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Time Allowed : Three Hours

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Maximum Marks : 250

अधिकतम अंक : 250

ESSAY / निबंध

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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. 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 में दो खंड हैं। प्रत्येक खंड में अंग्रेजी/हिंदी में बहु-विषय मुद्रित हैं। आपको प्रत्येक भाग में से किसी एक विषय का लेखन करना है।
Q.2			3. One question in each part is compulsory. प्रत्येक भाग में से एक प्रश्न करना अनिवार्य है।
Total Marks/कुल अंक			4. 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।
Remarks/टिप्पणी :			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 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।
			6. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to. प्रश्नों में 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 में खाली छोड़ा गया कोई भी पृष्ठ या पृष्ठ का भाग स्पष्ट रूप से काट दिया जाना चाहिए।
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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
Coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				
Pre-writing				

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

SECTION - A

1. We need greater environmental awareness and sustainable development in the face of climate change and ecocide.

हमें जलवायु परिवर्तन और प्राकृतिक विच्छेदन के सामने अधिक पर्यावरण जागरूकता और सतत विकास की आवश्यकता है।

2. A moral system valid for all is basically immoral.

सभी के लिए मान्य एक नैतिक प्रणाली मूलतः अनैतिक है।

3. The pursuit of knowledge leads to the discovery of truth.

ज्ञान की खोज सत्य की खोज की ओर ले जाती है।

4. Less is more and small is beautiful: the new mantra for world peace

अल्प अधिक है और छोटा सुंदर है : विश्व शांति के लिए नया मंत्र

THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE LEADS
TO THE DISCOVERY OF TRUTH

Centuries ago, the question of discovering 'truth' was on the mind of most of the brightest minds in Indian philosophy.

It was then that one of the greatest sages and thinkers of India - Kapil Muni emphasised upon the "pursuit of knowledge" that can bring one face to face with truth. The awareness

about one's environment (Prakriti) and the essence of forces behind it (Purush) would lead one to discovery of truth (salvation).

Thus pursuit of knowledge leads to discovery of truth. But, this arouses curiosity to know what exactly is knowledge? what is truth?

KNOWLEDGE : A galaxy within

Knowledge is wisdom. It is the sought every now and then in life. Knowledge is a state of awareness of self and others. It is to know what one's own emotions and reactions - which can be referred to as 'emotional intelligence'. Gautama Buddha emphasised

upon this state of awareness as true knowledge of which guides path of righteousness leading to Nirvana.

Nirvana is the truth which one discovers on the path of knowledge. Thus knowledge and its pursuit is related to finding truth.

TRUTH : a galaxy outside

finding truth raises question of 'what is truth'. It is salvation, it is also rationality. Truth constitutes what is real and absent - a notion of positivism and scientificism. Truth is something that cannot be changed. Thus discovery of truth is a key pursuit of humans and knowledge guides the way to truth.

PURSUING KNOWLEDGE, DISCOVERING TRUTH

Homo sapiens till now have won
'the survival of the fittest' race due to
their relentless pursuit to learn.

From being primitive beings, we evolved
into today's genius. This means to pursue
knowledge one must be open to acceptance
and learn.

The evolution of life was earlier
thought to be a result of a 'divine
force'. It was Darwin in his work
'The evolution of species' showed how
life evolved according to laws of nature
rather than a teleological force. It was
his pursuit to know about life
that provided us with this 'truth'.

Similarly, individuals seek to
find answers about life. Super

questions like what is life's purpose?
helps people to discover their own truth.
self-awareness and self-reflection then
become a means to pursue that knowledge

Martin Luther King seemed to identify
that pursuit to find his truth - that
is service and upliftment of people -

"life's most persistent question is
what are you doing for others?"

Now, the question arises how to
pursue that knowledge? The answers
are plenty. 'contemplation' about our
purpose and goals in life is one. It
also requires one to have a positive
attitude and belief that they will find
their truth. Paralympic champions like

Susana Malik who is just a woman para-athlete to bring a medal pursued life's purpose with positive attitude and found her truth.

The pursuit of knowledge also requires indomitable will and courage to face the truth and also handle consequences that come with it.

Whistleblowers around the world relentlessly work to pursue the knowledge which the world requires to find truth.

Daniel Ellsberg is one such person who leaked Pentagon papers for larger public to discover truth about Vietnam war.

Along with this the pursuit of knowledge is a path of correcting oneself. It requires one to face own weaknesses.

accept them and address them. Neeraj Chopra who brought first gold for India in athletics in Olympics kept on coaxing himself to discover his potential which is his truth to achieve this feat.

The pursuit of knowledge also ^{compels} ~~requires~~ confronting and breaking existing norms. To overturn established 'norms of knowledge' to find the greater truth. When Karl Marx questioned the established system of capitalism and questioned he uncovered the truth of deep inequalities it promoted.

Thus it leads to an essential question why discovery of truth is so important?

NEED FOR TRUTH

Truth is essential to be discovered to realise own potential. ~~Truth conceals~~ A life lived with ~~not~~ unutilised capacities is far from truth. The prevalence of poverty and miserable life it results in requires one to find the truth behind it.

Necessity is the mother of inventions, so is the need to find truth an ultimate motivator to pursue knowledge.

The need to build our supercomputer PARAM led C-DAC to explore its knowledge and present a miracle when Americans refused India to provide their supercomputers.

OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

But, is there a possibility to find truth by other means? Indian philosophy talks about various ways to find truth, knowledge is just one of them.

To follow established norms and rituals may lead to discovery of truth: as our cultures are an accumulation of past wisdom. The tradition of nature worship is one such. It leads to the truth of importance of conserving our environment.

Similarly, mindfulness through meditation and maintaining good health & prepared one to be gain the ability to seek truth.

IS THERE ONE TRUTH?

Another trivial question in this pursuit of knowledge is ~~the~~ ~~of~~ which truth do we seek? The idea of truth is subjective. What one considers to be his truth may be false for another. The Anekantvada philosophy of Jainism precisely emphasises upon this point.

The discovery of new set of fossil fuels under the Arctic ocean may be a discovery of truth for the developed world, but, it is quite the opposite for small island developing states like Tuvalu whose existence due to rising sea levels comes under question.

Thus the pursuit of knowledge is a must, it is the essence of human life and which invariably leads to discovery of 'truths'. The discovery of that universal truth must be led by a pursuit for peace, equity and a more harmonious world.

The knowledge must take us from darkness of ignorance to the light of truth -

"Asto ma sad-gamaya
Tamaso ma jyotir gamaya
Mrityo ma amrtam gamaya"

(From unrighteousness to righteousness,
from darkness to light
from immortality towards mortality)

The pursuit of knowledge leads to discovery of truth.

Truth
 (sun moon & truth - Gandhi)
 Anantvada (ants)

What
 Why
 When
 How
 Why not

Knowledge

→ discovery of **Truth**

- wisdom
- self-awareness
- right path
- righteousness

rational salvation
 - real
 - makes sense
 - right

social →
 eco
 pol
 envt
 philoso

knowing → awareness about
 weakness
 strength

What is knowledge?
 What is truth?

What is pursuit of knowledge?
 How is it done?

Who does it?

How knowledge is related to truth

What is discovery of truth

How P.O.K → d.o.t

Why?

Why not? → different truths.
 Anantvada.

truth mediates → truth
 habit → "
 duty → "

universal truth
 → humanism on this earth

needs attitude
 (E) → look inside
 → reflect
 evaluate

ethical

→ Unhonorably

- 1) Buddha
- 2) Scientists

↳ Darwin → evolution
 ↳ Galileo Copernicus

↳ Gandhi → truth nonviol
 ↳ Indian philosophy

↳ Samkhya
 ↳ knowledge → salvation

↳ Sanyak gyar (right knowledge) Jain

↳ Structures → inequalities
 ↳ Marx - capitalism

↳ Whistleblowers
 ↳ Daniel Ellsberg

↳ Pentagon paper

(Sports) → Neeraj Chopra
 89m → 90m club.



FOUNDRY

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Feedback

Feedback to be provided in terms of (1) Introduction (2) Sentence Constructions (3) Paragraph Formation (4) Legibility (5) Deviation from Topic (6) Coverage of dimensions (7) Simplicity / ease of reading

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SECTION - B

1. Investment in human resource development can ensure security of future society.
मानव संसाधन विकास में निवेश से भावी समाज की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की जा सकती है।
2. Men survive on adversity and perish in ease and comfort.
व्यक्ति प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों में जीवित रहते हैं और सुविधा एवं आराम से नष्ट हो जाते हैं।
3. Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.
प्रत्येक संत का एक अतीत होता है, और प्रत्येक पापी का एक भविष्य होता है।
4. Ethical issues arise only when science is applied to technology.
नैतिक मुद्दे केवल तभी उत्पन्न होते हैं जब विज्ञान प्रौद्योगिकी पर लागू किया जाता है।

MEN SURVIVE ON ADVERSITY AND PERISH IN EASE AND COMFORT

Darwin's treatise - "The evolution of species" was a ground breaking work in the field of science which challenged existing notions of existence of humans but his work also raised deeper questions about survival and perishability. The "survival of the fittest" was not just of some miraculous traits but ~~to~~ the ability in some species to counter the adversity and survive while

others which were at ease slowly perished.

Such instincts of survival in adversity are still present in humans. It is the key to existence in this life. On the other hand, ease and comfort often lead the road to perishability.

Why men survive adversity?

To answer this question one must first ask what is adversity? Adversity is a situation when one faces problems in life - it can be physical pain, mental agony, emotional or material losses.

Adversity affects not just men but societies, communities, nations and human race on whole. The challenge of poverty on an individual level, hatred and violence on a societal level and

disruption of peace on a global level
are some adversities faced in life.

But, adversity tests moral strength,
innate character, endurance and aptitude.

A person's attitude towards adversity
makes or breaks things. Pandavas faced
all adversities—mental agony, humiliation
and deceit but they survived due to
their positive attitude.

Similarly, adversity brings out
strength of character by challenging oneself
to remain a prisoner of fate or to break
those chains and excel. The life of our
honourable President Dr. B. R. Ambedkar shows
how adversity in personal life can shape a person's
character and overall outlook towards
life.

Men survive adversity also because of the aptitude they develop in dealing with life. It is the brings out the instincts of 'do or die'. JK Rowling, the author of Narry Potter series suffered from ~~severe~~ severe depression but through her creative aptitude she turned the adversity into one of the most liked books of all times.

Moreover the survival instincts through adversity also come when one is left with no choice. The Hutu and Tutsi violence in Rwanda put the country in an adverse position where male population severely dwindled. But the women took over the responsibility to carry forward leadership of the country. Now, Rwanda is the only country in the

world with around 92% female parliamentarians who run the country.

On the other hand a paradox emerges - we are able to survive adversity but why perish in ease and comfort.

Why men perish in ease and comfort?

While survival in adversity is a check of endurance when you have nothing but ease and comfort is a check of character when you have everything. Men perish in ease and comfort because they take for granted the things they have. The instinct of survival fades and a conditions of stagnance prevail.

One of the reasons for this is ignorance as in ease one does not

try to address inner shortcomings, or to look beyond self. Such state of affairs leads to rise of jealousy, hatred for others. The Kauravas had a life of ease and comfort but due to their ignorance and arrogance they perished while the Pandavas survived.

Ease and comfort starts a cycle of self-perpetuating attitude which leads to moral degradation of not only self but also society as a whole. The instances of corporate greed resulting in scams like ICICI scam depict how ease and comfort may lead to perishability.

In addition to this, while adversity presents limited choice for survival but ease and comfort

presents tremendous choices and men fail to gauge that having a choice does not always lead to right results. The problems of obesity in today's world shows that.

While a person in a village just eats right to keep him working, a person in a city can stuff mindlessly stuff junk into his body.

Men also perish in ^{can and comfort} ~~adversity~~ because they become accustomed to status quo.

They do not realize how someone ~~and~~ would kill to be in their position. The movements of civil liberties in Europe for women are a testimony to this. While India had faced adversity of subjugation it made a point to include liberties equally for men and women alike.

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A life of ease and comfort leads to lack of respect for a life without it.

Because of this, men do not make use of the treasure they have with them.

~~The~~ democracy in countries like India, which has seen change of power easily after every election seems to be ~~a~~ a comforting situation. As a result, people do not bother to do not bother to exercise their franchise.

This results in slow ~~political~~ death of true democracy in any country.

Another question which arises is that does adversity always lead to survival? Does a life of ease and comfort always lead to perishability?

Adversity has not always resulted in survival, albeit, it has often created vicious cycles of oppression. The adversity faced by lower castes in India has till date raised questions on their survival — survival with happiness and survival full of opportunities. Still a majority of poor in the country belong to SC/ST groups.

Moreover while adversity may lead to ~~survival~~ survival, it may not be a complete success. The after-effects of adversity may still be seen. The effects of colonialism in India, even after we have survived it, are still visible. Corruption in government offices, adulteration law, etc. are some of its legacies.

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Moreover, a life of ease and comfort can actually be an enabling one for some. Upliftment out of poverty helps people to look beyond basic means of survival. It leads to realists of Sharma, ashram and purusharth on the whole.

Providing ease and comfort to oppressed sections helps them realise their full potential. The upliftment of women and girl children is one such case. Rayyana Bakhani - the first Saudi woman to go to space is exemplify how women if provided with the ease and comfort of opportunity can also excel.

Thus, to survive in adversity and not become comfort and ease an impediment in one's pursuits is the essence of life. The human race did not survive all along this way just to perish away when they have all that they need to make this life worth living.

In terms of Rabindranath Tagore -

“Where tireless striving stretches
its arms towards perfection,
where the clear stream of reason
has not lost its way into the
dreary desert sand of dead habit,
where mind is led forward by thought
and action,
into that heaven of freedom let my
country awake!”

Men survive on adversity & perish in ease & comfort

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Men → humans
 ↳ society
 ↳ nations
 ↳ research
 ↳ invention

What why how } where
 Antithesis
 ↳ poverty
 ↳ colonialism

→ Why men survive on adversity

- ↳ what is adversity
- ↳ what does it test
- ↳ what qualities it brings out of men
- ↳ How DO MEN survive

end or mend
 do or die
 necessity = invention

↳ Why do they su → no choice

→ Why they perish in ease & comfort

- ↳ how do they perish (process)
- ↳ role of comfort
- ↳ why (reason) → choice

- Early human & present human
- obesity
- mental health
- Pandavas & Kauravas.

Social
 ↳ women
 ↳ tribal
 ↳ children
 ↳ disabled

political
 ↳ rights
 ↳ VOTE
 ↳ Politicians
 ↳ DEMOCRACY
 ↳ w/ w/o

→ Antithesis → Men may not survive

- ↳ adversity ~~& man~~
- ↳ lack of courage
- ↳ Reasons?

- ↳ JK Rowling → depression
- ↳ RWANDA - no. choice
- ↳ DOLIO
- ↳ JEEP
- ↳ Human Rights
- ↳ civil rights
- ↳ India vs Europe

Economic
 ↳ 2008 crisis

Env
 ↳ water resource
 ↳ Pollution
 ↳ now

→ Men may grow / do better in ease

- ↳ caste privilege
- ↳ upliftment
- ↳ upliftment from poverty → realize full potential

↳ ignorance
 ↳ greed
 ↳ lack of respect

WHY Comp to survive adversity & save from - perish

Adversity → pain
 ↳ toughness
 ↳ emotional losses
 ↳ material losses

↳ moral degradation
 ↳ inward looking
 ↳ selfish

corpo

Be faithful in the valleys & humble on the peaks.