

TEST CODE 6 2 0 3 0 5

FIAS | MGP 2023 | Open Test - Essay

Time Allowed : 3 Hours  
समय : 3 घंटे

ForumIAS

Maximum Marks : 250  
अधिकतम अंक : 250

ESSAY / निबंध

Name Of Candidate परीक्षार्थी का नाम	JEENU SRI JASWANTH CHANDRA		
Roll No./अनुक्रमांक	Medium/माध्यम	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	हिंदी <input type="checkbox"/>
Center Code/परीक्षा केंद्र	Date/दिनांक	14-09-2023	

\*Center Code : For Online - 1900 / Delhi : Karol bagh - 1901, ORN - 1902, Mukharji Nagar - 1903 / Patna : Boring Rd. - 2001 / Hyderabad : Jawahar Nagar - 2101

INDEX TABLE / अनुक्रमणिका			INSTRUCTION / अनुदेश	
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. Write two essays, choosing one topic from each of the following Section A and B in about 1000 - 1200 words each. खण्ड A व B प्रत्येक में से एक विषय चुनकर दो निबंध लिखिए, जो प्रत्येक लगभग 1000 - 1200 शब्दों का हों।	
Q.2			3. 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।	
Total Marks/कुल अंक			4. 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।	
Remarks/टिप्पणी :			5. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to. प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, यदि निर्दिष्ट हो, का पालन किया जाना चाहिए।	
			6. 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।	
<b>For Student Only / केवल परीक्षार्थी प्रयोग हेतु</b>				
Start Time/प्रारंभ करने का समय :			End Time/समाप्त करने का समय :	
Mode Of Examination/ परीक्षा की विधि :			Online/ऑनलाइन <input type="checkbox"/>	Offline/ऑफलाइन <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>For Office Use Only / केवल कार्यालय प्रयोग हेतु</b>				
ECN CODE/ ईसीएन कोड :		EG/ईजी :		Evaluation Date/ मूल्यांकन तिथि :
		① ② ③ ④ ⑤		

**MARKING SCHEME**

<b>Parameter/ criteria</b>	<b>Aspects Considered</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>	<b>Essay 1</b>	<b>Essay 2</b>
<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		

<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. Shelving hard decisions is the least ethical course.

कठोर निर्णयों को टालना सबसे कम नैतिक मार्ग है।

2. All things come into being by conflict of opposites.

सभी चीजें असमानताओं के संघर्ष से अस्तित्व में आती हैं।

3. The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice.

नैतिक ब्रह्मांड का चाप लंबा है लेकिन यह न्याय की ओर झुकता है।

4. Disinterested intellectual curiosity is the lifeblood of civilisation.

अनासक्त बौद्धिक जिज्ञासा सभ्यता की जीवनदायिनी है।

THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG BUT IT BENDS TOWARDS JUSTICE

It was 1947. Two nations India and Pakistan were born after a painful partition. Both countries had their issues but had immense potential. They could have travelled together as brothers but they ended up taking opposite paths.

India decided to put people at the centre of its developmental process.

It devised a strong constitution and declared itself to be strongly secular. Furthermore, it declined to align with any superpower and started the Non-Alignment Movement

On the other hand, Pakistan ended up taking a lot of shortcuts. It aligned with the west giving up its strategic autonomy. Moreover loose governance structures meant military ended up interfering with the elected government.

In the coming decades, Pakistan seemed to be winning. It could get easy access to new military technologies from the west and the same were denied for India. With all the external <sup>help</sup> suppression and internal suppression of dissent, it grew at a higher growth rate.

However, fast forward to the present, India's efforts have yielded results with it being a vibrant democracy and the 5th largest economy in the world. On the

other hand, Pakistan is getting torn up internally and getting pulled in various directions by external forces. It is paying the price for all the shortcuts taken. This goes on to show that the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice.

In this essay, we shall explore why the arc of the moral universe is long and how it eventually bends towards justice. We shall also examine if the arc is ~~is~~ always and conclude with practical takeaways to shorten the arc in our journey towards a just society.

Morality ... It is something that has been emphasized right from our childhood, be it through Panchatantra stories or through Jataka tales. However, unlike in the stories where good triumphs over evil almost instantly, the real life works differently

In real life, justice mechanism can turn out to be long drawn, a case in point being Nelson Mandela having to spend 27 years in prison or the excessive delays in serving justice in Nribhaya case.

This delay of moral justice is further exacerbated if the perpetrators are in positions of power. This can be seen in the reigns of dictators like Pol Pot or Gaddafi who went unchallenged for a long time.

Besides, the arc of the moral universe is long owing to the fact that it takes time to change the moral conscience of the society.

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

To illustrate, even after a ton of legislations and media campaigns, the patriarchal biases against women are still prevalent.

But the good news is that, though the arc of moral universe is long, it eventually bends towards justice.

A contributing factor to this is that over time, the social and moral consciousness of the society shifts towards justice as can be seen in the case of Russian revolution and the French Revolution.

Similarly, as Buddha says, "Sun, Moon and Truth shall not stay hidden for long". The guilty have to eventually pay for their sins case in point being the corporate scandals like Satyam scam and Cambridge Analytica case.

Moreover, through ~~best~~ improvements in education and various debates, there would be an increasing awareness about rights of individuals leading to reviving of justice. For example, yesterday's moral deed of Sati is immoral today. Also, ~~and~~ the attitude towards marginalised sections like the LGRTA is gradually changing with an increasing acceptance towards them.

In addition to this, as time passes, the mask <sup>worn by the puppeteer</sup> ~~is~~ falls off and the true intents comes out. This can be seen in the increasing apprehension of countries towards the debt trap diplomacy of China. ~~with~~ On the other hand, there is an increasing goodwill towards India for its practice of Vandehavaa Ketumbahan philosophy as seen in Vacare Maitri initiative.



Besides, sometimes it takes a monumental moment to bring a realization. This can be seen in efforts of countries towards ozone layer once they knew of its depletion or the renewed fight against terrorism after 9/11 attacks. Similar moments of realization are awaited in other areas such as the much needed reformed multilateralism.

Moreover, justice doesn't need to be necessarily limited to legal justice. It can also mean the justice of one receiving due results for their efforts. This can be best illustrated by the recent success of Chandrayaan-3 and the scientists receiving the applause they justly deserved.

Furthermore, finding a just equilibrium can sometimes involve a long drawn conflict between competing

interests which can lead to delays. For example, the current equilibrium between the executive and judicial organs in India has been achieved after a long drawn tussle in the decade of 1970's.

To add on, the long drawn fight is sometimes necessary to strengthen the will of the person and become a role model for the rest. Illustrations for this are replete in Indian mythology with the legends of Lord Sri Ram and the Pandavas being shaped by the long period of struggle they had to undergo.

So far we have seen, how the arc of the moral universe is long but it eventually bends towards

justice. But is it long always?

Fortunately, with increasing connectivity we are witnessing the progressive shortening of the moral arc. This can be seen in global awareness during pro movements like #MeToo, #BlackLivesMatter and the climate fight of Greta Thunberg. It is leading to a world where even the weak can raise ~~or~~ their voice and can receive support from millions in their fight for justice.

But aren't there cases where justice hasn't been served at all? Where the perpetrator has escaped the clutches of justice? Yes, they might have been able to escape the legal courts. But they have been punished by court of conscience which is the highest court of justice as per Gandhi. What

punishment can one serve than having a ~~be~~ guilty conscience for the rest of his life! Moreover, the arc of moral universe is instantaneous in this case.

So Having critically examined the assertion, let us ~~make~~ <sup>draw</sup> some practical takeaways to make this world a just place.

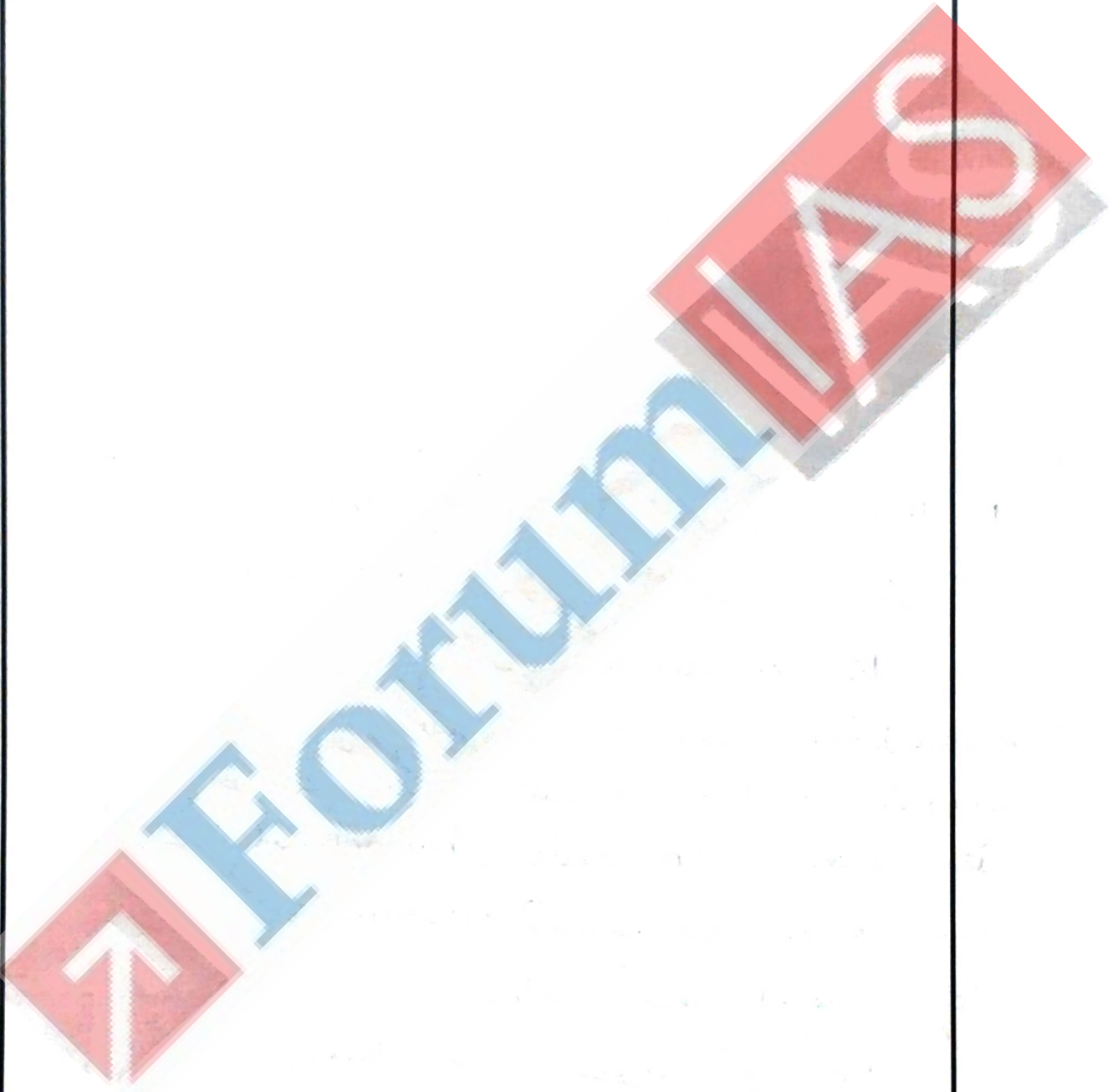
Firstly, as Nelson Mandela said "If you want to change the world, start with children". Therefore, children must be provided with a strong value based education so that they have a strong moral foundations. This would help them make ethically sound decisions for the rest of their lives.

Secondly, we all need to work towards progressive shortening of the arc of moral universe. This can be done through ~~strengthening~~ strengthening judicial mechanisms to reduce judicial pendency. This includes measures like online justice delivery, simplification of laws and promoting mechanisms like Alternate Dispute Redressal.

To conclude, the true measure of any civilization is the justice delivery for its weakest members. Let us all take a pledge to do our part in building an ethically just society so that our future generations would say "The arc of the moral universe bends instantaneously towards justice".



**FEEDBACK**





SECTION - B

1. Women's freedom is the sign of social freedom.

महिलाओं की स्वतंत्रता सामाजिक स्वतंत्रता की निशानी है।

2. If humankind poisoned nature, nature in turn poison humankind

यदि मानव जाति ने प्रकृति को विषाक्त किया है, तो प्रकृति ने बदले में मानव जाति को विष दे दिया है।

3. History Doesn't Repeat Itself, but it often rhymes.

इतिहास खुद को दोहराता नहीं है, लेकिन यह अक्सर तुकबंदी करता है।

4. The century advances but every individual begins anew.

सदी आगे बढ़ती है लेकिन हर व्यक्ति नए सिरे से शुरुआत करता है।

IF HUMAN KIND POISONED NATURE,  
NATURE IN TURN POISON HUMAN KIND

It was ~~2019~~ the year 2019.

Human kind was on a rampage against Mother Nature. Convinced of its own invincibility, humankind has been damaging <sup>the</sup> environment left, right and centre.

The rainforests were being destroyed in the Australian Bushfires and the fire in Brazilian rain forests.



Air pollution was at an all time high and human empathy at an all time low. In short, we made Mother Nature wear a mask to protect <sup>herself</sup> from pollution.

Fast forward to 2020, the Covid pandemic has shaken the ~~no~~ humankind. Now, it is our turn to wear the masks. Mother Nature made us all sit at home while she healed with the reduced emissions during lockdown. This shows how Mother Nature would poison us back if we poison her.

In this essay, we shall discuss how humankind has been poisoning Mother Nature and its effects. We shall also see how Mother Nature is poisoning us and we shall conclude with some actionable steps to protect our Mother Nature.

Going back thousands of years, there was a time when humans were Mother Nature's favourite children. We used to be caring of her interests and even worship her in the form of sacred groves and deify natural forces in the Early Vedic Period.

However, as humanity grew up, they started ignoring Mother Nature. ~~She~~ With their actions, they slowly started poisoning Mother Earth.

The water she drinks has been poisoned through the surface runoff of pesticides and the release of industrial effluents. And the air she breathes has been poisoned by the methane emissions from agriculture and the industrial emissions.

Moreover, human activities have started poking holes in the Ozone layer which started affecting the dermal health of Mother Nature.

Her kidneys, the wetlands which purify her are being encroached for urban expansion. The lungs of the earth, the tropical rainforests are being cleared for shifting cultivation and to setup industries.

Her immune system, the mangroves and corals which protect the coastline during disasters are being damaged too. Ocean acidification has induced coral bleaching and

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

the mangroves are being cleared for shrimp farming and setting up oil and gas industries.

Furthermore, her children, the flora and fauna are being driven to extinction. How painful it must be for a mother to see her own children die in front of her eyes!

One day, Mother Nature woke up feeling unwell and decided to visit Dr. IPCC for a routine checkup. Dr. IPCC has examined her and told her that she has been suffering from fever and that her body temperature has risen by 1.1°C.

Moreover, he warned that if it continues like this, the fever would worsen and her temperature would rise by 2°C by 2060.

Mother Nature returned home and started felt pained as to how humans, have transformed from her favourite children to predators who we are slowly killng their own mother. Finally, Mother Nature decided to take matters into her own hands and discipline her children.

Slowly, she started returning the favours to humankind. The poisoned air has started to cause mortality in human and breathing issues like Asthma in little children.

Also, the poisoned water has started leading to diseases like Minamata and Fluorosis causing unmeasurable suffering to those affected.

In addition to this, the very pesticides, that humans used

have started causing diseases like cancer. And the ozone holes poked through the CFC have started causing skin diseases and skin cancer.

Going further, Mother Nature decided to poison their agricultural fields as well. The sea level rise has led to invasion of saline water into coastal areas increasing salinity and affecting food security.

Moreover, the poisons induced by Mother Nature have led to forced displacements of millions of people leading to a refugee crisis. Droughts and disasters occurring in various parts of the world has made this a routine happening.

Besides, Mother Nature has also decided to inject some psychological poisons. Increased occurrence of heat waves has reduced the productivity of humankind and led to increased instances of domestic violence owing to irritability of heat.

Similarly, Mother Nature decided to inject some fast poisons like Cyclone Amphan and Hurricane Katrina which instantly wiped out hundreds and displaced thousands of people.

All this suffering has turned out to be unbearable for humankind. They realised their folly and ran to Mother Nature to beg for forgiveness.

Mother Nature patiently listened to their woes and could do some

genuine repentance for their sins. With tears in her eyes, she felt that humans have finally learned their lesson. She proceeded to tell the show them the way to stop this mayhem and correct their mistakes.

Firstly, she advised that all the nations should come together in the fight against climate change. Developed nations should rightly assume more responsibility that for since they had more share in the damage.

Secondly, she advised every human should have environmental care integrated into his/her consciousness. Chandigarh's Carbon Watch is a good way to measure



an individuals <sup>carbon</sup> footprint and there should be an environmental tax levied on them ~~for~~ proportional to their <sup>carbon</sup> footprint.

Furthermore, humankind must first focus on low hanging fruits to save Mother Nature. This includes individual contributions on the lines of India's Mission LIFE and collective efforts to increase energy efficiency.

Mother Nature further added that the poisons they added must be urgently cleaned. She advised that trees are their best tools to achieve that. She opined that increasing urban forestry through <sup>Japan's</sup> ~~Kerala's~~ Mujawake method can be a good start.

Similarly, going further forward, Mother Nature advised that humans should be wary against releasing poisons, now that they have seen the consequences.

This includes a ~~now~~ hastened transition to cleaner fuels like green hydrogen and increased adoption of renewable energies.

She further added that all the R&D, humanity used to further their self interests should be directed towards saving their mother. With good enough R&D, plastic which has been a great source of pollution has the potential to be a carbon sink given that it doesn't decay for decades.

Mother Nature finally concluded by mentioning how panicked she was to punish her own children. But she added that it was the duty of a mother to discipline her children when they stray off the right course.

Humans have realised their folly in pursuing self centric development at the cost of Mother Nature. They collectively decided to become the worthy children they once were. In future, when they would Under Moon and Aunt Mars, they should be able to say with pride about ~~to~~ how well Mother Earth is looked after !!!