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Enlightening Minds, Lightening Journeys

MAINS TEST SERIES 2025

PAPER 2 FULLTEST II

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in two Sections and printed in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
- Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order.
- Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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1(a) To what extent inequality can be justified?

(10 Marks)

Hayek argues that inequality is natural outcome of growth of a country.

Inequality is justified

1) Negative liberals like Berlin argue

"If one cannot fly like eagle he is by no means facing inequality"

meaning natural inequality of Birth are justified

2) Economic inequality as long as it do not create workers' unexploited

3) Affirmative actions as inequality for uplifting poors accepted by Mill

4) Roux and Candlish both accepted inequalities based on occupational structures

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5.) Inequality in sense where unequals are treated unequally to ensure substantive justice is okay.

Inequality is not justified

1.) Many argue capitalist inequality creates alienation of self, other, product, Nature is not justified.

2.) Economic deprivation due to low policies.

3.) Caste-class inequalities based on orthodox mindset.

4.) Gender Discrimination as inequality is unjustified.

Thus inequality for good can result in social progress but not otherwise.

For Government of Gujarat



1(b) Critically examine the relevance of monarchy as a form of government in the contemporary world. (10 Marks)

Monarchy refers to form of government where power is held by individuals due to family, race etc. present

(ex) King Louis ~~VI~~ of France.

Monarchy - critical examination

- 1) Monarch as absolute sovereign whose powers are unlimited [Austin]
- 2) Not accountable to people creating lack of trust among ruler and ruled
- 3) Tendency to turn into despotism and undermine general will - [Rousseau]
- 4) Against Gandhian Gram Swaraj model of grassroot government.
- 5) Top Down approach creating distant and alienated relation between ruler and ruled.

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6.) May result into poverty, hunger, protests as seen during French Revolution

7.) No public participation in policy making as encouraged by democratic form

8.) May give rise to elitist class possible tensions of class conflict

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Still relevant

1.) Constitutional monarchy as practiced in UK limited by law.

2.) less chances of corruption

3.) Provides stability and continuity of policies.

4.) Sense of paternalistic benevolence as argued by Kautilya

Thus Monarchy limited by law can be seen as relevant option.

Give marks for points like this etc



1(c) Is anarchism same as Marxism?

(10 Marks)

Anarchism refers to the state less which supports stateless society and maximum freedom to individual.

Marxism is on the other hand a subtype of Radical anarchy who argues for violent overthrow of state by workers.

Differences between Anarchy & Marxism

1) Pacific Anarchist like Leo Tolstoy argued to hate the sin not sinners while Marx argued shedding of blood as necessary of change.

2) Enlightened Anarchist like Mahatma Gandhi argued Non violence as long term goal against Marxist violence.

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- 3.) Socialist Anarchism supports moral suasion as means to achieve liberty against class conflict
- 4.) Marxism supports "dictatorship of proletariat but Anarchism is against any government structure

Similarities

- 1.) Both aims to achieve end goal of stateless society.
- 2.) Considers state as unnecessary evil
- 3.) ~~argue~~ for maximum freedom and upliftment of worker.
- 4.) Importance to Duty over Rights

Thus Marxism can be seen as subtype of Anarchism not full fledged system.



1(d) What is the relevance of the concept of human rights in the contemporary world?

(10 Marks)

Human rights as defined by UDHR are set of social, economic, political rights which humans must enjoy by the virtue of being humans and these must be inalienable.

Relevance in contemporary times

- 1) Growing Capitalism and exploitation of workers → Need for human rights like living wages, leisure.
- 2) Ensure educational rights to match skill level required for contemporary industry etc.
- 3) Ensure humans are treated as ends and not takeover of machines and technofeudalism

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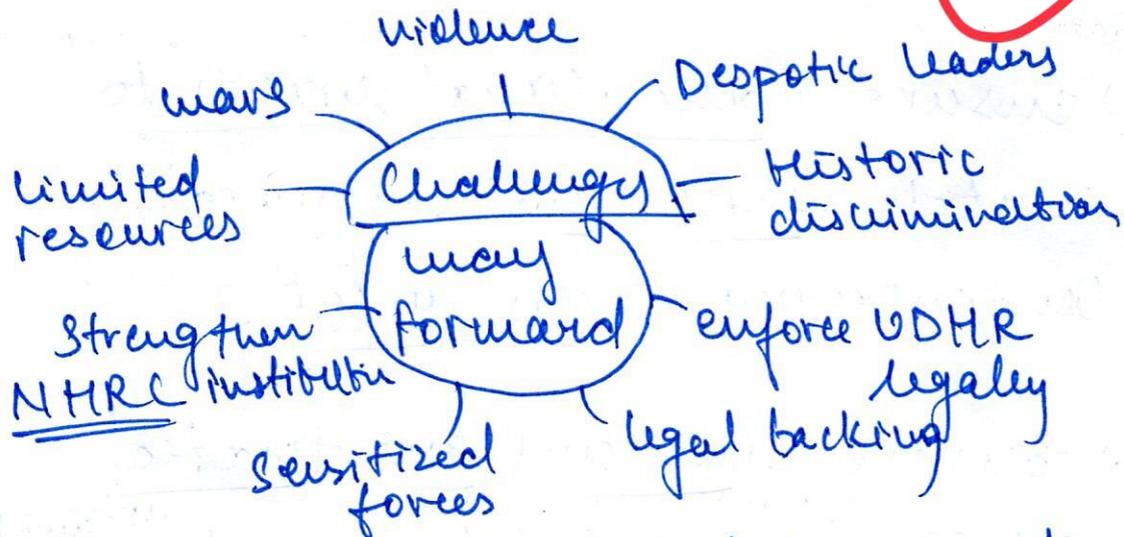


4.) Ensure dignified life to women facing patriarchal orthodoxy as argued by feminist Caral Gilligan

5.) Right to food, shelter and Peace amid contemporary war like situations.

6.) Continuous violation of fundamental rights using coercive state policies and agenda-based policies

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Thus Human rights must be ensured to achieve social progress and SDG-16 of Peace in world order.



1(e) Is there any ethical justification for mass violence?

(10 Marks)

Mass violence refers to killing, threatening or any forceful life threatening actions on individual of group.

Not ethically justified

- 1) Treats humans as means to gain arbitrary power.
- 2) Undermines humanism and co-existence principles.
- 3) Disrupts justice and liberty in society → Matasya Nyaya
- 4) Erodes trust of people and long term inter generational flow
(e) Hiroshima-Nagasaki blast
- 5) Spread of Anarchism and chaos in society.

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Justifications for Mass violence

- 1.) Ethnic conflicts and perceived feeling of injustice
- 2.) Personal revenge due to discrimination in past
- 3.) Retributive and Deterrence by punishing harshly.
- 4.) Prevent multiculturalism and eroding cultural values.

No matter what mass violence is a crime against humanity and cannot be justified on ethical grounds.

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2(a) How far can we say that Kautilya's *saptanga* theory is a definition of sovereignty? (15 Marks)

Kautilya's saptanga theory was pioneer in statecraft who helped Chandragupta topple powerful Nandas and remain powerful for decads.

Saptanga or parts of state

- 1.) Praja = citizens, who must be ruled with Benevolent despotism
- 2.) Rajan = Ruler, paternal figure, who must uphold Yogakshema.
- 3.) Amatya = ministers responsible for smooth administration
- 4.) Kosha = Treasury of finances which regulate policies and schemes.
- 5.) Army = responsible to protect integrity of territory of state.

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6.) Mitra = Allies from far off and neighbour who safeguard and help during invasion

Saptanga as definition of sovereignty

Sovereignty in modern times refers to combination of citizens, state, territory, Government, Sovereign.
Whenever sovereign has duties of.

- 1.) Creating laws \Rightarrow Rajan, Amatya
- 2.) Enforcing laws \Rightarrow Amatya, Army
- 3.) Governing territory \Rightarrow Kesh, Amatya
- 4.) Governing citizens \Rightarrow Praya, Mitra

Saptanga theory alligues with definition in following ways

- 1.) Administration by ministers and Bureaucrats visible even today.

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- 2.) Army has duty to secure territorial integrity
- 3.) Nutra or allies still relevant to secure trade and partnerships
(eg) BRICS, SAARC etc.

Not relevant

- 1.) Rajan replaced by democratically elected or nominal monarchy as compared to despotic king.
- 2.) Nutra reformed from mere neighbours to allies far away (eg) India-Russia
- 3.) Amatyas' role changed and division between permanent and Elected executives (eg) IAS and Ministers
- 4.) Increased accountability of state towards citizens (Praja) through Deliberative and participatory governance.

Thus Saptanga has evolved yet stays relevant as definition of state.



2(b) Discuss the causes and consequences of corruption.

(15 Marks)

UN defines corruption as misuse of position of authority for direct or indirect gains by a person.

Corruption in general sense refers to

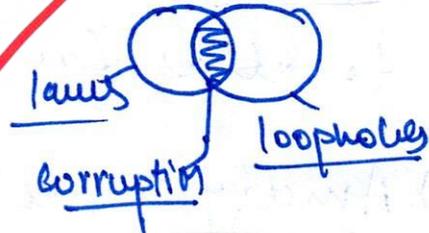
- ↳ coercive - forced
- ↳ collusive - agreement
- ↳ systematic - deep rooted

misuse of authority for selfish gains

Causes of corruption

Economic causes -

- 1) Rising cost of living and stagnant wages → need for money
- 2) Consumerism and globalized society's notion of luxury.
- 3) Unlimited desires of individual for material goods (Buddha)



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Social Causes -

- 1.) Perceived injustice and feeling of revenge
- 2.) Push over propaganda and quest for power.
- 3.) Chalta hai Attitude!

Political Causes -

- 1.) Rajniti - over - lokniti against J P Narayan's argument
- 2.) note bank politics and unjust political powerhouses.

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Consequences of Corruption

Negative

- 1.) Erosion of public trust in institutions
- 2.) parallel economies and harm to legitimate business.
- 3.) Sufferings and pain due to materialistic notion of happiness

Buddha



- 4) Harms national security and furnishes image on international forum
- 5) Diversion of public funds to capitalists against land trusteeship
- 6) Chances for class conflict - mass and violent outrages.

Positives: Functionalist approach by Kautilya

- 1) Gives incentives to perform better
- 2) Survival of Bureaucracy as state has limited financial capacity.
- 3) Creates employment in informal ways

ways to tackle

- 1) Social Attitude change
- 2) Strengthening laws and enforcement mechanism
- 3) Increased Transparency

Corruption is a termites which must be treated before it eats system

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2(c) "State is a necessary evil" comment.

(20 Marks)

"State is a necessary evil" - view is supported by positive liberals like Mill, Bentham, and Hobbes who argued that "Coercive state is better than chaos"

Various supporters of view

I) Positive liberals - Mill, Bentham

1.) argues state is important to balance rights of vulnerable with capitalists

2.) manage balance between liberty and Equality. - Laske

3.) Allow affirmative actions to provide Equality of outcomes. - Rails

4.) Redistribution of public goods and budget against disparities

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II Socialists

- 1) like Jawahar Lal Nehru argued state is necessary for economic planning
- 2) Maintain balance between private and public ownership.
- 3) Frame policies for upliftment of vulnerable and workers.

III Democrats - argues state is needed to ensure public participation through indirect democracy.

IV [Rawls] argued -

- 1) State is important for establishing Justice as fairness through Rules in procedural justice.

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2) State ensures principle of Maxim and Chain principle in line with garib Sarnodaya and Autodaya.

iv) Ameritya Sen argued that.

1) State is unable to choose between Miti and Nyaya bringing out best alternative

2) State ensures Capabilities of all must be developed equally.

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vii) Negative liberals -

1) Nozick argued state is evil but necessary to regulate conducive conditions for economic growth

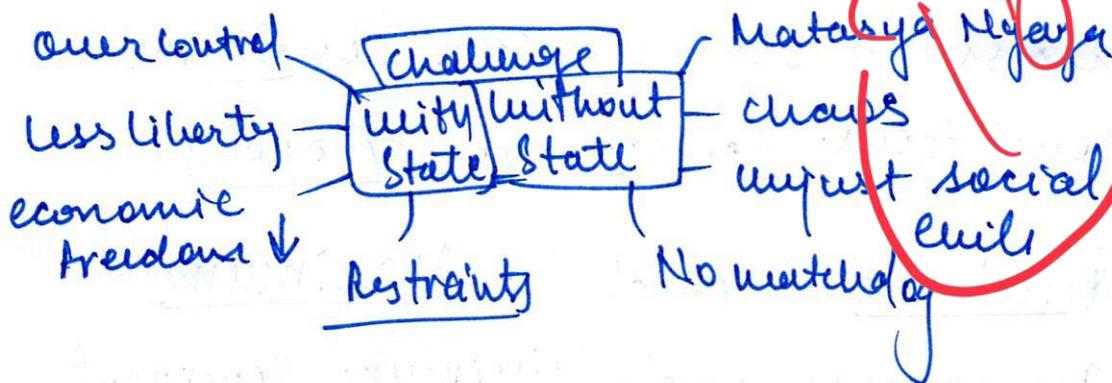
2) Friedman argued for Maximum governance and Minimum governance

viii) Feminists argue state is needed to provide substantive justice to women



State as unnecessary evil

- 1) Anarchist like Mahatma Gandhi argues state makes individuals dependent
- 2) Mary argued for stateless society as goal for actual growth
- 3) Scientific socialism argues for violent overthrow as state is necessarily capitalist.
- 4) Too much state intervention may lead to forced political agenda growth



This state is evil but necessary for contemporary times of growing globalised threats and crises.

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3(a) How far does Rawlsian principles succeed in ensuring gender justice?

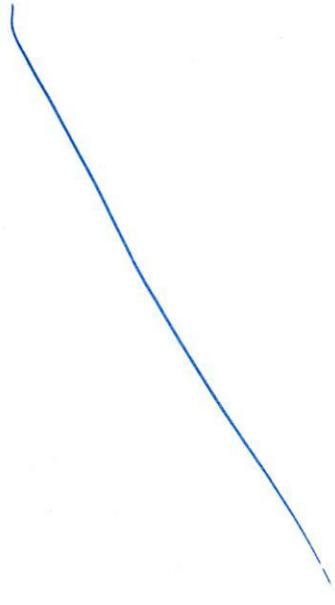
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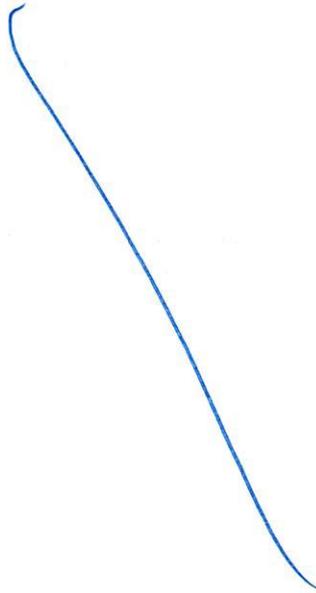


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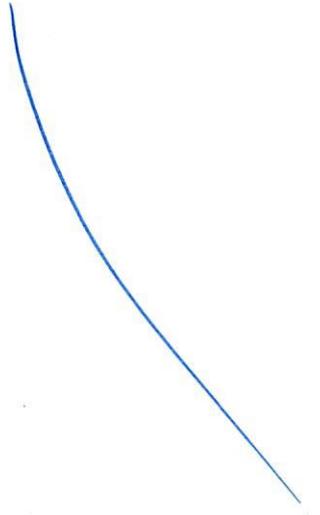


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3(b) Discuss the concept of liberty in the context of JS Mill's views.

(15 Marks)



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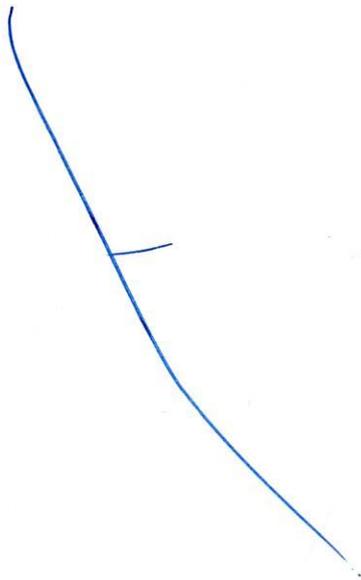
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3(c) Critically examine the basic premises of Socialism.

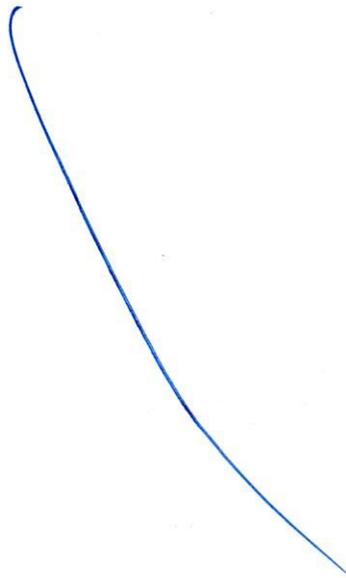
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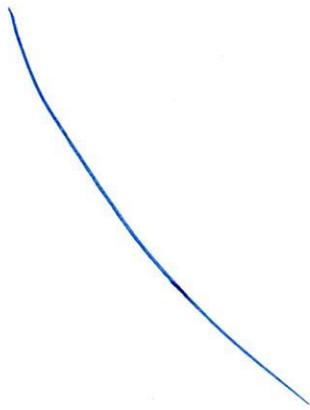
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4 (a) Discuss the significance of Rousseau's general will theory.

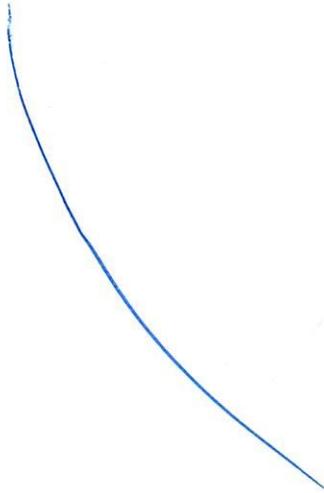
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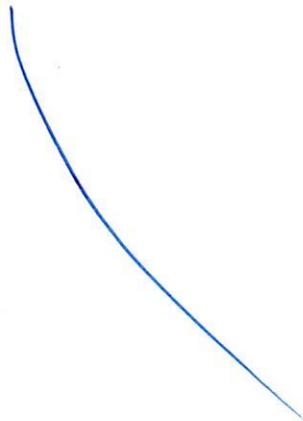
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4(b) Examine the relevance of humanistic thoughts in an era of artificial intelligence and automatization (15 Marks)



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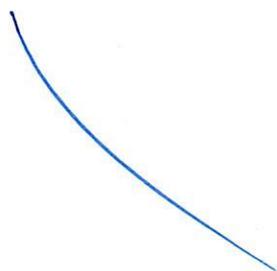
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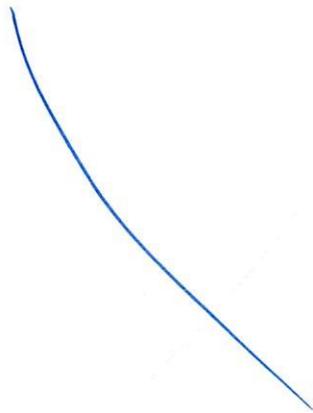
4(c) Examine the significance of Gandhian idea of development in the contemporary world. (20 Marks)

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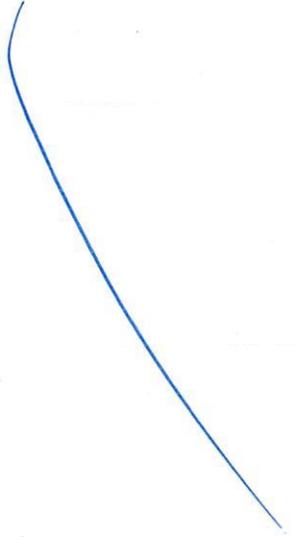
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5(a) How does Shankaracharya reconcile the notion of God and Absolute?

(10 Marks)

Shankaracharya in Advait Vedanta
gave all pervading, eternal substance
i.e. Brahman which is manifested
as objects and things in world
similar to Spinoza's concept.

Reconciliation by Shankar

God = Personalistic god $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{creator} \\ \text{preserver} \\ \text{Karmaphalदाता} \end{array} \right.$

Absolute = Substance $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{eternal} \\ \text{one and only} \\ \text{Indescribable} \end{array} \right.$

Shankaracharya created levels of
reality namely -

- 1.) Pratibhashtik = Dreams
- 2.) Vyavharik = visible world
- 3.) Parmarthik = Transcendental unity

He argued that God = Isvar can
be seen at Vyavharik level

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who is moral governor and object of worship for common people

He also said when able strives to attain liberation through

Inanamarga, he realises

"Aham Brahmasmi" and

Tat-tvam-Asi thereby

feeling boundaries between

God and Absolute as all is in

Brahm and Brahman is all

He further argues that everything

mere illusion of Vyavaharik level as

at paramarthik level there is

none but only Brahman therefore

no merits and demerits.

thus reconciled between \leftarrow God - Vyavaharik level
Absolute - paramarthik level

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5(b) Discuss the nature of God-Human relationship in Christianity.

(10 Marks)

Christianity explains relation between god - Human as (God) Father - Son (human) relation where concept of Holy trinity is seen for Jesus christ

Nature of Relation

- 1.) Paternalistic as god is considered as supreme father.
- 2.) Supreme surrender as Divine commandments are guides for one to lead their lives.
- 3.) considers humans as original sinners whereby god sent them to world due to disobedience of Adam.
- 4.) Humans as owner of other natural resources and superior to other creatures.

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5) No concept for liberation and
only afterlife decided by
god on judgement day

6) God as creator, preserver, destroyer
of world and humans = last
creation god made by our image.

7) No place for religion without god
as god is only ray of hope

Shortfalls

- 1) Morality based on religion only
contrary to scientific beliefs
- 2) Harsh punishment to those who
not follow command of Divine.
- 3) Eternal Damnation → pessimism
- 4) Man as party to sin

Thus it can be seen as strict paternal
benevolence.



5(c) Examine the reasons for religious conflicts.

(10 Marks)

Religious conflicts refers to disagreements between followers of different religions on principles like god, soul, scriptures, morals etc

Reasons for religious conflicts

- 1.) Religious Exclusionism wherein one tend to treat other religions as inferior to their own.
- 2.) creates intolerance and lack of collective mindset.
- 3.) Different religions are based on fundamental truths
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 - 4.) These are seasoned by thus vary
 - ← culture
 - ← geography
 - ← belief
 - ← history
 - ↓
 - 5.) causes conflicts when one do not respect others thought.

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Pluralistic Hypothesis by John Hick

1) argues all religious and even non-religious principles lead towards similar truth.

2) No one method ^{Personal can describe} _{Impersonal} absolute truth accurately due to lack of empirical proof

These differences if not handled with open-mind → cause conflict

Gandhiji argued that servicing the humanity should be ultimate religion to avoid conflict.

Surami Vivekananda argued for Neo-Vedanta which tends to foster harmony and unity curb and conflict

Thus intolerance, forced multiculturalism, ethnic issues, perceived discrimination and majoritarianism can be seen as causes of Religion conflicts



5(d) Can events like global pandemics and wars be cited as arguments for disproof of God? (10 Marks)

Philosophy of religion has witnessed long debate between believers and Theists to prove or disprove god on various grounds like

Grounds to prove god -

- 1) Ontological - Descartes existence as essence of perfect god.
- 2) Cosmological - Aquinas god as uncaused cause, unmoved mover.
- 3) Teleology - God as creator of grand design of world. (Paley's watch analogy)
- 4) Moral proof - Kant accepted god as psychological hoax to preserve moral order.

Events like global pandemics can be seen as argument against benvolent and Omnipotent god when in

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Mackie argues that if god exists why don't he reduce such evils.

Another theistic view by Crombie and Basel Mitchell use pandemic like events to answer Hew's challenge of Falsification principle.

He argued meaningful statements can be falsified by theist won't falsify "god is kind" to which Mitchel argued evils like pandemics can be used to falsify kindness thereby verifying god.

Thus global pandemics are used as both Proof for establishing god and Argument against god.

In this debate both theist and Atheist have their own ways.

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- 1) Ayer's verification - as they are neither
Analytic nor empirically verifiable
- 2) Hew's falsification - as believers won't
deny them.
- 3) Carnap's verification ← Tautology
contradiction
as Bliks are neither of them

Further R B Braithwaite argued that
religious language causes actions and
moral changes which can be verified.

Other believers like Hick argued for
post-mortem analysis and verification
to prove religious language isn't just
Blik

Thus Religious language as argued by
Wittgenstein in language games are
valid in religious context not
theoretical context of verification

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6(a) "I limited reason to give room for faith" Examine this view of Kant. (15 Marks)

Kant while giving his moral argument famously said "I had to destroy knowledge to make room for faith".

This comes from his division of knowledge between Noumena and Phenomena where he argues that Noumena - God, world, soul are beyond pure reason and discussing about them creates Transcendental illusions.

He paved a midway out of debate to establish proofs of god wherein he rejected

(Descartes)
1) Ontological proof - claiming they are mere pleas as they hold conclusion in premise

(Paley's)
2) Teleological proof - as it can at max prove the Architect god, against monistic theories

(Aquinas)
3) Cosmological proof - as it is dependent on ontological argument

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Kant paves mid way out to establish
Moral argument for proving god's existence.

3 essentials { Immortality of soul
Existence of god
freedom of will

Just accepted god as ~~psychological~~ hoax
for preserving morality

Tussle between Reason and faith

- 1) Reason questions belief whereas
faith is unquestioned belief.
- 2) Kant argues pure reason cannot
establish presence of god and introduced
Practical reason for same
- 3) Reason helps in removing blind
faith
- 4) Faith strengthens belief whereas
Reason seldom weakens it.

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Criticism of Kant's view

- 1) Cognitivist philosophers like Crombie Hilk Locke argued that post mortem experiences can verify faith with reason.
- 2) Moral arguments of Kant contradicts his own deontological ethics where he claims "Duty for Duty sake".
- 3) In real life we often see instances where virtuous are flapain and greedy are happy. This defy Morals.
- 4) Religious revelations tend to be seasoned proof for establishing faith - William James
- 5) Reducing god's omnipotence is not acceptable by believers as done by Kant

Thus Kant's moral argument shows genuine difficulty faced by reason to describe faith and not their opposition.

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6(b) "Buddhism originated as a *dharma* and later transformed into a "religion""

Comment.

(15 Marks)

Buddhism originated around 6th BCE as response to religious domination of Brahmins to refute transcendentalism and bring back man's concern to sufferings of human life

Characteristics of Dharma

way of life

Spiritual goal < ~~Secular goal~~
commitment to achieve aim
remove sufferings
rule based

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Buddhism originated as Dharma

1) Buddhism started as a school for outcasted and accepted followers across race, religion, caste, sect etc. showing secular instincts.

2) Tri ratnas ← Buddha, Dhamma, Sangha were main ideals of Buddhism.



- 3.) Auyaktanis of Buddha held that one must focus on this world and not indulge in useless metaphysics.
- 4.) Buddha's Ashtangik Mariga was seen as way of moral life rather opposed to prevalent ritualistic hindu religion.
- 5.) Buddha acknowledged reasoning and debates to remove blind faith in religion and said "Appo Dipo Bhava"

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Transformed into Religion

god
liturgies
Rituals
worship
Scriptures etc.

1.) Post Buddha, Sangha broke into Mahayan and Hinayana where Mahayan accepted Buddha as god.

2.) Compilation of Tri Pitakas led to scriptures and debates.

3.) Rigid hierarchies and Boddhisattva brought in religious angle.



4.) Vajrayana school accepted rituals to path of liberation.

5.) Nairatmanvada theory of No soul and Kshanikvada theory of momentariness were semmodified and misinterpreted by various schools.

6.) Schools like Sautantrika, Vijnanvada rishtged in metaphysical questions

Thus what started with Pratya Samutpada ended in ritualistic Buddhist schools changing nature of Buddhist teachings to accomodate in changing times.

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6(c) Critically examine Aquinas' 5 ways for establishing God.

(20 Marks)

St. Aquinas was pioneer to establishing proof of god through his 5 ways including cosmological and free willist arguments of god.

Aquinas's proof to establish God

1.) Proof from Motion - argued that whole cosmos is in motion, there must be an unmoved mover to break infinite regress i.e. god.

criticism -

1.) Modern science explains motion using Dark Energy.

2.) Russell argues that we see many infinite classes in mathematics and it is not a problem.

3.) Indian schools like Sankhya explained motion without god.

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2.) Argument from Causation -
argues world is effect to which
there must be an uncaused cause
as every effect has a cause even in
physics therefore god exists.

Criticism

- 1.) Hume rejected causal necessity
as mere psychological necessity
- 2.) Kant argued that cause-effect
work on Phenomena not Noumena
- 3.) Indian schools like Samkhya
accepted Prakriti as cause of universe
- 4.) Theory of Asatkaryavada argues that
cause do not contain effect

3.) Argument from Contingency
argues that everything in world is

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dependent and perishable, thus there needs to be uncausing being who is source of all contingent objects.

Criticism

- 1.) Kant argues that god cannot be topic of pure reason as it causes transcendental illusions.
- 2.) Free willist argument - mentions that god is omniscient and omnipotent being who created world and granted freedom of will to humans.
- 3.) Teleological argument →
 - accepts god as efficient cause of world as infinite world cannot be created by imperfect beings.
 - god is also required to uphold order and harmony as present in world.

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6) God as cause of morality argues that "something is god not because it is moral but because god wills it" explained by Ten Commandments, Vedas etc.

Criticism

1) Preuss argued scientific developments create notion of morality independent of god.

2) There are religions who are moral without god (e.g.) Jainism.

3) Kant argues teleological proof can only establish Designer god which can be more than 1 against monotheism.

Thus Aquinas' Theodicy tries to reconcile god's existence amidst allegations

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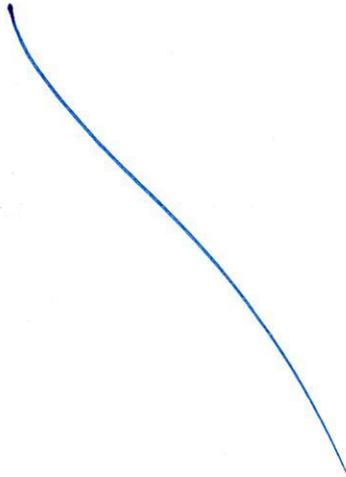


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7(a) Are religious experiences falsifiable?

(15 Marks)

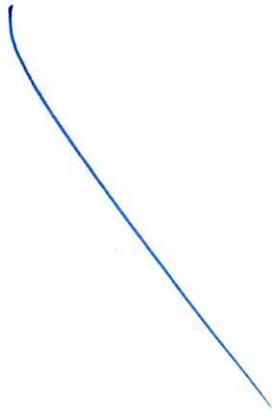


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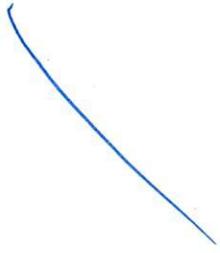
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7(b) Among the schools of Vedanta, Madhvacharya's views best aligns with the theological framework of the western religions. Discuss. (15 Marks)

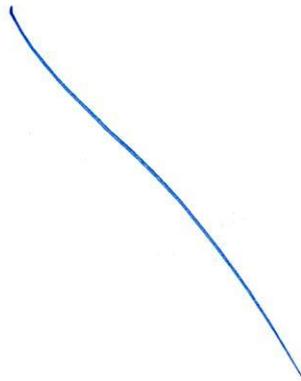


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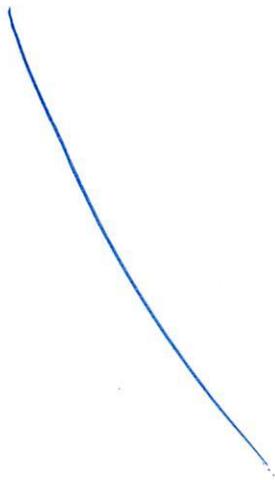


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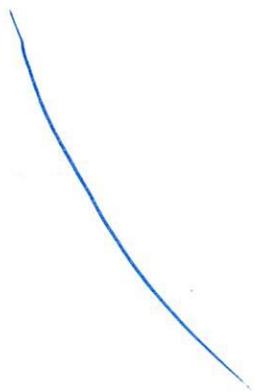
7(c) Compare the notions of soul in different schools of Indian philosophy. (20 Marks)

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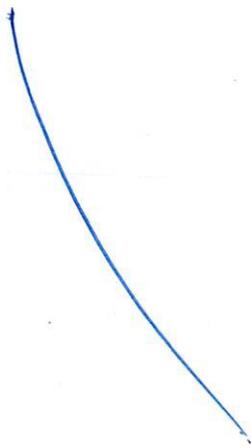
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8(a) Is the concept of afterlife inevitable for morality in the religious context?

(15 Marks)

Concept of afterlife can be seen in western religions as eternal ^{heaven} _{Hell} to be decided at the Judgement Day.

Whereas Indian philosophies argues for transmigration of soul after death until one achieves Liberated state

Religious Morality refers to the stream of thought which argues that morals are based on religion supported by Leibnitz, Descartes, Aquinas etc.

They argue that "something is not good because it is moral but because god wills it" meaning morality flows from god

② Ten Commandments of Bible

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In Indian context Law of Karma establishes similar notion where schools like Mimamsa argues that following Vedas is only way to liberation and not morals.

Afterlife inevitable for religious morality

1.) Kant in his moral argument says that immortal soul is essential to establish god's presence.

2.) The balance of merits and demerits Adharma cannot be settled in this life → Need for after life.

3.) Cognitivists like Locke and Crombie argued post mortem experiences of afterlife to establish religion.

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- 4) Afterlife tend to incentivise believers to be moral and strengthens their faith in crisis.
- 5) Gandhiji also supported this view in justification of Darna system.
- 6) Indian philosophies like Hinduism believe in afterlife (e.g.) Vaishnavites of Ramanujacharya

Criticism

- 1) AJ Ayer and Hume argued that it fails linguistic verification and are useless.
- 2) Kant argues that Noumenon cannot be known.
- 3) Eternal damnation of west makes life pessimistic.
- 4) what about Atheists who do not follow god.

Thus afterlife is important to uphold religious morality



8(b) How far has science been successful in replacing religion?

(15 Marks)

Religion works on unquestioned faith of individuals which does not require any verification or proof.

Science on the other hand refers to principles established through vigorous experiments and observations which are verifiable in Reason and sense.

Science replacing Religion

- 1) New streams of religions like scientific Humanism are evolving against conventional thoughts.
- 2) Renaissance and glorious revolution of west tried to replace religion by establishing authority of reason.

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- 3) Growth of secular state and multicultural society shows shift from religion based Theocracy of past.
- 4.) Science helped to reduce prevalent blind faith and superstitions from religion.
- 5.) Scientific thinkers tend to argue against religion and pose questions on religious morality.
- ④ Verification, falsification challenge

Freud argued that religions are largely based on myths which have possibility of washing away in white light of science.

Religion is still relevant

- 1.) Despite of secular outlook countries follow religious reverence like Sarna Dharma Sambhar of India

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- 2) Science cannot explain mystical religious revelations (eg) Telepathy
- 3) Science cannot build consensus on metaphysical questions and tend to rely on religious morality.
- 4) Religion according to Paul Tillich is ultimate concern of man under no definition to ever include science in religion.
- 5) Scientific discoveries tend to create Human as means which religion opposes. Kant

Thus Science and religion must be seen as two sides of same coin to maximize human welfare

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8(c) How does a theist respond to different types of logical challenges posed against the notion of an attributist God? (20 Marks)

Attributist god also known as Personalistic notion of god argues that god is eternally strong - Omnipotent, Omniscient, Benevolent, wise etc. and humans are more manifestations of attributes of god (argued by Ramanujacharya)

Logical challenges and response

Q) Can omnipotent god do following -

- i) make $2+2=5$
- ii) make square a circle
- iii) make stone so heavy even he can't lift

responses

- 1.) Descartes argue that god can mend Rules of logic as he is source of them.
- 2.) Aquinas argues that god is infinitely rational and won't go against it.
- 3.) Frankfurt argues god can do a miracle



of creating such a rock and another miracle to lift it next second.

ii) If god is omniscient and has foreknowledge, How are humans free

Response [St. Augustine] argues that god created humans and endowed them free will, just as you can predict friend's behaviour but it won't affect his freedom.

iii) If god is Benevolent then why is evil present in world.

Response

1) Instrumentalist like Descartes argue evil increases value of good

2) Evil helps god to reveal himself

3) Leibniz call Adam's fall = Happy



as god incarnates in response to evil

eg. Bhagavad gita - Lord Krishna

4) Free willist like Platino argues that god not endorsed evil world = Rebatic thus evils are caused by humans themselves.

IV) If god is creator = he will = something is missing = god is not perfect.

Response Indian philosophers like Madhavaacharya term creation as divine sport to enable one reap fruits of their deed.

V) Can god commit or forgive sin

Response Kant argues that sin and god are different as sin is Phenomena and god = Nounmen

Thus Theodicies of believers and challenges of Atheists are never ending battle but as Kant said "I have made room for faith to preserve morals"



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