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Maximum Marks: 250

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Q.2			3. One question in each part is compulsory.	
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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>				

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



**SECTION - A**

1. Geography may remain the same, history need not.

भूगोल एक समान रह सकता है, इतिहास नहीं।

2. One cannot change the world alone but can cast a stone across water to create many ripples.

कोई अकेले दुनिया को नहीं बदल सकता, लेकिन पानी में पत्थर फेंककर कई लहरें पैदा कर सकता है।

3. Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret.

यौवन एक भूल है, प्रौढ़ावस्था एक संघर्ष है, बुढ़ापा एक पाश्चाताप है।

4. Talent develops in quiet places, character in the full current of human life.

शांत स्थानों में प्रतिभा विकसित होती है, मानव जीवन की सम्पूर्णता में चरित्र।



Ans 2.

" One cannot change the world alone, but can cast a stone across water to create many ripples. "

The world is too large to be changed by a single person alone. The inherent inertia and the established systems resist any change, however a change virulent enough can set off a series of changes which can topple entire world order.

Great men throughout history have demonstrated this. It was this incessant search for the cessation of 'suffering' that inspired Gautama Buddha's life journey. This stone cast across the unjust order of the world, led to the great ripples of Buddhist tradition we have today.

Ashoka with his idea of 'Dharmā' and 'Dhammaghoska', inspired centuries of prosperity in following times. And Gandhi with his spark of non-violence,



'satyagraha' and unrelenting belief in truth, led to a series of fights across the whole world. His ideas were the source of Indian Freedom Movement, his ideas inspired civil rights movement. It was his ideas & thought process which inspired Nelson Mandela who took on the <sup>discriminatory</sup> Apartheid regime of South Africa.

All of these tales are tales of triumph of justice over evil. Entire empire of evil can crumble before a righteous inquiry. This inquiry is the 'stone' one can cast and following dismantling of the evil is the 'ripples' which change the world.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century India, when Indian civilisation was suffering from decadence, superstition and unjust social order; Raja Ram Mohun Roy and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and many others → introduced the 'spark of modernity'. They laid the basis of

Rationality, humanism and progressive thought in Indian society. Their efforts led to Indian Renaissance and the social & economic & political reform.

Mother Teresa, rekindled the flame of compassion and love. She reestablished the virtues of humanity and inspired a series of other such initiatives throughout India as well as the world.

It was the bravery of the 'Rani of Jhansi' which inspired sacrifice and courage of Indian women throughout the freedom struggle.

Indian National Movement is replete with such examples, where a single spark led to the fire of freedom.

All these examples and life stories indicate the truth of the theme. We as social beings have evolved through time and space. We exalted in society and today we have modern democratic systems of governance. We have modern welfare states.



We excelled in economy, thus we have modern day economic orders. We have modern day free & reasonably open economies. Our production systems aim to achieve, efficiency, equity and optimal sustainability.

We as a collective excelled in science and technology. As a result we have modern technological prowess. We are aiming to establish colonies across planets. Such is our 'audacity' that we have begun to comprehend our own genesis & the genesis of this world & universe.

All of this revolutionary advancement we have achieved is the result of numerous 'stones' cast by individuals into the waters of our 'absurd reality'. Such initiatives and innovations across fields travel and cause widespread changes.

The mechanisms of 'ripples' include communication, rational arguments, observing & implementing new ideas, learning from fellow beings, Appealing to our fellow humans and creating exemplary feats of human ingenuity.

A genuine idea is among the most potent seeds one can plant. It will survive vagaries of time & space. It will cut across the barriers of language, race, ethnicity and communities barrier.

This can be achieved due to its truth value and a sincere genuinity. Truth is an evidence of itself.

The Great French Revolution and earlier American Revolutions were the ripples affected by revolutionary and genuine ideas of — philosophers like Montesque, Voltaire, Locke, P.B. Shelly, Lord Byron; — Statesmen like, Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine and many others.

These revolutions in turn threw 'stones' of ideas like — equality, fraternity and liberty; which form basis of modern thought and modern world order.



Einstein's 'theory of Relativity' was a similar idea thrown into the fabric of 'Newtonian physics'. The ripples it created led to another scientific revolution, which inspired modern day astronomical and theoretical physics.

With a better understanding of our universe and the forces of nature we have a more refined understanding our existence.

Even in the fields of sports, and entertainment, revolutionary events have led to a series of positive changes. It was the groundbreaking works of cinematographers like 'Satyajit Ray' and 'Akira Kurasawa', who inspired generations of directors and created artistic cinema we have today.

The 1983 world cup team which won the trophy created a cricketing revolution in the country and established modern Indian Cricket.

Human ingenuity, curiosity, and a desire to not conform with set norms; A degree of divergence in ideas and values, a strong sense of justice, desire to exceed one's own limits, a continuous fight against exploitation, a strong desire to set oneself free, these are among foundational causes for emergence of a 'spark'.

In fact this is what defines us. 'change' must be constant, it must always exist for it is the sign of life. As Vivekananda and Md. Iqbal would have said → change is the result of continuous human action and human action is the virtue of prime importance:

In contemporary times we face problems of inequity, poverty, malnutrition and terrorism. We face impending disasters due to climate change and extreme weather events.



We are facing issues of pollution and lost productivity. It is the time we learn from our history. A right step no matter how small, when taken in right direction and at right moment, can be ~~the~~ that fateful 'stone' which will create ripples of change in entire society.

'Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan' by the government of India, and especially Prime Minister who led with example. It achieved ODF status, universal access to toilets and improved waste management.

'Sunderlal Bahuguna' → his continuous struggle against environment destruction and belief on Gandhian values, generated a pan country environmental consciousness. It inspired movements like Chipko Andolan, Narmada Bachao, Save Silent valley, Save Arrey Forests and many other.

'Kailash Satyarthi' → consistent and focussed work to protect children, from exploitation, trafficking and provide a better future. Achieved in creating a world level conscious effort. The world recognised his contribution by awarding him the World Nobel Peace Prize. They have shown society right direction.

In contemporary times, humanity is packed with very potent tools like social media, internet and ICT tools, which help in spreading ideas in microseconds across the world.

We have modern education systems and modern tools of information dissemination. They increase our ability to create ripples, exponentially.

However their misuse is a regrettable reality. Their misuse to spread fake news, misinformation and create social divisions to serve vested interests is a tragedy of our times



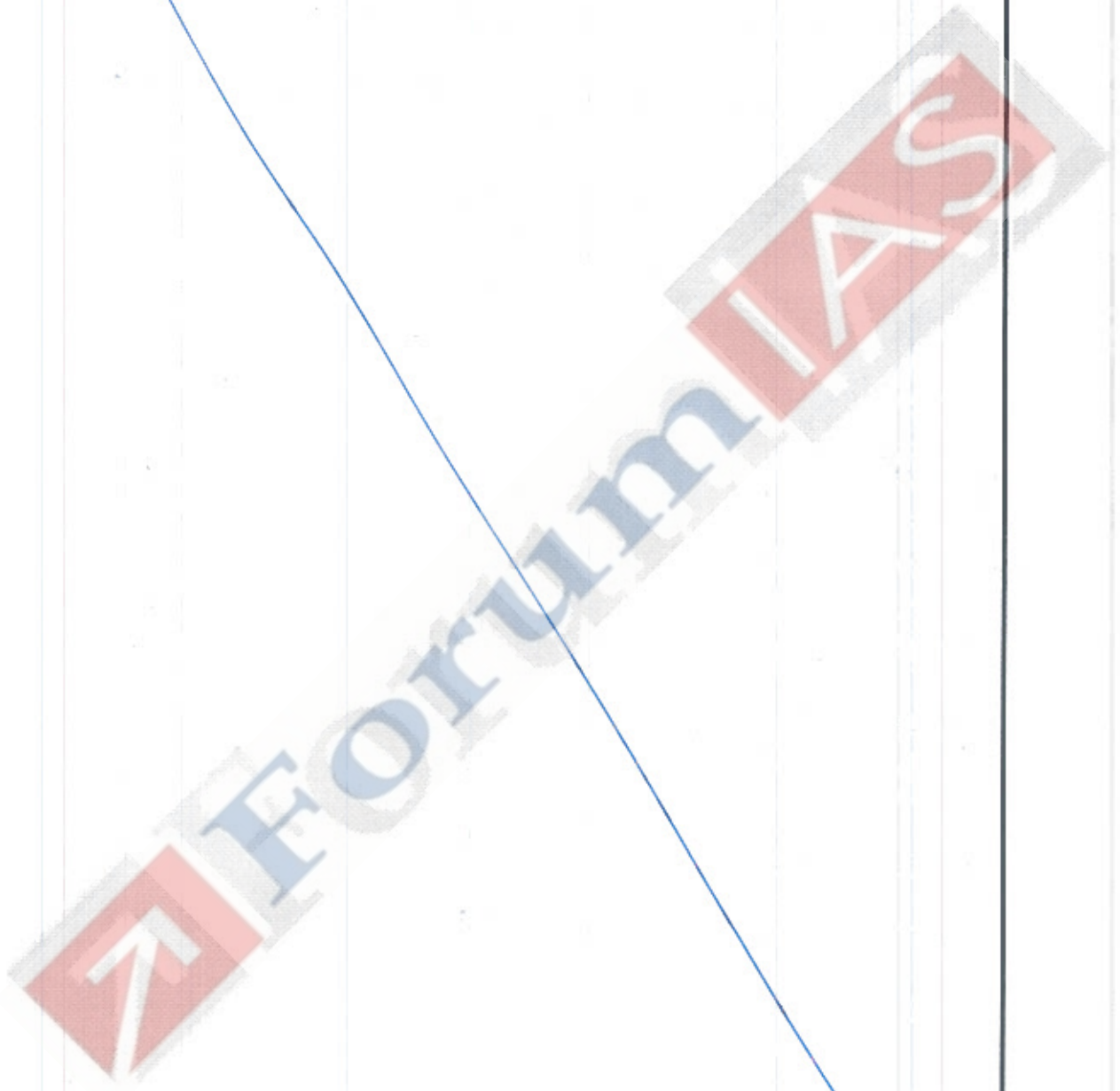
Still their positive potential far outweighs their negative externalities.  
We need to find a better use and create solutions to our current problems.

Mahatma Gandhi had once said →

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

Begin with oneself, set an example; be genuine and truthful to one's ideals.  
The world will pick up the necessary learning and follow. Be the one to create ripples. Be the one, who stands against the tide and be the one who inculcates the potential to dismantle the realm of unreal or out dated.

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Intro · Interpoint  
Ia  
Ib

Analysis → Dimension → examples  
→ Any change  
→ Gultana Rudolia  
→ Ashoka  
→ Grandhi.  
+ his nonviolence  
→ Ratan Prasad Roy, ICVS  
→ Mother Teresa

Analysis → Human → social sparks  
→ mechanism of ripple → innovator  
→ community  
→ evidence  
→ rationality  
→ humanism,  
appeals fellow human

Various fields.

Einstein (Theory of relative) star  
ripples → general relativity  
→ modern astronomy  
→ Black hole, dark matter  
→ space time fabric.

→ stone + ripple  
eg. Industrial Revolution  
→ French American Revolution  
→ Russian Revolution  
→ economic  
→ political  
→ social  
→ other

Root = human ingenuity → curiosity  
→ sense of justice  
→ innovation  
→ idea / thought  
→ fight against  
oppressive, exploitation.

Conclusion → social changes  
→ Swachche Bharat, Make in India,  
space sector, sports, New rajdiptra,  
Tendulkar, → RTI  
→ Sankaralingam Balasubramanian  
→ Kailash Satyarthi

**Feedback**

Feedback to be provided in terms of (1) Introduction (2) Sentence Constructions (3) Paragraph Formation (4) Legibility (5) Deviation from Topic (6) Coverage of dimensions (7) Simplicity / ease of reading



**SECTION - B**

1. Feminism is not just equality but full humanity of women.

नारीवाद सिर्फ समानता नहीं बल्कि महिलाओं की पूर्ण मानवता है।

2. Peace cannot exist without justice, justice cannot exist without fairness, fairness cannot exist without development, development cannot exist without democracy, democracy cannot exist without respect for the culture and people.

न्याय के बिना शांति का अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता, निष्पक्षता के बिना न्याय का अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता, विकास के बिना निष्पक्षता का अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता, लोकतंत्र के बिना विकास का अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता, संस्कृति और लोगों के सम्मान के बिना लोकतंत्र का अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता।

3. Federalism is a play between Central unilateralism and state autonomy.

संघवाद केंद्रीय एकपक्षवाद और राज्य की स्वायत्तता के बीच का एक खेल है।

4. Patriarchy arises out of the same constellation that engenders casteism, racism and communalism.

पितृसत्ता उसी सोच से उत्पन्न होती है जो जातिवाद, वंशवाद और सांप्रदायिकता को जन्म देती है।

Ans 1

" Feminism is not just equality —  
but full humanity of —  
women. "

'Feminism' is not just an equality of outcomes or equality of opportunities. Infact, feminism has now acquired more holistic and comprehensive approach towards ensuring equal rights, liberties and a dignified life for women.

Initially, feminism grew as a backlash against patriarchal discrimination and historical injustice to women. However with better understanding and reform following post-modernist thought processes; focus shifted on celebrating 'femininity' as such.

Patriarchal social order has its roots in division of labour as per ancient social order. Men occupied outside space, while women occupied inside space in a house.



With rising economy and growing importance of outside work, position of men became more dominant and controlling while reduced women participation in economy resulted in their emasculation and reduced say in decision making.

Over centuries this perpetuated and resulted in well established social beliefs and institutions based on patriarchal norms, reducing women to mere property of men.

Although historically women did protest against unjust discrimination based on gender, but true consciousness rose with the onset of modern ideas.

Modern ideas of equality, liberty and fraternity, modern economy which hired women as well, → caused women to question the basis of gender based discrimination.

They protested against unequal property rights, unequal access to education and excessive restrictions imposed onto them.

They resisted social expectations imposed onto them. They exposed social, political and economic exploitation. They caused society to introspect and work on gender equity.

Works of writers like Mary Shelley, & Jane Austen questioned norms. They raised women voice and put forth ideas going on inside women's minds. They made the space for expression of women ideas more open & liberated.

Later during civil rights movement, feminism also took strong turn. Contributions of women leaders like Mary Sejourner, Rosa Parks and others are instrumental. They highlighted the intersectionality of being black and being a woman, how this compounds their hardships & exploitation.

Later with the rise of women leaders at a global stage like Indira Gandhi, Angela Merkel, Margaret Thatcher and various women business leaders; feminism as a



movement got its position strengthened. But a fight against discrimination of a patriarchal society had the vulnerability of turning into a fight against men.

This turn was evident in radical feminist movement, which saw human male as the aggressor rather than the system.

But a more refined thought and well established ideas now place patriarchy and males in different boxes. Males and females are equally victims of a patriarchal social order. Although women faced greater hardships.

Thus a more humane approach now moves towards achieving full humanity of women as goals of feminism. Feminism now shall focus on achieving a dignified life, where the feminine is celebrated as an equal but different from the masculine.

Focus on ensuring equal access to education, ensuring equitable health access and encouraging economic independence among women. This creates capacity and ability among women to pursue their own life choices <sup>more</sup> <sub>h</sub> meaningfully.

Creating social, economic & political systems which create equal opportunities.  
Gender sensitisation of societies. Working on reducing high disease burden in women and adolescent girls.

Celebrating multiple roles which women as a human occupy in society. Celebrating their roles as a mother, as daughter <sup>as a sister</sup> as a wife, as a friend and most importantly as an individual.

Creating a sense that women need not only be in a supportive role rather in a leading role too. They too have full potential to lead nations, lead businesses, lead research & development



and create, as well lead their own houses. Ensuring that being a woman alone shall not be a factor in hindrance to any goal or aim derived by women.

Ensuring that women don't face indiscriminate onslaught of social ills, poverty and malnutrition and crime.

Creating a safe working environment, for women. Ensure greater fairness and institutional mechanisms which increase women confidence and are supportive in their life journeys. Providing level-platform for expression.

Promoting their participation in all fields of human endeavour ranging from sports, cinema, administration, defense, dance & entertainment as well as science and technology & business.

However these goals are not yet achieved and the # relevance of feminism is as much as ever. Rising global problems

like rise of orthodox societal structures. eg. Return of Taliban in Afghanistan. Climate change induced forced migrations eg. in Sub-Saharan & Sahel Region of Africa.

Rise in social & religious & political persecutions. eg. South Asia, West Asia etc.

Rise of orthodox right wing in various parts even in 'developed' nations. eg. overturning of 'Roe vs Wade' in U.S.A crucial for abortion rights.

And many other such problems have highlighted weak social position of women. particularly in weaker & poorer marginal sections of society.

Recent rise in domestic violence against women, crimes against women, sexual harrassment & abuse, during COVID-19 raise various systemic limitations.



COVID-19 induced job losses saw disproportionate share of women. The reduced LFPR in women as well as increased share in care giving activities → shows still prevalent patriarchal norms in society and danger to their economic empowerment.

Having discussed the problems, it is very pertinent to discuss the various initiatives by Government of India. 1) Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao aims at improving education access to women.

2) MUDRA loans, and JAM trinity, DBT as well as easy credit to women SHGs is aimed at improving economic empowerment of women. They also aim at facilitating 'feminisation of agriculture' by providing alternative economic opportunity to women in rural areas..

3) Promoting health and nutrition among women through schemes like → Anemia Mukta Bharat, POSHAN Abhiyan, Biofortification and others.

4) Ensuring women's reproductive rights through

MTP- Amendment 2021, having various progressive provisions.

Ensuring safety of women at workplace  
POSH Act.

⇒ Increasing participation of women in STEM fields by granting scholarships and access to world class guidance & education.

Even the civil society and various NGOs like Kudumbashree, play crucial role in generating awareness, empowerment and economic independence. They have helped in political empowerment. eg. Provisions like reservation for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Recently Supreme Court also upheld the right of women to permanent Commission in armed forces. Thus various social, and governmental Institutions have been working towards holistic development and encourage aspirations of women. This gives a promising picture for future.



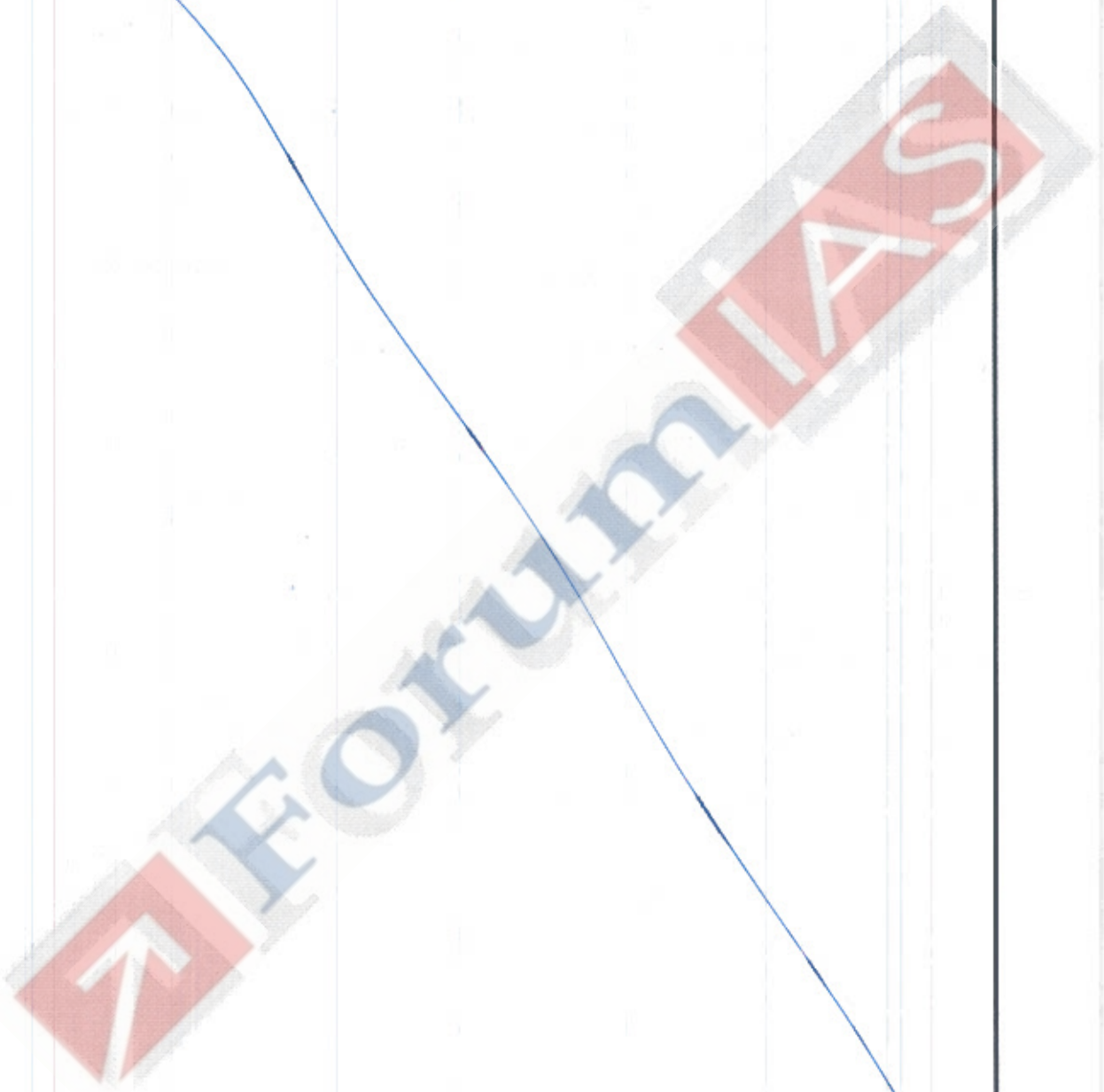
To know the status of a civilisation, one can always look at how they treat their women. Women are equal partners in the journey of humanity. Their role and contribution to humanity is irreplaceable. After all she has the power to give life. & she has the power to transform lives of others.

Any society shall not indulge in activities or practices which inhibit true expression of its womanhood. One of the <sup>prime</sup> aims of our modern societies is to achieve not just equality but full humanity of women.

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Intro → Ia  
→ Ib.



- works of → writers → Jane Austen / Mary Shelley
- women politicians → Angela Merkel, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, Sheikh Hasina
- civil rights movement → Rosa Parks / Mary Seaman
- current → women leaders → actresses / business leaders / administrators....

full humanity of woman  
→ as equal being  
→ as equal rights, liberties and opportunities

→ dignification capacity today

→ celebration of femininity → birth giver / as a mother / as a daughter / as a wife / as a friend / as an individual

threats

→ unequal impact of socialists, political unrest, orthodox beliefs, etc

→ climate change, poverty, malnutrition, disease burden

way forward → STEM / SAT / RDP

→ civil society

→ 'quote'

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