

1. Essay Evaluation

1. Consistency

Thematic Uniformity

Strengths:

- The essay broadly sticks to the central theme of **globalisation as a boon or bane** and discusses its impact on various aspects like economy, culture, and employment.
- Key issues such as **technological exchange, economic opportunities, sovereignty risks, and cultural dilution** are touched upon.

Areas of Improvement:

- Some parts of the essay deviate from the core argument or include points that are not well-connected.
Example: The discussion on **homosexuality and same-sex marriage** in the context of cultural acceptance through globalisation feels **loosely connected** to the essay's primary economic and political discourse. While cultural impact is relevant, it could be framed **more directly** in terms of **shifts in traditional societal norms due to globalisation**.
Suggestion: Reframe or elaborate on how globalisation directly influences cultural legislation and acceptance of progressive values globally.

Balanced Coverage

Strengths:

- The essay incorporates **economic, social, and technological perspectives**.
- It includes **real-world examples** such as the **COVID-19 vaccine distribution, digital economy platforms (Airbnb), and missions like LUPEX & NISAR**.

Areas of Improvement:

- **Underexplored Dimensions:**

- The political dimension of globalisation (e.g., international trade agreements, influence of global institutions like WTO, IMF) is largely missing.
- The environmental impact of globalisation is minimally addressed (except for a brief mention of climate change and CFC elimination).
- Ethical concerns, such as the widening gap between developing and developed nations due to exploitative trade policies, should be expanded.

Suggestion: Expand on geopolitical influence, global inequalities, and environmental sustainability to provide a more balanced analysis.

Logical Consistency

Strengths:

- The arguments progress logically from benefits to challenges.
- The economic and industrial aspects are well-supported with examples of employment opportunities, supply chains, and digital platforms.

Areas of Improvement:

- Some claims lack supporting evidence.

Example: The mention of “globalisation leading to sweatshopping and financial imperialism” is a strong claim but lacks examples or statistics to substantiate it.

Suggestion: Support such claims with data or real-world case studies (e.g., sweatshops in Bangladesh, China’s Belt and Road Initiative).

2. Coherency

Logical Sequence

Strengths:

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- The essay starts with defining globalisation, followed by its advantages, challenges, and finally, a conclusion with recommendations.
- The progression from economic benefits to negative externalities is clear.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some sections feel disconnected.
Example: The transition from economic aspects (investment, job creation) to cultural aspects (same-sex marriage, cultural dilution) is abrupt.
Suggestion: Use a bridging paragraph that introduces cultural impact in the context of economic liberalisation and migration trends.

Transitions and Connectors

✓ Strengths:

- Good use of transition phrases like "For example," "Thus," and "Another issue is."
- Logical connectors help in moving between different ideas.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some abrupt transitions between ideas.
Example: The paragraph discussing sovereignty risks due to private sector involvement in the space industry jumps suddenly to financial imperialism.
Suggestion: Use explicit linking sentences such as:
 - *"The increasing role of multinational corporations in critical sectors raises concerns about financial dominance, often termed as financial imperialism."*

Thematic Linkage

✓ Strengths:

- The essay stays broadly focused on globalisation's impact.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

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- Some arguments appear isolated.

Example: The mention of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam in the conclusion is relevant but feels abrupt and disconnected from the economic and political arguments preceding it.

Suggestion: Introduce this earlier and weave it throughout the essay while discussing global cooperation, humanitarian aid, or international institutions like UN, WHO, WTO.

3. Content

Depth and Relevance

Strengths:

- The essay provides a broad discussion on the impact of globalisation, covering economic, technological, and social dimensions.
- Relevant contemporary examples like COVID-19 vaccine distribution, digital economy platforms (Airbnb), and LUPEX & NISAR space missions enhance the argument.

Areas of Improvement:

- Some arguments remain generic and need deeper analysis.

Example:

- The discussion on employment generation should differentiate between low-skilled and high-skilled job creation and examine how globalisation affects wage disparity in developing nations.
- The section on sweatshops and financial imperialism lacks empirical backing.

Suggestion:

- Include real-world statistics or research studies (e.g., reports from WTO, IMF, or case studies of China's manufacturing sector).
- Analyze cause-effect relationships (e.g., how globalisation impacts job migration, automation, and gig economy growth).

Factual Accuracy

 **Strengths:**

- The essay provides **real-world case studies** (COVID-19, space missions, digital economy).
- **Mention of Base Erosion Profit Shifting (BEPS) and Anti-Dumping Policy** adds credibility.

 **Areas of Improvement:**

- Some **assertions lack verification**.

Example:

- The claim that **globalisation leads to financial imperialism** is broad and **should include data** (e.g., impact of IMF/World Bank policies on indebted nations).
- **The mention of cultural dilution** (same-sex marriage, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam) is loosely tied to globalisation **without strong supporting arguments**.

Suggestion:

- **Use quantitative data** (e.g., GDP growth of countries that embraced globalisation vs. those that resisted).
- **Clarify connections** between cultural change and economic liberalisation (e.g., the role of global media, social media, and migration).

Balanced Perspective

 **Strengths:**

- The essay discusses both **benefits** (economic growth, cooperation, employment, technology transfer) and **challenges** (inequality, cultural dilution, sovereignty risks).

 **Areas of Improvement:**

- Some arguments appear **one-sided or lack counterpoints**.

Example:

- The **sovereignty risk argument** (private sector in space industry) assumes only **negative consequences** without acknowledging **potential advantages** (e.g., innovation, reduced state burden).

Suggestion:

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- Provide a counter-perspective (e.g., how FDI and multinational corporations benefit developing nations through knowledge transfer and industrial development).

Multidimensional Approach

✓ Strengths:

- Covers economic, social, and technological aspects.
- Discusses policies like BEPS and trade regulations.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Missing or underdeveloped dimensions:

- Political: Role of global institutions (WTO, IMF, UN) in shaping globalisation.
- Environmental: Impact of industrialisation and global trade on climate change, carbon footprint, and resource depletion.
- Historical: How globalisation evolved (e.g., post-WWII economic order, neoliberalism).
- Ethical: Debate on exploitation vs. opportunity for workers in developing nations.

Suggestion:

- Incorporate these dimensions with relevant examples (e.g., climate agreements like the Paris Accord, historical trade liberalisation policies).

Examples and Case Studies

✓ Strengths:

- Uses contemporary examples (e.g., COVID-19 response, digital platforms, space missions).

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- More depth in case studies.

Example:

- Instead of a general mention of "sweatshops," include a case study on Bangladesh's garment industry or China's supply

chain dominance.

Suggestion:

- **Strengthen arguments with country comparisons** (e.g., contrast China's success with India's challenges in attracting FDI).

4. Introduction

Engaging Hook

Strengths:

- The essay opens with a quote from Mo Ibrahim, which is a good strategy for engagement.

Areas of Improvement:

- The opening sentence lacks an immediate emotional or intellectual impact.

Suggestion:

- Instead of a generic definition, consider a more compelling hook:
 - A thought-provoking question: “Is globalisation truly a bridge to prosperity, or just a tool for economic dominance?”
 - A historical reference: “When India opened its economy in 1991, it embraced a wave of globalisation that reshaped its industries, jobs, and culture—was it for the better?”
 - A statistical fact: “Over 60% of global trade flows through multinational corporations—who really benefits from globalisation?”

Context Setting

Strengths:

- The introduction mentions the Constitution and India's adoption of external policies, providing some historical relevance.

Areas of Improvement:

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- Lack of clear historical context:

Example:

- The mention of India's Constitution (1949) seems disconnected from the main argument.

Suggestion:

- Instead, mention 1991's LPG reforms (Liberalisation, Privatisation, and Globalisation), which directly impacted India's integration into the global economy.

Central Theme or Thesis Statement

✓ Strengths:

- The essay states that globalisation is both a boon and a bane, which is a clear thesis statement.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Scope is unclear:

- The introduction does not clearly outline the dimensions (economic, cultural, political, etc.) to be discussed.

Suggestion:

- Add a clear roadmap in the introduction:
"This essay explores the economic benefits of globalisation, its cultural and social consequences, and the geopolitical risks it poses to developing nations."

5. Conclusion

Summarizing the Core Argument

✓ Strengths:

- The conclusion attempts to bring together the various facets of globalisation discussed in the essay.
- It includes a reference to Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, reinforcing the idea of global unity.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

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- The summary is vague and lacks clarity.
 - It does not explicitly recap the key takeaways from the discussion on economic, political, social, and cultural impacts.
Example:
 - The conclusion briefly mentions financial imperialism and cultural dilution but does not tie them back to the essay's main arguments on economic growth, trade policies, and employment.
- **Suggestion:**
 - A strong conclusion should succinctly restate the central theme in a structured way:
"While globalisation has significantly contributed to economic expansion, technological progress, and cultural exchange, it also raises concerns about economic dependence, sovereignty risks, and cultural homogenization. The need of the hour is a balanced approach that maximizes benefits while mitigating risks."

Visionary or Inspirational Tone

✓ Strengths:

- The essay attempts to end with a philosophical note, referencing the middle path of Gautam Buddha.
- The call for resilience (mentioning Klaus Schwab's perspective) adds an interesting dimension.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The conclusion lacks a powerful, forward-looking vision.
 - It does not propose concrete solutions or policy recommendations for how nations can navigate globalisation effectively.
Example:
 - The final note on "following the middle path" is philosophical but not action-oriented.
Suggestion:
 - End with a strong, optimistic call to action, such as:
"The future of globalisation lies in responsible governance, ethical

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trade practices, and inclusive economic policies. As nations adapt to the evolving global order, cooperation, sustainability, and equity must guide our approach to ensure a just and prosperous world for all.”

Rhetorical Techniques

✓ Strengths:

- The essay uses philosophical references and metaphors like “*financial imperialism*” and “*cultural dilution*.”

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The conclusion lacks rhythm, rhetorical devices, and poetic impact.

Suggestion:

- Use powerful closing statements that resonate with the reader:
“Globalisation is not inherently good or bad—it is a tool. And like any tool, its impact depends on how we wield it. As the world grows smaller, our responsibility grows larger—to ensure that globalisation remains a force for equity, not exploitation.”

6. Additional Checklist ✓

Language and Grammar

✓ Strengths:

- The language is formal and appropriate for an analytical essay.
- Use of relevant terminology like Base Erosion Profit Shifting (BEPS), Anti-Dumping Policy, and economic crises adds credibility.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some grammatical inconsistencies and awkward sentence structures.

Example:

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- “Another issue is of commodification, now selling things become publicity and moral, ethical values kept aside.” (Incorrect structure)
Correction:
 - “Another issue is commodification, where the sale of goods is driven by publicity rather than ethical or moral considerations.”
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Tone and Style

✓ Strengths:

- The tone is largely formal and analytical, as expected in a UPSC essay.
- The arguments are framed objectively without excessive emotional bias.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some sections become too informal (e.g., casual references to "sweatshopping ends").

Suggestion:

- Maintain a formal and scholarly tone throughout, using precise language such as:
“The proliferation of exploitative labor conditions in developing nations highlights the need for stronger international labor regulations.”
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Word Limit and Focus

✓ Strengths:

- The essay is comprehensive and likely falls within an appropriate word limit for an exam setting.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Redundancy in explanations.

Example:

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- The discussion on employment generation is repeated in different sections without adding new insights.
Suggestion:
- Remove repetitive explanations and allocate space to underexplored topics like geopolitical impacts and trade imbalances.

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1. Consistency

Thematic Uniformity

✓ Strengths:

- The essay largely remains aligned with the central theme by consistently discussing how globalisation has led to populism and protectionism.
- Examples like the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, the 1991 LPG reforms in India, and digital protectionism (data localisation policies) directly contribute to the theme.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The discussion on colonialism and the East India Company (EIC) seems somewhat off-track. While historical references are useful, this section focuses too much on colonial exploitation rather than how modern globalisation leads to protectionism.
- The discussion on digital protectionism is relevant but could be more explicitly linked to how it challenges global integration.
- The essay briefly touches upon environmental concerns, but it should explicitly state how protectionism arises as a response to global environmental challenges.

💡 Suggested Improvement:

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- Trim excessive historical background on colonialism and instead focus on post-WWII economic protectionism (e.g., Bretton Woods System, Cold War trade blocs).
- Ensure each section explicitly connects back to the central theme rather than diverging into general discussions on capitalism.

Balanced Coverage

✓ Strengths:

- The essay does well in covering multiple dimensions, including economic, political, and technological aspects of globalisation and protectionism.
- The discussion on the 1991 economic crisis and LPG reforms adds a strong economic perspective.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The social and cultural dimensions of protectionism are underexplored.
 - Example: Rise of nationalism and identity politics as a reaction to globalisation.
 - Example: Cultural protectionism (e.g., France's restrictions on English words in media to preserve the French language).
- The geopolitical aspect could be expanded by discussing protectionist policies like trade wars (e.g., US-China trade war) and Brexit.

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Include a discussion on how globalisation has impacted local identities and why protectionist movements arise to counter these changes.
- Add a section on geopolitical protectionism (trade wars, supply chain reconfigurations).

Logical Consistency

✓ Strengths:

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- Most arguments follow a **logical sequence** and provide **cause-effect relationships** (e.g., how economic crises lead to protectionist policies).

Areas of Improvement:

- Some **transitions between sections** are abrupt.
- The jump from the **economic crisis of 1991** to **digital protectionism** feels disconnected.

Suggested Improvement:

- Use **transition sentences** that connect economic, political, and digital protectionism as part of a broader trend.
- Instead of suddenly moving to digital protectionism, first discuss technological shifts in globalisation and then introduce digital data policies.

2. Coherency

Logical Sequence

Strengths:

- The essay progresses in a generally logical manner, beginning with historical contexts, then discussing economic crises, and later moving into modern protectionist policies.

Areas of Improvement:

- The **order of arguments** could be refined to enhance readability.
- The **discussion on environmental protectionism** appears suddenly, without a strong link to previous sections.

Suggested Improvement:

- Rearrange the structure as follows for better coherence:
 1. **Introduction** (Define globalisation, introduce populism and protectionism)

2. **Economic Protectionism** (Trade restrictions, tariffs, crises like 1991 LPG reforms)
3. **Geopolitical Protectionism** (Trade wars, economic sanctions, regionalism like Brexit)
4. **Technological & Digital Protectionism** (Data localisation, AI & cybersecurity laws)
5. **Cultural Protectionism** (Westernisation backlash, language laws, identity politics)
6. **Environmental Protectionism** (Green tariffs, EU carbon tax)
7. **Conclusion** (Way forward: selective liberalisation, balancing globalisation & sovereignty)

Transitions and Connectors

✓ Strengths:

- Some sections flow well, especially when discussing capitalism's link to protectionism.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The shift from trade protectionism to environmental concerns lacks a smooth transition.
- No clear transition from digital protectionism to the broader economic perspective.

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Use bridging sentences like:
 - “While economic crises drive protectionist measures, technological advancements introduce new forms of protectionism, such as data localisation and cybersecurity policies.”
 - “Beyond economic and geopolitical concerns, cultural anxieties have also fueled protectionist sentiments, leading to movements that resist Western cultural dominance.”

Thematic Linkage

✓ Strengths:

- The central idea of globalisation vs. protectionism is clear throughout the essay.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some paragraphs read like independent discussions rather than a connected argument.
- The historical discussion on colonialism feels loosely tied to the main thesis.

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Add summary sentences at the end of each section to tie back to the main argument (e.g., "This illustrates how globalisation's economic promises often lead to counter-movements seeking protection from its disruptions").

3. Content Evaluation

Depth and Relevance

✓ Strengths:

- The essay addresses the core theme well, discussing how globalisation fuels protectionism.
- It includes economic, technological, and environmental aspects to illustrate the topic.
- Strong arguments on trade barriers, digital protectionism, and environmental tariffs provide depth.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some sections lack depth and appear generic:
 - The cultural impact of protectionism is only briefly mentioned and needs more elaboration.

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- The social and ethical perspectives of protectionist policies (e.g., their impact on migration, labor laws, or nationalism) are underexplored.
- The environmental discussion is underdeveloped—it should connect back to economic protectionism rather than being a separate point.

Suggested Improvement:

- Instead of just stating that protectionism exists, examine its deeper causes. For example:
 - How does income inequality drive protectionist sentiments?
 - What role does AI and automation play in fueling anti-globalisation policies?
- Discuss the social consequences of protectionism, such as:
 - How it impacts labor migration (e.g., tighter immigration laws due to economic nationalism).
 - How it affects employment and wages (e.g., companies shifting operations to avoid tariffs).

Factual Accuracy

Strengths:

- The essay cites relevant real-world examples like:
 - 1991 LPG reforms in India (economic protectionism).
 - EU Carbon Border Tax (environmental protectionism).
 - Digital data protection policies (e.g., GDPR).
- Historical references to capitalism and global trade liberalisation add credibility.

Areas of Improvement:

- The reference to colonialism and the East India Company (EIC) is historically accurate but somewhat misplaced.
 - The essay compares colonialism to globalisation, but it doesn't fully explain how protectionist policies emerged post-colonialism.

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- Modern trade restrictions and global supply chain shifts should be emphasized instead.

Suggested Improvement:

- Replace colonial-era protectionism with modern trade conflicts, such as:
 - US-China Trade War and its impact on supply chains.
 - Brexit and its consequences on European protectionism.
 - Post-COVID economic nationalism (e.g., vaccine nationalism, reshoring of industries).

Balanced Perspective

Strengths:

- The essay acknowledges both the benefits and risks of globalisation and protectionism.
- It discusses why countries adopt protectionist policies while still highlighting negative consequences.

Areas of Improvement:

- The positive impacts of protectionism are not well explored.
 - Protectionism isn't always bad—some policies help domestic industries grow and ensure economic stability.
 - For instance, India's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India) initiative promotes domestic manufacturing through strategic protectionism.
 - Some data localisation laws safeguard national security and digital sovereignty.

Suggested Improvement:

- Include a discussion on how selective protectionism can be beneficial, such as:
 - How tariffs can shield struggling industries from foreign competition.

- How protectionist policies promote domestic R&D (e.g., China's focus on semiconductor self-reliance).
 - How countries use protectionism to ensure food and energy security.
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Multidimensional Approach

✓ Strengths:

- The essay touches on economic, political, and technological aspects.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Cultural and social protectionism is barely discussed.
 - Example: How national identity plays a role in anti-globalisation movements.
 - Example: How protectionism affects international labor markets and migration policies.
- The legal aspect of globalisation vs. protectionism is missing.
 - Example: How WTO rules prevent extreme protectionism but allow strategic interventions.
 - Example: How trade agreements (e.g., RCEP, NAFTA) impact national policies.

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Discuss how protectionist policies shape cultural and demographic trends.
 - Introduce the role of global institutions (WTO, IMF, World Bank) in moderating protectionism.
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Examples and Case Studies

✓ Strengths:

- Uses strong case studies such as:
 - India's LPG reforms of 1991
 - EU's Carbon Tax

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- Digital data protection laws

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- More diverse examples needed:
 - Instead of focusing mostly on India and Europe, include global perspectives (e.g., US, China, Latin America).
 - Mention how protectionism affects developing vs. developed countries differently.
 - Include case studies on trade wars (e.g., US-China disputes over semiconductors, tariffs, intellectual property rights).

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Use comparative analysis:
 - How does India's approach to protectionism differ from the EU or China?
 - How do different regions (Asia, Latin America, Africa) balance globalisation and protectionism?

4. Introduction Evaluation

Engaging Hook

✓ Strengths:

- The introduction starts with a strong quote:
 - *"Globalisation is a monolithic force but an evolving set of consequences—some good, some bad, and some unintended."*

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The opening could be more compelling by starting with:
 - A contemporary example (e.g., *"Brexit and the US-China trade war highlight how globalisation has fueled economic nationalism and protectionist policies worldwide."*).
 - A thought-provoking question (*"Is globalisation truly an engine of progress, or has it become a double-edged sword fueling protectionism?"*).

Suggested Improvement:

- Start with a **strong contemporary example** before introducing the quote.
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Context Setting

Strengths:

- The introduction **defines globalisation** and mentions **protectionism as a reaction to it**.

Areas of Improvement:

- The historical context is too focused on colonialism rather than modern trade protectionism.

Suggested Improvement:

- Instead of starting with colonialism, provide a **modern economic context**, such as:
 - **1991 Economic Crisis (India)**
 - **2008 Financial Crisis and Rise of Populism (Trump, Brexit, US-China Trade War)**
 - **COVID-19 and the shift toward economic nationalism**
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Central Theme or Thesis Statement

Strengths:

- The thesis is **clearly mentioned**: "*Globalisation has triggered populism and protectionism, challenging global integration.*"

Areas of Improvement:

- The introduction does not preview the essay's structure.
- The **scope of discussion** (economic, political, cultural, environmental) is not clearly outlined.

 **Suggested Improvement:**

- Include a **thesis roadmap**, such as:
 - *"This essay will explore the causes and consequences of protectionism across economic, political, and technological dimensions, analyzing its impact on global integration."*

5. Conclusion Evaluation

Summarizing the Core Argument

 **Strengths:**

- The conclusion reinforces the central theme by discussing the balance between globalisation and protectionism.
- It summarizes the key argument that protectionism, while often seen as a necessary counter to globalisation, must be managed strategically to avoid economic isolation.

 **Areas of Improvement:**

- The summary feels somewhat rushed—it does not clearly restate the essay's main arguments (economic, political, technological, and cultural dimensions).
- Some points are repeated from earlier sections without adding new insights.

 **Suggested Improvement:**

- The conclusion should briefly restate the key ideas in a structured manner, such as:
 - **Economic Dimension:** The balance between global trade and domestic protectionism (e.g., WTO regulations, tariff wars).
 - **Political Dimension:** The rise of nationalism and digital sovereignty laws (e.g., data localisation, Brexit, trade blocs).
 - **Technological Dimension:** The impact of digital protectionism and supply chain dependencies.
 - **Cultural/Social Impact:** How globalisation influences national identity, consumerism, and labor migration policies.

✓ Revised Summary Example:

"While globalisation fosters economic integration, it simultaneously fuels protectionist measures aimed at safeguarding national interests. The trade-offs between open markets and strategic protectionism shape global economic policies, influence national sovereignty, and impact social structures. From tariffs to digital data protection, nations must navigate the delicate balance between economic resilience and global cooperation."

Visionary or Inspirational Tone

✓ Strengths:

- The conclusion acknowledges the importance of balance, advocating for a measured approach to globalisation rather than extreme economic nationalism.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The ending does not leave a strong lasting impression—it lacks an inspirational or forward-looking message.
- The call to action is vague—it mentions solutions but does not emphasize their importance in shaping the future.

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- The conclusion should end on a hopeful, solution-oriented note, such as:
 - *"The future of globalisation is not about choosing between open markets and protectionism but about finding a sustainable middle path. Strategic policies that ensure economic security while fostering international cooperation will define the next era of globalization. As nations move forward, they must embrace innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability to build a resilient global economy."*

✓ Revised Ending Example:

"The choice before us is not between protectionism and globalisation but between reckless isolation and strategic resilience. A world that integrates global trade with national security can create a system that is both fair and forward-looking. The challenge is not whether to globalise, but how to do so

equitably—where economies thrive, cultures coexist, and nations progress together."

Rhetorical Techniques

✓ Strengths:

- The essay attempts to use rhetorical devices, such as repetition of key themes (e.g., protectionism vs. globalisation).
- There is some use of parallel structure to emphasize the arguments.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The conclusion does not employ strong rhetorical devices like:
 - Metaphors (e.g., "Globalisation and protectionism are two sides of the same coin—one drives growth, the other safeguards stability.")
 - Contrasts (e.g., "We must choose between short-term protectionist gains and long-term global prosperity.")
 - Poetic or rhythmic phrasing for impact (e.g., "Trade builds bridges, not barriers; cooperation fuels progress, not isolation.")

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Integrate stronger rhetorical elements to elevate the emotional appeal of the final message.

✓ Revised Rhetorical Conclusion Example:

"In the grand chessboard of globalisation, every nation must decide—whether to retreat behind walls of protectionism or step forward with calculated resilience. Globalisation is not an enemy, nor is protectionism a savior. The future belongs to those who adapt, innovate, and embrace the dynamism of an interconnected world."

6. Additional Checklist

Language and Grammar

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✓ Strengths:

- The essay maintains a formal tone, avoiding colloquial expressions.
- Sentence structures are varied and mostly clear.
- Few grammatical errors were found.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- Some sentences are unnecessarily long and complex, making them hard to follow.
- There are minor spelling and syntactical inconsistencies (e.g., missing articles, incorrect subject-verb agreement).

💡 Suggested Improvement:

- Shorten lengthy sentences and break them into smaller, clearer points.
- Use precise language to improve readability.

✓ Example of Simplification:

✗ Original: "*Protectionist policies can be seen as a necessary measure by some economies in order to counteract the negative effects of globalisation that might lead to economic dependency and the erosion of national sovereignty.*"

✓ Improved: "*Some economies see protectionism as a shield against the risks of globalisation, such as economic dependence and loss of sovereignty.*"

Tone and Style

✓ Strengths:

- The essay maintains a neutral and analytical tone, suitable for a UPSC essay.
- It avoids personal opinions and relies on fact-based arguments.

✗ Areas of Improvement:

- The language could be more refined by using crisper, more authoritative phrasing.
- Some phrases feel repetitive—the essay revisits the same point without adding depth.

Suggested Improvement:

- Instead of restating the same argument in multiple ways, use synonyms or different angles to add depth to analysis.
- Maintain a formal, structured writing style, but infuse occasional rhetorical elements for engagement.

Word Limit and Focus

Strengths:

- The essay remains within a reasonable word limit.
- It avoids unnecessary fluff and stays mostly relevant to the topic.

Areas of Improvement:

- Some sections feel repetitive, particularly when re-explaining globalisation's impact.
- The historical context (colonialism, East India Company) is interesting but not fully necessary for the argument.

Suggested Improvement:

- Trim redundant sections that repeat points about globalisation fueling protectionism.
- Focus more on recent, real-world case studies rather than historical parallels.

Example of Focused Revision:

 Original: "*The East India Company's exploitative economic policies are an early example of how global economic integration can lead to economic dependency and eventual control over national policies, something we see today with major corporations influencing trade policies worldwide.*"

 Improved: "*Economic dependency in global trade is not new—historically seen in colonial trade practices and now reflected in multinational corporate influence over trade laws.*"

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✓ Thematic Uniformity:

- The essay maintains a **strong central theme** around the **future of globalization**, tracing its historical evolution, the impact of multipolarity, and the shift towards **economic and political deglobalization**.
- The inclusion of **historical references** (World War II, Cold War, 1991 USSR collapse, 1997 Asian Crisis, Washington Consensus) enhances **contextual depth**.
- Some sections, such as the **barter system analogy** (**Ramu-Rohan-Arshta**), while insightful, take up excessive space and could be integrated more succinctly into the broader economic discussion.

📌 **Improvement Suggestion:** The narrative about the **impact of globalization** on developing economies (e.g., India, China, Pakistan) is well covered, but **modern challenges** such as climate change, AI-driven globalization, and digital economies are underexplored.

✓ Balanced Coverage:

- Economic, political, and cultural aspects are well-covered.
- The environmental impact of globalization (climate change policies, carbon emissions, and sustainability measures) is missing.
- The technological dimension (AI, automation, digital trade, cryptocurrencies) could be **more detailed**.

📌 **Improvement Suggestion:** The essay could incorporate a discussion on **global supply chain disruptions** (COVID-19, Ukraine war, chip shortages) and their role in reshaping globalization.

✓ Logical Consistency:

- The historical progression from mercantilism to globalization, capitalism, and multipolarity is clear and logically structured.
- Some concepts are repeated (e.g., Margaret Thatcher & Ronald Reagan's influence is mentioned twice).

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- The sweatshop labor discussion appears twice in the intro and conclusion, making it redundant.

📌 Improvement Suggestion: Streamline redundant historical details and emphasize emerging trends instead.

2. Coherency

✓ Logical Sequence:

- The essay progresses smoothly from historical context → economic evolution → multipolar shift → future of globalization.
- The concluding paragraphs are somewhat rushed, lacking a strong final perspective.

📌 Improvement Suggestion: The conclusion should reinforce the thesis of multipolarity and suggest India's strategic role in the future of globalization.

✓ Transitions and Connectors:

- The narrative style is engaging, and transition words like "Meanwhile," "Post-1991," "Now," and "However" are used effectively.
- Some sections jump abruptly (e.g., the transition from China's debt-trap diplomacy to India's trade policy could be smoother).

📌 Improvement Suggestion: Ensure smoother transitions when switching topics by using linking sentences.

✓ Thematic Linkage:

- All paragraphs contribute to the main theme.
- The comparison of the barter system (Ramu-Rohan) to global trade is creative, but it could be shorter.

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💡 Improvement Suggestion: Relate Ramu-Rohan's barter trade more directly to international trade theories (e.g., Ricardo's Comparative Advantage).

Essay Evaluation: Question 3

Let's break down the evaluation into key parameters using the following framework:

1. Consistency 🌐

Thematic Uniformity:

- ✓ Strength: The essay maintains strong alignment with the topic of globalization in a multipolar world. It integrates historical context (World Wars, Cold War), contemporary dynamics (China, India, QUAD, and AUKUS), and future challenges.
- ⚠ Improvement Suggestion: Some sections, like the detailed village analogy (Ramu, Rohan, Sikandarpur), although creative, could be condensed to ensure tighter thematic focus. This portion could be better tied directly to globalization concepts.

Balanced Coverage:

- ✓ Strength: The essay covers multiple dimensions—economic (currency manipulation, trade), political (UN stance, strategic partnerships), cultural (identity dilution), and social impacts (employment and migration).
- ⚠ Underexplored Area: The environmental dimension is minimally discussed. Given the scope of globalization, this could be explored through discussions on sustainable development, carbon regulations, and environmental agreements.

Logical Consistency:

- ✓ Strength: The arguments are generally logical, moving from past influences (bipolar world) to modern-day challenges (trade wars,

multipolarity). The integration of historical examples builds a cohesive narrative.

- **⚠ Improvement Suggestion:** The flow could be slightly improved in sections where it jumps between economic and political arguments without strong transitions. For example, the leap from the Asian financial crisis to China's dominance could use smoother connectors.

2. Coherency

Logical Sequence:

- **✓ Strength:** The essay moves progressively through history—starting from historical globalization and colonial roots to the current multipolar global order. It ends with future prospects like India's and China's space programs, reflecting forward-looking analysis.
- **⚠ Suggestion:** Some segments in the middle (between the 1991 reforms and 2010 events) could be reorganized to avoid minor overlaps.

Transitions and Connectors:

- **✓ Strength:** There are several good use cases of linking phrases such as "in the same way" and "meanwhile," helping in transitions between ideas.
- **⚠ Improvement Suggestion:** Certain abrupt jumps, such as between China's debt trap policy and the Asian financial crisis, could benefit from smoother linking phrases like "building on this," or "further illustrating the global power dynamics."

Thematic Linkage:

- **✓ Strength:** Most sections contribute directly to the narrative of globalization's evolution, linking historical causes, modern consequences, and future directions.
- **⚠ Disjointed Sections:** The village analogy could be made more concise and explicitly tied to the broader theme to avoid sounding overly anecdotal.

3. Content Evaluation

Depth and Relevance

 **Strength:** The essay delves into several significant aspects of globalization, covering historical roots, current challenges, and future trajectories, particularly focusing on emerging powers like India and China. Discussions around trade wars, multipolarity, and digital capitalism showcase an insightful understanding of the topic.

⚠ Improvements:

- **Deeper analysis is required** in sections like digital imperialism (data-related threats) and environmental impacts. For example, the essay mentions data manipulation but could explore specific examples of data localization disputes, such as between India and global tech giants.
- **Cultural impacts** could benefit from a deeper dive into how cultural homogenization threatens local identities and traditions. The essay mentions identity erosion but lacks concrete examples of regions or groups affected.
- **Environmental concerns** are superficially addressed and could be expanded by discussing carbon tariffs, environmental globalization, or resource depletion due to overproduction.

Factual Accuracy

 **Strength:** The essay accurately references several historical and geopolitical facts, such as the 1991 Indian economic reforms, China's debt-trap diplomacy, and organizations like QUAD and AUKUS. The mention of real-world scenarios, such as Washington Consensus and balance-of-payment crises, adds to the essay's credibility.

⚠ Improvements:

- Providing **statistical backing or specific dates** for events like the Asian financial crisis or India's stance on WTO disputes would strengthen the factual basis.

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- The essay mentions China's role in currency manipulation and manufacturing dominance but could cite credible sources to substantiate claims.
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Balanced Perspective

 **Strength:** The essay maintains a balanced view by addressing both the positive aspects (economic growth, technology transfer, and geopolitical collaboration) and the negative aspects (cultural erosion, exploitation, and data security threats).

Improvements:

- Some areas lean towards a **negative bias** (e.g., excessive focus on exploitation or sweatshops) without equally emphasizing how globalization has lifted millions out of poverty and created opportunities for developing nations. Including case studies of successful global collaborations (like BRICS or ASEAN initiatives) could balance this.
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Multidimensional Approach

 **Strength:** The essay effectively covers social, economic, political, and cultural dimensions. It mentions geopolitical shifts, employment issues, trade policies, and digital transformations, making the argument holistic.

Improvements:

- Environmental and ethical dimensions** need more attention. For example, discussing how global supply chains contribute to environmental degradation or ethical dilemmas in sweatshops could make the essay more comprehensive.
 - Historical exploration** could be broadened to compare early forms of globalization (colonialism and mercantilism) with the current phase, emphasizing how the drivers have evolved.
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Examples and Case Studies

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✓ **Strength:** The essay includes relevant examples like China's debt-trap policy, India's strategic trade partnerships, and regional conflicts like the Asian financial crisis.

⚠ Improvements:

- **Expand examples related to environmental challenges or successes, such as the Paris Climate Agreement or carbon trading mechanisms.**
- **Include recent events (e.g., India's refusal to join RCEP or the ongoing US-China trade war) to make the analysis current and relevant.**

4. Introduction Evaluation ⏹

Engaging Hook 🎊

✓ **Strength:** The essay starts with a compelling quote by Deng Xiaoping, setting the stage for a discussion on strategic global growth.

⚠ Improvements:

- To further engage the reader, consider introducing a **thought-provoking statistic or anecdote** about globalization's impacts, such as how it reshaped entire economies (e.g., China's rise or India's software boom).

Context Setting 📚

✓ **Strength:** The introduction provides historical context by mentioning colonialism and the role of European powers in early globalization. The transition to modern challenges, including global trade wars and technological shifts, is smooth.

⚠ Improvements:

- **Define key terms upfront** such as "multipolar world" or "deglobalization" to ensure clarity.
- A brief mention of digital and environmental challenges could set broader expectations for the essay's scope.

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Central Theme or Thesis Statement

 **Strength:** The central thesis about globalization being reshaped by emerging powers like China and India is clearly articulated and drives the essay.

Improvements:

- The thesis could preview all major dimensions covered in the essay, such as political, economic, and cultural impacts. For example:
"This essay will explore how globalization, driven by emerging powers, is reshaping global trade, culture, technology, and environmental policies, resulting in both opportunities and challenges."

5. Conclusion Evaluation

Summarizing the Core Argument

 **Strength:** The conclusion summarizes key aspects, reiterating how globalization is being reshaped by emerging powers like China and India and how it presents both opportunities and challenges.

Improvements:

- The conclusion could be more concise in summarizing major dimensions like economic, political, and cultural aspects without overly reiterating points already discussed.
- Include a clearer takeaway message that reinforces the essay's core argument on the future trajectory of globalization. For example:
"Globalization, while creating complex interdependencies, can be harnessed as a tool for sustainable and inclusive growth if nations strike a balance between cooperation and protection."

Visionary or Inspirational Tone

 **Strength:** The conclusion offers a balanced and realistic perspective by acknowledging both challenges and opportunities.

Improvements:

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- End on a more hopeful or visionary note by emphasizing the role of responsible globalization in addressing pressing issues like climate change, data security, and global inequality.
- For example, end with an inspiring quote or call to action:
“Globalization must evolve into a force for shared prosperity, echoing the spirit of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,’ where the world works as one family to address common challenges.”

Rhetorical Techniques

 **Strength:** The essay uses quotes and historical references to provide depth.

Improvements:

- Incorporate rhetorical techniques like metaphors or allusions to create a lasting emotional impact. For example, you could compare globalization to a “double-edged sword” or a “river that carries both prosperity and peril, depending on how it is navigated.”

6. Additional Checklist

Language and Grammar

 **Strength:** The language is generally formal and suitable for a UPSC essay. Most arguments are well-framed, with minimal spelling errors.

Improvements:

- A few sentence constructions are wordy and could be simplified for clarity and precision. For example:
“India took a decided stand by voting in the UN Security Council” could be shortened to:
“India asserted its stance by voting in the UN Security Council.”

Tone and Style

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✓ **Strength:** The essay maintains a professional tone and demonstrates analytical depth. The inclusion of global examples and policy references adds to its relevance and depth.

⚠ Improvements:

- Ensure that **complex ideas remain accessible**. Certain technical phrases (like “debt-trap diplomacy” or “platform capitalism”) could briefly be defined to improve readability.

Word Limit and Focus ⏳

✓ **Strength:** The essay adequately covers a broad range of dimensions without exceeding the typical UPSC word limit.

⚠ Improvements:

- **Trim redundant sections** that reiterate similar ideas (e.g., multiple mentions of protectionism could be consolidated). This will allow room for expanding underdeveloped sections like environmental impacts.
- **Consider reducing overused examples** to avoid repetition. For instance, references to India’s 1991 economic reforms could be summarized in one section rather than spread throughout the essay.