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General Studies - Mains Test Series - 2024

Test Code: 03

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

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Question Paper Specific Instructions.

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- There are total 15 questions in test printed in ENGLISH.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Answer must be written in 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 allotted for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
- 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	4	10	1.5
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4	10	10	2.5
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6	14	10	1.5
7	16	10	2.5
8	18	10	3
9	20	10	2.5
10	22	10	1.5
11	24	15	2
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15	36	15	4
16	39	15	4
17	42	15	5
18	45	15	6
19	48	15	6.5
20	51	15	4.5

Total Marks Obtained: _____

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Macro Analysis

- try explaining pointers to give a contextual understanding
- read question properly, address the hidden parts of it as well
- update your content with recent updates

keep writing



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1. "To make national growth inclusive, no state should be left behind." Explain this statement. What steps can the left-behind states take to achieve industrial growth and economic inclusion?

(Answer in 150 words)

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Inclusive growth is the growth where the benefits of all the activities, schemes etc. must reach to the lower to lowest status of the society. like people living under BPL (Below poverty Line)

The statement talks that to achieve a just and equitable society, the state must cater to the needs of all the people present in the society.

Inclusive growth from the perspective of state. Some state don't exceptionally well. Ex. TN, AP. Not all state are equit. Some are not.

To make growth inclusive is of industrial and economic the following challenges are emerging.

Gap in India. Many of the

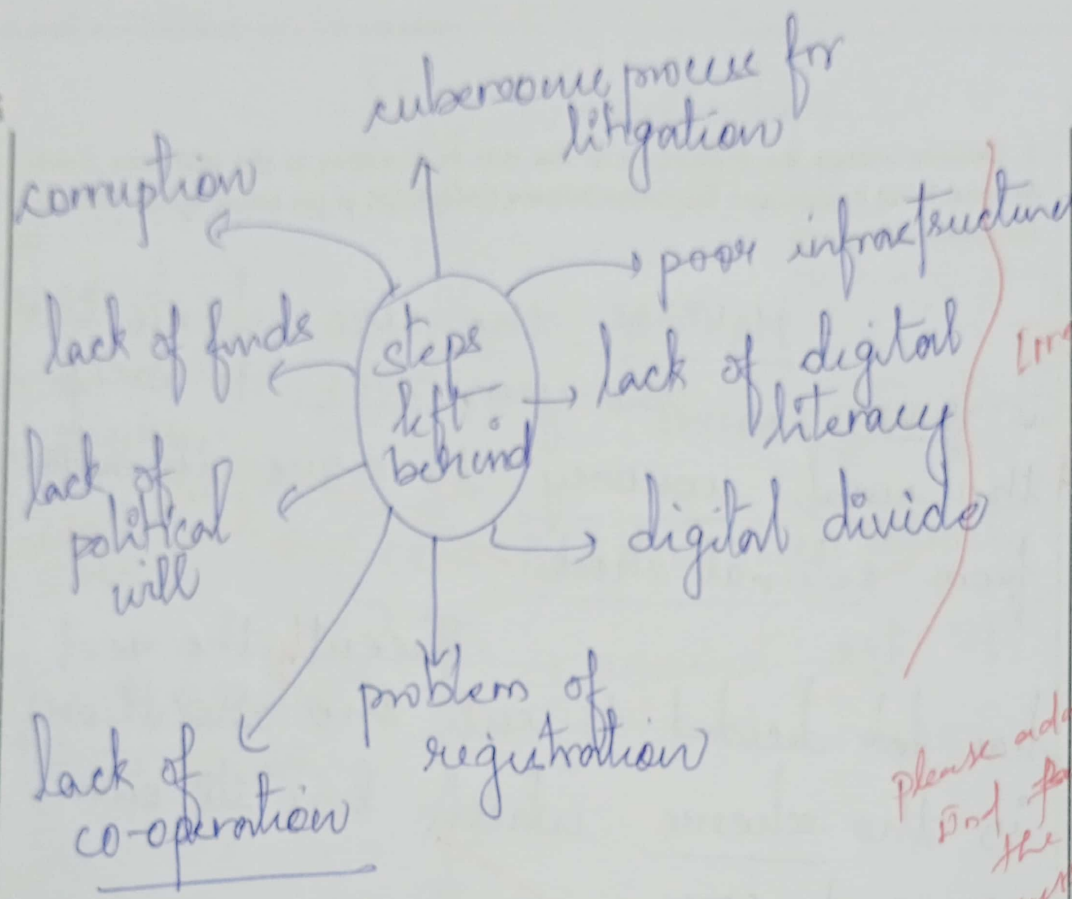
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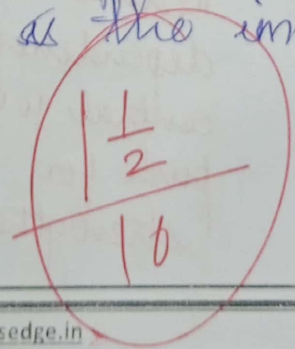
Irrelevant

please address part of the question discuss the steps.

Though there are many issues in achieving the growth but govt has taken many steps like Jan Dhan Aadhar Mobile (JAM) trinity, National monetization pipeline (NMP) etc.

improve your conclusion

The road is the implementation in right direction



local policies incentives and extraordinary efforts in capacity development states can offer big tax and subsidies. Demographic advantage.



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2. Critically analyze the implications of the cuts in allocation to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the Union Budget 2023-24.
(Answer in 150 words)

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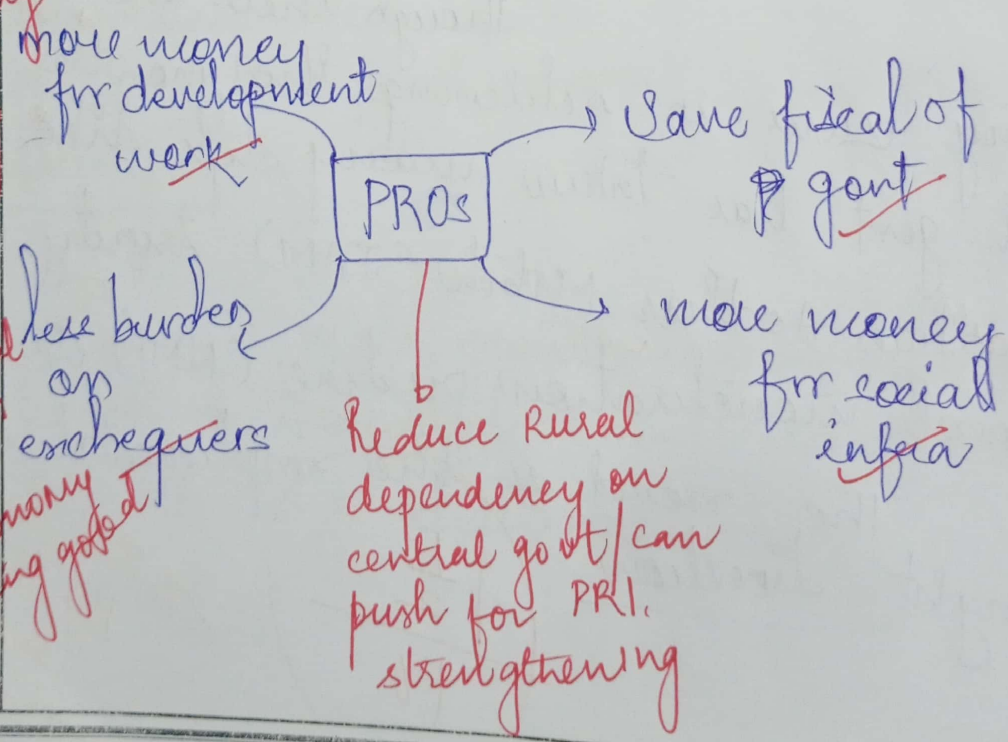
Sands fell by 33% compared to last year

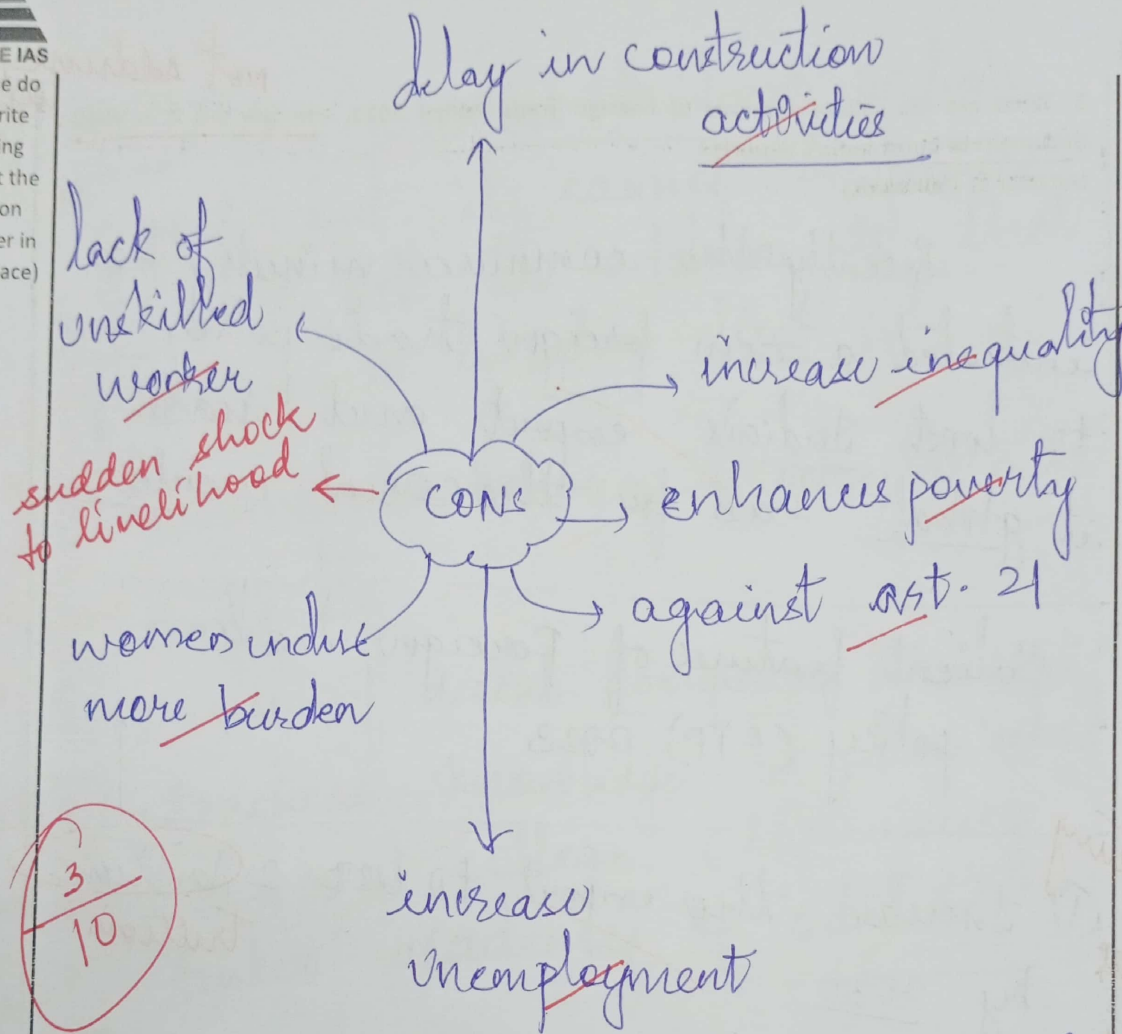
MGNREGS the core scheme that as formed in the year 2005 to help the rural economy to save themselves from external shocks.

Recently the govt has ~~let~~ decided to cut the allocation in the scheme which has its own pro and cons.

Govt's point of view, why are they thinking of this cut

Agricultural growth is there - rural economy is doing good





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MGNREGA provides safety to the rural people and this has been proved in the COVID-19. Reducing allocation may have diverse impact but the other alternative must be provided as a cushion.

think of any other source from where more money can be debar or pump
 mention if you can think of any



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3. What are the salient features of Foreign Trade Policy 2023, can we call it a vision document to boost India's exports?

(Answer in 150 words)

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Recently the commerce ministry has initiated a new foreign trade policy 2023 to boost India's export and make it global hub for the world.

Salient features of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023

- restructuring dept of commerce
- summit scheme
- promoting Exports with exporters
- work and promotion under TTE
- facilitating e-commerce

① Increase the export to US\$ 2 billion trillion by 2030.

② Making rupee a global currency

③ Digitisation of trade record

④ Boost trade with no time limit further.

Though the features

has the potential to boost India's export but it cannot be panacea for the govt. In addition to that following to be done like-

Keep it short and address Part II of the question based on Goals and Targets of FTD 2023. How it can be a guiding light in boosting exports

① collaborate between academia and research.

② use of local language like NEP.

③ Practical knowledge at the school level and college (like young thinker academy of Odisha)

Thus, govt has taken steps like one district one product, GI registration, etc. These all in addition to the policy can be game changer.

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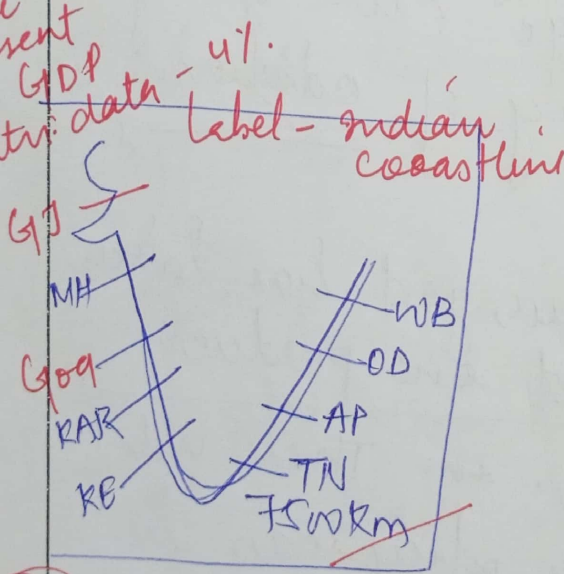
4. Discuss the key aspects of India's Blue Economy and how it is a sea of opportunities.
(Answer in 150 words)

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India has a coastline of around 7,500 km² which provides huge potential for the blue economy. As per the ministry data, the blue economy has the potential of generating around 2 lakh jobs and 15% of GDP.

could have used in conclusion for intro use present day GDP contr: data - 4%



Key aspects of

Blue economy is a sea of opportunities in following ways-

- ① Generate employment around 2 lakh ~~per~~ by 2030

Repetition

② Helpful in extraction of poly atomic ^{metalli} modules.

③ cleaner fuel of transportation - from?
 (~~India~~ (Sea land water transport))

④ opportunities for fisherman - How?

⑤ Helpful in generating electricity - How?

⑥ As a carbon sink,
 - Aquaculture Add Points
 - expansion for shipping industries

Blue economy has huge potential for India and it should be utilised properly and in this condition, the recommendation of ~~Shanta Kumar~~ Meena Kumari can be used.

Briefly discuss challenges associated

- over-fishing
- lack of wages
- climate change
- territorial conflict - Sri Lanka
- Park Bay - Sri Lanka
- Pak - Sind Creek

very briefly in few words tell what this report comprises of

deriving profit from marine by also collaborating with MNC

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5. How National Logistics Policy 2022 will be a game changer for the Indian economy?

(Answer in 150 words)

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India being the 2nd largest in terms of roadways, 4th is seaways, the logistics provide a huge opportunities for not only transfer of goods rather keeping people is moving from one place to another.

Mention Goals behind NLP, 2022 then tell significance

National logistics policy 2022 can be a game changer in following ways-

Improvement in infra structure

generate & enhance GDP.

Re-engineering of projects

digitisation of records

easy registration of goods

key focus Areas
 ↳ re-engineering
 ↳ multi modal transportation
 ↳ scheme quick last mile delivery
 ↳ reducing the logistics cost by 10% to 2030

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NIP (2022) will help in many ways for the country but the ~~rationalisation~~ rationalisation pipeline, ~~rational~~ infrastructure pipeline (NMP) and (NIP) can help along with the policy.

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→ Tell how it will in ↓ logistics cost, redefined the process of logistics altogether

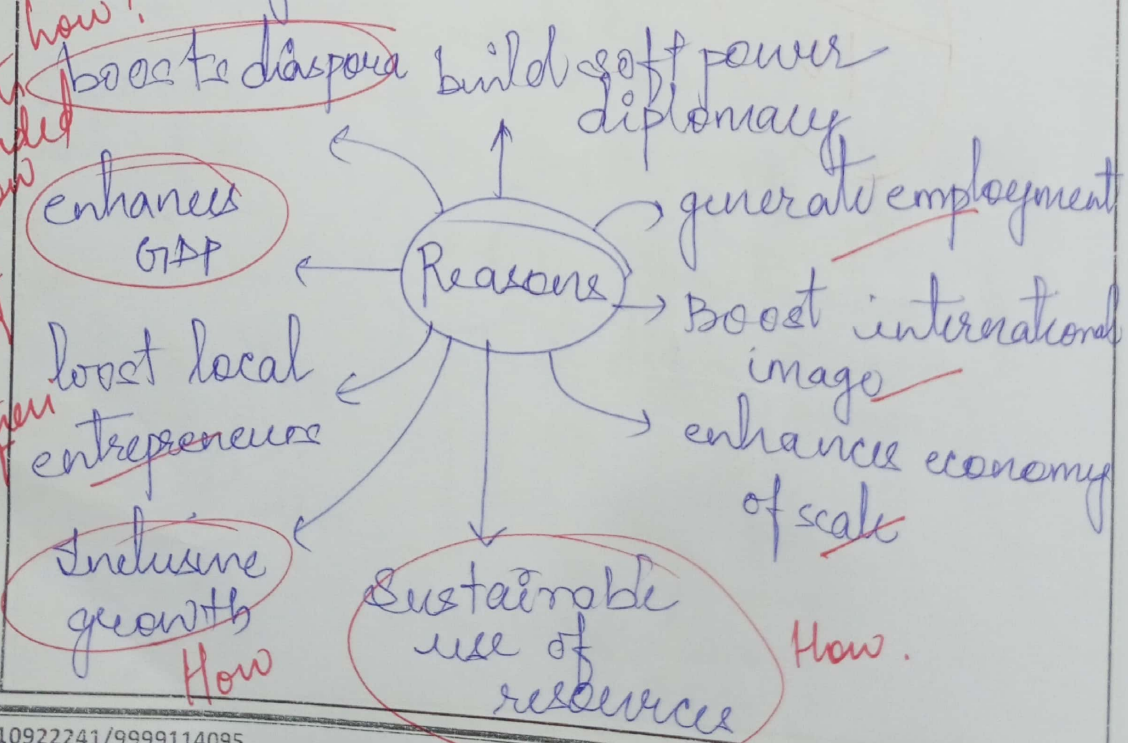
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6. "Make in India, Make for India and Abroad". Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words)

Make in India was launched by the government in the 2016 to boost India's manufacturing sector. The icon for the same is lion.

The above statement highlights the importance for Indian made product for India and abroad due to following reasons-

Do not leave these points unattended. How? Briefly explain them and then context.



Though govt has taken many steps to boost the manufacturing sector like Make in India, ~~Jan~~ Nudra yojana, production linked incentive,

But the share needs improvement ~~directo~~ by changing the outdated

of what technical courses

Syllabus, practical thinking and research-academia collaboration etc.

India needs

Production by masses, ~~rather~~ mass production

Tell significant

- Make In India
- Make for India
- Make for abroad

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for a wholesome coverage of demand in this question



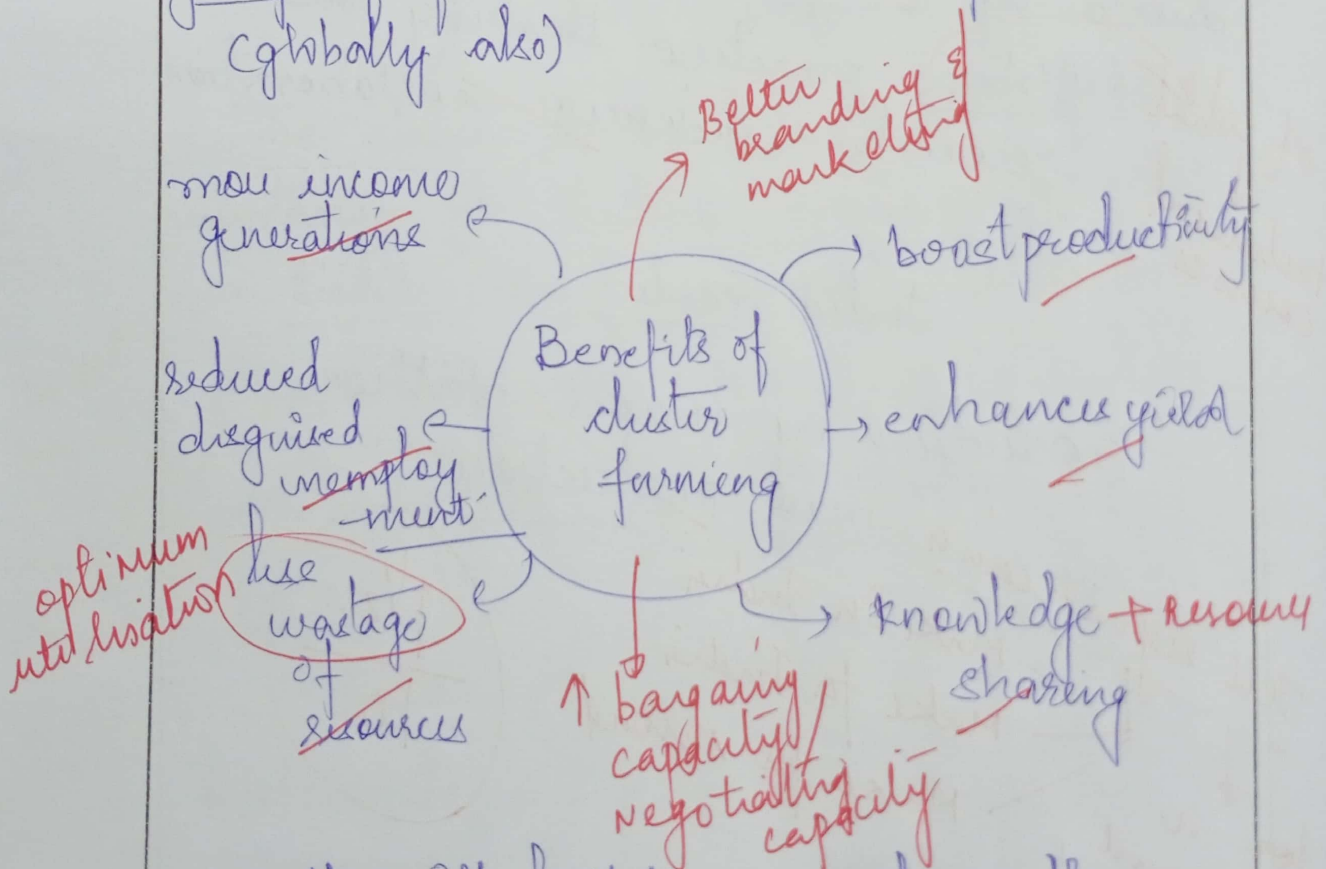
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7. What is Cluster Farming? How does it help connect the farmer with the consumer?
(Answer in 150 words)

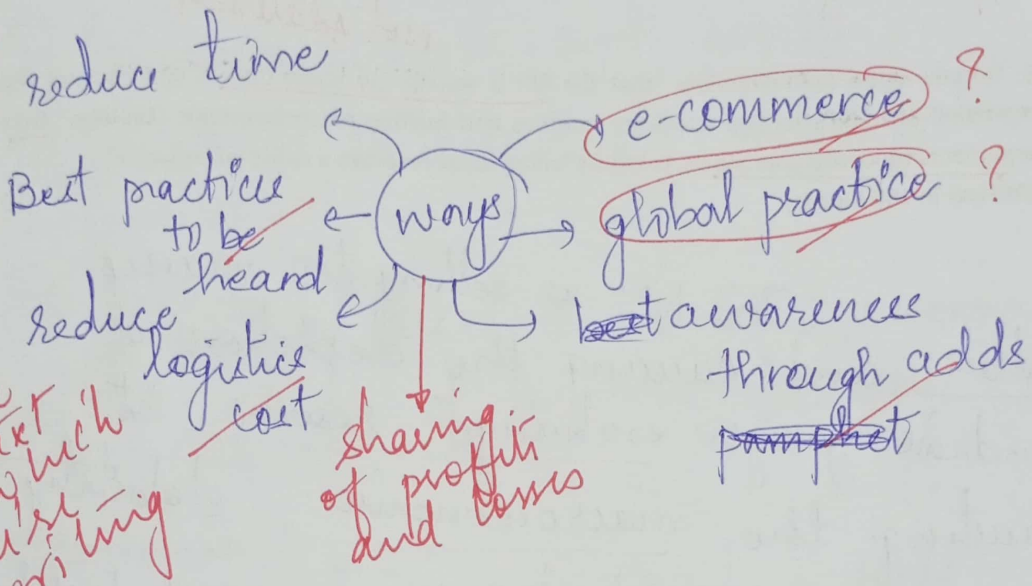
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cluster farming is the method through which farmer get engaged or collaborate with other farmers or group of farmers that lost productivity (globally also)



It will help in connecting the farmers ~~the~~ to consumers through



give context in which you're writing

otherwise their points lose significance

Thus farmers are the building block of the economy and the method like co-operative farming, cluster farming etc. can be helpful

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not addressed

8. Do you agree with the view "that the RBI is selling too many dollars and causing the depletion of India's foreign exchange reserves and hurting macroeconomic stability." Give arguments to justify your views. Is India's falling forex reserves a cause of concern? (Answer in 150 words)

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mention why is R.B.I selling those many dollars
India had a good reserve of 600 billion \$ for the first time, spending some of it would not hurt that much

The RBI is selling too many dollars and causing the depletion of India's foreign exchange reserve, it hurting the macroeconomic stability ~~because~~ - as said by some expert but has ~~over~~ its own pros & cons

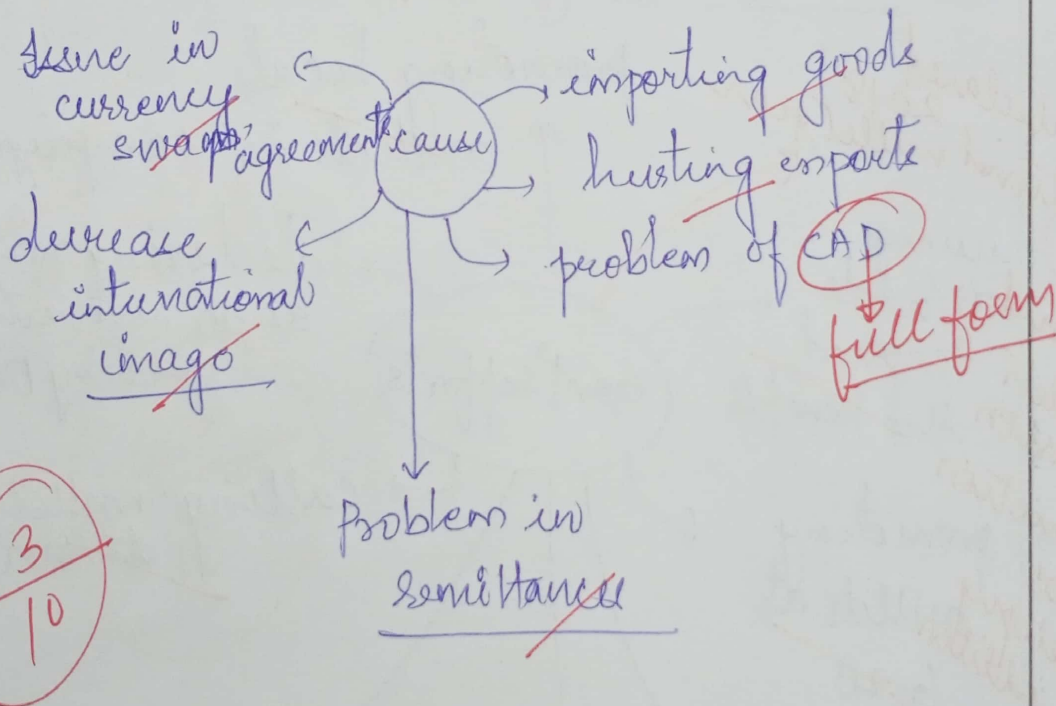
- ① Depreciation of Indian rupee
- ② crowding out effect
- ③ problem of stock market
- ④ issue of decrease in bond yields

though it is not hurting macroeconomic stability (Pros)

- ① Making rupee strong
- ② fighting inflation

- ③ for buying goods and services
- ④ Boosting the Indian manufacturers

Yes, The decrease in foreign reserve is a cause of concern because



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FOREX plays a very important role for the country for many reasons like for import, export, currency agreements etc. True

improve your conclusions

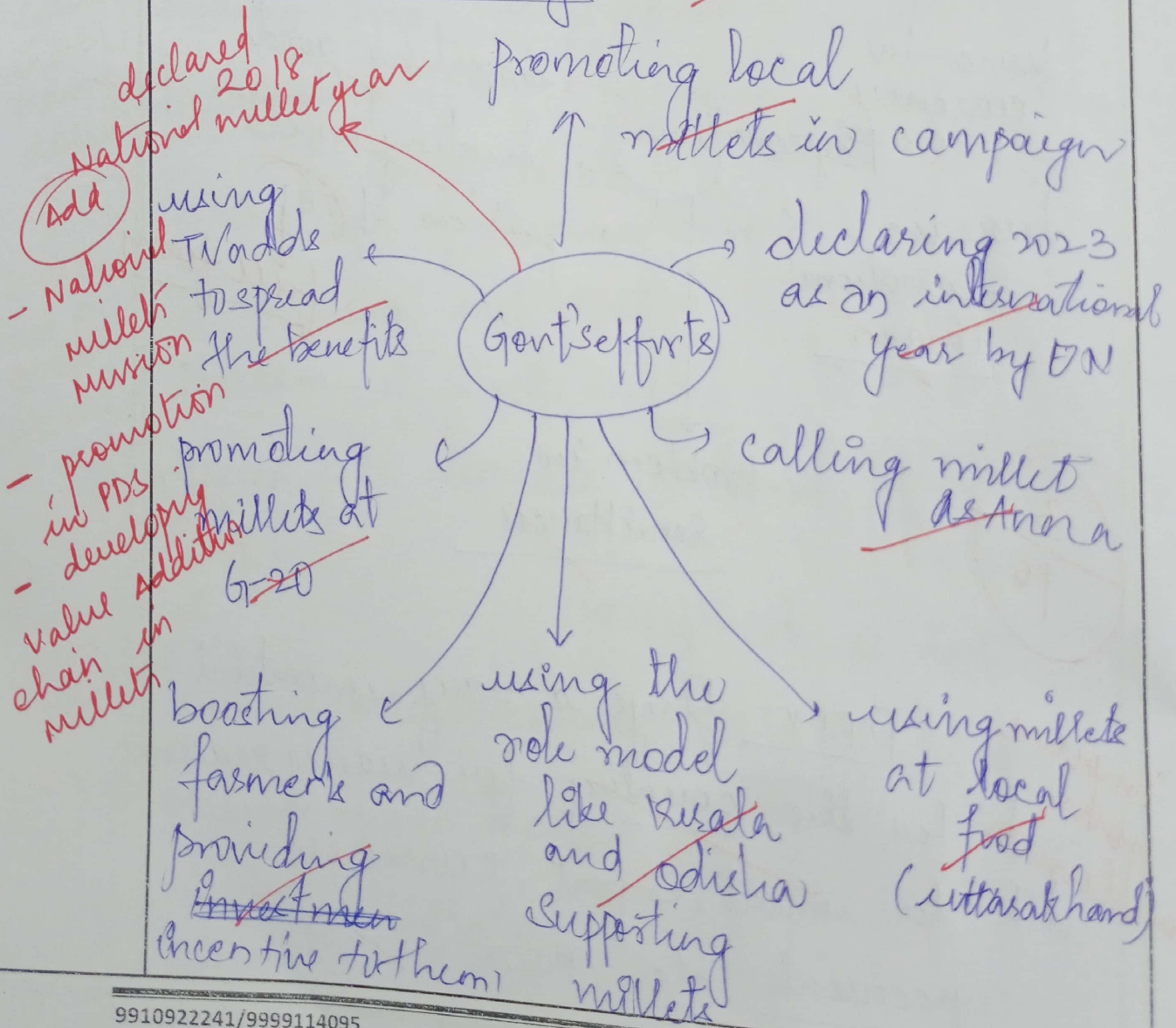
Address in two parts

9. Discuss government's efforts to put millets on the food map of India and world.
(Answer in 150 words)

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Millet ^{are} the crop that can be grown as rabi and Kharif and help in fighting the issue related to climate change, nutrition etc.



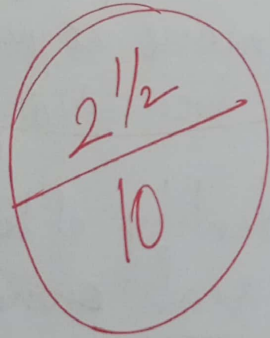
add
- National millet mission
- promotion in PDS
- developing value addition chain in millets

Repetition from intro

Millet provides a ~~var~~ multi-dimensional ~~eff~~ effects on ~~many~~ health, nutrition, and fighting against climate change. It should be supported by joint collaboration of govt, NBQs and people.

improve

Suggest way forward as well



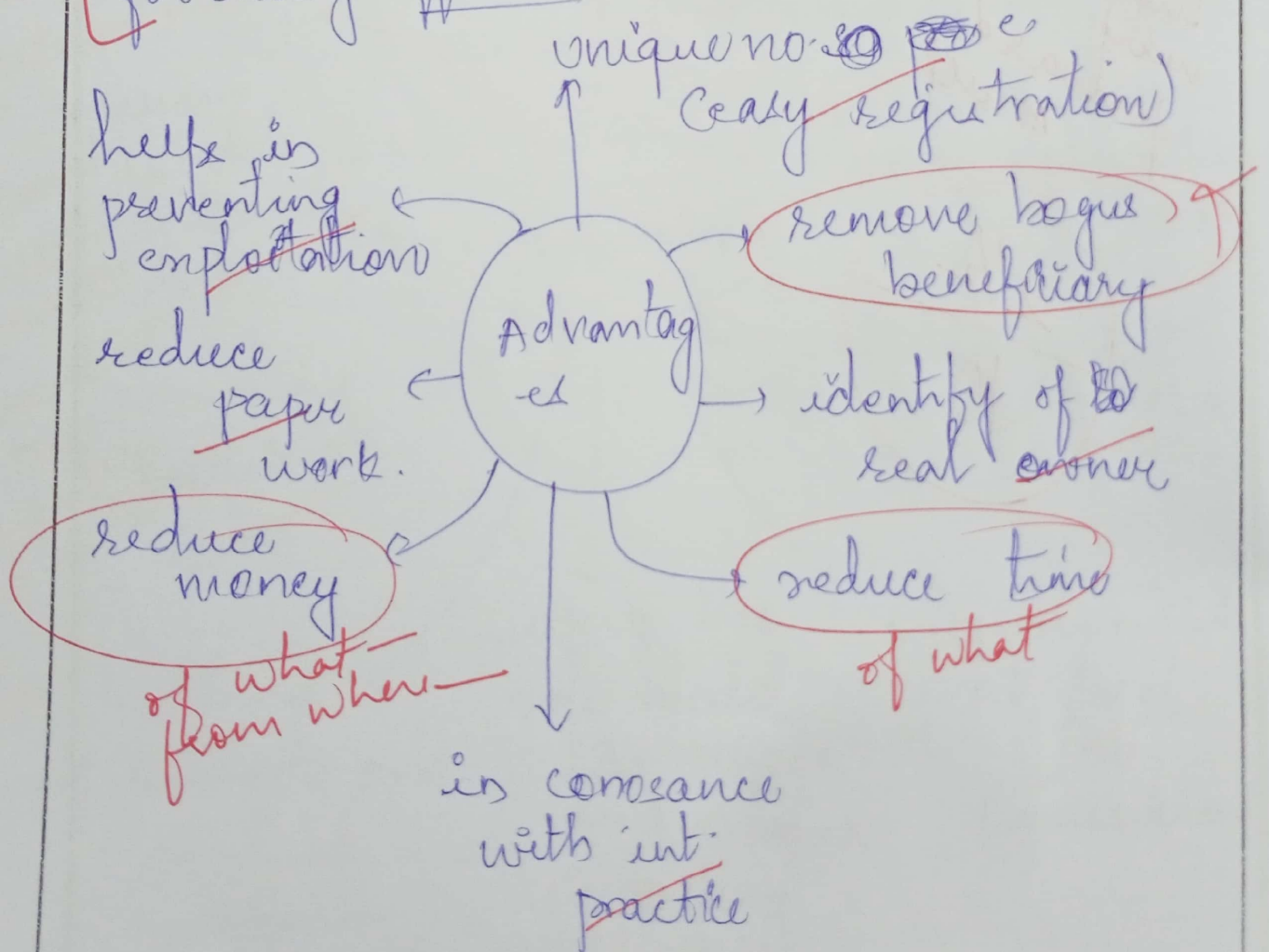
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10. What are advantages of digitization of land records? What initiatives should be taken to improve the effectiveness of the government's projects to digitize land records in India? (Answer in 150 words)

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Land records digitisation is not entirely for agricultural land

Land reforms are the type of agrarian reform which was brought through 9th schedule of the Indian constitution. To help the farmers, the digitization of land records having following effects:

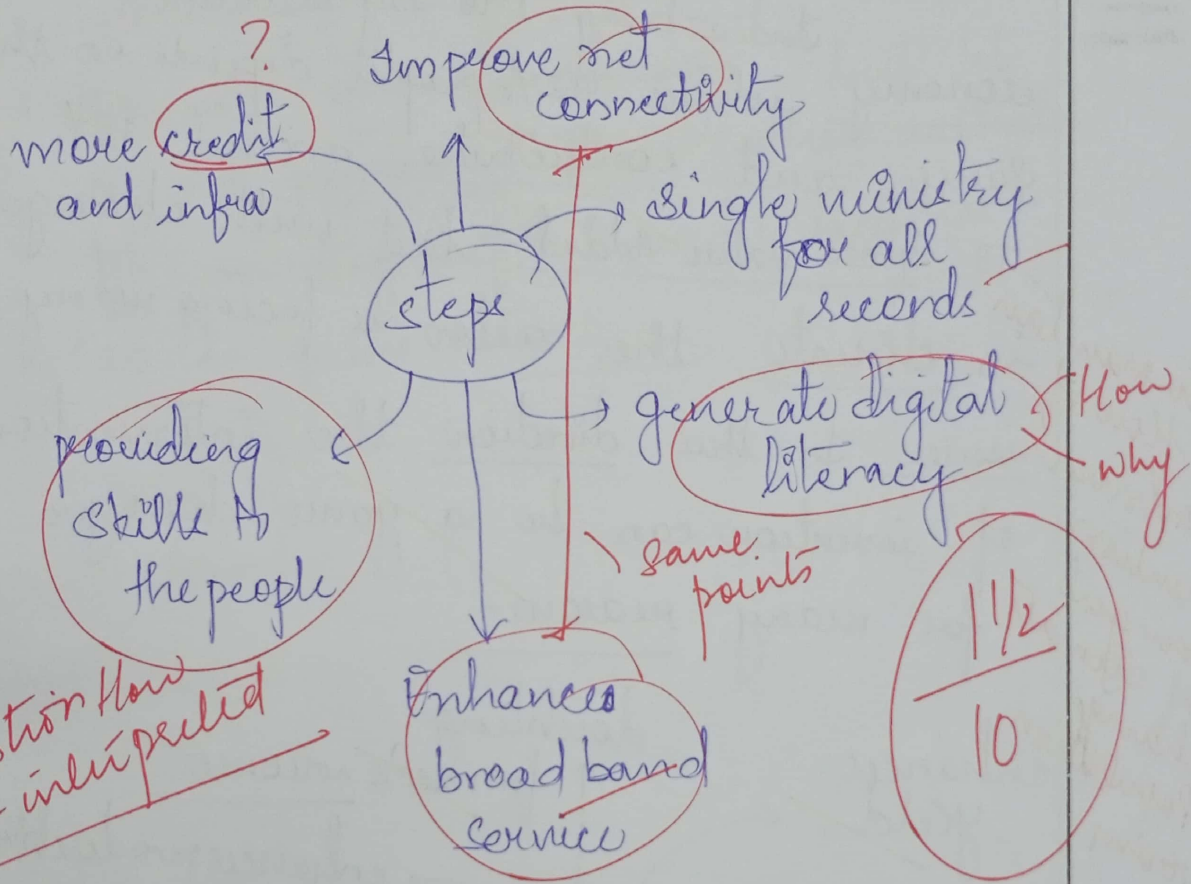




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The steps that govt can take are -

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Digitalisation of land records helps farmers in doubling their income and help in removing ~~bug~~ great beneficiaries, so the proper safeguard must be given, by removing the shortcoming.

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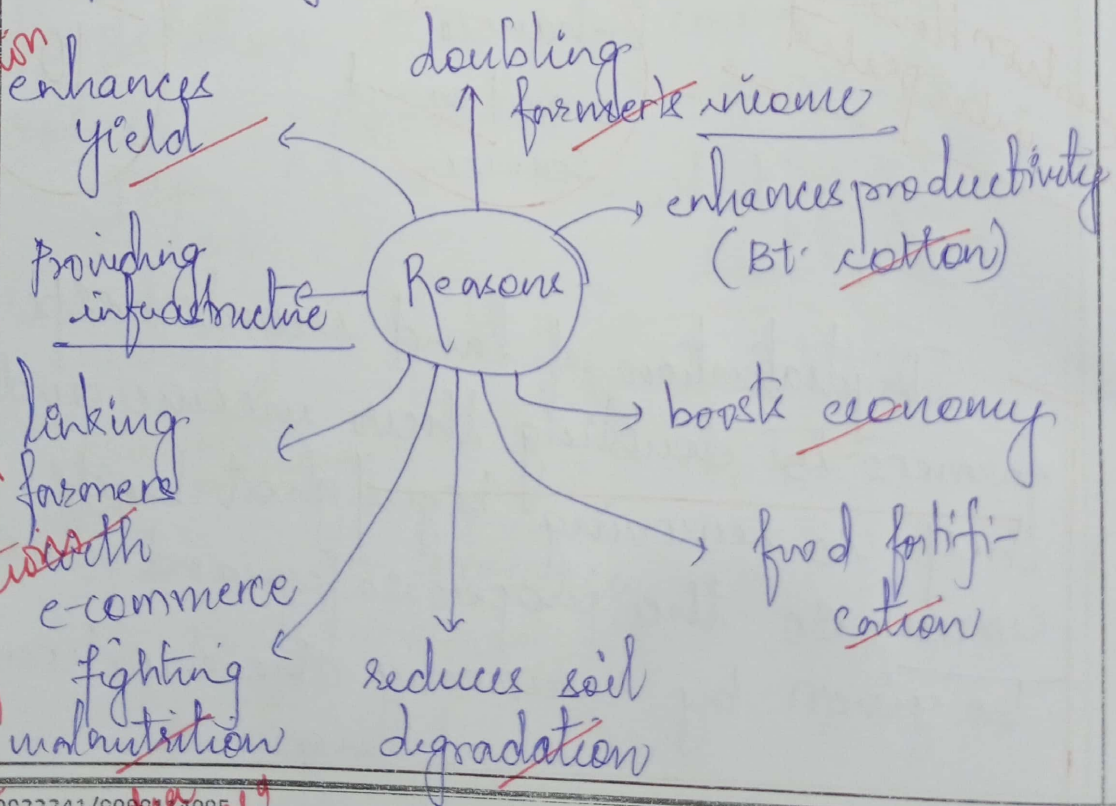
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11. The intervention of innovation in agriculture is needed amid the lurking dangers of climate change and booming population. Discuss

(Answer in 250 words)

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India being the agricultural economy where 42% people depends on the same, and contribute around 18% to Gross value Added. But with change in climate the sector is facing many issues. In this direction the intervention of invention can be a game changer for many reasons-



To maintain flow of answer - mention dangers of climate change - Population boom then

also mention recent innovations done - e-NAM

Kisan credit card, kisan kendra, neem coated urea -> nano urea

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Though the innovation of intervention is a solution to fight against climate change but it is not panacea. ~~The~~ other methods like providing ~~infra~~, credit facilities can be game changers.

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12. What is the "Swiss Challenge Method" for Public Private Partnership (PPP)? How can PPP investment model help in urban governance?

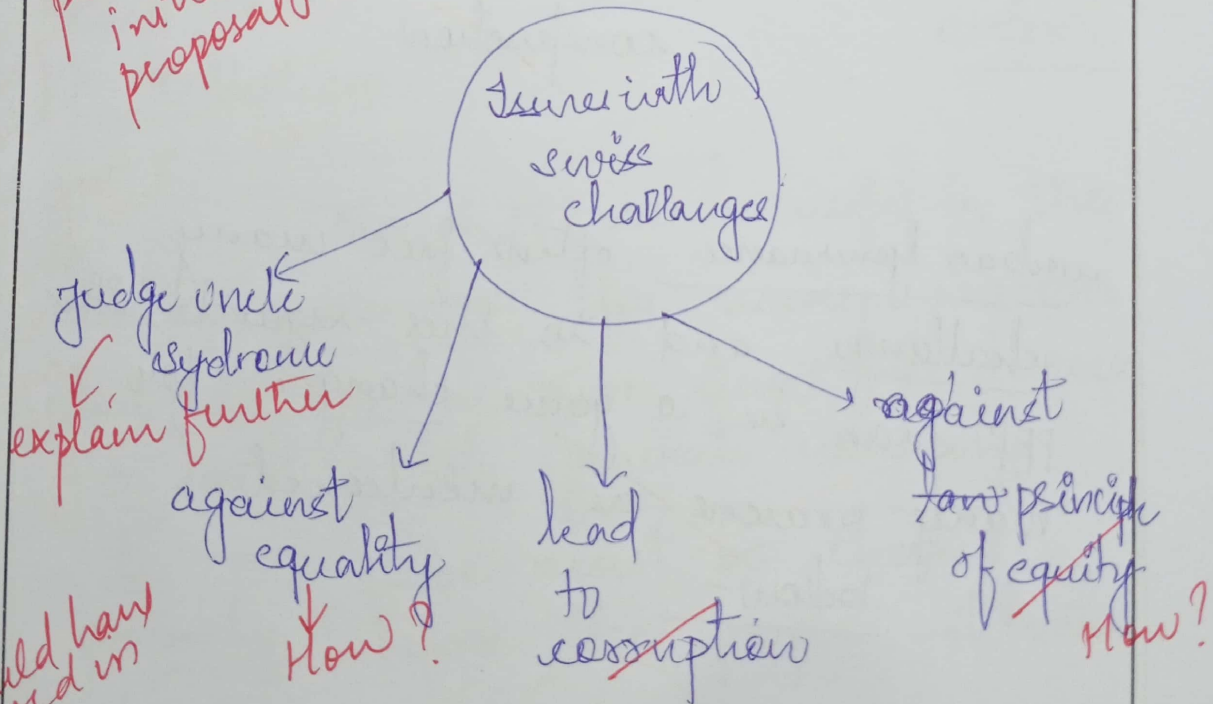
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Swiss challenge method is the method through which private party can ask for the construction of roads from the govt through bidding by using their exclusive intellectual property rights.

private players initiating the proposal



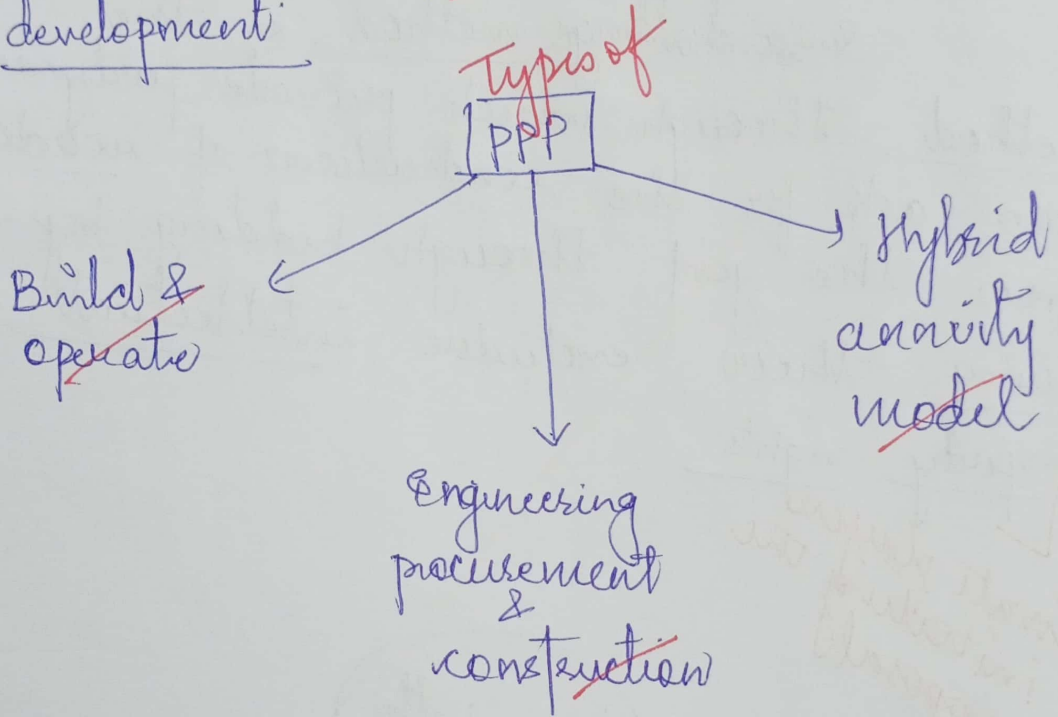
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Public private partnership is the method
 Here, it is breaking flow of money



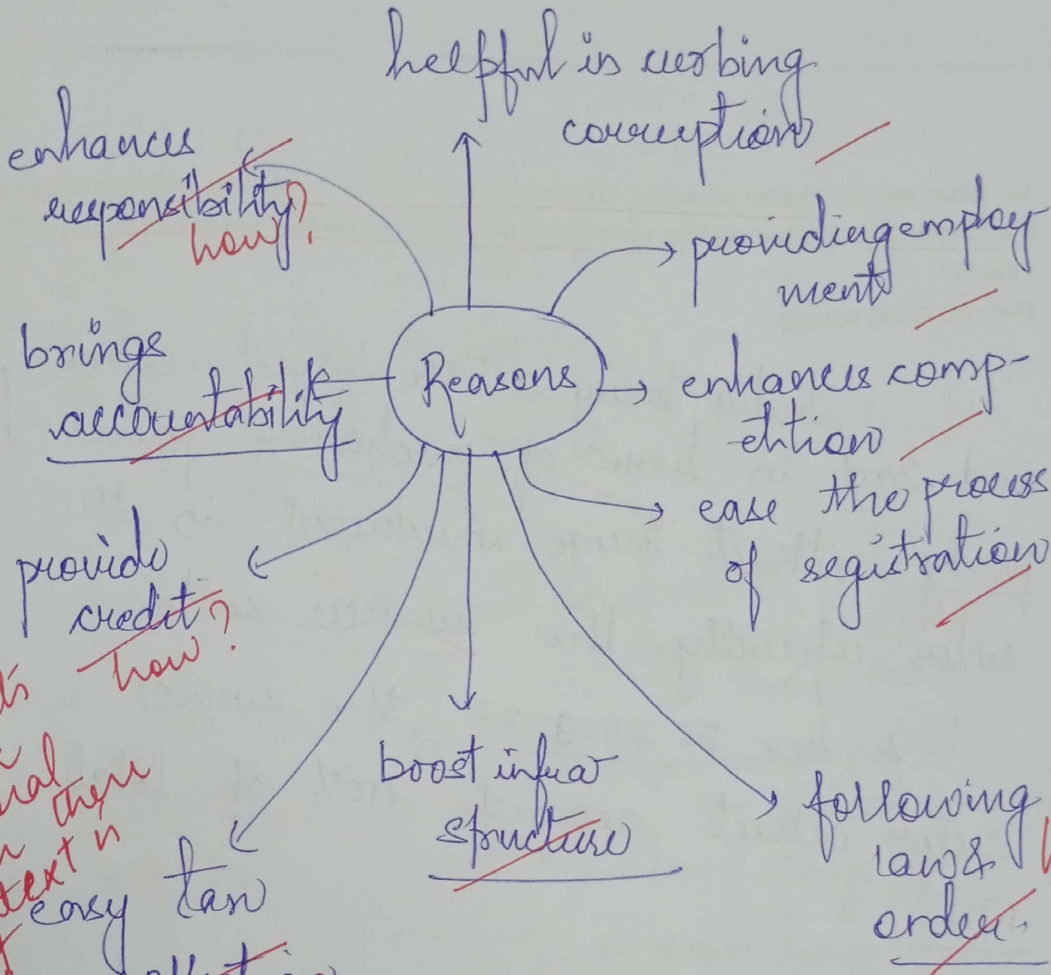
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through which public and private ~~to~~ collaborate, ~~together~~ for the development.



urban governance often face many challenges, and in this regard the PPP can be a game changer for many reasons ~~as~~ mentioned below -





the points look general when context is not told
 tell few points but explain them correctly

Though PPP can be useful in the urban governance for many reasons but it has its own issues like decrease in social capital, generate monopoly etc. The flaws must be checked properly before the proper utilisation of PPP.

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13. What are the factors attracting investment from foreign economies into an emerging market like India? What are the reasons for fall in India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows?

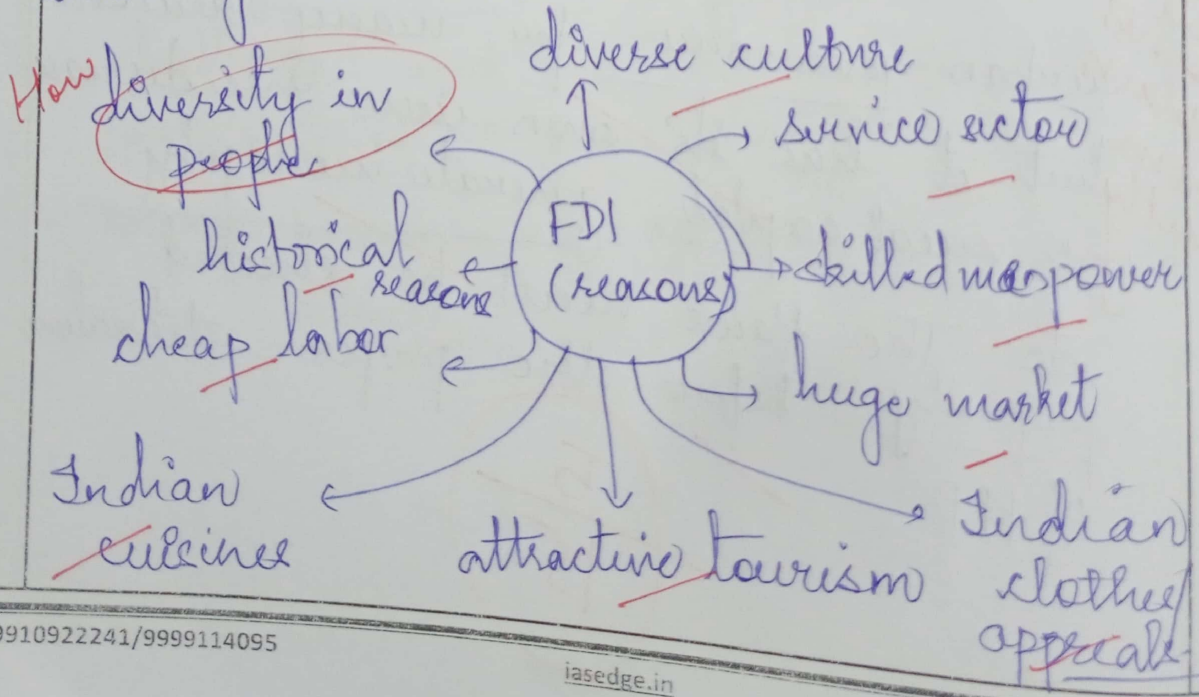
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India being a 5th largest economy and 3rd in terms of purchasing power parity, attract huge investment in the sector especially the service sector.

As per FS 2021-22 the service sector attract around 40% of total FDI.

Factors that are responsible for the attracting ~~econo~~ FDI are -





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FDI plays a very important role for the country especially like India, ~~the~~ for providing employment and for supporting social infra. So, the process of registration can be minimised to attract FDI.

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- Explain points

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14. Comment on the challenges faced by the Unorganized Food Processing Sector. What are the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme?

(Answer in 250 words)

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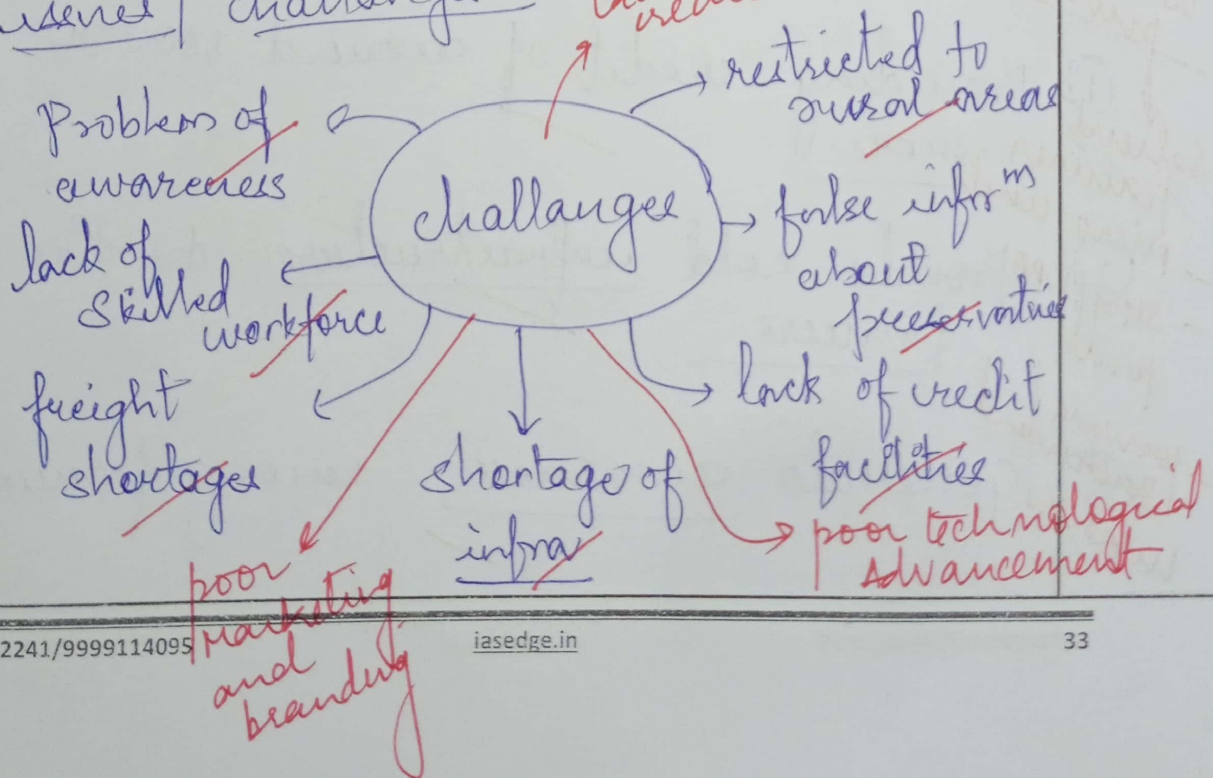
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could have been used in conclusion
 Food processing sector is the sunrise sector in the Indian economy and as per the ministry of agriculture, the industries has the potential to generate around 2 lakh jobs by 2050 and can be a viable solution for agricultural related solution.

Intro
 6% contribution in GDP / 25 lakh are informal

Here write full form as well

Despite of having the advantages the FPI free money issues / challenge.

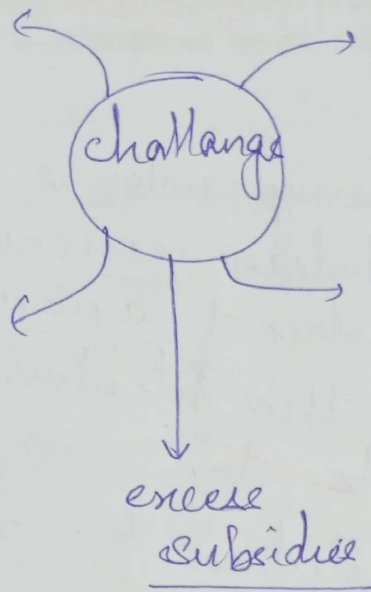




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lack of political will

low knowledge among farmers



poor way of representation

Do NOT break a flow diagram

no/less private participation

if you have more points write in

To overcome the challenges the govt has formulated PMFME and it has following implications -

① Providing credit of around 1,00,000 crore.

② Provide cold infrastructure to the farmers

③ Generate awareness among farmer

④ Aware the citizen regarding the benefit of processed ~~foods~~

⑤ Trained the farmers accordingly

Being an agriculture based economy, FPI can be a solution to convert agriculture product to processed food that not only enhances productivity rather have multiple effect on economy of scale, achieving SDGs and fighting malnutrition

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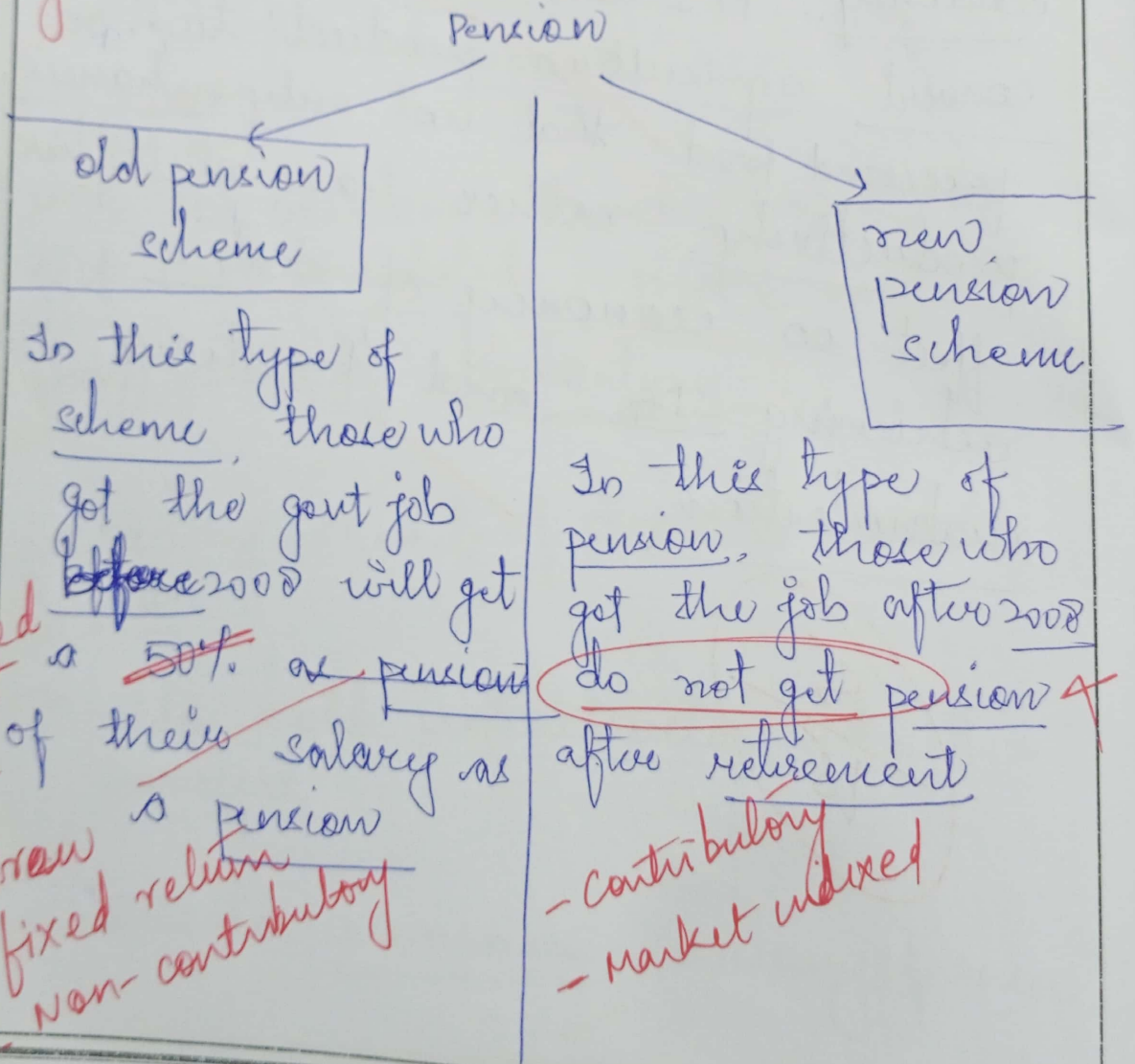
15. Distinguish between Old Pension Scheme and the New Pension Scheme. Do Pension schemes impact States' fiscal balance? If so, mention solution to this problem?
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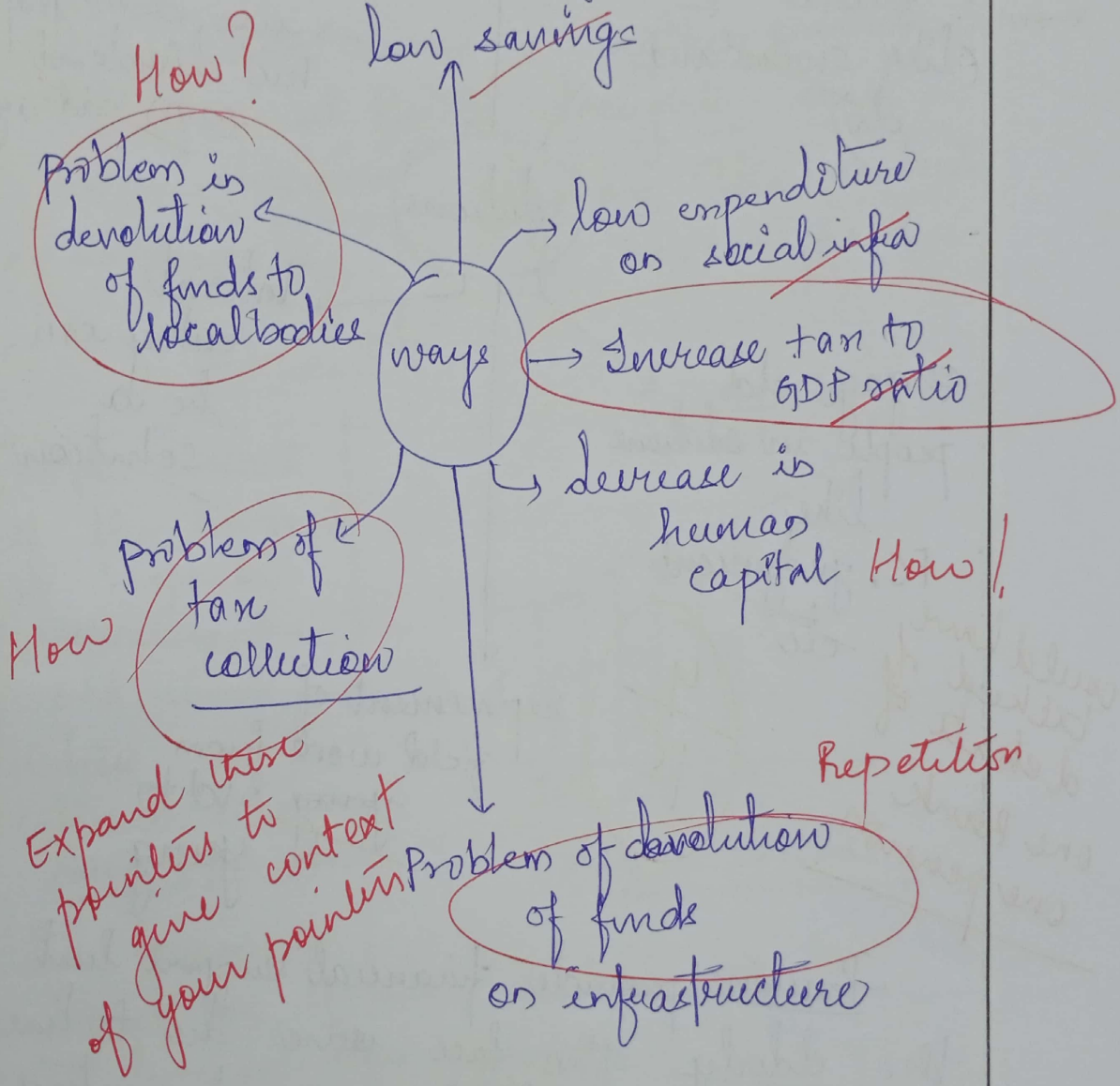
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Pension provides a financial security to the old age people post-retirement, In India the pension is ^{norms} granted by PFMSA.

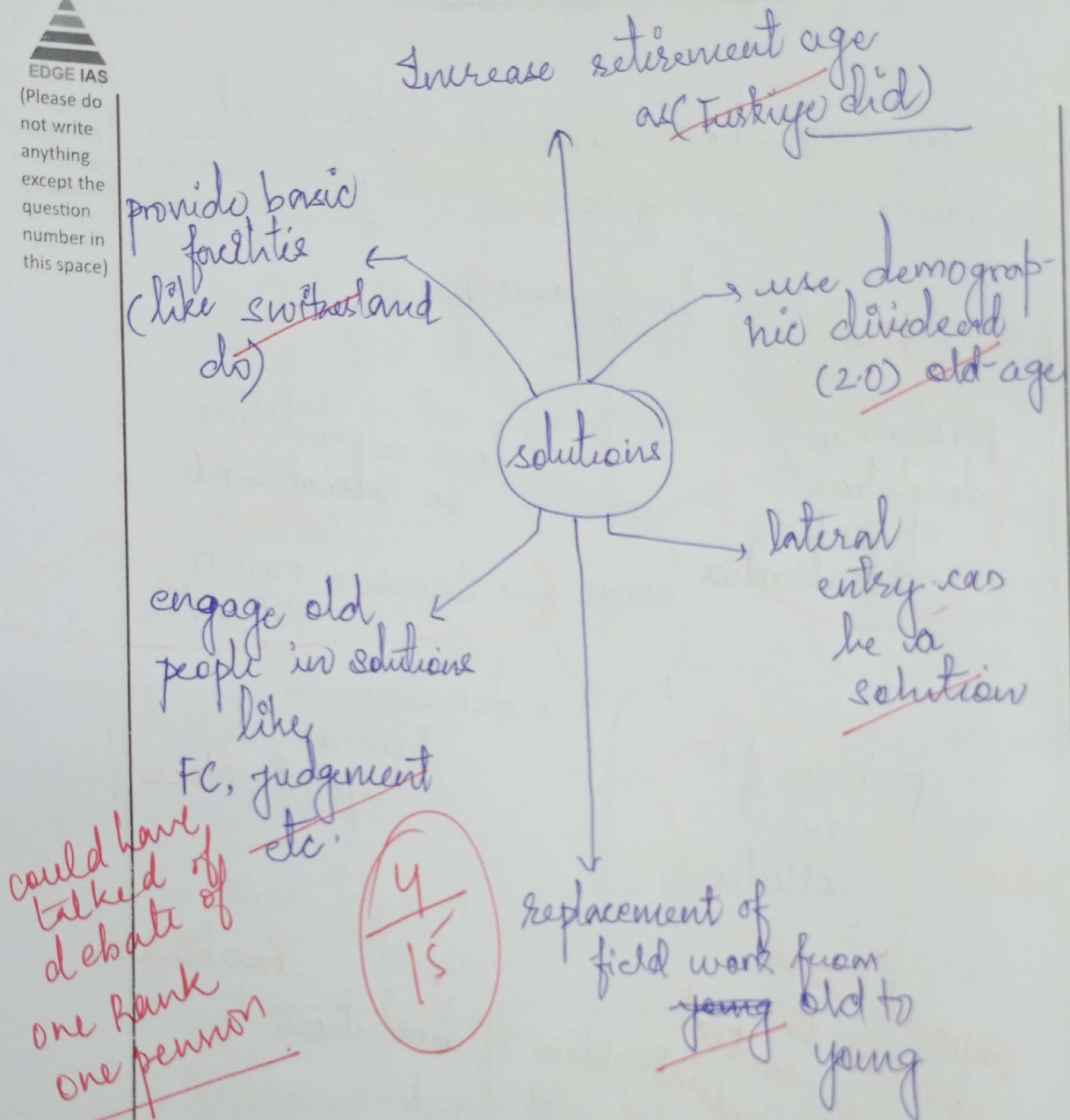
regulated



Pension scheme impact states' fiscal imbalance is focusing ways



Thus, to minimise the same the focusing solution can be given taken -



Pensioners provide financial support but the elderly often face issues due to harassment by their children and partner especially women. The need is to utilise the demographic dividend 2.0 and follow international practices like Switzerland.

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16. Changes in weather patterns can lead to crop failures, food shortages and price hikes, which can have far-reaching impacts on the livelihoods of millions of people around the world. Elaborate

(Answer in 250 words)

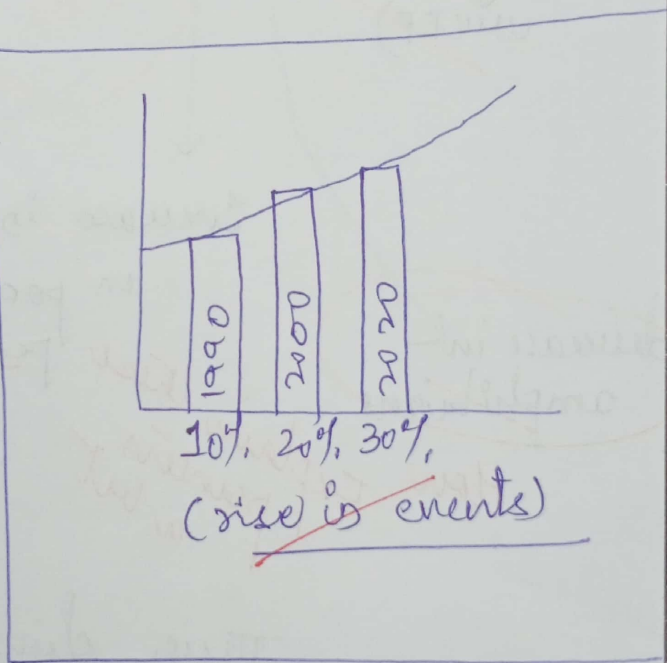
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Prepare a data on GDP at risk because of changing weather patterns climate change

with change in weather patterns like frequent floods, droughts and some unforeseen situation. The incidents increase by 30-40% as compared to last decade.

As per recent the temperature is increasing, the world will witness 300 extreme heat days which has following impacts on human live world.



Impact

human right violation

soil degradation

political turmoil (Russia Ukraine)



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lead towards decrease in crop development

food insecurity (330 million are starved)

Inflation

Impacts

Increase in climate refugees

water shortage (40 million don't exercise to clean water)
UN

Increase in child migrants (25 million UNICEF)

Increase in burden on poor people

decrease in amphibians

decrease in reptile species

How Explain these points a bit

Thus, climate change is real and its impact is going to enhance further in the future. The impact of the same can be minimized by following some

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methods like life mission, collaborating on international fora like G20, use of renewable energy, implementation of peace agreement etc.

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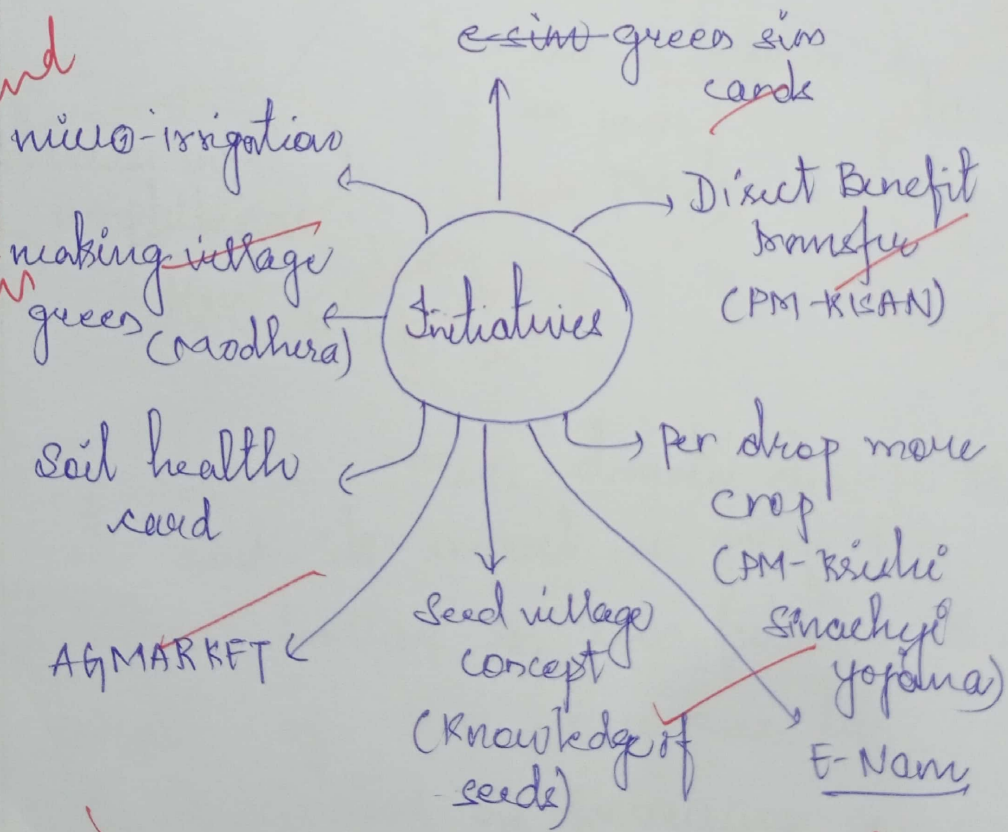
17. Discuss the initiatives taken by the Government to make Indian agriculture economically viable. What are some policy options for making agriculture economically viable?
(Answer in 250 words)

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India being an agriculture economy around 48% population depends on agriculture, but due to its low Gross value added contribution i.e. 10%. It is not giving the required results. As a result of the same the govt has taken many steps like

Expand on these points



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Discuss how these make agriculture economical

Though govt has taken many ^{measures} ~~economic~~ policy that can be used are-

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- ① Boosting food processing industries
(42% share ~~jobs~~ 24 million farmers)
- ② Diversify the MSP option
- ③ If MSP ~~be~~ gives price, punishment must be given
- ④ Developed of cold infrastructure as stated by miti ayog
- ⑤ collaborating with Gram panchayat like Barapitha is scholar
- ⑥ Reduce subsidies and invest in infra-structure
- ⑦ Adoption of micro-irrigation
- ⑧ Khyasati and Shikari method

Add key points
 - climate smart agriculture
 - organic farming
 - formal credit
 - Agri-value chain

→ How shikari?



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India with 1.4 billion population needs to ~~depend~~ on agriculture for food, and in this context to make it economically viable. The joint collaboration of NGOs, Govt and ~~people~~ are required.

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18. Discuss the major challenges related to Food Security in India. What are the major interventions under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM)?

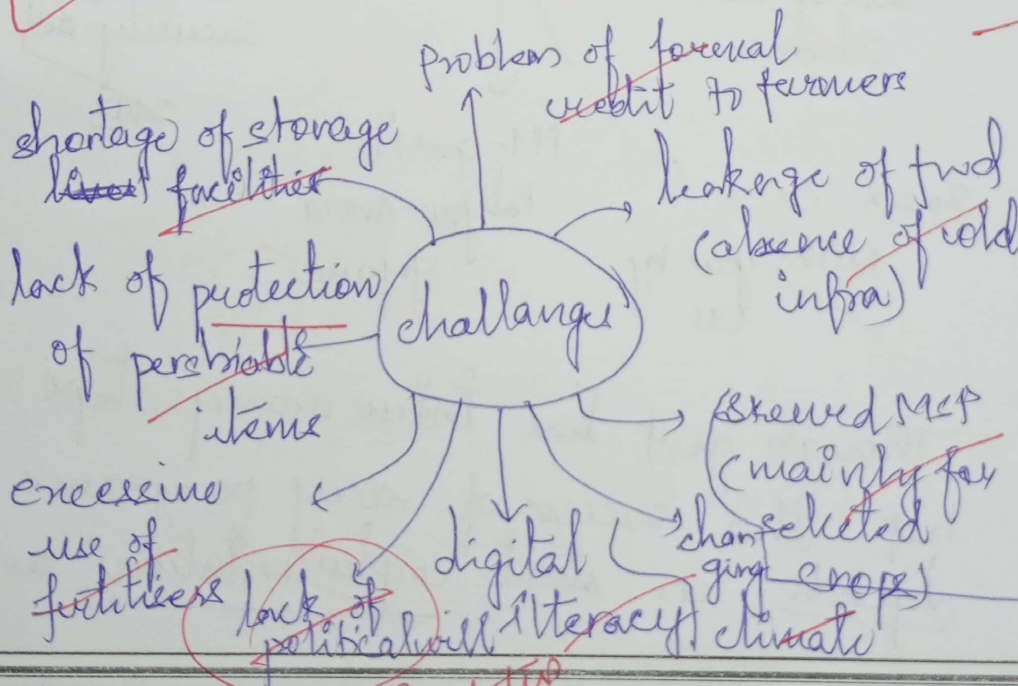
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Food security by FAO is its world food summit 2001 states that when the person socially & economically, and get proper food all the time to meet their food requirement, then they said to have food security.

India being a food surplus country but in 3 child is stunted, wasted and malnourished due to various challenges.



expand these points and discuss

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 - food inflation for? - land fragmentation

To overcome the challenges the govt has taken many steps and one such is national food security mission (NFSM)

write technological interventions as well
 - Seed mechanization
 - irrigation related

Matsu vandan yojana for women

integrated child development scheme

2023 as market year by CN

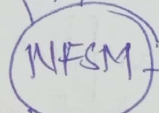
food security at school
 ↳ mid day meal

poshan Abhiyaan

mid-day meal merge at school

National food security Act 2013

PM-govt's Kalyan Anna yojana



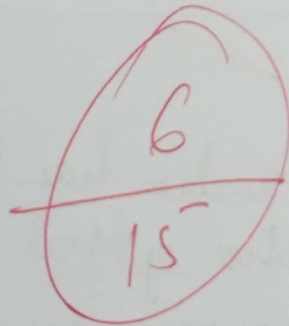
Though govt has taken many steps but the success of any program depends on strict implementation and

is this second following can be done

like -

- ① fortification to be used
- ② diversify crops is MSP
- ③ Digitalisation of PDS (chattisgarh model)

Thus, to reap the demographic dividend the first security needs proper attention, and true will not help in achieving developed country nation state rather is SDGs too.





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19. The G20 (Group of Twenty) presidency of India offers the nation various chances to improve its global leadership and influence the global economic agenda. Elaborate.
(Answer in 250 words)

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G20 or group of ~~20~~ nations or 1 group EU was formed in 1989 to work on various parameters. The grouping work on ~~two~~ ³ tracks → financial and general and shape track. The presidency revolves through 19 nations and three gap as called or tracks.

Indonesia - India → Brazil
(2022) (2023) (2024)

← Tracks →

The leadership of India has following ways to enhance the global leadership and global economic agenda in following ways -

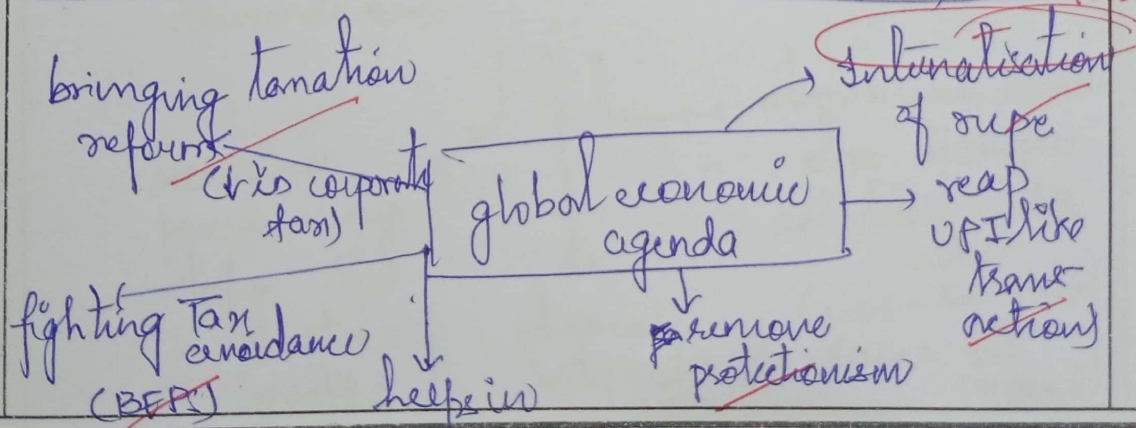
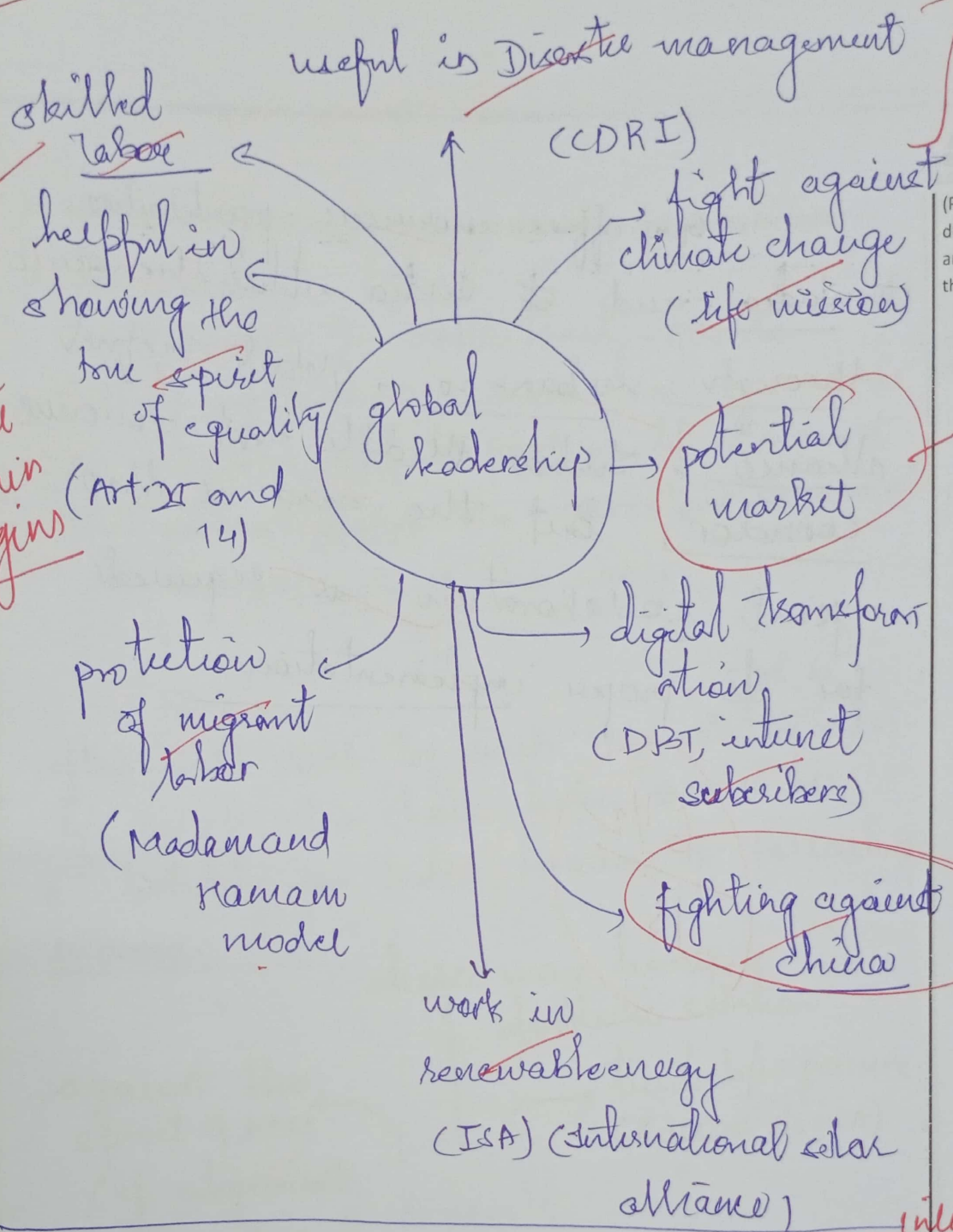


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G20 offers enormous opportunities to India and ~~it~~ Serdia utilise the same through webas-20, Global biofuel alliance, India Middle east economic corridor, But the need is the joint collaboration ~~is~~ required for its proper implementation

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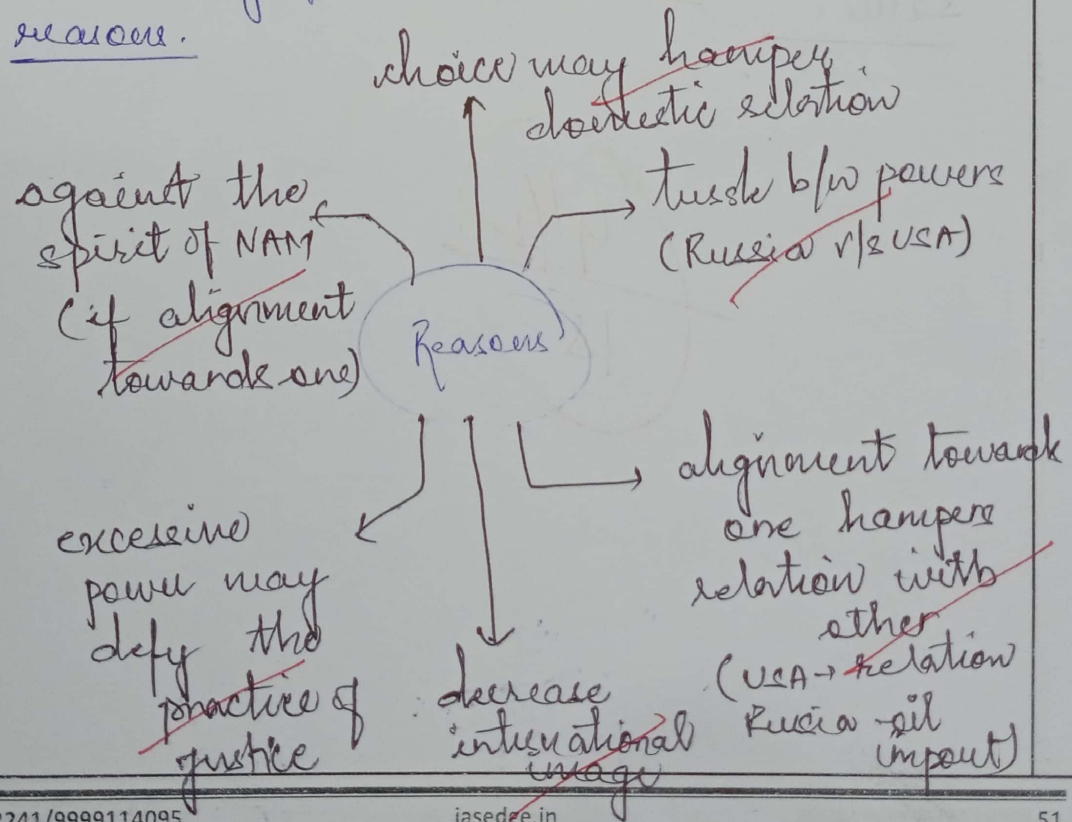
20. 'Too much responsibility and too much chaos, leaves NATO as a liability for India.'
 Discuss

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military alliance
 NATO stands for North Treaty Atlantic Treaty organisation which was formed as a collective group to fight or defend against the ~~eastern~~ *Soviet Union* powers. The collective responsibility is the principle of the same.

It is often said that too much responsibility and too much ~~chaos~~ *chaos* leaves NATO as a liability for India because of following reasons.





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Though NATO was formed for protecting the country's ~~and~~ affairs but its over-use may hamper the credibility of the same. The quote written above not only create problem for India rather world.

The countries should come forward to overlook the same and bring reform in the same.

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