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MGP 2025

Time Allowed : 3 Hours  
समय : 3 घंटे

 **ForumIAS**

Maximum Marks : 250  
अधिकतम अंक : 250

**ESSAY / निबंध**

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INDEX TABLE / अनुक्रमणिका			INSTRUCTION / अनुदेश	
Q. No. प्र.सं.	Max. Marks अधिकतम अंक	Marks Obtained प्राप्तांक		
Q.1			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.2			2. Write <b>two</b> essays, choosing <b>one</b> 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।	
Total Marks/कुल अंक			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।	
Remarks/टिप्पणी :			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।	
			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>
<b>Basic Format</b>	Introduction	10		
	Body	15		
	Conclusion	10		
<b>Content</b>	Topic interpretation	10		
	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
<b>Organization</b>	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
<b>Language skills</b>	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
<b>Examiner's discretion</b>	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

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

**SECTION - A**

1. Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.  
मनोवृत्ति की कमजोरी चरित्र की कमजोरी बन जाती है।
2. When the well is dry, we know the worth of water.  
जब कुआं सूख जाता है, तभी हमें पानी की कीमत पता चलती है।
3. Technology made large populations possible; large populations now make technology indispensable.  
प्रौद्योगिकी ने विशाल जनसंख्या का निर्वाह संभव बनाया; अब विशाल जनसंख्या ने प्रौद्योगिकी को अपरिहार्य बना दिया है।
4. Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.  
जीवन साहस के अनुपात में संकुचित होता है या प्रसारित होता है।

Section - A

(1) Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.

Long, long ago in 327 BC, a king named Alexander from Greece was on a mission to win territories across the Eastern landmasses. He motivated his soldiers to tighten their belt, as there was to be opposition from the natives.

Ambi, a ruler of the East trembled

at the news of invasion and gave up even before a fight. Strengthened by the early victories, Alexander marched inwards to take on more territories. There he met Porous, a king with high self-esteem and valour who refused to give up till last. Though, the Battle of Hydaspes led to victory of Alexander, impressed as he was with Porous' courage, he reinstated him and made him his ally!!

This is the power of attitude!!  
 what <sup>does</sup> characterise an attitude? How  
 does attitude reflect character? What  
 leads to weak attitude and character?  
 Can it be transformed? If yes, how?  
 This essay focuses upon these questions  
 lets Begin .....

## Attitude and character - foundations of life

In simple words, attitude refers to the outlook of an individual towards various facts of life. For some it may be positivity in character during adverse circumstances, while for others it may be compassion towards all beings. This attitude defines character - which is the sum-total of our values and beliefs translated into action.

For example, India's attitude towards terrorism defined its strong character that manifested into Operation Sindoor. It was also the attitude of Hitler which was filled with racism that led him to commit mass murders in concentration camps.

Thus, attitude has direct bearing on character. Attitude develops the inner resolve to build strength and perform an action. It forms the key identifier of one's personality.

'I think, therefore I am.'  
in Grandhiji  
-Descartes

Moreover, attitude decides the course of strategy that one ought to adopt. A weak attitude will succumb to internal pressures while a courageous attitude will display utmost resilience.

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

## Weak attitude leads to weak character

Historically, there have been multiple instances where weak attitude created disasters. It taught the mind that its resolve is not strong enough to withstand swords and thus, must give up.

The unceremonial defeat of India during Sino-India war, 1962 was result of weak attitude.

Additionally, the establishment of Colonial Raj in India by handful of traders was also due to weak character of Kings based on attitude of political blacking. The attitude of non-commitment to one's nation led Aqub Khan to reveal nuclear secrets to enemies, thus earning the infamous title of 'traitor'

Apart from historic incidents, even contemporary times offer exemplary instances. The misogynist attitude of Dominique Pelicot developed anti-women character that guided him to commit extreme case of sexual violence against his own wife for 10 odd years.

Even the case of financial misappropriation carried out by Jaggi brothers in Blue Smart company is the result of weak attitude based on corrupt ideas. The weakness of attitude clouds the objective judgement and results in character filled with immoral deeds.

## Factors leading to weak attitude

Eventually, the development of weak attitude is guided by the primary socialization that one receives during childhood.

A childhood filled with ignorance, aggressive behaviour and undemocratic parenting leads to weak-minded, deviant and ambiguous individuals.

Not just the upbringing, attitude is also impacted by the circumstances we face and the response we deliver.

A person who witnesses corrupt people climbing echelons of success via support from complacency of system, develops attitude for forgery. <sup>However,</sup> Attitude and character are equally impacted by accidents of birth and life.

Manjhi, the mountain man witnessed death of his pregnant wife due to scarcity of direct road to hospital, thus developed a strong resolve to build road himself. Bureaucrats who witnessed our beloved freedom fighters lay their lives for independence developed attitude of integrity and clean character.

Similarly, spiritual leaning can have profound impact on attitude building. The idea of moving on path of righteousness as claimed by Lord Ram had an immense consequence on Gandhiji's attitude of ahimsa and satya. The teachings of universal love and tolerance forms the basis of attitude of Indians towards the world.

Need to develop strong attitude  
and character

Additionally, a strong attitude guided by optimism and will-power creates character that can move mountains.

Resolve of M.S. Swaminathan in collaboration with Norman Borlaug transformed India into a food basket. An attitude of commitment to nation brought India golden victory in 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

Similarly, an attitude of transparency and accountability strengthens character of institutions. The Indian Institutions like ISRO, judiciary, CAG etc. continue to make India proud of its rich scientific temper and democratic functioning.

Apart from this, a strong attitude results in timely action. As is said, time to fix the boat is when sun is shining, an attitude filled with foresightedness helped India indigenise its military power, which was demonstrated in recent times.

In the same essence, compassionate attitude builds trust-based governance systems. The righteous behaviour, feedback mechanism and jan-bhagidari reflects the participatory attitude of the State. This ultimately creates a nation with indomitable will and character to serve its citizens.

## The road ahead

Consequently, the optimistic and people centric attitude of Indian State will help it navigate the contemporary as well as future challenges. The decreasing political carrying capacity of world in an era of trade wars and weaponisation of resources demand scientific attitude and character:

Emphasis on responsible consumption and production based attitude via Mission LIFE will deliver strong character of climate justice. Investing in R&D with dedicated attitude will fulfill the ambitious target of reaching the moon by 2040.

Following the path of Sthit Pragya one can develop an attitude that promotes both justice and efficient service delivery. Moreover, it cleanses the negative attitude hindering our actions.

‘Goal of life is not to fall even once, but to rise everytime we fall’

Only a strong and determined attitude can help us achieve perseverant character. As Martin Luther King Junior said

‘If you can't fly, just run  
If you can't run, just walk  
If you can't walk, just crawl.’

It is the strong attitude and character that has made all the difference....

**FEEDBACK**

SECTION - B

1. A sailboat that sails backwards can never see the sun rise.  
जो नाव पीछे की ओर चलती है, वह कभी सूर्योदय नहीं देख सकती।
2. Peace is not the absence of conflict, it's the presence of justice.  
शांति संघर्ष की अनुपस्थिति नहीं है, यह न्याय की उपस्थिति है।
3. The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.  
हमारे ग्रह के लिए सबसे बड़ा खतरा यह विश्वास है कि कोई और इसे बचा लेगा।
4. The best things in life are free.  
जीवन में सर्वोत्तम वस्तुएँ निःशुल्क हैं।

Section - B

Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the presence of justice.

"Ami ke? Tumi ke? Razakaar!  
Razakaar!!"

These chants by students, at the top of the voice, in Bangladesh resulted into ouster of the then PM Sheikh Hasina.

The seemingly peaceful Bangladesh turned

into arena of protests and  
chaos. Reason? The absence of  
justice and grievance redressal by the  
system. Rather, the state acted  
brutally to crush the peaceful protests.

Hundreds of students were killed  
and <sup>this</sup> resulted in overthrow of  
govt. whose hands were soaked in blood.

This incident clearly demonstrates  
peace is not the absence of conflict,  
but the presence of justice. This essay  
explores the various dimensions of  
peace and conflict, dives into instances  
where conflict itself led to establishment  
of justice and ways to ensure justice  
without conflict. The journey unfolds....

Why peace is not the absence of conflict?

The illusion of existence of relative order can act as a smokescreen to misguide the real conditions on ground. The relative peace in Sri Lanka before the full-blown out 'Aragalya' is a case in point.

Moreover, the appearance of absence of conflict may arise due to lack of strength in masses to oppose the regime. When such simmering discontent gets outward projection with presence of leadership, it blows out all bubbles of 'fictitious peace'. The Revolt of 1857 was a culmination of series of injustices meted out to Indians

Similarly, suppression of some voices by the regime may also give expression of peaceful existence.

The Iranian revolution, 1979 and the recent protests in Iran on death of Mehsa Amini by morality police proves the argument:

Formation of LTTE in Sri Lanka was also due to sheet of ignorance held on by the state against the injustices to Tamil population. This too was prevented under the guise of 'able administration'

### MID - ESSAY REVIEW

How peace is presence of justice?

Justice ensures grievance redressal, timely action and thus prevention of discontent. The recognition of asymmetric federalism by inclusion of Schedule 5 and 6 in Constitution is the existence of justice.

In the same spirit, justice access acts as a safety valve to prevent fuel blown-out violence and chaos. The recognition of rights of vulnerable sections - SCs, STs and OBCs - owing to historical injustices paved way for peaceful existence. The suspension of Article 32 during national emergency, 1975 finally led to defeat of govt in 1977.

Thus, presence of justice ensures peace. It acts as a guardian of human rights and self-esteem. It prevents despotism and misuse of discretionary powers.

© Where there is justice,  
there is no need of charity?

Justice also prevents fastics from reaching situations at brink of a war. The cold war era where Germany was dismembered into zones of occupation appeared peaceful but absence of justice finally led to its unification with dissolution of USSR in 1991. Presence of justice in terms of efficient public service delivery encourages removal of fault lines too.

All that glitters is not gold

However, justice itself is not achieved without conflict always. There are times when disruption of peace leads to transient periods of chaos finally establishing justice. Mahabharat war fought between cousins was a chaos where many lost kin and kith. The idea was to establish righteousness in society.

Additionally, to secure national security conflicts are sometimes the way forward. Operation Meghdoot by Indian Armed forces, war on terror by USA after 9/11 attacks. The attack on Hunas by Gupta rulers created conflict just to secure frontiers and justice.

Apart from this, the protests emanating from Demand for justice after self-immolation of a student in Odisha's Balasore. is a reminder of call for compassionate attitude of authorities. Presence of justice is ensured by conflict when all other means appear shattered.

Moreover, the presence of justice using force is to ensure removal of vacuum that may promote third parties like Naxalites to lure people. Example, the ongoing operation Kagar. The fight for justice is much better than presence of fictitious peace that may lead to chaos in future.

Light at the end of the tunnel

However, presence of conflict is not a sine-qua-non for establishment of justice to achieve peace.

There have been multiple instances where peaceful justice has been attained through strategic means.

The ongoing capacity building measures between India and China after the 2020 Galwan crises is a case in point. The best instance of peaceful establishment of justice was the 100<sup>th</sup> constitutional Amendment Act that led to exchange of conclave between India and Bangladesh in 2015.

The means adopted by Ashoka  
post Kalinga war - Dhamma Ashoka  
period - led to establishment of peace  
and security without policy of  
annexation. This ensured long term  
prosperity of the empire.

‘Yatho Dharma, Thatho Vijaya’

This motto of Hon'ble Supreme  
Court of India suggests co-existence  
of righteous behaviour and victory  
without violence. The need is for  
mindful conversations and  
existence of constructive criticism.

## Way Forward lies in....

The establishment of substantial peace with justice demands existence of rational 'Fourth branch institutions' like ECI, CAG, UPSC etc which are guardians of trust of public.

Moreover, the checks and balances and the presence of separation of power ensures 'trusteeship-model' of governance.

The ideal of Madhyam Marga where two-way conversation is encouraged must be adopted.

Gandhiji's Talisman for establishing Antodaya and Sarvodaya principles need to be emphasised. 'Walking the talk' by our leaders will further promote justice with peace. The target of 'Su-rajya' is not far when 'citizenry is ~~caution~~ awakened and state is cautious.'

The 'white dove with the olive branch' must not only fly but must deliver it on ground to establish peace without conflict and with presence of justice.

**FEEDBACK**

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I. Weakness of attitude → character

Alexander

- In pursuit of Happiness
- Life not about not falling but getting up everytime
- Character of institution by leader

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

Quote: I believe therefore I am  
 - Be the change you want to see in the world

Amidst the winter of life, I understood there lies

Ex: 1. India @ Sino-India war 1962

2. B'desh war 1971

3. Kargil war 1999

4. Operation Sindoor, Mahadew 2025

5. Porous ↔ Alexander, Hydaspes Battle V/s Ambhi

6. Edu<sup>n</sup> policies - Downward filtrate theory - Maculay 1835 Univ Act 1904 NEP, 2020

7. Healthcare - COVID-19 vaccine maitri vaccine devt

8. Social security: Ayushman Bharat ATAL Pensions, Old Age Ujjwala, Saubhagya Palah

9. Food grains - PL-48 dependence Green Rev<sup>n</sup> - Norman Borlaug Swaminathan

10. Sc. discovery - Thomas Edison - 2000 times - IR - Br - James watt - Hargreaves - Cannon powder, nuclear weapons

11. Envt disaster - Bhuj quake

- Jp 1945 bombing
- Spanish flu
- Jp earthquakes
- Aircrash in Jp → ppl showing civic sense in moving out

operat<sup>n</sup> Hope

II. Spiritual - Buddha for Angulimala

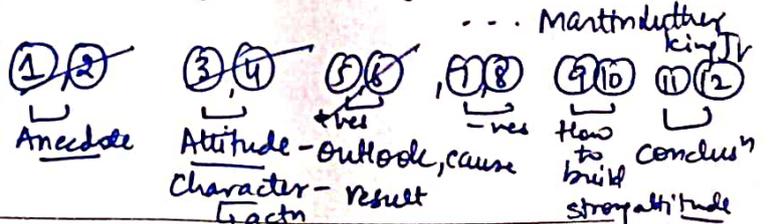
- Whiteman's Burden
- Reawakening
- Operat<sup>n</sup> Hope
- Renaissance, Sc. Rev<sup>n</sup>.

8. Bad attitude - Hitler Mussolini US invash<sup>n</sup> of Iraq Afghan wars Gaza war Designer Babies

Shame has changed sides  
 refused anonymity  
 ← Gisele Pelicot case by (11yr) (Fr) [9yrs Dominique Pelicot 2010-2020]  
 - Ashoka's before Kalinga war

- optimism
- resolve
- strong will power
- Timely acts
- perseverance
- compass<sup>n</sup>
- institutional
- l'ship
- a/c, transparency
- Integrity - Eshreeharan
- Indecisiveness
- ambiguity
- prisoner of indecisiveness
- jealousy
- corrupt
- consumerism
- cheating
- destruct
- envt - green wash
- non-committ ment

End: If you can't fly, run



Peace → not absence of conflict but presence of justice.

Anecdote: Taliban! Amraka! Razakaar!

Razakaar [who are you? who am I? Razakaar! Razakaar!]

- Slogans chanted to the top of their voice by students in Bangladesh in recent uprising leading to ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina.

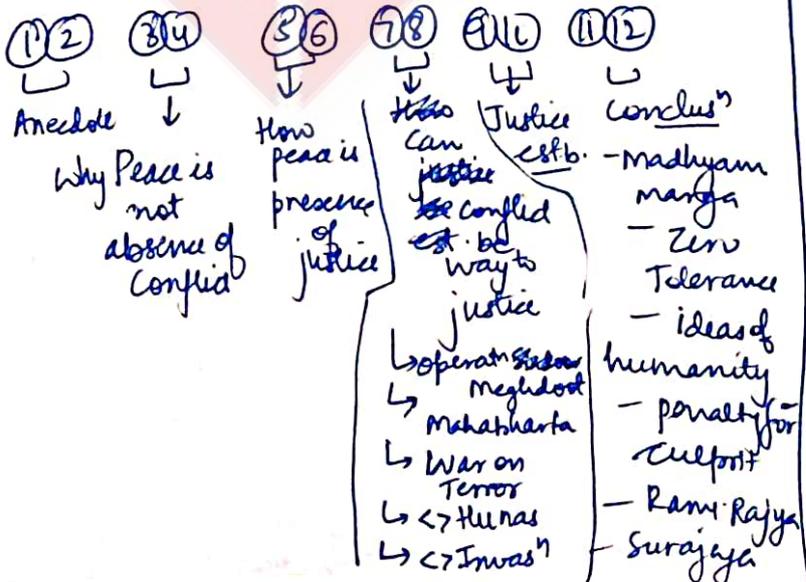
Quote ① In a story where there is justice, there is no need of charity.

② 'Yatho Dharma, Tatho Vijaya'

③ Dr. Rajendra Prasad - whatever constn may or may not provide, it is the adm which will be decided by those who govern it.

④ - Transforming Court  
- Reformative strong medium  
- dialogue  
- 4m or institution  
- High level talks.

Taliban  
Arbitrage  
Sarvodaya



- Aragalya - S.L.
- Afghan Taliban
- LTTE
- Balochistan
- Gaza war - injustice before
- 1857 Revolt
- Freedom struggle SIM, failure of RTC
- Fr Revn - committed judiciary
- Emergency - jailed ppl, forced sterilisation
- 6th schedule, PESA
- China's Tianamen sq.
- B'desh liberatn
- S.Af. campaign ↔ apartheid by Nelson Mandela.
- Fight for freedom of colonies - Yugoslavia
- Mahabzar Khan's extravagant imp - Jungar East Eu choices.
- Balasore immolator case - denied justice

- simmering discontent
- cold peace
- cold war era
- brink of war
- fictitious peace
- smokescreen
- fault lines
- opportune for Naxalite
- subjective realisation of objective reality.

End - The dove with olive branch must not only fly but must deliver the branch on ground to est justice & security.