

Q.2) Despite seven decades of Independence, why have welfare schemes for vulnerable sections failed to deliver? Illustrate with suitable examples. (150 Words)

Q.2) Welfare schemes are introduced by government to promote egalitarian society and, equitable resource distribution as given in our constitution under Articles of DPSP.

Sources (to give power) for welfare scheme

- 1) Constitutional mandate → Article - 38, 15, 16
- 2) Preamble by giving socialist nature of Indian state
- 3) Populist regime for elections.

Reason for failure

- 1) Fund diversion by intermediaries excluding targeted audience from Benefit.  
Ex. MGNREGA fund diversion of 50 crore by Karnataka MLA for family & on name of friends.
- 2) Ghost Beneficiaries registration led fund misallocation.
- 3) Regional disparities due to strained relationship of centre-state results in non-implementation of scheme.

Welfare schemes refer to government initiatives and policies aimed at promoting social, economic, and political justice while reducing inequalities in income, status, and opportunities among individuals as given under article-38

Valid Point with example but you can use more refine language or keywords.

In reasons, write structured, organised points with Examples, these points are fine but not articulated well, refer to suggested Points and see the difference.

Although Introduction seems good due to use of Keywords but It is not contextual here, You Need to define what welfare schemes are ?

Sources You already written in Intro., So avoid repeating content, Instead you can write different welfare schemes for different sections in Flow-chart form after intro.

Sub-optimal fund allocation leads to resource constraints, reducing the scheme's effectiveness and outreach.

Inaccurate identification of beneficiaries results in exclusion errors, where deserving individuals miss out, while ineligible persons benefit - around 2.3 million ineligible beneficiaries in PM-KISAN as identified by CAG



Lack of awareness and education among citizens limits scheme adoption, preventing intended benefits from reaching the target group

Lack of feedback and grievance redressal mechanisms leads to poor accountability and unresolved complaints, reducing scheme credibility

Social Audit mechanisms for performance assessment of schemes for their continuation and resource allocation - Social Audit of MGNREGA under Sec-17

E-KYC norms for accurate reach to target groups and exclude ineligible

Sub-optimal utilization of available funds causes misutilization of resources, limiting the scheme's benefits for the poor - The fund utilization for PMFBY dropped from 93% in 2018-19 to 73% in 2019-20, indicating inefficiencies in fund allocation and usage

No Need to write Role of schemes, You show various schemes after Introduction and after challenges, write strategies for effective implementation of schemes

Here, You can suggest some committee names also, and articulation of points can be improved using subject-specific keywords.

Parivesh is not for Accountability?

A citizen-centric, technology-driven approach combined with community participation will ensure that welfare schemes reach the most vulnerable, fostering inclusive development.

Ex- West Bengal not started P.M. Jan Aardhya Yojna

4) Unaware, illiterate citizenry often manipulated by Red tapism and elite bureaucrats for personal gain.  
Ex- IAS Pooja Singhla ₹200 crore earn in Sand mining of AP.

5) Objectivity, Neutrality and mechanical approach for scheme implementation.  
Ex- Poor women, starved and not given PDS grain due to unregistered Aadhaar.

Though, failure is often seen at maintenance level but affirmative action of the government has played major role as well.

Role

- 1) Uplifted 50 crore people out of poverty (NSO Data, 2011-2022)
- 2) Out of pocket Health expenditure decrease significantly. PM-JAY.

- 1) Data drive resource distribution to eliminate ghost beneficiary.
- 2) Periodic Assessment of schemes by Audit through ministers & people.
- 3) Accountability Application  
Ex- Parivesh Portal.

Proper Implementation for upholding SDG-8 & SDG-16 is needed

Overall Grading (✓)

Poor			Average			Good		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

## Evaluation Parameters

Parameters		Excellent	Good	Substandard
Conceptual Clarity				
Understanding Context of Q				
Structure	Intro			
	Body			
	Conclusion			
Answering What is asked.				
Presentation – Flowchart, Diagram, etc				
Language Competency & flow in Answer				
Adherence to Word Limit				
Clarity of Thought and Expression				
Objectivity				
Dimensionality and Interdisciplinary Linkages				
Evaluator Impression				



**Macro Feedback****Strengths**

Breaking of Question  
in parts.

Use of Keywords in  
Answer.

**Improvements Needed**

Try to start with definition of keyterms in Introduction to show better conceptual clarity to examiner.

Breakage of Q in parts is good but the parts given are not of much relevance as it is a 10 marker, try to focus on Content Quality, and Examples, refer to given points and observe the language competency and argument.

Work on Your handwriting and ensure neatness in answer.

If you are writing reasons for failure, then suggest some way forward also, use committee names in it.

Try to underline key argument in your point to draw attention of examiner.

Refer to micro-suggestion given in each point for better clarity.

All the Best