



Mains Practice Question

Q. Discuss the impact of globalization on Indian society. How has it affected the social empowerment of women and marginalized groups? (250 words)

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Approach

- Start your answer with a brief introduction of Globalization
- Discuss the impact of globalization on Indian society
- Explain how it has affected the social empowerment of women and marginalized groups
- Conclude accordingly

Introduction:

Globalization is the process of increasing integration and interdependence of the world in terms of economic, political, social and cultural aspects. It has brought about significant changes in the Indian society, both positive and negative, in various dimensions.

Body:

- **Economic:**
 - Globalization has opened up new opportunities for trade, investment, growth and development in India.
 - It has also increased competition, inequality, unemployment and environmental degradation.
 - The benefits and costs of globalization have not been evenly distributed among different regions, sectors and classes of the society.
- **Political:**
 - Globalization has enhanced India's role and influence in the global arena. It has also exposed India to various challenges such as terrorism, cybercrime, regional conflicts and human rights violations.
 - Globalization has also affected the functioning of democracy, federalism and governance in India.
- **Social:**
 - Globalization has facilitated the exchange of ideas, values, cultures and lifestyles among people across the world.
 - It has also led to the emergence of new social issues such as migration, urbanization, consumerism, individualism and identity crisis. Globalization has also impacted the social empowerment of women and marginalized groups in India in different ways. Some of the effects are:
- **Women:**
 - Globalization has provided more opportunities for women to participate in education, employment, entrepreneurship and politics. It has also increased their awareness, mobility and autonomy.
 - However, globalization has also exposed women to new forms of exploitation, discrimination, violence and insecurity. It has also created conflicts between traditional and

modern roles and expectations of women.

▪ **Marginalized Groups:**

- Globalization has enabled some of the marginalized groups such as Dalits, Adivasis, minorities and LGBTQ+ to assert their rights, identity and dignity.
- It has also given them access to new resources, networks and platforms.
- However, globalization has also intensified their marginalization, exclusion and oppression by dominant groups. It has also threatened their culture, livelihood and environment.

Conclusion:

Globalization is a complex and dynamic phenomenon that has both positive and negative impacts on Indian society. It has affected the social empowerment of women and marginalized groups in different ways. The challenge for India is to balance the opportunities and risks of globalization and to ensure that its benefits are inclusive and sustainable for all sections of the society.

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