

**GENERAL STUDIES - PAPER - I**

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Q.	Marks	Instructions to Candidate
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4.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Answers to questions no. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to questions no. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.</li></ul>
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# REMARKS

**Section - A**

- Q1. Indian festivals showcase the shared cultural history and diversity of the Indian sub-continent on the one hand, and are the lampost of unity in diversity on the other. Elucidate. (10 Marks)

Indian festivals forms important part of shared culture among the people of Sub Continent. They reflect colourful way of celebration and diversity among the people. They also share common features of sharing and celebrating their festivals.

Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, Sankranti and Pongal are various festivals which were celebrated with fervour throughout the country. Diwali is celebrated throughout the country and our neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh etc.

Pongal which is celebrated during Tamuz, is celebrated in other parts of country with different names. Pongal in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, Other than Punjab and also in Maharashtra. It is celebrated as harvesting festival.

Sankranti, Ugadi a new year day in Andhra Pradesh is celebrated in other parts also as mark of celebrating of Spring Season. Gudi Padwa is also having same essence.

These festivals having different manner but the essence of these festivals to bring people together and

sense  
of  
oneness  
between  
cultural  
varieties

Show their joy. Small traditions from small regions are made way for great traditions. Great traditions also made their way for small traditions. Pilgrimage and tourism made these things possible. They also contribute to integration and unity of nation.

Hence, celebrating tolerance, harmony and celebrating all festivals together with all religions make our

Country 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'



- Q2. Critically analyse the surge of socialist ideas within the Indian National Congress which reached its culmination when the National Planning Committee was formed in the Haripura Session. (10 Marks)

Socialist ideas made their way in to Indian freedom movement during second decade of 20<sup>th</sup> century. Diffusion of western ideas like democracy, nationalism through renaissance and Russian revolution in 1917 were major factors contributing to this. On also includes Great Events Depressed also

Young national leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose and Sardar Patel were strong followers of democracy and Socialism. They not only opposed Capitalist tendency of foreign rulers but also some of the Indian Capitalists. Bhagat Singh also advocated freeing people from both foreign and local bourgeoisie and helping the lower classes. Soviet model adopted later with added

National Planning Committee was formed in Haripura Session in 1938 during Bose presidency. They advocated Socialist form of government and development for the free India. Young Socialists supported reforms for the lower classes and all sections of society. Tribute Nehru Socialism as an goal in policy 1931

However, they faced stiff resistance from the many leaders within the Congress and outside due to

Congress  
with Congress

1. Congress is supported by some of the land lords who oppose the Socialist ideas.

Differences  
exist  
for  
Socialist  
idea

There are differences in implementation of these reforms and understanding of Socialism. For example there was difference between Bose and Gandhi and finally led to Bose breaking away from Congress.

But, Socialist ideas formed core of ideology of National Congress and implemented after independence in the form of mixed model of Socialism as democratic socialism through Land reforms, Zaminadar system abolition etc.

3)

- ✓ Promote units of PWD
- ✓ Promote cottage industries
- ✓ End regional balances
- ✓ Increase national wealth

- Q3. Pre-dating what has been popularly regarded as the first war of independence in 1857, the Paika rebellion of 1817 in Odisha briefly shook the foundations of the British rule in eastern India. Discuss about the Paika rebellion and give your viewpoint on how such side streams strengthened the cause of independent India. Provide critical assessment of such rebellions of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. (10 Marks)

*Against British rule*  
*Oppression of*  
*Paikas*  
Paika rebellion is rebellion against British.  
In Odisha under leadership of Jagannath Baralua for their rights. It formed important place in history of India and inspired many other rebellions during national movement  
main reasons for such rebellions from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries

- i. British opposed policies like Land revenue system etc.
- ii. British new way of administration and which found alien to local people
- iii. British denied local people basic rights of life and property and leading them to impoverishment.

Ex: Santhal Rebellion, Gadkari Rebellion, etc.

Positive Impact of these rebellions:

- They encouraged many local leaders to lead against British and people in other regions also
- They fought to defend their traditional rights
- They developed sense of anger against foreign rulers

Strengths

**Drawbacks**

poor leadership  
not supported  
by middle class and  
intelligence

- They were highly localized and have individual agenda and lack of common agenda.
- They were weak against strong British empire
- They were not systematically organized.
- Despite their drawback they have inspired many rebellions like 1857 Sepoy mutiny which was considered first War of Independence and further inspired freedom movement against British Empire.



Remarks

- Q4. "Intervention of the British in the personal laws of natives led to the Indian renaissance". Critically analyse. (10 Marks)

Indian Renaissance is social reform movement which Indian society is reformed under new western ideas of Humanism, empiricism and rationalism. It played a major role in national freedom movement.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Keshab Chandra Sen, are various social reformers which led this Renaissance. British intervention to stop Child sacrifice in Rajasthani and Human Sacrifice in Khanda in Orissa etc. They tried to reform Indian society from some of the superstitions and social evils. This gave further impetus to local leaders for demanding progressive legislation.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy fought for Sati Ban and allowed by instance of William Bentick under Regulation XVII. Child marriage is banned under instance of Keshab Chandra Sen and Widows Remarriage Act was passed under instance of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. These all helped to reform Indian society from social evils and tried to

"Grande  
mores of  
British  
Dayalist  
Society"

Change with time. They also helped in getting education, political consciousness.

However, they suffered some of drawbacks like they were imposed on society rather than coming from the Society. British treated local traditions as underdeveloped and ~~backward~~ as their "White man's Burden" to civilise them. Some of leaders not followed acts like Rabindranath Tagore himself married his daughter as child.

Despite, the criticisms they formed important role in reforming society and freedom movement.



- Q5. "From the net grain importer in late 1990s, Russia became the largest exporter of wheat in 2017". Analyse the recovery of Russian agriculture sector in the last two decades. (10 Marks)

Russia which is largest country in world became largest exporter of wheat in 2017 from net grain importer in late 1990s. This is tremendous and remarkable achievement for Russia.

#### Reasons for net grain Importer one:

- Vastness of Country and its population.
- Many of lands and fields are covered with snow and not useful for cultivation.
- Socialist system of production and lack of incentivisation for farmers.

#### Reasons for growth of agriculture:

- Disintegration and Vigour for development of country
- Improvement of technology for mechanised cultivation practices
- Expansion in to far east and incentivising people to grow wheat in newly explored areas.

"Elaborate points  
of industrialization  
in India  
to provide  
jobs  
to rural  
population  
and  
farmers  
commercial  
farms  
jobs  
etc."

Social  
network  
etc.

Wheat

production

Russia

exporter



Climate change also contributing to expansion of cultivation by making new land under cultivation.

Government policies to expand wheat production.

Hence, adequate mixture of state support to farmers, implementation of technological practices and implementation of technology has made Russia from grain importer to wheat producer and exporter in 2017.

- Q6. Uniform Civil Code is as much a matter of legislation as it is a matter of social reform. Instead of a uniform civil code, reducing discrimination in the various personal laws should be the aim. Critically analyse. (10 Marks)

Uniform Civil Code is form of code which is envisaged having similar type of Civil Laws for all people irrespective of religion, cast, community. Article 44 of Constitution. In Directive Principles of State policy puts obligation on state to achieve it.

### Advantages

- Similar Laws for all sections of Society irrespective of caste, communities, religion etc.
- leads to integration and Unity of Country
- reduces the feelings of Segregation and Separatist tendencies.
- easy to administer the society because of same code for all sections.

Gender parity  
equal status to all

### Challenges

- presence of different sections, religions, tribals who have different traditions, customs, rules etc and which shows a sense of imposing laws on them.

local colors

" Violation of minority rights "

Against principles of democracy

- It is seen against liberty and practice of religion of an minority sections of society
- It is seen as Proposition of majoritarianism
- It further may lead to Separatist and radicalisation due to some ~~unscrupulous~~ elements.

— Uniform Civil Code is envisaged in Constitution by founding fathers. There should be discussion from all stakeholders before any decision. Multi-religious and diverse society like India might take ~~more~~ time to discussion and must take into Consideration that " Unity is not Uniformity " and should reach to consensus.

Religion is amendment in personal laws



- Q7. In India, women form 60% of the lowest-paid wage labour but only 15% of the highest wage-earners. They are poorly represented and experience a wide gender pay gap at the bottom. What corrective actions can be taken to reverse the trend? What is the social and economic cost of women marginalization? (10 Marks)

India's rank in Global Gender Gap is 131 among the World Countries which shows the clear dismal nature of India's performance in this Index. Women always kept out of Labour market and confined to four walls of kitchen.

#### Social Cost of Women marginalization

- They lose Self Confidence and Self esteem
- Perpetuation of Patriarchal System Confining Women to households

Globally It impacts education of children and health of women, children

- It reduces Women participation in social forums like Politics, Cooperatives etc

#### Economic cost

- It does not realize the potential of women.

- Discrimination of Women in highest posts despite their better performance like Kiron Hasmukh Shah, Anandita Saha Bhattacharya etc

Formal jobs

For human resource

Economic empowerment and Social empowerment leads to better purchasing capacity  
It further leads to economic activity etc

Recent initiatives

Initiatives  
taken  
by govt  
for  
women

- Explained  
below
- Beti Bachao, Beti Padao
  - Maternity Benefit Scheme
  - Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace, 2013

Hence, Women should be encouraged and reduce

Gender gap and wage gap among men and women. 50%  
of population cannot be left outside for the development  
of country and helps to achieve gender equality (sic, 5)



Also work  
areas for  
gender parity

- Education
- Pink color jobs
- Women safety
- Women's rights
- Women's empowerment

Blair  
Commission  
taker

Remarks

- Q8. The Supreme Court held that every adult has the right to marry anyone and nobody including parents, khap panchayats or similar associations can question their choice of spouse. Evaluate the situation within the lenses of Article 21. (10 Marks)

Article 21 under Constitution provides right to life and personal liberty. It is one of the golden triangle of Constitution with Article 14, Article 19. It provides right to liberty and marry a person of personal choice.

Marriage as a social institution forms important role in society and hence marriage with choice of individual is upheld in recent judgement of Hadiya from Kerala. Supreme Court also upheld the validity of marriages against the dictats of Khap Panchayats in Haryana etc.

### Necessity

- Helps to marry a person of personal choice
- It helps to realize potential and liberty of individual.
- It is not animal existence but life with dignity
- Freedom from external influence in marriage.

### Challenger

- Collectivist society of India.

- Patriarchal mindset of Society,
- Presence of groups like Panchayati, who were  
seen self styled protection of customs
- Gap between Constitutional morality and Social morality

Multi religious, multi community, diverse country

India must develop nationalism according to Directive principles  
of state policy, education, tolerance among people to provide  
choice to people many forms of their choices.



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se guidelines  
✓ Immediate & R  
✓ fast track trials  
~ dispose case within  
~ 6 months

- Q9. More than 20% of the population in southern states will be older than 65 years by 2050. In Bihar, Assam, and Uttar Pradesh, the corresponding proportion is around 10%. Examine the fallout of such regional population dynamics and its socio-economic impacts? (10 Marks)

India is profoundly young nation with median age 27 and compared 36 of US, China by 2020. India is experiencing demographic dividend and should reap these benefits.

The demographic dividend and age structure is not uniform through out the Country. The Southern states like Kerala, Tamil nadu with low fertility already results young population experiencing it compared to northern states like UP, Bihar etc. This young population turns in to elderly population and young people increase in northern states in future.

#### Social Implications

- Decreasing Young age population in Southern states affecting the security of elderly people ✓
- Effect on replacement ratio ✓
- Social cleavage different communities due to different populations ✓

elaborate  
given  
points

Migration  
poison  
South  
More  
Migrant  
with  
more  
pushes

Economic Implications:

Labour  
for services  
Industries  
firms  
farmers  
GDP growth  
etc  
region differences

Low productivity among Southern states due to less

Young population

• affects growth of region and lead to migration.

• more dependence on State for welfare schemes.

— Hence, Government should balance these

by holistic policy to deal scenario with migrating people to Southern region from Northern region to take benefit of demographic dividend.



Q10. The PDS system in India is meant as a major social protection net. Discuss the working of the PDS system and examine why it failed to be an effective poverty alleviation tool? (10 Marks)

Public Distribution System is important tool for distribution of food by state to weaker sections of society to alleviate poverty among the people.

#### Challenges in PDS System

- Leaks in transportation, storage systems
- Inclusion, exclusion errors in beneficiaries
- One size fits all approach for ~~all~~ regions of country
- Low quality among the distributed grains
- Excessive storage and spoiling of food grains in the storage system.
- Diversion of food grains from beneficiaries to black market.
- Corruption and ~~robbing~~ among the distribution authorities.

Food  
Safety  
and  
Availability

Elephant  
Festivals  
and  
Poison

Research  
Control  
in

Free  
Marketing

Centralized  
Planning

and  
New  
Participation

#### Steps to overcome

- Streamlining the distribution system through GPS tracking (Ex: Aadhar Aadhar)

Remarks

- Usage of technology to avoid exclusion and facilitation errors of beneficiaries

(Ex: Usage of Aadhar to identify beneficiaries)

- Development of infrastructure and technology for distribution

(Ex: Digital India and Broadband/ Connectivity)

Strict enforcement of rules and regulation.

Improvement of quality of grains.

Hence, Government should continue with transparency and compliance to WTO rules to empower local people with fool proof PDS system.

Discuss the food  
stages of food  
grain procurement

**Section - B**

- Q11. Elucidate the contribution of trinity of Carnatic music namely Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Syama Sastri. (25 Marks)

Carnatic music is traditional music developed in Southern part of Country under trinity of Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Syama Sastri. These two belong to Vijayanagara Kingdom who played important role in development of Carnatic music.

The music developed in Carnatic region were called as Carnatic music. They helped in development of various ragams, talams, Pallav and Anupallavi which is sequence during recitation of music.

Various instruments used in Carnatic music are Ghata, Mridangam and Nachittam. These instruments play important role in producing effect which is according to recitation of sangam from the singer. There is perfect synchronization in playing the music.

## The Characteristics of Carnatic music

- It is mostly 'religious' music rather than secular music.
- It is basically 'oligarchic' in nature rather than democratic. It is learnt mostly from upper Caste than Lower Caste people.
- It is slender in playing and has low pitch compared to high pitch Hindustani music.
- It is rugged and compartmented with no religion.

Contribution

med - Tyagaraja

My

Work

Contribution to

Many musicians like Annamacharya,

M.S. Subba Lakshmi are pioneers in

Carnatic music. They are music festivals conducted in Tiruvayyam for Tyagaraja annually for his

Contribution to Carnatic music.

Carnatic music is being reformed  
presently and embodying latest developments from outside.

Remarks

It is also learnt by all sections of society with out discrimination.

Hence, the Contribution of Tyagaraja, Mother Seemy, Syama Sastri was remarkable for development of music and patronising, spreading it among the people. They were immortalised through Carnatic music.

Music  
Contribution made  
by each of them  
by Tyagaraja - Pancharatna Kalyan  
Dikshitar - Music for Purusha



Good  
Cater

Q12. Sanskrit literature reached its climax during Gupta Period. Discuss.

(15 Marks)

~~With introduction~~ Gupta Period is golden ages for Indian history due to its development of literature, art, architecture, science and technology. It has Prospected all round development of literature, society etc.

Sanskrit literature particularly reached its zenith during the Gupta Period. Newarataas present in court of Chandragupta II and Kalidasa, Sankar, Bihala Bhattacharya were prominent Sanskrit poets in court. Vishnu Sharma, Sudraka, Vatsayana were other important poets in Sanskrit literature.

### [Contribution]

- Kalidasa who is considered as Shakespeare of East
  - Wrote drama, Kavya, Poetry etc. Malavikagnimitram, Raghuvansham, Kritisamharam, Meghasandesham were important works of Kalidasa.

~~Good  
after~~

Remarks

- He provoked drama, romance, love in his works and reflected socio economic conditions of society.
- Court  
Urtil  
Vishnukarika of Sudraka was story between Prostitute and Brahmin which was portrayed brilliantly.
- Vishnu  
Potomik  
Pravachik  
Amarakosha of Vatsayana was treatise on Kama (Pleasure) which identified as important role in development of man, society.
- Narad  
Savitri  
Panchatantra of Vishnu Sharma were fables which helps in imbibing morality among people in society through various short stories.

### Reasons for Development

- Ektapati  
Hita  
Pratip  
Promising of poets by kings
- Developing Economy in Society helped in directing energy for development of art
- Impact of Various traders, travellers on local poets.

Limitations

- only ending stories with happiness and no sadness among the stories
- literature by Upper Caste people and not by lower castes
- literature development in Sanskrit rather than local language Poetrit.

Despite above criticism, Sanskrit literature in  
 Gupta period developed in its peak and inspired further  
 generations and William Jones of British East India Company  
 collected and translated Mahavagminitrani in to English.



Q13. Mahalanobis model of development failed to achieve its objective in development of backward areas by setting up heavy industries. Critically analyse. (15 Marks)

Mahalanobis is chief statistician and helped newly formed Independent government after ~~independence~~ independence. He played important role in Second five year plan which concentrated on industry particularly heavy industry. Heavy industries considered as growth engine for achieving development.

### Advantages of this model

- Heavy industries help in production of heavy goods which increase GDP growth
- Potential to generate employment and reduce unemployment
- Reduction of unemployment leads to low poverty levels
- Development and production of Capital goods
- Implementation of technology and establishment of higher education institutes like IITs etc

Drawbacks of model

- less focus on Primary sector and helping in development of manufacturing sector - First five year Plan achieved its goals but not sufficient
- low technology levels for operating heavy industries due to low education levels and heavy dependence on foreign countries.

Govt control: Primary, Secondary education were neglected and too much preference on higher education.

Industrial policy: Industries were set up in already developed areas like Mumbai, Gujarat rather than East India.

Planning: Balanced growth was envisaged but less number of industries were set up in backward areas.

Govt control: Lack of communication, transportation infrastructure for full potential realization.

Despite above limitation Mahalanobis model achieved its goals untargeted. In Second five year plan with construction of industries, dams, etc calling them as 'Modern Temple'. The limitations were overcome in later years to achieve Inclusive, Sustainable growth. Well integrated

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Q14. Although Indian folk music and dance form present themselves in a wide variety of forms, they share common themes and concerns. Elucidate. (15 Marks)

India is land of diverse culture and hot spot of many music, dance forms ranging from Kashmir to Gangotri, Kutch to Karnataka.

Traditional dance of Gandharva, Dandiya, Sattriya, Yatayagamas, Kelam, Tappada gidi are

Various dance forms. They vary from the region to region in its character but they are similar in some of the themes.

Ramayana and Mahabharata are epic in Indian culture and represented in the local language variations.

Ram Leela in northern part of Country is similar to Ram Katha in southern part. They ~~were~~ are explained in Bhavakalpa in Andhra Pradesh, Hari Katha in Kannada of Ramayana stories.

Another theme which is common in many cultures is Victory of Good over evil. This is depicted in many stories and dance forms in Southern, Northern regions. Yakshagana in Karnataka is example of it.

Worshipping of rain gods and local gods for prosperity is common theme in various cultures. Theeyam in Kerala, Thiruvathira in Tamil nadu is pleasing local Gods for good harvest, health etc.

Community living is another dance forms which show base socialisation. Ganesh, Dandiya, where women, men dance in round forms around fire and with ~~straw~~ showing importance of community. Collective society like India needs this type of celebration.

Many martial dance forms also present in various parts of Country. Silambam in Tamil Nadu,

Chau - Odisha  
Sakhi - Naga - Bengal

Kalem payattu in Kerala, Thang ta in Manipur is

common its martial Valour in its theme.

Hence, even though different dances present  
in country, they are done in theme. It is high  
time for us to protect these culture and transmit  
to future generations.



Q15. British wanted to use modern education to strengthen their political authority in the country but it also sowed seeds of discontent in the Indian society in various spheres. Critically discuss. (15 Marks)

Modern Education, Western Education Considered as

Instrument for establishing British authority in Country.

'Macaulay Minute' and 'Downward Penetration Theory' was

Implemented to Propagate and Spread English Education.

Macaulay Considered 'Local education is inferior to English Scientific education. He wanted Indians in blood and colour but English in thoughts and behaviour'

Orientalist and Anglist Controversy cleared by Macaulay minute by allocating 1 Lakh rupees for spread of English education among people.

'Downward Penetration' which creates small section of English speaking, educated natives who further spread their education to other people making all of them educated in English. This helps them in continuing propagating the political authority in Country.

### Positive Impact on Society

- helped in spread of ideas like humanism, empiricism, rationalism led to social reform movements Under Renaming Rev, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan etc.
- Political consciousness and understanding the principles like liberty, freedom etc.
- Economic 'chain of wealth' concept provided by Marx to explain British 'white man's burden' Theory
- Social evils like salt, child marriage, Widows problems were discussed and progressive legislations were passed to ban above issues
- lead to Indian freedom movement by spread of ideas among people with common language English etc.
- To revolt against discriminatory and exploitative character of British rule

Electoral  
form  
points

"Applied about  
myself"

Negative Impact

British  
Muslim  
divide  
Shared  
history  
taught by  
British

Limited to some sections of society particularly high

Castes

led to Sanskritisation and westernisation by leaving  
local traditions, culture

destruction of Caste System in traditional Society.

Despite all drawbacks, the foul actions British  
used against Indians / it started Counter Productive for  
development of Political Consciousness and ultimately led to  
freedom of India.



Q16. "Owing to vast and diverse landscape, having varying climatic zones, India must follow tailor-made solutions specific for each agro-ecological regions in agriculture sector rather than a single approach for all". Critically examine the ineffectiveness of policies in agriculture sector in India due to its diverse landscape and climatic regions.

(15 Marks)

Diversity in landscape and different soils for country  
and diverse geographic conditions  
led to formation of different  
agro-ecological regions in agriculture  
as shown in figure 1.

Different Soil conditions favour  
different Crops for example  
Rice, Wheat in Alluvial soil, Cotton in  
Black Soil, Rap, Millets in semi arid regions, chest  
nut in high altitude Montane regions

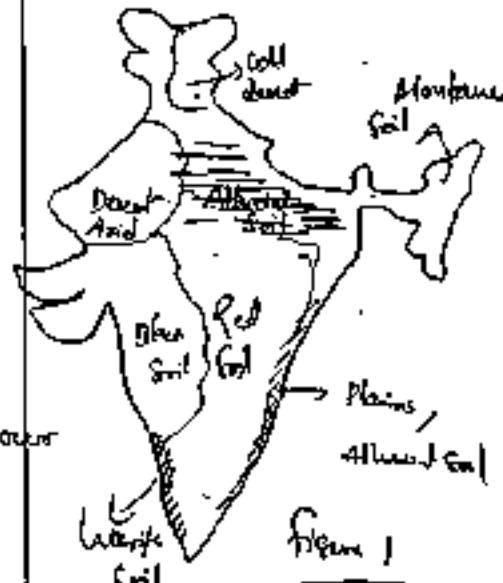


figure 1

The advantage of different soils, crops should  
be utilised and vast coast line helps in aquaculture,  
inland water for inland fishing and agriculture  
can be diversified with animal husbandry etc.

Challange of agriculture policies in agriculture sector

- Supporting and favouring water intensive Crops like Wheat, Rice, Sugarcane in particular regions like North West, Western UP etc.
- It has led to water salinity and ground water extraction in these areas.
- Excessive production of some crops and less production of some crops.
- Imbalanced regional development reflected in Eastern region and North Eastern Region.
- Promoting Capitalist based cultivation rather than organic farming.

Way forward

- Low water intensive crops like Millets, Maize should be promoted.
- Bottom up approach to promote organic farming (Sikkim) and Zero budget farming (Andhra Pradesh).

~~long duration~~

~~Net  
satellite~~

~~Kriti  
vijay  
kendriya  
Report  
on deep~~

Agro processing industries to control wastage of food production (Ex: Sampada Scheme, Mega food Park)

Using traditional knowledge in agriculture and horticulture approach (Ex: Restuctured Bamboo Mission and medicine for AYUSH)

Hence, integrated approach using local traditional knowledge and policy formulation based agro-climate zones should be way forward for sustainable, productive agriculture.

4) Design agricultural policy according to agro-ecological zone



Q17. "India's crop diversity is due to the diverse nature of soil found in different regions of India". Discuss. Critically analyse the degradation of soil quality due to changing cropping pattern of India. (15 Marks)

Well Answered

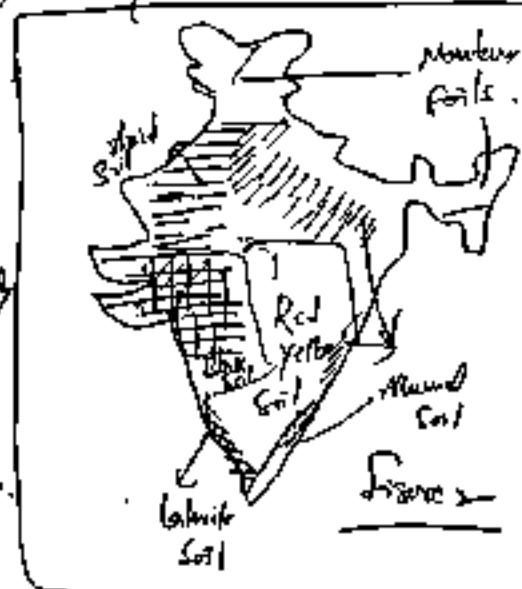
Soil diversity in country generally lead to Crop

diversity in country as shown

in Figure 2. India is bestowed

with soil variations which actually

led to Variety Crops like Wheat, Rice,  
Maize, Cotton, Sugarcane etc.



Alluvial soils which are fertile help in production of wheat, rice and sugar can act as drain fast and water availability in soil.

Lignite Soil in western ghats helps in formation of crops like Tea, Rubber etc. Black soils in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh helps in Sowing Cotton

and Red, Yellow soils help in growth of Coffee, Mango etc.

Arid, Semi Arid soil which have low moisture helps in growth of Millet, Ragi. Montane soils helps in growth of Chestnut, Walnut etc.

Crop  
Center

Degradation of soil quality is major problem among the soils due to various reasons like

Stressed government policies to encourage crops like rice, wheat which require water. Water intensive crops leading to soil salinization (Western U.P.)

• fertility of soil is destroyed by application of chemical fertilizers in Punjab, Haryana

• changing cropping pattern leading to ground water depletion in water scarcity regions  
(Ex: Sugarcane plantation in Marathwada region)

• leading soil erosion and soil degradation and further expansion of desertification of lands.

### Way forward

• Promoting local organic farming, zero budget-farming techniques among the people  
(Ex: Organic Farming in Bihar)

Good  
idea!

Encourage rain water intensive Crops and promote, incentive farmers for it

(Ex: Anyone encouraging farmers away from Rice)

Also fishing, farm forestry should be encouraged

(Ex: Bamboo mission for North East India)

How, Sustainable agricultural practices using traditional knowledge, scientific practices mixed with prudent Government policies lead to sustainable, responsible agriculture.

- Also write positive impact of cropping pattern
- ↓ lower input cost
- ↓ Consistent availability of crops
- ↓ Economically efficient

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Q18. Local winds such as the Mistral, the Cape Doctor, The Petaluma Gap and the Siroccos plays an important role for wine production in different regions of the world. Elucidate. (15 Marks)

Local winds are winds developed due to differential continental heating of continent, water bodies in local regions. They play important role in ~~in the~~ ~~local~~ ~~region~~ ~~climate~~ etc.

Ex: Mistral, Cape Doctor, Sirocco are local winds which blow from Northern Africa to Mediterranean region. Some winds blow from Alps to Mediterranean region.

For Example Mistral is cold local wind which

blow from Alps and Sirocco is hot/warm local wind which blow from Sahara region to Mediterranean region which keeps it warm during winter region.

Similarly Mistral keeps this region cold during summer.

Remarks

## Advantages of Winds for Wine Production

- Mediterranean region Known for Wine Production of World
- Winter rainfall in this region helps in citrus fruits and grapes production.
- *West wind belt* in Africa, Mistral local winds which provide optimum conditions for wine production by stabilising the environment conditions.
- *Monsoon* Wine production requires medium rainfall and temperature which were adjusted by these winds.
- They generate much required moisture for soil and humidity for air.

Hence, these local winds play important role in wine production throughout the world.

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**Remarks**

- Q19. "Growing demands of metallic ores and other natural resources due to ever-expanding infrastructure and demand of raw materials coupled with limited availability of land has turned humans towards the ocean to cater deep metal deposits and other biotic resources". Elucidate with reference to different kinds of minerals and resources provided by the oceans. (15 Marks)

Metallic ores, natural resources are necessary and imperative for growing economy like India. Harnessing these natural resources for energy through development of technology and infrastructure is critical for country's growth.

In India metallic ore is present in states like Chhattisgarh Plateau in Jharkhand, Bastar in Chhattisgarh which are home to many tribals and locals. Land is also limited for expansion of agriculture and urban area. 40% of population would be living in cities by 2040 and there is huge pressure on these lands.

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Expansion of Infrastructure and Construction of roads, railways, houses are imperative for providing basic facilities for ever growing population. Here, these factors led to moving towards oceans for resources.

Deep Ocean mining (Dorm) is exploration of poly metallic nodules in the Indian ocean by our country for various metalllic resources like Magnesium, Manganese, Copper etc.

~~Sedimentary~~ Polymetallic nodules are minerals which are formed due to volcanic activity in mid ocean ridges and formation of these nodules. These nodules generally ~~sulfide~~ consists of basic metal at core and formation of other metals around it due to various sediments from ocean under great pressure and low temperature.

~~Oil~~ These oceans are also home to various rare ~~ores~~ earth metals. China is already exploring and leading in rare earth metals production used in semiconductors. ~~Gas~~ South China sea is having electronic industry. ~~Soil~~ Large resources of rare earth metals.

Remarks

Agriculture is production of sea grass, weeds, fishes etc. on coastal region which are rich in nutrients for consumption of humans and also useful for animals, birds, and fishes. These grass cultivation is already started in Coastal areas.

Hence, development of technology to harness these energy resources and sustainable use of these resources is way forward for sustainable development.

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Write about  
names of these  
plants/ seeds?

Q20. Societal stigma keeps the transgender voters away from voting. Elaborate the discrimination faced by transgender with respect to elections. Suggest measures to mainstream and streamline this community during the elections and in general.

(15 Marks)

Transgender forms minority Community in

Modern society who face various discriminations like Stereotypes and physical abuse etc.

Social stigma is attributed the sections

which kept them out of Political process by non-participation in Voting process and election of Candidates etc.

The discriminations faced by them are

They never considered as vote bank due to minority in society

Stigmatisation of these community even though their presence required for some rituals (marriage etc)

No support from the families to accept the transgender in the society.

Remarks

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 No separate  
 self rule  
 Nothing is  
 man's job  
 Police misbehaviour  
 problem in  
 problem in  
 speech  
 speech

Political parties never have separate policies and Candidates  
 representing this community

- Proper facilities are not available in Polling stations.

### Measures

Reducing the stigma in society through awareness and  
 through law

(Ex: Abrogation of Article 377)

Political parties supporting them in functioning

(Ex: Congress Party appointed Transgender as functionary)

Creating Conditions for active participation in politics

(Ex: Many Transgender Candidates participated in  
 Telangana)

Awareness among People by Institutions like

Election Commission

(Ex: ECI programme for recent general election)  
 No Voter should be left around)

Hence, all the above measures should be implemented in true faith for improvement and involvement of transgenders in political process.

