

Wednesday.

27 Dec 2023.

Q.

How was the ongoing Red Sea and Panama Canal crises could affect World Trade?

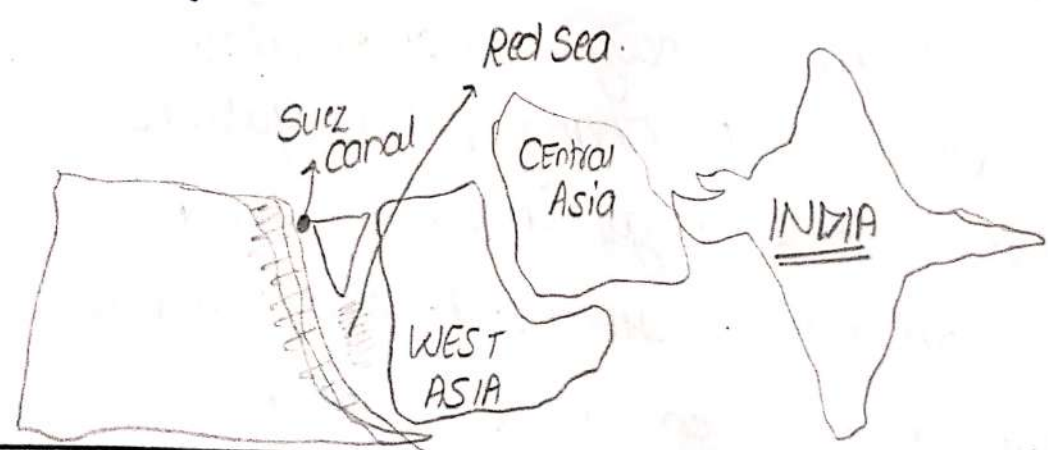
Discuss its implications for India (150 words).

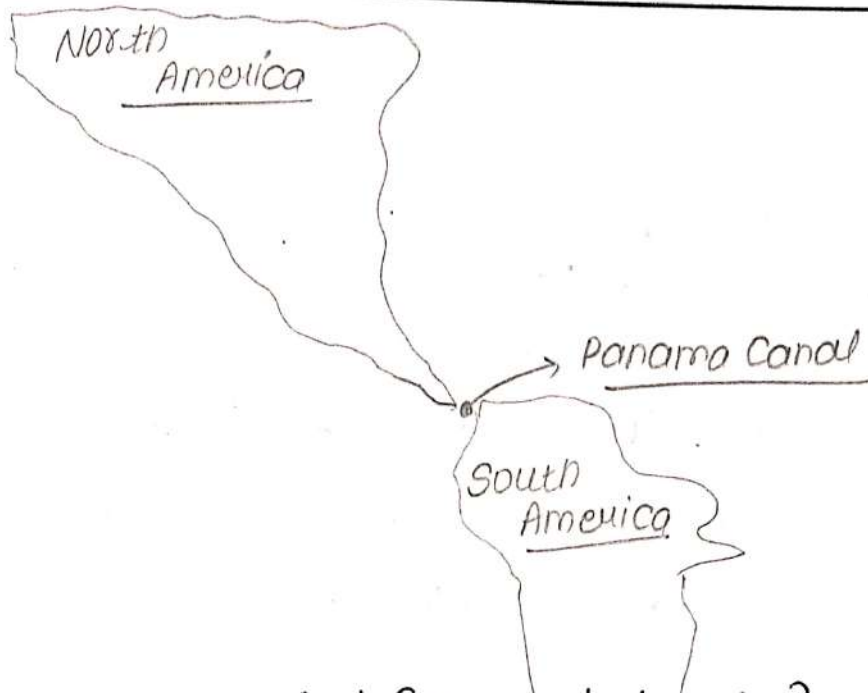
Soln.

Recently Red Sea attacks and Panama Canal crises drought have affected the World Trade significantly as these are the major choke points of Global Trade.

Issues with Panama Canal?

- 1> Shipping via Panama Canal has dropped by 50% due to drought conditions. Due to shortage of water.
- 2> Panama Canal is an critical choke point of Global maritime transportation.
- 3> Vital link between Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. Cost effective route and time saving also.
- 4> It plays a crucial role in global supply chains, supporting the movement of various goods.





### Significance of Red Sea and Issues?

Red sea is a vital Global-trade route, with 100% of world's trade and 20% of oil transportation is through Red Sea.

It is way to Suez Canal.

Connects Red Sea with Arabian Sea.

And Connects Mediterranea Sea with Indian Ocean.

### Issues :-

- (1) Houthi - Israel Conflict: Recently ongoing conflict between houthi - Israel is tightening the Geopolitical Dynamics of Red sea.
- (2) Escalating tension b/w Gaza - Israel Conflict
- (3) Declining US soft power and increasing China's influence.

Implications on India: 1

- ① Oil transportation, prices of goods and commodities will increase.
- ② Especially oil price will rise significantly.
- ③ China's rising influence is for some problematic for India's diplomatic relations.

Qo

Loneliness is a fertilizer of other diseases  
• In this context, discuss India's response to the loneliness epidemic (250 words)?

Sd<sup>n</sup>.

Loneliness is a temporary feeling that can give the body a strong feeling of something missing for survival. And it can have a long lasting impact on physical and mental health of the person.

India's status in loneliness: 1

According to NSSO study. About 49.1 lakh people were living alone and suffered from loneliness.

Why its concern as a public health?

↳ It works as a catalyst for many other diseases

↳ It give Birth to mental disorders, Anxiety, depression etc.

Reasons of Loneliness :-

- (1) Changing family structure: People prefer more nuclear family than joint families.
- (2) Social Media: Social media has uniformly leads to loneliness.
- (3) Covid 19 Pandemic: As people and youth were isolated at their respective spaces.
- (4) Higher Climate Change: Farmers are committing suicide due to irregularities in monsoon.
- (5) Social Inequality: People who are marginalised communities goes through loneliness intensely.

Way Forward :-

- (1) People should spend more time with their family members, friends physically not socially.
- (2) Awareness Generation should be there regarding mental disorder and Health. and Tobacco should be removed.

- (3) Government should invest more on Infrastructure and mental health facilities
- (4) Behavioural change: Policy implementation will do its work but attitudinal change is must to overcome this problem.

So proper focus on it with proper comprehensive framework along with Attitudinal change will work for removing this loneliness epidemic ~~in~~ huge population of India.