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1(a) How far the ideal of equality can act as a limitation upon the ideal of liberty?

(10 Marks)

Equality means absence of unreasonable discrimination on the grounds of religion, race, caste etc.

Intro according to context of the question

According to Negative liberals and euthists, the ideal of equality acts as a kind of limitation upon liberty on the following sense:-

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① Liberty and equality are natural. Hence, this natural tendency towards equality can be countered only by suppressing the liberty.

② Equality demands a positive state with affirmative actions. But such state limits individual's freedom.

Could include more points and cite the scholars

③ Any attempt to create equality removes the incentives for individuals to develop their merit and talents. Thus it



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Limits the liberty.

However, according to Egalitarians, socialists and positive liberals, equality is not a limitation upon liberty. Instead liberty and equality are complementary in the following sense:-

- ① In the absence of equality, liberty will degenerate into license to do whatever one wants → Anarchy
- ② Liberty without equality will lead to Matsya Nyaya where few big fish will swallow the smaller ones.
- ③ According to Amartya Sen, the freedom to choose also depends upon capacity to choose, otherwise it is a sheltonic.
- ④ As per Dr. Ambedkar, liberty and equality along with fraternity form the unity & trinity. To separate one from the other is to defeat the very purpose of democracy.

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1(b) Discuss the relevance of the concept of sovereignty in an era of globalisation and multilateralism. (10 Marks)

Sovereignty means the supreme authority of the state. It is the supreme power of state.

Internal
and
external

In an era of globalization and multilateralism, it is generally believed that sovereign states are bound by the international laws and rules. It limits the absolute authority of state.

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As well as, state can be placed under sanction for violating these laws and rules.

Ex:- Economic sanction on Iran.

Thus, the globalization and multilateralism goes against the monistic view of sovereignty propounded by Bodin and Austin. They consider sovereignty as



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permanent, absolute, indivisible, inalienable, exclusive and universal.

However, globalization and multilateralism does not make the concept of sovereignty pre-valent in the following sense:-

① State becomes part of these international institutions by its choice.

Need to include more points

Ex:- India joining BRICS.

② State is free to leave these institutions.

Need more clarity on the topic

Ex:- USA withdrawing from WHO

③ It ensures state exercising its sovereign power responsibly. Even Austin does not favour an irresponsible state.

Ex:- Economic sanction on Pakistan for harbouring terrorism.

As Kofi Annan writes, problems of 21st century are problem with border. Hence, it requires states

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co-operation that should not be considered as limitation on concept of sovereignty.

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1(c) Briefly discuss about the Sarvodaya model of development.

(10 Marks)

Gandhiji propounded the Sarvodaya model of development which means the fulfilment of All.

Sarvodaya model of Development

① Affirmative actions by the state for historically marginalised groups.
Ex!:- • Reservation for SCs, STs.

② Special constitutional protection for minorities.

Ex!:- Article 29, 30

③ Special constitutional and legal provisions for welfare of tribal groups.

Ex!:- 5th/6th schedule → to protect tribal culture.
PM-JANMAN scheme.

④ Positive state actions for empowerment of women → women-led dev.

Ex!:- POSH Act.

106th CAA → reservation for women in legislatures.

Reservation for women in jobs, education.

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⑤ Ensuring regionally-based development.

Ex!- Mission Purnodaya

⑥ Growth and development of rural areas.

Ex!- PUARA, R-URBAN Mission.

⑦ Protection of KABTQ+ rights.

Ex!- Narley Singh Johar Law (2018) → decriminalization of Homosexuality

⑧ Special measures for Specially abled individuals (Dinakaran).

Ex!- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

⑨ Respectful life for elder population.

Ex!- focus on "silver economy"

⑩ Welfare of poor.

Ex!- • PM Awas Yojana.
• PM Anna Yojana.

⑪ Education for all. Ex!- RTE Act

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Thus, the today's slogan of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas" drives the idea of Samudra

Bring all relevant points of Gandhian philosophy and then use present eg to substantiate

Could compare and contrast with other models

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I(d) Reflect upon the concept of social contract in the context of Indian democratic System. (10 Marks)

Concept of social contract is about an agreement ~~between~~ ^{among} the citizens wherein they give a part of their liberty for the creation of state.

State is bound by the obligations created by the social contract.

Social contract in Indian democratic system

① The very idea of "We the people --" in the preamble shows that popular sovereignty lies with people.

② In line with Hobbes' idea of social contract, Indian state maintains law and order and prevents chaos.

Ex:- Emergency power to state
Policy & military.

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③ State takes various measures for the welfare of people, thus fulfilling its obligations.

Ex!- • Free vaccines during Covid
• Right to Education Act
• National Food security Act.

④ Indian ~~state~~ state protects its citizens from external threat.

Ex!- Operation Sindoor

⑤ In line with Rousseau's concept of Social contract, state protects right to life, liberty, and property.

Article 21

Challenges

① Vast inequality in society.

Oxfam Report → 10% population owning 70% of nation's wealth.

② Rising crime rate against women.

③ Feminist Attacks. Ex!- Pahalgam Attack

④ Naxalism → threat to people's right to life.

⑤ Removing Right to property from list of Fundamental Right (44th CAA)

⑥ Illegal demolition of people's property.

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1(e) Analyse how the Right to Information Act has redefined the concept of good governance. (10 Marks)

Right to Information Act was enacted in 2005 that marked the end of era of secrecy and dawn of the era of transparency.

RTI Act redefines concept of Good governance

Earlier the concept of governance was centralised, top-down where citizens were considered as subjects and mute spectators.

RTI Act has brought a fundamental shift →

① Now, the governance system is Citizen-centric.

② It is no more a top down but a bottom-up approach of governance.

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③ Equipping citizens with the Information right leads to participatory governance

④ Citizens now empowered to hold the state accountable.

Ex! - Using RTI, it was exposed that 40% Jan Dhan Accounts are dominant

⑤ It brings transparency and accountability in governance.

Ex! - Exposing Adarsh Scam etc.

⑥ It enhances the Capability of citizens as argued by Amartya Sen.

⑦ It empower citizens to exercise their freedom of speech and expression effectively (Raj Narain Case)

Thus, RTI Act has

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given birth to a new era of governance in India.

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2(a) To what extent class struggle is visible in the contemporary world? (10 Marks)

Concept of class struggle forms the sociological ground of scientific socialism.

According to Marx, each phase of history is characterised by two antagonistic classes — one being dominant and other dependent. This class struggle was between slaves and master in ancient time. It was between feudal lords and serfs in medieval time.

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Visibility of Class Struggle in Contemporary world

① In the capitalist state, the class struggle is between the Capitalists and proletariat.
↓ ↓
owners of means of production propertyless class. They provide labour.



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Relate with
contemporary eg

② In the agrarian society, the class struggle is between landlords and laboures

Increasing inequalities

Gender justice and ownership of resources

Neocolonialism

Rural urban divide

Social Movements

③ It is between developed north vs global south

↓
largely developing and poor where majority of world population lives.

Elaborate on losing relevance as well

Welfare state reconciling class conflict

Positive liberalism

Benevolent capitalism

Intersectionality

④ It is between women and largely patriarchal and hierarchical systems as per feminist philosophers

Thus, class struggle is still visible. But it can be transformed into class co-operation through measures such as Corporate Social Responsibility, Compassionate Capitalism, Triple Planetary benefit model.

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2(b) Will you support disproportionate harsh punitive measures to public servants who involve in corruption? (10 Marks)

According to word Bank, Corruption is the misuse of public offices for private gains.

Disproportionate, —————> public servants
Harsh punishment involving in corruption

① It will have strong deterrent effect as supported by Utilitarian philosopher

② Corruption is a kind of mass violence, hence preventing it should be top priority

③ Public servants involving in corruption violates social contract
↳ thus harsh punishment ensures state fulfilling its obligation under social contract.

④ Kautilya also support danda for deviant elements

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Discuss in light of different theories of punishment

public servants involving in corruption are such



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⑤ It will increase public trust
in government and PKI
institutions.

⑥ It will prevent what Kaushik
Basu writes as "sanskritisation of
corruption" in India.

⑦ Ensures efficiency in governance.

However, it can be
countered through following arguments:-

① Against Kant's retributive justice
as punishment should be proportionate
to the crime.

② Against Gandhian philosophy
that hate the evil not the
evil doer.

③ Such punishments vindicate what
Leo Tolstoy said state as
organised violence → trying to counter one
evil with another evil

④ It may discourage innovation
in bureaucracy.

Thus, the solution lies in moral regeneration
and ethical leadership.

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2(c) Discuss the relevance of Rawlsian ideas in the context of climate justice. (10 Marks)

In his work "Theory of Justice", Rawls put forward an eternal theory of justice which is absolute, procedural and distributive.

Rawls created a hypothetical scenario of "original position" to arrive at following three principles of justice:

- ① Principle of equal liberty.
- ② Principle of fair equality of opportunity.
- ③ Difference principle → deviating from above two principles only if it brings benefit for the marginalized sections.

Relevance of Rawlsian Ideas in Context of Climate Justice

- ① Difference principle advocates for special measures for climate-affected communities.

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② Rawls' chain principle advocates for sustainable development
↳ leaving no one behind
including climate refugees.

Liberty in capitalism

③ Principle of equality of opportunity
supports "Common but differentiated responsibility" principle.

Difference principle-
Financial aid
and technology
transfer

④ Rawls advocates for creating
just institutions & procedures.
Ex:- UNFCCC, World Meteorology
org.

Limitation of Rawls' principle

① Rawls envisages a "closed society"
but the climate crisis is a
global issue.

② According to Amartya Sen, justice
should be evaluated along a
continuum instead of dichotomy
between just & unjust.

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③ Rawls has advocated for
Capitalist system but it is considered
to be the chief cause behind climate
crisis.

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2(d) Analyse the various reasons for gender discrimination in India.

(10 Marks)

India has been ranked 131st out of 148 countries in the Gender Gap Index 2025.

Reasons for gender discrimination in India

① Historical reason

↳ gender discrimination has been continuity in India since later Vedic period.

② Patriarchal mindset → that considers women not to be equal to men.

③ faulty socialisation process

↳ leads to children growing with biases and prejudices gender.

Ex!- women → Household chores
men → outside work.

④ Economic reason → only 16%

of property owned by women

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- ⑤ Tradition of Inheritance → that goes to the male members of family.
- ⑥ Religious reason → a/c to radical feminists, religion sanctions gender discrimination.
Ex!:- Purdah system, Ahunyat
- ⑦ Biological reasons → such as pregnancy limits women's mobility.
Sigmund Freud → "Anatomy is destiny"

In light of different schools of feminism as well

Way forward

- ① focus on socialisation process
↳ to bring change in mindset.
- ② Political Rights
106th CAA → reserves $\frac{1}{3}$ rd seats for women.
- ③ Affirmative actions
Ex!:- Reservation for women in 11 Ts.

④ Legislative measures. Ex!:- POSH Act.
Fun. India should focus on women-led outlined in vision 2020.



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2(e) Discuss the relevance of freedom of speech and expression in sustaining a healthy Democracy. (10 Marks)

Article 19(1)(a) of Indian Constitution provides for freedom of speech and expression as a fundamental right.

Role of freedom of speech and expression in sustaining a healthy democracy

① It ensures accountability of the govt. → Govt for the people

Ex!- News Article against govt. policies.

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② Healthy criticism → provides input to the govt.

Group rights
Contemporary movements
Creative freedom

③ As per positive liberals, it is necessary for full development of the personality of individuals.

④ It helps in protecting minority rights → ensuring govt. for all.

Substantiate



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⑤ It prevents majoritarianism

⑥ freedom of speech and expression ensures rule of law not rule of any individuals.

⑦ It makes citizens active participant in democracy

↳ govt. by the people

Deliberations- Argumentative Indian

⑧ As said by Amartya Sen, country with free speech & express has never faced a famine.

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Reasonable restrictions

However, freedom of speech and expression can also lead to instances of hate speeches, disinformation, misinformation, endangering the peace and stability of society.

But as said by Alfred Emanuel Smith, the ills of democracy can be sowed only by more democracy.



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3(a) Examine why Dr Ambedkar was critical of Mahatma Gandhi's approach towards elimination of caste discrimination. (20 Marks)

Both Dr. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi were against the caste discrimination and untouchability prevailing in Hindu society but they differed in their approaches.

Mahatma Gandhi's Approach towards Caste discrimination

Mahatma Gandhi supports the varna system. He considered the varna system as the foundation of Hindu society. It led to the hereditary transfer of skills, avoids unnecessary competition in society thus ensuring social cohesion. It also provides people time to lead a spiritual way of life.

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But Gandhiji was against caste discrimination and untouchability considered them as



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"Wise on humanity". He advocated following approach for elimination of caste discrimination :-

① He considered caste discrimination as a social issue hence it can be solved socially.

② He believed in purification of hearts and minds of upper caste people to eliminate caste discrimination.

③ He called lower castes as Hamians to evoke the consciousness of upper caste people.

④ He was against any kind of political solution.
Ex: Opposition to separate electorates for Dalits.

⑤ His Idea of Bread Labour aimed to underline the dignity of all workers including those of untouchables.



⑥ He compared task of different castes to duty and thus duty cannot be superior or inferior.

Dr. Ambedkar's Criticism of Mahatma Gandhi's Approach

- ① A/c to Dr. Ambedkar, Caste discrimination was not just a social problem but also a political issue.
- ② Dr. Ambedkar demanded political solution of Caste discrimination.
Ex!- Separate electorates
- ③ Dr. Ambedkar called lower castes as dalits to give them a separate political identity.
- ④ He believed that Caste system was beyond reform, hence it should be annihilated.

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⑤ Dr. Ambedkar traced the roots of caste discrimination to Hindu religious scriptures. Hence, he even supported religious conversion.

⑥ He ~~exhort~~ exhorted Dalits to leave their caste-based work, to develop their talent and skills, and to move to cities.

⑦ Dr. Ambedkar advocated positive state discrimination to eliminate caste discrimination.
Ex!- Reservation in Jobs etc.

⑧ Dr. Ambedkar supported inter-caste marriages, inter-caste dining & as mixture of blood will make caste irrelevant.

Despite their differences their intentions cannot be doubted. Both were great

humanists believing in an egalitarian social order



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3(b) How far can the ideology of anarchism be treated as a practically viable one?

(15 Marks)

Anarchism is the philosophical belief that society can and must be organised without the coercive authority of the state.

It is generally believed that the ideology of Anarchism is Utopian and practically unviable for the following reasons:-

① It takes too optimistic view of Human nature as co-operative world.

→ As per Hobbes, Human beings are inherently violent, selfish and murderous.

② It only looks at the darker side of state and ignores its positive roles.

Ex:- welfare function of state

③ According to Kautilya, State is needed to create conditions suitable for achieving public welfare.

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- ④ According to Locke, state is needed to protect the natural rights to life, liberty and property.
- ⑤ According to Hobbes, the coercive authority of state is better than the chaos and violence in the absence of it.
Ex!- Iraq after fall of Saddam Hussain.
- ⑥ In Anarcho syndicalism, state monster is replaced by group monster.
- ⑦ In case of Revolutionary Anarchism, violent means is used to throw away the state. Violence can never guarantee peace and order.
- ⑧ Contemporary challenges of terrorism, nuclearism, cyber warfare, climate crisis makes

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The role of state very important.

Despite them, Anarchism as a philosophical doctrine has practical utility in following sense:-

Need better structuring-
Explain the role of state and view of different schools of anarchism

① It highlights the coercive authority of state.

② One becomes part of state through birth or conquest. It is against freedom of choice & association.

③ According to Gandhiji, state undermines self dependence nature of human beings.

Explain the criticisms-
Matsya Nyaya
Ramarajya
Communism
Market

④ Gandhiji believed that state is a soulless machine that rests on violence, while human beings are non-violent.

⑤ Marxist believes that state serves the interest of bourgeois class and is the reason behind vast inequality.

Even though humanism lacks practical viability, it has philosophical soundness. ✓



3(c) Examine the grounds on which Plato advocates for a monarchy over democracy. (15 Marks)

Ancient Greek philosopher Plato advocated the rule of philosopher king instead of democracy.

Reason for Plato advocating monarchy over democracy

- ① According to Plato, people are not equipped enough to make the wisest decision.
- ② Democracy is the rule of mediocres who work for their self-interest.
- ③ Citing the analogy of ship, Plato underlined the fact that only ruler should be the one who knows how to rule.
- ④ Driven by emotions, people can be manipulated by



demagogues.

- ⑤ Democracy being the rule of people can turn into mobocracy i.e. rule of masses.
- ⑥ monarchy ensures continuity and stability in government.

However in the modern world, democracy is considered to be the best form of govt. monarchy is rejected on the following grounds:-

- ① It leads to totalitarianism and authoritarianism. ex:- North Korea
- ② It suppresses people's fundamental freedom.
ex:- Saudi Arabia
- ③ It is against rule of law.
It leads to king is the rule.
- ④ It is against separation of

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Power.

- ⑤ It leads to centralization of power.
- ⑥ Against the tradition of collective decision making.

Karl Popper's criticism

On the other hand, democracy is accepted on following grounds:-

- ① As said by John Dewey, democracy is a way of life that ensures holistic development of individuals.
- ② In contemporary time, the idea of participatory democracy favours decentralization of power.
- ③ People are citizens not subjects
- ④ Measures such as Right to Information Act empowers people to make best decision.

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⑤ It is based on rule of law not the whims & fancies of any individual.

Thus, the modern day democracy has to a very great extent addressed the concerns of people.



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4 (a) Analyse why ecological humanism can be treated as the most relevant one in the stream of humanistic thoughts (20 Marks)

Humanism is the philosophical belief that human beings and their problem and welfare are the central concern of the world.

Features of Humanism

- ① As said by Protagoras, Humanism Sora — "man is the measure of everything".
- ② Human beings are central to the world affairs.
- ③ Human experience and reason is the source of knowledge.
- ④ It believes in materialism.
- ⑤ It rejects the discussion about other worldly affairs.
- ⑥ Morality is relative to human beings.
- ⑦ According to Kant, Human

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beings are ~~not~~ an end-in-itself, not means for some other ends.

⑧ As per Rabindranath Tagore, Human beings are the culmination of God's creative process and hence creative spirit is the hallmark of human existence.

Ecological Humanism

Ecological Humanism combines the philosophy of Naturalism and Humanism.

Humanism that emerged in the medieval Europe reduced nature to the status of instrument to satisfy human needs. This instrumentalism view led to huge exploitation of nature. ~~not~~ This has caused current planetary crisis.



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While Naturalism believed that nature should be maintained in its purest form. Human beings should consider themselves as part of nature and live as per laws of nature. It gives birth to the political idea of eco-centrism.

Reasons for ecological Humanism to be the most relevant human thought

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① It advocates for sustainable development

↳ satisfying human needs without causing irreversible damage to nature.

② It ensures inter-generational equity

③ It endorses Gandhian philosophy of minimalism



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④ It is in line with Gandhian idea that "this planet has enough for everybody's needs but not for everybody's greed".

⑤ Cultural and Religious Rights
→ Tribals consider nature as sacred and worship them.
Ex!- Sacred Groves

⑥ It counters Instrumentalist view that considers planet as instrument to satisfy human needs.

Thus, ecological humanism hold prominent relevance in the present-day world faced by climate and planetary crisis.

Discuss the shortcomings of other schools

Structure better - Relate contemporary issues with tenets of Humanism- Consumerism Globalisation Climate change Vulnerabilities



4(b) Discuss the relationship between Multiculturalism and Social Progress. (15 Marks)

Multiculturalism as a philosophy has following two aspects:

- (i) Descriptive → Accepting the plurality of culture as a fact.
- (ii) ~~Descriptive~~ Normative → Cultural plurality should be accepted and recognised.

Relation between Multiculturalism and Social Progress

- (1) As per Bhikhu Parekh, culture moulds and shapes the nature and beliefs of human beings.
↳ Recognising culture, thus contributes to the social progress.
- (2) Recognising one's culture inspires the individuals to contribute for the progress of society.
EX:- Recognition of Tamil in Singapore.

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③ Recognition to Culture contributes to peace and order.
It is an important pre-condition for social progress.

④ As per Bhabha Paneth, the mutual interaction between different cultures leads to Cultural enrichment.

⑤ According to Charles Tyler, the international migration has made the assimilation less and less sustainable.

Hence, it is better to recognise different cultures for social progress.

⑥ Multiculturalism prevents cultural Imperialism.

⑦ It prevents alienation of individuals.

Substantiate



⑧ As per Kymlicka's theory of mirror representation, cultural groups should be represented by the members of their groups in legislature. $\Rightarrow$ It prevents neglect of concerns of any group.

However, multiculturalism can also be a hindrance to social progress in the following sense:-

① Feminists $\rightarrow$ All cultures are filled with gender injustice.

② Optimists $\rightarrow$ In modern era, individuals have wide choices of identity. Hence, they should not be restricted to any one identity.

③ Promoting unscientific and irrational practices in the name of culture.

Ex:- Triple Talak.

④ It may lead to identity based politics.

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4(c) "The term 'utopian socialism' itself is a misnomer; it is very much realistic in the contemporary world" Analyse. (15 Marks)

The term "Utopian Socialism" was given by Marx and Engels for the early socialism.

The early socialists recognised the oppressive conditions created by capitalism for the majority workers. They highlighted vast inequalities presented in society between the property owning capitalist class and propertyless workers.

However, they never advocated for violent revolution as advocated by Marx.

They envisaged the ~~reorganisation~~ reorganisation of society in a co-operative way instead of free competition of capitalism.

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"Utopian socialism" is a misnomer as it also advocated for the welfare and upliftment of all. and it is very much realistic in contemporary world.

① Instead of violent revolution of Marxism, the evolutionary socialism through peaceful means is considered to be better & sustainable.

② Democratic socialism also rejects violent revolution and adopts democratic methods to achieve the goals of socialism.

③ Instead of "withering away of state", modern state plays vital role in achieving goals of socialism.

Ex!:- National Food Security Act, 2013
• Right to Education Act.
• Maternity Benefit Act.

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⑤ Instead of class struggle,
In contemporary world, Class
Co-operation is possible.

Ex! - Participation of workers in
management of industries

⑥ Historical materialism of Marx
is over-simplification of fact.

Discuss the other side as well- not a misnomer

Thus, "Utopian socialism"

is a reliable principle.

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Appealing to the conscience of capitalists

CSR

Philanthropy

Mention Robert Owen and
Charles Fourier

cooperative movement

trusteeship model

private property

surplus value



5(a) Critically examine the major tenets of Scientific Socialism.

(20 Marks)

The concept of Scientific socialism was put forward by Marx and Engels in the 19th century.

They recognised the inhumane condition created by capitalism for the masses and thus, proposed their own concept of scientific socialism.

Major tenets of Scientific Socialism

① Dialectical Materialism

→ It is the philosophical basis of Marxism.

→ It recognises that history progresses through the dialectical evolution i.e. interaction between contradictory forces leading to the emergence of a new state/epoch.

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② Historical Materialism

→ It is the scientific ground of Marxism.

→ As per this, the mode of production in a given society forms its substructure and all other relations constitute the superstructure depending on the changing nature of economic relation.

→ On this basis, Marx divided history into five phases:-

① Primitive community → classless society with common ownership of means of production.

② Ancient time → means of production owned by masters while labour was provided by slaves.

③ Medieval time → means of production under the ownership of feudal lords while serfs provided



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The Labour.

① Capitalist system → It is between property owning Capitalist class and propertyless workers.

③ Theory of Class struggle

→ In each phase of history, there have been two antagonistic classes with irreconcilable interests — master-slave, lords-serfs, Capitalist-workers.

④ Theory of Revolution

→ Revolution is the inevitable midwife of social change.

→ The workers have to unite themselves and through a violent revolution, they should overthrow the state & capitalist system.

⑤ Concept of Surplus value

→ A/c to Marx, it is only the labour that creates value. All other factors of production are sterile.

→ But workers receive only subsistence wages.

Alienation
Base and
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View on state



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The value of surplus labour swells the pockets of capitalists

⑥ They consider religion as the "opium of masses"

Criticisms

① Economic analysis of history is the oversimplification of fact. & ignores other aspects of life.

② Instead of "withering away of state", communist state has become totalitarianism.
Ex:- China, USSR

③ Communist states suppress the people's freedom & liberty.

④ According to Gandhiji, religion is an important element of individual's life, and he advocated for spiritualisation of politics.

⑤ It ignores the welfare function of states Ex:- free education.

⑥ Diluting profit removes the incentives & thus may lead to economic stagnation.

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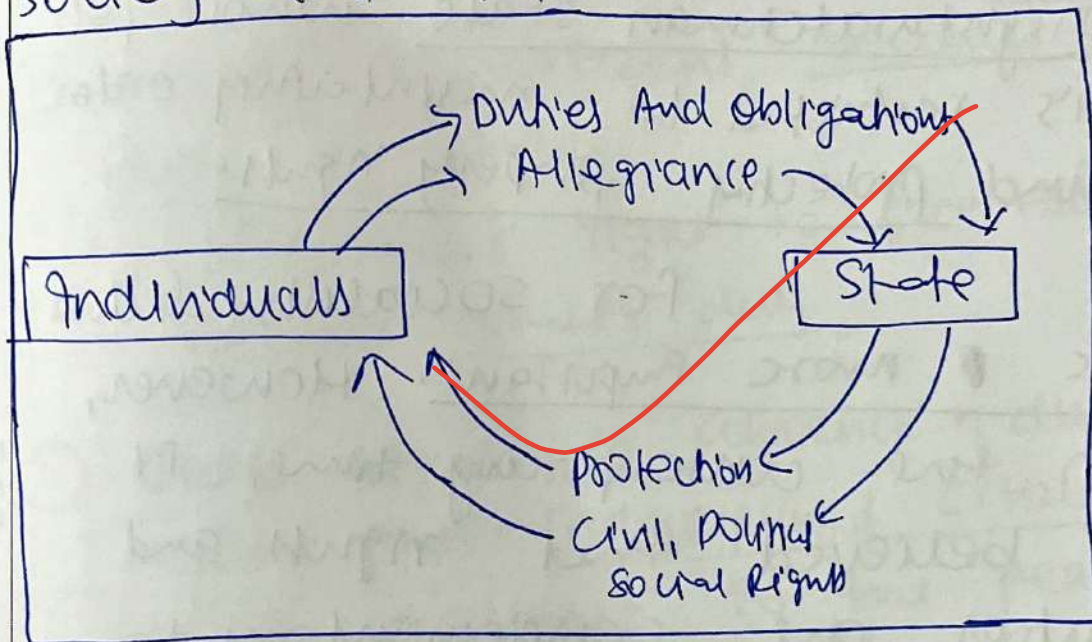


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5(b) Rights or Duties – Which is more vital for the growth of a nation? (15 Marks)

Rights are the claims of individuals to the state while duties are individuals' obligations towards society and state.



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for negative liberals and Capitalists, rights are more important for following reasons:-

- ① According to Locke, individuals have natural rights to life, liberty and property. If state fails to provide, people can overthrow the state.



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Could elaborate in light of Fundamental rights and duties

② Rights are important for the all-round development of individuals.

③ Negative liberals envisage a nightwatchman state whose job is restricted to maintaining order and protecting property rights.

For socialists, duties are more important. However, in the contemporary time, it is believed that rights and duties are complementary to each other. Both are equally important.

① As said by Norman Wilde, only in a world of duties, rights have meaning.

② According to Gandhi, the source of one's rights is in his/her duty.



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③ What is the right for one individual becomes the duty of others.

Ex!- my right to live noise-free become other's duty to keep silence.

④ Rights of citizens becomes the duty of state.

Ex!- Citizens right to free education becomes state's duty.

⑤ Only rights in absence of duty leads to Indisciplined citizenry posing challenge to the peace and harmony in society.

⑥ A/c. to Kant, performing one's duty is the highest moral value.

Inspired from this, Govt. of India included Part IVA in the Constitution by the 42nd CAA of 1976

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ideally with fundamental duties



5(c) Discuss the major ethical grounds of Indian Secularism.

Secularism is the principle of separating state and religion. But the extent and nature of this separation may vary from society to society.

From the time of Ashoka and Akbar, Indian society has been largely secular. It inspires for the unique Indian secularism which is distinct from West.

Ethical Grounds of Indian Secularism

① Gandhian philosophy of "Sama Dharma sambhava"

↳ all religions are equal.

② Swami Vivekananda's philosophy of religious pluralism.

↳ "All religions are like different rivers flowing towards same ocean".



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- ③ Kantian Categorical Imperative
↳ treating every human beings as an end-in-itself irrespective of their religious belief.
- ④ Philosophy of Humanism
↳ Human beings and their welfare should be the primary concern, irrespective of their religious belief.
- ⑤ Preventing the tyranny of majority religions
↳ Hence, special provision for minorities.
Ex:- Article 29, 30
- ⑥ Social contract → State has obligation towards all religions.
- ⑦ State maintains a principled distance from all religions.
↳ It ensures state's impartiality

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Fundamental rights- Art 25-28 and Preamble of Constitution



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⑧ State is not irreligious or anti-religious.

⑨ State extends equal protection and support to all religions.

Ex!:- Support for Haj Yatra, Annamam Vatse.

⑩ Rationalism → State intervenes to remove outdated practices from religions

↳ thus upholds Human dignity.

Ex!:- Banning Triple Talac.

• Throwing open Hindu temples for all castes

⑪ Principle of multiculturalism →

recognising diverse religious rights lead to social progress.

Compare with Western Secularism

Thus, inspired from its own tradition and culture, Indian socialism fosters inclusivity and plurality.