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Q8- Answer

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Indian society sustaining culture

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► **What makes Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss**



Introduction

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- **Indian Culture faced numerous threats still it sustained itself**
- **What is Indian Culture**

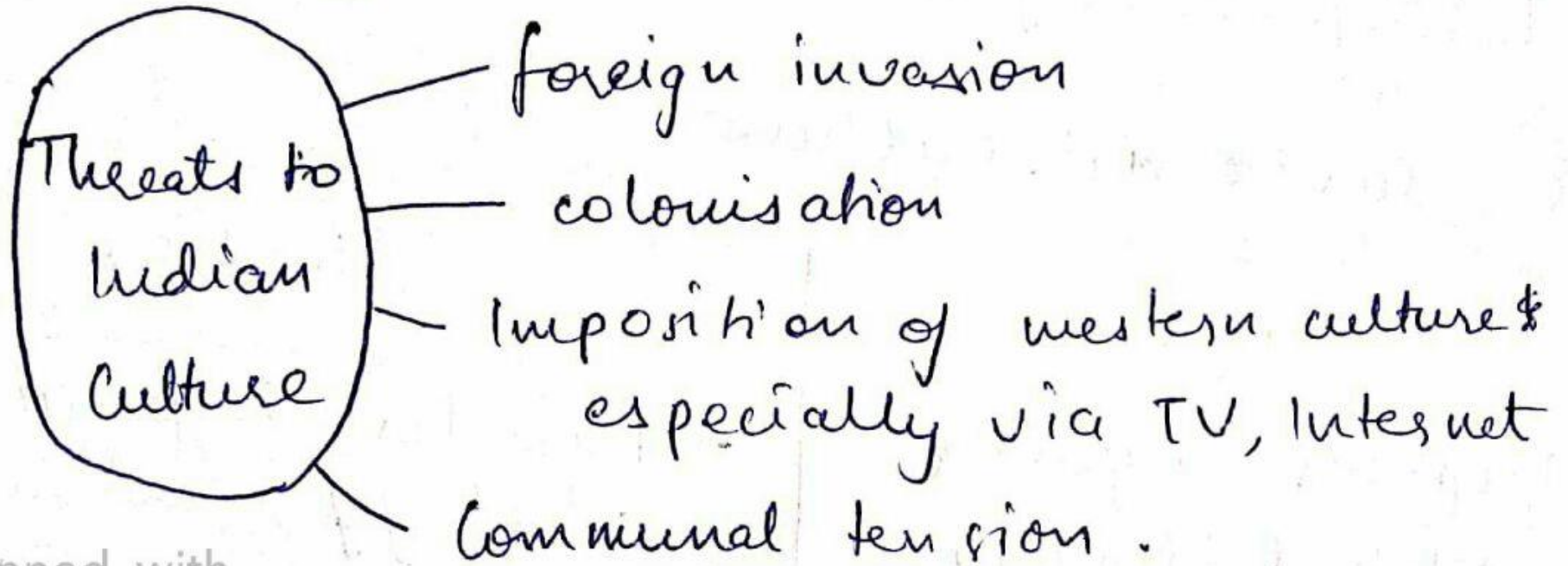
- **Indian culture has one of the longest history among various world cultures. Moreover it faced numerous challenges. Still Indian Society has been able to sustain fundamentals of its culture.**

- ▶ **Indian culture refers to amalgamation of various life styles spread across Indian Subcontinent. It has been sustained for very long owing to unique methodology employed by Indian Society.**



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How has India Sustained its culture

- **Constitution**
- **Socialisation and social control**
- **Festivals, fairs**

- **Organic nature of Indian Culture -**
- **Government Initiatives**
- **Trade and economy**

Examples of Indian culture which is sustained

- Thateras in Punjab
- Cultural practice of respecting elders; Touching their feet
- Vedas



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- **Ramlila**
- **Fasts; Worship**
- **Yoga**
- **Dietary habits- Chinese food**



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Uniqueness

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Saudi Arabia	India
Practising rigidity with respect to religion and culture	Balances the people's right to follow cultural practice and government's duty to curb immoral cultural practice
	→ <u>Forex. Triple Talag.</u>



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Conclusion

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- **Government Initiatives**
- **New threats**
- **India is a spiritual guru for whole world**

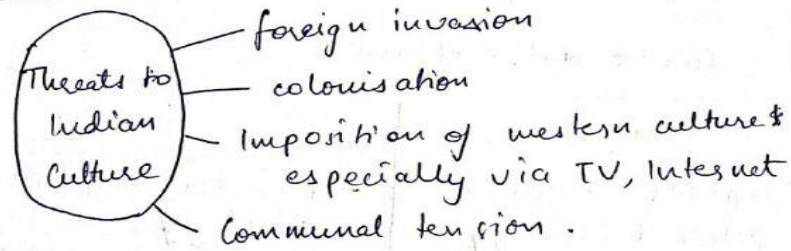
- **Government Initiatives like Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat for intermingling of culture and ‘Prasad’ ,‘Hriday’ Schemes for preservation of Indian culture cities are in line with Indian Society’s effort to sustain its culture.**

- **Indian culture continues to face threats such as polarization, radicalism and continued imposition of Western Culture. Indian society need to hold its fundamentals strong to sustain its ancient culture.**

- Today, the whole world sees India as an example of Harmonious living and a Spiritual Guru. This is largely due to our ancient and unique culture which has been sustained for a long period.

Q. What makes Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.

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How has India sustained its culture -

(i) Constitution ⇒

- ↳ Protection of minority rights - allowed diverse section of society to sustain their culture
- ↳ Secularism → Unlike west, Indian secularism allows government to weed out fallacies of religion and culture.

(ii) Socialisation & Social Control

- ↳ family tradition passes culture through generations. For ex - Thateras in Punjab, Vedas

(III) Adaptive and organic nature

- ↳ Allows Indian culture to sustain onslaught of foreign culture
- ↳ allows celebration of Cultural synthesis

(IV) Festivals, fairs etc

- ↳ allows people to come together, remember ~~and~~ cultural history and reinforce cultural values.

(V)

Uniqueness of Indian Society

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