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अधिकतम अंक : 250**ESSAY / निबंध**

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Q.1			2. There are TWO Sections. Each Section has MULTIPLE topics printed in English/Hindi. You have to write on 1 topic from Each part. प्रश्न पत्र में दो खंड हैं। प्रत्येक खंड में अंग्रेजी/हिंदी में बहु-विषय मुद्रित हैं। आपको प्रत्येक भाग में से किसी एक विषय का लेखन करना है।	
Q.2			3. One question in each part is compulsory. प्रत्येक भाग में से एक प्रश्न करना अनिवार्य है।	
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Remarks/टिप्पणी :			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. उत्तर प्रवेश पत्र में अधिकृत माध्यम में लिखे जाने चाहिए, जो कि दिए गए स्थान में इस प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यूसीए) पुस्तिका के कवर पर स्पष्ट रूप से लिखा जाना चाहिए।	
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			7. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum Answer Booklet must be clearly Struck off. प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़ा गया कोई भी पृष्ठ या पृष्ठ का भाग स्पष्ट रूप से काट दिया जाना चाहिए।	
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MARKING SCHEME

<i>Parameter/Criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
Basic Format	Introduction + Conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
Content	Data/Facts/Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
Organisation	Flow of ideas/ Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
Language Skills	Punctuation/Grammar/ Sentence Formation/Spellings	25		
Examiner's Discretion	Perception/ Innovation/ Engaging	25		

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

Very Good	Good	Average
120 and above	100-120	Below 100

SECTION - A

1. We need greater environmental awareness and sustainable development in the face of climate change and ecocide.

हमें जलवायु परिवर्तन और प्राकृतिक विच्छेदन के सामने अधिक पर्यावरण जागरूकता और सतत विकास की आवश्यकता है।

2. A moral system valid for all is basically immoral.

सभी के लिए मान्य एक नैतिक प्रणाली मूलतः अनैतिक है।

3. The pursuit of knowledge leads to the discovery of truth.

ज्ञान की खोज सत्य की खोज की ओर ले जाती है।

4. Less is more and small is beautiful: the new mantra for world peace

अल्प अधिक है और छोटा सुंदर है : विश्व शांति के लिए नया मंत्र

3.) The Pursuit of knowledge
leads to the discovery
of truth

A young boy stealthily
enters the praying room late at
night. He has pangs of hunger
running down his stomach.
He goes off half asleep near

the god's idol. He is shocked
by what he sees!

A tiny rat is nibbling ^{in front of God's idol}
at the 'ladoo' (sweet). The boy
starts searching for the answer
of 'who is God'? why can't
he even protect himself?

These search for answers
leads him to forming 'Arya Samaj'
and him writing the book 'Satyaj-
arth Prakash'. He is none other than
one of the greatest social reformer of
India: 'Dayanand Saraswati'.

In this essay we shall
understand what pursuing knowledge
means & how it was picked, pilgred
the man's interest across space

and time. Later we shall understand what motivates man to pursue knowledge and discover truth. ^{penultimately} ~~ultimately~~ we shall see if the discovered reality is the ultimate and irrefutable reality. Lastly, we shall understand the ways in which this quest for wisdom is encouraged to flourish.

Quest for wisdom

Aristotle was once asked by his followers 'what is one ultimate truth that he knows for sure.

He replied, 'I know one thing, that I know nothing.'

This shows that search for 'real meaning' in life is everlasting journey. It can either

be for making sense of physical world, or for metaphysical world.

In physical world, man tries to understand tangible concepts and search for solution to problems that are easily visible. (eg) discovery of search for minerals in Jammu & Kashmir led to the discovery of lithium ore.

Similarly, in metaphysical world view, one tries to grasp intangible concepts which are difficult to decipher as they can't be perceived by our senses.

(eg) Who is God, what is consciousness has led many towards path of self discovery while pursuing answers to such questions. (eg) Vivekananda's path and Buddha's attainment of Moksha.

Treasure hunt for ultimate knowledge:
Across space & time

Man has been intrigued by his
surrounding right from the beginning.
During theological society in Europe,
where religion dictated the tenets,
it was believed that 'geocentricity' is
the ultimate reality & the norm.

However, this truth was
shattered by 'Copernicus' through his
heliocentric theory'. He achieved this
at the theory through
constant pursuit of knowledge. He
was put to death for 'discovery of
truth', which he was well aware of ^{his}
fate while pursuing the wisdom. But it didn't
deter him.

Even during the era of

colonialism, it was made to
~~believe~~
believe by the colonizer that
they were ending for 'civilizing'
the barbaric masses & it was
white man's burden given to them.

However, this common
knowledge was shattered by Sade
Bhai Naoroji due to his constant
endeavour for finding the real
truth. He gave the theory of
'drain of wealth' to refute the claims.

Even, Thomas Alva Edison
while discovering bulb remarked that
'I haven't failed thousand time, I
have only found thousand ways
that don't work.

What is it that guides
an individual, as seen in above

instances, to bring reality out
of the veil of ignorance & illusion.

search for meaning guiding towards
ultimate climax!

Just like a child is anxious
to find what is behind the covered
cage
of magician, similarly a person who
is finding the 'real meaning' is
eager to reach his/her 'Enneka':
movement!

They are driven by none
other than the inner drive and
motivation. (e.g. discovery of airplane by
wright brothers. However, at times
it is also necessary to find solution
to troubling issue in society. This quest
for finding cure to trouble is what
guided the discovery of Penicillin.

Even Elon Musk, when asked about how he attained success in successfully landing of reusable rocket despite many failure, remarked 'he never gave up!'

Not only just ~~inner~~ ^{internal} factors but sometimes external factors ^{also} ~~too~~ encourage an individual on their journey for seeking ultimate knowledge.

Sometimes a teacher or philosopher may guide us to seek greatness. (eg.) Ramakrishna paramhansa guided vivekananda in his quest for self discovery & greatness.

But is the discovered truth the eternal and everlasting truth or can it be refuted for something greater? let's see.

Reputability of ultimate truth

It is often said that there are better practices to best practices.

This search for 'real and final meaning' is the fuel that drives man to find new meaning in life. This gives the purpose to mundane life.

The truth should be open to the idea of 'dialectics' whereby the present thesis clashes with antithetical idea, ultimately leading to synthesis of idea. That is how real knowledge is found.

For this, one should be open to criticism (constructive) & reputat-
ion by scholars. (eg) ChatGPT, based on regenerative model learns from feedback and responses & accordingly modifies its result. Thus it is necessary to shun

one's ego & accept that one's truth may be building blocks for someone else's knowledge. That is how knowledge flourishes & grows.

Letting the tree of knowledge grow

to ensure that one is open to learning, it is necessary that right from young age; parents & teachers should nurture the exploratory and inquisitive nature of child.

School education should not present knowledge as unquestionable truth rather it should encourage debate.

As Mark Twain said 'I never let schooling get in the way of my education'; it is necessary that one should learn how to gain knowledge.

Just like Moolshankar gave wing to his curiosity and quest for real meaning. It is one choice which path we choose: one of ignorance or of Truth.

As Robert Frost said:

'Two roads diverged in the wood & I took the one less travelled by and that has made all the difference!'

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. Investment in human resource development can ensure security of future society.
मानव संसाधन विकास में निवेश से भावी समाज की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की जा सकती है।
2. Men survive on adversity and perish in ease and comfort.
व्यक्ति प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों में जीवित रहते हैं और सुविधा एवं आराम से नष्ट हो जाते हैं।
3. Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.
प्रत्येक संत का एक अतीत होता है, और प्रत्येक पापी का एक भविष्य होता है।
4. Ethical issues arise only when science is applied to technology.
नैतिक मुद्दे केवल तभी उत्पन्न होते हैं जब विज्ञान प्रौद्योगिकी पर लागू किया जाता है।

2.)

Men survive on adversity &
Perish in ease & comfort

screenshot A : A player is drenched

in sweat from head

to toe but is continuously practicing

his forehand and backhand shot.

He knows that he has to face a

very talented opponent in the finals

of wimbledon match. He is willing

to go that extra mile to achieve

his dream of winning grand slam.

Screenshot B:

'Player II' is drenched
is sweat too. But it is not
the sweat of hard work and toil.
It is that of comfort and fun.
He is enjoying the victory in today's
match & not too worried too much
of tomorrow. while partying in pub prior to match.

well, you guessed it right!,
Player 'I' is none other than the
former Numero uno tennis player:
Rafael Nadal. And player 'II' despite
being extremely talented has never
won a Wimbledon championship. He
is Nick Kyrgios, who perished in ease & comfort.

In this essay, we will
first understand what 'maketh a man';
& how one differ from another in

adversity, later we shall understand how adversity strengthens a man, Next we shall understand why life of enjoyment and comfort is devoid of greatness. Penultimately, we will look at the other side of the coin i.e. Is ease & comfort always bad! Lastly, we will try to find the solution ^{to handle} between conflicting ideas.

What maketh a man?

Just like a sea is never devoid of wave, similarly our life is also never the same. One may face adversity at one time and trouble joy at another.

How we respond to such time is what makes us. As Zig

Ziglar remarks 'one attitude helps us climb the altitude'.

Some thrive in rough time and shine bright like a

diamond in the rough. Others
succumb to pleasure and joy
during good times.

But how does thriving
difficult times strengthen a man?


Let's find out.

Trying times: The stepping stones to success

It has oftentimes said that
difficult men last but difficult times
don't.

Adversity provides an opportunity to
rise to occasion and not succumb
under its weight. The famous quote
points to this point that when
life gives you lemon, you make
lemonade!

Challenges are part of one's
life. They shape one character. There
are many who overcame the soul

crushing experience to make it the most defining point of their life. 

Neceraj chopra, the olympic gold medallist, had to undergo career threatening shoulder surgery one year prior to Tokyo olympics. He was shattered by his surgery, but he never gave up and, with indomitable will not only survived but became a champion in olympics.

Such difficult and troubling moments acts and one successful handling of the same acts as our milestones. These give us strength to face future challenge head on.

However, there are many who get complacent after achieving one feat and stops the journey of growth.

Let's throw some light on why men perish in through 'pleasure seeking' mentality.

Ease and comfort: The stumbling block of failure

Once we achieve what we desire, ~~one~~ ^{we} gets shrouded in clouds of complacency. Mind and body always try to minimize pain and maximize pleasure.

In this quest, one loses the value of hard work and start searching for quick fix ^{solution & shortcuts}. This leads to the rabbit hole of lack of will, motivation and desire to achieve greatness. 'Greatness never grows on the bedrock of pleasure & comfort'

Many sportsman display similar attitude of over-indulgence in pleasure and joy after achieving victory &

this leads to their downfall. (4)

A case in point is two times
olympic medallist 'Sushil Kumar' who
forgot his roots and perished on
the ~~too~~ wrong path of 'easy money'.

Money of temptation leads to
many evils. that in the quest for
pleasure and enjoyment many hardwork-
ing farmers of punjab have fallen
into trap of 'addiction' of drugs and
psychotropic substance as shown
rightly in 'Udta Punjab' movie.

Such 'easy going' and 'happy go
lucky' attitude leads to attitude of
enjoy like there is no tomorrow.

This also lead to overindulgence and
'fatalism' in a person that is sure-
shot recipe to their downfall.

But if ease and comfort

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is full of malice then why ^{has} ~~does~~ man since time immemorial sought the same.

Ease and pleasure: The other side of coin

Just like we experience warmth and comfort in our bed and blanket during a winter night, similarly a cozy and comfortable lifestyle may not be all bad.

It provide a conducive enviro-
ment to face adversity and trying
times. This also ensure that one
may not revert the wheel everytime.
suppose a child ^{of doctor} whose aspire to be
an astronaut may achieve the his
dream by studying in comfort of
home and not necessarily going in
streetlight to face hardship.

Similarly, as piece Bourdieu

suggests that the social capital can
act as a launching pad ^{for} ^{say} a
budding musician whose cousin helps
him record in his friend's studio.
Whether one achieves success or their
troubled time depends on their grit
& determination.

Sometimes elusive goal of
seeking ease and comfort through
delayed gratification also act as
motivation to achieve great things ^{in life}.
This is very much evident in four
week workday and work hard, party
harder culture.

Having seen the other side
of ease and comfort, it is important
to understand that hardship and
trials ^{times} are part and parcel of one's
life. How we respond to depend
makes us who we are truly out to be.

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However, there are ways in which value of not succumbing to pleas pressure and not always seeking please can be inculcated.

Parents need to lead by example and guide their children that there are no shortcuts to success. Ethical and moral lessons from the lives of leaders such as Gandhiji and Subhash Chandra Bose can instill values of equanimity, stability, emotional intelligence and integrity among children.

Equality and equity is important so that everyone can have basic minimum necessity to develop their capability [Amartya Sen]. Thus role of government to provide public goods such as education, health, shelter can't be denied.

Thus just like Nadal displayed that hard work and positive attitude can beat talent & comfort, we must remember words of Ernest Hemingway: [Invictus]:

[It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.]

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Rough

Perish in

ease & comfort

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→ human
→ being

→ lives
→ theirs

→ **Forumias**
→ difficulty

→ finish
→ extinct
→ business

→ enjoyment
→ no thought
→ take things lightly

→ sustain
→ achieve greatness

→ leadership
→ trying times
→ Bond
→ Leadership

→ destroy
→ lost
→ end
→ 'over'

→ safety / pleasure / madal

sprayed his leg

Snapshot A: Player A
most wrinkled on forehead
(Told grade, the most needy creature → sneer in extremes.

late night party's prior to match.

Snapshot B: match
Dodo, a land bird, laid eggs on ground of lack of predator
perished / couldn't adapt.

extinct
what separates the two?

What maketh a man? What differs a man from a mass? make way while sun shines:

it's the attitude to Problem. that shapes the destiny. (Ease & comfort)

How adversity strengthens a man?

- 1) shapes the character
- 2) gives inner strength to deal with future problem.
- 3) weedy drops shoulder injury
- 4) COVID-19 → response of community
- 5) Faith is the bird which lays with slight ray of dawn & see light

Why Perish in ease & comfort

- 1) failure to work hard
- 2) lack of motivation / will / desire
- 3) Nation that relies on foreign aid / support of other / doesn't strengthen.

vs. Japan which despite adversity.

- 4) Fatalistic / 5) have now repent late
- 6) Punish too much prosperity →

Is ease & comfort always a hindrance to the end of man?

- 1) it provides conducive environment to grow cultural capital by parent for child
- 2) Act as launching pad, if well built network (symbolic capital) piece of Bonedean, new concept of work hard / party harder
- 4) the work week

way out

- 1) ethics → moral lessons
- 2) value of hard work / sincerity / honesty
- parents: lead by example, teach to not serve on platter

2) equability → basic minimum comfort → 'capability approach' + fulfilling life.

3) Govt → public good:

4) 'equanimity character' →

Inimitus → It matter not how short the gate, How charged with punishment the work.

life's battle don't always go the way you want. I'm the Captain of my co.

Feedback

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