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Q.13) - Belief systems.

(a). The belief in the practices of Hinduism and belief in their deity, the Brahman began in India in approximately 540 BC. Their duty, through the practice of meditation, pray and good karma did he achieve nirvana and even the first to free himself from moksha (a life freed from reincarnation.) The Hindus believe that to follow the path in purity which will also lead them to attain moksha, the <sup>ultimate</sup> purpose / direction to be achieved. Hindu mythology is based upon the events which took place BC. such as the events which encourage the celebration of the Maha Kumbh Mela.

(b). Globalization is the emergence of a "global village" through the adoption of sophisticated information systems, transnational corporations (TNC's) and communication. Globalization can possibly extend national borders and impact upon countries and inevitably their belief systems. For example, through the process of globalization expanding into India which contains 85% of Hindu followers have presented an issue that Hindus are introduced to different worldviews and ideologies that exist that differ from their own (what they get from Hinduism)

INP in the past and even today has presented a con-  
sacred task in Hinduism present women as inferior  
to males, and although so do other religious belief  
systems, they do not oppress women the way  
in which some Hindu women feel Hinduism does.  
The Arya samaj movement is a result of the impact  
globalisation can have upon the challenge of the  
norms within a belief system. Indian women began to  
challenge the norms by carrying their concern that  
manners should be changed so that it becomes a  
choice rather than it being imposed. Through  
globalisation, and the idea of institutions such  
as education <sup>but for</sup> ~~not all~~ both women and men,  
raised the idea of Hinduism adapting to the new  
worldview that women should have a right  
to an education, <sup>but as any other male.</sup> However, this as a result  
and response of the threat of globalisation,  
many Hindus have taken on a fundamentalist  
approach, resisting the "threat" of globalisation.  
One such group is the BJP political party  
which in fact prevented globalisation to  
have such an impact on their belief system  
by maintaining their traditions and their  
traditional roles of women.

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