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⊕ Probable questions for Quiz:

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- Political Party is
- major inputting device
- Democratic built by?
- Obama aggregate whom?
- Syndrome of dominant party.

Civil Society

⊕ Civil Society:

- never try to achieve power
 - works only for people
 - completely out of profit - no business
 - no political party.
- ⇒ is comprised of groups or organizations working for the interest of the citizens but operating outside of the governmental and profit sector.
- referred as Civil Sector in U.S.

* National Security:

- not only protect the border but also to protect the people inside the border.

- free from fear,
free from hunger. } human security
- Mahbub ul Haq

* Who are the civil society?

- voluntary organisation
- social welfare organisations
- community based organisations
- ~~res~~ research organisations
- advocacy groups and media.

- Religious leaders
- faith communities
- youth groups
- grassroots associations
- activities at local level.

- social media can also influence people.

* Are NGOs civil society?

- in Bangladesh seem to have become a natural entry in civil society because of their role in various sectors.
- but all NGOs should not be considered as part of the civil society.

* Role of Civil Society in Bangladesh:

(i) Academic Research, Dissemination and Publication:

- Academic research is the channel for finding out the cause and effect of a social problem more systematically.
- provide policy recommendations
- CPD, BEZ, BIZSS.

(ii) Advocacy and Watchdog:

- watchdog and advocacy role in various human rights issues.
- Ain O Shalish Kendra (ASK)
 - independent judiciary
 - police reforms
 - ~~extra~~ judicial killing
 - Curfew in country
- ~~ODH~~ Odhikar
- Bangladesh Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA)

(iii) Producing Policy Papers and Policy Briefings:

- research on specific issues to contribute to public policy making.
- CPD
- PPA of NSU, BIDA of BRAC

(iv) Civil Society - Donor Partnership:

- due to limited resources, most of the NGOs depend on aid donors.
- BRAC initiatives
 - family planning programmes
 - primary education
 - gender equality
 - women's empowerment.

(v) Governance Role:

- proactive role in promoting democracy in Bangladesh.
- Ershad Regime in 80s.
- current role in promoting good governance.

(vi) ~~Security~~ Securitisation:

- creates awareness among the mass people and the policy makers about various issues such as dysfunctional politics, terrorism, minority rights, human rights, corruption, freedom of speech and so on.

(vii) Providing security to Target Groups:

- contribution in providing livelihood, food, health services and protection of minority rights.
- Bangladesh Pratibondhi Foundation (BPF)
- Community Development Library (CDL)

~~Community~~

- centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed
(~~CRP~~ CRP)
- OXFAM Bangladesh.

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⊗ Limits of Civil Society in Bangladesh.

⇒ For a matured and tolerant democracy, a robust civil society is inevitable.

- similarly, without a strong democracy, building an effective civil society is unrealistic.

⇒ Limits:

① Partisan Tendencies of Civil Society:

- civil society in particular some intellectuals and civil society organizations (CSOs) are directly or indirectly involved in partisan politics.

⇒ Blue ⇒ BAL | Pink ⇒ Leftist
White ⇒ BNP

(ii) Civil Society can't function in Authoritarian or Immature Democracy.

- civil society must be allowed to express the virtue of their knowledge to prosper the nation and society.
- for a democratic government a strong civil society is not necessary.
 - Japan, France, Spain \Rightarrow weak civil society.

(iii) Patron - Client Relations

- the patron-client relationship and dependence on donor agencies ultimately jeopardise the effectiveness of CSOs, and damage the interests of the nation.
 - Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh

(iv) Lack of Interaction between Civil Society and Government:

- the civilian bureaucrats are reluctant to take into account the policy recommendations from the civil society.

Reason:

① habitual bureaucratic mentality not to accept new ideas.

② due to lack of clear idea about what civil society is.

✓ Limited Resources:

- CSOs are required to have a vast resource to resolve the number of socio-economic problems in Bangladesh.

✱ Recommendations:

① Civil Society members or organizations must stop partisan politics.

② They must close down the patron-client relations.

③ Giving a clear boundary of civil society based on their activities and motivations is needed.

④ Civil society must provide critical evaluation of public policy.

✓ Must focusing more on marginalized groups.
(Children, Women)


✓ Minimizing the differences between political parties during crisis.

Mass Media & Public Opinion

⊗ Definitions:

- Mass media is the means of communication that reach very large numbers of people in a very short time.
- newspaper, magazines, radio, television, and the internet.

⊗ Evolution of Mass Media:

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- Church / Gather people in market
 - Pigeon
 - Personal messenger
 - Newspaper
 - Radio
 - Television
 - Internet
 - Social media

⊗ Influence of mass media:

- in many cases, the mass media is the only source that the general people relies on for news.
- Neil Armstrong landed on the moon - 1969

⊗ Role of mass media:

- plays a major role in shaping public opinion.
- creating awareness
- changing public perceptions
- putting pressure on governments.
- contribute to communal harmony, peacemaking and conflict management.

⊗ Mass media and Politics:

- modern campaigns depends on television
 - ~~prof~~ professional marketing consultant package and sell them like product.
- Political scientist ~~Karl~~ Karl W. Deutsch showed how modernization and nationalism can be measured by the increase of mass media.
- political system and communication system parallel one another.

⊗ Mass media in the U.S.:

- 1910 ⇒ U.S. had more than 2600 daily newspapers.
- 1960 ⇒ 80% newspaper readers ⇒ U.S.
 - now fewer than 35%.
 - young people almost near to 0%.

⊕ Radio:

- Radio was popular between the two world wars.
- popular for news, comments, ~~pol~~ political address etc.
- Roosevelt's
 - founder of democratic party
 - "fireside chats" radio program was influential.

~~1933~~

- March 1933 to June 1944
 - 30 speeches broadcast via radio
- after 1950 radio became less important
 - due to television - offer video footage

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