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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।

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Language				
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SECTION – A

1. Glaciers are the canaries in the coal mine of climate change.
   हिमनद (ग्लेशियर) जलवायु परिवर्तन रूपी कोयला खदान में वे कैनरी पक्षी हैं जिनकी मृत्यु सबसे पहले होती है।

2. To be content with little is difficult; to be content with much, impossible.
   थोड़े से संतुष्ट रहना कठिन है; अधिक से संतुष्ट रहना असंभव है।

3. The true cost of economic and leadership gaps is deferred growth and skewed transitions.
   आर्थिक और नेतृत्व अंतराल की वास्तविक लागत विलंबित विकास और विषम परिवर्तन है।

4. An India that is not pluralist is not India at all.
   जो भारत बहुलतावादी नहीं है, वह भारत ही नहीं है।

4. An India that is not pluralist is not India at all

When India got independence in 1947, Winston Churchill and other colonialist smirkingly told 'you will not live long'. That India will degenerate in absence of the 'noble' British master! Because you are not Indian but Sikh, Gurkha, Marathi, Hindu,

Muslim, Dalit and so on — they ~~say~~ said.

Little did they know, that our diversity was our biggest strength. That Indian is not Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Marathi, etc. but a melting pot of all these. fast forward, today we are fourth largest economy, the biggest democracy and the voice of global south. India has not degenerated but bloomed in all its glory once again. Because this is India — a pluralistic society, a multicultural one where its diversity increases its resilience.

This essay is an humble attempt to understand the same pluralistic India. An India whose different colours of diversity amalgamate into a beautiful rainbow. An India where Muslim and Sikh plays Holi while Hindu says - 'Id Mubarak Bhaijaan'. An India where little tradition and great tradition exist with compromise, collaboration and continuity. This is the identity of India, this is the foundation of India based on tolerance, mutual respect and the value of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

To begin with lets us first see, how diversity

and pluralism gets ingrained in our society.

The diversity of India has arisen out of its values. The values of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' where we welcome all as our guest, our relative. And that's why whoever came — be it Aryan or Arabs, Shaka or Pahlavas, Greeks or Kushanas everyone felt welcomed, valued, respected and got ~~molded into our~~ painted by the colour of our society.

The value of Buddhist

'Ahimsa', Jainist 'Karuna' and Hindu ist 'Jato Mat Tato Path' (as many path, as many belief) fostered tolerance and fraternity among people. Thereby everyone rose over their narrow ethnicity, religious ~~to~~ identity and become a part of larger Indian civilization.

That's why we can see Hindu Lotus and motifs in Taj Mahal. That's how Urdu came into existence. That's why Sufi tradition and Bhakti tradition influenced and respected each other. That's why Vivekananda has said - 'All Indians are my brothers and sisters'.

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Therefore, India is necessarily a pluralistic society – its most ancient identity and its greatest strength.

But, is it all roses and no thorns! Because theories like Ethnic Boundary by Frederik Barth suggest – when two groups or ethnic people live side by side there is an inherent tension. Clifford Geertz says in such scenario there is a longer period of uncomfortable peace and sudden eruption of violence destroying pluralistic fibre.

Is this also true

in case of India because here multiple groups live in pluralistic society?

Partially Yes! The communal riot of 1947 or current cases like Muzaffarnagar riot, Delhi riot 2020, Anti-Sikh riot of 1984 are testament to this fact. Moreover, violence against marginalized groups like Dalits in form of mob lynching, cow vigilantism is on rise.

~~B~~ Best. Although, we use to worship our women, respecting them but today in patriarchal setup they are not getting their due

respect, their due opportunity. People with disabilities are being systemically excluded. It is up to the extent that Rajasthan and Haryana govt. has passed law that PWD people cannot become member of Panchayat! And, to add to the woe, transgenders are being stereotyped to the extent of their loss of dignity.

This definitely can't be India - which used to be a pluralistic one. This definitely can't be the India of the dream of our Bapu Mahatma Gandhi and Guru Rabindranath who dreamt of

an India where every head is held high, where every one is free and where everyone lives for each other.

So what has gone wrong? Why our Golden bird is getting rusted.

The factors are multifaceted. Of which the root cause is that the fruit of development has not sipped properly. That where one group dominates Government positions, politics, other is still living in jungle hoping that it can get its afternoon meal.

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This creates gap between groups. Collaboration gets replaced with competition, fraternity gets replaced with enmity. This is the rise of fundamentalism which becomes a snake to the pluralistic fibre of India. Moreover some groups stereotype other leading to feeling of separateness.

But this is not our India - but just a slight glitch. ~~Therefore~~ to Therefore can multiculturalism go hand in hand once again with integration just like past.

An emphatic yes!

There is need of distribution of rewards of development to all. There is need of inculcating the value of tolerance and fraternity in all once again. There is need that one advantaged group cread-place for another disadvantage one because our path is shared, our path is long and only way to traverse it is by going hand in hand.

Even today when some soldiers die at border, we play Mukesh Kumars song — "Koi Gurkha, Koi Sikh koi Maratha Sarahad Pe Marne wale hai Veer the Bharatwasi"

that means be it a Gurkha, or Sikh or Maratha, the one died at border was an Indian. Even today we unite against calamity like COVID 19 and sail together.

This is India — a pluralist one.

Therefore let us be —

"A little more tolerant
and little less hateful
A little more loving
and little less hateful
A little more adjusting
and little less conflicting
A little more 'we'
and little less I
A little more Indian
and little less Marathi,
Punjabi, Hindu or
Muslim".

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SECTION – B

1. True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

   वास्तविक शांति केवल तनाव का अभाव नहीं है; यह न्याय की उपस्थिति है।

2. The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.

   इस समय जीवन का सबसे दुखद पहलू यह है कि विज्ञान, समाज की तुलना में अधिक तेजी से बुद्धिमता एकत्रित करता है।

3. Human development suffers when interdependence is mismanaged.

   जब अंतर्निर्भरता का कुप्रबंधन होता है तो मानव विकास प्रभावित होता है।

4. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

   आपकी सहमति के बिना कोई भी आपको कमतर महसूस नहीं करा सकता।

2.

THE SADDEST ASPECT OF LIFE RIGHT NOW IS THAT SCIENCE GATHERS KNOWLEDGE FASTER THAN SOCIETY GATHERS WISDOM

There is a curious case of Siddhartha. Two milennia ago he faced existential crisis. Without any technology, he had little help from outside. Therefore, in the bludgeoning of chances he took

an inward journey, he self-introspected, persevered and emerged an enlightened Buddha.

If siddhartha would have been today, he would have been encircled by smartphones, video games, smart watch. Amidst existential crisis, perhaps he would not have taken the path of search of wisdom. But rather he would have indulged in peer approval, getting more likes on social media or would have indulged in video gaming to shun his conscience. Most probable he would have outsourced his self awareness and would have remained an ignorant Siddhartha rather than a Buddha who illuminated the world.

Truly, we have evolved exponentially as a techno sapiens but has it been so in case of our wisdom? It seems technology has far outpaced our wisdom and in some cases we have been even evolving backward as seen in above hypothetical scenario.

'The world is becoming technical giant but morally infant.'

Let us start with some contrasting scenarios to substantiate the topic where although we have become a goliath in technology, still we have remained a David in wisdom.

And nothing can capture this better than what we did with Nuclear technology, the invention of which could not have been even in our wildest dream two centuries ago. Even the God must have been awestruck that we harnessed the potential of atomic particle that we could not even see. And surely, God must have lamented on the genius of his creation, when his creation used this genius to wipe out the population of two cities and not even a atom of them was left!.

God must have introspected what if we have had

provided some wisdom too. Perhaps than with technology we would not have bleeded ourself but rather healed.

Similar is the scenario of Alfred Nobel's invention dynamite. Which we used to ~~bleed~~ destroy each other's nations and home rather than getting materials to build bridges between us.

Or take the scenario of rising mining technology. With no wisdom of environmental stewardship, we are but mining our grave only in the long run.

And surely, our chips are getting miniaturised day by day but with that perhaps our wisdom is miniaturising.

too. Aren't we using it to create more 5th generation or say 6th generation missiles or weapons and what not- just to mutually annihilate each other? While there is still a tribal children sitting in despair in his digitally disconnected home where he could not even access e-education.

What a shame! can we be truly proud of our scientific genius in such ethically numbing scenarios? Perhaps we are, because our wisdom has stalled and taken a backseat. But- let us see first why it is so, why science is gathering knowledge at a lightening pace and behind it the infant of societal wisdom is still crawling.

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Some of it can be attributed to our evolution where our brain grew disproportionately outshining all its brethren – the primates. But necessarily our needs remain the same – survival, competition of resources, spaces etc. And in these scenario competition is still outpowering collaboration, our own selfish need is still getting prioritized over ethics and welfare of all and narrow groupism, nationalism is still taking precedent over universalism.

Moreover, there are orthodox factor in our society like religion, people in power who want to maintain the status quo. Therefore, these

develops a great gap between science and morality, ~~and the~~. technology and culture which social scholars give the term of Cultural Lag.

And to add to this, modern technology and the rise of artificial intelligence has fuelled the gap between science and wisdom. Even if earlier, there would have arise some crisis of conscience ~~of~~ due to misuse of tech fuelling the growth of wisdom, the possibility has become narrower today. As current technology has given rise to a post truth world where one can easily overcome his cognitive dissonance by adjusting his conscience with some hyperrealistic social

media post.

This extreme relativism, wokeism are emerging as a major hurdle to growth of social wisdom as well. Socrates must have been disappointed, ~~today~~. had he lived today seeing the generation indulging into sophist's rhetoric rather than traversing the path of wisdom knowing thyself.

With this increasing gap, the threat is looming larger today. Let us see how?

As technology has grown, but our societal wisdom not - marginalised people are now being systemically excluded even more. An AI software is rejecting CV of women & a face detector

is identifying a black American with enhanced probability of being a criminal and a blind people is unable to reap the benefit of most of the apps.

Moreover, there has been rise of technonationalism where technically sound country is not sharing tech with disadvantaged one widening the present gap. And even more sadly, colonialism has taken a new Avatar of Technocolonialism where African countries are once again being extorted, debt-trapped and being used as a product for one's own economic gain.

Sadly, this make us all think where the future of

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humanity is going? Can technology will always be the Frankestein monster which will devour us? Or can ~~to~~ knowledge of science walk in hand in hand with wisdom?

An emphatic yes! There is no dearth of cases where knowledge of science fuelled our wisdom. Be it biotechnology which is making us wiser by using our resources wisely along with ensuring food or nutritional security. Or be it Artificial intelligence which is helping in precision agriculture, decoding our gene and thus save ourself from life threatening diseases.

Science and wisdom

can also go together in governance where apps like MyGov can foster participatory governance, Grievance Redressal etc.

Therefore, let us use ~~tech~~ knowledge of science to empower us and not disempower. Let us use technology to give more autonomy and dignity to people rather than just using them as a tool of advancement. Let the brightness of technology not blind and burn us but rather illuminate our ignorance and fuel our wisdom. for -

"Technology can be an obedient servant but a cruel master".

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An India that is not pluralist is no India at all

Pluralist India
- ↳ Came the Aryans → Rig Veda
- ↳ Shaka, Pahlava, Greek, Kushana, Arab (everyone molten)
- ↳ Mixture of LT & Great Tradition.
- ↳ Compromise, collaboration and continuity
- ↳ N-S integrated
- ↳ H-M integrated (Kerala giving church)

Melting pot of races.
Multiculturalist society
Salad bowl.

The Taj Mahal
The Urdu

Is India losing its plurality

Inequality b/w group.
↓
fuel ethnic conflict
(Meitei - Kulei)

Political manipulation (for vote).

Threat to Indian pluralism

fundamentalism.
Mob lynching
cow vigilantism
decreasing secularism
Stereotyping
Technology - Social Media

Hate speech.

Women - not being respected
- rising crime
- Glass ceiling
- Pink collar

} Plurality missing at top

PWD - discrimination
- Systemic inclusion.
(~~Rajasthan~~ HY - PWD can't be panchayat member.

Transgender - stereotyped
- Humiliated

old people - not being revered.

~~The tus.~~ ✗
Can multiculturalism & integration go hand in hand

→ An emphatic Yes
- Goa UCC
- कोई सिख, कोई गुरखा, को मराठा सरहद में मरने.
- Tolerance
- Secularism
- Minority Rights

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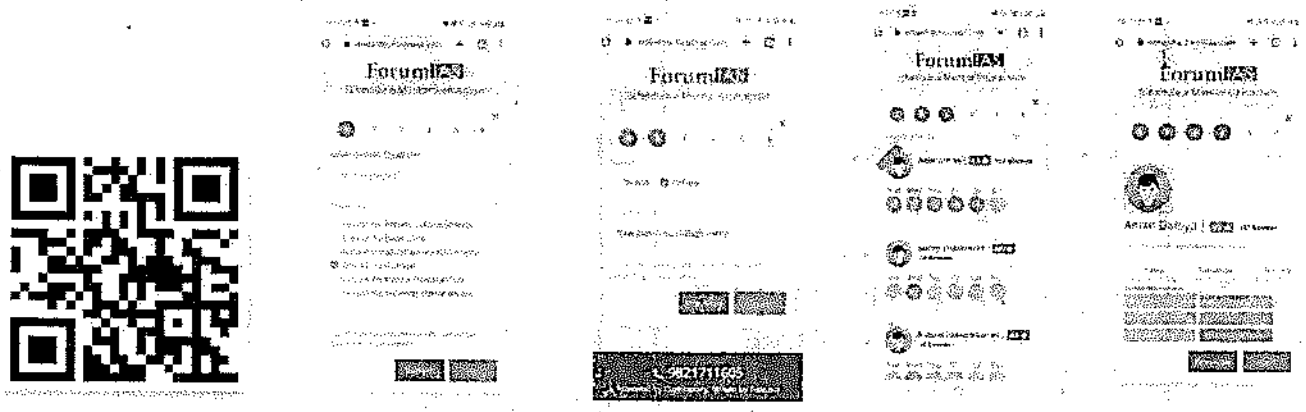

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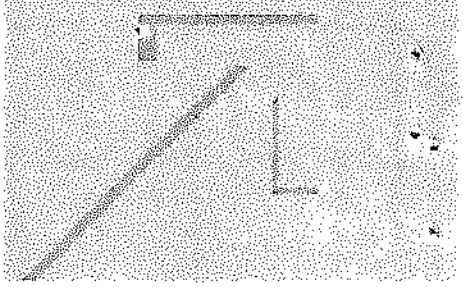

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