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Q3(b)

Affirmative Action Policies draw as much strong criticism as strong support. Analyze this statement in the context of equality

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Equality

Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.

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Articles 15(4) and 16(4)

Enable special provisions and reservation in education and public employment for backward classes.

Indra Sawhney (1992)

Upheld OBC reservation, stated a general 50 per cent ceiling, and required exclusion of the creamy layer.

M. Nagaraj (2006)

Set conditions of backwardness, inadequacy, and efficiency for SC/ST promotion reservation.

103rd Amendment, 2019

Inserted **Articles 15(6) and 16(6)** for economically weaker sections; upheld in **Janhit Abhiyan (2022)**.

Article 17

Abolition of untouchability, the civil-status background of Scheduled Caste measures.

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