TEST CODE 6 2 0 3 0 3

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

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

ESSAY / निबंध

Name Of Candidate परीक्षार्थी का नाम	SAMIKSHA MHETRE			
Roll No./अनुक्रमांक	1910090852	Medium/माध्यम	English ✓ हिंदी ☐	
Center Code/परीक्षा केंद्र	ONLINE	Date/दिनांक	19/08/2023	

*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. प्रश्न 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 मे नाम, ईमेल, रोल नबर और मोबाइल नबर भरे।

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 मे दो खड है। प्रत्येक खड मे अंग्रेजी/हिंदी मे बहु–विषय मुद्रित है। आपको प्रत्येक भाग मे से किसी एक विषय का लेखन करना है।

3. One question in each part is compulsory.
प्रत्येक भाग मे से एक प्रश्न करना अनिवार्य है।

4. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
एक प्रश्न/भाग द्वारा किए गए अको की सख्या इसके सामने इंगित की गई है।

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 मे अधिकृत माध्यम मे लिखे जाने चाहिए, जो कि दिए गए स्थान मे 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.
प्रश्नो मे 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 मे खाली छोडा गया कोई भी पृष्ठ या पृष्ठ का भाग स्पष्ट रूप से काट दिया जाना चाहिए।

Index table rows:

Q. No.	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Q.1		
Q.2		
Total Marks/कुल अंक	.	

Remarks/टिप्पणी :

For Student Only / केवल परीक्षार्थी प्रयोग हेतु

Start Time/प्रारंभ करने का समय : 8:00	End Time/समाप्त करने का समय : 11:00
Mode Of Examination/ परीक्षा की विधि :	Online/ऑनलाइन ✓ Offline/ऑफलाइन ☐

For Office Use Only / केवल कार्यालय प्रयोग हेतु

ECN CODE/ ईसीएन कोड :	EG/ईजी : ① ② ③ ④ ⑤	Evaluation Date/ मूल्यांकन तिथि :

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
Coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				
Pre-writing				

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

SECTION - A

3. The power of perception shapes our understanding of reality

When India was under the shackles of the British rule, there were 2 factions who were in opposition of the colonial power. One group aimed for 'reforming the British governance' from within through 'prayer, petition & protests'. The others were in support of 'extra-constitutional means' to attain Swaraya.

This different approach adopted by Moderates & extremists was merely due to the difference in perception. While moderates

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

believed that the British rule was in the interest of Indians for the sake of reforms. Extremists perceived the crown unworthy of suspect.

This is the power of perception. It shapes our opinions or outlook towards certain things or events. While a glass can be perceived as half full by an optimist, it can be perceived as half empty by a pessimist.

This essay is an attempt to examine how perceiving things correctly can help us & how a distorted perception leads to harmful consequences. We will also consider the need for change in perception

UPSC

220015_620303_1910090852_(2023-08-19 11:26:17)

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

(Please do not write anything exept the question number in this Space)
कृप्या इस स्थान में प्रश्न संख्या के अतिरिक्त कुछ न लिखें।

उम्मीदवारों को इस हाशिए में नहीं लिखना चाहिए
Candidates must not write on this margin

& finally conclude with ways to mould our perception in a healthy way to create 'welfare of all.'

We all are aware of 'Arjuna's dilemma' during the epic fight/war in kurukshetra. Arjuna perceived the war differently and was reluctant to kill his kin. However, the perception of krishna changed the history as he relied on his 'Swadharma' & 'sthithaprayya' in shaping his opinion about the reality.

Often reality is right in front of us. What matters is our ability to perceive it correctly. If we are able to do this, we

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

are able to better prepare ourselves for the coming challenges & adversities. For instance, a student who is preparing for an exam might be fearful about failure. However, it is this fear that makes him work hard & clear the exam.

The real wisdom lies in perceiving the changing reality correctly. This can be better done by the ones who have a positive outlook towards life. As Marcus Aurelius has rightly said, "The masters of the world are the masters of their mind." The one who can control his mind can control any situation by staying calm at the face of adversity.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

A sight perception also brings within us a better preparedness for the future. For instance, Japan follows the culture of imbibing disaster preparedness in every walks of life. This 'culture of safety' can be attributed to their ability to perceive problems before-hand.

Such pro-activeness is necessary especially when the world is constantly changing at the blink of an eye. Peter Drucker has rightly said, "An entrepreneur is the one who sees the change, responds to it & exploits it as an opportunity." Such broad outlook towards change can turn a business into an empire.

Page

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

However, the reality is different in many cases. Many times, we fail to perceive things correctly & this leads to 'displaced opinions & actions'.

If we consider a simple case of human relationships, they break not because of 'real problems but because of 'perceived problems'. This can be due to misunderstandings among people where the perceived reality is far away from the actual reality.

Such misunderstandings can creep even in the bilateral ties among the nations. Also, the difference in perceiving things can change the entire global order.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

(Please do not write anything except the question number in this space)
कृपया इस स्थान में प्रश्न संख्या के अतिरिक्त कुछ न लिखें।

उम्मीदवारों को इस हाशिए में नहीं लिखना चाहिए
Candidates must not write on this margin

Post would war 2, the world got divided on the basis of 2 blocs. Slowly, the destruction caused in Japan started creating a feeling of fear & insecurity leading to the emergence of a cold war era. Nations began camping up their nuclear arsenal due to the perceived fear of a 3rd world war.

However, India had its own outlook towards this global chaos. It decided to stay neutral by floating 'non-alignment' ideology. As J.L. Nehru has rightly said, "NAM is the biggest peace movement in the world", as had the world been divided into 2 parts, war was inevitable.

(Please do not write anything exept question number in this space)
कृपया इस स्थान में प्रश्न संख्या के अतिरिक्त कुछ न लिखें।

2120303 6320303_1910090852_(2023-08-19 11:16:17)

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

उम्मीदवारों को इस हाशिए में नहीं लिखना चाहिए Candidates must not write on this margin

Such is the power of perception in real life. Where on one hand, it can be a pacifier, on the other hand can cause destruction.

This calls for our ability & willingness to keep our outlook changing with the changing reality. Thiruvalluvar has rightly said, "true wisdom lies in staying in tune with the changing world."

The best exemplar of the changed mindset is King Asoka. Earlier, he used to measure his victory in terms of wars he had won. However, after witnessing the aftermath of war in kalinga, he adopted the path of Dharma i.e. righteousness

UPSC

220015 620303_1910090852_(2023-08-19 11:26:17)

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

Likewise, the change in the global politics also requires a change in our diplomacy. Post Russia-Ukraine War, Japanese PM stated that "Ukraine could be the East Asia of tomorrow.", hinting at the Chinese aggression in the South China Sea. Today, Japan has shifted from 'idealism' to 'realism' to guard its interest in the changing world.

Having considered the need for change in perception, now let us consider how we can do it.

The simplest way to shape our perception in a healthy manner is to have our open mindset. This

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

means our ability to accept feedback from the society. We should work upon our weaknesses in order to build a 'strength of character' through constant corrections. In the words of Winston Churchill, "to grow is to change & to perfect is to change often."

Another aspect that can help us is to keep our minds free from bias & prejudice. The spirit of equality, integrity & objectivity will help us to widen our perception. This has been supported by Jaina philosophy of 'Anekantaavada' whereby the truth has multiple dimensions.

Page

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

Also, a rationality &
scientific temper can help
us avoid the situations
of distorted perception.
When we revaluate every
situation with our logic
we come more closer
towards the reality.
Lack of rationality leads
to a 'herd mentality',
which is contrary to
the 'welfare of all' in a
society.

Lastly, we must follow
the principle of 'Madhyam
Marga' as propounded by
Buddha in order to come
out of the situations of
dilemma. Where we
feel confused as to how
to perceive the reality.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

the best way out shall be to choose the path that creates 'utility for all'. This altruistic mindset will help us all to grow & nurture together to give effect to the idea of 'Vasudhaiva kutumbakam'.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

SECTION B

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

EVENT 1

M.K Gandhi was travelling in a train in south Africa. He was there to represent his client in a case. A ticket checker approached him to inspect his ticket. Gandhiji dutifully showed him this ticket indicating 'First class'. Despite this fact, he was thrown out of the train since the 'coloured' were not allowed to access the first class compartment.

Page

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

EVENT 2

A black man was lying on the street in USA & a police was kneeling over his neck. Unable to breath, George Floyd pleaded the officer to let go of him. But, Floyd was victim to the racial cruelty & died due to it.

The two events are distinct in nature & have occurred a century apart, but the nature of cause remains the same. Racism was the root cause but the form has changed.

Living in the 21st century, we dream of a reformed world. A world full of happiness & built on the solid foundation of equality

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

& Compassion. But, social evils create a hindrance in achieving this utopia!

This essay seeks to find how social evils are changing their form in today's world. We will also evaluate how some evils have still not changed even after the passage of years. Then we will examine how certain changes in society are providing a ray of hope to humanity. Lastly we will conclude with reforms to create an egalitarian society.

In the 19th century, the status of women was considered secondary to that of a man. And a woman was subjected to a series of derogatory practices like sati pratha.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

which even violated the
'Right to life' of a woman.

With the passage of time,
woman was granted rights
like 'Right to vote', 'Right
to inheritance', etc. Today,
a woman is free to
work in the outside
world. But, the ingrained
perception about her
debility to perform at par
with men is still negative.
This is blatantly visible
from 'glass ceilings' in
corporates, where women
are allowed to work
for an organisation but
the 'creamy layer' positions
are reserved for men.

Earlier, a female child
was brutally buried on
free birth. However, the
reform measures under the
British led to the passage

UPSC

0015_620303_1910090852_(2023-08-09 11:20:57)

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

of 'Female Infanticide Prevention Act' to prohibit this inhuman act. However, a report published by UN highlights the menace of 'Missing Women'. This can be attributed to the sex-selective abortions & lack of bodily autonomy of women, whereby the evil practices continue under the nose of the prohibitive legislations.

Taking the issue of gender equality ahead, let us consider the case of LGBTQ community. 'Lavender Scare' gripped the US in late 1980s, whereby the people belonging to LGBTQ it were fired from jobs. Forty years after this, the society marks its homophobic tendencies, under the name of acceptance & equality. The discrimination of this community has manifested into a 'Silent isolation'.

UPSC

22001 68 0303 1910090852 (2023-08-19 11:26:17)
Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

Our forefathers & the makers of our constitution wanted India to respect the ideals of secularism. Article 25-28 were added to enable people of varied faiths to live together with harmony. However, the seeds of communalism were sown during the 'partition', which is a blot on the history of our independence.

Today, the hatred & intolerance has spread its roots as far as possible. Hateful comments & content is spread through social media & holds immense potential to radicalise the minds of youth. The 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots were triggered due to fake news spread on social media. This is a testimony to the fact that intolerance still grips our society.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

However, some social evils continue to stay unchanged. They are still gripping us tightly even after the passage of decades.

The concept of 'purity & pollution' was present in our society since historical times. The presence of 'Adimai' (slaves/outcastes) during the Sangam era & 'Vishti' (forced labour) during the Guptas are few of its examples. Today as we celebrate 75 years of our independence, we fail to realise that the caste based discrimination hold us back from attaining freedom in real sense.

The recent incident of Indra Meghwal, a student who was killed as he drank water from a pot meant for higher castes is the failure of humans to become a human.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

Likewise, the incessant efforts made by nations to fight the menace of corruption that not yielded adequate outcomes. With the rise in materialism & quest to amass as much wealth as possible, the acts of gaining valuables at the cost of values, has been an ittick.

However, to view the social evils only from this perspective would be narrow. To paint just a gloomy picture, would be deceptive as our society has continued to do progress on social front.

The change is visible at the grassroot levels, Many civil servants are leading by the example by being the change they wish to

see around themselves.
A DM ate food cooked
by a Dalit in a MDM
scheme sending a clear
message that caste has
nothing to do with one's
purity.

Similarly, the efforts taken
to create a common ground
for a man & woman are
yielding results. Today,
women are displaying their
abilities in every sphere
& the election of a 'tribal
woman' as a President
of India shows that our
society is rewarding
merit over gender & caste.

Likewise, we are
releasing the colonial laws
to keeping tune with the
changing 'peripheral values'.
The striking off of 'Section
377' is a historical moment
and significant achievement
of gender inclusiveness.

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

India is running a 'growth Marathon' & will soon become the 2nd largest economy by 2075. This feat can be achieved only when we all are the equal participants & work with cohesion.

For this, we need to rely on the ideals of our forefathers. B.R Ambedkar's idea of 'social endosmosis' i.e. free flow of ideas can act as a social glue that binds us all. We need to interact & most importantly, we need to respect the diversity of opinions.

We must not let our silence become our weakness. We need to act in the matters of injustice to create a ripple effect

UPSC

Answer Questions in NOT MORE THAN the Word Limit specified for each in the Parenthesis.
Content of the Question is more important than length.
(Specimen Answer Booklet - For Practice Purpose Only)

in the society. For instance, 'metoo' movement started by a single woman, led to the protection of dignity & justice of thousands of others. Our act of courage can go a long way in weeding out elements of social evils.

For this, we must vow to abide by integrity - 'to do good even when no one is watching'. The purpose of a human life is to live not just for self but also for others. This idea of 'collective welfarism' can help India attain the 'real freedom' by 2047.