

**Q-1 Life doesn't make any sense without interdependence. We need each other and the sooner we learn that it is better for us all"- Erik Erickson.**

### Approach

In this question candidates need to explain meaning of interdependence and write about importance of interdependence and cooperation and how our lives are interconnected.

### Introduction

Interdependence is a basic fact of the world. From ecology to astronomical bodies, family to nations, we live in an interdependent world.

### Body

Interdependence is a connection between subjects where one subject's needs can be fulfilled by the other subject's resources and these transfer of resources works both ways. This kind of relationships can be found almost everywhere since, as humans, we need other people's help to survive and strive.

Importance of interdependence:

- Values: Family, schools, friends, community shape value inculcation in individuals and weave society's moral fabric.
- Climate Action: Common but differentiated responsibilities are due for effective action against climate change and environmental damage.
- Democracy: System of institutional checks and balances, distribution of powers between judiciary, executive and legislature, or through federalism are necessary to sustain democracy.
- Emotional well being: Understanding the emotional needs of self and others, being understood emotionally is a manifestation of interdependent reflection.
- Scientific developments: Dependence on shoulders of intellectual giants like Newton and Madhava, epistemology through dissertations.
- Heritage: Inter generational knowledge such as through tribal knowledge systems, oral traditions, literature, religion etc. are sources of culture
- It helps in shaping value inculcation in individuals and weaves society's moral fabric.
- Being understood emotionally is a manifestation of interdependent reflection. Interdependence helps in understanding the emotional needs of self and others.
- Interdependence helps in differentiating responsibilities, which are important for effective action against climate change and environmental damage.
- In a democracy, interdependence among the organs of the government keeps it under checks and balances, and distribution of powers is managed.
- Inter generational knowledge such as through indigenous knowledge systems, oral traditions, literature, religion etc. are sources of cultural ecosystem.

- This quotation suggests that we are all connected and depend on each other in some way, and that life is more meaningful when we recognize and embrace this interdependence.
- It suggests that we are better off when we work together towards common goals, and that the sooner we learn this, the better it will be for all of us.
- This quotation can be seen as a reminder of the importance of community and connection in our lives.
- It suggests that we are not meant to live in isolation, but rather that we are meant to rely on and support each other.
- It also highlights the benefits of collaboration and working together, suggesting that we can achieve more when we join forces and pool our resources and skills.
- This quotation can be particularly relevant in the current global climate, where there are many challenges and problems that require collective action and collaboration in order to be solved.
- While being independent is important for survival, we cannot function independently without interdependence.
- Interdependence is when two or more people rely on each other for support, and it is a necessary and healthy part of our physical, mental, and emotional development.
- Lack of interdependence -lack of Interdependence leads to prohibition of goods and services.
- This leads to inefficiency and a more impoverish economy.
- In addition, it also promotes conflicts between nations.
- By recognizing and embracing our interdependence, we can work together towards a better future for all.

### **Conclusion -**

History, culture, ecology and development are all interdependent. Global warming and development deficit are the most instructive example of interdependence in modern world. To meet our individual needs, we need to take care of surrounding society and nature.

**Q.2 “If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.” – Abdul Kalam**

### **Approach**

Start with basic intro with referring to mineral oil distribution and then explain how uneven distribution has several multiple implications.

### **Introduction**

Corruption is considered to be originated from the minds of the people. Peoples' thinking, ethical values, conduct and behaviour all makes a man either corrupt or be honest and uninfluenced.

### Body

- The basic and permanent solution to corruption involves inculcating more and more ethical and moral values since childhood that's building character.
- Character building since childhood is influenced by Parents, teachers, family and society etc. who play vital role in holistic development of the child.

Better socialisation by parents and teachers for corruption free:

- A child is the reflection of her mother. Being the best friend and first teacher of child mother influences the child from walk to talk. Mother is the wealth of information for child.
- The child learns love compassion, forgiveness, humanity, equality, kind heartedness, respect, generosity and ethics from her mother and such traits reduce corruption.
- Father is the role model for most of the children. Qualities of leadership, responsibility, discipline, consistency, fearlessness etc. are developed in children under the influence of father.
- Good parental support helps child to be positive, healthy and good life long learner and behave in ethical manner involving moral values in entire his/her life.
- A child's first lesson on right and wrong comes from his/her parents – when he/she is taught not to steal, never lie and not to intentionally harm others.
- Teachers have a very important responsibility of laying the foundation of an individual's future.
- They are the most important nation builders as they are not only responsible for the intellectual nourishment of young minds but also for moulding the overall personality of children.
- At young impressionable ages, teaching them about discipline, being responsible for their actions; inculcating values like team spirit, sharing, fair play, cooperation a teacher sets the stage for a responsible citizen of the country.

### Conclusion

Therefore, the nurturing done by parents and teachers determines the course of a nation whether it will be made of upright, moral and argumentative Indians or dull-minds ready to compromise on their ethics.

**Q.3 Whistle blower, who reports corruption and illegal activities, wrongdoing and misconduct to the concerned authorities, runs the risk**

of being exposed to grave danger, physical harm and victimization by the vested interests, accused persons and his team. What policy measures would you suggest to strengthen protection mechanism to safeguard the whistle blower?

### Approach

Candidates can start the answer by basically explaining about whistle blowing and then simply suggest the measures for building such system and institution.

### Introduction

A whistleblower is a person, who could be an employee of a company, or a government agency, disclosing information to the public or some higher authority about any wrongdoing, which could be in the form of fraud, corruption, etc.

### Body

- Satyendra Dubey, an IIT graduate working on a segment of the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) Golden Quadrilateral in Bihar, who wrote directly to the Prime Minister's Office exposing corruption in the project. He paid with his life for doing so.
- There are many commissions who recommended that a specific law needs to be enacted to protect whistleblowers like Law Commission of India 2001, 2007 report of Second Administrative Reforms Commission. In India, whistleblowers are protected by the Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2014.
- There are various policy measures regarding protection of whistle-blowers but their implementation is very poor. It is important that policies should be implemented properly for their safety.
- Suitable legislation must be enacted to provide protection to innocent whistleblowers and the dilution of the act that is proposed by the 2015 Amendment Bill must be abandoned.

Policy measures suggestions:

- Establishing a confidential reporting system: This would allow whistleblowers to report issues without fear of retaliation or being identified.
- Providing legal protection: This could include laws that protect whistleblowers from being fired or discriminated against in the workplace, as well as laws that provide for criminal penalties for those who retaliate against whistleblowers.
- Providing financial support: This could include financial compensation for lost wages or other damages suffered as a result of blowing the whistle.
- Providing psychological support: Whistleblowers may experience significant stress and anxiety as a result of their actions, and it is important to provide them with access to mental health resources to help them cope.

- Educating the public: It is important to raise awareness about the importance of whistleblowers and the risks they face, in order to encourage more people to come forward and report wrongdoing.
- Submitting the issue as an anonymous person will protect the life of the Whistle blower.
- Specific training to teach workers their rights and about available internal and external protection programs, and for managers to learn these along with related skills, behaviours and obligations to act.

### **Conclusion**

Hence, strengthening of the whistleblower protection mechanism will help in ensuring that the integrity of democracy is protected, cherished and upheld.