and increase its cultural influence in the world. eg. An agreement

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deal signed between India & China to help China
in 'yoga' field.

- It can help in boosting confidence among the
Indians.

5 Thus it can be said that yoga is a wonderful
gift of Ancient India to the modern world.

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Q5. To what extent you agree, that the contribution of Subhas Chandra Bose to India's freedom struggle is not less than any other leader of Indian freedom movement. Elaborate.

(10 Marks)

Subhas Chandra Bose was one of the most prominent leaders of Indian national movement and member of Congress. He was elected two times the President of Congress, second time virtually defeating Gandhi which speaks a lot about his popularity.

Subhas Chandra Bose was most vocal in giving the socialist tinge to Indian National movement and it was during his presidency that National planning committee under the chairmanship of JL Nehru was set-up.

When he was expelled from congress by disciplinary action, he set up forward bloc to mobilise masses to fight against the Brit here.

During the second world war he led the Indian National Army (INA) soldiers to fight for the freedom of India.

Thus from the above it is clear that contribution of Subhas Bose in Indian freedom struggle is no less than any other leader. He set an example for the masses to follow. He was

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always ready to lay down his life for the country. And at the same time he was an staunch supporter of cause of farmers & marginalised. In fact the RNA struggle of resultant revolt in the Indian Army is said to be one of the reasons for Indian freedom.

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Q6. Discuss the ideological foundation of Modern Indian Nationalism. What were the factors that forced the educated elites in India to introspect into their own culture?

(10 Marks)

Ideological foundations of Modern Indian

Nationalism:-

Socialism:- Socialism is one of the prominent ideology in the modern Indian nationalism. In the Indian Nationalism this ideology became dominant during 1920s & 30s post Bolshevik revolution. This ideology was responsible for India becoming a socialistic state.

Non-violence - Gandhi, in the modern times put the foundations of this ideology in India. Though this was not a new ideology (as it was an inherent tenet of Jainism) but Gandhi used it in the freedom struggle.

Emphasis of Inclusive development

Factors that led Indians to introspect -

During the time when Britishers came to India, India was a stagnant, status quoist & backward country. This helped the modern Imperialist state to politically subjugate the country. When the country was politically

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Western education

Rise and growth of
Nationalism

subjugated, people especially from educated
Intellectual like Raja Rani Mohan Roy,
Dr Vidyasagar were forced to think about
the reasons for this state of the country. The
prominent reason being the second class
citizenship granted by Britishers to Indians.
Issues like racial superiority, drain of wealth,
cultural imperialism were the main factors
behind this.

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Q7. "Non-Cooperation Movement could not bring Swaraj in one year but it did give a new direction and energy to the nation movement." Comment. (10 Marks)

Non Co-operation movement was carried out under the leadership of Gandhiji from 1919 to 1922. Gandhiji had promised that if people undertake the non-cooperation pledge then Swaraj will be attained in one year.

Though the movement could not attain Swaraj in one year but it did give a new direction and energy to the national movement:

The Hindu-Muslim unity was attained as Gandhiji merged the non-cooperation movement with anti-Castigate struggle of Muslims.

Co-operation of women was prominent as large number of women came out of seclusion and participated in picketing and other activities.

The movement made the Indian freedom struggle truly mass struggle as large scale mass participation was seen in this movement.

The movement energised the whole nation & increased the awareness of people against

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the colonial policies of British.

Thus it can be said that although
NCM was unable to attain Swaraj in one
year but it did make Indian National
Movement a mass movement.

Elaborate

Q8. Apart from persuasion and diplomacy, use of force was an effective strategic move in integration of princely states. Do you agree? Substantiate. (10 Marks)

After the lapse of British paramountcy on the princely states, they were given the option of either joining to India or to Pakistan. But some of the princely states like Kashmir & Hyderabad still dreamt of creating an independent state.

National leadership primarily adopted a persuasive & diplomatic approach to achieve national integration. e.g. emotional appeal to the rulers of princely states to listen to the demand of people, granting of concession like pension & privilege to rulers etc.

But those princely states who were not ready to listen, use of force became inevitable.

Hyderabad state was not listening to the Indian leadership. It even threatened India to join Pakistan. Then alarmed by the plight of people in Hyderabad (due to Razakars) Indian Army took 'Police Action' in Hyderabad and it was made part of India.

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The ruler of Junagadh was instigated by Pakistan & was not listening to the demand of their own people as well as Indian leadership. There also Indian government took action & Mahasat Khan flew away to Pakistan.

(42) Thus it can be said that integration of India was achieved through diplomacy, persuasion & use of force.

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Q9. Though India won the war of 1971, yet Shimla Agreement is seen as a diplomatic defeat of India. Critically Analyse. (10 Marks).

Shimla agreement was signed between India & Pakistan after the surrender of Pakistan army in East Pakistan and defeat of Pakistani army on western borders. The main points of agreement were as follows -

- India agreed to return all prisoners of war to Pakistan.

- Status quo was to be maintained on the line of control. Cease fire line became LOC

- All the disputes between the two countries ^{including J&K} were to be solved through bilateral negotiations.

Taking the frequent ceasefire violations and an attempt to internationalise the Kashmir issue

it is said that though India won 1971

war but diplomatically it was defeated. The main reasons being it maintained the status quo on the LOC even though Indian army had significant gains in Pakistan. Also it did not stop cross border infiltration into the Indian

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Precisely discuss the related
criticism

territory & there was Kargil conflict in 1999.

But taking the circumstances into consideration
It can't be said to be total defeat.

- Continuation of war could have given a chance
for third party intervention.

- Maintenance cost for prisoners of war

- Any hard bargaining from India would have
been severe blow to recent democracy in
Pakistan.

Conclusion required
for every ans.

Q10. Give some examples of armed conflicts in post-industrial world that emerged from the movement and migration of people and explain the reason why they happened?

(10 Marks)

Industrialisation led to large-scale production of goods and these countries which were industrialised started looking for market around the world. The settlement of Americas & its consequent colonisation happened at this time.

Conflict with native people

The first conflict to emerge post-

Industrialisation was impact American revolution.

Due to religious persecution & economic opportunities large number of Europeans were migrated to America during 16th century but once Britishers colonised them & they saw their exploitation at the hands of Britishers they fought back & declared America a democratic republic.

Australia
Colonies of Asia and Africa

Another major conflict due to migration can be said to be the Jews - Palestinian conflict. After the second world war large scale migration of Jews started to the lands occupied by Palestine and gradually they

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they removed the native population which as
of now ^{is} living without an state of itself
This resulted into both Israel-Palestina as
well as Arab-Israel conflict.

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Q11: The integration of Europe has been a perfect example, how the once rival countries can become partners in progress and prosperity. Discuss. (10 Marks)

Europe has been the origin point of two devastating world-wars. But post-World War II serious efforts were undertaken in Europe towards integration. The major reasons for this are as follows:

- To stop Europe from undergoing another world war it was necessary that their economies should be integrated so that they can't fight with each other.

- To neutralize the influence of America. Countries like Germany & France felt that if they will not unite they will be overshadowed by American power.

- To help each other in their reconstruction.

Europe after coming up of European Union has emerged as a major geo-political force on the world platform. It is a huge economy which no-one can ignore (even India is negotiating a Bilateral Trade & Investment Agreement).

All these are clear indication that with firm determination even the rival

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Analytically discuss all major reasons

countries can come forward and help in
progress of each other. This in fact offers a
ray of hope that both India & Pakistan will
one day shed their differences and come closer.

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Q12. Through-out history mankind has always tried to find comfort in similar identity and culture and has tried to eliminate the others. With modern technology, the process has just been made easy. Elaborate in context of the Jew Holocaust. (10 Marks)

Cultural homogenisation has been a major feature of world progress. From ancient to the present times. Not only the rulers have tried to spread their culture in the territories but even mankind has tried to find comfort in similar identity.

Jew Holocaust towards the state of Palestine was started gradually after the first world war when Palestine became the mandate of Britain. Jews gave the explanation that Palestine was the actual homeland of Jews & they were forced out of their homeland after the advent of Islam in 6th century AD. But the actual reasons appears to be the strategic significance of the area (As the area is located near Mediterranean sea - an important sea route).

With the support of Britain few of the Jews migrated to Palestine but once Hitler

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Discuss scenario in Germany during WW-II

Started persecution of Jews in Germany.
Large number of them fled away to Palestine
land. In their endeavour they eliminated
Palestinians from their original homeland
and the Israel-Palestine conflict is going
on till today.

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Tech. used for annihilation
of Jews.

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Q13. Two Massive and devastating wars have been fought on European Land, yet Europe is one of the most productive and economically well-off region in the world. Evaluate the reasons. (10 Marks)

Although Europe has seen two massive devastating world wars but event today it is of the most productive & economically well off region. The reasons are as follows -

Industrial Revolution - Industrial Revolution took place in Europe in 1750s and this made the continent the goods supplier of the world. Due to Industrial revolution Europeans generated huge wealth from world wide.

Colonisation & exploitation - After the Industrial revolution

(though even before that) European powers like Britain, France, Spain, Germany etc. colonised the whole world. They exploited their resources & drained huge amount of wealth from the colonial economies. eg: Drain of wealth from India was around 1% of the GDP during those times.

Renaissance & Progressive attitude of people - The renaissance took place in European countries & Europe

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emerged from dark ages. This gave a rational outlook to people. This is largely responsible for technological advancement of European countries in present times.

- Added to this favourable climate and productive soil has helped Europe to remain one of the most productive regions.

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Marshall Plan

UN, EO

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Q14. Indian society's strength lies in its ancient roots, capacity of its culture to assimilate and carry out reforms needed with changing times. (10 Marks)

The Indian society has been in continuous existence from past almost 3000 years. With the changes in the external environment it has changed itself to cope up with those changes.

Indian society's strength lies in its ancient roots: huge tolerance, respect for women, and openly accepting many ideas were the major reasons why Indian society was able to sustain itself. eg. when non-violence became an accepted credo in the Indian society, Hinduism immediately accepted it.

Our society assimilated many of the cultures that came to India, eg. Huns, Indo-Greeks & other central Asian invaders in ancient times were assimilated in the Indian society. At the same time in the medieval times Turks & Mughals etc. were assimilated in the society without any large scale conflict.

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Factually elaborate

But over a period of time esp. just before the British occupation, Indian society had become stagnant. This resulted in foreign occupation of the country. Then our reformers carry out reforms like abolition of sati, ban on child marriages etc. to make it in sync with the modern development.

④ Thus Indian society has truly been like an ocean which has assimilated many ideas over a period of time.

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Q15. We have two Indias - 'India and 'Bharat', and they are more in conflict rather than symphony. Illustrate. (10 Marks)

India is a term used to describe comparatively better-off sections of the Indian society. This section consumes resources comparable to the western European countries and its lifestyle is identified by luxury & sometimes extravagance.

At the same time 'Bharat' is a term used to describe those sections of the society who are poor, marginalised & even neglected by the government & society.

India & Bharat are more in conflict rather than symphony. The reason being the huge divide of haves & have-nots that has generated in the society. As per a recent report the gini coefficient (a measure of inequality) is rising post-1991 reform period. In the certain sections farmers are committing suicide while other areas crores are being spent on luxury. This has generated a huge discontent in the

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Society: The corruption & exploitation has further worsened the situation. The tribals have been for long ~~exploited~~ by outsiders. The minerals found on their land have been used to develop other regions. Also the pollution which is mostly contributed by better-off sections impacts poor the most.

4. This discontent has arisen in the society due to existing problem of haves & have-nots.

Analytically elaborate the Rural-Urban disparity

Q16. Discuss the impact of media on Indian society? How media could play a constructive role in bringing communal harmony? (10 Marks)

Media is sometimes referred to as fourth pillar of Indian democracy. Its impact on Indian society are as follows:-

- As an information provider it helps in making informed citizenry. Citizens, when they are informed are likely to make better decision & thus it improves the decision making power in the society.

- As an opinion maker it helps in making opinion against the wrong policies of the government, exploitation of poor & also wrongdoing of government agencies. e.g. Unearthing of 2G scam, information on ATSPA & farmers suicides etc. Due to media impact government is sometimes forced to take action against culprits.

- It acts as a major medium of transfer of culture. In this way it has played a major role in integration of the country.

But at the same time media has been accused of biased reporting, paid news & promoting

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Cultural homogenisation. ~~Using a~~ Media can play a constructive role in communal harmony as follows-

Promotion of communal harmony through media platforms. Like progressive members needs to be invited on media platform & they should inform people about the real intention of religion.

Waging an ideological war against those who ~~disturb~~ the communal harmony.

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Q17. What is SEWA? What has been its contribution to women empowerment? (10 Marks)

The term SEWA stands for Self-Employment Women Association. It is an organisation of women to help them with regard to ~~economic problems~~ faced by them.

SEWA's contribution in women empowerment has been immense especially in Gujarat region.

Through the setting up of ~~the~~ self-help groups, it has ~~created~~ entrepreneurship ability among the women. Now they are frequently taking up activities like darning & weaving etc.

It has helped in economic empowerment of women by facilitating institutional credit which can help them in taking up economic activities.

It has helped in social empowerment of women especially in the family. The literacy rates of children have increased due to this.

Though not its original aim, but it has helped in political empowerment of women.

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as well. Many women influenced by SHB membership have fought & won PLS elections.

Thus this has helped in all-round empowerment of women.

More facts required

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Q18. Since 1992, satellite altimeters indicate that the rate of sea level rise has increased to 1.2 inches per decade, a significantly larger rate than at any other time over the last 2000 years? In this context, are Indian coasts geared up to take up the challenge? Critically discuss? (10 Marks)

Global warming is facilitating sea level rise through expansion of water as well as melting of glaciers.

In this scenario the rate of sea-level rise has increased to 1.2 inches per decade which is an alarming number.

Taking the Indian situation into consideration, Indian coasts are quite vulnerable to any sea-level rise due to huge population pressure in coastal areas. But India does not seem to be taking any specific step to address this challenge. In fact as per the

Sardar Nayak Committee Recommendations, Government has further liberalised the norms for developing the coastal areas.

The city of Mumbai which is most vulnerable to any sea level rise, there is a need to develop alternate areas for settlement.

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Thus there is a need to immediately
gear up for this challenge as ~~it is related~~
to livelihood & living of millions of people.

Discuss in detail

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Q19. What are the causes of the Cauvery River water dispute between Karnataka and Tamilnadu? Why is there no amicable solution yet? Examine. (10 Marks)

Cauvery River water dispute is a dispute for sharing of water of Cauvery between Karnataka & Tamil Nadu. The major causes are as follows-

- Inability of both the parties to reach at an amicable solution even after setting up of Cauvery water Tribunal under article 262(2) of the constitution.

- Reduced water quantity in Cauvery river due to overexploitation & climate change.

- Politicisation of the issue for political gains & emotional response from people. eg. Burning of many public properties in the city of Bangalore.

There is no amicable solution yet over the dispute because-

- Due to politicisation of the issue the political leadership can't hold back now. Any such activity will result in political backlash. eg. passing of orders by Karnataka LA against

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SC order.

- No proper response from the central government which should have been taken to the issue with both the parties.

- Improper functioning of River Water Board. (Conflict has not been set-up yet)

4) Thus there is a need to have more coherent response from all the parties & matter needs to be looked at holistically.

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Q20. Recent scientific studies show that climate change may intensify the effects of Jet-stream. What can be the implications of this? (10 Marks)

Jet-streams are upper atmosphere circulations. They are found to be flowing below the tropopause before & after the monsoon in the Indian subcontinent. (around 25°N latitude)

These tropical westerly Jet-streams are found to be co-related with Indian monsoon. The reason being, Indian monsoon becomes active only when these jet-streams become inactive from the Indian subcontinent. Seen in this context any intensification

of these westerly jet streams will adversely affect the monsoon pattern in India. This will lead to problem of drinking water, food security etc.

But at the same time after the withdrawal of these westerly jet-streams an easterly jet stream originates in the Indian subcontinent (around 15°N latitude). This easterly jet stream has been found to be positively co-related

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with Indian monsoon. And hence the
intensification will lead to positive outcome.

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Precisely discuss all
major implications

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Q21. Reducing regional disparities has been one of the significant goals of Indian democracy. Can the smart cities mission help India achieve this objective? Critically analyse.

(10 Marks)

huge amount of disparity is visible in India. There are islands of prosperity floating over vast land of poverty & hunger.

India, post-Independence adopted socialistic pattern of economy & hence reducing disparity became one of its aim.

Smart cities mission has been launched in this context to holistically develop a city. The idea is to make the city more livable & sustainable as well as ensure rights of every person in the city. The project adopts an area approach to development & there adopting a whole city approach. Special emphasis is being laid on development of slum & neglected areas. An expenditure of 40,000 crore has been assigned for next 100 years for 100 cities.

Taking above figures into consideration surely the mission will help in making

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cities more livable but the flipside is that there is a need to correspondingly revive the rural economy because unless we stop huge migration (due to push factors) we can't hope to achieve the dream of sustainable

4 city. Also the development of rural areas is equally important.
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Q22. According to World Health Organisation air pollution levels are rising in many of the world's poorest cities. As India is the home to world's largest poor population, critically examine India's preparedness in responding to this threat. (10 Marks)

As per the WHO reports pollution levels are rising in many of the world's poorest cities. eg. Zabol in Iran has been ranked as the most polluted city. In a recent survey with Allahabad & Greater figuring among top 10.

As India is the home to world's largest number of poor population it has taken a number of steps to control the air pollution in cities.

Launching of NAAQ (National Air Quality Index) for monitoring the air quality in Indian cities.

India decided to switch over to Bharat Stage VI - the most advanced fuel standards from 2020.

Odd-even rules (esp. in Delhi) and promotion of public transport.

Ban on old vehicles in cities. eg. NGT banned more than 10 year old diesel vehicle in Delhi.

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- Promoting awareness about air pollution.

As per a recent report barely 1% of
India's population lives in the area where air

quality is good. Thus taking serenity of

problem into consideration, these measures are

quite inadequate and therefore more

stringent measures need to be adopted.

Required initiatives
and approach.

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Q23. According to National Green Tribunal reports, the Art of Living's, world cultural festival negatively affected the Yamuna flood plains. Discuss how such events affect the ecology of the region? Do you think such events should be allowed to be held? Discuss.

(10 Marks)

As per the NGT reports, the Art festival has negatively affected Yamuna flood plains -

Due to increased footprint the groundwater discharge capacity of soil has been negatively affected which is less likely to recover.

Loss to biodiversity has taken place which may hamper the ecological balance in the area.

The events like this affect the ecology of the area by increasing pollution; increased human activity and human intervention in the natural process. Natural process have their life of their own and if they are hampered by such events they are less likely to recover.

Taking the serious state of Indian rivers & their flood plains these kinds of events should not be allowed to be held in ecologically sensitive areas. In fact NGT slammed

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₹ 5 crore fine on Aol foundation for disturbing the ecology of the area but then ecological loss can't be measured in monetary terms alone, that preventive measures are required.

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Findings of Shashi
Sekar comm. report.

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Q24. What is the meaning of Storm,Water Drainage? The importance of storm-water drainage to a city increases in the context of changing weather patterns. How is this relevant to India? (10 Marks)

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Q25. Recently the Mihir Shah report has recommended an urgent overhaul of the current water management systems. Is National water commission the panacea to water management problems in India? Critically examine. (10 Marks)

As per the recent report of Mihir Shah, there is an urgent need of overhaul of current water management system in the country. In this scenario, few people suggested for setting up of a National water commission.

But surely National water commission will not be a panacea for current water problems.

- Taking the current state of inter-state river water boards into consideration (which are constitutional bodies u/A. 262) it is quite likely that they will become just another institution.

The problem of water in India is multi-pronged like there is pollution problem, ground water problem & river dispute issue.

- Water is a state subject & so river water commission is less likely to be effective.

Issues with CWC and C.G.W.B.

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But if we take the need of more coherent response into consideration then there seems to be some relevance of National Water Commission. It will ensure a proper response and it can offer expert solution to the water problems.

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But it is also important that when it is set, all parties concerned are taken onboard.

Functions of NWC in detail