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Maximum Marks: 250

INDEX TABLE			INSTRUCTION
Q. No.	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained	<p>1. Do furnish the appropriate details in the answer sheet (viz. Name, Email, Roll No, Mobile).</p> <p>2. There are TWO Sections. Each Section has FOUR topics printed in English and Hindi. You have to write on 1 topic from Each part.</p> <p>3. One question in each part is compulsory.</p> <p>4. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.</p> <p>5. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided.</p> <p>6. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to.</p> <p>7. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum Answer Booklet must be clearly Struck off.</p>
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<i>Parameter/Criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
<b>Basic Format</b>	Introduction + Conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
<b>Content</b>	Data/Facts/Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
<b>Organisation</b>	Flow of ideas/ Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
<b>Language Skills</b>	Punctuation/Grammar/ Sentence Formation/Spellings	25		
<b>Examiner's Discretion</b>	Perception/ Innovation/ Engaging	25		

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<b>Coherence</b>				
<b>Language</b>				
<b>Handwriting</b>				
<b>Pre-writing</b>				

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



## SECTION - A

1. Women Empowerment: An unfulfilled dream.  
महिलाओं का सशक्तिकरण: एक अधूरा सपना।
2. India's agrarian distress: Is farming a dying occupation?  
भारत का कृषि संकट: क्या कृषि एक नुकसानदायक सौदा है?
3. Changing paradigms of federalism in India.  
भारत में संघवाद के बदलते प्रतिमान।
4. Has the era of deglobalisation begun?  
क्या वि-वैश्वीकरण का युग शुरू हो गया है?

Women Empowerment: An unfulfilled dream

"Yatra Naivastu Pujayante, samante  
tatra devata" means where  
woman is honoured, divinity  
blossom there. The traditional  
ethos of honouring women is  
embedded in the societal fabric, the  
fabric which depicts the kind of  
civilization our ancestors would have  
imagined. It's the direction of  
human progression, where ancient  
texts symbolises River, such as

'The Ganges' as mother, and even the animals such as cow as manifestation of motherly nature. As the civilization progressed, however, this interconnected and prestigious outlook faded away. The genesis of idea of 'women empowerment' could be traced while considering the injustice, indiscrimination and backwardness as its aspects. For the society to function, equal contribution from the other half of population ~~is~~ holds extreme significance. Furthermore, "no civilization can progress by neglecting the women" as said by Swami Vivekananda.

Women empowerment means empowering women, uplifting the

condition, bearing them rights and ameliorating the overall condition.

However, it possess ~~an~~ arguable questions of 'why is the need for empowerment', 'what necessity for it' and 'how to do it'? Through

this essay, we will try to analyze on these aspects and will argue for the answers of these questions and of reforming the society as a whole.

### IDOL TO IDEAL

Since the ancient times the women position remained completely different from man. The status and role, either due to biology or due to culture demarcated the behaviour and social responsibilities. For instance, Vedas mentions of role of woman as

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to fulfill her responsibilities of being wife, mother and caring for family. The society in return rewarded them with titles and thus born the 'idolisation'. They start worshipping them which brought them into the constricted shackles of rituals and saadness. In Hindu society, worship of Sita, Goddess Suga highlights the sacred nature of women expected to be. As time progressed, this changed to 'ideal' woman where woman like 'Rani Laxmibai', Razia Sultan, who had marked the history with golden footprints are being seen as ideal women. These figures bore the outlook for the changed condition of

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woman. However, it fades away beneath the covers of 'ideal woman'.

## IDEALISM TO REALISM

This overshadowed the real woman. The plight of real world scenario which successfully fought the evils of Sati, widow remarriage however remain unfulfilled. The modern social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar brought to the world, need to empower the women. With the advent of Industrial revolution, though the technology, economy, polity progressed, but on the other hand women were denied even the basic right to vote, freedom to work. In the Middle East and Arab nations the freedom

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to work is curbed by the state.

The unequal distribution of fruits of development further widens the gap for instance, only 14.4% seats in the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha are overtaken by women. This demands a need for empowerment of woman. The desires, aspirations, problems and freedom all need to be seen in an integrative manner.

### Unfulfilled Goals : Rise of Rebellion

Furthermore the role of woman is to be seen as of double burden, to be a girl and mother which nature has entrusted them. The condition however became worse when the male dominated society, with the patriarchal mindset try to control the power and women both.



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for instance, in India 43% sarpanch are women, however it is more about 'Sarpanch - Pati' where man controls both the power and woman, thus negating the idea of empowered woman.

The corporate organisations and multinational companies are no behind where woman are paid less wage than man. The Periodic Labour Force Survey

highlights the decreasing female participation in labour force. With the

high dropout rate from school worsens the literacy among female. The

biological behaviour necessitates them for hygienic, safe health care and environment, however, the inaccessibility

and social norms have restricted that too. for instance, in village areas they are still found to

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use dirty cloth during menstruation. Furthermore, with the technological development such as 'digitalisation' the gap has widened with the large 'digital divide' between man and woman. For instance, only 29% woman have access to Internet in India. It not only ends here, but the instances of 'cyber bullying', fake images, fathers psychological torments and creates a widened gulf.

With the long suppressed aspirations, discrimination and discrimination the modern campaign such as 'me too' campaign, feminist movement highlights the rebellion and onset of wave of change. Modern state have failed to equally unite the social stratum on

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democratic principles and virtues of ethics. However, unfulfilled modern woman has progressed and is progressive.

## FULFILLED DREAMS

If it is to be looked from that of a female to woman in space, there is tremendous progress. With the Indian Independence and thereafter women have shown remarkable courage. For instance Savitri Naidu's contribution during freedom struggle holds great significance and thereafter becoming the chief minister of United Provinces. Similarly Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit showed the presence of female leadership from India at United States and shaped India's foreign diplomacy.

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In the field of sports, Maay Kom who being mother of two child brought the honour to country in Olympics.

And it is hard to forget the pride Indians feel on Kalpana Chawala's walk to space.

With the recent positioning of Gita Gopinath as chief statistician in IMF, the dreams of modern woman are being fulfilled. The desire to change and attitude accounts for foremost importance in bringing change.

The role of judiciary in safeguarding the rights is of vital importance for example - Recent judgement by Supreme court on Coercion rights to woman holds great significance. And on equal front the legislative action of

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abolishing 'Triple Talak' are steps towards empowering women.

The innovation and concern does not stop here, when Zomato, a food delivery online platform announced paid leave during menstruation periods monthly. The incidents acts as the kind of thoughts society needs to bring. The long way to this journey require collective effort.

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### JOURNEY AHEAD

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As B.R. Ambedkar said the "progress of a nation is measured by the progress of its women", it necessitates the need for engagement at both psychological level and societal level. The role of proactive man is paramount and the need to shift from protective role to

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supportive role. The legislative actions and implementation at each government level is required. The importance to education and health comes foremost.

As Mahatma Gandhi has said "if we educate a man, we educate an individual, but when we educate a woman, we educate a civilization."

The role of women in 'family planning' and 'nation building' need to go hand-in-hand as "no nation can progress where half the population is not allowed to work" as said by Nelson Mandela.

Thus, the inclusive, equitable, accessible development is needed for realising the true vision of 'sashakt nari' (Empowered woman).

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### Feedback

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Intro: Yata Narihath - - -

- Swami Vivekananda . Pray woman .

Idol to Idealism

Past:

← Arant - vedas  
Purdah

Realism

Present:

Issues: (Why Empowerment)

Why unhelpful

- Double burden
- 14.4% LS
- 43% saepank-pah'la
- less wage for work
- domestic violence.
- Ed<sup>n</sup> → dropout

← Ancient  
Medieval  
Present - { Sah' widow } RRME  
ICV

Global: Industrial Rev: no right to vote to woman  
Middle East: no work poor cond<sup>n</sup>

- Marriage
- Cyber bullying
- "Me too"
- feminist movement

Progress:

- Razia, Rani Laxmi Bai
- Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
- Kalpana Chawala
- Phogat sisters
- Mony Kom
- Gita Gopinath
- Chhavi Rajawat

→ SSC to women in Army

Ambedkar

Unhelpful

Good initiatives:  
→ Zomato - period leave  
→ Magnum bread - sarpanch  
→ Ritu de passage

Concl<sup>n</sup>: Sol<sup>n</sup>:

- People - themselves more proactive
- Society - equal rights for ex. sup. court. upsurge rights
- MG. (Cubzabur) ed<sup>n</sup>
- Health -
- family role -
- family planning -





SECTION - B

1. Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.  
आनन्द तब होता है जब आप क्या सोचते हैं, क्या कहते हैं और क्या करते हैं की संगति हो।
2. Consideration for others is the basis of a good life and good society.  
दूसरों के लिए सोचना एक बेहतर जीवन और अच्छे समाज का आधार है।
3. Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world, but to change ourselves.  
मनुष्य के रूप में हमारा सबसे बड़ा सामर्थ्य दुनिया को बदलने में नहीं, बल्कि खुद को बदलने में है।
4. The virtue of justice consists in moderation, as regulated by wisdom.  
न्याय का सदगुण संयम में निहित है जोकि बुद्धिमता द्वारा विनियमित होता है।

Consideration for others is the basis of a good life and good society.

Once, APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, and renowned scientist visited a school and attended the cultural programme by students. Unfortunately, he could n't see all the performances due to his tight schedule. As he came to know that some

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performances by students who were excited to perform before Kalam sir were left out, he became anxious and worried for students unfulfilled desires. But, he couldn't do the things against his time. Though he couldn't see performances and he went for lunch, he finished off his lunch 10 minutes ahead and in the meantime invited those students for meeting them. Thereafter, he met them and had chat, thereby feeling sorry and compensated students desire by personally meeting them.

This humility and consideration by a great dignitary touched the heart of everyone around there. The incident highlights the

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values which are being put into the society thereby nurturing the generations. Every society progresses on these norms, considerations, ethics and virtue of compassion. As, it is being said "living for others, is life worth living". Swami Vivekananda, has shown world the necessity of service to others. He further argues "Service of Jiva is worship of Shiva" means service of man is service of God. The considerable thought is what makes life good and how it make society good?

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Good life

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Isn't it life is what we make it? or is it what it meant to be. The argument holds

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multiple answers for instance, for a businessman, it may be to acquire more money, build wealth or it may be to foster nation's growth and generate employment. It may vary based upon acculturation and vision the person holds. For instance, Mahatma Gandhi being inspired from the idea of 'Tolstoy' and other books aimed his life for service to others. His autobiography 'My Experiments with Truth' further shows his changed outlook towards woman, society, world which reframed the modern historical arena. His 'Talisman' where he guides for decision making by individual, 'to think of poorest man one have seen' before making

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hard decisions or when in moral dilemma

The Buddha, achieved 'Nirvana' in search of aspects of good life and the cause of sufferings in this material world. He teaches the meaning of good life as it lies in extinguishing the flame of desire. The path of enlightenment is preceded by selflessness.

### Good society

The selfless nature and action brings harmony and peace in society. The consideration for betterment of all is desired for a just order. For instance, Ashoka, The Great emperor of Mauryan Empire, propagated the 'Dhamma' philosophy where every individual was granted opportunities, and to act on certain ethical

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principles for establishing a good society.

At his last times, he gave up war and stood for a peaceful world order.

In the modern era also, world has witnessed what good society constitutes.

From the medieval time of Sufism and advent of Bhakti movement the thought of cooperation, respect, service and compassion towards depressed class, women brought the light of reform in society. The Kabir propagated through his categorical and metaphorous thoughts the condition of society and helped unifying them. The era witnessed Guru Nanak Dev, Vallabhacharya and sufi saints like Salim Chishti who brought into live the thoughts of basis of good society and the outlook it should possess. Further, in the

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medium via the contribution by mother Teresa for ameliorating the downtrodden is impeccable. The 'consideration' needs to be looked from a wider-lens of whole earth to get a bird-eye view of the ecosystem.

### SHARED PLANET

As "No man is an island" humans share this planet with other creatures too. There are billion of species with evolutionary history of more than 4.5-billion years. The consideration of these also holds great significance as humans live in interdependent and integrated framework with them.

The environmental scientists such as Norman Borlaug showed the world the ~~best~~ consideration of him towards the food security of

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world through using High Yielding Variety seeds. However, the need arises for countering the ill impacts on other creatures arising because of it - Also, the rising level of pollution, and global warming which endangers the survival of polar ecosystem and low lying countries who bear the greater burden. However, what is not considered by the developed nations post Industrial revolution and developing nations today is the lives of creatures of oceans, sea, forests etc.

The resulting consequence is seen in the monster of climate change necessitating talks on Paris Climate deal and reforestation, wildlife conservation.

As whole ecosystem is interlinked the idea of inclusiveness and sustainability holds stand in present. If it is to be



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looked of Switzerland and consideration of other every living creature accounts in it.

### TO GO TOO FAR #

moreover, for a society to flourish the cooperation between individuals is paramount. Rabindranath Tagore quotes for a society where ~~is~~ "mind is without fear and head is held high" which truly shows the kind of life and society we aspire for.

The Nelson Mandela, after 18 years of jail in Robbin Prison island remembers how his dehumanisation and fight against 'Apartheid' got him survive his vision of slavery and racism free society.

To conclude, as APT Abdul Kalam says the essence of all lies in 'what can I give' which makes all the difference.

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~~Gandhiji - child - stage -~~  
~~Abdul Kalam - stage, meet separate -~~  
 => ~~Uttarakhand - Shiva, Jee? "Life is what we make it"~~  
 "For every other is life work long" - Japan - 1000 steps  
 Ex: Mother Teresa, MG Gandhi, Buddha.  
 Past ← Ashoka, Gupta, Nishkam  
 Medieval → Sufism, Bhakti movement, Kabir, Guru Nanak.  
 Present ←  
 "No man an island" - ENV ← create Env-follw. } MS Swaminathan, Jaganmohan Reddy, Narendra Modi  
Robindra "mind is who fear, head is held high"  
Nelson Mandela "Robbin prison jail"  
~~Gandhi - child - stage -~~  
 → Robot first  
Conclusion: "What can I give"  
 Sarojin Kaya Sam Sancha

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