

BOOK 2
ASSIGNMENT 1
Challenges of Nation building

1. What were the challenges before India at the time of independence?
2. Who was Potti Sriramulu?
3. What was the SRC who were its members and when did it come into existence?
4. On the map mark 1Junagadh 2. Manipur 3. Hyderabad 4. Mysore
5. What were the main concerns/ challenges of partition?
6. How was the division and resettlement of the Eastern region different t the western?
7. Name the parent states and year of formation for 1. Nagaland 2. Gujarat 3. Arunachal Pradesh 4. Jharkhand?
8. What was the vishal Andhra movement how did language evolve into a political controversy?
9. Discuss Nehru’s approach to nation building? Do you think his reasons were prudential or sentimental?
10. How were the princely states integrated? Were they willing to join India or were they coerced?
11. How did poets influence Indian unity?
12. How did Manipur integrate with India?
13. What was the task of the States Reorganization Commission? What was its most salient recommendation? Name any one of its members.
14. Discuss the governments approach to the integration of Hyderabad and Manipur.
15. Discuss the major differences to nation building for the Eastern and Western regions of the country at the time of independence
16. Read the following passage and answer the questions below:
“In the history of nation-building only the Soviet experiment bears comparison with the Indian. There too, a sense of unity had to be forged between many diverse ethnic groups, religious, linguistic communities and social classes. The scale – geographic as well as demographic was comparably massive. The raw material the state had to work with was equally unpropitious: a people divided by faith and driven by debt and disease.” – RAMACHANDRA GUHA
 - (a) List the commonalities that the author mentions between India and Soviet Union and give one example for each of these from India.
 - (b) The author does not talk about dissimilarities between the two Experiments. Can you mention dissimilarity?
 - (c) In retrospect which of these two experiment worked better.
 - (d) What has India in her foreign relations followed from the Soviet Union? How have their relations developed in in the last decade?