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Q: Write down short notes on the following.

(a) Role of Middle Class in Strengthening Democracy:

The middle class plays a crucial role in promoting and sustaining democratic governance. It serves as a stabilizing force as this group typically values social stability, economic growth and political participation.

"The best political community is formed by citizens of the middle class, and those states are likely to be well-administered in which the middle class is large" (Aristotle)

The middle class demands accountability, transparency and rule of law from government institutions, pushing for fair elections and equal representation.

II. Key Aspects of the role of Middle class in Strengthening

Democracy:

1. Promotion of Political Stability:

The middle class often advocates for law and order, creating a more stable political environment by supporting democratic processes and opposing authoritarianism.

* In developed countries like Germany and Canada, where the middle class comprises over 60% of the population.

2. Demand for Accountability and Transparency:

As a middle class grows economically, they push for transparent governance and accountability from political leaders, leading to stronger democratic institutions.

A democracy requires accountability, and accountability requires transparency.

(Barack Obama)

3. Civic Engagement and Political Participation:

The middle class, due to its access to education and information, tends to be more politically aware and engaged, fostering active participation in democratic processes such as voting and advocacy.

The government you elect is
the government you deserve.
(Thomas Jefferson)

4. Economic Contributions and Social Development:

The middle class drives economic growth, which can lead to social progress and the creation of a more informed and empowered citizenry, essential for sustaining democracy.

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5. Advocacy for Equality and Rule of Law:

The middle class champions equality before the law, ensuring that democratic values such as justice, fairness, and human rights are upheld in society.

(b) Significance of Religious Harmony in a State:

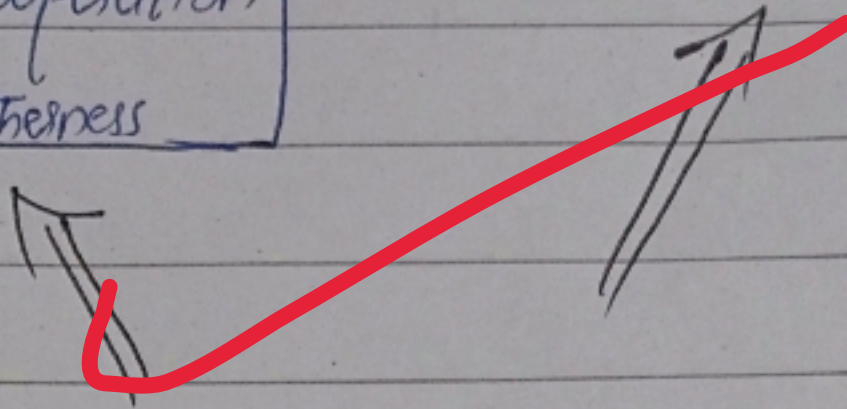
Religious harmony is essential for a state's social, political and economic stability. When citizens of different religious backgrounds coexist peacefully. It fosters unity, mutual respect and tolerance. This minimizes conflicts, extremism and violence which can otherwise destabilize society.

"True religion is real living; living with all one's soul with all one's goodness and righteousness"
(Albert Einstein)

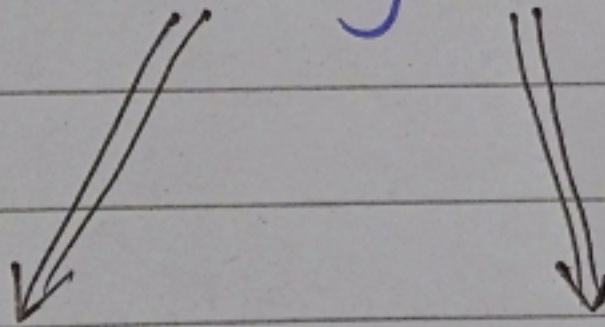
Religious harmony promotes inclusivity which strengthens national identity and social cohesion. It also encourages a stable environment for economic growth, fostering investment and sustainable development.

Harmonious,
mutual Cooperation
and togetherness

Reciprocity



The Concept of Social
Harmony Developed by
Community



Idealist,
(Living in a Harmony)

Presence of mutual
togetherness between
the village official
boards and religious
leaders.

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Concluding Thoughts :

Religious harmony is essential for fostering unity, peace and social cohesion within a state. When individuals of different faiths coexist respectfully, it reduces conflicts, strengthens national identity and promotes a stable environment conducive to progress. By embracing diversity, religious harmony becomes a essential for both societal development and long-term peace, ensuring that the state thrives on the principles of tolerance, inclusivity and mutual respect.

