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Q Has Caste lost its relevance in understanding multi-cultural Indian society? Elaborate your answer with illustration.

Good introduction
You were able to
Explain caste in
A simple and lucid
manner.

Caste is the most important social concept of Indian society. It can be defined as traditional, hereditary social stratification enforced by law or practice based on endogamy, occupation, economic status, race etc.

With time relevance of caste is fading, but still largely affects the Indian society.

Decreasing relevance:

① Urbanisation: has made traditional intercaste interdependencies negligible

Points to add
How public
Spaces nowadays
Don't entertain
caste factor,

in cities economic status holds more value than social status

Along with that urbanisation
Also brings liberalism,
anonymity.

② Dalit people rejecting the rigid system of Hinduism

Also
Mentioned
How affirmative
Action or
Positive
Discrimination
Has helped
With institutional
Caste discrimination

eg: Many dalits converted to Buddhism following B.R. Ambedkar

③ Education system has helped a lot to bring all at equal level ignoring caste
eg: students of all caste study in same school, eat together unlike earlier times.

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④ Representation to public offices,
opportunities in various field provided
on the basis of competence

eg:- Anybody can stand in election,
join any job with required qualification

⑤ Changes in lifestyle.

eg:- people's occupation is not based on
their caste. people's hierarchy is
more based on economic status

Here a better way to write heading could have been that caste has in multicultural Society has found new identities and associational forms

More points

To add -

Talk about the

Vote bank politics

Illustrate it with

ex of political parties

based on caste lines

for example bahujan

Samaj party, talked about.

Groups like All india harijan

Sangh etc.

But, still caste hold big picture in society.

① Discrimination is still prevalent
irrespective of their status

eg:- In Madurai, President of panchayat
was made to sit on floor because of lower

② Lower caste people are
degenerated activities

eg: Manual scavenging,

Here a better heading could have been
subversive untouchability illustrated by
Attitude towards maids, drivers in some
Households, also existence of manual
Scavenging as you have mentioned.

Also here education could have

Been discussed where in

According to unicef 51% dalit

Children drop out of

School.

In Indian society the caste
system has percolated to the deep
of Indian society, therefore it will
be extremely long and knee breaking
process to nullify any kind of caste
ill effects from Indian society.

You can work on your conclusion the sentence is too long and does
Not add substance to your answer.

Other points
you could have
added-
tendency of
sanskritization
in lower caste,
Matrimonial
ads, incidence
of honour
killing.

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Q What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?

Secularism refers to separation of State and religion and freedom to practice and believe in any faith or Religion. It can also be understood as clear distinction of religion from sphere of life like political and economic.

But this can pose several challenges to our cultural practices

Challenges:

① Stopping of Festival Practices:

Many secular forces are trying to stop festivals in the name of equality
eg: Restriction on worship of plant and animal.

② Age-old practices will be eroded

In the name of stopping harmful cultural practices, good one will also be penalised.

③ Hindrance in mode worshipping

④ Changing Family values

Various cultural practices helps parents to inculcate values in their children

Always
Substantiate
Your points.
For example
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⑤ Might dilute the identity:
In India, people are identified on the
basis of their culture, tradition,
religion etc. Secularism might dilute it
hence, India is classified as unique
nation of world based on huge
diversity of culture and practices,
secularism concept might fade
away this unique characteristic of
nation, therefore, it is important
to restrict this concept to positive
secularism - ~~which respect and promotes~~
~~& which mean~~ 'Sarva Dhamma Sambhava'
i.e., - equal respect to all religions

Your conclusion
Are too long
keep them short
and crisp utilise
the space to give
points in the
answer.

Also get in
The habit of
Using examples
This will help
You increase
Score examples
Which could
Have Been added
Here sabrimala
Verdict, challenging
Appointment of priest
On the basis of agamas,
Challenging triple talaq
And polygamy, banning
Certain food items by govt
Jalikkattu issues etc.