

Comprehension 3: CSS 2020

Q. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end: (20)

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.
2. What is electronic mass communication?
3. What does the term Third World denote?
4. What is privatization?
5. Explain liberalism in the above context.

(i)

Globalization is a process of strengthening economic, cultural, and political bonds between people of different countries across the world. It refers to the internalization of production and labor that integrates the economies of developing and developed countries into a global economy.

(ii)

Electronic mass communication is the outcome of technological advancement that enables the exchange of information across the world. It allows people to connect beyond their national borders.

(iii)

The term 'Third World' refers to those countries that are under development. They do not have strong economic systems as well as these are at a fiscal deficit. These countries rely on the developed countries by integrating economy through globalization.

Privatization is the process through which state-owned enterprises and public institutions are transferred to private ownership to enhance efficiency and competitiveness. It has become a major expression of globalization. Thus, by this, the economic conditions of Third World countries improved.

(v)

Liberalism refers to economic policies that support free trade, open markets, reduced government control, allowing countries to integrate more freely into the global economy. This can be achieved through globalization. As globalization enables individuals to connect across the world freely.