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COMPARATIVE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES OF INDIA AND ITS NEIGHBOUR

Question 16:

Comment on the growth rate trends witnessed in China and India in the last two decades.

ANSWER:

India, with democratic institutions, performed moderately, but the majority of its people still depend on agriculture. Infrastructure is lacking in many parts of the country. It is yet to raise the Standard of living of more than one-fourth of its population that lives below the poverty line.

On the other hand, the lack of political freedom and its implications in China are the major concern in the last two decades. The country used the market system without losing political commitment and succeeded in raising the level of growth along with poverty alleviation. China used the market mechanism to create additional social and economic opportunities. The country has also ensured social security in the rural areas by retaining collective farming known as Commune System. Public intervention in social infrastructure prior to the introduction of the economic reforms has brought positive results in the human development indicators of China.

Question 17:

(a) First Five Year Plan of _____ commenced in the year 1956. (Pakistan/China)

(b) Maternal mortality rate is high in _____. (China/Pakistan)

(c) Proportion of people below poverty line is more in _____. (India/Pakistan)

(d) Reforms in _____ were introduced in 1978. (China/Pakistan)

ANSWER:

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(b) Maternal mortality rate is high in Pakistan.

(c) Proportion of people below poverty line is more in India.

(d) Reforms in China were introduced in 1978.
