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ESSAY / निबंध

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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 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

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				

SECTION – A

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

   काँच की छत अदृश्य नहीं होती, बस 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?

④ When we speak of Inclusive India; we must ask: inclusive for whom?

post World War II, when asked about the GDP figures' utility, the western economists elaborated:- GDP can bring happiness to all, increased GDP can be a guarentee of beautiful poetry, poems,

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gender equality, leisures, & obviously inclusivity. Influenced of this above notions about GDP, many newly decolonised economies pursued the targetting of GDP. They were, actually, betting on the 'trickle down' effect — gradual percolation of fruits of increased growth towards lower strata of society.

They were indeed wrong. As Amartya Sen, an economist from India, differentiated between growth & development. Growth is GDP's upward trajectory, & development is inclusive, equitable distribution of fruit of GDP.

Hence, above mentioned countries saw growth instead of development till 1980s. AK Sen, therefore, further popularised the concept of 'freedom'

& 'inclusive growth'. In today's economic & social paradigm this term — Inclusive is in 'vogue'.

'Inclusive India' is concept of 'inclusive development' of our country. Inclusive means to move together in the development story. It is concept of no one is left behind, it is Ak sen freedom, indeed. Freedom means every person will have equitable opportunities to fulfill her/his dreams, realise her potential & all rights guaranteed by the State. Also, inclusive means equal say in the governance & participation of each member without undue fear & favour.

But this 'equal say' & participation will be futile, if we can't figure out

'for whom' inclusivity we are talking about.
To whom, this equitable distribution of growth
fruit we are going to deliver is must for
realising Inclusive India.

| Inclusive India : To whom |

Inclusivity is needed because
India is subcontinent in itsey; holding
diverse people, religions, civilisations,
geographies, ecosystems & what not.
Therefore, deliberate intervention to redistribution
to those who are left behind is actually,
inclusivity.
           Women are prominent left behind:
Increased care work / unpaid work, gender
violence, low pay, glass ceiling effect,

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patriarchy & many more erode their development. Consider, ~~this backed~~ , RG kar medical college rape in kolkata, where we were forced to say - Beti padhi par Beti Bachi nahi.

Another group left behind is the SC, SC & DNT. They are at lower rung, thanks to their own way of life - life is facus away from mainstream. But, mining, enchooment due to urbanisation, cultural transgressions have left them behind. This can be seen in Bastar & Dandukaranya, where they are struggling with sickle cell disease

Next are minorities, especially muslims. Lynching, freedom of choice, finding a home majoritarianism etc are punishing them & keeping at bay. in development process. To illustrate, despite courage & national service (Sofia kurreshi (Colonel) faced religious taunt by minister from madhye pradesh.

Additionally, the LGBTQI, the PWDs & elderly are facing the threat of exclusion from 'inclusive' concept. Ableism, agism, hatred, agony, disdain from rest of the mainstream is normal. & One can see supreme court judgement in Supriyo Chakravarti, where LGBTQI denied marriage rights.

Further, the people from North east face threat of deprivation. They are financially dependent on Central grants under Article 282; They are in conflict & in flux since independence. They face discriminatory remarks like Chinki. They are also often ignored by mainstream media. Consider, Manipur & kuki v/s Meitei conflict.

lastly, though refugees, slum dwellers children are left behind, too, But we can't ignore the wildlife.

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Hence, for the Biotic flora & faune
"Inclusive India" is "sine qua none". They are
the trespassers in their 'own' land !

They are confined to few enclosed 'parks'
& sanctuary & further these are
encroached upon at their peril. Consider
the Great Nicobar project, the Megapods,
crocodile, leatherback turtle will face extinction.

So, question is, what are the threats
to inclusive development of above mentioned
entities ?

Firstly, Inequality in development.
Post LPG reforms, our development has been
lopsided. Today, 120 billionaires have
1.6 Tn $ out of 4 Tn $ economy of India.
This crowd outs the fiscal space of
government for inclusive growth. Consider,
the meagre 70,000 crore (0.26/. of GDP)
expenditure on MNREGA.

Secondly, Majoritarianism ? It

is dominance of majority to carve out
resources of itsey. Dominance prevails in
culture, finance, if power share. Consider
the recent allegation of Hindi Heartland
dominance over Marathi & Tamil.

This dominance is visible in
patriarchy, Caste dominance, urban
elite dominance, religious dominance &
what not. Consider the Reddy, the yadava
to name a few. Their political power share
reduces scope of other castes. It's, although
not their fault at all.

Thirdly, catch all factors like
colonial history & inequitable societal
heritage, lopsided urbanisation, climate
change, cultural & religious sanctions.
to name a few. Consider, the heat wave
in 2024, it caused 45-50 death of
migrant labores in Delhi due to stroke.

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Therefore, we must have to be clear about our 'inclusive' India' & the measures to achieve it.

The first measure will be the governance. All the four pillars will have to work in unison. The parliament-led statutes like maternity benefit Act, ROPWD Act, women reservation, wildlife act etc are welcome.

Judiciary led activism to protect fundamental rights & deciding the 'Cui bono' (who benefits) of inclusive growth should be continuous. Consider, recent judgement in right against climate change in Ranjit Singh case.

Bureucracy must be humane for effective inclusion of the left behinds. Their budgetary allocation, disaster management, smoking the faultlines & preempt them, compassionate attitude, urban governance are need of the hour.

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Secondly, Collective conscience of society. We as country as a whole had dreamt of inclusive india in 'Lahore session', 1929, even before independence. Each one of us must reflect & take care of vulnerables nearby.. As, Ambedkar said it is 'Conscience' which will be the basis of all rights, even fundamental rights.

Thirdly, CSO, NGO, media led participation to be an interface of powersful & powerless. consider, the 'Jeevika didi' of Bihar or 'kudumbashree' of kerala.

Above these all, we need to think beyond inclusivity to uplift the left behind. We can't ignore, therefore, the efficiency — It generate GDP & so trickle down, a pie to share.

Also, the ease of doing business might cost inclusivity, as, MMC

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demands flexibility in labor rules of hire/fire.
Lastly, GDP matters, too. We just
can't focus on distribution & handholding.
GDP is the pie which is to be distributed
equitably. This pie must grow incessantly.

Concluding our discussion, we can
say that failure of inclusive growth will
attract chaos & conflict. Inclusive
growth is sin-quo-non for this diversified
& the largest democracy. We can
easily detect the have NOTs who are
devoid of resources, power share &
agency. They can be given finance, power
share & handholding.

Our country is not constituted
of few elites, power holders, rich, dominants
& people of specific geographics. It is
actually the voice of women, LGBTQI, wildlife,
slum dwellers, minorities, dalits equally &
in few more vocally. The day their voices
will be heeded, ramrajye will usher in.

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Inclusive India • Inclusive
- freedom (developmental)
- equality (equity)
- No one left behind
- moving forward

for whom
- minority ↔ lynch majoritarianism
- SC/ST/Tribals
- human →
- Wildlife → M cases
- LGBTQ, PWD, Elderly, children (Autism)
- (Slum dwellers)
- Refugee   Neem Rani
  - Chakma
  - Chinki

Threat to inclusivity →
- Inequality
- majoritarianism
  - caste
  - class
  - Rich elites
  - North (Hindi)
- Urbanisation
  - LL,

How to improve: inclusivity
- govt → laws/policies
  - statutes → human
- Collective Conscience
- Budget — finance

Beyond inclusivity — Efficiency (conservation
- diversity — EoDB — MNC
- growth — GDP — matters

Conclusion — 'Ramrajya'?
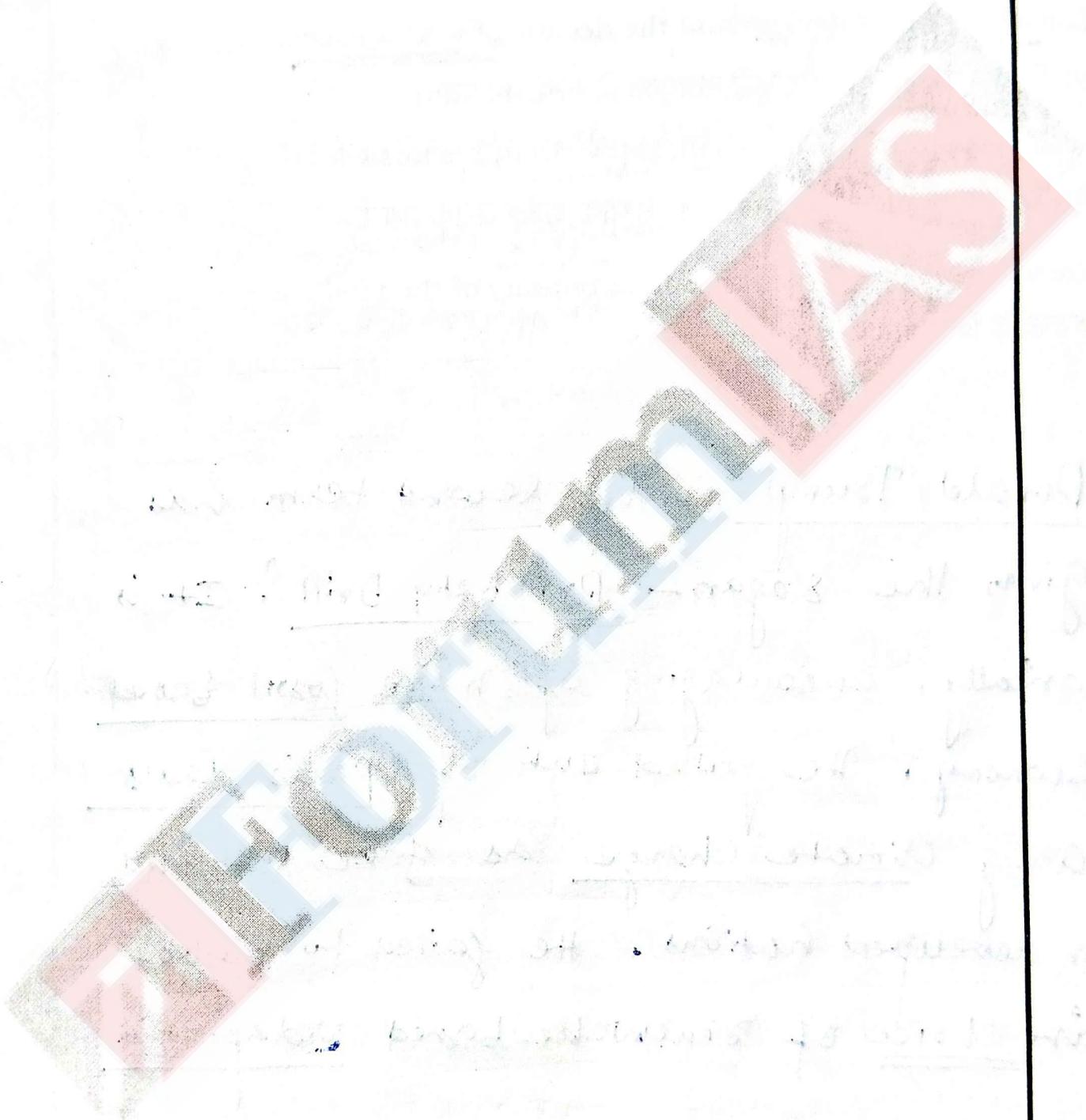
SECTION-B

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।

Donald Trump in his second term has given the slogan – 'Drill baby Drill'. It is, basically, encouraging of more fossil based economy. He pulled out of paris deals citing climate change as fake & fraud on developed nations. He failed to make wise choice of renewable based adaptation.

Contrary to above, Trump & USA have so far fuelled 18 Bn USD to Israel in Hamas–Israel war. He further used 'B.28 bomber' – mother of

aircrafts, to neutralise Iranian nuclear enrichment at Natanz & Esfahan. This show the age of 'smart devices' & decline of wise choices.

What are smart devices? Devices which mimics human cognition. By working on algorithm, they try to reach near the human's brain. To illustrate, computer, satellites, drones, Robots, & devices in cyber space like social media platform. Further, new, Artificial Intelligence is completely a substitute of human brain, ushering in complete era of smart devices.

Coming to wise choices, the choices made with pragmatism, thought process, scientific temper & logical reasoning. To illustrate, 1600 century AD, the Europeans expelled the yoke of churches & accepted work as ethics & worship.

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They thereby, wisely chose "secularisation" of their life & resultingly became flagbearers of industrial growth & a super power.

- Smart devices & wise choices: formers rise, latter's decline

When we look at our market economy post LPG reforms & , globally, post washington consensus — thesis of free & open economies, free trade etc, we see this evident. Smart economy based on IT & ITes like Computer, services, listing of shares on financial market etc. reduced our & wise choices of inclusive growth. Currently, we have jobless growth further, smart devices like computer led to bubble of dot com in these market, later, we had financial crisis of 2008.

similarity. In our society, we talk of gender equality, removal of patriarchy. But instead of removing these, the smart devices are further aggravating these. Consider the 'insta maid', digital domestic to maid in 'Urban clap', p they perpetuate digital patriarchy. Our choices are focussed much on delegated task to smart devices to remove patriarchy.

Even in our personal life, the current generation ~~in fact~~ — GenZ, is facing a dilemma of smart devices like AI & wise choices like 'Critical thinking' based study. Smart ~~bots~~ like Grok, ChatGPT are ending their pedagogy based skills like summarising article writting, complex scientific

& mathematical solutions. This has been flagged by oxford dictionary as brain-rot, where poor or simple content can erode our brain's <u>critical thinking</u>

Also, when we talk of <u>ideas</u> any smart devices come in our ways. Consider the idea of <u>degrowth</u> to slow down our <u>GDP</u> growth & let heal the earth, But, smart devices like solar sensitive batteries, Autonomous vehicles boost humans to pursue <u>growth</u> in new <u>smart technologies</u>!

Thanks to <u>smart devices</u>. that we all seeing lopsided <u>urbanisation</u>, & settlement in <u>Himalyas</u> beyond its carrying capacity. Smart <u>JCB</u>, smart <u>GPS</u>, & smart Geospatial management all compelling us to not to make <u>sustainable</u> development choice.

So, it is clear that.

smart devices are result of relentless
human pursuit of technology & curiosity.
But, what led to fall in on wise choices?
Multiple reasons are there.

Firstly, the smart devices
themselves, as we discussed. They reduce
efforts needed from humans, consider the
critical thinking needed to allocate
limited fiscal space, in budget preparation.
Accustomed to smart devices like computers,
we may simulate the allocation. There is
then threat of 'unwise choice' + biased
allocation to undesired sector

. Further, these devices increase
the leisurely activities ., Consider e-governance
& concept of minimum governance. Reducing
personnel from governance may reduce
'think tank' to form wise foreign policies
Choices like multi alignment, inclusive growth.
, environment justice to name a few.

Secondly, smart devices
indirect role. They obviate the need
of functional literacy & so illiteracy
prevails. This further reduces scientific
temper & wise decisions. Consider,
the digital literacy, alexa & siri might
reduce work burden but also reduce
the need of functional literacy.

Thirdly, smart devices comes with
their own challenges. Their countering require
extra fund, so reduced scope of choice
of expenditure over welfare. Consider
the expenditure on air defence system to
counter drones, expenditure on cyber-space
complex to prevent cyber attack.

Fourthly, other factors like increased
income & reduced efforts toward research,
notion of 'living' of this life, increased
consumerism, materialism & many more.
These factors reduce time for wise choices

as wise choices require pragmatism & sustained efforts towards thinking the cost benefit. Consider, the case of freedom struggle of our country. Our forefathers thought for 50 years. towards a democratic inclusive, & liberal & just polity. They made wise choices.

But @ we can't just set the dichotomy of smart devices & wise choices. & conclude. Their amalgamation can bring real intergeneration & intragenerational sustainability.

Wise choices are needed for sustainability of our economies. Small devices like AI can help. Consider, NISAR satellite for monitoring our ecosystem. But we also need 'right resources' for right choices. & placing the resources require educated, skilled leaders & personnel. They must go for brainstorming in pedagogy

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without ~~the~~ delegating the task to smart devices.

Further inclusive growth needs wise choices of finance, power & attention share distribution. This requires also, compassion, care, & helping hand humane face, of which, so far, smart devices are devoid of.

Also, military & national security require wise choices along with smart devices to have an edge in zero-sum game with respect to our hostile neighbour. Consider the wise choice of Integrated Theatre Command (ITC) & smart device of S-400 defence.

Lastly, Climate change calls for adaptation & mitigation — two wise choices, but, like we saw Trump's drill slogan, we are not fully choosing them. They need to manage of

smart technologies like EVs, solar cells & nuclear to reactors along with finance at COP.

So, while concluding this, we can emphasise on the wise choices over smart devices. It has been wise choices that we chose to fund & develop smart choices. So wise choices are common denominator.

Humans pursuit towards curiosity & functional application of technology is not new. But humans after discarding fire did not reduce the wise choice of moving to dwellings from open & then cooking hot meals.

Similarly, the development of AI needs large parameters of data & GPUs. There are accumulated data of choices made by humans.

To sustain the very momentum of

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smart devices, we need constant-wise choices.

Wise choices over inclusivity, sustainability, climate justice, peaceful world, complex research over disease, space, newer technologies can never be substituted.

Wisdom is the long protected asset of humans, smart devices must accentuate this instead of diminishing it. Wisdom is the lifebreath & ultimate sophistication of humanity. It is through wise choices we have reached so close to utopia. It seems Utopian society require wise choices firstly & lastly, rest all factors must assist the wisdom.

Other *Causes* — Illiteracy
skill demand
Scarcity team

Smart device ← AI —
GPS
Space
types

write choices → poor principle ④
Urbanisation → anomie
USA - Israel.

personal ← chat GPT

but we choose
needs to
common

memory growth
climate change
million
technology ↑

poor integration
inequality

sustainability

value economy
drawbacks e-governance
degrowth

Behaviour → ← consequence

Feminism × Internet
Reduces
digital permanency

expenditure to counter smart devices —

FEEDBACK

Mentors question: please, clearly state my weakness in these essay where I need instant improvement.

→ Overall, how do you percieve me? what kind of personality about me you will constue of?