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ESSAY / निबंध

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INSTRUCTION / अनुदेश

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Remarks/टिप्पणी :

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 **one** essay choosing from given below topics in about 1000-1200 words.

नीचे दिए गए विषयों में से लगभग 1000-1200 शब्दों में एक निबंध लिखिए।

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।

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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				
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ESSAY TOPICS

1. True leadership lies in serving not ruling.

सच्चा नेतृत्व शासन करने में नहीं, बल्कि सेवा करने में निहित है।

2. Democracy is not just the right to vote, it is the right to live in dignity.

लोकतंत्र सिर्फ मतदान का अधिकार नहीं है, यह सम्मानपूर्वक जीने का अधिकार है।

3. Growing regional aspirations and demand for greater autonomy: A challenge to Indian federalism.

बढ़ती क्षेत्रीय आकांक्षाएं और अधिक स्वायत्तता की मांग: भारतीय संघवाद के लिए एक चुनौती।

4. The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

मतपत्र गोली से अधिक शक्तिशाली है।

1. True leadership lies in serving not ruling

It is nothing short to call the experiences of two countries - South Africa and Germany as 'sweet and bitter'. South Africa, having witnessed oppressive colonial subjugation for years with mistrust between members, came under the leadership of Nelson Mandela, who adopted various innovative measures of serving the people like Truth and Reconciliation.

tion committee that led to progress of the nation.

On the other hand, Germany under Hitler witnessed crude ruling that led to one of the greatest blackmarks in human history—the Holocaust.

The only intent shown by Hitler was to rule the subjects rather than to serve the society leading to downpitching of humanity. These two contrasting instances lead us to the understanding that "true leadership lies in serving and not ruling."

In this essay, let us explore the reason behind the idea of 'true leadership lies in serving'. We will look into what constitutes serving and how a true leader is able to do this. We must also check if this thesis stands ground always and if ruling is bad. We will culminate by

seeing whether true leaders are born or built and if built, how so.

"The greatest virtue of man is being humane, and not human" - MK Gandhi

The above quote of Mahatma Gandhi reflects on the significance of seeing the humanity in all senses as a human. This can be extrapolated to the aspect of a leader as well. A leader is a person who caters to a group of people and welfare and happiness of each member is a responsibility of the leader. This can be easily fulfilled by seeing others as indicated by individuals like Mother Teresa and Florence Nightingale by paving their own path of service.

On the other hand, ruling is a one way approach which tries to establish the wills and interests of the ruler, rather than the subjects. Such a group might attain success in short term, but long term sustainability is not feasible due to the dissatisfaction among the members. This can be well explained with Indian history of short term success of British colonial rule while long term success of freedom struggle due to service of freedom fighters.

This takes us to the analysis of what constitutes 'sewing'. It can have different dimensions depending on the scenario. Broadly sewing

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attends to the specific needs of the members of the group. In that way, a person finding source of water for a group of mountaineers is a true leader. Similarly, sewing also constitutes 'showing the way' and 'setting the precedent' for others. Raja Ram Mohun Roy & Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar became true leaders by showing the way for female emancipation.

Next facet of sewing is 'boosting' 'the morale' of members of the group to achieve what seems impossible. It requires perseverance, consistency, discipline and confidence in oneself and team members, which can be reinforced by a true leader. We all remember the significant role played by Captain Kapil Dev in boosting the morale of each member of the team that led the

underdogs of the tournament, 'India', to lift the 1983 World Cup.

Sewing can also be dichotomous - allowing status quo to continue if its beneficial like continuation of 'Mid-day meal programs' or sewing can be bringing in innovations and changes enabling better survival of society. This can be noted with the various technological innovations sewing humanity better like UPI leading to easier and hasslefree transactions.

The next question that arises is how a true leader is able to sew rather than rule, knowing these facts of sewing? This leads us to the qualities enabling a true leader in doing so.

Emotional intelligence constitutes one of the major qualities of a true leader that helps him/her to calibrate own emotions as well as gauge the emotions of fellow team members to make necessary interventions. The success of ISRO under Vikram Sarabhai can be attributed to his emotional intelligence where in he took responsibility for all failures while credited team members for all successes.

Self-inspection constitute the next major quality of the true leader who is ready to accept the shortcomings and make necessary changes to do course correction and achieve success. As the words of Socrates goes "An unexamined life is not worth living", a true leader audits his/her decisions and strives for betterment. This has been elicited in the

success of Delhi Metro under the Metro Man 'E Sreedharan' who was not ruling, but serving as a true leader.

Third quality of a true leader is critical thinking, which is very essential for problem solving attitude and finding innovative solutions by considering the challenges and resources available to overcome them. This was stressed upon by Rene Descartes through his words "I think therefore I am." The critical thinking of Sam Manekshaw to time the attack on East Pakistan during winter time for sure shot success elicit his critical thinking, making him a visionary true leader who served the army and the country.

'Attitude' is also yet another important trait of a true leader to serve rather than rule. It was the positive attitude of Ashoka that

enabled him to recognise the consequences of war and undergo reformation henceforth to preach the world about significance of Dhamma and non-violence, thereby serving humanity. Those with a poor attitude have caused havoc by their rule like Mussolini.

Having seen how a true leader serves rather than rule, it is also important to check if ruling is always wrong and if serving is always correct. Ruling stands ground under specific scenarios wherein strict adherence to rules are required like law and order situations such as communal conflict or mob violence require strict action against the perpetrators for greater good of humanity.

Similarly upholding national interests can also lead to emphasis on ruling by a true leader rather than service. The Indian stance during recent Pahalgam attacks and consequent Operation Sindoor can be said to be such a scenario. Ruling can also be beneficial for maintaining status quo for short term basis as seen in the scenarios of martial rule.

At the same time, servicing should also be dependent on other factors like political, social and economic scenarios. Any scheme for vulnerable population must be without the stress on financial exchequer. Similarly servicing the business interests must not be at the cost of environmental sustainability. Thus servicing by true leaders must also be conditional servicing based on checks and balances.

Having seen how true leadership lies in serving and not ruling, let us see how such true leaders can be moulded. It is rightly said leaders are not born, but created and parents and teachers have imminent role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

Right value system can be moulded from childhood shaping the desired personality for future.

Society also have a significant role in promoting leadership traits among its members. An all inclusive, enabling environment would lead to many more leaders like Martin Luther King and Indira Gandhi. It is particularly significant for India who is envisioning a transition to Viksit Bharat on the pillars of inclusive growth and Nari Shakti.

A rightful mix of service and ruling is the ideal way ahead to meet the evolving challenges of the society. The spirit of service and upliftment of humanity must be the prime motives of every person that aid in better social capital like the works of Ratan Tata in philanthropy. Rather than few true leaders, our focus must be in turning every citizen into a true leader on the lines of John Maxwell :

"A true leader is a person who knows the way, shows the way and walks the way"

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True leadership lies in sewing, not ruling

I) Importance of sewing & not ruling

- Atlee
- Mandela
- Gandhi
- Abraham Lincoln

II) What constitutes sewing

Ashoka

Nordic countries

- showing the way
- setting precedents

Leadership in Intl sphere ↓

- boosting morale
- maintaining unity 6

India as voice of global south

III) How is a leader able to do this?

Vishwaguru

① Emotional intelligence

② Self introspection

③ Critical thinking 7

④ Attitude

Claim in UNSC

Mother Teresa

Political context

Bolstering democracy

Business field

Ratan Tata

Sports

Kapildev MS Dhoni

ISRO

Vikram Sarabhai

IV) Is it always sewing? Is ruling wrong? V) How to develop leadership

- Law & order situations
- National interests
 - Short term scenarios
 - to prevent dependency

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