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MARKING SCHEME

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
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Language				
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Very Good	Good	Average
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(4.)	<u>SECTION A</u>	
	A TREE THAT GROWS TO HEAVEN MUST SEND ITS ROOTS TO HELL	
	<p>We all must have seen huge, giant trees with <u>girth</u> more than our <u>arm circumference</u> span, <u>older</u> than our <u>grandparents</u>, <u>height</u> even more than our <u>upwards gaze range</u>, and <u>resilient</u> like <u>rocky mountains</u> not even disturbed a little bit even during <u>wildest</u> of <u>storms</u>. There must be a massive and <u>anchoring support</u> for this <u>level of growth</u> and the <u>support is its roots</u> which are <u>limitlessly</u> reaching towards earth's core <u>cutting through</u> the <u>hard crust</u> of the <u>Earth</u>.</p>	

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Thus this lush green resilient tree is ~~supported~~ by the tip of iceberg with main support not visible to us in form of its web of rootlets.

ANALOGY BETWEEN TREE AND US

The tree in above example resembles to all the institutions like Individual, family, society, country and world.

The fruit bearing above Earth part of tree is similar to Healthy, productive human, prosperous society + country, developed and harmonious world.

However the roots which collect all the resources for tree for example water, nutrients from soil and support to the tree are analogous to the inputs for above described desired results.

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WHY DO WE NEED TO SEND ROOTS
TO THE HELL

Significance of deeply rooted system can be understood by briefly analysing the importance of roots as follow -

Resources - The roots are essential resources for any organisation or individual.

For an individual it is analogous to good health in all aspects that is - physical, mental, spiritual, vocational and emotional. In

short it creates robust HUMAN CAPITAL.

For a country, it implies to strong base in form of resilient middle class that sustains the demand for continuous economic productivity. It also lies in people pulling out of poverty line so that they contribute to nation building.

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For a family, the resources are good interpersonal relationships, Respect for females and diluting the gender-stereotypes.

Apart from this the roots helps the people and institutions to stay grounded, to connect with masses

It inculcates the Ethics and humane behaviours for the mankind, animals as well as nature.

Thus strong roots mean, strong institutions like judiciary, robust human capital and ground level resolution of problems.

WHAT DOES GROWING TO HEAVEN LOOKS LIKE

It basically represents fruit bearing of strong root system. For a nation it means increasing size of the aggregate pie of GDP.

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Economic development in form of increased percapita income, reduced poverty, increased Equality, strong democracy, maximising forex and resilient supply chains.

At societal levels it means prosperity and quality consumption, Absence of hunger, poverty and no regionalistic or communal clashes.

In cyberspace field it means secured personal data and negligible cybercrimes in forms of cyberbullying, data frauds or banking frauds.

Also in security dimensions it means to curb terrorism, organised crimes and money laundering nexuses.

thus reaching the heaven means efficient and effective service delivery via multi pronged approach.

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>HOW FAR WE HAVE REACHED</u></p> <p>The progress we have made is reflected through some happy figures. We are <u>fifth largest</u> economy in world leaving behind <u>Britain</u> and <u>3rd largest</u> in terms of <u>purchasing power parity</u>.</p> <p>We are heading towards a <u>\$ 5 trillion</u> economy with <u>5th largest</u> forex and <u>maximum remittances</u> of <u>huge \$111 billion</u> by our <u>prodigy diaspora</u> i.e. <u>living Bridge</u>.</p> <p>To strengthen our roots in form of healthy and robust human capital, we have launched <u>world's largest health insurance scheme</u> i.e. <u>PMJAY - Ayushman Bharat</u>, reducing our <u>out of pocket expenditure</u> to great extent.</p>	

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There is increase in female enrollment in higher studies, even more than men.

The education system will upgrade as we have signed Education deals with Australia and France.

By inculcating skills in youth as per Saptarishi in Budget 23, we are positively reaping our demographic dividend. India is one of best

medical tourism destination as well as pharma hub in generic medicines.

~~Non~~ Traditional medicines like Ayurveda and Homeopathy attract personalities from globe, (eg) Camilla (queen consort of England) visited India for Ayurvedic treatment recently.

Some appreciable efforts for women empowerment like Shakti scheme of Karnataka (A bus ride to equality)

and Koorina Mare scheme that give childcare to kids of women workers to reduce the

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	<p><u>triple burden</u> on females. Other initiatives are <u>Ujjwala scheme</u> and SHG's leading to <u>women led development</u>.</p> <p>These are steps in direction to raise our <u>GDP by 27%</u> by full participation of <u>women</u> (As per <u>IMF</u>).</p> <p>At global level we are promoting <u>national interest</u> and simultaneously helping to combat the ongoing <u>Polycrisis</u> which includes the <u>climate injustice and crisis</u>, <u>Russia-Ukraine war</u>, <u>hybrid warfare</u> and many more problems, like <u>COVID-19</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STILL A LONG WAY TO GO :</p> <p>Despite of above written <u>achievements</u>, there are <u>still multiple lacunae</u> in our roots i.e. ground level institutions.</p> <p><u>NFHS-5 data</u> reveals glaring deficiencies. We have <u>53% anemic females</u>, <u>35% stunted children</u>, <u>32% Underweight</u></p>	

children and ~19% wasting in under 5
As per NSSO, 32 million under 13 yrs
children never went to school in India.

ASER report exposed the learning poverty
among students in elementary education.
Out of pocket expenditure is still >40%.

Preference and meta-preference of son
is leading to missing and unwanted
girls and also skewing of sex ratio
(943/1000).

Every 16 minutes a female is
sexually assaulted. According to
NCRB, every 2 hours a farmer
is committing suicide.

Ethnic and communal conflicts are
shaking roots of stability. Nulu
and Manipur are burning in
regional clashes.

Globally our institutions are not
democratic. Under-representation of
Global south in International organisat-
ions exposing inequalities and

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	<p>emerging <u>Neo-colonialism</u>. <u>Trust-deficit</u>, <u>climate crisis</u> and <u>defence-security hypheation</u> resulting into <u>weaponisation of food, water, trade</u>.</p> <p>And administratively the <u>corrupt practices</u>, <u>Ivory tower</u> approach and other <u>Bureaupathologies</u> are constantly <u>hollowing our roots and base</u>.</p> <p>Thus although we <u>have come a long way</u> to reach the heights, <u>still a long way to go</u>.</p> <p>And this can be attained by <u>strengthening the base i.e. roots</u>, <u>By Bottoms-up approach</u>, by the principle of <u>Antyodya</u> i.e. <u>helping the last in line</u> and <u>carving out an inclusive and egalitarian environment</u>, ultimately <u>harvesting our demographic dividend</u>.</p>	

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	<p>'Strengthening the roots' - Its significance can be understood by <u>Chanakya's</u> wise words -</p> <p>"If you want to <u>destroy</u> a <u>massive and strong tree</u>, start <u>putting sugar in its roots</u> which ultimately will lead to <u>microbes eating the roots</u> & <u>hollowing it</u>. And once <u>roots are dead/destroyed</u>, there will be <u>zero chances</u> of the <u>tree survival</u>."</p>	

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SECTION B

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

Social evils are undesirable practices prevalent in the society. In ancient times most glaring social evil was social hierarchy practiced during Vedic times i.e. Chaturvarna system. It gradually led to discriminatory practices against shudras and untouchables which ultimately consolidated into our social system as Casteism. It also favoured some in form of Brahminical Supremacy. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has concluded the casteism as -

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"Indian society is a multistoried building with no staircase"

leading to permanency of caste and status hierarchy.

Although due to public sensi-
sation as well as legislative
means, this problem of social
evil has reduced to great
extent, however still prevalent
in other forms, for example -
class divide, Rural-urban divide,
rich-poor divide.

Discrimination is not the only
social evil that erodes our
societal value, but there are
many like women/gendered specific
discrimination, Manual scavenging,
poverty, crimes, unethical behaviours
to name a few out of many.

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	<p>Some are still <u>unchanged</u> since time <u>immortal</u>, some have <u>almost vanished</u> but <u>mostly just changed their shapes and forms.</u></p> <p>In this essay we will <u>discuss</u> how the social evils are <u>changing</u> their shapes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WOMEN : A MARGINALISED MAJORITY</p> <p>Woman is always considered a weaker gender. Since Ancient times women were imposed with various <u>inhumane burdens</u> of <u>Purdah</u>, <u>sati</u>, <u>Johar</u>, <u>Kulinism</u>, <u>stigmatisation</u> of <u>widows</u> and much more.</p> <p>Fortunately <u>sati</u> was banned in <u>1928</u> by <u>William Bentick</u> with efforts of <u>Raja Ram Mohan Roy</u> and positions of <u>widows</u> was improved by efforts of various reformers like -</p>	

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Ishwar chand vidya sager, Mr Kame.
 Women today take part in economic
activities, education, services sectors
 and have come a long way.

But in present world the
 problems have just changed their
 forms. Currently they face
Triple Burden (Household + childcare
 + employment).

According to Judisa Noyce -

"The biological and career clock
 for women are ticking simultaneously
 and in conflict with each other."

Apart from that women safety
 issues result in rape, sexual
harassment at workplace, trafficking.
Unwanted and missing girls are
 result of preference and meta-pref-
-erence of son.

Glass ceilings and sticky floors are hampering women to achieve the pinnacle in their careers.

By taking care of many things at once leads the females to 'time poverty' which results in mental health issues. There is feminisation of agriculture, manual scavenging (>90%), elderly thus giving female face to social evils.

CHANGING FORM OF DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS

According to UN, India is most populous country in the world surpassing China. Our population is heading to stabilisation as our fertility rate is 2.0 i.e. below replacement level, According to NFHS-5.

~~we have~~ The problem of food deficit has been overcome

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by Green and white revolution in Agricultural output and milk production respectively.

Thus the problem of hunger is reduced to greater extent, but NFHS-5 figures show the the problem has changed shape into micronutrient and quality food deficiency. According to NFHS-5 53% of our females are anemic, 35% children are stunted, 32% are underweight and 19% are wasted.

Being 5th largest economy in world, health parameters reveal the Asian Enigma and Nutri puzzle of Asia.

Along with undernutrition, overnutrition is also highlighted in our country (>4% children \rightarrow overweight)

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showing changing form of social problems.

Skewed sex ratio (940/1000 males) results into bride shopping and Bare Branches.
(Men who can't find women to marry)

Alcohol and cigarette smokings have evolved into much more addictive evils like → Marijuana, heroin, Charas, Ganja, LSD etc. which also results into changing form of crimes in society.

CRIMES: FROM PHYSICAL TO DIGITAL

Petty social crimes like theft, robbery are changing forms to huge online banking frauds.

Street sexual harassment was changed into Metaverse rape/sexual assault.

Cyberbullying knows no territorial boundaries, eg - Bullyki App.

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Typical kidnapping + demanding ransom is changed to Ransomware attacks like Akisha.

Individualisation and self centred societal norms has turned people un-empathetic and non-compassionate being like in Delli when a girl was stabbed > 20 times, the bystanders did nothing except recording the scene, showing Ethical poverty.

SILVER LINING ON DARK CLOUDS

Where some evils have increased in intensity some have vanished or decreased in amplitude.

Women empowerment in real sense - power to women, power with women and power within women is actually realised by our leaders resulting in many women entrepreneurs like - Falguni Nayak - Nykaa.

88% females led STG's will certainly help in women led development.

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Poverty figures going down as 13.5
crore people were pulled out of
 poverty (NITI Aayog Report).

Digitalisation, public digital
 infrastructure (DPI) especially JAM
 (Jandhan - Aadhar - Mobile) trinity are
erasing the digital divide and
closing the inequality gap.

- Rhetoric practices like Triple Talag
 has been done away with.

- Evolving family structure to include
Non-traditional families is progressive.

Identification of LGBTQIA+ rights and
decriminalisation of homosexuality
 is making the society more inclusive
 and challenging the patriarchal norms.

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UNCHANGED VIEWS AND ISSUES

Few of the social evils are not changed with times.

Poor conditions of farmers even after being food surplus country, leads to suicide of a farmer every 2 hours (NCRB data).

Communalism and ethnic clashes are still the topmost problems in country. Recent Manipur ethnic violence and Nulu communal crisis are exposing glaring intolerance in society.

The perceived Idea of neglect resulting into insurgencies and Two and half front war for India. Despite Safai Karamchari Act and SMILE scheme, Manual scavenging still kills oppressed section of society.

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NEED OF THE HOUR

Sanitisation, Awareness and Education are basic tools to develop robust HUMAN Capital which ultimately leads to Happy Society, prosperous society.

A grassroot level approach is needed rather than a Topdown / Trickle down model.

The compassion to lift the 'last in line' i.e. Antyodaya can

ultimately bring equity and bridge us to better world -

As Pope Francis has said -

“Inequality is the root of social evil”.