

## Question:

What is the Importance of the Report "Our Common Future" in the history of Environmental Movement? What common threats were identified in the report and what measures were suggested for the sustainability of the earth system? (CSS-2016)

1: A Brief introduction to "Our common future Report":

In 1983 General Assembly of United Nations called out an emergency meeting to discuss the emerging environmental crisis and mitigation strategies. They established a commission who identified the major environmental

crisis and purposed way-outs to those challenges in 1987 - called Brundtland report. All members of United nations met for the **Agenda:** "Our common future from one earth to one world."

## 2.1- History Of Environmental Movement :

Environmental movement started from the era of **Industrial Revolution**. After industrial revolution the environmental decay started. Emission of hydrocarbons, green house gases, primary and secondary pollutant straight into the environment from the chimneys of Industries played havoc. The degradation of

environment started. Air quality Index rised, smog incident in London, pollution and deterioration of air, land and water awakened the scientists, environmentalists, states and international institutes from slumber. And all these stake-holders joined hands for sustainable development and improvement of environment.

### 3:- Introduction Of Sustainable Development :

World Commission introduced sustainable development to continue progress and development without effecting environment.

Brundtland defined it;

"Sustainable development is to meet the needs of present without compromising future and earth."

So the main objective of world commission was to identify environmental challenges and put forward way-out to mitigate the concerns. Long-term concerns and policies for sustainable development were proposed.

#### 4: Common Threats and challenges Identification by World Commission for Sustainable Development:

The Commission identified some challenges and threats to sustainable development. Some important challenges are written below:

##### 4.1: Social challenges:

Social challenges identified by world commission were

- \* Increasing poverty

- \* prevailing Hunger.
- \* Food in-security.
- \* Economic destability.
- \* Corruption trending.
- \* Social and infrastructural issues.

### 4.2:- Economic Challenges:

Some highlighted economic challenges were;

- \* Co-operation of developing and developed countries.
- \* Funding to developing countries to counter environmental crisis.
- \* Economic Integration at global level.

### 4.3 Environmental challenges:

Main environmental challenges discussed were;

- \* Air, land and water pollution
- \* Climate change and its havoc.
- \* Desertification.

- \* Eutrophication
- \* Acid-rain.
- \* Ozone depletion
- \* Greenhouse effect and global warming.

### S:- Measures suggested by Report for sustainability of earth:

"Our Common Future Report" gave some measures and way-out for the sustainability of earth to meet the need of present without affecting future. Some of these way-out were;

- (i) Introduction of sustainable development — a roadmap for development and environment consensus.

- (ii) Focus on sustainable industrialization to lessen its adverse effects on environment.
- (iii) Economic co-operation between developing and developed countries to counter the challenges.
- (iv) Main focus on population growth because it is the base of riot for industrial development and environmental degradation.
- (v) A call for implementation of action plan and policies to all the states for sustainable development.

## 6. Conclusion:

"Our common Future Report" published in 1987 also called as Brundtland Report

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focuses on the sustainable development, lessening the adverse effect of industrial revolution on environment, economic integration throughout the world to make one earth, one world. These challenges were identified and their solutions were found out so that world can develop in a sustainable way.