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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।	
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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				
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SECTION - A

1. We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

हम अपनी समस्याओं का समाधान उस चिंतन प्रक्रिया से नहीं कर सकते जिसका प्रयोग हमने उन्हें उत्पन्न करते समय किया था।

2. The civilisation that doesn't adopt modern technologies becomes extinct.

जो सभ्यता आधुनिक तकनीक को नहीं अपनाती वह विलुप्त हो जाती है।

3. Data without wisdom and innovation without ethics are dangerous tools.

बिना बुद्धिमता के डेटा और बिना नैतिकता के नवाचार खतरनाक साधन हैं।

4. The doubter is a true man of science.

संदेह करने वाला ही सच्चा विज्ञानवादी है।

Data without wisdom and innovation without ethics are dangerous

"Data is new oil!" has become a common saying and with the ongoing Artificial intelligence (AI) revolution, it wouldn't be wrong to call "Data is new Gold!"

One such AI revolution is led by Elon Musk's generative AI model "Grok". The chatbot has been, recently,

in news for infamous reasons. 'Grok' was giving racist and abusive answers to the users.

The reason behind such fallout can be traced to the data on which the Grok is trained. It is evident that data reflects biased & racist views of western societies. Moreover, it has ^{not been} moderated properly.

Further, the responses of Grok raise questions against the innovator. Software designer has missed out to add virtuous character to the machine which mimics human intelligence.

The example of Grok explains data need to be wise & mature and innovations should have positive values.

Combination of these two ensures that technological progress is for human welfare and not dangers.

This essay will further delve upon how data without wisdom and innovation without ethics can be dangerous.

We shall also look how to find a 'golden mean' without compromising data as well as innovation. Let's ponder upon...

DATA : WEALTH OF 21st CENTURY

Record Keeping has been a traditional activity. When the size of data grew, mankind created accountants and historians. Modern societies uses memory storage devices and for large corporates, there are data managers.

Therefore, rightful usage of data depends upon the collectors, user and interpreter of the data. If the intent and values of these professions are virtuous, dangers can be avoided.

For example, India is aiming to conduct caste census. If it is collected with positive and good governance values, it can lead to better policy making. On the other, social justice can take a back seat, if politicians decide to misuse it for vote bank politics.

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Gandhiji said "Knowledge without morality" is a sin. This implies that knowledge should be driven by right values & purposes. Similarly, data which is enormously available today, should be used with intent of public welfare.

Corporates are often accused of misusing the data for their personal benefits. This can be seen from the suggestions and ads on our mobile phones. These ads are related to something ~~one~~ one has spoken or searched for.

Corporate use the data of voice and searches to create related ads and promotes consumerist culture. Therefore, such misuse of data leads

to compromise of privacy & autonomy.

Moreover, collection of data has a perspective of time, space & context. When these features are ignored, it leads to illusory outcomes which can also be dangerous. It could provide biased and unfaithful results.

INNOVATION : THE CHANGE IN CONTINUITY

Knowledge, information and in contemporary times data is the foundation for every innovation.

These foundational wisdom is rekindled and reshaped to produce an unexpected outcome.

It is said that "The civilisation that doesn't adopt modern technologies become extinct". Hence, innovation is a necessity for survival but it can also become detrimental to survival when it lacks ethics.

If ethics are sidelined and goals of innovation is to achieve self interest, then innovation can be a debacle. For instance, USA's innovation of nuclear bomb was driven by intent of destruction to establish hegemony. Hence, bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki is a result of innovation without ethics.

Likewise, when innovation are misused it could be dangerous. Though, technology progressed for better

-ent but some mischiefs may use it with unethical mindset.

This was exemplified by pharmacists in Latin America who were selling pain killers without prescription to adults. Pain killer was innovated to reduce pain but adults misused it as 'psychotropic drug' and pharmacists as 'source of profit'.

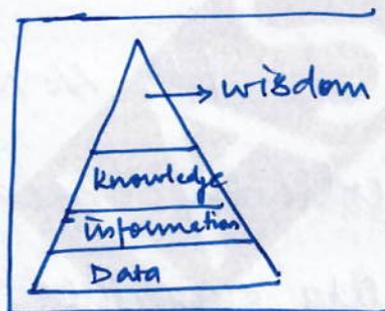
Similarly, when innovation is stolen rather than an outcome of hardwork, it can create wrong precedence and can also be dangerous. For instance, India's traditional knowledge of tumeric & neem was stolen and patented by American-European company. This creates a mistrust between

the two nations & societies.

DATA & INNOVATION : FOR PROSPEROUS FUTURE

Data is the initial source

of collection. It has to be continuously refined and moderated based upon the requirement



so that it turns into information, followed by knowledge and finally wisdom.

Wisdom, then becomes one of the layers of innovation. These innovations are, nothing but, sharpening of human wisdom.

As we progress towards new technologies like quantum computing ~~where~~ ^{where} data is going to be key, it is

imperative for humanity to take
constructive measures to ensure data
driven technologies are wise and
ethical.

At source point of data,
the collector needs to ensure consent
of data provider to uphold individual
privacy. India's Aadhaar OTP based
authentication is an example on point.

Further, data analytics and
management should be in ethical
hands. The purpose of usage must
be defined and shall be value
driven. This requires clear guidelines
and value statement by the managing
companies or government.

Likewise, innovation must be grounded in ethics. It is said that "doubter is a true man of science".

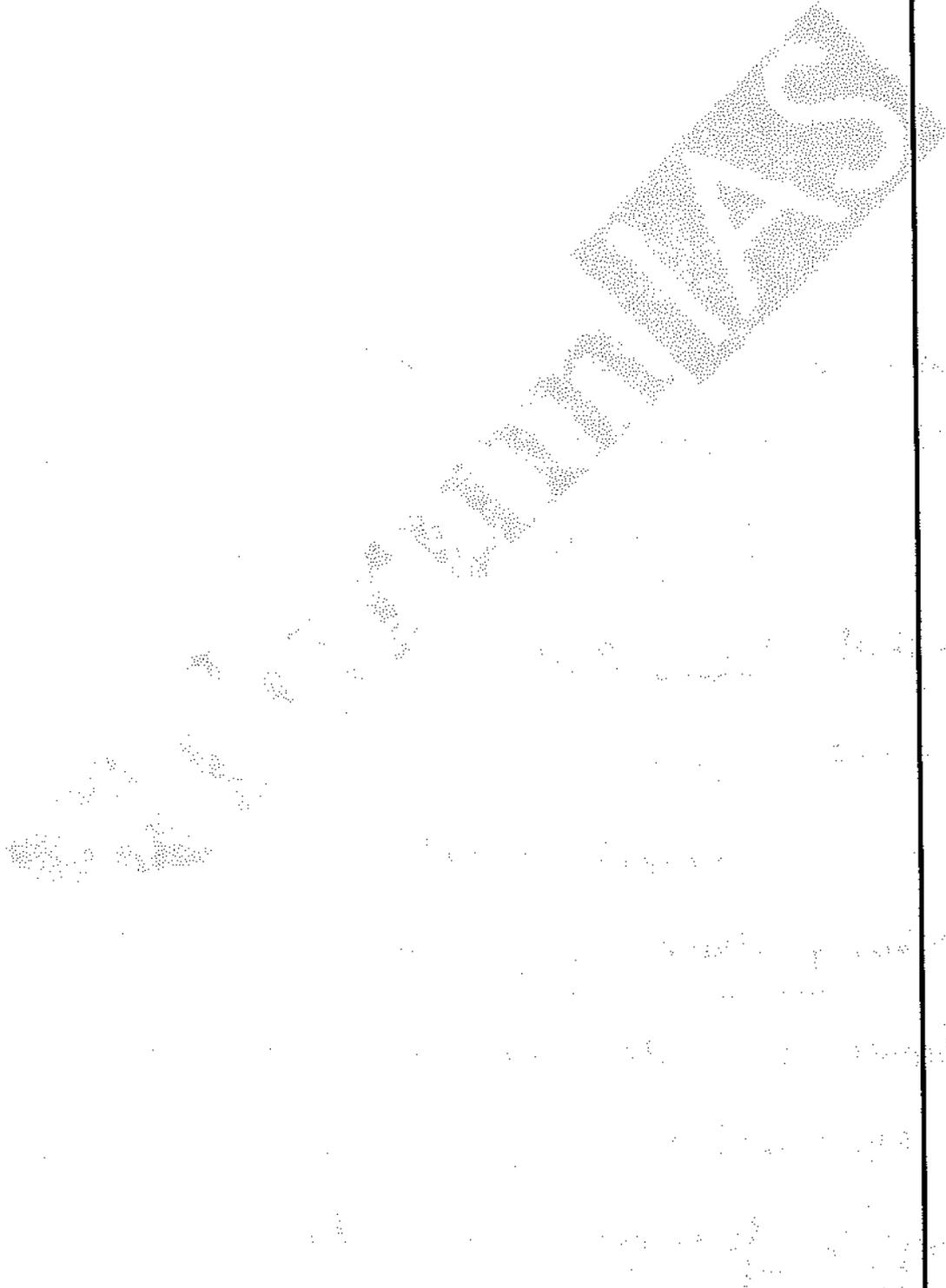
Hence, innovator must always doubt their values when it is negatively oriented. Creators have the responsibility to ensure progress & prosperity and therefore these thoughts must have ethical roots.

Similarly, the onus lies on the use of innovation as well. They shall reflect a 'sense of responsibility' and use the innovation for 'good' and 'ideal' purposes. Their acts must reflect an appreciation for the innovator.

Therefore, ^{to store data} ~~like~~ ^{like} tin-i-Akbari of Mughal empire or memory chips of tin

century, all must be driven on the wheels
of wisdom. Likewise, innovations of ancient
civilisations or blockchains and Internet of things
of this civilisation must be driven on the
wheels of ethics.

FEEDBACK





SECTION - B

1. The empires of the future will be the empires of the mind.
भविष्य के साम्राज्य मस्तिष्क के साम्राज्य होंगे।
2. Responsibility is the invisible thread that holds freedom together.
उत्तरदायित्व वह अदृश्य धागा है जो स्वतंत्रता को आबद्ध रखता है।
3. You may not be able to do everything, but do something.
आप सब कुछ तो नहीं कर सकते, लेकिन कुछ तो करना चाहिए।
4. Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows their image.
व्यवहार वह दर्पण है जिसमें हर कोई अपनी छवि दिखाता है।

Responsibility is the invisible thread that holds freedom together

The death toll in Gaza has crossed 7000 and many of them are innocent women & children.

Israel's retaliation post October 7 attack of Hamas has been exhaustive with the objective of ending the organisation. Israel has given itself complete freedom under Article 51 of

UN charter with respect to Right to self defense.

Exercising this freedom is necessary to act against terrorism and to ensure safety & survival of its people. However, since the launch of attack, Israel seems to have missed "responsibility" factor. Its irresponsible attitude has led to loss of innocent civilians lives, thus ending their freedom.

Therefore, freedom is not limited to few and neither it is absolute for all. There exists some limits and these limits are responsibilities which may or may not be defined.

Responsibility is a form of care and attention given while behaving in a manner which is wise, mature and ethical.

If freedom is a right and implies absence of privileges, then responsibility is a duty, directing towards a restrained approach while exercising privileges. Responsibility is an "invisible thread" because it often comes from within, which could be inspired by conscience or social norm.

For example, a couple shall have freedom to work but they have responsibility towards children. They have to restrain their freedom by creating a work life balance so that

they can nurture children.

Responsibility acts as a thread because it defines the extent and scope of freedom. Freedom is like a elastic, it should not be stretched beyond its threshold.

In this context, Indian Constitution provides freedom of speech & expression under article 19(1)(a) and restricts it under article 19(2). Hence, people shall have the responsibility to not cross the red line of restrictions like hate speech, contempt, etc. so that it

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doesn't affect freedom of self as well
as others.

Above examples reflect that
responsibility is a necessity to ensure
that freedom of one do not affect
freedom of others. When there is
mutual respect of rights & duties of
each other, there will be peace, harmony
& cooperation in the society.

For ^{instance} ~~example~~ when a society
reflects pluralist character it will
not only allow each one of them to
exercise their freedom of belief & faith
but also learn from each other's values.

Moreover, responsibility also

entails to the realisation that every freedom has a purpose behind it. Mankind is given some freedom by nature and other by social contract so that one can develop and grow fully.

Freedom shall allow them to experience development and contribute adequately for the growth of society. For instance, individual must use their freedom to access information. Responsible use of Right to information is not burden of on government but enrichment of governance as it will strengthen citizen participation.

Moreover, responsibility is not necessarily a limiting factor, it

is about giving a framework to freedom. One shall enjoy qualified freedom with a defined guidelines. This can ensure a responsible behaviour

The idea of responsible behaviour is reflected in LIFE movement launched by PM Modi. This movement is to build environmental consciousness. It is not where restricting freedom but only promoting responsible attitude towards environment so that freedom of access to environment of next generation remains strong.

If the 'invisible thread' of responsibility is broken, then freedom could be misused. It could lead to

'Self interested' individual who would exercise freedom at the cost of others.

The growing inequality in the globalised societies of the world is an example on point. It reflects that people are seeking more & more profits by exploiting vulnerables. Capitalists are not upholding their responsibilities of giving back to society.

When responsibilities are rejected, it leads to mistrust among people. In a society where there is lack of trust, growth and development comes at halt because people cannot cooperate.

In Afghanistan, the development

is halted because people do not have trust on Taliban led government. There is constant fear among people because Taliban has freedom to use their guns without any accountability.

Therefore, during the absence of responsibility everybody is free to act in their whims & fancies. This leads to situation of "war of all against all". There is endless and restless desire of power among all.

Situations of communal riots is a reflection of a situation when communities act irresponsibly in the name of freedom to protect their religion.

When the thread of responsibility is broken, at individual level one fails to realise the intent behind their freedom. Unauthorised freedom leads to killing of morals & ethics of self.

Therefore, responsibility helps in defining the true meaning of freedom as it gives freedom the credibility. Responsibility helps individual to utilise their freedom not just for self for others as well. It helps in building trust and if broken it could be disastrous.

Hence, the need is to strengthen the invisible thread. This begins with educating people

about their rights & duties together.
People shall understand that their
freedom is not a gift of god but
a responsibility.

Also, freedom shall be exercised
in ethical manner without compromising
human dignity. Ethics must guide
responsible freedom.

Along with ethics, social norms
and law of the land could be
guides for defining nature, extent
and scope of freedom. These norms
and laws shall be without ambiguities
to avoid misinterpretation and misuse.
Therefore, if we collectively

resolve to act responsibly while
exercising our freedoms, we can aspire
for Indian ethos of "Vandhain Kutumbam"
and avoid situation as there in Gaza.

FEEDBACK

Partly -
 Practice
 Learning
 Nation
 People

Responsibility is the invisible thread that holds freedom together

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

what is responsibility?
 why is it called invisible thread
 how it holds freedom together
 what if thread broken
 how to strengthen invisible thread.



① Care & attention → behave in a manner which is wise, mature & ethical.
 Respons. → duty → Each one us. duty towards self → others.
 Parent child.

Teach: AI →

Err.
 Error

pat-

soc.

② Invisible th → 'unsaid', 'obeyed by self not necessarily enforced, comes from within' - conscience, social norm

③ Freedom → absence of any restraints
 think, speak & act as per their wisdom
 ↳ Qualified

responsibility holds freedom together

↳ Law defines extent & scope of f. of self

④ not harm others → peace & harm

⑤ purpose of freedom - indiv. develop.

⑥ not limiting factor, but giving a framework of digital data.

if thread breaks

- ⑦ Anarchy 'is fall apart all'
- ⑧ misuse of fr. for self interest
- ⑨ loss of trust on each other

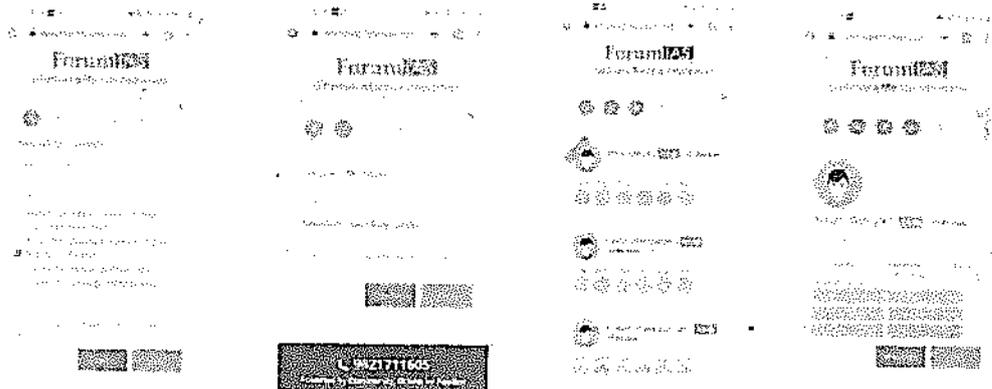
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