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INSTRUCTION / अनुदेश

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।

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।

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।

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 पर 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

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
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Language				
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Pre-writing				

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SECTION – A

1. The glass ceiling is not invisible, it is just too high for many to see.

काँच की छत अदृश्य नहीं होती, बरा बहुतों के लिए इतनी ऊँची होती है कि वे उसे झाँककर नहीं देख पाते।

2. Social justice is not charity, it is structural rebalancing.

सामाजिक न्याय दानशीलता नहीं है, यह संरचनात्मक पुनर्संतुलन है।

3. A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members, and that includes its children.

किसी राष्ट्र की महानता का आकलन इस बात से किया जाता है कि वह अपने सबसे कमजोर सदस्यों के साथ कैसा व्यवहार करता है, और इसमें उसके बच्चे भी शामिल हैं।

4. When we speak of 'Inclusive India', we must ask: Inclusive for whom?

जब हम 'समावेशी भारत' की बात करते हैं, तो यह पूछना जरूरी है: समावेशी पर किसके लिए?

SOCIAL JUSTICE IS NOT CHARITY.
IT IS STRUCTURAL REBALANCING

    Man is born free and yet everywhere he is in chain, said Rousseau. This is especially true for them who form lowest rung of any structural hierarchy. Take the case of Dalits of India, for more than a millennia they had been subdued. By mid of twentieth

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century, their conditions become
so deplorable that a violent schism
in Indian society and polity was
inevitable. Had our intelligent
forefathers not provided social justice
in form of reservation, perhaps
our society and nation as a whole
might have ruptured.

Hence social justice
is not a charity, but a necessity,
a practicality to maintain harmony
by ref. rebalancing the existing
structure - which might be oppressive
to some. Every life has sanctity,
each one of us deserve a dignified
life, given a base level
opportunity. every child can
be shine like a star — be it
black or white, male or female,
Dalit or Brahman, poor or rich,
anyone. Therefore it is an onus
upon government and we as a

society to give social justice to marginalised so that there is harmony.

This essay is a humble attempt to understand the same. But before delving deeper let us first see how social structure emerges and how it can be harsh to some.

Marxist ~~structure~~ scholar says structure is a product of capitalist class to maintain status quo. While feminist scholars say, structure is product of men to subdue women. Till World War II it was accepted that social structure is functional that is necessary to maintain balance by binding people into specific status and rule. The domination of one in the up of hierarchy was normalised and given scholarly backing.

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But as technology grew, as education and awareness spread, each of above hypothesis was challenged. Civil Rights Movement erupted, caste movement took up shape, feminist movement bludgeoned. Social structure truly had been in favour of priviliged one. Had it not been rebalanced from the efforts of above movement, perhaps there could have been violent uprising and deep faultline in society. Hence social justice is not charity, but a necessity for peaceful ~~world~~ society.

Now, let us look a bit deeper into how

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social justice is essential.
~~Besides~~ By providing, opportunity to
marginalised (equity), social justice
lowers the gap between groups.
Hence, it is a pre condition to
increased communication and
collaboration between different group.
Only through this fraternity can
be fostered in true spirit among
Indian and this exactly has been
the dream of Dr. Ambedkar.

Moreover, as marginalized
become empowered through social
justice, they increasly start
participating in governance.
This ensures a more inclusive
policy-making, a more inclusive
and diverse viewpoints which
result in a vibrant democracy,
a democracy in true spirit.

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And the foremost of all, as inequality decreases through structural rebalancing, there is creation of social capital as well. Empowered People from every nook and corner participate in functioning of society, solve their problem together and facilitate a participatory governance.

Thus we can say social justice is a prerequisite for an inclusive, functional and vibrant society and nation.

Our wise lawmakers, time and again has tried to ensure social justice through a plethera of laws. For instance, in constitution Article 15(3), 15(4) and 15(5) ensures educational access in higher institution to marginalized, in the same spirit Article 16(4), 16(4) and 16(6) ensures representation of

~~minorized~~ marginalized in public services.

Gender justice has also been taking shape through laws like representation in PRIs, reservation in Lok Sabha and state legislature (106th amendment), better healthcare facility (Matru Vandana Yojana etc). Besides, ~~dee~~ People with Disabilities Act has been a stepping stone to bring the disabled people (divyang) into the mainstream.

Also, the ignored old population are now being provided justice through better geriatric care, pension schemes. Introduction of silver economy etc. Overall, social justice is a wisdom, to include ~~everyone~~ each member of society, to

harness potential of every
member for the betterment of
society and growth of nation
as a whole.

One may ask then,
~~each~~ is everything ~~roses~~ with
social justice, is there no
~~thorns~~? Well, social justice
has some cost at beginning
like maintaining a balance
between justic and meritocracy
and efficiency. But in long
run as people get empowered
efficiency of system is well
taken care of.

The problem comes,
when the political classes
uses the method of social
justice ~~to~~ for their benefits.
These can be seen ~~during in~~

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when populist policies get out of
the line, when providing
reservation to dominant groups
for ensuring vote bank has no
basis - in all these scenarios
social justice change into social
adventurism. These ste steps
set up the wrong precends and
can cause a havoc in the
long run.

And that's why our
wise judiciary has come up
with some checks. for instance,
Indira Sawhney judgement
caps off reservation limit to 50%.
Judgement in M. Chinniah case
ensures government to provide
material basis for promotion in
reservation so that accountability
prevails over populism. Therefore,

social justice alongwith prudence, right intention only can rebalance the structure or else it will just reverse the scenario which is equally dangerous.

The importance of social justice is once again growing in our society, nation and world. Today, the intense capitalism has resulted in mushrooming of wealth. Top 1% population occupy 41% wealth in India. This ~~has~~ is again increasing the faultline between rich and poor.

Although women have been provided with number of schemes, yet their conditions has stagnated. The glass ceiling

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the pink collar jobs have
restricted their rise to equality.
Moreover, in leadership positions
and in top institutions people
from marginalized communities
like SC & ST are seen as
erratic (meagre in number).
Land alienation, relocation without
rehabilitation due to developmental
projects is becoming rampant
in tribes.

These all can become
a bottleneck to our glorious
growth trajectory. These
can cause our demographic
dividend turn into demographic
disaster. fraternity can once
again be replaced with rising
communalism, separatism, regionalism

etc. for how can a bird fly if it's one <u>wing is</u> well and other <u>malnourished</u>.

And in all these scenarios, the above topic becomes all the more important. It suggests social justice is —

not <u>populism</u>, but <u>practicalism</u>
not a <u>violator of equality</u>,
    but a <u>vehicle of egality</u>
not a <u>charity</u> but <u>necessity</u>.

~~Only~~ If carried with right <u>intent</u> and <u>spirit</u>, social justice can once again put our society into a place where everyone is <u>free</u>, where every <u>head is held high</u>.

SECTION – B

1. Behavior is a function of its consequences.
व्यवहार उसके परिणामों पर आधारित होता है।

2. The age of smart devices and the decline of wise choices.
स्मार्ट उपकरणों का युग और बुद्धिमतायुक्त विकल्पों का पतन।

3. Judge a man by his question, rather than his answer.
किसी व्यक्ति का मूल्यांकन उसके उत्तर से नहीं, बल्कि उसके प्रश्न से करें।

4. Knowledge without compassion is tyranny of the intellect.
करुणा के बिना ज्ञान बौद्धिक निरंकुशता है।

2.

THE AGE OF SMART DEVICES AND THE DECLINE OF WISE CHOICES

A millenium ago, Siddhartha faced existential crisis. He chose path of self introspection through meditation and got enlightened. If Siddhartha would have lived today, perhaps he would have resorted to his personality determination through some app. Or maybe he would have engage himself in virtual reality gaming to shut

off his voice of conscience. Perhaps he would have lost in this world of smart devices and would have struggled to come up with wise choice that he had ~~taken~~ then.

Has our advancement in technologies ~~has~~ started to enslaving us? Is smart devices forcing or nudging us to take unsmart decisions? Are we truly lost in the network of Internet of Things?

The evidences says increasingly yes. Be it the case of social media addiction or erotic content consumption, be it the case of cyber fraud or digital arrest, there is increasing instances where we are making terrible choices in # assistance

with smart devices.

The Age of Smart Devices

Decades by decades as semicon chip gets smaller, the devices get smarter. First came computers, then internet, smartphones, smart watches, smart TVs, Internet of Things and so on.

Today, they not only makes our work easier, lifestyle smoother but also has started taking decision for us and that's why - smart! Today, you return from your office tired, as you entered home, it lit automatically. The air conditioner started by its own. As you started taking shower, Alexa

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started playing a nice song for you. Life has become more comfortable than our __wildest imagination__. Right!

~~The~~ Now here, I have a __question__ and __dilemma__. Although life has got __smoother__ but at what cost. Are we not losing __our agency__ & Are we not delegating __our decision__ making to some codes? And the dilemma ~~has~~ __deepened__ with the advent of __Artificial intelligence__, perhaps being considered as greatest achievement of human. Now everyone, be it a teacher or student,

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code writer or manager, almost everyone is delegating their work and decision making to AI devices.

Truly smart devices have announced their advent and with a lightening pace they are getting embedded into each and every sphere of our life. What is the impact - Let us see.

Decline of Wise choices

Say, you are tired today. To relax yourself, what would you choose - binge watching netflix or spending time with friends and family. Most probably the first one, netflix is just a touch away on your smart phone. But perhaps more prudent choice would have

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been the second one.

In the same way, smart devices have become <u>so embedded</u> in our life that we are quickly picking up an <u>easier choice</u> — a choice <u>one click away</u> on smartphone, a choice through <u>a remote beside your bed</u> and today even a <u>voice command</u> to our <u>Alexa</u>. But in most of the cases these easy choices are not the wise one.

Our social media interaction has lowered <u>true social interaction</u>, child cuddling is being <u>replaced with phone</u>, <u>exercise</u> being <u>replaced</u> with <u>virtual games</u>, homework being done by <u>Chat GPT</u> and so on.

Truly our prudent decision making has declined and perhaps knowingly.

The result - depression and isolation in individuals are increasing, teenagers are attaching their self worth to number of likes, non communicable diseases are on rise. The rising cases of digital arrest, cyber fraud has put a huge question mark on our wise decision making ability.

And most importantly, the use of Blockchain for dark web, AI for morphed images as seen in Bullibai case and drones for attacking other have truly raised

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made us wonder in which
direction our morality and
ethicality is going. The cloud
has truly clouded our
judgement!

But, is it only the
fault of ours ? Are we, the
common people to take up all
the blame ? May be not, maybe
a larger force is at play.
Let us explore -

Digital capitalism and colonialism

Have you ever wondered,
why your google ads and feeds
get flooded with shoes ad ?
Most probably you have searched
for your some shoes on your
Amazon app ! Or say, you have

searched for a song on google and your flipkart gets flooded with ear phones, ipads and so on. Was it a coincidence?

Definitely not! As Satya Nadella, the CEO of Microsoft has said, "Data is the New Oil". Data has become the new gold. Every second our data is being processed with smart big data algorithms and are feed with personalized ad and feed. Data capitalism has trully arrived.

Moreover, these big companies, Microsoft, Google, Amazon and so on knows more about us than ourselves. And that's why when we open Netflix we get to see

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shows of our interest, our liking or zomato recommends the food we like. We have outsourced our self awareness, our self agency to these companies — the data colonialist! Susana Zozoff has rightly pointed in the digital era if you thing something is free then you are the product.

So what now? Definitely we cannot go into era with no smart devices. Moreover, these devices if used wisely can work wonder.

[Smart Devices and wise choices]

Take the cases of smart devices being used for gaining education or getting

tele medicine services. These all shows smart devices and wise choices can be in sync too.

Today government is using apps like UMANG for better service delivery, iGOT for capacity building, drones for precision farming and perhaps Vyommitra will be first Indian to go into space in an Indian spaceship - Gaganyaan !

Therefore technology in itself is not a frankestein Monster. It all depends on us how to use it. It all depends on whether to give people Right to Data Privacy, Right to be forgotten or too let loose the data

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colonialist for a short term gain or so called economic growth.

Let us choose to be a little bit more wise, let us use our device to provide assitance to our disabled brother sister rather than making our brother & sister disabled, let us empower our wise choice making abilities rather than empowering our whims. for -

"Technology is a useful servant But a dangerous master"?

FEEDBACK

The age of smart devices, and the (decline of wise choices)

① Age of smart devices ② outsourcing of decisions ② plethora of choices

③ Decline of wise choices ④ why declining

⑤ self awareness digitally outsourced ⑥ Outcomes

⑥ Age of Smart device and wise choice

① smart devices — smart watch, smart App, Internet of Things
AI, Drone

Choices

② decline of wise choices — binge watch OR exercise
phone vs cuddling.
decreasing morality (kolkata rape case)
outdoor game vs virtual reality
use for study vs time pass
use for empowerment or debilitating others
one's (cyber fraud.
Gandhian sin — wealth w/o work
digital arrest—

③ [why declining] Blur reality vs digital life
gave a mask — and hence true nature shown.
less awareness (child)

④ [Smart device for wise choice] Online education
Tele law
Tele medicine
iGOT, eNAM, NJAC
faceless assessment.

⑤ [Self awareness digitally outsourced] Netflix — This show you
like
Amazon - This product you buy
AI for Your heartbeat,.
self testing

③ why → extreme relativism   Drone → but warfare
cancel culture   Internet → empowerment but exotic
consumption
digital media for empowerment
↳ Reel culture

④ "Digital capitalism and   Digital Arrest
colonialism   financial fraud
↳ data capitalism   Blackmail → Dark net practices
↳ dark practices   Morphed image