

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q. 1. Give an account on the successes and failures of India over 60 years.

Ans. The successes of India over 60 years are—

- (i)** After sixty years of Independence India is still united and democratic.
- (ii)** There is a free press and an independent judiciary.
- (iii)** People speak different languages or practise different faiths and yet show unity in diversity.
- (iv)** Thirteen general elections and hundreds of state and local elections have been held since independence.

The failures of India over 60 years are—

- (i)** Deep divisions persist.
- (ii)** Despite constitutional guarantees the untouchables and the Dalits face violence and discrimination. They are not allowed access to water sources, temples, parks and other public places.
- (iii)** Despite being a secular country, there have been clashes between religious groups in many states.
- (iv)** Large gap exists between the rich and the poor.