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Time Allowed : 3 Hours
समय : 3 घंटे

Forum IAS

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. 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।	
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।	
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MARKING SCHEME

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

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
Coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				
Pre-writing				

<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>
120 and above	100-120	Below 100

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SECTION - A

1. Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.

हर वो चीज़ मायने नहीं रखती जो गिनी जा सकती है, और हर वो चीज़ जो मायने रखती है, उसे गिना नहीं जा सकता

2. Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.

बिना सोचे-समझे सीखना व्यर्थ है; बिना सीखे सोचना जोखिमपूर्ण है।

3. The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.

असमानता का सबसे बुरा रूप है असमान चीज़ों को बराबर बनाने की कोशिश करना।

4. To attain knowledge, add things everyday; to attain wisdom, remove things everyday.

ज्ञान प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रतिदिन चीज़ों को जोड़ना आवश्यक है; लेकिन बुद्धिमत्ता प्राप्त करने के लिए, प्रतिदिन चीज़ों को हटाना आवश्यक है

Not Everything that Can be Counted Counts,
and not everything that ^{counts} Can be counted

whole India was shocked
when the news of suicide of V.G.
Siddhartha ~~came~~ spread. V.G. Siddhartha, also
known as coffee King of India was known
for business tactics and was a well known
face of the story of - 'from rags to riches'.

When he died, his net worth was over \$1.5 billion. People were finding it hard to believe that how can a person so

rich, so successful commit suicide?

But the news after his death revealed that he was facing severe ~~mental~~ ^{work} pressure and was dealing with mental health issue.

This case of V.G. Siddhartha is not the only case where people focus on the source of the external benchmarks they have set for others and judge their life on that basis. They forget that there are many things which can't be measured and the fact that an individual, a society, a nation or the whole world is not just composed of simple facts but many things which can't be counted but they do have their impact and a critical one indeed.

Therefore, it is important to differentiate things that can be counted and things which can't be counted but still matter. Things which can be counted are money, wealth of a person, GDP of a country, Labour force participation of a workforce, pace of growth of any technology. On the other hand, there are things which cannot be counted but still counts. Things are like mental health, happiness of an individual or society, social capital in society, character of individuals in society. These things are hard to measure but they play a very important role in life of an individual. Having seen what are the things that can be counted and what can't, it is we shall explore various perspective in our essay. First we will see

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why ^{not} everything that can be counted counts?
Then we will explore why things that counts,
cannot be counted? Further, we will see
that if things which are counted don't matter
much, then should we give up counting?
Moving ahead, we will see what are ways
to modify and built upon current
method of information collection to make it
better serve humanity.

We saw in the case of
N. G. Siddharath that people and reports
measured his income, his wealth, his success
but all of that failed at last in preventing
him from committing suicide. Taking a
cue from this, it is pertinent to ask
why not everything which can be counted

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counts? There are Multiple reasons for it.

Firstly, the parameters which various indexes and reports use for judging the development of an individual or a country or the world are not the parameters on which life is based on. These are man made parameters. Or in the words of Yuval Noah Harari, they are imaginative reality i.e. an alternate reality which humans consider to be true. That is why states keep focusing on money, wealth while ignoring the most fundamental principles of humanity like - cooperation, compassion, justice. ~~and~~ Therefore these parameters don't count much.

Secondly, these parameters are often limited in nature and don't show the holistic picture. For example,

women LFPR is said to be at 41% in India, but as per various economist, this growth is coming due to disguised ~~no~~ unemployment of women in sectors like agriculture, or from informal sectors. Therefore ~~PLFS~~ ~~LFPR~~ may count the workforce but it cannot show true picture,

Thirdly, the parameters used in counting are often focused on short term goal and don't focus on long term well being. For example, countries and institutions are obsessed about their GDP growth while forgetting about the rapid rate of depletion of natural resources. They may be growing now but in long term their survival will be at threat.

Fourthly, leaders and countries often obsesses about the growth only and not how that growth is coming. The example

of China is a case in point. In the early 1960s, China under Mao Zedong started the programme of Great Leap Forward where it targeted massive growth. But they resorted to tactics like burning all the steel equipments even the ones used for agriculture to increase their steel production. As a result, though the steel production increased but China suffered massive famine where over 45 million people died. Thus what started as Great Leap Forward became Great Leap backward.

Having seen that not everything that can be counted counts, let's move to another dimension, that why thing which count like happiness, social capital etc cannot be counted? There are many reasons for it. Firstly, it is difficult to come up with pin pointed parameters to measure them. For example,

Emotional Intelligence (EI) or Emotional Quotient (EQ) matter a lot as Daniel Goleman said that 'It is not IQ which makes you the leader but EQ', but it is difficult to measure it. It is because, it involves human emotions, their values, their attitude. All these factors lead to complexity and therefore make it tough to measure.

secondly, various ethical values play a very important role for both personal and professional success but there can't be one ~~particular~~ method to measure it. For instance during the 1961 presidential election both Kennedy and Nixon were having almost same chance of winning as with Nixon being a few point higher than Kennedy. But one instance changed the fate of both. It was when Martin

Luther King was arrested during civil rights movement. Nixon ~~shied~~ shied away from this as he thought he would antagonise white voters but Kennedy protested against it. As a result of this Moral conviction Kennedy won by 1.5% votes. This ~~moral~~ shows how values like moral conviction play role and counts but we can't measure them in point.

Having seen that not everything that can be counted counts and not every thing that counts can be asked, it is pertinent to ask that if counting is not doing any good should we drop it all together? No, as the famous saying goes "what gets measured, gets improved", we should try to improve the quality of counting. For example NITI Aayog took inspiration from UNDP

model of Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)
and made it ~~for~~ more vibrant by bringing
in 12 parameters for calculating poverty
rate. As a result, MPI reduced from
24% to 14% in ~~last~~ 5 years from
FY 24 to FY 19, thereby highlighting that
making a robust method of counting can help.

Moreover, counting leads
to quality information and brings in more
deliberation and debate. In his book Argument-
-ative Indian, Aravind Sen says that
India didn't face famine of the same
level as it did during British Period
because India had democracy. This democracy
ensured timely data on rainfall, on food
availability and accessibility and created
pressure on incumbent government to
act. Thus counting helped in making
Indian democracy a substantive one.

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Apart from this, emphasizing on counting can help us in getting close to measuring things that matter.

For example, Bhutan became the 1st country to measure Happiness through Happiness Index. Although there might be reservation about happiness is different for everybody but this effort of Bhutan led to Global Happiness Index where

countries now focus not only meeting the material needs of their citizens but also about the quality of their life.

Therefore, we have seen that how a right counting method can help. But it is also important to look that how we should go ahead with this? How we can bring in better ~~better~~ methodology? One way is to

follow scientific way developed by many scholars . for example the Randomised Control Trial (RCT) methodology of Abhijeet Banerjee and Esther Duflo looks into various parameters that impact a particular outcome and then helps in deciding which parameters we can focus more. Taking inspiration from this could help us in focusing on right things.

Another way, is to bring in multiple stakeholders for diverse inputs. For instance in Rwanda, the performance of civil servants is judged by committee of people. This helps in ensuring not only accountability of Bureaucrats but also ensuring that what matters to citizens, whether it is being delivered or not. In this way, they are able to do things that counts.

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Lastly it is also important to focus on ensuring that there is no biasness in data so that people have trust and are willing to improve and build upon data. This would help a lot in today's world where we are witnessing rising suicide rate, happiness level going down, decline of social capital. Only a right data on things which count can help it. It would prevent instances like V.G. Siddhartha suicide from happening. It is time to use data for the right purpose for ensuring what Robert Kennedy said - "Some men see the world as it is and ask why, I see things that don't exist and ask why not". Counting things which count would help us in creating a world more just, more fair and more transparent.

SECTION - B

1. Law stays alive by being in touch with social contracts pierced together among real people on the ground.

विधि वास्तविक लोगों के बीच स्थापित सामाजिक अनुबंधों के संपर्क में रहकर प्राणमय रहती है।

2. violence is a disease; you cannot cure by spreading it to more people.

हिंसा एक बीमारी है; आप इसे अधिक लोगों में फैलाकर समाधान नहीं कर सकते।

3. To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

एक ऐसी दुनिया में स्वयं का होना जो लगातार आपको कुछ और बनाने की कोशिश कर रहा हो, सबसे बड़ी उपलब्धि है

4. The best is the enemy of the good

सर्वोत्तम ही उत्तम का शत्रु है

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment

Krishna: Arjuna, you are a person who knows dharma, who knows what is the right thing to do. Then why are you supporting Duryodhana when you know that all he will do is spreading adharma.

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Karna: Vasudev, when I was born my mother abandoned me, no teacher taught me archery because I belonged to lower caste, Draupadi refused to marry me and humiliated me ~~not~~ because of the same reason. whole society made fun of me. It was only because of Duryodhana that I could become a King, compete with Kshatriya and gain dignity. How can I put my dharma in front of Duryodhana's friendship?

Krishna: Arjuna, when I was born, I was taken away from my parents because my uncle wanted to kill me. I had no friends while growing up since all of them were killed. The one girl I loved dearly was married off with someone else. I had to abandon Vrindavan with all my people due to Jarasandha and set up everything from

start in Dwarka. I married Rukmani because she would have given her life had I not married her. My whole life, I could not do anything for myself. Just for others happiness I gave my whole life. Do all these sacrifices for society mean that I give up my own dharma and just act selfishly like all others?

The above conversation happened between Karna and Krishna just before Mahabharata war was about to start and Krishna was trying to make Karna understand what is the right thing to do. In this conversation, what Krishna meant was that society does many things to you, both good and bad but what is important is to we stick to our ideals, our goals, our purpose of life and when we do that we truly live a life.

wholesome life.

In this essay we will see why is it so that the world constantly tries to make you something else? Further, we will see how being oneself despite of all the society's effort is greatest accomplishment. Moreover we will see why then people can't be themselves and yield to society and then we will see what can be the way in which we can remain oneself and achieve our true potential?

As the ancient saying goes, we are all the product of society. It is the society which sets the parameters for success, failure and

determine which individual is right and who is wrong. And in this process, it makes every effort to make an individual behave in a desired way. This process can happen in multiple ways -

Firstly, world has some set parameters of success like what amount of Money, wealth would make you successful and be respected. This forces individual to close these parameters and ~~also~~ fall in the rat race which Osho in his book awareness calls walking dead, that is individuals who are just living but don't know what they are doing.

Secondly, ^{adul} Modernisation of society forces the powerful people

to create a system where humans can be treated as a means to an end. As Mark Twain in his poem about Industrial revolution says that it was the best of time, it was the worst of time. It was good because there was prosperity now but bad because people became tool, they were simply treated as machines which led to loss of individuality and killing of their dreams and their potential.

Thirdly, Fear of failure is another way how parents and society try to change children so that they can follow the safe path and get some dignity. This leads to millions of youth giving up on their dream and doing which they never wanted to do. In essence by not living for their own dreams, they end up working for

Someone else's dream.

These reasons show that society and world try all ways possible to change individuals as per their own demand and requirements.

Therefore, under such pressure, to be yourself can be considered the greatest accomplishment because of multiple reasons. One is that by being yourself

under such pressure, ~~an~~ an individual can realise his true self which is true meaning of life. As Swami

Vivekananda said that "true purpose of life is in the perfection of Manifestation already present in an individual."

Another reason is when an individual stand up against the peer

and society pressure, they develop courage
to follow their passion. As a result,
they do job which they love achieve
greatness. As Steve Jobs said - "do a
job which and you will never have
to work a single day in your life."
~~But~~ This loving of their job motivates
them to go to last mile for perfection.

Moreover, when people
don't let world move them, they
are not only doing favour to them
but to society as well. Deepak Chopra
in his book "7 Spiritual Laws of Success"
says that when an individual do what
he loves doing while keeping interest of
society in mind they follow the path
of least resistance. As a result of this,
the whole world and Nature conspires
for him to succeed.

Apart from this, standing against society's expectation and pressure helps in doing things which are right as per you. For example when Chauri Chaura violence occurred, everybody wanted Gandhi to continue the Non cooperation Movement. ~~except~~ But it was his conscience which said that few values like non-violence are non-negotiable. Therefore he stood up against the pressure and not only could he achieve moral righteousness but could also ensure that future movements are following non-violence when needed. Therefore, by taking a stand he accomplished something great which continues in India till today. Having seen that how by being yourself is the greatest accomplishment it is pertinent to ask why then people don't do it? Firstly, people don't

have faith in themselves, that they are capable of carving a new path for themselves.

That is why they choose to follow society and world. At this point it is important to have faith on oneself and on the path he/she is taking. As

Harivansha Rai Barchan in his poem

Madhusala says - "Rach Pakad Kar chala

chal, paa jayega to Madhusala". i.e.

stick to your path and you will achieve your goal. This will ensure that we stick to our goals and follow them.

Secondly, People fear to be eccentric and chose to give in to society. They have a wrong sense that by doing what society thinks right will help them achieve greater good. But

it is not fully correct as BR Ambedkar in his book "Waiting for a Visa" writes

that an individual is not like drop of water who loses his identity after mixing in ocean. Therefore he/she should strive for perfections of his own capabilities. This ~~no~~ could ~~have~~ lead them to greater good along with realising their own potential.

Thirdly, people ~~no~~ fear that ~~if~~ if they don't fall in line with society they would be cast out. But that is the time for standing up. For example, when Akshay Kumar entered Bollywood he was told that he had to be in parties till late night, drink beer. Instead of giving up, he choose to do what he felt correct and not only he made a name for himself but inspired younger generation.

Thus, it is important to see that by being yourself, one

~~achievement~~
 achieve true greatness. This becomes more
 important in today's time when social
 media has brought in influences who
 try to change the way we live our life,
 the way we dream. It is only
 by sticking up to our values, ideals
 and goals can we achieve what is
 meant for us. Just like Krishna
 explains to Karuna about not giving
 in to societal pressure, we need to
 follow the same. World will
 try to change us by various ways but
 we need to remember that it is a
 continuous fight - As Nelson Mandela
 writes in his book Long Walk to
Freedom - "I have tried not to falter
 on the road to freedom. But I have
 discovered the secret that after climbing
 a great hill, one only finds that there are
 many more hills to climb."

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