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## ESSAY / निबंध

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<i>Parameter/ criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Marks Allotted</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
<b>Basic Format</b>	Introduction	10		
	Body	15		
	Conclusion	10		
<b>Content</b>	Topic interpretation	10		
	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
<b>Organization</b>	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
<b>Language skills</b>	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
<b>Examiner's discretion</b>	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

<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. Before the borders are broken the minds are invaded.  
सीमाओं को तोड़ने से पहले दिमाग / सोच पर आक्रमण किया जाता है।
2. Talent and passion are only useful tools if one has the work ethic to back them up.  
प्रतिभा और जुनून तभी उपयोगी उपकरण हैं यदि किसी के पास उन्हें सहारा देने के लिए कार्य नैतिकता है।
3. The opportunity of interfaith dialogue: modern solution for globalised world.  
अंतरधार्मिक संवाद का अवसर : वैश्वीकृत दुनिया के लिए आधुनिक समाधान।
4. The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.  
एकमात्र असंभव यात्रा वह है जिसे आप कभी शुरू नहीं करते हैं।

1. Before the borders are broken the minds are invaded

David Goggner had a traumatic childhood. Family issues, his inadequate performance in studies and poor social interaction were few characteristics of his life. He even became overweight in his 20s and such elements limited his growth contours to borders of mediocrity.

But a realization of stagnation started flickering ~~when~~ as a reaction to external stimuli. He started countering his pessimistic thoughts. The invasion of mind through armour of will is the reason behind him becoming a Navy SEAL and the ultra-endurance athlete.

The instance reflects how an invasion of mind and subsequent revolution in thoughts can make one surpass the border, the once thought was unbreachable. Mind is a psychological creation

attributed to biological entity 'brain'. It is an important determinant for any action. Psychologist Carl Jung attributes behaviour to this psyche of responding in certain ways.

This mind, even though an ocean of untapped potential, gets restricted due to life experiences, beliefs and socio-cultural elements. It was assumed that a human cannot run a mile in 4 minutes and was marked as a border. However, Roger Bannister didn't think so and he proved the world by running a mile within 4 minutes.

Such borders are not only individualistic but <sup>are</sup> also ~~see~~ visible at societal and global level. When the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century Indian society was subjected to 'White Men's Burden' and was foretold that this is their border, first thing the social reformers and nationalists did was to attack the minds. This invasion of minds of people at several junctures is the reason why India stands proudly as a democracy and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy.

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Invasion of mind creates a churning in thoughts and starts a pre-suppositionless thinking. It develops value of equanimity, thus building resilience to overcome the border adversity. When the borders are beyond individual, i.e., at social or national level, then also the process remains almost similar.

Effects of Babita Punjya and attack on orthodoxy by LGBTQIA+ community is the reason behind increased gender equality. Considered an impregnable border for women, today not only women have been granted permanent commission in army.

but also have been enlisted in combatant and tactical roles. Captain Shiva Chauhan (deployed at Siachen) is one such case.

However, there is also a negative fallout when the statement is taken in reverse. Contemporary realities have resulted in invasion of mind by fundamentalism, post-truth, etc. This has resulted in humanity continuously breaching the border of barbarity.

The Shambhu Regan case of Rajasthan, communalism in Nuh, police officer shooting a kid in France, vigilanteism, etc.



reflect the stated hypothesis.

In the international politics, such invasion takes the form of propaganda, a deadly weapon as per George Orwell. US invasion of Iraq <sup>violating</sup> latter's territorial integrity <sup>was based</sup> on imaginative weapons of mass destruction.

In fact, US and Russia are attempting to breach the nuclear border in ongoing Ukraine crisis. The Russia's anger at western support to Ukraine and counter-speech of Joe Biden of severe consequences is the case in point.

This attempt of breaking the borders of MAD doctrine is the result of invasion of mind by the thought of differentiating strategic nuclear weapon and tactical nuclear weapon.

The enigmatic relation between breaking the borders through invasion of mind is also a cause of debate. It is true that Mankind has dominated nature, resources and attempting space colonization through challenging the mind. Be it the Green Revolution or Moon landing, the achievement of these is a testimony to the given assertion.

The debate arises when such examples are extrapolated with respect to present and futuristic problem.

For example, a section of scientists argues that apocalypse lies ahead if we do not stop and mend our ties with nature. While others like Norman Borlaug challenge this border by arguing the potential of technological revolution.

Whatever be the case, it remains seminal that our minds do not get encompassed into some pre-conceived border. The key lies in realizing that doubt is the origin of wisdom. Even the existentialism

preached by F. Nietzsche is based on  
nationalistic invasion of mind.

Unlocking the mind can be  
achieved by remaining 'stithipragya'  
in case of external stimuli and  
introspection. As the Buddhist philosophy  
of 'Pañc Pratihayasamutpada' says, the  
above actions will invariably lead one  
to self-actualization.

Invading the mind with  
epistemological and ontological inquiry  
at individual, collective and global

level can ensure that mankind  
is able to breach the borders of  
self-centricity, ignorance and conflicts.

Even though such borders are hard  
to breach, one must be conscious of

traditional Indian saying "Man ke jeete  
jeet hai, man ke haare <sup>to</sup> haar" (The one's  
who think they'll win win).

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SECTION - B

1. Science applied is the engine of humanity.  
व्यावहारिक विज्ञान मानवता का इंजन है।
2. Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know.  
आंखें वह नहीं देख सकती जो मन नहीं जानता।
3. Doubt is the origin of wisdom.  
संदेह ज्ञान का मूल है।
4. The relation between environment, resources and conflict is same as the connection between Democracy, human rights and peace.  
पर्यावरण, संसाधन और संघर्ष के बीच का संबंध वैसा ही है जैसा लोकतंत्र, मानवाधिकार और शांति के बीच का है।

2. Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe"  
- St. Augustine

The age old story of a poor man selling a diamond to a merchant



Thinking it as a stone reflects the eye cannot see what the mind does not know.

Thinkers like Nietzsche argue that our perception is our reality. The cognitive framework makes us see the reality or world based on our understanding of it. Thus, what we do not know becomes invisible to our eye. Case in point is Zamindars who swore allegiance to British. Notwithstanding the claim of drain of wealth and failure to see reality of colonialism, they failed to see true nature of crown and took it as their benefactor.

Such ~~relationship~~ relation between knowing and seeing is 'true and deep'. Mahatma Gandhi's motto of 'Be the change you want to see in the world' is ~~nothing~~ but a reflection of it.

Mind functioning is a function of beliefs, time, space, life experiences, etc.

Thus, interpretation of data brought by optic nerves also get affected by it. Thus a similar image can cast a different vision in different scenarios. Consider the following example.

After the world war I, Germans

saw national humiliation and assumed the belief that Jews were the ones who accepted versailles treaty. This resulted in rise of ultra-nationalism where they failed to see the persecution or Holocaust even when visible in front of their eyes.

On the other hand, Russians families saw loss of youth and man in <sup>world</sup> war I. This resulted in rise of Nihilism in Russia. They saw no value in any religion or its philosophy.

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For example, we know self-indulgence and climate change a fact is a vice, but still we fail to see the unhindered development ongoing throughout the world.

The best example is the case of India - Pakistan rivalry. Both countries spend 200-300 bn rupees over Sachin, what the internationalist call, 'two bald men fighting over comb'. Even after knowing the imprudence of it and prudence of peace as a virtuous element, they fail to see the de-escalation of it.

But then the question arises if even after knowing we do not see, is there any significance of 'seeing'? And if yes, how to see it.

There are two scenarios. When our mind does not know but we see something and the other when we know it as well. In case of not knowing, it widens our point of view and brings an attitudinal change. It empowers our mind. When disciples saw Buddha has overcome grief, they asked how to do it and achieve happiness. He replied that in "I want happiness" remove I (self) and remove want (desire) and

you will be left with happiness.  
Such new outlook deepens and expands  
the curve of mind.

On the other hand when we  
know something and see it, it introduces  
positive goal discrepancy. Gandhi's  
belief in John Ruskin's idea (Good of  
individual contained in good of all) and  
subsequent reaffirmation of belief in S. Africa,  
enabled him to lead India's freedom  
struggle.

Emphasis and significance of  
this "seeing" exhorts us towards it.  
But then, how to achieve it?

The key lies in remembering the St. Augustine's quote with which we started. Where the horizons of mind end, the soft pedestal of faith keeps the light flickering. Most of the researchers relied on faith to discover something as it is said to a blind date with knowledge.

Augmenting this faith by rationalistic and self-aware approach bridges the gap between "being" and "becoming". The last element in "seeing" is acting upon this new mind, as visible from R. Tagore's saying - "I slept and dreamt

life was joy. I awoke and saw  
life was service. I acted and behold,  
service was joy".

The necessary element in all these  
steps is the underlying ethical  
framework. It enables us to develop  
detached attachment, others' perspective,  
poise and humility. This saves one  
from illusions, illusion that an image  
has only one interpretation (Gianni Sarcone),  
enabling his eyes to see what his  
mind does not know.

Yes, we cannot see what our

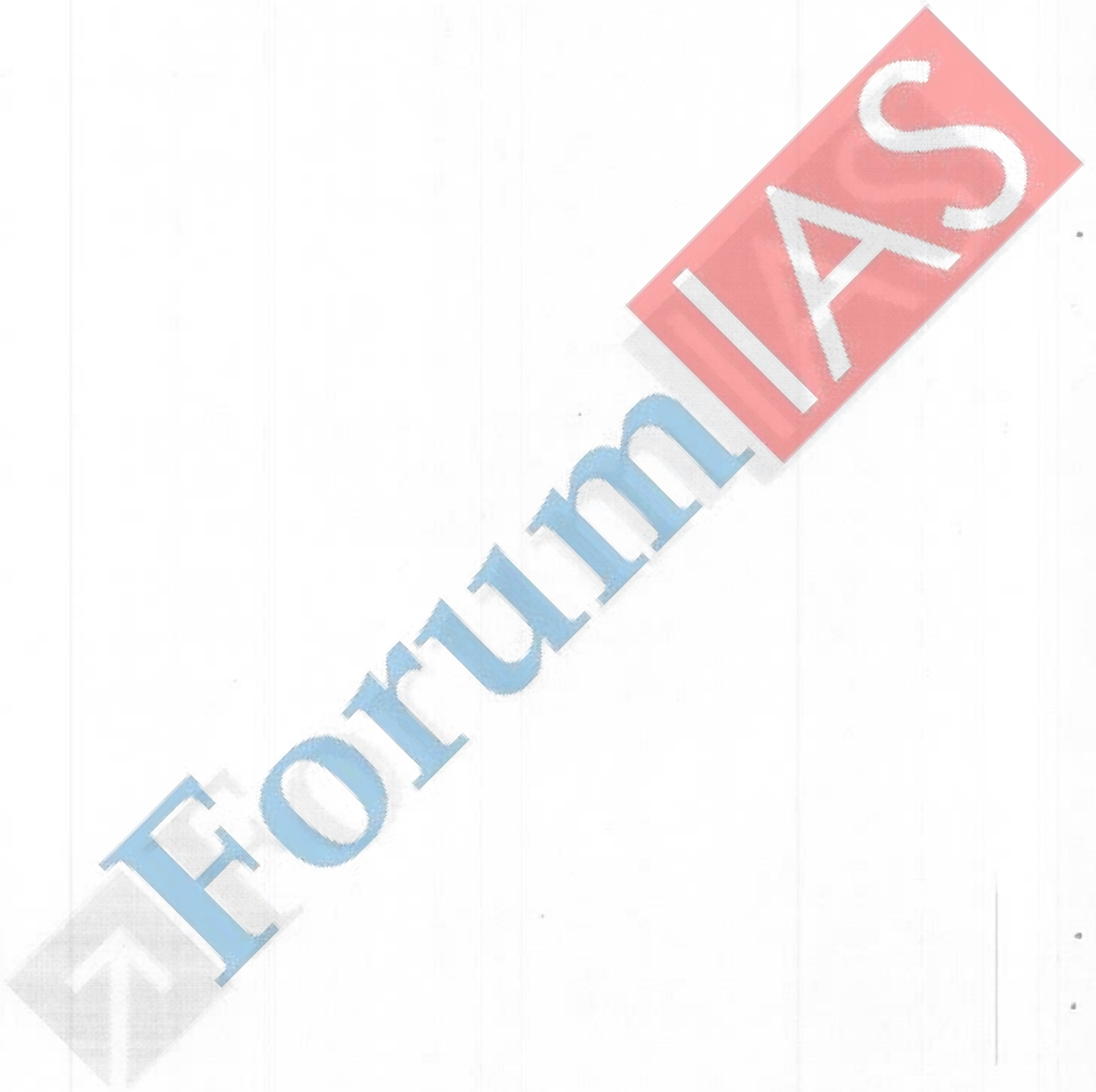


mind does not know but one must  
remember that it is largely not always  
true.

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