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<i>Parameter/ criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Marks Allotted</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
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	Conclusion	10		
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	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		

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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?

A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members, and that includes its children.

A Greek foreign traveller, Megasthenes in his book Indica describes how great the Mauryan Empire was. His writings revolved around stability of state, territorial expansion of state and most important the survival of state. The survival of state was dependent on the happiness of the subjects, their welfare and their protection.

The concept of welfare is as old as origin of civilisation and an orderly arrangement of functions of nation or state. Politico-administrative writers and philosophers from ancient times like Kautiliya, Machiavelli, Socrates, etc. to present day experts like Abhijeet Banerjee, Nobel Laureate have emphasised on welfare of masses and protection of the weakest for any state to flourish and survive.

The longest surviving nations like America, Britain and even India with 75 years of independence, either have accommodated welfare and protection of weakest members in its policies or have evolved themselves to accommodate their concerns. For example, India already gave constitutional recognition and protection in Fundamental Rights under Article 15 (reservation for SC/ST and socially and educationally backward sections of society).

Countries like America which did not recognise rights of Afro-American did at the commencement of constitution (1776), did later after American civil war and fight by Martin Luther King. Even Britain saw rise of glorious revolution in 17th century, was a result of need for protection of weakest through democracy.

The weakest members of a nation could be anywhere in the social and economic hierarchy. For example, Old age homes in India and abroad are filled with people who were not so poor economically and socially also in the upper band. Newspapers often cite instances of children becoming victim of on-line abuse, are from relatively well-off families.

Another section of society which forms the weakest group is not a minority but equally numbered females of our nation. They are the victims of artificially designed

policies of society, norms and traditions and systematic exclusion of one gender from almost all institutions. For example, only 13% women representatives in Lok Sabha, 11% women in higher judiciary, less than 5% women CEOs in MNCs.

The contemporary authors are widely writing about the reasons of failure of states and about the crisis of credibility and legitimacy in today's world. Books like 'Why Nations Fail' and 'How Democracies Die', talked about lack of inclusive institutions and erosion of democratic values in institutions leading to failure of states.

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

Recent turn-around in Bangladesh by students protest and military coup in Myanmar, African nations is the result of lack of public service delivery in fair and transparent manner to the last man, the weakest member. Poverty and economic exploitation of Africa by non-state actors or foreign players is not allowing sub-Saharan nations to enjoy quality life.

How nations could have achieve greatness? What is inhibiting them from achieving it? How important the weakest members are for achieving greatness?

According to Kautilya's Arthashastra and Gandhiji's concept of 'Ram Rajya', the state's duty is to protect its citizens i.e. Rakshaka, well-being of its citizens i.e. Yogakshema and welfare of its citizens i.e. Palana. Deficit of any of these could take away greatness from the nation and even its survival.

But, there are some selfish values, corrupt practices, ulterior motives and crisis of conscience which compels a state to perform badly on developmental indices. The lack of democratic institutions, efficient bureaucracy and non-inclusive policy making restricts the greatness of a nation. Countries like Sweden, Norway, etc. are among the most happy and developed nations, topping the happiness perception index and dropping from corruption perception index.

A nation's greatness is defined from strengthening the weakest link in the chain. It is state's moral and legal duty to safeguard the interests of weakest members, the poor, the children, the elderly, the women, down trodden, the vulnerable, etc. as the validation of state's work comes from the progress made by these sections. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar rightly said, 'I measure the progress of a nation from the progress

made by its women'.

India, which has a civilisational history of Harappan age, Mahajapada Age, Mauryan Age, Gupta period, Mughal influence and British exploitative regime has decided to become developed by 2047, which marks 100 years of Indian independence. How is India performing to achieve greatness as described in this essay?

India is a parliamentary democracy established under written constitution. The constitution ensures protection to weakest members of society in line with Gandhiji's philosophy of Sarvodaya (Rise of All) and Antodaya (last man rise). Fundamental rights ensure rights against discrimination, abolition of untouchability and equal protection of law with right to life and liberty. Directive principles ensure that state works towards upliftment of poor, public health care, support to old age, physically disabled and workers.

Special focus has been given on children, their education (Article 21A), protection (Article 24: Prohibition of child labour), promotion of early childhood care and education (Article 45) and a fundamental duty (Article 51A(k)) on parents and guardian to ensure education to children from 6-14 years of age.

Through various policy initiatives, government of India has been sensitive towards development and protection of weakest and vulnerable members. For example, Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 for nutrition and education of children, pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls. Accessibility to all government building for physically challenged, Books written in Brail for visually impaired, special tax and saving incentives to elderly people, silver economy for employment among

retired members of society, Shakti Mission for protection and security of women, SHGs promotion, inclusion of Third Gender, etc.

Judiciary has been playing a major role in recognition of rights to weakest members of nation. For example; in Navtej Singh Johar case, SC decriminalised homosexuality (IPC section 377); Hadiya case (right to choose partner for marriage); fast track courts for children under POCSO Act, etc.

This journey of greatness is filled with many challenges for India. Firstly, the socio-psychological baggage of patriarchy, gender-stereotyping, traditional thinking, etc. are a roadblock to greatness from the citizenry side. Secondly, systematic exclusion of women, transgender, physically disabled from various institutions and opportunities. It creates a mental roadblock for these vulnerable sections to break and

come out.

Inaccessibility also poses a major threat as institutions are not designed for or reformed themselves to be friendly with the weakest links of litigation in Indian courts, defence and military establishments, political institutes, etc. Also, lack of adequate funding in the specific sectors ~~also~~ is creating delays in justice delivery, policy implementation and overall inclusion.

A country with 9% elderly population, 48% women residents, 1% transgenders, 9% tribal population, 11% in absolute poverty and booming youthful population cannot afford to not prioritise these areas and these people as the sole existence and greatness of India depends how well-fed these people are, how well-equipped they are, how equal they feel, how participative they are, how secure they are and how inclusive they feel as part of India.

History has lessons for all of us, it has taught us to be inclusive, protectionist, welfarist and fair in our actions and decisions to survive as a state. To be greatest nations need to build upon the strength from the weakest sections and empowering them to be growth engines of a nation.



Rough Work

A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members, and that include its children.

- State → Well-being
 - Global → highest order
 - Society → order
 - Admb. → doing great
 - Institutions → eco., social & pol. greatness
 - Citizens →
- parameters
→ indices
→ people's perception
- responsibility of state
freedom rights
duties
- very vulnerable
sensitive
most dependent
their current issues
- top: 10% own double than what bottom 50% own collectively

#How India is performing?
→ women, physically disabled, children, senior age group, poor, farmers, workers, transgenders, socially & educationally backward, EWS, SC/ST, tribals, climate refugees, migrants, urban poor.

"Why Nations Fail" book & "How Democracies Die"

Ambedkar: program of nation from the progress made by women

CJI (SC): transformation of traditional hierarchical society into modern egalitarian democracy.

Affirmative Action: Special provisions; Schemes; Atal Pension Yojana; PM Jan Arogya Yojana; Postman's D.

Protection by administration: it is their duty to protect the vulnerable, Article 21A; POSCO; etc.

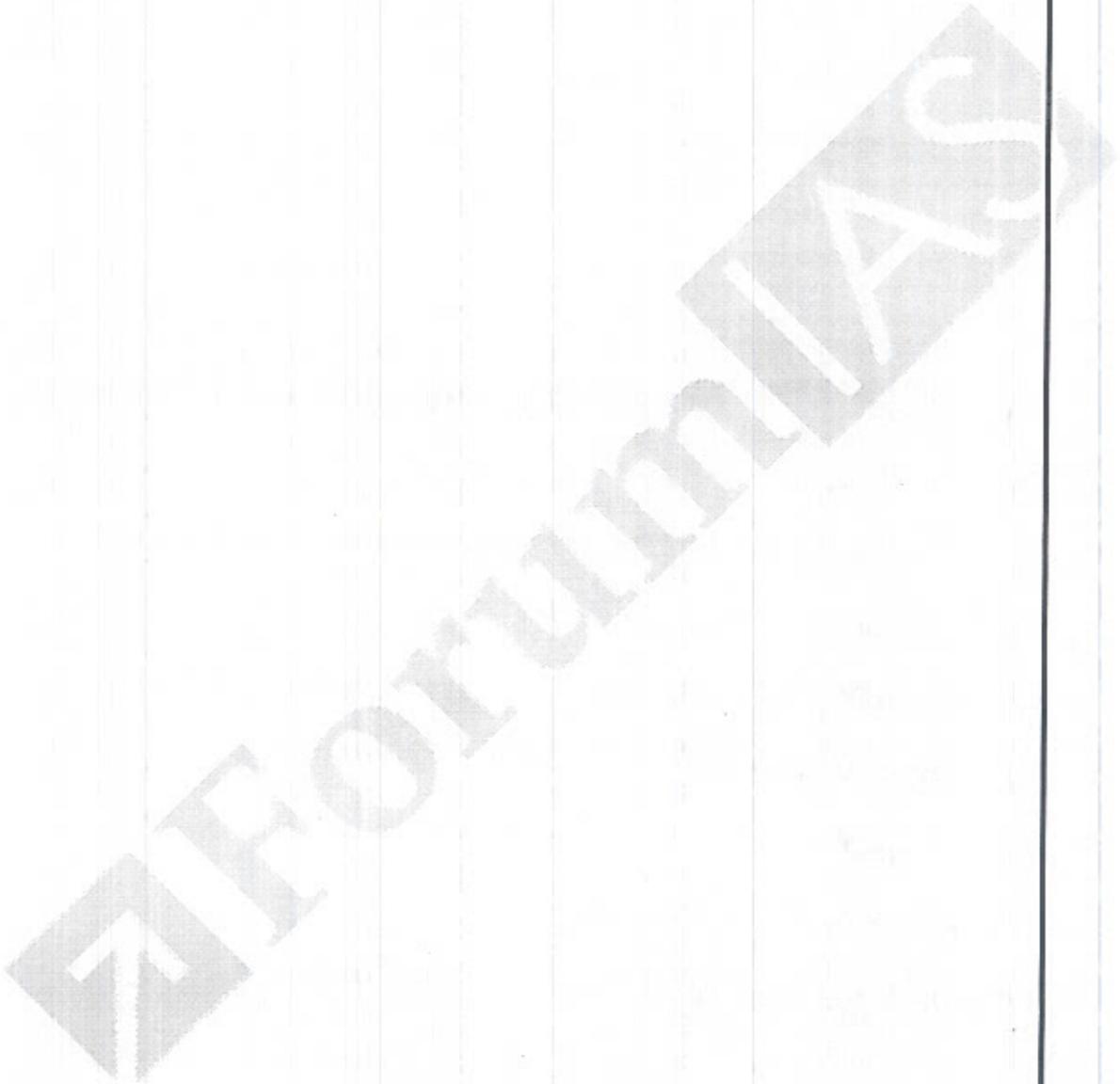
Historical examples: Mauryan empir: - Yojakshema } Kautilya's
(Rau Rajya = Gandhiji's perception) - Paleshrake }
- Palom

Philosophical: Machavelli's "King can do no wrong"
"Protection of state & survival of state most imp."

→ Max Weber: Rational-legal system of Bureaucracy.

Current dynamics: crisis of credibility & loss of legitimacy of state. @ Bdash, Coup in African Nations; Myanmar.

FEEDBACK



**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।

World collectively is going through worst of its time. On one hand there are conflicts going on for the regional hegemony, on the other hand earth itself is on its tipping point of non-restoration. Global temperature is up by almost 1.6°C , still when global leaders meet and talk about curbing climate change, they fail to agree on equitable re-distribution of finances and technology from developed to developing nations.

Knowledge and resources are not enough to make this world better and more livable. Values like compassion are

quasi-essential for welfare of overall humankind. Einstein's mind and Buddha's heart needs to be combined for growth of humanity and development of all. In the quest of selfish growth, the self would also perish.

Knowledge has been and will be the most powerful tool in everyday life to world politics to universe exploration. With knowledge comes power, this power is important for the growth. For example, study of statecraft have lead to better administrators and empires surviving 100s of years. With knowledge of refrigeration and heat cycle, humans have earned comfort of cold water and A/c. It is the knowledge of psychology that managers have increased their motivation levels and productivity of his workers.

Knowledge clubbed with resources creates a physical and technological monopoly. This

combination is most deadly. For example, availability of rare and critical minerals for emerging technology and availability of knowledge ridden human capital in the field of Artificial Intelligence can create China - a state led technological monopoly. A glimpse of it could be seen in Deepseek AI model called techno-federalism.

Values keep a check on the control and use of facts. As without human values, like compassion, the world has seen destruction with knowledge. World War 1 and World War 2 are industrial warfares which saw more than 20 million deaths, 2 atomic bombs, impaired Japan, destroyed peace and insecurity for life. The colonialism and imperialism are also children of monopolistic knowledge of trade routes, naval fleet, army, etc.

In today's world, accumulation of wealth and resources by those having knowledge has created intra-society, inter-

society, intra-national and inter-national economic inequalities leading to social inequalities

For example: 3 coastal states, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are 3 times richer than 3 hinterland states, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

On individual levels, according to Oxfam Inequality Report, 2023, Top 10% Indians have 2 times more wealth than bottom 50%. The unbounded quest of material acquisition of wealth without any concern for well-being and growth of people at the bottom of triangle, is making our society socio-economic bomb which can blast anyday. Some glimpse of it could be seen in naxal affected areas, and rising radicalism.

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

Compassion works as a healer, equilibrates and voice of God itself. It is an important value for community living, bringing humane emotions on surface and building fraternity and brotherhood with co-living and co-evolving mates on earth. Compassion brings kindness and fairplay to words, actions and decisions. To help the needy, to accommodate the different, to share with have-nots and love and peace in thinking, actions and behaviour.

Tata Group under the chairmanship of Sir Ratan Tata are involved in various charitable and philanthropic work in the field of under-privileged children education, nutrition and health. They are compassionate with their employees as they did not cut salaries of their workforce despite complete lockdown during covid.

Compassionate India supplied COVID-19 vaccines under Vaccine Maitree to other countries, when globally there was vaccine

colonialism through IPR and shortage of vaccine supply. According to World's Giving Report, 60% of Indians helped strangers during COVID-19 lockdown. This shows a general tendency towards compassion as a human being.

To be a non-compassionate person, there should be something really strong which is pulling oneself away from it. Compassion is a natural human tendency, for example a child of 3-4 years is compassionate towards animals, could be seen from her eyes. Then, there are certain dis-values in the society which have taken over human values like compassion, kindness, love, caring, etc. For example, greed makes one blind to distress of victims; selfishness makes one unfair, example unfair trading practices. Thus, there is a need to strengthen human values over dis-values in the

society at large.

When we were young, our grandparents generally recited various stories from puranas, Ramayana, Mahabharata, etc. They were intended towards building values in our sub-conscious and conscious minds. Those values of honesty, empathy, sensitivity, love, peace, kindness, etc. needs to be injected in youth of India and world. This could be done through moral teachings in schools, social-media animation videos, movies, interactive exercises, etc.

As a society, collectively we need to be reminded of the meaning and purpose of life, our moral conscience needs to be awakened through nudging behaviour, advertisements, movies, sensitivity training and spiritual closeness. As, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said, 'Peace in the society leads to prosperity of the nation'.

At state level, we should make inclusive and democratic institutions which are compassionate towards all the sections of the society. State has knowledge, so do the bureaucracy, therefore, the bureaucratic system needs to be reformed through capacity building and training, example, Mission Karmayogi - a citizen centric and compassionate bureaucracy.

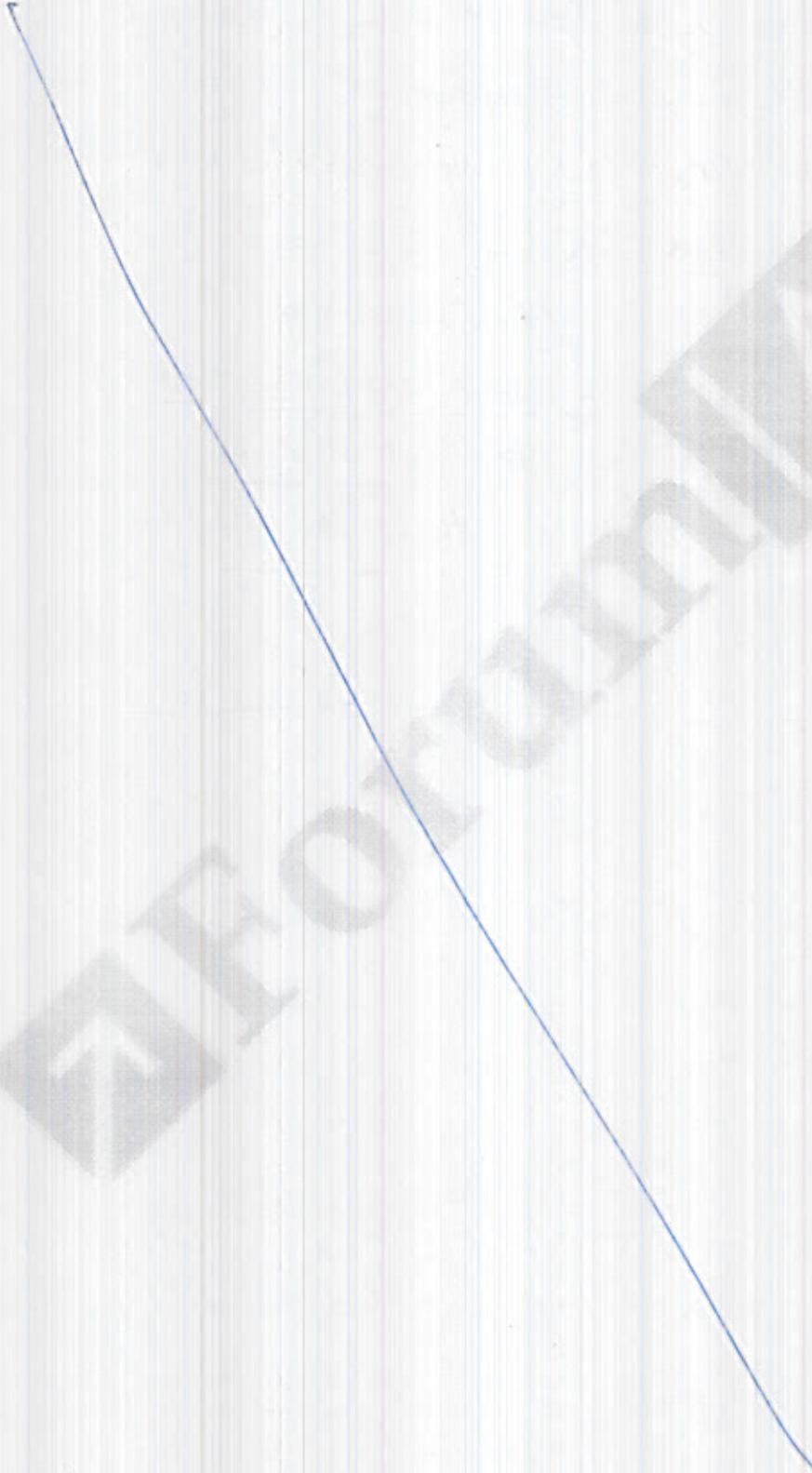
World is suffering from knidleburger trap, where there is no one to take responsibility of global common goods like security & and peace supply. The world has become like 'G zero'. Thus, representative international global governance institutes should be build which works on just and equitable principles.

A general feeling of compassion among all the members of the world should be instilled so that, they are

more empathetic and accomodative towards vulnerable nations like conflict zone- syria; climate impacted sollomaw islands, Marshall islands; poverty impacted- Africom nations, etc. As Swami Vivekananda said, "World needs rationality of the west and spirituality of the east" at the World's Religions conference.

Knowledge without compassion is good to no one but bad to a lot. On the other hand knowledge with compassion is bad to ~~no~~ no one and good for all. World can learn from India the inclusivity it has shown through it's new development model - 'Digital for Development', whereby open-source APIs have been developed like UPI, CoWIN, Aadhar for better delivery of public goods.

If world wants to see peace, progress and prosperity of humankind and other living creatures it has to develop its knowledge but apply it with compassion. Only a compassionate world and humankind could see a better tomorrow and brighter future. A world where no one sleeps empty stomach, everyone has shelter, biodiversity is booming and nature earth is at peace and joy.

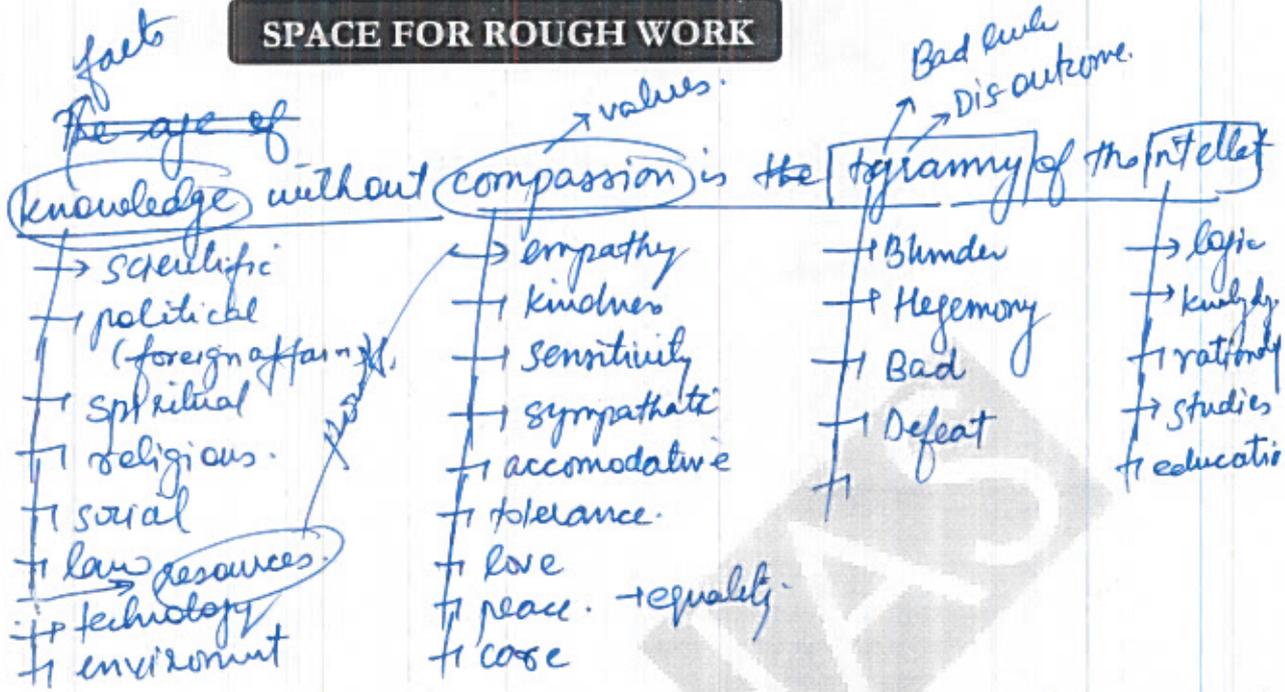




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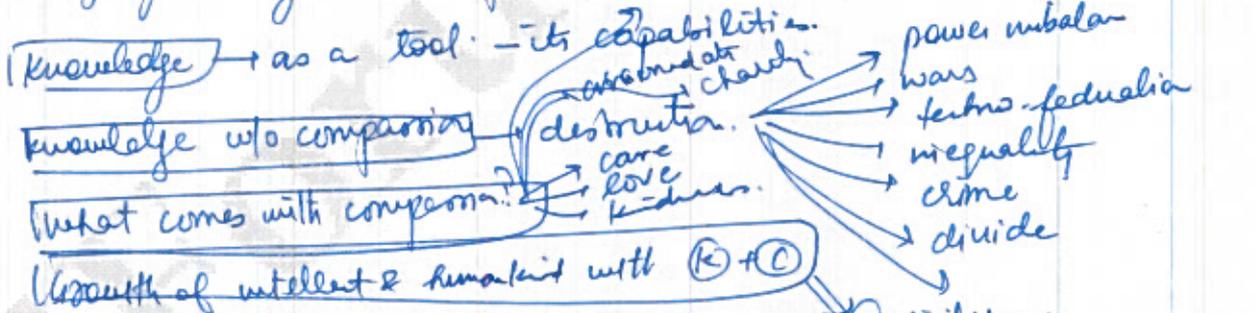
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Individual → Society → Institutions → Society → nation → Global

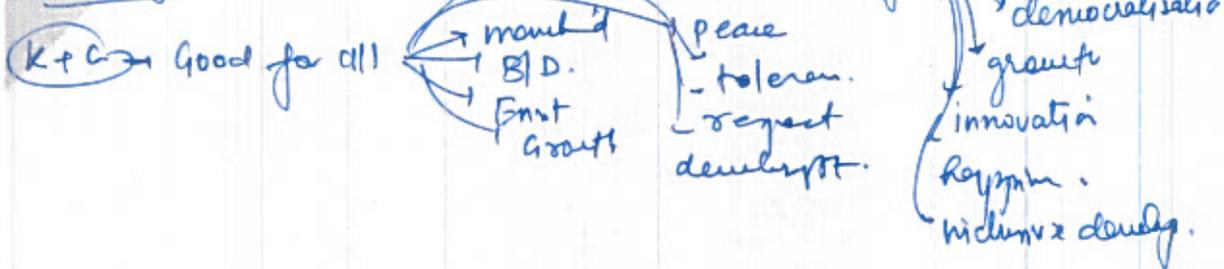
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As rightly said by Need us for Eisenstein's mind + Buddha's Heart



How to develop compassion + knowledge

Role of individual, society, institutions, nation, global



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