

1. GIVE THE GEOGRAPHICAL BASES OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY IN INDIA.

Answer:

INTRO : India may be regarded as the land of multiplicity with unifying undercurrent. Our social ethos reflects a high degree of unity in diversity.

CONTENT: The factors responsible for diversities could be identified as follows.

Large geographical spread of the subcontinent provides fertile ground for the germination and flowing of regional diversities in social milieu.

Differentiation in natural landscape has led to emergency of different forms and patterns of man-nature interaction.

Concentration of different ethnic groups into different regions eg, South, North East, North West, East

Regional differentiation in agricultural practices

The geographical factors responsible for underlying unity in India are as follows.

Monsoonal rhythm or season has an all-embracing and unifying influence on weather conditions across India. The complex meteorological reality that affects agriculture, cropping pattern along with transport, trade and social functions

Horizontal spread of cultural and socio-economic attributes leading to inter-regional linkages and contacts

Pan-Indian market due to unforeseen development in transport and communication and emergence of the Indian way of life have given birth to a unified political system in the country

CONCLUSION: The socio-economic geography of India is a symbiotic relationship between centrifugal and centripetal forces effecting a balance of 'unity in diversity' in the country.