

Globalization is viewed by its proponents as a process of cementing economic, cultural and political bonds between peoples of different countries of the world. One may regard it as a process by which they are welded into a single world society, to be termed as global society. It means internationalization of production and labour leading to integration of economies of developing and developed countries into global economy. To quote Rosabeth M. Kanter, "The world is becoming a global shopping mall in which ideas and products are available everywhere at the same time." Globalization is a natural outcome of computer networking and electronic mass communication. Information technology has made it possible for nations of the world to contact one another beyond their national borders. Besides, globalization is also promoted through the growth and proliferation of multinational companies and corporations that operate as transporter networks. Anyhow the flow of capital technology and labour across the borders of countries has accentuated the process of globalization. Deregulation, liberalism and privatization being assiduously pursued in the developing countries are some other manifestations of globalization. These countries are opening their economies to follow these trends. The size of the public sector is shrinking for the private sector to assume an increasingly important role in the economic development of the Third World countries. The downsizing of the public sector is in line with the spirit of market economy. This is suggested as a measure to cover up their fiscal deficit.

Questions: (4 marks each)

1- Define globalization.

Globalization is a procedure to strengthen the economic and political bonds among people residing in various parts of the world. Besides, it can be considered to be a method of gathering people of different countries into one global society. It also advocates the integration of all the economies of the world into single global economy.

2- What is electronic mass communication?

Electronic mass communication means that people can contact with others while using information technology. Moreover, it means that various states of the world can do trade and business at a rapid pace if they know how to take benefits of information technology. Given all that, the process of globalization has immensely been facilitated by electronic mass communication

3- What does the term Third World denote?

The term Third World denotes such countries, which are developing ones. What is more, it refers to the states, which were once colonies of Great Britain. However, they got independence. Since then, people have been considering them under-developed and third world countries.

4- What is privatization?

Privatization means to allow free trade. The latter means that state does not have the control on the trade. In this way, businesses are done between the two partners without any check of government.

5- Explain 'liberalism' in the above context.

In the above context, liberalism means that each one is free. It means that he is free to trade, do shopping and express his views. Besides, Liberalism is the result of globalism because through it, people can avail maximum facilities of the world at their ease.