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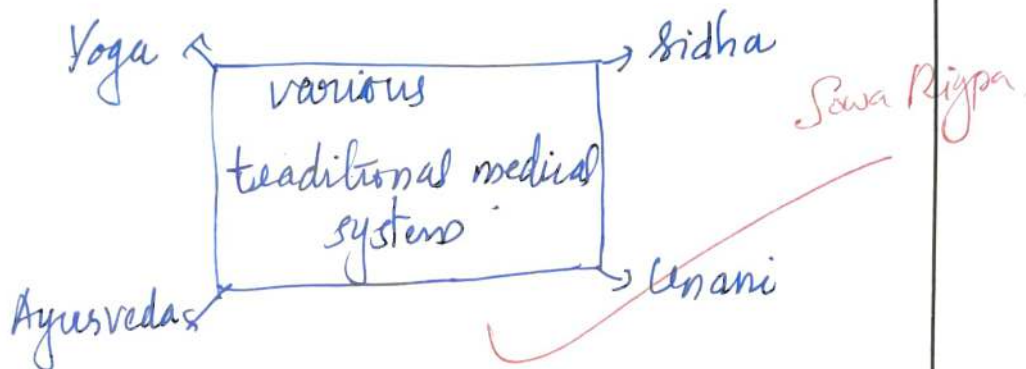
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1. Discuss the efficacy of traditional medical systems prevalent in present-day Indian society. (10 Marks)

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India's recent development of traditional knowledge digital library is a way forward for the promotion of traditional medicine systems.



Efficacy of traditional medicines -

Positives → No side effects - as they causes limited allergic reactions
(e.g.) Ayurveda
Physical and mental healing
Age old traditions process.
(e.g.) Charka Samhita (e.g.) Ashtangayoga (e.g.) Yoga



→ Enables natural healing techniques.

④ Siddha tradition.

→ Govt's steps to promote these medicines due to added advantages.

④ Ayush ministry.

(Don't write anything in this area)

Concerns/ Limitations

① Absence of result-oriented data.

④ About different applications

② Speculations about future ~~and~~ ill effects.

④ Yunani medicine causing infectivity

③ Limited awareness and acceptance among people.

④ Absence of strong supporting infrastructure.

Govt should encourage Ayush ^{treatment} promotion.



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2. In what ways did Swami Vivekananda's famous "Chicago Speech" paved the way for the formation of a new national identity? (10 Marks)

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Swami Vivekananda through his famous Chicago speech promoted the idea of ~~synthetic~~ universal religion of all humanity.

Chicago speech - formation of new national identity

- ① Emphasized upon religious unity and equality.
(eg) All paths leads to same God
- ② Ensured multicultural traditions and inter-faith dialogues.
- ③ Emphasized upon the notion of doctrine of service.
(eg) -service of fellow nationals



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(Don't write anything in this area)

④ Strongly criticized increasing trend of westernisation -

eg India for Indians ?

⑤ Promoted self-confidence or atmasakti ✓

eg Mahatma impulse behind Swadeshi movement

⑥ Proposed India as a nation before the arrival of British ✓

⑦ Emphasized upon the need for Hindu - Muslims unity ✓ and strong national programmes.

Thus Chicago speech gave a strong impetus to anti-colonial movement.

Explain the content



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3. The Government of India Act, 1935, provided a vehicle with "strong brakes but no engine." Comment. (10 Marks)

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Government of India Act of 1935 marks a major milestone in British administration in India.

GOI 1935 - main features acting as strong brakes.

- ① Proposed the creation of an all India Federation - with British provinces and princely states.
- ② Provision for provincial autonomy and abolition of bicameral legislature at the province.
- ③ Creation of Bicameral legislature at the centre with elected representatives.

How these acted as strong brakes & detailed governance

Disparity - more key subject in reserve but g. finance.



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④ Federal court for trying both Indians and Europeans subjects.

⑤ Federal public service commission for recruitments.

⑥ Franchise has been extended to include women etc.

Though it had wide range of provisions, it got never materialised due to -

① Reluctance shown by the British administration.

② Rejection by major political leaders and people across country.

Thus it was a vehicle with no engine to drive.

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Answer to the demand of girls.



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4. The integration of French colonies into the Union of India was much easier compared to the Portuguese colonies. Elucidate. (10 Marks)

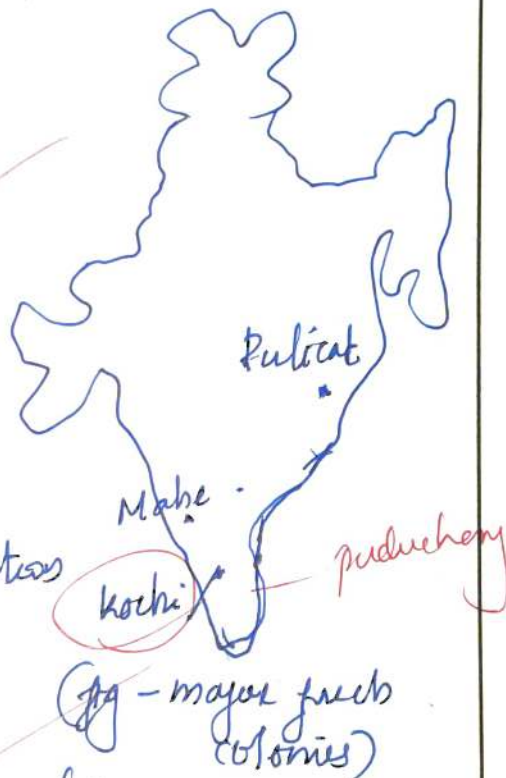
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French was the last colonial power to invade India and was only ^{came} in ~~1500s~~ 1660s.

Integration of French colonies —
as easier task — reasons

① French only as a marginal power — after Carnatic war French lost extensive powers

② French govt supported colonialisation — lacked command from govt to induce administrative machinery





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③ local rulers agreed of consensus and peaceful transfer of power.

(eg) Kochin state

④ Absence large standing army as compared to other counterparts.

⑤ low technological and naval expertise.

Reasons for tougher integration of Portuguese colonies

① Existence of large standing army of the Portuguese.

② Portuguese policy of making agreements with regional rulers.

③ Huge naval and technological expertise.

Thus they left only in 1961.



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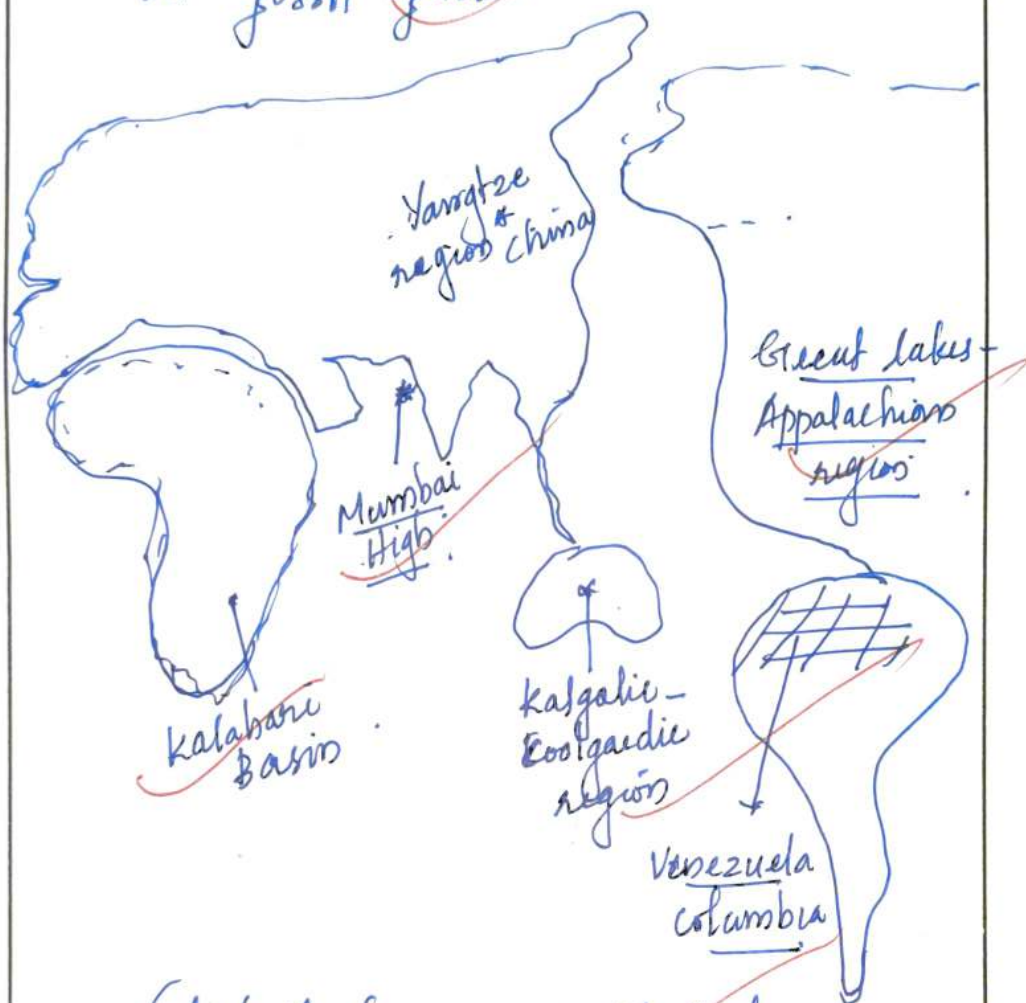
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5. Analyze why fossil fuels are largely found only in some regions of the earth.

(10 Marks)

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COP 28 of UNFCCC has taken global pledge for reducing dependency on fossil fuels.



(distribution of fossil fuels across the globe)



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Reasons for spatial distribution

- ① Tectonic activity and subduction zones. - contains huge deposits.
eg Atlantic belt of Venezuela
- ② Presence of ancient Gondwana deposits.
eg Krishna delta India
- ③ Technological advancement.
eg Great lake region - USA
- ④ Huge capital investment making exploration easier.
eg Yangtze valley - China
- ⑤ Existence volcanic chambers.
eg Kalahari desert

Impact → Dominance of some players.
eg China USA
→ Heavy dependence by and price shocks eg India - ~60% coal

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6. Himalayan rivers are largely perennial compared to many of their peninsular counterparts. Elaborate. (10 Marks)

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Main Himalayan rivers of India — the Indus, Ganga, Brahmaputra are perennial ensuring water flow throughout the year. Unlike peninsular rivers.

Reasons behind continuous flow of water in them.

① Precipitation and rainwater recharge — they receive water from both northeast and southwest monsoons.





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② snow melt and thawing -
bringing water into these rivers

eg Manasarovar glacier

③ large storage basin - as they
cover wider ~~of~~ area.

eg Ganga - ~2700 km

④ existence of large number of
tributaries

eg Ganga - Chambal, Gomti,
Kosi

⑤ lakes and reservoirs in the course

eg Wular lake -
Beahmaputra

⑥ reduced siltation and braided
channels.

eg Dendritic pattern - Indus

Thus they ensure the perennial flow
supporting agriculture and human life

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7. Discuss the relationship between different seasons and tourism in various parts of India. (10 Marks)

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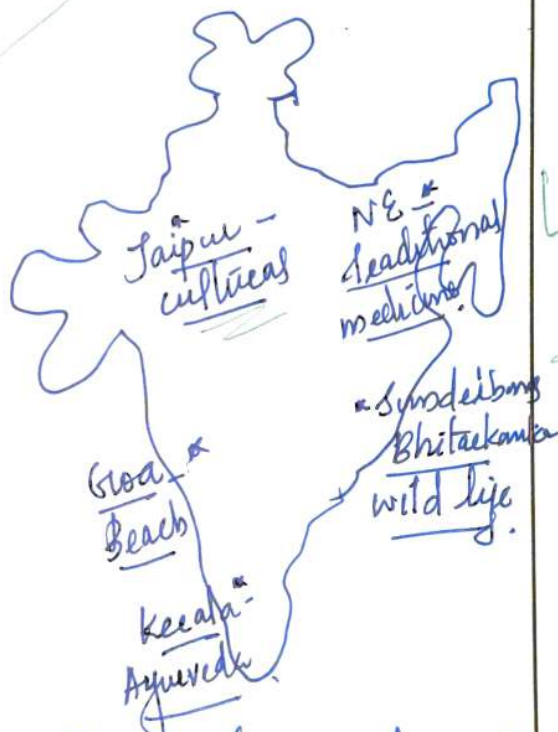
According to WTF's Travel and Tourism Index, India is one of the top destinations of foreign travellers.

Relationship between seasons and tourism - India

① Monsoon and rainy days

→ mainly beach tourism and cultural sites

② Goa Beach tourism



Link with Season

(Major types of tourism)



② - Summer tourism - (March - May)

- mainly in regions with cold climate and temperature less than 20°C .

(eg) Ooty, Munnar - South India

③ - Health tourism - mainly during October - November due to cham and fine weather in certain states.

(eg) Ayurveda - Kerala

④ - Tourist attractions during the dry arid summers - (Jan - Feb).

- Bachans and sand dunes of Thar - desert.

⑤ - Winter season - (November - Feb)

- mainly in temperate grassland and wildlife centres.

(eg) Valley of flowers.



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8. Examine the impact of emerging technologies on personal and social identity in contemporary society, considering both the potential benefits and challenges they pose. (10 Marks)

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According to IHL globalisation
Index 2023 - India is the major
market of emerging technologies.

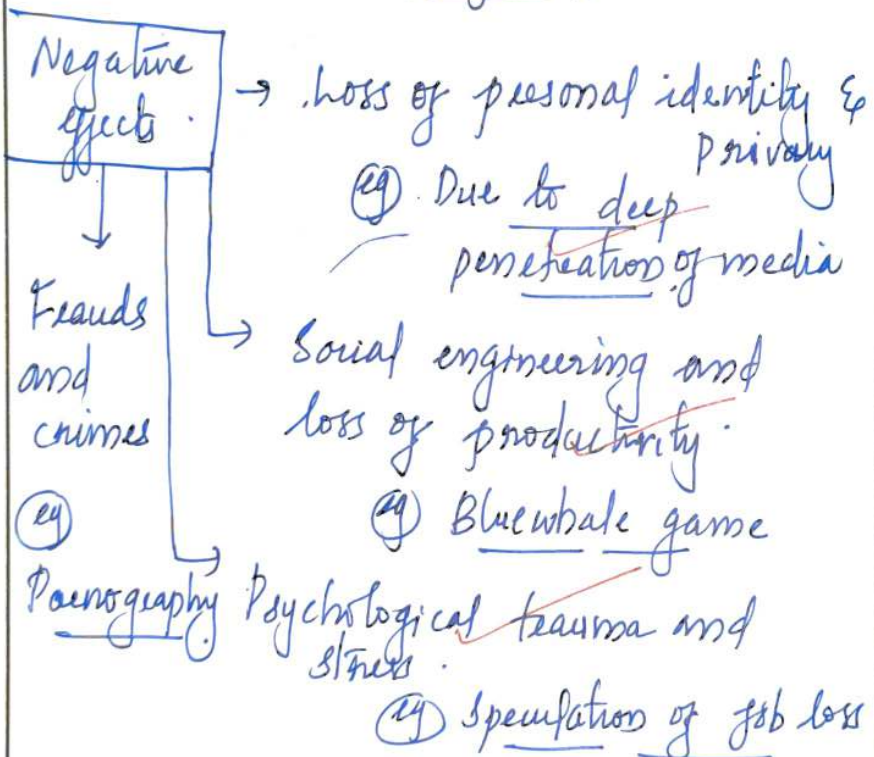


Impact of emerging technologies on
personal and social identity -

Positive impacts → Enables social interaction
smoother and prevents
relative isolation.
① Youtubers → ① virtual reality
AI engineers → games.
→ contributes to personal
growth and cognitive
skills.



- Safety and security notions -
 - (eg) AI fact checkers
- Growth of health sector -
 - (eg) Robotic surgery
- Enables empowerment and social movements.
 - (eg) Through social media platforms.



Technology is a double-edged sword & could be used with caution.



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9. Intermixing of rural culture in urban centers and urban culture in rural areas can be seen in different pockets of India. Comment. (10 Marks)

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According to World Bank,
by 2030, 430 million Indians
were living in urban cities.

Intermixing of rural cultures in urban centres

- ① Popularisation of traditional festivals and fairs of rural India
(e) Higher education institutions
- ② Traditional marriages and celebrations.
- ③ Popularisation of culinary forms.
(e) Local meals in star hotels
- ④ Revival of rural sports and art forms.
(e) Langla Punjab



Urban culture in rural areas

① Western fashion and clothing stores in rural pockets.

eg Max fashion stores.

② Inter-caste marriages and cultural intermingling.

③ Emphasizing more on individualism, privacy etc.

eg Grated buildings

④ Less dominance of caste and religious appeals.

eg Merit based jobs

⑤ Art and culture — eg BTS bands — music.

Thus there are cultural pockets of small India across the nation.



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10. The states of India can be conceived as various linguistic units, each with rich cultural traditions that instill region-specific patriotism. Yet, India has survived strongly as an integrated whole, with these diverse cultural units not limiting the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Examine. (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

• According to National Linguistic Survey 2022 - India hosts more than 3000 linguistic communities.

Various linguistic traditions with region-specific patriotism

① For protection of the linguistic traditions

① Demand for Bhils Pradesh in Rajasthan

② Due to perceived threat against linguistic diversity -

① Devdhanu - Tamil Nadu

③ For the protection of intangible heritage and literature

etc
some
examples
like
Marathi
vahanam
Bengali
vahanam



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④ NE India movements

④ ~~Threat~~ Due to threat posed by modern day cultural renaissance.

④ English domination.

However India now also standing as an integrated whole despite these diversities.

Factors enabled

→ Constitutional ethos and provisions

④ cultural rights under Art 29-30.

→ Multiculturalism promotion.

④ Celebration of festivals

→ Promotion of regional language and literature
Protection of endangered languages ④ Indira council of languages
④ Magadhi cultural relations

Thus India ensures fraternity and tolerance.

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More pts

longer also



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11. What are the different types of traditional handicrafts in India? Discuss the various ways through which they can be conserved and promoted. (15 Marks)

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UNESCO recently added Jajpur into global craft cities network.

Types of craft traditions across the country.

① Metal casting traditions.

- Brass sculptures
- Cone pindi - Kumbakonam

② Brass vessels and craftworks

③ Sandila loom - Punjab.



(fig - Major craft centres and traditions)



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③ Bamboo craft - making crockery, mats etc.

④ Meghalay and manipur.

④ Traditional vegetable painting on cloth.

④ Kalamkari - Andhra Pradesh

⑤ Embroidary traditions

④ Syni embroidery - Bihar

⑥ Terracota figures and toys

④ Telangana.

⑦ Traditional puppetry and puppet making

④ Konda Keddies of Odisha.

⑧ Pottery and ceramics.

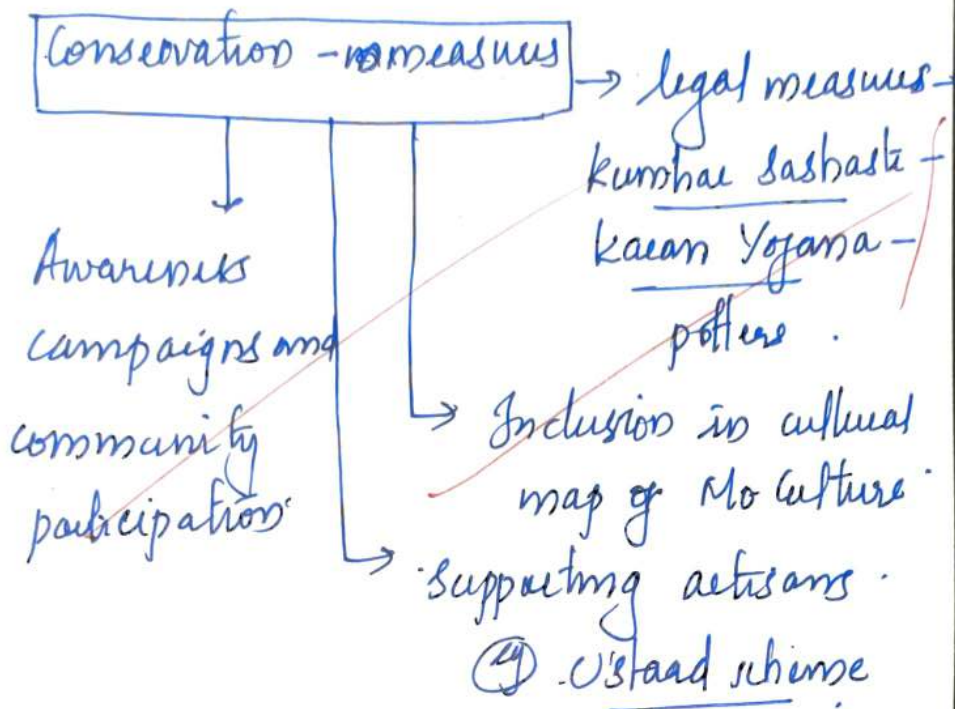
④ Pokharan region of NW.

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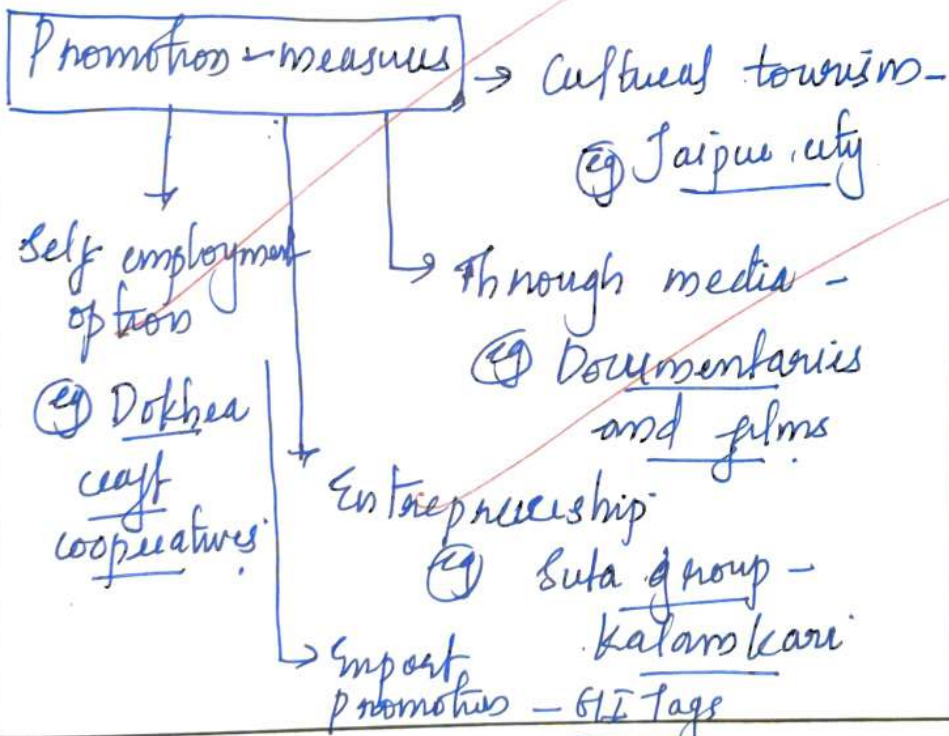
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Vishwakarma
NHDP
UNESCO
Intangible





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12. "The policies of the Company rule during Dalhousie's period were not the root cause but the necessary trigger for the inevitable uprising of 1857." Elaborate. (15 Marks)

Dalhousie's period from 1848-56
gives a major trigger ~~in~~ toward
the uprising of 1857.

Dalhousie period - reasons for triggering revolt

① Aggressive annexation policies.

eg Doctrine of lapse

Rani Lakshmi Bai Jhansi

② Internal conflicts and maladministration as a stated reason for annexation.

eg Annexation of Awadh

③ Administrative policies of Dalhousie.

eg Repressive taxation system

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(Don't write anything in this area)

④ Agricultural policies and impoverishment of peasantry.

④ Bihar - Kunwar Singh

⑤ Weakening the position of talukdars

④ Through new public works department.

⑥ Racial discriminatory policies in army and police administration.

④ Triggered naval mutinies.

However ~~more~~ there are other factors also contribute to Revolt of

1857.

① Racial discrimination faced by Indians in avaluing service.

② British move of spreading antipathy between different



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communities.

③ Land and tenancy reforms affecting labourers.

④ Forest laws affecting tribes and forest dwellers etc.

Though the movement marked as the first wave of independence, it had many limitations →

① Lack of national level participation.

② Addressed only personal grievances.

③ Severe govt repression led to gave death blow to the movement.

Thus Dalhousie's administration was a major trigger behind the movement.

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13. The British, who never gave concrete consent even for granting dominion status to India at the beginning of the 1940s, finally left the country in a hurry by granting complete independence even before the anticipated date. Analyze (15 Marks)

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Nationalist demand of dominion status was only materialised at the end of 1940s in the Indian Independence Act of 1947.

Each British position -- absence of concrete consent of dominion status.

① August offer 1940 - first time promulgated the offer of granting dominion status but never materialised.

② Cripps Mission 1942 - granting dominion status through consultative committee - failed.



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due to nationalist opposition-

③ Wavell Plan 1945 - proposed granting dominion status but formation of war council.

④ Rejection of Desai-Liaquat pact and Rajagopalachari formula.

British sudden decision of granting complete independence-

① Arrival of Cabinet Mission 1946 - proposed the formation of Indian federation with powers and authority.

② ~~Acceptance~~ Attlee's statement - British leaving India before June 1948.

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why?



1. The role of + external pressure
of dominant forces for promotion
groups of power - etc.

2. Internal factors of power of
Indianization - quantitative

complete and quantitative with creation
of two dominions of India
and Pakistan

3. Speed of action quantity of
complete power $\Rightarrow$

1. led to partition of India into
two dominions

2. Regional crisis and displacement
issues

3. Communal riots and mass atrocities

These factors of unplanned created
India into a divided one.

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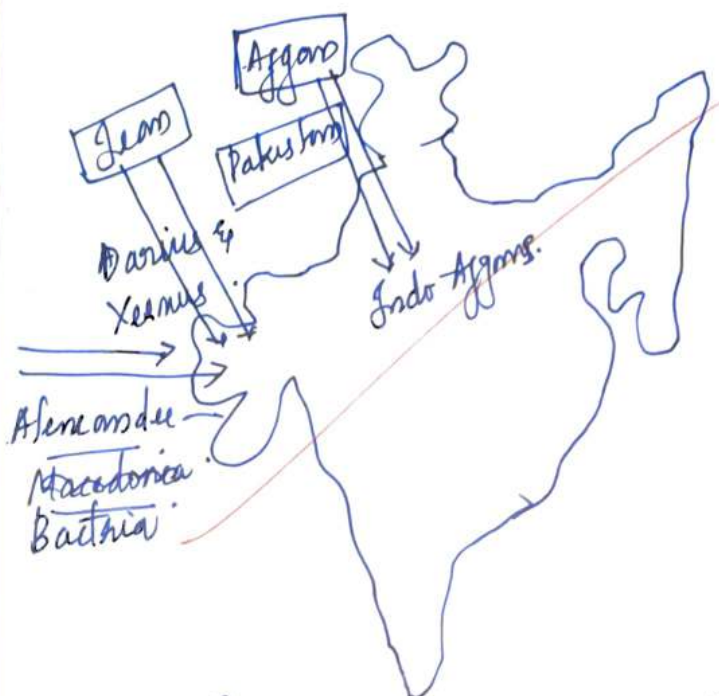
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14. Why did the Indian subcontinent face numerous invasions from the northwestern side rather than from elsewhere? (15 Marks)

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From 6th century BCE
starting with the Huns Indians.
mainland faced numerous invasions
from the Northwestern side



(Major invaders from North west)

Main invaders → Huns - 6th century BCE
→ Indo-Greeks in the 1st & 2nd c. BCE
→ Sultans and Ghazni invasions



Reasons behind numerous invasions

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① Area of first civilisation - ~~starting~~ with great and prosperous Indus valley culture.

② Productivity and fertile land of Northwestern part.

④ Sapta Sindhu region

③ Geographical ease in invading from western side.

④ Absence of thick forest unlike in the east

④ Fragmented polity of northern India.

④ During Sher Shah's invasion

⑤ Rise of navigation channels and construction of easy navigation

Mountain passes
Bolton
Higher



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routes.

(eg) Silk route

⑥. Larger number of troops possessed by northern invaders.

(eg) Mahmud of Ghazni

⑦. Immense wealth and possessions in hands of north western rulers.

(eg) Somnath temple - Gujarat

⑧. Smooth terrains and absence of large fortifications.

⑨. Provision for invading through naval techniques.

(eg) Lothal port

These many factors enabled smooth invasion from north west.



15. Discuss the significance of the Banni grasslands of India.

(15 Marks)

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Banni grasslands are the temperate grasslands located in North India especially in states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

Factors responsible for their formation

① Alpine climate
- due to extreme north of temperate zone

② Snow fall and frost of majority part of the year.

③ Frequent forest fires and regrowth
(eg. Himachal fire - June 2024)



(Fig- Banni grasslands)
Uttarakhand & Himachal).



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① Entangled between lesser Himalaya and greater Himalaya.

eg Prolonged dry season
ensued.

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Significance of Barni grasslands for India

⊛ Ecological significance.

① Home for numerous fauna and flora.

eg Snow leopard

② Protected area networks and conservation zones.

eg Askot muskdeer sanctuary.

③ Protection of endemism and ~~pristine~~ pristine ecosystems.

eg Nanda Devi - valley of flowers



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* Economic significance -

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① Important pasture areas in India

(eg) sheep and goats

② Promoting wool and sheep rearing industry -

(eg) Pashmina shawls

③ Practice of transhumance -

(eg) Gujjars of HP

④ Export potential - many ~~der~~ processed items

(eg) Bakraewals - Ghee

⑤ Traditional medicine and nutritional input -

(eg) Truichi mushrooms

⑥ Gums and lacs - (eg) Giloy

Thus they have greater significance



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16. What are the various geographical factors responsible for the growth of the major cash crops in India? (15 Marks)

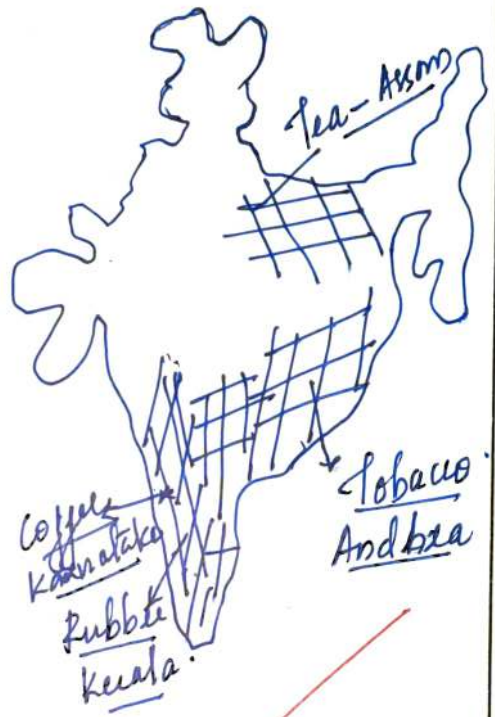
Budget 2024 has announced greater initiatives towards the cultivation of important cash crops.

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factors responsible

Geographical factors

- ① Climate - India having hot and humid climate.
- ② Precipitation - 75-100 cm in majority of months year.
- ③ Soil - laterite soil with



(fig - major cash crops)



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high content of silica, potash etc

(eg) Rubber in Kerala

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(A) Topography of the region — some crops requires slopping ground

(eg) Coffee in Karnataka

(5) No frost and snow fall during growing season. Tea

(eg) Tobacco in Andhra

(6) Availability of sunlight during sowing and harvesting season.

(eg) Cotton — Maharashtra

(7) Shadow and humid zones.

(eg) Required by Tea plantations — Assam



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However, there are other factors also contributes to the cash crop cultivation.

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① Availability of cheap labour.

eg Tea plantations - workers from Bihar

② Existence of connectivity and export potential

eg Mangalore port - coffee

③ Pro-policies by the govt.

eg Cotton policy - Maharashtra

④ Existence of cooperatives in the area for wider farming.

eg Silk industry - Andhra Pradesh

⑤ Market access and transportation.

eg Rubber - Kerala

The sector could contribute to India's growth potential.



17. Discuss the major factors contributing to the formation of the major river deltas of the world. Also, highlight their significance. (15 Marks)

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Major river deltas across the globe contribute to nearly 60% of world's grain production.

Major factors

role in formation

① Latitudinal gradient →

Precipitation, evaporation, influx of fresh water from ice melting leading to formation of deltaal
(eg) Amazon delta.

② climate →

Tropical region with distinct monsoon and maritime climate leads to formation of deltaal

③ Altitude →

low lying areas of landmass leads to deposition easier.
(eg) Congo basin.



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① Structure of river flow →

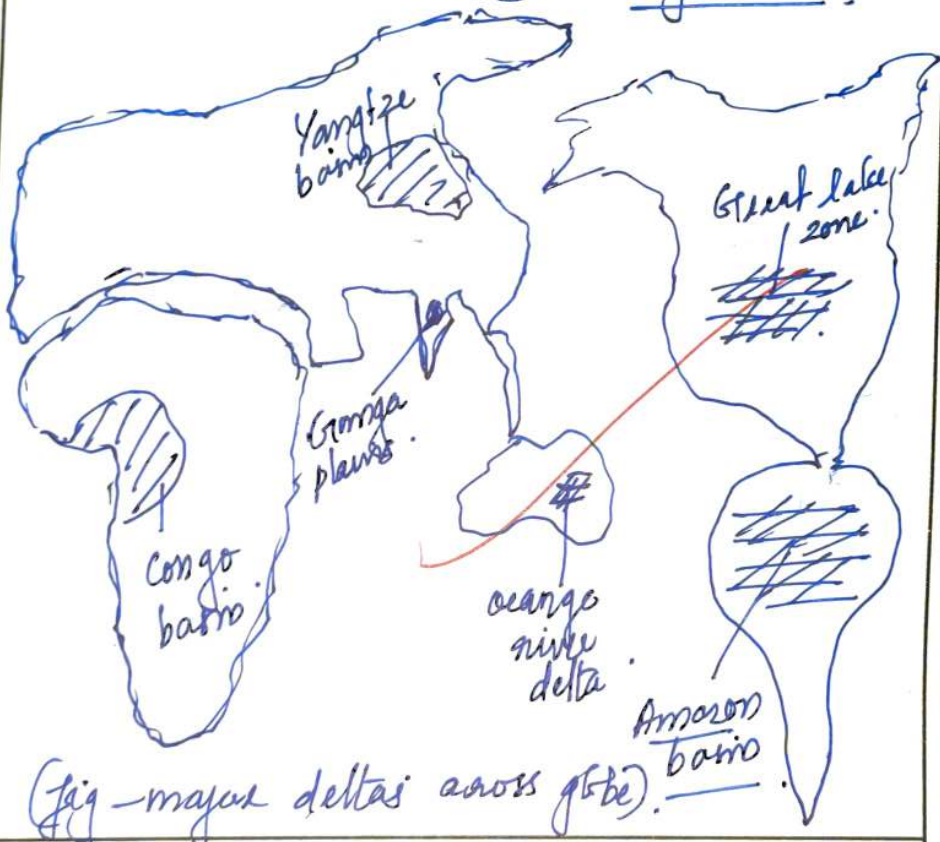
Braided channels and dendritic models leads to extensive deltas.

② Sundebans.

③ Relief features →
- plateaux,
mountains etc.

Forming water divides and affecting flow of water and sedimentation

④ Ganga basin



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Significance

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- ① Economic growth - contributes to ~60% of productivity.
 - ② Employment opportunities - mainly in agricultural sector.
(eg) Ganga basin.
 - ③ Food security and nutrition.
(eg) Cereal banks - millet in Ganga delta.
 - ④ Biodiversity conservation.
(eg) Bengal tiger in Sundarbans.
 - ⑤ Shore stabilisation and mangrove ecosystem building.
(eg) Orange basin - Australia.
 - ⑥ Disaster management (eg) Yangtze valley.
 - ⑦ Carbon sequestration - Amazon.
- Thus they have greater significance.



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18. Analyze whether the phenomenon of migration has further reinforced the Indian model of multiculturalism. (15 Marks)

According to Migration and Prospects Report 2022 of World Bank, India is one of the top destinations of immigrants.

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Migration reinforcing multiculturalism

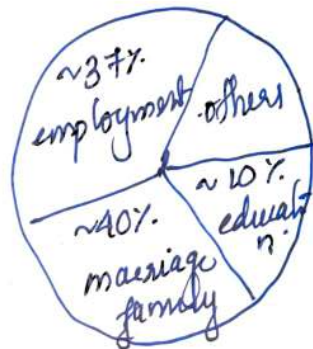
① Enables cultural exchange between different communities

④ ethnic and religious

② Encouraging inter-faith dialogues

④ Islam & Judaism

③ Promotion of secularism - through interreligious tolerance.



(Data - internal migration NSSO)



④ Promoting cultural Renaissance
through various media

④ Movies

⑤ Celebration of diversity

④ Divali, Holi etc

⑥ Promoting new ideas and traditions

④ Inter-caste - marriages

⑦ Enables inclusive work space,
educational opportunities.

④ Higher education institutions

However migration poses certain threats
to the idea of multiculturalism.

① Social rift - rising intolerance
among communities

④ Attack of migrants

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② Communal tensions and posing threat to secularism.

(eg) Muzaffargarh riot

③ Leads to minority-majority notions and identity crisis.

(eg) Sons of soil doctrine

④ Leading to loss of cultural values.

(eg) Increasing individualism

⑤ Promotion of sectarian interest and stigmatisation.

(eg) Industrial labourer's issue

⑥ Leading to identity disregard of certain groups.

India should sign global convention on migration to ensure Aditi Devo Bhava.



19. The Western world has witnessed various movements seeking gender parity in different forms. In this context, analyze how far the nature of these movements in the West is compatible with the general psyche of Indian society, where similar movements are lacking. (15 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Global Gender Gap Index
of WEF marks the dominance of western nations in the top position of granting gender parity.

Features of western gender parity movements.

- ① Strong leadership - shown by many strong women.
- ② Support from other political groups and organisations in these states.
- ③ - Give more impetus to legislative measures and pro-women policies.



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④ wide participation of women from various parts of social strata -

⑤ Efficient utilisation of social media and other community outreach measures.

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Nature of Gender equality movements in Indian society

① - Absence of effective leadership - majority of movements are leaderless.

② Nirbhaya movement

③ Inadequate support from the political and social sphere.

Not needed



③ Patriarchal nature of Indian state - prevents women from participating in such movements.

(Don't write anything in this area)

④ Socialization from family members -

(eg) Concept of 'Pantia nari'

⑤ Existence of superstitious traditions makes their participation limited.

⑥ Inadequate reach - due to wide illiteracy.

(eg) #MeToo movement - only through social media.

Thus there is need for strong support to women movements to achieve SDG-5.



20. "There is no dichotomy between religiosity and secularism in the Indian context." Examine. (15 Marks)

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Indian model of secularism is rooted in the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Indian model - coexistence of religiosity and secularism.

① Secularism as a constitutional idea - recognizing importance and co-existence of different faiths

② Freedom of religion as an important aspect of Indian secularism.

② A/25-28.

③ Enabling inter-religious and intra religious equality and respect.

② Recognition of different sects



④ Celebration of festivals and fairs
(eg) Diwali.

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⑤ Founded upon the principle of
principled intervention as against
water-tight separation from the
state.

⑥ Provision for state supported
religious reforms and fighting
of communal evils.
(eg) Triple Talak motion

⑦ Financial assistance and equality
in treatment of all communities.

Dichotomy seen in religiosity and
secularism in India.

⑧ Unwanted state interventions
into the religious sphere.
(eg) Marriage laws



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② Politicisation of religious conflicts
(eg) Pathalgadi movement

③ Communal violence and crimes
- NCRB - crimes against religious minorities on an increasing rate.

• Secular education
• Identify temporal

④ Regional divide and disparity
amplifying religious tensions
(eg) Dravida Nadu: notion

⑤ Social media gatherings and
communalisation of issues
(eg) Cow vigilantism

⑥ Misinterpretation of state interventions
as against religious freedom
(eg) Implementation of UCC

Promotion of secularism along with religious freedom ensures inclusive society under SDG 16

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