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Business Environment



MEANING OF BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

The term business environment means the sum total of all individuals, institutions, and other forces that are outside the control of a business enterprise, but that may affect its performance.

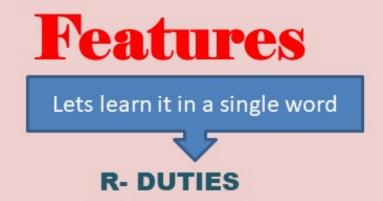


FEATURES OF BUSINESS **ENVIRONMENT**



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- R- Relativity
- D- Dynamic
- U- Uncertainty
- T- Totality of external forces
- I- Interrelatedness
- E- Complexity
 - **S-** Specific and General forces





1. TOTALITY OF EXTERNAL FORCES

Business environment is the sum total of all things external to business firms for example, government's economic policies, investors, suppliers, changes in taste of

invostors, suppliers, changes in taste

consumers etc.

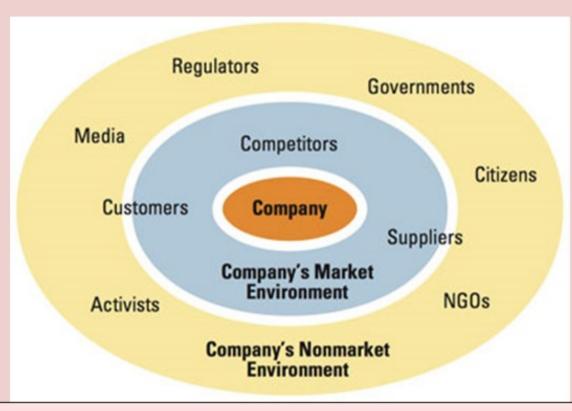






2. Specific and General Forces

General forces have impact on all business enterprises and thus may affect an individual firm only indirectly.





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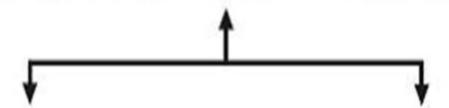
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Specific forces affect individual enterprises directly and immediately in their day-to-day working.



Components of Business Environment



Internal/Specific Envoirnment

- Customers
- Owners and investors
- Suppliers
- Creditors
- Employees and trade union
- Competitors

External/General Environment

- Economic Environment
- Social Environment
- Political Environment
- Technological Environment
- Legal Environment



3. Inter-relatedness



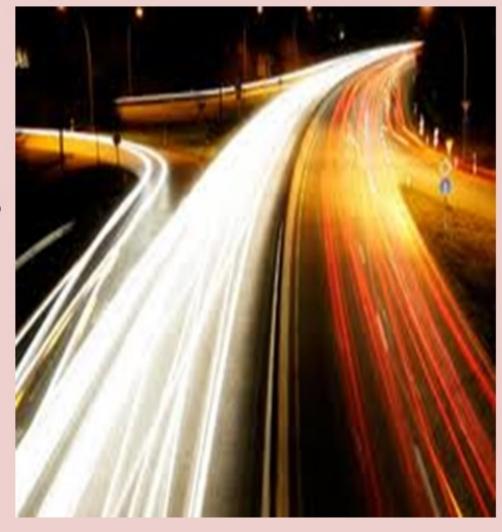


 Different elements or parts of business environment are closely inter-related. For example: <u>LIFE</u>

EXPECTANCY of people and increased awareness for health care have increased the demand for many health products.

4. Dynamic nature

 It keeps on changing whether in terms of technological improvements, shifts in consumer preferences or entry of new competition in the market.





5. Uncertainty

This factor is largely uncertain as it is very difficult to predict future happenings, especially when environment changes are taking place too frequently.

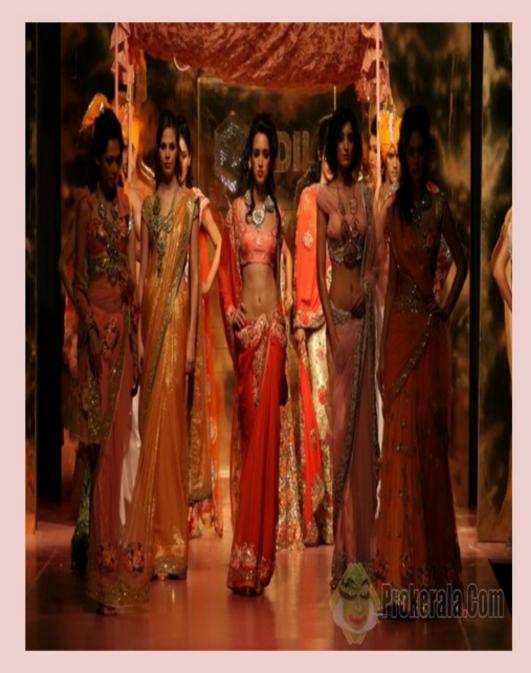




As in case of fashion industry







6. Complexity

 Environment is a complex phenomenon that is relatively easier to understand in parts but difficult to grasp in its totality.





It may be difficult to know the relative impact of the social, economic, political, technological or legal factors, on change in demand of a product in the market.



7. Relativity

 It is a relative concept since it differs from country to country and region to region, as the political conditions in USA and INDIA.







LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

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AN	S- <u>individuals</u> , <u>institutions</u> , <u>forces</u>		
2.B	usiness environment includes	and	forces.
AN	S- <u>General</u> , <u>Specific</u>		
3.B	usiness environment differs from coun	try to count	ry and even region to

ANS-TRUE

region. [TRUE /FALSE]



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ANS- FALSE



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CASE STUDY

The market for Herbal Cosmetics in India is growing at a remarkable pace of 15 -20% per annum. This clearly indicates that today's aware and educated consumer knows what is good for him and what is not. His tastes and preferences are undergoing a major change. The growth in the herbal cosmetics market is due to many factors like rising health consciousness, changing lifestyles, increase in disposable income and growing availability of herbal cosmetics products in shopping malls, retail outlets and online. On the basis of the given information, answer the following questions:

a) Identify and explain the features of business environment being reflected above.



Answer

a)Features of environment being reflected in the case study are

- Dynamic
- Uncertain
- Complex



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CASE STUDY

'FIRST MASTERS' is a leading advertising company in its industry. Recently they had a meeting in which all the reasons which were outside the control of the organisation were discussed. The organisation wanted to maintain its supremacy in the market. They decided to break the meeting into two parts. In the first part customers, competitors, suppliers, etc. were discussed where as in the second part the political, economic, social conditions in the country were discussed. It was concluded that company was doing extremely well in the domestic market and the client base was expanding. However when the company's performance in foreign markets was evaluated it was found that conditions were different in different countries so the strategies adopted would have to be different. After the meeting the company was looking forward to king new gains. Which features of Business Environment have en highlighted in the above case? Also identify the lines.

Answer

	Features of business environment	Lines from the case study
1	Totality of external forces	"recently they had a meeting in which all the reasons which were outside the control of the organisation were discussed"
2	Specific and general forces	"In the first part customers ,competitors, suppliers were discussed ;whereas in the second part political, economic and social conditions in the country were discussed"
3	Relativity	"however when the companies performance in foreign market was evaluated it was found that condition for different in different countries are the strategies adopted would have to be different"



Importance Of Business Environment

Every business should understand the environment in which it works, as it would be difficult for business to survive in the long run if it is unable to adapt itself according to the environment. The knowledge of environment helps in framing policies and plans that can help the business to identify the opportunities and work successfully.



Importance of Gusiness environment TOPPER

- T- Threats and early warnings
- O- opportunities and first mover advantage
- P- planning and policy formulation
- P- Improving performance
- E- Helps in coping changes
- R- Resources (tapping resources)



1. IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES AND **GETTING THE FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE**

Environment provides numerous opportunities for business success. Early identification of opportunities help an enterprise to be the first to exploit them instead of losing them to competitors.

SWOT ANALYSIS

to achieving the objective

Weaknesses

Helpful

Strengths

Opportunities

External origin



First Mover Advantage





2. IT HELPS FIRM TO IDENTIFY EARLY WARNING SIGNALS

The environment study acts as warning signals for a business to prepare itself to modify its working in advance and to utilize the qualitative information it receives about the competitors.





Ability to identify early warning signal.

3. TAPPING USEFUL RESOURCES

Enterprises depend on the environment as a source of inputs and as an outlet for outputs. Enterprises design policies that allow them to get the needed resources ,so that they can be converted into outputs that the environment desires.

For example: with an increase in demand for LCD monitors firms started arranging raw materials for LCD instead of CRT monitors







4. COPING UP WITH RAPID CHANGES

Business environment is getting increasingly dynamic where changes are taking placa at a very fast pace. In order to effectively cope with these significant changes, managers must understand and examine the environment and develop a suitable course of action.









5. <u>ASSISSTS IN PLANNING AND POLICY</u> FORMULATION

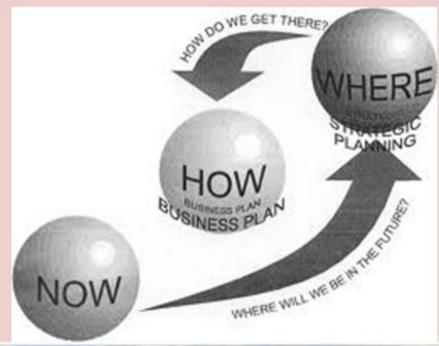
Since environment is a source of both; opportunities and threats for a business enterprise, its understanding and analysis can be the basis for deciding the future course of action (planning) or training guidelines for decision making (policy).





It helps in assisting in planning and policy formulation.

For example: Itc is planning to open hotels after seeing increase in India's share in tourism





6. IMPROVES PERFORMANCE

The enterprises that continuously monitor their environment and adopt suitable business practices are the ones which not only improve their present performance but also continue to succeed in the market for a longer period.







LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

Identify the point of importance of business environment from following statements:

1.A business enterprise assembles various resources called inputs from the environment and supplies the environment with its outputs, such as goods and services. This can be done better by understanding what the environment has to offer.

ANS-TAPPING USEFUL RESOURCES

2.Bajaj Auto made considerable improvements in its two wheelers when Honda & other companies entered the auto industry.

ANS- IDENTIFYING EARLY WARNING SIGNALS

ITC Hotels planned new hotels in India after observing boom in tourism sector.

ASSISTS IN PLANNING AND POLICY FORMULATION

4. Maruti Udyog became the leader in the small car market because it was the first to recognise the need for small cars in an environment of rising petroleum prices and a large middle class population in India.

ANS- IDENTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITY AND GETTING FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE

5.Correct knowledge of business environment helps an organisation to identify those threats which may adversely affect its operations.

ANS- IDENTIFYING EARLY WARNING SIGNALS



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QUESTIONS

 Understanding of Business Environment helps the firm to identify opportunities to get the ______.

ANS- FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE.

Match these following statements with the relevant importance of Business Environment.

i-Keeping in mind what is happening in environment.	a)Helps in policy making .
ii-It acts as a basis for deciding Future course of action for decision- making	b)First mover advantage.
iii-Grab the opportunities before competitors.	c)Helps in improving the performance.
iv-Managers must understand & examine the environment before developing suitable course of actions.	d)Helps coping with rapid changes.

ANSWER

- i-c
- ii-a
- iii-b
- iv- d



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Case Study

Mr. Akhilesh is the managing director of Good Homes Pvt. Ltd. It's a company which is in the business of constructing affordable housing projects in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Akhilesh has the habit of keeping a close eye on the developments that take place in the country which may affect the company. One day he read in the newspaper that the government was working at the development of backward areas of the country and to help the people of such areas it was looking for collaboration with private builders to construct affordable residential complexes and roads in these areas. Mr. Akhilesh immediately takes steps to get the details of the programe and gets the first contract to build a housing complex in a backward area of Jharkhand. The company frames policies and plans keeping the objectives of the project in mind. It uses local resources and talent of the area to build the project. This helps in the development and upliftment of the area.

On the basis of the given information

ate the importance of understanding Business Environment

Answer

- a) Helps to identify the opportunity and getting the first mover advantage.
- b) Helps to identify threats and early warning signals.
- c) Helps in tapping useful resources.
- d) Assists in planning and policy formulation.
- e) Helps in improving performance.



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DIMENSIONS OF BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

 Dimensions o f business environment means all factors, forces and institutions which have direct or indirect influence over the business transactions.

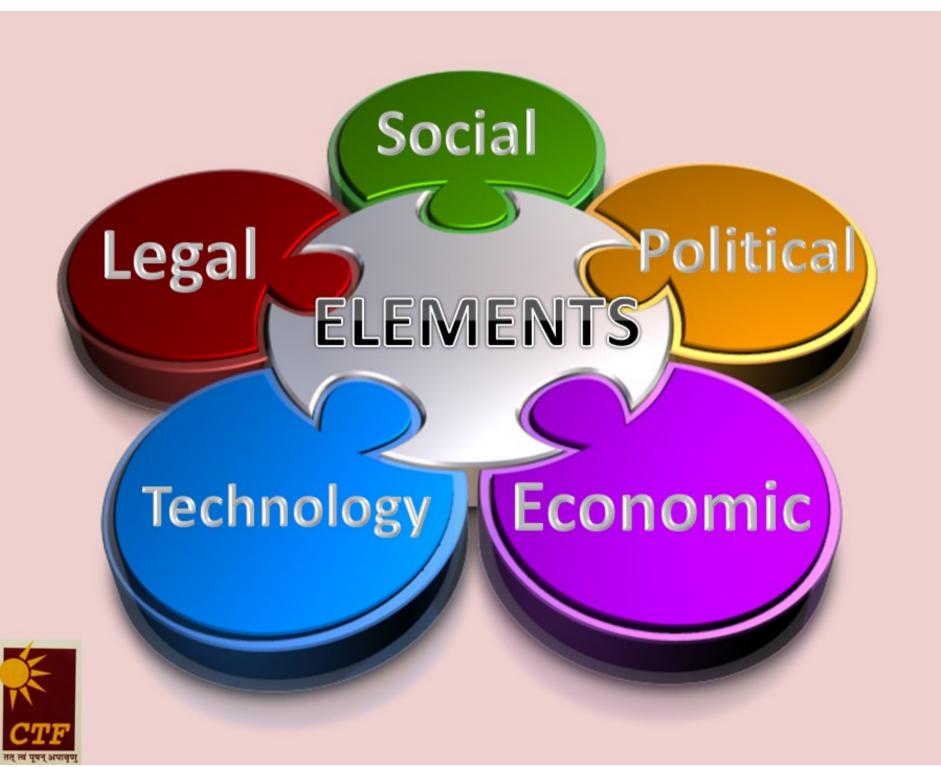


Dimensions of Business environment STPLE

- S- social environment
- T- technological environment
- P- political environment
- L- legal environment
- E- economic environment



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Social Environment



Attitude towards product innovations, life-style, occupational distribution ad consumer preferences.

Technological environment

 It consist of those factors that are related to the knowledge applied and the materials and machines used in production .Technological changes are most frequently observed in the environment as they provide new approaches to produce goods and services, new procedure, new quipment and a better style f working . Some of its





POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- ➤ It consists of factors related to the management of public affairs and their impact on the business. India government plays a major role as a planner, promoter, and regulator of economy activities. It includes:
- ➤ Political system and ideologies.
- ➤ Political parties and structures.
- ➤ Passage of laws.





Political Environment



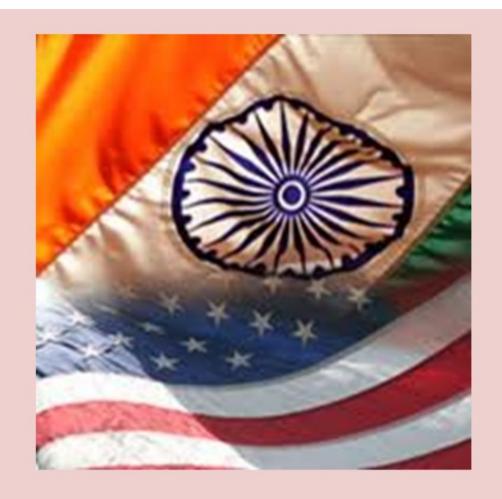
The constitution of our country and prevailing political system.



The extent and nature of government intervention on business









The nature of relationship of our country with foreign countries.



LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

Legal environment includes
 various legislations passed by
 the government administrative
 orders issued by government
 authorities, court judgments
 as well as the decisions
 rendered by various
 commissions and agencies at
 every level of the government.





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Advertisements

'Cigarette Smoking is Injurious To Health'.





Economic environment



It consists of factors that are related to the means of production and distribution of wealth, and includes:

- Economic stage of a country.
- Economic structure.
- Economy policies, like industrial policies.



ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Interest rates, inflation rates, changes in disposable income of people, stock market indices and the value of rupee are some of the economic factors that can affect management practices in a business enterprise.



LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

- I. According to United Nations Environmental Agency, the world produces around 300 million tons of plastic each year, half of which constitutes single-use items. Ford is recycling over one billion plastic bottles every year to develop elements of car's interior, reducing the amount of plastic ending up in landfill. The American car maker has revealed that their Romanian-built EcoSport SUVs' carpets involves shredding bottles and their caps into tiny flakes and then heating them to 260 degree Celsius. Identify the related dimension of business environment:
 - a) Economic dimension
 - c) Technological dimension

- b) Social dimension
- d) Political dimension

ANS- (C) TECHNOLOGICAL DIMENSION



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2. The court passed an order to seal the manufacturing unit of the company as it was dumping its untreated poisonous waste on the river bank which has created many health problems for the people.

ANS- LEGAL

3.A situation of political unrest erodes confidence of the investors and thereby, makes it difficult for the enterprises to function smoothly.

ANS- POLITICAL



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4. An Indian car company launched a car in Germany under the brand name 'Soft Mist'. But after a short while the car had to be withdrawn despite its outstanding features and reasonable price. After a lot of research it was found that the lack of demand for the car was because of its brand name, as the word 'mist' meant cow dung in the local language.

ANS- SOCIAL

5. Demand for sweets increases on various occasions in India like Diwali, Bhai Dhuj etc.

ANS- SOCIAL



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6. Philips, a company manufacturing light bulbs incurred heavy expenditure on scientific Research and Development and discovered a technology that made it possible to produce an energy efficient light bulb that lasts at least 20 times as long as a Standard bulb.

ANS- TECHNOLOGICAL



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Case Study

Over the years, e-business in our country has witnessed tremendous growth due to several reasons like convenience, time-frame etc. There is significant improvement in the Information Technology infrastructure over the last decade as the Government has taken important steps in high-speed Internet connectivity. As a result, the broadband networks have not only become better but also more affordable. Additionally, Government is trying to make rural India connected through broadband—a great possibility for e-business to expand the retail market by reaching out to the most remote rural customer. Another catalyst strengthening the e-business segment is the country's favourable demography. It has more than 50% of its population below the age of 25 and more than 65% below the age of 35. It is expected that, in the year 2020, the average age of an Indian will be 29 years, compared to 37 for China and 48 for Japan, this promises for phenomenal increase in e-business.

Identify and explain the various dimensions of business referred to in the above case.

Answer

- A)Technological
- B)Political
- C)Social

(APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION OF EACH DIMENTION IS REQUIRED.)



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REFORMS 1991





REASONS FOR IMPLEMENTING LPG

- Excess of consumption and expenditure over revenue resulting in heavy govt. borrowings.
- Growing inefficiency on the use of resources.
- Over protection to industries.
- Mismanagement of the firm and the economy.
- Increase in losses for public sector enterprises.
- Various distortion like poor technological development, shortage of foreign exchange and borrowing from abroad.
- Low foreign exchange reserves.
- Inflation

INTRODUCTION

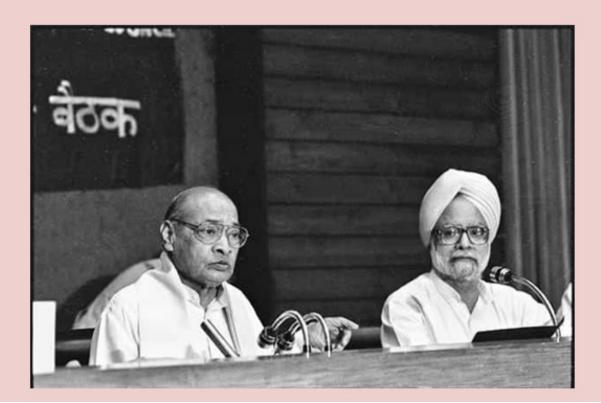
July 1991, India has taken a series of measures to structure the economy and improve the BOP position. The new economic policy introduced changes in several areas.

The policy have salient feature which are: -

- 1. LIBERALISATION (internal and external)
- 2. Extending Privatization
- 3. Globalisation of the economy

Personalities behind LPG Reform

- Mr P.V. Narsimha Rao- Prime Minister
- Dr. Manmohan Singh- Finance Minister





MEANING

Liberalization is a relaxation of government restrictions, usually in such areas of social, political and economic policy. This may be similar to deregulation.

Examples for liberalization

- Abolishing licensing requirement in most of the industries
- Freedom in fixing the prices
- 3. Freedom in deciding the scale of business activities





POLICIES UNDER LIBERALIZATION

- Abolition of license except in few.Industries.
- No restriction on expansion or contraction of business activities.
- Liberalization in import and export.
- Easy and simplifying the procedure to attract foreign capital in India.
- Freedom in movement of goods and services.
- Freedom in fixing the prices of goods and services



MEANING

• <u>Privatization</u>: The transfer of ownership, property or business from the government to the private sector is termed <u>privatization</u>. The government ceases to be the owner of the entity or business. The process in which a publicly-traded company is taken over by a few people is also called <u>privatization</u>.

Example for privatization

Sale government sector to private sector

METHODS

- FRANCHISING
- 2 LEASING
- 3. CONTRACTING
- DISINVESTMENT



POLICIES UNDER PRIVATIZATION

- Disinvestment of public sector, i.e., transfer of public sector enterprise to private sector.
- Setting up of Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). This board was set up to revive sick units in public sector enterprises suffering loss.
- Dilution of Stake of the Government. If in the process of disinvestments private sector acquires more than 51% shares then it results in transfer of ownership and management to the private sector.

MEANING

- Globalization the process by which businesses or other organizations develop international influence or start operating on an international scale.
- EXAMPLE ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS RED CROSS RESPOND
 QUICKLY TO THE DISASTERS AROUND THE WORLD.



POLICIES UNDER GLOBALIZATION

- Import Liberalization. Government removed many restrictions from import of capital goods.
- Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) was replaced by Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)
- Rationalization of Tariff structure.
- Abolition of Export duty.
- Reduction of Import duty.



LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

1.	Main component of New Economic Policy are			
	and			

ANS-Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation.

- Booking of railway tickets through internet comes under the preview of:

 - a) Social Environment c)Economic Environment

 - b) Political Environment d) Technological Environment

ANS-d) Technological Environment

- Which of the following is an example of Social Environment:

 - a) Money supply in economy. c) The constitution of the country.

 - b) Technological shifts. d) Composition of family.

ANS-<u>d) Composition of family</u>



- 4. Reduction in the role of Public Sector is due to:
 - a) Globalisation

c) Political Environment

b)Privatisation

d) Liberalisation

ANS-b)Privatisation

 Management of every enterprise can benefit from being unaware of "Dimensions" instead of being interested in them as they can't be exactly predicted. [TRUE/FALSE]

ANS- FALSE



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Case Study

"Zero Defect Zero Effect" (ZED) is a slogan coined by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi with reference to the Make in India initiative launched by the government. The slogan reflects the efficiency of production processes, i.e. the products have no defects and the process through which the product is made has zero adverse environmental and ecological effects. The Zed model aims to make India the manufacturing hub of the world and prevent the products developed in India from being rejected by the global market. Moreover, before the initiative was launched, the limits of foreign direct investment in various sectors had been relaxed. The application for licences was made available online and the validity of licences was increased to three years. Various other norms and procedures were also relaxed by the government.

In the light of the above paragraph, identify and explain the major component of New Economic Policy of 1991 that are being referred to, by quoting lines from the paragraph.

Answer

	COMPONENT OF ECONOMIC POLICY	LINES TO BE QUOTED	EXPLANATION OF THE CONCEPT.
1	Liberalisation		Liberalisation means removal of unnecessary controls and restrictions on business.



IMPACT OF(LPG) GOVERNMENT POLICY CHANGES ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

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1. INCREASING COMPETITION:

Due to the change in rules of industrial licensing and entry of foreign firms the competition for Indian firms has increased.





2. MORE DEMANDING COSTUMERS

Due to increased competition in the market customers now have a wider choice in purchasing better quality goods and services.





3. Rapidly Changing Technological Environment:

 Increased competition forces the firm to develop new ways to survive and grow in the market. New technology makes it possible to improve production process.



4. Necessity For Change:

 After 1991 market forces have become turbulent as a result of which the firms have to modify their operations continuously.



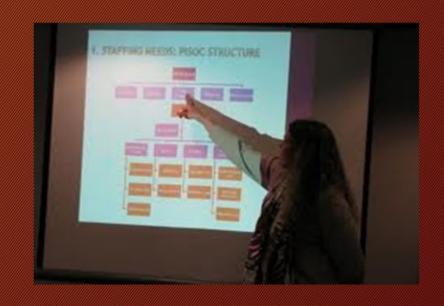


5. Need For Developing Human Resources:

New market conditions require people with higher competence and greater commitment. Hence the need for developing human resources.

Human Resource in Vietnam Higher Education

	University	College	
Number of schools	87	127	
Total number of Lectures	28434	11551	
Doctoral degree holder	20.23%	3.21%	
Master's degree holder	33.14%	21.13%	
Bachelor's degree holder	45.74%	70%	
Associate Bachelor's degree holder		5.66%	
Students per Lecturer	28.67/1	14.22/1	
Students per A. Prof or Prof	61	617	



6. Market Orientation:

Earlier firms used to produce first and go to market for sale later. Now those firms first analyse the market and then produce the goods.





7. Loss Of Budgetary Support:

Support for financing public sector outlays has declined over the years. Now public sector undertakings have realized that, in order to survive and grow, they will have to be more efficient and generate their own resources for the purpose.





LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

- Identify the points of impact of government policy changes in business and industry from following statements:
- a) Today firms produce those goods & services which are required by the customers but earlier they use to produce goods without knowing the needs of customers

ANS- MARKET ORIENTATION

b)The budgetary support given by the government to the public sector is reducing

ANS- LOSS OF BUDGETARY SUPPORT TO PSUs

c)Indian firms have to compete with Multinational companies

ANS-INCREASE IN COMPETITION



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ANS-NEED FOR DEVELOPING HUMAN RESOURCE

e)Now customers are more aware and they keep maximum information of the market as the result of which now market is customer/buyer oriented

ANS- MORE DEMANDING CUSTOMERS

f)Change in the various components of business environment has made it necessary for the business firms to modify their policies & operations from time to time.

ANS- NECESSITY FOR CHANGE

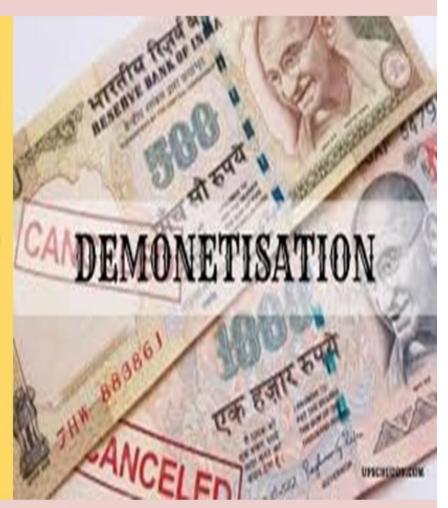
g) Increased competition forces the firms to develop and adopt new technologies to survive and grow in the market.

S- RAPIDLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT



Demonetization - Meaning

Demonetization is the act of stripping a currency unit of its status as legal tender. It occurs whenever there is a change of national currency: The current form or forms of money is pulled from circulation and retired, often to be replaced with new notes or coins.





Demonetization History and Background In India?

- This is not the first time, when Indian Currency was Demonetized in India.
- Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 10,000 Notes to deal with the unaccounted money i.e. Black Money.
- Second time, it was done in 1978 by Govt. headed by Mr. Morar ji Desai when Rs. 1,000,
 - Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000 Notes were demonetized.

Demonetization

Announced by Government of India on November 8, 2016 Large denomination notes - Rs500 & Rs1,000 were demonetized Restrictions placed on cash withdrawals, convertibility of domestic money and bank deposits

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Aims of Demonetization

To curb corruption

To curb counterfeiting the use of high denomination notes for illegal activities

To curb accumulation of black money

Features of Demonetization

- Tax administrative measure
- Tax evasion will no longer be accepted
- Channelising tax savings into formal financial system
- Creation of cashless economy

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Impact of Demonetization

- Decline in cash transactions
- Bank deposits increased
- Increase in financial savings
- Real estate prices fell
- · Digital transactions increased
- Rise in income tax collection

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LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

- The aim of demonetisation:
 - a) To curb corruption
 - b) To curb the accumulation of black money
 - c) To counterfeiting the use of high denomination notes for illegal activities
 - d)All of the above

ANS-d)All of the above

_____ is viewed as a tax administration measure.

ANS- DEMONETISATION



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ANS- LEGAL TENDER

4.Demonetisation is to create a less-cash or cash-lite economy.
[TRUE/FALSE]

ANS-TRUE



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LET'S CHECK THE PROGRESS

What is the impact of Demonetisation on following (Increase ,decrease or no effect)

(a)Public wealth

ANS- NO CHANGE

(b) Private wealth

ANS- DECREASE



- c) Real estate
 ANS-DECREASE
- (d) Tax collection ANS- INCREASE
- (e) Digitisation
 ANS- INCREASE
- (f) Interest rates
 ANS-DECREASE



CASE STUDY

After the announcement of demonetisation of Rs500 and Rs1000 by the Government of India, there has been a sharp increase in the number of mobile applications like Paytm, PayPal, e-wallet etc. Usage of digital currency payment systems driven by UPI, wallets and cards is on the rise as customers an opting for ecommerce platforms. There have been very strong reactions from on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. where some groups are supporting while others groups are opposing it. On the basis of the above information.

- a) Define the term 'demonetisation'.
- a) Enumerate the various impacts of demonetisation.



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ANSWER

1.Demonetisation: The act to cease a currency unit or put an official stop on its status as a legal tender is known as demonetisation. Demonetisation is the process that involved change of national currency, where old currency is replaced with new currency The circulation of a specific currency unit is stopped, followed by the withdrawal of old banknotes or coins.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE IMPACTS -

- a)Decline in cash transactions
- b)Bank deposits increased
- C)Increase in financial savings
- d)Real estate prices fell
- e)Digital transactions increased

()Rise in income tax collection



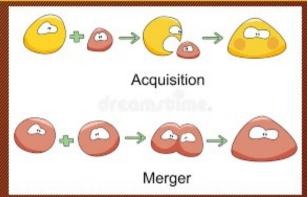
Managerial Responses To Change in the Business Environment.

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Concrete Steps taken

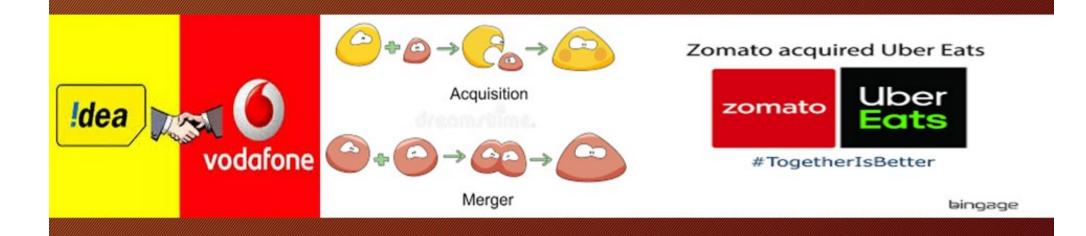
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- Diversification
- Brand Building
- Customer focus
- Compensation level
- Joint Venture





Acquisitions and Mergers:

Merger is external growth strategy where two or more firms combine together. Acquisition/ takeovers = purchase of one company by another company by acquiring the whole or part of the shares or other assets in exchange for payment in cash/ other assets/ equity of the acquiring company. The acquired company continues to exist as a separate entity. These are done with a view to achieve market domination, ease market entry, expand a firm's product range and attain core competencies or to have access to better technology.



Diversification

 Diversification is the process of entering into a field of business which is new to the enterprise i.e, exploring new markets or use of new technology.



Consolidation of MNCs

Joint venture is when two or more firms establish a new enterprise by contributing to total equity capital and participating in business operations. Eg., Ford and Mahindra



Brand Building:

It helps in building the brand name of the company

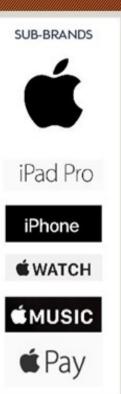
















Brand Development Strategies

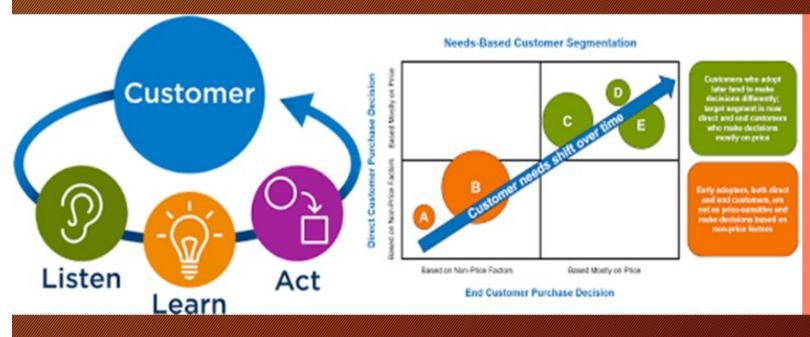
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Customer Focus:

 The shift towards satisfying growing customer needs have ensured that the companies need to come up with innovative products





Compensation level:

Compensation level for specialized managerial and technical staff improved and incentive schemes related to performance are being implemented very commonly now.





QUESTIONS

- Relate the challenges being faced by business/industry due to the government changes:
- a) Need to study and analyse the market first and product goods accordingly.
- b) Increased competition in the market gives the customers wider choice in purchasing better quality of goods and services
- The public sector undertakings have to be more efficient and generate their own resources.
- d) The new market conditions requires people with higher competence and greater commitment.

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Identify the points of Managerial responses to changes in Business Environment to its related statement:

- Multinationals are also entering the core sectors of the Indian economy through joint ventures.
- 2 Reliance is now also in the business of communications, retail chains etc. Likewise, they are bold enough to diversify into other business lines.
- 3 Heavy expenditure was incurred on launching of Korean brands such as Hyundai, LG, Samsung, etc. Indian companies are also doing likewise.
- 4 Mergers between ACC Gujarat, Ambuja Cement, Hindustan Aluminium Co and Indian Aluminium Co to gain market dominance, market entry, expand product range and obtain core competencies.
- 5 Use of latest technology has become the slogan of the successful companies
- 6 The starting salary of engineering and management graduates have risen significantly.

1. Joint venture

2. Diversification

3.Brand building

4. Merger &Acquisitions

5.Use of technology

6. Compensation policy



KEY WORDS AND UNDERLYING CONCEPTS

Business Environment	Sum total of external forces or factors
Opportunities	Positive external trends which help of form to improve performance
Threats	Negative external trains which hamper a firm's performance
Specific forces	Affect individual enterprises directly and immediately
General forces	Affect a large number of firms and may affect an individual firm only indirectly
Relativity	Differs from region to region

KEY WORDS AND UNDERLYING CONCEPTS

Complexity	Includes closely interrelated factors
Uncertainty	Difficult to predict future happenings
Social environment	sum total of societies beliefs, customs, practices and behaviour
Technological environment	Invention of new machines, upgrading technology
Legal environment	Set of rules , regulations and laws of land
Political environment	Attitude of elected government representatives towards business

KEY WORDS AND UNDERLYING CONCEPTS

Liberalisation	Abolition of licences
Privatisation	Disinvestment of public sector
Globalisation	Integration of economy with rest of the world



