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ESSAY / निबंध

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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				
Pre-writing				

Very Good	Good	Average
120 and above	100-120	Below 100

SECTION - A

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To ATTAIN KNOWLEDGE , ADD THINGS
EVERYDAY , To ATTAIN WISDOM , REMOVE
THINGS EVERYDAY

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In Valmiki Ramayana , Lord
Ram was not the one having greatest
knowledge . It was Ravana who was
described as cradle of knowledge . He
pursued expertise in warfare , master
"Raavana Veena" player , strategist , polit-
ical mastermind and what not .

Despite having such
a vast body of knowledge so much so
that , he was famous for having "Ten
brains" , he still couldn't let go
his greed , his arrogance , his attac-
hment to materialism and most of all,
his disregard for "JUSTICE" towards
the vulnerable , showing his poor wisdom

The questions put up through "Raavan"'s personality characteristic were - how

Does knowledge and wisdom get accumulated?, is it the knowledge gathering everyday, that leads to wisdom?

or is it wisdom that is developed by removing idle of mind everyday, that matters? We will, in this essay go on a journey to seek answers →

Starting with the story of "Roger Bannister". He was a student of psychology. By the first half of 20th century, it was proved that a human can't run 100 mts under 10 seconds.

A body of knowledge was prepared to find out the reasons why? .

But, Roger Bannister decided to remove the mental barrier

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of presented by the knowledge & believed that it was possible. Guess what?

He did it! His wisdom to believe

he could run 100 mts under 10 seconds triumphed limited knowledge.

During the same time, in India, Grandhiji was aware of the British imperialist policies perpetrating injustice on India. Everybody knew or had the knowledge of ongoing exploitation.

But, Grandhiji's Non-violent, Satyagrah strategies removed hatred towards the evildoer. His wisdom of "having the evil" gave a strong sustained streamlined direction to India's freedom struggle, which was replicated by Martin Luther King Jr. in USA & Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

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Similarly, Aristotle & Socrates considered pursuance of knowledge as an important part of human life.

But, Aristotelian 4 cardinal virtues (Justice, prudence, fortitude & temperance) at the same time call for removing fear from adversity (Fortitude) & removing temptations & allurements (Temperance).
These virtues lead to true wisdom.

Not just individuals but also, societies as a whole develop knowledge & wisdom.

During 19th Century India, there was influx of western education, science & ideas. Newly formed middle class in Indian society was keen on gathering this knowledge, so they actively pursued western education for their enlightenment.

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But, wisdom of social reformers like Debendrenath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda & Dayananda Saraswati was focusing on removing ills of the Indian society (like Sati, poor status of women, caste etc). So that, real beauty of Indian knowledge, culture could be revealed & not just blindly follow western education.

Even now, owing to globalization, people (especially middle class) is focusing on collecting knowledge to improve their standards of living driven by consumerism & western idea of progress. (Ex) Commercialisation of festivals, where shopping & collecting material resources is an end in itself over ~~the~~ realising the value system of collectiveness that festivals bring.

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But, wisdom lies in removing blindly following a western concept of knowledge of growth & cherish our Indian traditions, value system of harmony with our environment. LIFE Mission initiated by India is in line with this wisdom of removing caste, consumerism from our social life.

Now coming towards the advancement of science & technology having impacted the knowledge & wisdom of humanity.

In 1940's, USA was successful in developing the "Nuclear bomb", which became a symbol of "Power", "Knowledge" around the globe. This symbolising lead to an arms race between the two poles (US & USSR). Focus was on accumulating more & more weapons of mass destruction.

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But, a threat over humanity itself came to the surface amidst this race in "Cuban Crisis" called for wisely disarming these weapons of mass destruction for the larger good of humanity. As, which was a symbol of "Knowledge & Power Accumulation", was ~~now~~ the "Destroyer of the world".

Also, with the advent of Industrial Revolution 4.0, the pace of development of new knowledge has been expedited. Karl Popper has remarked that no knowledge in this age is permanent, as the competition between giant tech companies is focusing more on developing new technologies daily. like supercomputing race & quantum computing. race between google & amazon.

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But, as Gandhiji remarked "Science without humanism" as one of his 7 sins, wisdom calls for removing the unethical use of such knowledge (Google's Anti-trust proceedings). Also, Removing the monopoly of tech giants over people's lives as in a ruler based, fair world, there should be no absolutist tendencies.

If, we again turn to the pages of history we find "Ashoka the Great" focusing on expanding his Kingdom, ~~was~~ as he was getting knowledge of new territories.

But, watching the destruction that war brings in Kalinga, his internal conscience, wisdom decided to remove the "conquest through war".

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as his policy & adopt "Conquer through Dhamma" & ^{called for} abjuring violence towards the weak in his Mahadhamma

Similarly, Akbar of Mughal Dynasty gathered knowledge of various religions in his "Ibadat Khana". He discussed various aspects of religions like Christianity, Muslims sufi saints and others to get acquainted with knowledge.

But, his wisdom developed over a period of time and decided to remove dogmatic attitudes that some fundamentalists carry. Thus, he came up with his universal religion i.e. "Sul-i-Kuhl", calling for removing differences amongst men. He called for "universal peace" by removing differences amongst people.

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But, is it true that knowledge
is to add things everyday? The
 discussion we had till now certainly
 agree with this. Still, knowledge is
also about rejecting previous knowledge.

Like the knowledge of church in
 medieval Europe that "Earth was flat"
was completely rejected & then added
 new perspective.

Tulsidas said "Binu Jaane, Hai?
Nahi Parateti, Binu Parateti, Hai?
Nahi Preeti" (without knowledge,
 there is no faith & without faith,
 there is no dedication, love). ~~say~~
 And, dedication, love towards a larger
goal is essential to develop wisdom
of removing what is important & what
is not. Thus, "adding things for

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Knowledge " is needed for Wisdom
to remove things".

Also, the wisdom is not just
"removing things". Akbar added the
philosophy of "Sul-i-Kutub", Ashoka
added the philosophy of "Dhamma". They
didn't only rejected/removed what they
found incoherent with their wisdom but
added too.

Also, wisdom of "removing things" i.e.
diluting focus on unimportant things
lead to "addition of new knowledge".

Like, Indian wisdom of "Nishkam
Karm" i.e. (doing work without focusing
on result) helps & aids in improving
the quality of work itself, which
will ultimately provide & equip us with

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new body of knowledge.

Thus, we find that knowledge is "adding things" but goes beyond it & includes "removing stereotypes, myths". Similarly wisdom lies in "removing things" along with contributing "right examples & philosophy" to society.

Lord Ram's wisdom

didn't only removed the perverted knowledge of "Ravana" but gave the wisdom of "Praan Jay Par Vaahan Na Jay" (integrity), humility & knowledge of how the Kingdom is to be administered (Ram Rajya) along with balancing "knowledge & wisdom" as "Maryada Purushottam Ram" (respecting the ethics despite power).

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SECTION-B

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TO BE YOURSELF IN A WORLD THAT IS CONSTANTLY TRYING TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING ELSE IS THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

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"Life is a Race, if you don't run fast, the person behind you will overtake you". This is a famous dialogue of Boman Irani (Aamir) from the movie "3 Idiots". This movie showcased a story of three friends pursuing engineering. But only one of them was truly passionate about it & the other two were trying to get a job as per societal standards.

Resultantly, only the passionate "Rancho" was doing well in the exams & the other two friends on the verge of passing. This movie jolted the collective conscience of Indian society's standards of success in one's life.

Serious questions raise like -
 what is it to "be yourself"? , why
 the world is constantly trying to
 make you "something else"? & what
 constitutes "our life's greatest accomp-
lishments"? . Let's dive deep into
these questions & try finding answers .

What is it to be yourself?

It is the ability of a person to
 conduct his/her actions , behaviour in life
 with his / her conscience , inner voice
 & personality .

Like during Non-cooperation movement ,
post-violence of Chauri-Chaura , Gandhiji
 decided to withdraw the movement
 as it was against his conscience &
value system of "Non-Violence & Truth" .

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Grandhi by taking that unpopular decision re-inforced his personality of "Satyagrahi".

Also, in "Naz Foundation Case", Supreme court held that adjudging & practicing one's own gender identity is a key aspect of human life. But these assertions of one's beliefs, values, conscience & innocence are constantly challenged by the world.

Why & How the world forces you to be "something else"

Marx believed that, bourgeoisie want to continue oppression of the oppressed. So, oppressor being wielder of power forces others to guide their conduct in line with bourgeoisie demands. So perpetuate their power.

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But, it is an extreme view. And the largely accepted view is that "human behaviour" is "bounded rational", takes "good enough decisions" & thus, likes to maintain status-que.

Thus, society, world try to enforce social control to check deviation from expected norms of conduct. Like Raja Ram Mohan Ray pioneer of "Indian Renaissance", was outcasted, isolated by his own family because of his progressive ideas. Similarly, Macaulay in 1854 wanted to establish "Indian Elite" through which British could rule through "Top-Down Education". This "one size fits all" approach had been engrained in Indian society ~~to~~ by the British during their imperial rule.

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But, have "being yourself" leads to great accomplishments?

Firstly, it breeds innovation, dynamism & fresh flow of ideas in the world.

As, every human being is complex & different based on his/her differential experience.

For instance, Wright Brothers, were ridiculed by the world for their belief & efforts to build aircraft technology, World tried to curb their ambitions. But, they remained grounded with their ambition, values & beliefs, ultimately leading to development of "Aircraft technology".

Similarly, Vikram Sarabhai, India's pioneer of space technology was once taunted by scientists of NASA for India's incapability to build

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space & rocket technologies. But, V. Sarabhai knew India's potential, he enriched human resource. This "Indian Belief" led to foundation of ISRO & ultimately India being one of top 4 "space superpowers", doing what NASA does but in a cost efficient way. (2)

Cost of Chandrayaan-3 was less than many hollywood movies.

Secondly, "being yourself" leads to inner peace, inner harmony. This facilitates "Summa Bonum" (Cicero)

(i.e.) Human's need of feeling good.

For instance, ^{as per} Virat Kohli, he doesn't consider his dedication to cricket as "sacrifice" or "struggle" because he is doing what he loves, he is passionate about his work.

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Also, this "inner peace" of an individual is a contributor to larger global peace.

"Peace in the world will not manifest, unless there is peace within"
~ Dalai Lama.

Thirdly, "being yourself" is foundation of one's self-confidence. This consistency in one's behaviour leads to his strengthening his/her "credibility" & "Respect".

India, post-independence was faced with the question of "Cold War" led ideological dilemma. As, India was a struggling economy at that time, both the super powers (US & USSR) tried to sway India. But India's value system of "Vaandhava Kurumbhikam" & "anti-imperialism" led to India's spearheading of Non-alignment.

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ment movement". This ensured India's strategic autonomy. India also became "trusted" voice of Global South (Brandt Line) owing to its Integrity. This value - system even today led to India's stature of "Vishwa Bandhu".

Fourthly, "Being yourself" promotes social progress, advancement, which in turn nurtures an individual's personality (especially the vulnerable section).

Raja Ram Mohan Ray despite being socially isolated continued his struggle for social reform by writing books "Gift to Montheism", organising vigilante group to prevent Sati etc. His firm belief & vision of Indian progress led to sparking "Indian Renaissance".

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Also, Jyotiba Phule & BR Ambedkar were initially resisted by higher caste from getting educated. But their resolve, will to advance interest of the weak lead to their landmark contributions towards progress of backward section.

(Ex) Phule's Satyashodhak Samaj, Gulbargiri & BR Ambedkar's efforts in securing affirmative action in Indian Constitution (Article 15, 16)

Lastly, "being yourself" promotes social harmony. As per MP Fallett (political scientist), "human by nature is a "spring", if we try to oppress him/her, he/she will resist and bounce back with equal force."

Thus, suppressing one's identity breeds alienation, abstract feeling

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of togetherness.

Indian example is must to analyse. In 1950s, widespread riots in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh

for as their society felt threatened of by "imposing Hindi culture". Even today,

demands of Bodoland led militancy, Kuki & Meiti struggle in Manipur &

Tribal alienation are due to the perception of losing "their identity"

They want to "be themselves".

To cater to these, Indian government accommodated "Sled Bauls Approach" where different groups can "be themselves" & still live together peacefully. (Ex) Fifth schedule,

Sixth schedule, State's reorganization act, 1956, Article 371 A etc.

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But, there has to be ~~some~~ Common
Ground where individuality & Social
Responsibility are balanced, because

An individual can't
 be selfish for personal gains to subjugate
so long term societal interests. (Ex) DINKS
 Dual income, no kids syndrome in western
 economies like Italy, France are
 leading to population dwindling threaten-
 ing the very foundations of their
 Society.

Also, In the name of "being yourself"
 not "everything can go", there has
 to be a limit to one's rights &
duties. (Ex) Taliban in Afghanistan
 is endangering women's human rights
 in the name of their Society's ethic.

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Thus, it is upon the individual to not misuse his/her opportunity

"to be whatever he/she wants to be"

And respect rights of others along with duty to promote others to be themselves.

In the end of "3 Idiots" movie, "Rancho" convinced his other two friends to accept their "individual" strengths & weaknesses for their future good. This led to one of the friend being a successful photographer & other a successful humor being winning over the pressure of society & world which wanted to cripple their individuality.

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