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Parameter/Criteria	Aspects Considered	Total Marks	Essay 1	Essay 2
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		

Parameters	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
Coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				
Pre-writing				

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

SECTION - A

1. The ultimate renewable energy is the human ingenuity.
मानव प्रतिभा सबसे बेहतर नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा है।
2. Human laws and natural laws mutually reinforce each other.
मानवीय कानून और प्राकृतिक कानून परस्पर एक दूसरे को सुदृढ़ करते हैं।
3. History should be understood as evolution of society.
इतिहास को समाज के उद्भव के रूप में समझा जाना चाहिए।
4. If one has seen further than others it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.
अगर किसी ने दूसरों से दूर तक देखा है तो यह दिग्गजों के कंधों पर खड़े होने की वजह से है।

1. The ultimate renewable energy is the human ingenuity

India is today the fifth largest economy of the world. In past few decades, especially post-1991 reforms, India's growth has lifted millions out of poverty. There is spurt in economy, startups, internet consumption, etc. All this shows that the giant i.e. India has finally woken from its slumber. This giant is fuelled by energy - tremendous

amounts of it. But no, this energy is not the regular coal, gas, oil, etc. It's not even the renewable ones like solar, wind, etc. It's the ultimate energy that drives the world - human ingenuity.

Human ingenuity refers to genius of humans that drive original ideas, being creativity, etc. This creativity is internal & intrinsic part of being human. It is this intrinsic nature that makes it renewable i.e. non-depleting and endless.

since time immemorial, even when the understanding of 'energy' was not with humans, this renewable energy drove us. In fact human evolution & domination on earth depends on this ingenuity.

Juval Noah Harari in
'Sapiens' track this fascinating
journey showing how it was these
ideas - using fire to cook, shifting to
agrarian economy, invention of writing
& speech - that added on to our survival
capabilities. We humans can survive
in a large group, coming together and
adding our energies together to achieve
something is a testimony to human
ingenuity.

This has taken an immense
form in digital revolution era of
today. People are coming together virtu-
ally removing the barriers of space &
time on internet, taken a step further
in metaverse. This has enabled humans
to cooperate and communicate in a
manner never done before. And this
is fuelling world economy today.

Various manifestations of it can be seen in knowledge economy, content creation online driving YouTube, Tik Tok, etc. It is eventually morphing into web 3.0, with decentralised internet. This ingenuity is to resolve the various issues of big tech controlling people, nations, etc.

But if one backs up a little, one realises that even these concepts of 'big tech', 'nations', 'money', etc. are product of human ingenuity. They came to resolve issues of cooperation among large number of people.

The society evolved from tribal to aristocratic to democratic; from kingdoms to nation state. All this is not in reality (has no physical form) yet it is these that impact how world functions in most profound ways.

But in physical forms as well, human ingenuity has driven changes and propelled society. Karl Marx points out that it is through the dialectics in real world that society proceeds from one epoch to another.

Humans keep on developing their productive capacity using their ingenuity. They moved from water power to steam power to electricity. With these developments, the surrounding circumstances keep on evolving, giving another testament of ingenuity.

like as society moved from home based ~~into~~ production to factory production, there was need of more labour. This was eventually achieved by abolition of serfdom to lead to 'free labour' in capitalistic society.

This again shows the ingenuity to twist the narrative to drive in direction one wishes. Here this reality that ultimately 'free' labour is bound to sell its labour power to capitalists to survive, is hidden by the idea of 'free'.

Similarly, if one looks at the complex caste system and how it distributes society into different socio-economic groups. The notoriety with which it keeps on propagating from one generation to another, despite years of movements to showcase how unjust the system is, shows human ingenuity of those that came up with it.

Thus this ingenuity can be used both for positive or negative consequences. It is driving force behind systems like capitalism & caste society.

further, humans have used to creativity to dup the systems as well. The famous Harshad Mehta scam taking the entire Indian stock market in storm shows the negative side of this ingenuity.

It has been used to create nuclear bombs, chemical & biological weapons, etc. It is this that led to ideas like concentration camps and mass prosecution of Jews by Hitler. In medieval times, several creative torture techniques were used to punish and to extract information.

All this shows that human ingenuity is truly a powerful energy. But it is upto humans to decide how to utilise this energy. It is akin to goddess 'Shakti' in various forms - life giving

'lakshmi' or destructive 'kali'.

Further in ~~the~~ contem-
porary times, another issue is pertinent.
Though this energy is present, its
usage may not be happening. In
world of social media, when every
fleeting 'free' time is spent scrolling
through reels, the art of writing, thinking,
nothingness is lost.

creativity thrives in
boredom. ~~that~~ It is when one is
bored, that minds begins its experiments.
But today with entertainments in
pockets, there is no space for boredom.
Studies show that attention span
of an average human is now smaller
than a fish.

Also, there is this notion
of humanity moving forward linearly.

This has created smugness in humans and the ideas floats that ~~the~~ since it is done in past, there is no need to revisit or work on it again. For example, human space programme to moon was done in 1960s. Since then it was disbanded assuming humans have integrated the capabilities to achieve this feat. With new need to expand horizon beyond moon, ^{it} turns out there are still complications that needs to be refined for doing such feat.

These challenges to human ingenuity can thankfully be dealt with just revisiting the past and needs no creativity of its own. Going back to basics like maintaining journals, reading books, digital detox, going out in nature, observing people & nature can rejig one's mind.

Further with knowledge economy, ~~being~~ coming forth of generative artificial intelligence, one would be compelled to keep in touch with this ingenuity because it is this that would keep humans above AI.

Also, it is this ingenuity that will come to rescue to resolve issues like terrorism, climate change, population crisis, wars, etc. Recently, world faced pandemic together and resolved the same with vaccine development. Innovative ideas like ~~the~~ mRNA vaccination, new testing devices, different ways to ensure social distancing came up.

Similarly the Ukraine - Russia conflict has put the

world in a fix. The complex geo-political situation requires ingenuity of humans to resolve it, such that no side is clear loser. Also, the energy crisis that world is facing, along with challenges of global warming can only be resolved with human brilliance.

Thus it is for us to come together and use this immense powerhouse of energy to resolve global crisis and make world a better place. As Bertrand Russell rightly said, 'The only thing that can redeem mankind is cooperation', and it is in this cooperation, ingenuity thrives.

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SECTION - B

1. Is modernism at a crossroads with cultural and civilisational ethos?

क्या आधुनिकतावाद सांस्कृतिक और सभ्यतागत लोकाचार के दोराहे पर खड़ा है?

2. Man often enjoys the comfort of opinion without the discomfort for thought.

मनुष्य अक्सर चिन्तन के असुविधा के बिना विचार के सुविधा का आनंद लेता है।

3. The rise of populism in democratic societies is a threat to the rule of law and constitutionalism.

लोकतांत्रिक समाजों में लोकलुभावनवाद का उदय विधि के शासन और संवैधानिकता के लिए खतरा है।

4. It's time for us to turn to each other, not on each other.

यह हमारे लिए एक-दूसरे की ओर मुड़ने का समय है, न कि एक-दूसरे के विरुद्ध।

2. Man often enjoys the comfort of
opinion without the discomfort for
thought.

It was year 2020. The world was facing an immense challenge. A pandemic had gripped the world and locked everybody at home. There was fear of infection, of economy collapsing and loss of livelihoods. It was amidst all this chaos that there was one issue constantly buzzing on Indian media and social media.

No, it was not the pandemic. It was 'Justice was Sushant Singh Rajput'. The case is still open, but society had declared his then girlfriend Rhea Chakravorty as culprit. Every person with an account was voicing opinions on this case, ~~with~~ mixed with character assassination of not just her, but all Bengali women. No thought, whatsoever was put on the feasibility of her involvement. And even if she was culprit, or how it can be linked to black magic, Bengali women in general.

Everyone was up providing justice to Sushant, during the height of pandemic, by voicing their opinions while in the process, hanging their thought, logic at the altar. Such is the mis-equation that today, opinions are flouted by all & sundry, but the

discomfort of actually thinking is done by few.

Thus, in this essay we will probe in why voicing mere opinions is comfortable? why ~~ideas~~ thoughts are discomfort? what is the problem of this disbalance? what is abetting this disbalance and the ways to resolve the same?

OPINIONS : OUR COMFORT CUSHION

Historically, opinions of majority have hardly mattered. It was kings who ^{had} ~~made~~ ^{opinions} ~~decisions~~ and drove decisions. People neither had knowledge, nor interest in formulating opinions. And if they did, it didn't make much difference because there were no means at his/her disposal to propagate their opinions.

But with Renaissance, ideas of equality, democracy, gave voice to voiceless. Opinions of majority now not only mattered but changed the entire socio-economic-political systems of the world.

It is in this context that voicing opinions gained currency as it rightly should. However, giving opinion on an issue is a very easy process. It is now reduced to asking oneself how they feel about an issue and justifying that feeling using their prejudices.

The recent shraddha walhar - Aftab Poonawala case gives clue. The unanimous feeling was of anger at gruesome death of shraddha ~~and~~ ~~but~~ thinking through it should have naturally brought forth the issue of domestic violence, anonymity of urban

spaces, etc. But it was the prejudices against a community, against line-in relationships that drove the narrative.

This narrative building has especially gained currency in era of social media. Here everyone is having tools to propagate their opinions. Also to gain more traction, extreme opinions are propounded. Further, social media algorithms are such that they put one in filter bubbles of opinions giving one the comfort of justifying their ~~blind~~ opinion, while blinding them to the other side. This is seen in the extreme left-right divide in western world.

Moreover the anonymity of social media, absolves one of the responsibility of bearing weight of their words. Thus further incentivising thoughtless opinion quizzing taking place.

THOUGHTS: A DISCOMFORTING CLIMB

It is often easy to confuse opinions with thoughts, but there is one clear distinction - thoughts require efforts. One is forced to look at an issue objectively, look at both sides of the coin. One has to research for it, especially in the world of broken i.e. segregated internet. Based on arguments presented, formulating one's own viewpoint backed by data, logic takes effort.

It takes one's time, brain power, energy. Even after devoting all this, there is always a pitfall of just picking up another person's opinion without giving much thought to it. Like during farmers protests, many blindly supported farmers, without looking at merit of government's action. Many

would say that they did their research but often that research is reading few opeds or whatsapp forwards.

This tendency of not thinking through is further enhanced as one have to face discomfort of questioning our opinion. Often a person identifies so much with an opinion, that it becomes their self. when they are bombarded with the other side of the equation, their self gets questioned and hence the rebellion to thoughts.

This is seen in latest trends in feminist movement. Giving rights and recognition to LGBTQ+ is part of it and many people identify themselves as feminist. But when news of transwomen winning ^{women} sports competition, beauty pageants, come to fore questions are bound to arise. cases of men 'identifying' as women, entering

women's washrooms, jails and raping them have come to fore. What one makes of it or how society draws line is a thought provoking issue. But many feminists are unable to think along these contrary lines as it questions their very identity.

OPINION - THOUGHT DISTANCE

The disbalance between the two has several repercussions. Firstly, it hinders thought process. As Hegel pointed out, any thesis is countered by its anti-thesis to come at synthesis (a better idea). In order to form these two-thesis & anti-thesis, one is bound to offend others. But the opinions of majority is fragile and cannot bear this offence. They resort to cancel culture, ~~reg~~ relegating the person criticised for one thought or opinion they may have put forward. This

hampers societies development.

It is the eccentricities that drive society forward by questioning society. Raja ram mohan Roy was thinking about women while others were forcing their negative opinions of him & his work around. This disbalance hampers social evolution.

~~But~~ But it is not just in the realm of thought, but in the realm of material reality as well that this disbalance plays out. Opinions today drive government polity. Thus if in people's opinion issue of caste, religion is of more importance than development, government's focus would be on these issues. Thus 'Democracy gives one the government they deserve' truly plays out well here through opinions.

Further with this knowledge

that public is driven by opinion
not thought, politicians, companies,
etc. mould people's opinions. The
case of Cambridge Analytica in
2016 US elections show how democracy
& elections were moulded by targeted
ads to shape opinions of others. This
idea is clearly presented by Noam
Chomsky's 'Manufacturing Consent'
where he posits that media is shaping
opinion & driving narrative.

To get out
of this trap, thoughts, logic are the
key. But here one big question arises -
are we preparing man for critical
thinking? Schools often promote
rote learning, with innovative
solutions, questions discouraged.
There is a set syllabus, ideas that
everyone reads & learns.

Further in India, premium on STEM has relegated humanities to backbench. It is humanities that opens one's world views and helps a ~~step~~ person step away from socialisation that they have been subjected to.

Thus it is essential that we start valuing thoughts - separated from mere opinions as a society. Teaching children the art of critical thinking is one of the objectives of national education policy which must be achieved to create future ready citizens.

It is then that people will be able to take future in their own hands and actively construct it with brilliance of their thought process & use the tools available to them to promote world peace & happiness.

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