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Chapter Name : Rise of popular movements

Q1 Which of these statements are incorrect

The Chipko movement

- (a) was an environmental movement to prevent cutting down of trees.
- (b) raised questions of ecological and economic exploitation
- (c) was a movement against alcoholism started by the women
- (d) demanded that local communities should have control over their natural resources

Answer. (c) was a movement against alcoholism started by the women.

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Q2 Some of these statements below are incorrect. Identify the incorrect statements and rewrite those with necessary corrections:

- (a) Social movements are hampering the functioning of India's movements.
- (b) The main strength of social movements lies in their mass base across social sections.
- (c) Social movements in India emerged because there were many issues that political parties did not address.

Answer.

- (a) Incorrect. Social movements are an important part for the functioning of India's democracy.
- (b) Correct.
- (c) Incorrect. Social movement rose from the social problems which were not being solved by democratic political parties.

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Q3 Identify the reasons which led to the Chipko movements in U.P in early 1970s. What was the impact of this movement ?

Answer. The main reasons for the rise of Chipko movement were :

- (a) The Chipko Movement was launched in Uttarakhand mainly against the forest department's decision to stop the local people from getting the firewood from local forests.
- (b) But the same department allotted the respective area to the sports manufacturers.
- (c) This exclusively gave attention to the economic exploitative programmes and massive ecological degradation happening in the region.
- (d) The people hugged the trees in order to prevent the deforestation of the region

This movement resulted in the stoppage of the event and also gave momentum to the rising issues of tribals and local people. These issues mainly included economic exploitation, ecological conservation, state intervention etc.

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Q4 The Bharatiya Kisan Union is a leading organization highlighting the plight of farmers. What were the issues addressed by it in the nineties and to what extent were they successful?

Answer. The main issues are:

- (a) The Bharatiya Kisan Union mainly revolves around the issues of farmers pertaining to areas of Haryana and Punjab.
- (b) In 1980s BKU launched a movement against the political institution for being discriminatory and exploitative.
- (c) The major demands presented by the BKU was to increase the floor prices of major crops like wheat etc , to decrease the electricity bills , waiving of loans etc.

BKU was quite successful in its programme as :

- (a) we can see due to the successful withdrawal of all these policies including the high electricity bill and farmer-centered policies.
- (b) The emergence of similar organisations like Saithkari Sangathan in Maharashtra was also due to BKU.

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Q5 The anti-arrack movement in Andhra Pradesh drew the attention of the country to some serious issues. What were these issues?

Answer. The anti-arrack movement of Andhra Pradesh, led by women was majorly against the rise of alcoholism among the male section of the society. It drew the attention of the society towards the major household problems pertaining to women due to the lack of economic and recreational capital.

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Q6 Would you consider the anti-arrack movement as a women's movement? Why?

Answer. Yes , the Anti Arrack movement can be considered as the women's movement because:

- (a) It highlighted the women's issues pertaining to private life due to the rise of intoxicant consumption among the men of the societal paradigm.
- (b) It brought the attention to its ultimate effects upon the personal and the household life of the women as the wastage of money done by men on these pleasures often result in 'private and household crisis'.

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Q7 Why did the Narmada Bachao Aandolan oppose the dam projects in the Narmada valley?

Answer. The Narmada Bachao Andolan opposed the dam projects in narmada valley because:

- (a) The application and implementation of same would have resulted in large scale ecological degradation and also the displacement of people .
- (b) The construction of dams were mainly aimed at the rapid economic development without taking the eviction of native people and the environmental conservation into consideration.
- (c) They opposed this project as it would have resulted in large scale displacement of people.
- (d) This project was opposed because it did not follow the parameters of 'sustainable development'.

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Q8 Do movements and protests in a country strengthen democracy? Justify your answer with examples.

Answer. The rise of the social movements have often resulted in the strengthening of democracy as it gives platform for the underprivileged sections of the society to voice their opinions.

It can be clearly assessed by the detailed analysis of women's movements as

- (a) The rise of the women's movements in the 90's gave large number of social capital to women issues pertaining to representation and political participation .
- (b) These movements ultimately led to the passing of dowry prohibition bill and also one-third reservation for women in Panchayats.

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Q9 What issues did the Dalit Panthers address?

Answer. Dalits Panthers was a militant organisation which mainly worked towards :

- (a) Eradication of caste based inequalities in society of india .
- (b) They also wanted to drive the attention of government agencies towards the atrocities being committed to the people belonging to the underprivileged sections of the society.
- (c) They wanted the system of equality to be exercised in societal paradigms.

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Q10 Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

....,nearly all 'new social movements' have emerged as corrective to new maladies – environmental degradation, violation of the status of women, destruction of tribal cultures and the undermining of human rights – none of which are in and by themselves transformative of the social order. They are in that way quite different from revolution ideologies of the past. But their weakness lies in their weakness lies in their being so heavily fragmented...a large part of the space occupied by the new social movements seem to be suffering from... various characteristics which have prevented them from being relevant to the truly oppressed and the poor in the form of a solid unified movement of the people. They are too fragmented, reactive, ad hoc, providing no comprehensive framework of basic social change. Their being anti-this or that (anti-West, anti-capitalist, anti-development, etc.) does not make them any more coherent, any more relevant to oppressed and peripheralized communities.

-Rajni Kothari

- (a) What is the difference between new social movements and revolutionary ideologies?
- (b) What according to the author are the limitations of social movements?
- (c) If social movements address specific issues, would you say that they are 'fragmented' or that they are more focused? Give reasons for you answer by giving examples.

Answer.

- (a) The difference between both of them is that the new social movements are based upon the new emerging socialistic and anti-capitalistic ideas while as earlier movements were revolutionary as they were not as focused or as specific the new rising movements are.
- (b) The social movements have many limitations in a sense that they are fragmented and more specific in nature, which results in the creation of problems pertaining to intersectionality and accommodative nature of movements.
- (c) Social movements are more focused as they drive towards the articulation of correct ideas, which will not result in dilution of the movement.

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