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ESSAY

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INSTRUCTION

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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		
<i>Examiner's Discretion</i>	Perception/ Innovation/ Engaging	25		

<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

Neither a life of Self Indulgence, nor of Self Mortification can bring Happiness.

All actions, all beings, all capabilities are ultimately* towards one goal of Eudaimonia (Happiness)

- Aristotle.

Happiness, is a ultimate goal as well as a process, as we tread the pathway of life. All desire it in some way or other as Nietzsche notes in his 'will to power'. It can also mean differently from Pleasure, to honour, sacrifice and even money for some.

The routes undertaken can also range from one of Self Indulgence to that of Self Mortification, while both may appear to be ultimate in their extremities, it is however the path of 'Golden Mean' that can

help to attain a balance of life, allow one to render unattached duty, yet feel the dignity of self, a path of end of suffering and desires with compassion and cooperation.

But, even the question is on it being suited in the present world that is run on the forces of Capitalism, is motivated by Materialism and Consumerism, is thronged by unending Competition. Can one even think of Balance, when one faces the fear of being left out of the race.

The race is for self Indulgence, for ~~can~~ accumulation of capital, acquiring cheaper raw material, labour and when even developing one's enterprise is based on money, say one doctor to a family costs approximately 20L-40L rupees.

This race has provided us technological advancements, is hailing new Industrial era (IR4.0, AI, Web 3.0), has created a burgeoning startup ecosystem, allowed a creation of digital ecosystem where ~4.8 bn are connected today.

But, it has also made us realise the 'vulnerability of our being', the cat fights over vaccines, climate funding are new reality, a continued habit of escapism from reality and an effectively shortened attention span.

This created 'banality' to social exclusions, political discriminations, and made sound Inclusive growth like a 'humour of Sullivan Travel'. But there is a silver lining in the clouds, post COVID-19 the findings of World Happiness reports 2022,

show that people now prefer more of a calmer life than a hectic one. There is increase in feeling of compassion and a felt need for greater physical social capital across the world.

'Mindfulness' is the need of hour, but self mortification is neither a solution. It is restraining from the worldly deeds, pleasures, duties completely and cocooning oneself in the 'shadow of solitude' in the name of self discovery for happiness.

Presently, a lot of online courses, camps are attracting people disillusioned by their present being, to give up the civilian being for attaining 'True happiness', the Neo-Industry has emerged in the name of this disillusionment.

Consequently, breeding escapism, low levels of self confidence, screwed relations and chaos, rise in drug culture throughout

world has become one of the manifestations of it.

Nevertheless, we all need to bring Happiness, the means for it can possibly in the present times be 'Golden Mean of balance'

'The world is transient, your duty is of Karma, the unattached action, for yoga breeding excellence in action, and for knowledge that is transcendental'

'But it's never an escape from the duty, its never giving up upon action'

'As food comes from rain, rain from sacrifice, and sacrifice from action'

(Gita Shlokas 2:39, 3:5, 3:9)

The above, tells us to act and thus Golden Mean is a path of action. It is one adopted by Mahatmas Gandhiji

through Non-violence and Satyagraha without compromising on a goal to win Indian Independence, bringing happiness to $\frac{1}{6}^{\text{th}}$ of humanity.

It is a path of end of suffering adopted by India through the schemes like MAREGA, National Food Security act, Right to Education where in the words of Amartya Sen we ensure 'end of deprivation and development as a freedom'.

Happiness at the social level when India ensures that the historical injustices are gradually removed through Affirmative action and taking small steps towards creating a 'Unity of diversity more stronger' for instance the promotion of Smt Droupadi Murmu to the highest office, brought happiness.

It is neither self indulgence nor modification and thus, India sheds the 'Nehruvian Idealism' for a greater pragmatism in its foreign policy, ensuring a stance upholding 'National Interest' in Russia-Ukraine war along with condemning civilian tragedies on both sides.

As its said 'King who live in what ought to be, rather than what is brings misery to both its people and himself'

This pressing mean allows us to lead the Global South in fight against climate change as our society has always promoted a sustainable being, and conservation. But, even if societies can opt for it. Can a Individual practice the virtue of Golden Mean?

Realising, how anger and Intolerance impedes a correct understanding, yet courage is a virtue that is central to practice goodness consistently, Greta Thunberg call of 'How dare you' swelled w/ courage for a fight against Climate change.

Effective work life balance can ensure greater productivity at work, finding a mean of participation of all in workspace enriches the quality of outcomes notes the recent linkedin survey.

This Balance, is a 'key' a key to happiness, to open the box kept close till now but is it so easy to balance this lemon on the spoon?

Easy to preach difficult to Practice

This 'key' of balance is often confused with 'pragmatism' that is choosing the best course in 'Enlightened Self Interest' often gross violations are justified in its name for example 'The fury post COP-26 over a 'phase down' of coal has been silenced in Europe amidst growing cost of living crisis'. The politicians ask 'Can we leave, Climate change for the time being?'

On, the similar lines Vaccine Nationalism was justified, the pragmatism of balance was security, eventually the Omicron variant effected 'Europe the most'. Even playing mitigation over adaptation is a part of same game.

At the Individual level, the inability to balance often culminates to a 'midlife crisis', but those who prefer balancing are often term as 'failures in the race'

Further, through the key of Golden Mean people decide to 'change the world', but a failure to 'change themselves' brings a whole lot of regret.

What to do? Path to take

Path of Golden mean is at first starting from one's own self, starting to balance out one's social, political, environmental and familial responsibilities. 'To change' by starting to Respond than to React
(Stephen P Covey '7 habits of highly effective people')

At the professional level practising
 Probity that is outmost integrity along with
 fulfilling ones duty and thus bringing
 success through projects like Infosys
 (N. Murthy Compassionate Capitalism), Mission
 Sampurna (M.S. Lakshmi Priya), P. Narahari
 (Project Samarpan) or creating Banks Model
 Schools.

To cultivate the value of Compassion
 in being as Kant notes 'all human beings
 are essentially moral' and contributing our-
 selves to eradicating poverty, injustice,
 gross inequality. It can be as simple act
 as girls in Afghanistan teaching their fellows.
~~to know we all cannot rest unless~~
~~poverty, injustice~~

The key of golden mean is that of Swaraj, at the Individual level and then as a oceanic circle transmitted all over.

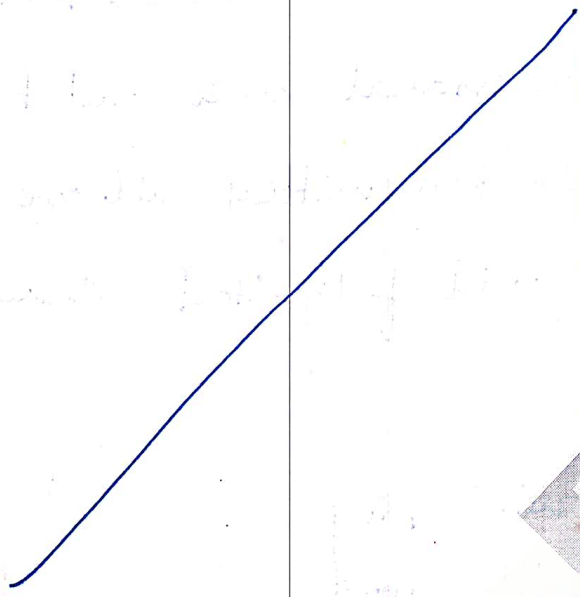
Let's all create world of ignited minds realising :-

- e I am born with things,
- I am born with goodness,
- I am born with potential and courage'
- I am not meant to crawl
- I will fly, fly and fly'

— Rumi

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Agricultural Revolution : Road to progress and prosperity OR to predition.

'Agriculture is the backbone of the Indian Nation'

MS Swaminathan.

In April 2020, when whole of India went into a 2 month long lockdown, the Industries, shopkeepers, miners all suffered also, but a sector that nourishes our being witnessed a 3.2% growth (Q1 2020-21), making all of us proud of it, and soon channeling a 'V shaped recovery'.

The Sector is thus the 'life Breath' of Indian Atam Nisbharata (Self Reliance), but is not without vowe, it has highest number of disguised and underemployed people. The Growth percentage has consistently between approx 3-3.5%, whereas requirement is of ~5-6%.

It is impacted by varied challenges of climate change, feminisation of agriculture, fragmented landholding, absence of irrigation, Monoculture, lack of investment along with Research and development, high debt trap, absence of secure credit all getting the strong hammer of 'distress sales'.

While, some may argue that agriculture Revolution like Green Revolution create disparities, an inclusive Revolution is a need of the hour for a path of progress and prosperity for all and a Self Reliant India.

Agriculture Revolution will include overhauling the pre-sowing, pre-harvesting, post-harvesting stages, along with making structural changes in form of Inclusive Revolution, land consolidation, credit availability

Creating alternative employment and Integrated farming architecture.

Road to Progress and Prosperity

Presently, there are approximately 41.6% workforce employed in agriculture, contributing 17% to GDP and ~32 bn \$ to exports. The problem is that approximately 85% of them are small and medium farmers, owning less than 2ha of land (Dalwai Committee)

The Revolution start from here, but ensuring, that the sector presently employing about 2x the amount of workers need facilities are created in form of food processing, dairying, fishery, poultry, skilling etc.

In addition going for land consolidation with the help of farmer Producer Organisations, cooperative farming or land leasing etc.

Ensuring effective credit availability, Insurance to the ~~factor~~ farmers. However, these long term reforms make take time.

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Interventions have to be at every stage, for farming at the pre-sowing stage the alternative crop promotion example telangana Jan Aardhan for millets, or Kashmir lavender Revolution.

In addition creating facilities of irrigation in the areas affected by droughts esp. under climate change eg. Virbhades and Marathwada region, along with traditional watershed development.

Further, provision of seeds from the state can facilitate farmers to experiment with new crops, one of the methods as implemented in Haryana through Mukhya-Mantri Beej Uplav Yojana providing Bengal Gram seeds.

Also, the system of Minimum Support Price tilted exclusively in favour of wheat and Rice by open procurement has to be re-engineered. Though some interventions like greater increase in price of soyabean pulses as compared to former crops, it has minutely helped.

For an effective insurance facility under PM-Fasal Bima Yojana is essential, that can take care of post and pre-harvest risks of a farmer.

A credit crunch that a farmer always face as 'none allows is wealth to be out in open, for a year in the vagaries of nature as farmer does' has to be targetted through better spread of Kisan Credit Cards, Cooperative Banking, Scheduled Banks and increasing reach of Bank Mitras.

The political solution of loan waivers cannot be a part of this revolution, but their support has to be consistent in Post-sowing stage, protecting the farmers from Natural Calamities.

Also, Pesticide and fertilizer equation has to be set right from a skewed 11:7:2 to 3:2:1 and re-engineering soil health card through farmer friendly font is a solution.

Digital monitoring of the weather, crops, spraying pesticides is also a part of this Green Revolution 3.0, where 5G technology has to be harnessed to its best possible outcome.

Microrrigation and drip irrigation, has to extended to remote villages still calling on 'Indra devta' (God of Rain). Recent MoU with Israel is a positive step in this direction.

The crop, even when ripe and full on field can be affected by sudden Rain, or get rotten in open warehouses as per Shanta Kumar committee report approx 40% crop is wasted.

The same committee notes that MSP reaches just 6% farmers and thus creating agricultural Infrastructure within 5km

reach, training farmers on E-NAM, Kisan Portal is essential for the overhaul.

Even for other sectors in agriculture like fishery, a new revolution is to be ushered providing Technology (Boats, grading facility), creating export facility and ensuring Phytosanitary non-tariffs does not affect the sector.

Dairy sector registering 2x growth as compared to agriculture, has made India the leader in Milk, but as seen recently Lumpy Skin Disease has affected cattle all across western India, even Haryana, Punjab. Vikas Yojana's reach has to increase with continuous R&D.

Poultry suffer from scourge of zoonosis like Bird Flu, Swine Flu etc., and thus facilities for storage, disease

prevention, fumigation are essential to its growth.

The Revolution has to not just touch some parts, but has to break through all over India, taking specificities in mind. Creating GI tags for our agricultural products can burgeon their demand.

Yet there are concerns

The concerns of perdition arise from the doubt of ability to address the vows of small farmer, who was left by Green Revolution, and suffered the bunt.

The concern of Environmental degradation are raised as crops like rice and sugarcane composing ~30% and ~6% produce are heavy water guzzlers. The increased hardpan topography in North west and increase in

acidity in the Eastern India are further challenges.

The fear of corporatisation impact the mind, which can lead to further loss of agency through ~~con~~ coercive contracts, distressed markets

The doubts are also about land leasing, where land is a part of social strata, the disenfranchisement may create a permanent loss for farmers.

About 30% of workforce is of casual labourers, unless they are helped things cannot transform.

And thus, taking all this into actuality of our account we have to usher an inclusive revolution, focus on

the empowerment of our 'annadats'
let's ensure we don't fail to utilise
agriculture to create a Gram Uday se
Bharat Uday^s

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15 Marker	5.75 – 7.0	4.0 – 5.5	< 4.0
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