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FIAS - MGP 2023 - Essay Test (FLT) #3

Time Allowed : Three Hours  
समय : तीन घंटे**ForumIAS**Maximum Marks : 250  
अधिकतम अंक : 250**ESSAY / निबंध**

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Q. No. प्र.सं.	Max. Marks अधिकतम अंक	Marks Obtained प्राप्तांक	1. Please do furnish Name, Email, Roll No and Mobile in the answer sheet. कृपया उत्तर-पुस्तिका में नाम, ईमेल, रोल नंबर और मोबाइल नंबर भरें।	
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।	
Total Marks/कुल अंक			4. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it. एक प्रश्न/भाग द्वारा किए गए अंकों की संख्या इसके सामने इंगित की गई है।	
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।	
			6. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to. प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, यदि निर्दिष्ट हो, का पालन किया जाना चाहिए।	
			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**

<b>Parameter/Criteria</b>	<b>Aspects Considered</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>Essay 1</b>	<b>Essay 2</b>
<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		

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>
<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. Institutions reflect the cultural values of the societies in which they are established.  
संस्थान उन समाजों के सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों को दर्शाते हैं जिनमें वे स्थापित होते हैं।
2. He who has a 'why' to live for, can bear almost any 'how'.  
जिसके पास जीने के लिए 'क्यों'/'कारण' है, वह लगभग किसी भी 'कैसे'/'परिस्थिति' को सहन कर सकता है।
3. The power of perception shapes our understanding of reality.  
अनुभूति की शक्ति वास्तविकता की हमारी समझ को आकार देती है।
4. The tree that would grow to heaven must send its roots to hell.  
जो पेड़ स्वर्ग तक बढ़ेगा उसे अपनी जड़ें नरक में भेजनी होंगी।

3. THE POWER OF PERCEPTION  
SHAPES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF REALITY

Recently, the Ukraine-Russia war completed 500 days - which began on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 with Russia declaring 'military operations' in the bordering regions of Donetsk and Donbas.

Russian President initiated the war on the perceived threat of NATO forces encircling Russia along its western borders. This was assumed on the pretext of growing proximity of Ukraine to EU and NATO to gain its membership.

Had Russia not added fuel to its fire of perception and resorted to diplomacy and discussions, the reality today could have been entirely different - saving the pain of ~~over~~ thousand

deaths and migration of millions.

This incident goes on to demonstrate how the power of perception shapes our understanding of reality.

With this context, we will attempt to understand what perception really means, how does it get created, its implications on our life and reality. Towards the end, we will explore means to build constructive perception and leveraging it to understand reality better.

Dissection of perception

In simple words, perception means - outlook on things, people, incident, situations etc. based on information at our disposal, our experiences, pre-conceived notions, biases and prejudices. ~~Perception~~ Perception can be either positive, negative or neutral. For example, a criminal is often perceived as an immoral and unethical person - due to the pain it inflicts on the victim.

Perception is generated based on our emotional and knowledge-bank. During the colonial period, as more

number of middle class  
intelligentsia arose in India,  
it started to gain  
consciousness of foreign and  
alien rule of the British -  
and their experiences built  
a negative perception of  
colonial rule being exploitative

It was possible due to  
collective experience of

being misgoverned and ill-treated.  
It ultimately led to growth  
of freedom struggle -  
which ultimately led to  
change in India's reality -  
with India gaining independence  
in 1947.

Perception not only  
helps in acknowledging but

also understanding inner depths of reality. Lord Buddha through his logical thinking and rational approach, altered perception of masses significantly. Tenets of Buddhism helped in finding balance in life (madhyama marga) and demystify superstition and unscientific theories.

Unleashing the power of Perception

Humankind has been leveraging the power of perception since times immemorial. While the earliest



cave-men feared fire, his  
innovation of not perceiving  
fire as threat ultimately  
gave birth to idea of cooking  
and living a settled life.

In modern times, with  
climate change creating  
havoc globally, scientists  
tapped into the perception  
of nature being an abundant  
supplier of resources to  
develop solar and wind energy  
technology. This revolutionizing  
idea has helped shaped  
our understanding of being  
one with nature.

Similarly, the quest  
to understand what a healthy

Lifestyle actually comprises of,  
has led to growing  
perception of spiking one's  
protein intake and multi-vitamins.

Just mere perception may  
not be able to sustain  
the perceived reality, it  
needs to be supported by  
scientific studies and experiments  
- in case of nutritional  
study has been ample.

However, perception  
may not equivocally  
shape understanding of  
everyone. Take for example -  
the provision of reservations  
for education and employment  
in India. It becomes

sustainable when seen from  
the perception of deprivation  
whereas it faces stiff  
opposition when viewed on  
the grounds of meritocracy.

### Deception of Perception

The tool of perception  
has been increasingly resorted  
to bring new understandings  
and concepts to the forefront.

### Cruelty-free products

have been in vogue for  
sometime new - showcasing  
the compassionate nature of  
the companies. It immensely  
helps them in earning  
public goodwill and strengthen

public image. However,  
many of these companies  
resort to greenwashing of  
their products - leading to  
distorted understanding.

In the age of  
internet, computers are  
increasingly seen as reliable  
source of information. With  
generative AI-based tools  
like Chat GPT, Bard AI etc.  
becoming popular - it has  
increased the risk of  
misinformation and fake  
news due to gullible human  
nature to trust entities  
perceived smarter than them.

## Taming the beast of perception

Perception assisted with scientific temper can alone usher us into unravelling new realities. Not believing everything that is said around - especially due to Pandemic of 'social media influencers' is non-negotiable.

Developing a questioning mindset ~~is~~ is the need of the hour. One should not let others easily influence us. Rather, striving for constructive debates and discussions can collectively bolster a more reliable understanding of

Life and reality.

In the end, remember  
that 'reality is what we  
make of it'. Let us all  
constructively use the power  
of perception to foster a  
more meaningful way of  
leading 'life'!

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. A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.  
जो मन किसी नये अनुभव से खिंच जाता है वह कभी भी अपने पुराने आयामों पर वापस नहीं जा सकता।
2. One health approach: a call for ecological equity.  
एक स्वास्थ्य दृष्टिकोण : पारिस्थितिक समानता का आह्वान।
3. Culture can unite what history and geography has divided.  
संस्कृति उसे एकजुट कर सकती है जिसे इतिहास और भूगोल ने विभाजित किया है।
4. Social evils have not completely left the ground, instead, are changing their form.  
सामाजिक कुरीतियाँ व्यवहार में पूरी तरह से खत्म नहीं हुई हैं, बल्कि अपना रूप बदलती जा रही हैं।

4. Social evils have not completely left the ground, instead are changing their form

By the onset of 20<sup>th</sup> century AD, slavery was considered inhuman and led to its abolishment across most parts of the world.  
As per Immanuel Kant,

man can not be a mere  
means to an end - thus  
denigrating slavery.

Despite the global  
dislike for this immoral  
act, the recently concluded

FIFA World Cup in Qatar

brought into light a  
modern form of slavery.

Labour employed to build  
football stadiums and  
logistics were exposed to  
inhuman treatment. With  
passports of many withheld,  
many of them were forced  
to work extremely long  
hours, with no or inadequate



Social safety net. Some of them unfortunately perished under this exploitative system.

Thus, to claim slavery has been globally abolished would be a misnomer. Rather, slavery and other social evils have not completely left the ground, instead are changing their form.

In this essay, we will explore various social evils that have been claimed to be eliminated but continue to exist in new forms, factors behind their survival and steps needed to identify and curb

them.

## The Pandora Box of Social Evils

Human being is a social animal. Humans have historically and universally appreciated good deeds while calling out the social evils like racism, patriarchy, casteism etc.

With the ushering of post-modern world, it was expected that the world would be driven on scientific lines, eliminating pseudo-scientific and unethical practices and establishing true social, economic and political justice for all. As the recent history

has it, despite of attaining higher and higher echelons of development, the social evils have continued to persist in new forms and shapes.

Women form the major chunk of being the victims of social evil. Enraging the modesty of women has continued. With incidents of e-auctioning of females on illicit apps like Bulli Bai, Sulli Deals etc. have brought to the fore front the objectification / commodification of women in digital age.

Casual sexism at workplace - through lewd

remarks/jokes or demand for sexual favours for promotions, have strait-jacketed women under a glass-ceiling.

One may question, why do such immoral tendencies continue to thrive in this age? The reason being despite the acceptance of virtues like equality, liberty etc. - it has not been truly put into practice. It has been obstructed due to human tendency to dominate over others to feel superior and good over others.

While racism was formally abolished in the U.S.A through Civil Rights Act in

1950s, the world has recently witnessed multiple incidents of morphed racism - like the George Floyd case (USA), death of an Algerian youth (France) etc. While outright racist policies are abolished, they continue in the form of higher police detention, vehicle checks on biased suspicions etc.

The Indian - equivalent i.e. Casteism is not an outlier.

Despite opening of Hindu temples for all, ~~their~~ entry of dalits in the premises is still perceived as polluting by higher castes. Though legally, they can't stop them from entering, temple management have sometimes

resorted to closing temples  
temporarily on 'cleansing grounds'  
- in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat etc.

While the Constitution  
provides for equality under  
Articles 14-19 - it is often  
violated by society. Cutting  
thumbs of a Dalit boy while  
catching a ball, urinating  
over tribal etc. are just too  
inhuman and leaves too much  
ground for social evil to  
modify and persist.

There are many other  
social evils kept alive in  
modern forms. Replacing  
intention of dewry as 'gifts',  
justifying wine consumption on  
health grounds, smoking  
Cannabis through misplaced

religious connotations, paedophilia through child pornography, cyber-bullying, stalking etc. are too hard to be ignored.

Though, violence is largely condemned, communalism has taken shape through hate speeches - Hyderabad, Haridwar etc., propaganda-based films, media sensationalism, political polarization etc. It is not in the mere incident, but in the incitement of social evils - have they continue to exist in the present-day society.

The urge to continue surrogate practice of

Social evils have been further aggravated due to rising individualism and materialism of humans. Control-freak attitude over resources to satisfy greed and lust has undermined the importance of social values - based on equality, Liberty and fraternity.

Uprooting the social evils

By now, we have understood that the eradication of social evil presides in truly practicing good deeds and curbing evil practices. It demands collective conscience and responsibility of each one of us.



With growing voice of individual on social media, it can be positively leveraged to call out prevalent social evils. The #MeToo campaign has revolutionized workplace safety provisions and made leaders more accountable.

Political will is yet another crucial tool to take the world in a more equitable and evil-free direction. India's efforts in being a pioneers of universal adult suffrage can be a reminder to India and the world alike on keeping the ~~pedal~~ pedal on the gas on to truly ~~uproot~~ uproot social evils in times to come.

In the end, planting seeds of equality, non-discrimination in a child's mind at school and home early-on can lead us to a better world in coming generations.

Remember what Martin Luther King Jr said- "injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere"

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Power of perception shapes our understanding of reality

Outlook based on info, experience, pre-conceived notions, history  
 +ve, -ve, neutral, colonial rule & exploitation.

Rich lifestyle + pollution, poor lifestyle + unhygienic & deprived.

How to perception developed?

Psychology, behavior, threat, friend or foe  
 Threat perception → Russia-Ukraine - NATO, Taiwan, N.K - S.K

Adultra

Buddha - rational approach - Logic - demystified theories, debunked superstitions + myth.  
 Chanana - ether → materialism  
 Solar energy → electricity → idea was the seed.

Deception  
 Once threat → Power

Polarization and communalism → disharmony  
 Mature feared in stone age → five → used for cooking

Image building ↔ PR

New perception → New ideas → New reality

cruelty free  
 greenwashing  
 vesan

ChatGPT

generation AI  
 perceived as  
 to converse  
 with humans.

Biases + prejudices

Building strong and transparent perception → hamper/break perception

rational thinking, questioning attitude, not falling to theories which are invalid

Protein intake  
 Multivitamins

Perception of EODB → improves competition  
 ↳ actually improves EODB

Perception of deprivation → reserve burden  
 Perception of equity → uphold right to equality + equity

Reality is what we make of it

Reinforcing for

Korem description

Unlabeled ceiling -

Caste

Racism → Alan Floyd  
 Women → Mahsa Amini  
 Terrorism →

Communalism → Mh, Hatespeech, films, media, sensationalism

↳ thru - Manipur Rape + violence

Slavery → Qatar WC → handed Labour passport with.

Abortion ban in US → Roe vs Wade

Seattle case down allux

Child marriage

Manual scavenging → shunns  
 Oalit → violence → crushed

Patriarchy → casual sexism at w/p - jokes, remarks.

Downside gifts

Alcohol ↔ wine health  
 + Drugs ↔ Cannabis as proad-

Bullying / stalkings  
 Pornography, child molestation via pornography, paedophilia

Suicide → Blue whale game.

Laundern / illicit money → NFTs, crypto

→ bulldozer justice  
 → Romec squads

Sexual favour promotion in world of slick talk + tramp.

Neoliberalism  
 Fascism

Politization of caste.

Hate speech

Keep not to end