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Discuss the impact of globalisation and westernisation on the lifestyles, values, and social roles of children and the elderly in India. How has this cultural shift affected family structures and traditional caregiving systems? (Not more than 250 words)

when the key word is either Discuss or explain, you need to show how & why something happens in detail.

Globalisation and westernisation have transformed Indian society through cultural exchange, consumerism, individualism and changing gender norms. Reshaping family structures and values.

even before approaching the main part of the answer Globalisation & westernisation has to be clearly defined in the introduction along with its elements.

Impact on Children:

Progressive changes:

1. Global exposure to digital learning & extracurricular activities

Good

2. Greater acceptance of gender equality & diversity

you have clearly mentioned points on both positive and negative impacts on children

sample case studies or examples you can quote on similar line to substantiate your points

3. Cultural awareness: contact with global media diversified views.

1) rapid expansions of edtech platforms & its mpact on tier-1 & tier-2 cities.

mere making points doesnt fetch marks in the exam

every point has to be substantiated with a proper example or case study to grab examiner eye & get good marks

Challenges

1. Lifestyle & health changes: junk food culture, sedentary screen time

WHO or UNICEF initiatives or awarness campaign in this regard

refer the examples & case studies mentioned on the left hand side and quote accordingly

Def of Globalisation along with its elements & its impacts on children

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2. Erosion of traditional culture,
eg: westernised habits, clothing etc
parent-child communication gap:
excessive digital time, weakened
familial support

case study of Commercialisation of childhood & Kidult culture by global merchandise can susbstantiate these points

Impact on Elderly.

Progressive changes:

1. Active ageing & healthcare:
global medical technologies, telemedi-
cine

wearable health devices & support from govt as well as diff NGO's in this regard can be mentioned

2. Challenging traditional social taboos
eg: widowed senior citizens - exploring
remarriage & companionship

3. Emerging silver economy: retired
professionals becoming consultants,
online educators

NPS, special insurance for senior citizens, reverse mortagages can be mentioned as substantiative points

Challenges

1. disintegration of traditional families
urbanisation & youth migration
leading to nuclear families
& social isolation and loneliness.

Digital divided and its examples can be mentioned here to make examiner to better understand

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8. Feminization of elderly: women more vulnerable due to lack of assets & social exclusion

Cultural shifts in family structures and caregiving systems

1. Nuclearisation due to Job related Migration, socially related elderly
2. Changing Marital norms - Intercaste marriages, Live in relations
3. Institutionalisation of elderly care eg: Senior living homes
4. outsourced childcare: growth of creches and daycare centres

Globalization and westernisation have reshaped lifestyles, values & social roles of children & elderly. Balance between modern aspirations with traditional values through strengthening familial bonds & inclusive caregiving systems is need of hour

FEEDBACK:

1) answer acoording to the directive keyword

2) your general understanding of the subject is good, but need to work on substantiative points & examples

3) maintain legible writing

good

2nd part of the question is addressed in line with the demand

Good & Balanced conclusion