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<i>Parameter/Criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
<i>Basic Format</i>	Introduction + Conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
<i>Content</i>	Data/Facts/Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
<i>Organisation</i>	Flow of ideas/ Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
<i>Language Skills</i>	Punctuation/Grammar/ Sentence Formation/Spellings	25		
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<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<i>Coherence</i>				
<i>Language</i>				
<i>Handwriting</i>				
<i>Pre-writing</i>				

<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>
120 and above	100-120	Below 100



SECTION/भाग - A

1. Education is the key to create a truly inclusive society.

शिक्षा स्वयं में समावेशी समाज के निर्माण की कुंजी है।

2. E-governance: A key to Good Governance in India.

ई-गवर्नेंस: भारत में सुशासन की कुंजी के रूप में।

E-governance: A key to Good Governance in India

In December 2019,

a new virus was found in the Chinese city Wuhan. In 2020 this virus struck the whole world. From Public Health

Emergency of international concern to becoming a Pandemic; only option that was given to the world was: LOCKDOWN.

India also went for a lockdown. But there are costs of a lockdown.

We had to open up some day. How to unlock? This question troubled our policymakers.

Then came the utility of e-Governance. Aarogya Setu App was one of the key elements of our unlock strategy. This was for the first time when e-technology was saving the precious lives of our citizens (as mortality rate is one of the lowest in India). Clearly in the present day India e-Governance holds the key to Good Governance.

2nd Administrative

Reforms Commission has defined e-Governance as usage of Information Communication

Technology to make a Simple, Moral, accountable, Responsive and Transparent (SMART) government.

Clearly e-Governance has positive ~~use~~ connotation attached to it.

In India the roots of e-Governance goes back to establishment of National Informatics Centre (NIC). From those humble beginnings we have come a long way forward.

However the promise of

Good Governance is not inherent in use of ICT. It is also plagued with

challenges like Digital Divide, lack of content in local languages. Despite this it can transform our governance in

a way never possible with conventional tools. The apps like UMANG can transform our lives. In this transformation we should hold certain principles in mind to utilise it most effectively. Our history can help guide us in this.

From Snake Chasers to Mouse Catchers

After independence we inherited a system which was outdated in all aspects - intention as well as capabilities. Indian Constitution did give a moral direction to the administration but we faced the capacity constraint.

With advent of ICT new capabilities are being developed. These

capabilities involve G2G (Government to Government), G2E (Government to Employee), G2C (Government to citizen) and G2B (Government to business) services

Despite the enhancement of capabilities we are confronting some teething troubles.

Troubles To Tackle

e Governance requires a judicious use of technology. Its usage is beset with challenges.

Firstly, India has very low infrastructure availability including ICT related infrastructure. Secondly,

our policymakers are not utilising the technology to its fullest. e Governance

doesn't mean putting everything on

the computers. ~~For~~ For instance, a Karnataka University decided to hold online process of filing forms. It increased the number of processes and people faced challenges in using it.

clearly putting inefficient processes on computers will only increase the ~~of~~ inefficiency. There are certain values that should guide ICT adoption.

Values Informing ICT adoption

eGovernance should be seen as a window of opportunity to adopt a new citizen friendly process.

Business Process Restructuring should be adopted. For instance, Bhooni project

of Andhra Pradesh made the process of land digitisation easy.

Another principle that should guide us is KISS (Keep it Small and

Simple). online application for obtaining

Right To Information related information is very simple to use.

Such value guided Governance has immense potential to unlock the Governance issue of our country in many fields.

DIGITAL HEALTH

COVID-19 pandemic has awakened the people about a strong public health system. In India we have a weak public health system (only 20,000 functional Primary Health Centres) and unequal

distribution of doctors. Technology like Telemedicine can solve some issues. Here the role of Government as regulator is key.

A federated Digital Health infrastructure can provide a safe Digital Health ID to an individual. This way, health records would be available across different caregivers. This will reduce duplication of efforts in diagnostics and reduce out-of-pocket spending (presently very high of around 67%).

eVIDYA

Education system is undergoing a transformation. Online education has received a push but it has exacerbated the Digital Divide. Government is planning

to reduce inequality in access via initiatives like eVIDYA, DIKSHA etc.

COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

Governance these days have civil society as an integral partner. Various NGOs help in achieving the Governance objectives by making government accountable (eg. MKSS helped in creating RTI Act) and increasing reach of governance.

civil society and state interaction can be streamlined by e Governance eg. NGO Darpan of NITI Aayog. This will help build trust between the two.

G2B: An Enabling Environment

Economic Survey 2020 has focused on wealth creation. This would

require that we provide a hand of trust to our private sector. Then only our economic dominance by design can be achieved.

e-Governance enables private sector to perform for common good. The MCA-21 initiative is a step in this direction. A single window clearance system requires huge e-Governance input.

CITIZEN CENTRIC GOVERNANCE

e-Governance has the potential to make our administration citizen centric. This would require a two way interaction. e-Governance enables it. My Gov. In helps

a person to engage with Government.

CPGRAMS has enabled prompt grievance redressal.

Good Governance is a value loaded idea. It involves governance becoming more accountable and efficient.

In fact Good Governance Octagon talks of Consensus, Responsible, Accountable, Participative, Transparent, Rule of law, Effective and efficient.

Along all the eight parameters e-Governance holds a promise for India.

The promise can be fulfilled when we leave our Dogmas of past.

According to honourable

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
one of the pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat
will be based on eGovernance.

We would need a
new thinking where services are provided
to the citizens as a matter of right.
Right to services legislations would require
a solid and sound eGovernance
architecture. During Shillong declaration
a unified 'India Enterprise Architecture'
~~was~~ a starting point was agreed
upon. We now need a collaboration
of Government, Market and citizen to
build on that.

In the new normal post COVID-19

the relevance of e-Governance is going to increase only. The new culture would have its own vowels.

We must ensure that we by hand, these vowels.

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SECTION/भाग - B

1. It's easy to stand with the crowd. It takes courage to stand alone.

"सामूहिक विचारधारा का हिस्सा होना आसान है परंतु अकेले अपना मत रखना कठिन है।"

2. Man is a complex being: he makes deserts bloom - and lakes die.

"मनुष्य जटिलताओं का मिश्रण है; जो अपनी झीलों को नष्ट कर रहा है और रेगिस्तानों को हरा-भरा।"

It's easy to stand with the crowd. It takes courage to stand alone.

The phrase 'Majboori Ka

Naam Gandhi' (Helplessness name is Gandhi) is

frequently used in contemporary times. This

is so because as we lacked the military

might so we decided to follow the path of

non-violence: However this understanding

is completely flawed one. During our

freedom struggle we came across an

incident, often termed as 'Chauri-Chaura Kand' where people took violence as a means to achieve goals of Non Cooperation movement.

After that instance Gandhiji decided to call off the movement. The crowd of those times criticized Gandhiji for this act. Yet he stood alone and followed his principles. Throughout the life journey of our father of nation, the man stood alone be it against the South African government or the British empire 'where sun never set'.

It requires immense moral courage to take on powerful people. Infact

it would be apt to ~~turn~~ use the phrase 'Majbooti Ka Naam Gandhi' (Strength's name is Gandhi).

It is intising to become a part of crowd. This is because we love social conformity. standing alone however is a tough task to do. Nevertheless we often see such courage displayed by many: be it fight against colonialism, struggle against patriarchy, defiance of regressive regimes, tackling the Big Corporate loot of natural resources ... the list goes on.

Let's look at our history to see how courage can be instrumental ~~against~~ to help stand alone.

Defiance of The 'Inglorious Empire'

'What in law seems to be illegal, for me it is the highest moral duty'
- Mahatma Gandhi

When ~~the~~ Gandhiji waged struggle against colonialism he had to face the brunt of ~~an empire~~ a whole Empire. Yet he didn't budge. He wrote letters to the Viceroy Lord Irwin about Civil Disobedience movement ~~was~~ asking him to fulfill genuine demands. However the Viceroy refused. Gandhiji shook the empire by making a fist of salt. This movement went on to free our country from clutches of foreign rule.

Not only past but present

is also full of such courageous instances.

Rahi Chal Akela! (Traveller walk alone)

When a person joins the crowd she is often appreciated for the act.

In the crowd people feel safe. But at times this conformity results into

passivity. In the movie 'MSD: The

Untold Story', Mahendra Singh Dhoni

was facing this same challenge. He took

a job in Railways considering the security

of his career.

Yet he wasn't happy about

the amount of cricket training he was

doing. one fine day he decided to resign

despite knowing fully of the poor employment

scenario of India. He was courageous when he decided to pursue his passion. It was a difficult choice. But that ~~small~~ step made him Captain of Indian Cricket Team.

Short Term Pain but long term Gain

Eventhough standing alone is a very difficult task, yet it is worth pursuing. Malala Yousafzai was shot in head by Taliban for going to the school.

Nadia Murad was beaten and raped by ISIS. Yet they all stood up and strong.

There is an inherent value in standing for the right cause, which

is worth pursuing. In the long term change is impossible with social conformity. Another brick in the wall will not solve ~~some~~ many problems of our society. Sometimes we would have to break that barrier.

Women Suffragate movement

did exactly the same when they demanded right to vote for women. So did the women of Uttarakhand in Chipko movement.

Results are in front of us to see. Women have the right to vote in many countries and there are certainly some regulations against corporate loot of our natural resources.

Climate Emergency: Let's show our Mettle

Even though we have seen significant number of examples of individual courages yet such examples are few and rare.

'It is strange that physical courage is so common and the ~~to~~ moral courage so rare' — Mark Twain

It's so rare that despite knowing that our existence in itself is a stake we refuse to take stand on the climate issue.

According to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change if the business

as usual continues we are heading towards a climate emergency. Developed countries such as USA are withdrawing ~~from~~ from the Paris Deal as it will impact jobs.

Despite this India took a stand. It decided to take the path of courage and come with ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions. In fact we got good rank on Climate Change Performance Index due to this courage.

The Moral Choice

Alongwith the global issues like climate change there are many issues at the level of individual, society, and nation that requires us to stand alone.

But when to stand alone
should be dictated by sound understanding
of right and wrong: a moral choice
we must make.

During COVID-19 pandemic
POTUS (President of The United States) Mr Donald
Trump was alone when he moved US
out of World Health Organisation. But this
adversely impacted global fight against
the pandemic. Clearly this 'courage'
is not we need.

What we need in such
circumstances is a global collaboration;
'a crowd' of right thinking people and
countries.

Finally we can say that

when to become a part of crowd and when to stand alone should be decided by circumstances and our moral compass.

For greater good we should and must collaborate. But when a situation demands we standing alone then we should bite the bullet.

Clearly ~~the~~ ~~what~~ answer to the 'when' question comes with a moral conscience which should be build by design in our system.

One way to do that is through education - Giving moral teachings to our future generations

can create people who will stand against social pressure for a 'just' cause. New National Education policy emphasizes on making our children Saksham.

We don't need an army of conformers, we ~~need~~ don't desire monsters also. What we long for is a humanity where people collaborate for common cause and courageous enough to counter any evil designs of the system. Then only the foundations of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' can be laid on strong grounds.

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E Governance : Key to Good Governance

Aarogya Setu

what E Governance

1. Transparency & Accountability
- 2.

what it is not.

Health Digital

Amanushka

Education - ~~U~~ ~~V~~ VIDYA

Citizen Centric UMANG

enabling legislation

G2B MCA21

Its easy to stand with the crowd, It takes courage

to stand alone

Gandhiji 'Majbuti' Ka Naam Gandhi

Its striking physical journey
moral courage
Mark Twain

Explain 1. Social conformity, peer pressure

2. Face obstacles

Rohini Chakrabarti

3. Opposite - wrong

4. world - climate change

5. India

Greta Thunberg

History -> Lord Buddha decided to meditate alone

Aban Kalam
Polity - Against Patriarchy
- Against Pollution
- Nodia Nurood - Malala
Yusufzai

Economy - 90% startups die in 5 years

Brits

we feel social conformity

- dis

patriarchy
colonialism

Big Tech @ Big Tech corp
regressive powers