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Q.No.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Do furnish the appropriate details in the answer sheet (viz. Name, Mobile Number and Mail Id).</li><li>2. All questions are compulsory.</li><li>3. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.</li><li>4. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.</li><li>5. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to.</li><li>6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.</li></ol>
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1. "In recent years, the institution of marriage has undergone significant transformation, yet there have also been many elements of continuity." Discuss this statement in an Indian context. (150 words) 10 marks

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Universalization of institution of marriage is one of the salient feature of Indian society. It is witnessing transformation due to various endogenous & exogenous factors.

### Elements of transformation

- 1) Time duration of marriage case -  
- many has come down
- 2) Rigid observance to rituals mixing
- 3) Small proportion of marriages are inter-caste & inter-faith
- 4) Rise in divorces
- 5) Live-in culture prior to marriage
- 6) Destination weddings

Nevertheless there are some elements of continuity

- (a) Caste endogamy is still dominant
- (b) Lavish & ~~exp~~ pompous wedding
- (c) Patrilocality, i.e. woman has to leave ~~that~~ her home
- (d) Dowry-culture
- (2) Taboos about divorce and single parents

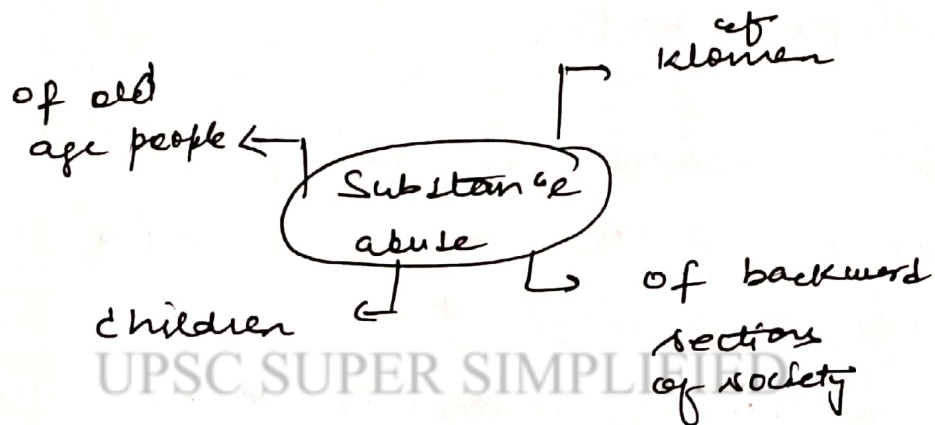
Thus institution of marriage has though adapted to the changing needs of society, the elements of ~~continuity~~ continuity ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> still there.

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2. What are the factors contributing to substance abuse? Also suggest measures to prevent substance abuse. (150 words)  
10 marks

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Substance abuse refers to the exploitation of the weaker section of society by those who are at position of authority & privilege.



Factors contributing to substance abuse

- a) Socio-cultural
- 1) Patriarchy in social institutions
  - 2) Caste-system and related discrimination
  - 3) Religion-backed discriminatory practices



b) Economic

- 1) Differential access to resources
- 2) consumerist culture

c) Political

- historical injustices leading to lower representation of vulnerable sections

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Measures to prevent substance abuse

- a) Awareness regarding rights & entitlements of vulnerable sections
- b) Better implementation of public welfare schemes
- c) Strengthening of legal ecosystem
- d) Overall sensitization towards gender - issues, caste - issues etc -

Substance abuse is cause of social unrest & is irreparable growth. The society must strive for elimination of substance abuse for securing a just & equal society.

3. "Whether in a positive or negative way, globalisation has played a key role in the development of India's present education system." Examine. (10 marks) (150 words)

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Globalization is the process of coming together of societies, economies across nations via trade, communication, transportation and immigration.

Globalization has also impacted the development of India's education system.

Positive Impacts

1. Best pedagogic process and curriculum across the world are now adopted in schools.
2. Role of teachers is changing. They play a role of more of a friend & facilitator.
3. Knowledge about new cultures and traditions is affecting the India's education system.

4. Advanced growth in technology has accelerated the impact of globalization.

EX - Online courses of reputed universities.

5. Role of parents have also changed and their active participation is sought.

### Negative Impact

1. Inequality has increased as only some section of society can access the global-online resources.
2. Traditional curi-chishya param - para is on decline.
3. Indigenous culture and vernacular language are getting threatened in development of education process.
4. Consumerism - as end of all learning is being promoted.

Thus we need to watch closely the negative impacts and work actively to reduce it.



4. A social problem necessitates more than just a legal remedy. In this context, critically evaluate the role of the POCSO Act in the protection of children. (10 marks) (150 words)

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POCSO Act aims to reduce the incidences of sexual offense against children.

Crime against children - a social problem

- a) Child labor practice promote the chances of crime
- b) Incidences of crime are not reported due to stigma - which incentivize the perpetrator
- c) Accused are sometimes themselves victims of sexual offense
- d) Paedophilia is a proven-disease
- e) Lack of shelter homes for orphaned, rescued children promote the incidences of violence.



## Role of POCSO Act

- 1) Defines child clearly as someone below 18 years
- 2) defines all forms of violence - penetrative & non-penetrative, pornography
- 3) Onus of proving innocence on the accused
- 4) child-friendly investigation process ex - in camera proceedings
- 5) provides of special courts

However we need further strengthening of legal ecosystem as conviction is very low:

### Way forward

1. Better trained lawyers
2. Advanced forensic techniques
3. Sensitization of health workers & investigative personnel
4. Persuading the families for reporting crime

Safe children determines the future of nation and thus their right to development, survival must be protected.

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5. Do you think it is a growing sense of regionalism that is fueling the growth of the demand for a separate state? (10 marks) (150 words)

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Regionalism is the cultural and economic assertion of people of a particular geography.

Regionalism when mixed with political manipulation can lead to demand for separate state

- 1) Khalistani movement in Punjab, especially in 1980s demanded for separate state for sikhs
- 2) Currently, separate-state demand is in North-East India.  
EX - Greater Nagalim & Greater Tripura
- 3) Due to suppression of culture & language, inter-state demand for separate state grows.

Ex - ~~Gorkha~~ Gorkhaland demand  
for separate state in <sup>west</sup> Bengal.

1) Current emphasis on Hindi-  
language has potential to ~~fuel~~ <sup>fuel</sup>  
militant regionalism in southern-  
states

3) Imbalanced economic growth  
leads to demand for separate  
state - Ex - Jharkhand & Chhattisgarh.

However, if cultural & economic  
interests are met, then regionalism  
~~lead~~ leads to strengthening of  
national unity

a) Cooperative & competitive federalism  
due to rise of regional parties

b) Pride in local culture <sup>leads to</sup> <sub>^</sub> strive  
for excellence in state

c) Promotion of syncretic culture  
& unity in diversity of India

Thus, regionalism per se is not  
dangerous, but when mixed with  
politics leads to demand for separate  
state.

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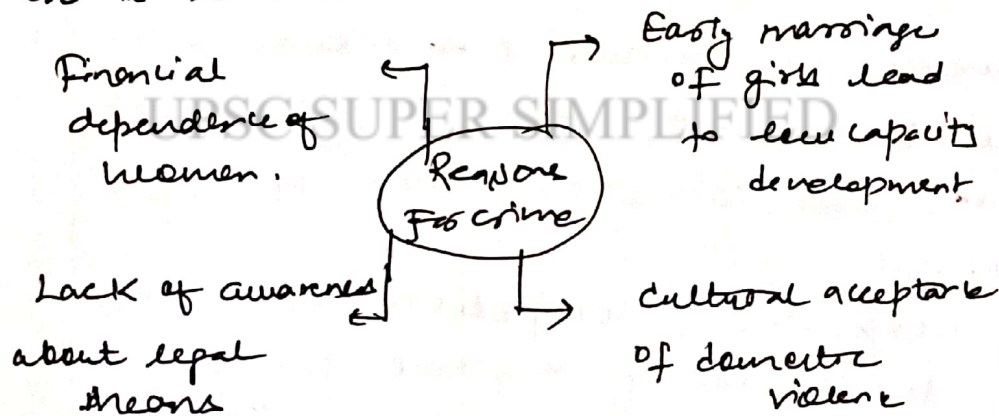
6. "Domestic violence against women cannot be addressed just through legal means; rather, it necessitates a broader social intervention that goes beyond the legislation." Explain. (15 marks) (250 words)

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NCRB data shows that domestic violence forms the highest share of all crime committed against women.

Despite legal means like - Domestic Violence Act 2005, IPC sections, etc it is on rise.



Thus apart from legal means, we need broad social intervention to address the issues.

## Steps that can be taken

(a) Social persuasion changing attitude of families towards girl child.

EX- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao ~~the~~

- Campaign against sar-mata preference

(b) Financial / economic opportunities for women

- it will reduce financial dependence of women

- Addressing wage-pay gap (24%) as per Oxfam

- Addressing the <sup>glass</sup> ~~wage~~-ceiling gap

as these measures will strengthen position of women at home

(c) Capacity development of women

- Better access to quality education and health care
- Awareness regarding legal remedies

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(d) Gender sensitization at all levels

- In schools, workshops should be organized
- Successful leaders like Binyame Chopra, Indira Naygi etc should be roped in for campaign.

(e) Creating safe neighborhood - i.e. neighborhood communities should be set up for reporting crime

- women should be encouraged to speak up.

Thus, we see that apart from legal ecosystem, deep patriarchal thoughts which lead to domestic violence can be fought by social intervention of all stakeholders.

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7. Communalism is the cancer that has infected Indian society, fueled by political and social injustices, as well as the politicisation of individual identities. Discuss.  
(15 marks) (250 words)

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Sch Communalism refers to the scenario when religion begins to affect the socio-political choices of people.

It is a result of political, social and economic injustices.

#### (1) Political reasons

- a) Separate Electorate in 1909
- b) Partition on religious line affected the social harmony for always

#### (2) Socio-economic injustices

- a) Relative backwardness of Muslim community in education & health indicators (Sachar committee)
- b) At various places, class distinction coincided with religious distinction  
Ex - In Kashmir, - Hindu

landlords and Muslim peasants  
(c) In pre-independence time, British played divide and rule by using favoritism policy in granting jobs.

However, in recent times there have been politicization of identities

- (a) Muslim-Yadav equation in Bihar
- (b) Religion was used in recent based election
- (c) Rise of communal parties
- (d) Politicization of MRC & NPR

Overall, this trends affects Indian society :-

- (a) weakens democracy and national unity

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(b) Promote religious fundamentalism.  
EX - recent ISIS recruits

(c) Leads to frequent riots & terrorism  
EX - North-east Delhi riots

(d) Laws like - Jore Jihad law,  
Ban on slaughter of animals  
get enacted.

Therefore, we need to fight against  
the communal trend to preserve  
syncretic culture.

### Way fwd

1. Banning of religious outfits who promote enmity
2. Peace committees to be formed
2. Focus on creating more jobs for youths
4. Responsible role of media.

Only a conscious fight can defeat  
Communalism.

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8. What factors contribute to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) remaining one of India's most backward communities? Outline the steps taken by the government to empower them. (15 marks) (250 words)

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Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are those communities who live in forest as per pre-modern customs & traditions

Reasons of their backwardness

1. Relative isolation from modern world
2. Disruption of their livelihood due to deforestation
3. Forced eviction due to developmental projects
4. They live in relative hilly terrain like - deep forest, hill areas etc where infrastructure is missing.
5. Poor social infrastructure like

health and education facilities

6. Ethnic strife among tribals  
lead to constant conflict. Ex -  
In Northeast India

7. Unrest in the areas due to  
militant outfits

Steps taken by government to  
empower them:

(a) Identification of tribes, i.e. alt-  
-gether 75 PVTGs have been  
identified for relative better  
targeting

(b) Central assistance to tribal  
sub plans

(c) focus on immunization of  
tribals

(d) Eklova Model Residential  
schools - for educational  
improvement

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e) PM ~~Jai~~<sup>Van</sup> Shon Yojna - and associated schemes like MSP for MFP

f) Tribes India outlets all over country

g) Important legislations like  
- Forest Rights Act 2006  
- ~~for~~ 6th schedule Areas  
- Inner line Permit

All these steps will promote the socio-economic interests of PVTGs along with preserving their tribal culture.

This is in line with <sup>Ex-PM</sup> Nehru's PANSHHEEL policy of integrating tribes with Indian society.

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9. What are the emerging forms of violence against LGBT people? Suggest suitable measures to contain this problem.  
(15 marks) (250 words)

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LGBT people are those people whose gender identities do not match with the gender assigned at birth. They include trans-men, trans-women, cross-sex, queers etc.

From known history in recent past to modern times, LGBT have been facing various violence like

- (a) shunned by their family members
- (b) Lack of education <sup>which</sup> affects their future chances of jobs
- (c) Lack of economic opportunities lead to situation of forced begging
- (d) Dishonesty in health officials & workers lead to lack of healthcare

However, some emerging forms of violence is also taking place of societal reaction against the Supreme court judgement in NALSA case & Navtej-Singh Johar case.

b) Attacks on pride march organized by LGBT community

c) Truelling, Body shaming, sexual assault threats on social-media

d) Prejudice against the demands of LGBT community for marriage, adoption, inheritance etc.

Government has recently passed Transgender Protection Act to

- criminalize all forms of discrimination
- enable participation of LGBT in public places

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- provide certificate by self-identification

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However we need further measures to contain the LGDT's discrimination

- 1) Sensitization of investigative agencies, healthcare workers
- 2) Campaigns & workshops for spreading awareness about the rights of LGDT
- 3) Specific policies to enable their political and economic participation
- 4) Research on medical <sup>service</sup> requirements of LGDT community
- 5) Affirmative measures like - Reservation in public jobs & public educational institutes.

Overall, LGDT community needs to be identified well (currently underestimated) and targeted policies & programmes should be launched.



10. The entire lifestyle of people in different societies is changing to a new pattern as a result of cultural assimilation. Do you believe Indian culture can withstand westernization and globalization? (15 marks) (250 words)

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Westernization refers to adoption of Western values and Globalization is growing interconnectedness among societies, economies & nations via trade & commerce, transportation, immigration etc.

Forces of westernization & globalization have led to new pattern of life :-

- 1) Disintegration of joint families
- 2) Rise of individualism & decline of community living
- 3) Rise of pop-culture in Indian millennials
- 4) Increase in consumerism culture
- 5) Disappearance of story-telling traditions by elder members to children

- 6) Mc-donaldization of food habits
- 7) Vanishing tribal languages, local dialects etc
- 8) Homogenized dressing pattern

The above changes show that new pattern of life is emerging.

However, as far as question of authenticity is concerned, we also see trends of hybridization and coming of Indian culture on global scale

### # Hybridization trends

- a) Mc-Donald going vegetarian in Navratri
- b) Dubbing of Hollywood movies in local languages
- c) Rise of Remix culture
- d) Development of Hin-English, a mixture of Hindi & English

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## # Indian culture on global scale

- a) Celebration of Holi & Sivali in foreign countries - Ex - Recent Sivali Day will be in USA to govt public holiday
- b) Demand of AYUSH medicine & AI tagged goods
- c) Indian ethnic wear in global fashion showcase
- d) Rise of Yoga
- e) Religious & spiritual ~~renewal~~ revivalism. Ex - ISKCON temples.

Thus Indian society is assimilating the globalized culture & also affecting the globalized culture.

Thus Indian society can withstand the forces of Westernization & globalization.

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