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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. 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 हो।
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।
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			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।
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Parameter/ criteria	Aspects Considered	Marks Allotted	Essay 1	Essay 2
Basic Format	Introduction	10		
	Body	15		
	Conclusion	10		
Content	Topic interpretation	10		
	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
Organization	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
Language skills	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
Examiner's discretion	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

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. 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।

② All things come into being by conflict of opposites.

Young Boy Siddhartha is born into royalty. He has experienced every luxuries that those times could offer - A huge palace, jewels, caretakers - everything that an ordinary citizen could aspire for. One day, on a tour of the kingdom he sees a diseased, poor and dead man which makes

to him to contemplate about life. This internal contradiction makes Siddhartha transform himself to a Gautam Buddha who enlightened the world with his ideas.

The law of nature seems to be implying that conflict of opposites is natural. For a *vi* the darkness of night we have brightness of day, for the dryness of Desert we have lush green tropical forests, For the mountain we have trenches in oceans. In these contrasts, life and ~~div~~ biodiversity thrives making its own adaptations giving meaning to the conflict of opposites.

Going by the philosophical knowledge of Socrates, Dialectics is the right way to

gain knowledge. Dialectics of thoughts and Ideas means that for every thesis there exists an anti-thesis which leads to a new synthesis of Ideas. This continuous evolution is what has resulted to the world that we live in today. Evolving over centuries are the new creations that are a product of conflict of opposites.

However, the conflict leading to something new is not an easy process. For Human Beings love to stay in the status quo or comfort zones as changes are hard to adapt to and also these opposites look to shatter the belief that existing hegemonic ideas are invincible

Copernicus was widely discredited and disliked for his theory of 'heliocentrism' where the Earth revolved ~~away~~ around the Sun. This was in contrast to the belief that the Sun rotated around the Earth - a widely accepted truth at those times. It was a hard fought battle to change the conception of truth by a new scientific theory. Such is also the case when people like Dr Jyotiba Phule questioned the wisdom of Manusmriti which created an artificial system of hierarchy based on purity and pollution. Much of the society

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dissented their idea of equality and egalitarianism, in the long run, ideas of Dharm triumphed with formal inclusion of Article 15 → Non discrimination on basis of caste/religion, Article 17 → abolition of untouchability in our constitution.

The evolution of history and is also a testimony to conflict of opposites and eventually the triumph of the good. Mahabharata between Pandavas (the good) and Kauravas (the bad), Ramayana between Rama and Raavan show the eventual triumph of the truth despite having disadvantages materialistically. It is the purity in the purpose and conviction to fight for one's cause that determines who

emerges victorious.

The conflict of opposites is not such that just one battle or victory is going to reap ever lasting results, Rather it is a continuous process of ~~the~~ iterations that ~~do~~ determine the outcome and perhaps it is also not possible to have one final destination. This conflict is going to be a feature of humanity as long as we exist.

Hegel and Marx propounded the idea of 'Historicism' an idea of dialectical movement of history. Marx predicted an end to capitalism and ~~the~~ ^{the} eventual triumph of Communism to eternity.

what he terms of 'negation of negation' that the weaker system will make way for a stronger one.

But what eventually happened with fall of USSR is the triumph of capitalism what Francis Fukuyama terms as 'End of history'. Believing capitalism to be the end of ideological evolution of man and perpetual peace would follow in the world due to economic interdependence and spread of democracy.

However we don't live in a world so imagined. Samuel P Huntington devised the concept of 'Clash of civilizations' that despite our interdependence, ~~our~~ our historical identities are in resentment with other

the obligations and the demand for dignity
being the cause for wars. The geopolitical
contestation of 'Pax-Americana' v/s
'Pax-Sinica', the talks of a new cold
war between USA and China is its
manifestation. The cyclic nature of
the conflicts do not seem to see an
End.

However, these conflicts are not
to be seen with a negative utility
always. It is these internal turmoils of
dissonance that ~~make~~ acts as a
path finder to people. These conflicts
enable to people to learn and find new
ways to live that would make their
heart free of the 'dukkha'

Ashoka's experience of war, suffering and bloodshed made him to give up 'Berhiyasha' and ^{embrace} ~~Embrace~~ 'Dhamma yasha', the path of peace and prosperity. 'Leo Tolstoy' in his book 'war and peace' shows how war is often necessary to enjoy peace and to respect peace.

If there were to be no conflict of thoughts and ideas within oneself, it would lead to stagnancy and diminish the capacity of man to think and solve problems. Noam Chomsky In his book 'sapient' makes this very argument that evolution of modern man is due to the hardships and contradictions he felt that led him to

think, make new innovations and live as the smartest Being on Earth.

Sigmund Freud who is a psychoanalyst to concludes that our ability to be creative is a product of the necessity to be creative. And this need/necessity is born when we have a strong purpose to accomplish something.

This sense of purpose is ignited by looking at the positive examples around us and ~~the~~ the reluctant aspirations to move our lives to ~~the~~ the better. When Berlin was divided by a wall → the East being under democracy and the west being under Totalitarianism showcased the contrasting systems. While one encouraged freedom to individuals and creativity,

One the other one subsumed individuals
under collective ego of the state, dwarfing
human capabilities and potential. The eventual
fall of the wall shows how resolute
commitment to what is right triumphs over
the odds.

Also being aware of the darker
aspects of life makes sure that people
do not become high headed when
new position comes into being. Rinku Singh
is a promising cricketer who comes
from a poor family, but has made fortunes
playing IPL. When asked how he is
able to keep the hunger alive and keep
performing well despite having all that he
aspired when he was poor. He says
poverty and deprivation had made him so

resilient and immune to hardships that, ~~the~~ the hardwork he puts into his cricket training feels like pleasure and plays the game for the love of it and not ~~a~~ keeping in mind material benefits.

The
And presence of an opposite doesn't always mean that the new ideas must be embraced blindly without evaluation of the opposites. When Vivekananda was given a task to steal rice from Prachinakasa without anybody noticing, he returned empty handed and said 'I couldn't steal without myself noticing it'. ^{on} Despite a choice between honesty and appreciation for his honesty, he choose honesty.

New things coming into ~~be~~ being
key concept of opposites reflect the

FEEDBACK

Progressive nature of man to embrace
change. Just as Gautam Buddha
embraced the choice of righteousness and
transcendentalism, we too must choose
'shreya' (what is right) over 'preya'
(what is easy) to live enriched fruitful
lives which is worth living.



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।

② IF HUMANKIND POISONED NATURE, NATURE IN TURN POISON
HUMANKIND

Lets fast forward to the year
2070. Mankind is in distress due to
unpredicable weather patterns and
disasters. We need to wear Oxygen masks
when we step out of our homes as air
is polluted. The last remainants of
Animals are in zoos only if as their natural
Habitats are destroyed. My great grand
-Daughter watches 'weild Karateka' documentary
Produced in 2020 and tells 'If only you

people had something back then, we wouldn't be living like this today'.

Indian civilizational ethos has always believed in co-existence with nature. From Nature worship during Indus valley civilization times to writing 'Prakriti Dhriti Dritham' (Nature is what holds the world together) in Rigveda, we have seen nature as a co-partner in human development and very existence.

Since the Industrial revolution, humans have come under the false notion that we are 'invincible' and selfish goals of development has endangered nature.

This intern has turned mother nature, the one that provides to all our needs to turn

against us.

The machines of Industrial revolution and the hegemonic idea of capitalism makes man run behind creating a neverending demand of material goods which makes him to keep exploiting the nature without being mindful of the repercussions.

According to both IPCC report, the world has already warmed by over 1.1°C over pre industrial levels, this is due to man burning fossil fuels at an alarming rate and ~~fastly~~ agricultural practices which produce green house gases (like flooding of rice, livestock farming).

This in turn has increased CO₂ levels by 160% and CH₄ by 320%.

These accompanied with other green house gases like N₂O, SF₆ cause the world to warm up. But already we are in an era of 'global Boiling' As UN ~~ge~~ general secretary Antonio Guterres calls it.

This is accompanied by clipping nature's ~~using~~ ability to absorb the ~~the~~ line that we have committed ~~to~~ by carrying out large deforestation. The Amazon is declining at a rate of 1 foot ball field every 6 second.

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Nature cannot be looked at in silos and one disturbance of the fragile balance has repercussions elsewhere. The excess CO_2 is finding its way to the oceans via acid rain and absorption. This is in turn accompanied by untreated effluent discharge from industries which causes Ocean Acidification.

This is killing the corals which in turn support over 25% of marine biodiversity. Our ~~our~~ our Unmindful consumption and dumping of untreated waste is floating around in oceans. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is infamous for choking marine animals and blocking reducing productivity of oceans by blocking sun light.

Human Ingression into Natural
Habitat ~~has~~ ~~caused~~ biodiversity loss, manifested

① in overfishing, clearing forests for agriculture
has resulted in biodiversity loss and
irreparable damage to Nature.

However, what should really pinch
us is that all the sinful deeds that we
have committed is going to find its way
back to us and threaten our very survival.
The raising sea levels due to melting
of snow caps due to global warming are
submerging coast-communities. World Migration
report expects upto 1 Billion people to be
refugees due to climate change. For reference,
the recent Syria crisis was just 5 million
Refugees and it caused upheavals in European

countries. Imagine ~~or~~ what impact 1 Billion ~~peop~~ refugees would cause on political stability.

The warming of Oceans are altering the natural flow of Ocean currents, which in turn alter weather pattern all over the world. The monsoons are expected to intensify. This may bring a smile on people's face, but it is going to be showered in ^{short} intense bursts of rain which would destroy crops and flood situations.

Biodiversity loss is ~~too~~ causing loss of genetic diversity among species which would threaten their long term viability to survive. Also, this causes imbalance in between prey-predator

relationships which causes havoc on Agriculture produce as we saw during the locust attacks in 2021 over North India.

The death of corals are taking away their ability to shield the coastal areas against disasters like Tsunamis and Cyclones. UN DRK has recorded a ^{climatological} 67% rise in disasters in 2000-2010 over 1980-1990 levels. Just a decade causing 67 rise in disasters is alarming.

The pollution of nature by dumping of hazardous materials is coming right back at humans. Heavy metals like Mercury Bioaccumulated over food chains, finally ending up in Human bodies. This explains the increasing cases of Minikata disease

Our increased interaction with other wild species has made us vulnerable to the otherwise Novel pathogens. Increased mobility between the hosts also means that these pathogens are mutating at faster rates. ~~just as we~~ The covid pandemic is just a trailer and future looks scary if a more potent pathogen is born.

As said By Barack Obama, we are the first generation to face climate change, but also perhaps the only generation to do something about it. The character of nature is such that, it remains patient and gives opportunity for us to mend our ways for a long time,

but once it exceeds the threshold, there is no coming back.

The warming caused by us acts as a positive feedback loop to further increase greenhouse gases and cause ~~is~~ irreparable damage. The melt of ~~a~~ ice caps decreases earth's albedo, which makes it more difficult to combat the warming. The thawing of permafrost would start a rapid process to decompose large amount of organic matter which has remained frozen for centuries. When such events go out of hand, it is an uncontrollable reaction of nature.

It is high time that we as a human race collectively act in concert beyond narrow outlooks. The ~~o~~ Global North

that has reaped maximum maximum benefits of this worth our nature must take the lead to ~~the~~ actualize funding mechanisms as promised in Cancun 2010 (\$100 Bil green climate fund). Also the communities facing damage must be compensated ~~by~~ via 'Loss and Damage Fund'.

Sustainability is the inevitability of future. Paris goals must be adhered to ~~and~~ along with balancing SDG & developmental goals. It is not just efforts of governments that count but needs comprehensive efforts from ~~to~~ individuals as well.

We need to look for doing our bit to nature everyday by ~~the~~ making small choices that make large difference -

like buying eco-friendly products like
jute bags, taking public transport to
work, turning off lights when not in use etc.
It is these small efforts which would
lead to realisation of PM Modi's goal of
'life-style for environment'.

We need to act now, in concert
to not be in a situation that we
were in 2070 earlier. We need to
leave behind a world ^{to our offsprings} just as we
received it from our Ancestors. One then
is it possible to maintain the continuity
of our race and above all to not
have the regret regret that 'we didn't
take action when we could'.

FEEDBACK



Totalitarianism
vs
democracy

Modernity
vs
Traditionalism.

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

concept of opposites

(2) All things comes into being by
concept of opposites. Buddha -> Introduction.

Socrates ->
Dialectics

unity
of opposites

concept -> significance.

coming into being

↓
doing something
creative

Idea -> Society level
experiences.
vs
chance

within one self

Mahabharata
↓
concept of right
vs
wrong

Ashoka transfer
nation
↑
within ourselves

Hegel and K Marx

Evolution
of history.

Historicism

Unity of opposites
negation of negation

↓
socialism.

War and
Peace

Best End of history

H.A -> Nihilism

↓
Communism negated.

Ashoka -
Sutra/Dharma

War and Peace.

within
one

↓
Leo Tolstoy.

If opposites don't exist

↓
death stagnation.

Sigmund Freud -> working of mind.

Viktor Frankel -> Nazi Germany Camp.

Beligolka to
Dhamra yashu.

Buddha ->

British vs Indians.

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

② If human kind poisoned nature,

nature return poison human kind.

What poisoning how?

'Prakriti Dhriti Dhritam'

Coexistence.

↓

Industrial rate → Pollution & warming.

deforestation.

Pollution → Pacific garbage patch.

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① Climate balance

② Biodiversity loss
↓
is/low recovery.

Ocean acidification

Ocean warming.

③ Pollution.

↓
leaching → CO2
contamination.
genetic diversity.

Partly
CO2

One poisoning is beyond limits, there is no coming back. ↓

Positive feed back effect.

Depoisoning.

Send Dev, Paris, life.

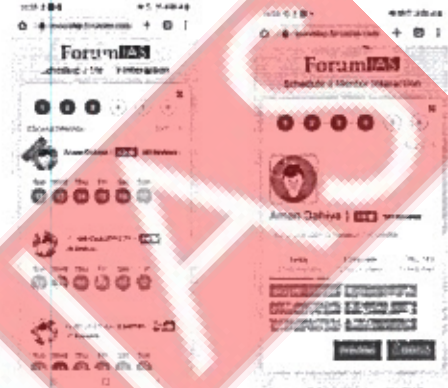
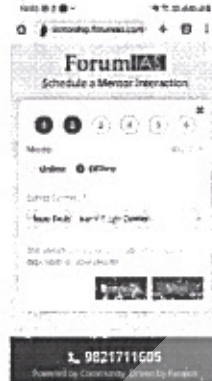
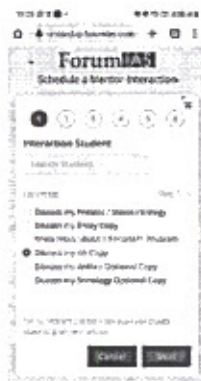
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