

## Daily Mains Practice Answer 20-07-2026

**Q. Examine how caste and religion intersect in shaping access to affirmative action in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words)**

**Direction:** Intro-----Intersection of caste and religion-----Conclusion.

### Introduction:

Define Affirmative actions, with some examples in India.

### Main Body

#### Intersection of caste & religion

- Caste as a primary criterion - Under Articles 15 and 16, the President can appoint commissions under Article 340, etc.
- Religion & SC Status - Restrict SC status to Hindus, Sikhs & Buddhists, excluding Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians.
- OBC reservation - Based on social & educational backwardness, backward classes from all religions can avail OBC reservation.
- Persistent of caste after conversion - Conversion often does not eliminate caste-based exclusion, raising concerns about unequal treatment.
- Judicial Interventions - Cases like Indra Sawhney (1992) upheld the caste-based reservation, but limit their scope - highlight tension between caste and religion.

### Conclusion:

Conclude with a positive note - as these measures led to the upliftment of historically backward sections (or) rights & an evidence-based framework is needed to further improve society.