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अधिकतम अंक : 250

ESSAY / निबंध

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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।		
Remarks/टिप्पणी :			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

<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				

<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>
120 and above	100-120	Below 100

SECTION - A

1. In everything, there is a share of everything.
प्रत्येक तत्व में, प्रत्येक तत्व का अंश समाहित होता है।
2. Compassion is radicalism of our time.
आज के युग में करुणा ही सबसे बड़ा चरमवाद है।
3. History repeats itself, first as a tragedy, second as a farce.
इतिहास खुद को दोहराता है, पहले त्रासदी के रूप में, फिर प्रहसन के रूप में।
4. The greatest acts of courage stem from the simplest choices.
साहस के महानतम कार्य सरलतम विकल्पों से उत्पन्न होते हैं।

COMPASSION IS RADICALISM
OF OUR TIME

A Baby Boy was
 was Born in a enclosure land,
 named as 'Noel', may Boy if at all
 he had any cognisance would have
 thought, this world be very happy
 place to live and enjoy, but the
 dismay his mother didn't have access
 to food nor water, Boy soon started
 to loose weight, shed his little
 fat he had, Ribs became prominent,
 skin thin, helpless mother witnessed
 her son slowly being tormented by

and tortured by hunger, and the boy slowly breathed his last breath in his mother's arm thus killing a future of kid before he stepped out. In above anecdote, death of kid was purely a human crime over human, a state where compassion is radical, eccentric (or) even seen as rare, today witness above in recently leaked pictures from Gaza. Indicating how compassion has become radicalism of Time.

'Compassion' in simple words is ability to understand feel and relate to pain and suffering of other and is characterised by intense desire to take action to alleviate such suffering, for instance Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's compassion for weaker sections motivated him to take steps to alleviate the sufferings of down trodden.

But such a virtue, according to quote us presented as radicalism of the time, which means compassion today has become rare entity like how terrorism is viewed as radical similarly acts of compassion are viewed as eccentric and almost superhuman or non human trait, let us explore what aspects or incidents of contemporary time make one to ~~can~~ arrive at such conclusion

Incidents in society like Rg kar Rape case in 2024 where duty bound medical doctor was brutally raped and murdered indicates compassion is rarity,

futhless killings of thousands of soldiers in wars like in Russia v/s Ukraine, (i) Ethnic conflicts in Democratic Republic of Congo where thousands die every single day (ii)

Starvation deaths in 21st century globalised world indicate compassion may be absent (or) Extremely radical

Brutal suppression of women in Afghanistan under Taliban (or) human rights violations in Myanmar, Pakistan (or) Xian Xiang of China and Global Muteness and Silence over this indicates compassion perhaps may be deviant from normal where new normal is violence, human suffering and killings that we see today

The above global instances and events reflect show as suggested in the topic, compassion is turned into radicalism now let us explore ~~why~~ ~~compassion~~ reasons for the same

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

Firstly if we look at the values, norms of current time, we notice that individualism, is gaining ground over collectivism ideas of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' are taking a setback this dehumanises the fellow humans and starts seeing other as means to ends as can be seen in labour exploitation in middle East and recent fire accident in Kuwait and death of Indian workers

Secondly existing social structures promote interests of strong over weak leaving no scope for compassion to act/take birth it may be deeply held caste structures or Racial prejudices, this prevents one to see as belonging to same humanity (Binary opposites)

Thirdly, capitalism, Globalisation and westernisation has created immense competition among Nations

where instead of helping, Nations
tend to undermine each other, this
fierce competition has prompted few
nations to take steps that promote
violence, for instance china supporting
Military Junta of Myanmar, USA
forming the Al Qaeda in early 2000's

fourthly concentration of
powers in few hands may it be
a patriarchal family (in Male head), or
dictatorial regimes at Nations (or) even
in UN in PS countries, as said by
Montesquie concentration of power is
surety for tyranny as seen in Russia's
Stalin Rule (or) Mao Rule in china
whose compassion took back seat killing
lacks of own citizens

finally and perhaps most
important, Mother Theresa quotes that
"Absence of peace in the world is
because we stopped seeing each other

that we all belong to same
'human race' and form single community
and this myopia has made compassion
a superhuman trait. which otherwise
was Basic human virtue.

Having discussed the
reasons for this development now
let us explore its impact and
consequences on humanity and larger
Globe.

lack of compassion, leads
to inaction when needed, as it is
said "Inaction always encourages the
tormentor not tormented", leading to
human suffering as can be seen in
Gaza killings (>60,000 deaths)

'Injustice', lack of
compassion on part of strong, Resurgent
will inflict injustice over poor and
weak as can be witnessed in

USA escaping its responsibilities
by withdrawing from Paris agreement
violating ~~shared~~ common But Differentiated
Responsibilities principles

compassion for living beings
drives ~~out~~ innovation and solutions to
problems and absence of it leads to
shifting innovation and stagnation

'scynthredness' may be
at individual level where people
just see a poor being beaten (Bystander
effect) instead of compassionate action
(or) at global level where developed
countries hoarded vaccines for themselves
letting others people die. during COVID
pandemic

And most importantly
lack of compassion today has lead to
vanishing of 'Environmental Stewardship'
and climate inaction where organisms
like corals, Rhino, vultures are dying

and moreover indigenous people were
losing their ancestral lands for example
tribal people losing homes due to
rising real estate, this along with above
illustrations indicates how compassion
and its marginalisation has affected
global peace and harmony however
we today paradoxically with topic
do witness compassionate acts in our
vicinity.

It may be constable
Ambale sacrificing his life during
Mumbai terror attacks (9/11) saving
people, we come through examples
of salumarada Thimmata (Environmental
conservation), Kailash satyashmi (child
protection) dedicating entire lives
for others often embodying compassion

moreover political outpits
of contemporary times are more
inclusive than ever in history of Humanity

may it be affirmative actions in USA, Reservation policy of India, (or) ESR/ DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) in Corporate Governance all make Compassion a norm not radical entity that is witnessed rarely.

However today stolz of inequality as reported by oxfam 2025, 40% of wealth is owned by top 2% of people, according to EPRC ARG Report (2023) if similar trends continue then 1.5°C mark will be breached leading to severe environment consequences, and finally according to SIPRI 2024 witness highest arms trade among the Nations,

All above indicates growing poverty, strife in society, environmental degradation and violent conflict, for which 'Compassion' is needed to solve, as said by Gandhiji 'Compassion is root of all values' it ensures the

peace and prosperity and ensures tackling of above problems faced by humanity, let us briefly dwell into ways in which compassion can be mainstreamed.

Firstly making compassion as social imperative rather a moral virtue is need of the hour as it ensures peace for which critical thinking and experiential learning can be promoted.

Secondly exposure to diversity as it breeds tolerance and empathy may be via visits to tribal hamlets, disaster sites rescue works all motivate compassion and action.

Democratic values, it is said that 'Democracy should take rebirth' every generation and Education is its 'midwife' hence education promoting Rationality can inculcate democratic values.

Even though today in
 contemporary times we witness
 compassion becoming radicalism of the
 time in form of wars, human
 suffering there is always a hope in
choices, future in crisis and resurgence
 of 'good over evil', as seen in
 most trusted friends of Israel taking
 firm stands against it (France, UK).
 and we as a collective humanity
 should ensure via above steps for
compassion to take its rein to
 ensure joy, happiness and prosperity
 and swami vivekananda quote of
'Manava Sewa is Madhava Sewa'
 should motivate action and Martin
 Luther King Junior quote "Hottest places
 in hell are reserved for those who
 stay silent at times of moral crisis"
 should ~~guide~~ give caution and give
 courage to take steps towards humanity

FEEDBACK



SECTION - B

1. A quiet conscience makes one strong.

शांत अंतःकरण व्यक्ति को सशक्त बनाता है।

2. Good morals lead to good laws.

अच्छे नैतिक मूल्य अच्छी विधियों का निर्माण करते हैं।

3. Art will change society faster than politics.

कला राजनीति की तुलना में समाज को अधिक तीव्रता से बदलेगी।

4. All ideas having large consequences are always simple.

जिन विचारों के व्यापक परिणाम होते हैं, वे हमेशा सरल होते हैं।

ART WILL CHANGE SOCIETY FASTER
THAN POLITICS

It was Medieval time,
often called 'DARK AGE' of the the
Europe, society divided on lines of the
Estates/classes, ruled by Feudal land
Lords imposing tyrannical Rule and
suffering of the people, poor-weak.
may have thought to change the system
But could not but it was 'Art' in
the literature may it be by Rousseau,
John Rawls, JS Mill who their art
works propagated New ideas,

Within Brief period of time French people witnessed a rapid change a Revolution overthrowing of feudal system and bringing in republicanism. Above rapid change was act of 'Art' reflecting immense potential that Art has.

'Art' in the above topic can mean diverse things, today it can be visual art like painting, sculpture or performance arts like dance, music, or Media or modern day cinema but also includes literature, novels and Books and politics encompasses formal structures like constitution, government/ state, Non-Governmental organisations or political parties.

The above topic emphasises that Art can bring faster change in the society when compared to political objects like how cinema name 'Prem Ratan Dhan Pao' popularized Karwa chauth in society often at radicle pace

but constitution ideal of Article 14 'Equality principle' is yet to be fully realised with oxfam Inequality Report 2025 indicating 'top 1% holding 40% of Nation's wealth' with this lets explore the reasons why Art brings societal change much faster than politics

Firstly Arts like Media, Movies, Books are easily comprehensible by masses which increases its reach and acceptability for example a Bhakti sat explains equality of all beings via simple anecdote of Atma every Atma is part of paramatma whereas politics uses complex jargon and often technical terms which common man may fail to understand and internalise for instance constitution of India is criticized as "lawyers paradise" for 'law centred' language used in the constitution.

Secondly Arts appeal to emotion invoke the feelings of the individuals may be via song (or) dances (or) emotional stories as can be seen in 'Article 15' movie where problems of Dalits are highlighted in such a way so as it trigger empathy whereas politics appeals to logic, at times appeals to logic may delay change in the society and definitely not at pace emotions bring in the change.

Thirdly Art always reflects the existing social realities and in fact art is inspired from society for example puranas, literatures often build on existing social conflicts/issues

MID - ESSAY REVIEW

this aspect of Art leads to faster acceptance and bring on change at faster pace whose politics may at times reflects distance from reality as can be seen in survival of section 377 till 2018 long after societal acceptance of homosexuality.

Art takes up Bottom up, localised, decentralised approach where-as politics has centralised top-down approach which delays its reach and effect when compared to Art for example existence of Regional Bhakti Movements is case in point for decentralised nature of Art, Tukaram in Maharashtra, Basavanna in Karnataka, Tulsidas in Indogangetic plains etc

Art and messenger of Art carry great weight, usually messenger/producer of Art carry and command trust and confidence of the

society and larger sections of the people for instance, during 2018 Kerala floods film industry actors who campaigned and successfully raised huge funds for relief operations ^{within} ~~at~~ small period of time but in case of politics sense of mistrust and anxiety ^{of} underlying motives delays the acceptance of change by larger sections of the masses as can be witnessed in Farm law protests which were withdrawn later.

Art is often guided by service motive, not by intuition to gain/retain power whereas politics by nature is race towards gaining power this dichotomy makes one bring in changes faster than other

And finally Art is innovative and creative and finds

seemingly simple solutions for complex problems and ~~is~~ often as ~~can~~ Shankaracharya gives anecdote of 'Rope being perceived as snake' to explain 'Maya' and 'perception differences' whereas politics is complex, Rules Based and hierarchical often delaying the change in the system.

Having being discussed about why Ast brings change faster let us explore what are its flipside, firstly Ast by appealing to emotions may end up promoting superstition and cognitive stagnation as there is less room of logic and rationality for example 'Animal sacrifice' (or) for that matter 'Human sacrifice' for peace were based on myths present in Ast.

secondly Ast at times promotes radicalism and extremism like the dream of CPI (Maoist) groups banned under UAPA propagated violence

via Songs and Monies.

Thirdly Artists the maker of art are not accountable to anyone questioning their moral authority to Bring in change

Fourthly cognitive Biases in Artists gets reflected in art which may propagate prejudices instead of Bringing change for example Merchant of Venice novel is criticised for its Antisemitic narrative

Solutions proposed @n promoted by art may at times be impractical and far from reality for instance movies may promote capturing POK by force but politics is limited by Geopolitical constraints and international law, having studied shortcomings of art let us now also examine importance of politics and its advantage over art in Bringing social change

Politics even though slower at bringing change has important and key role in it, because politics first of all is accountable to people and is controlled by the popular will

secondly politics is bound by Rules and Regulations, may it be constitution (or) legal laws which brings in consistency.

thirdly politics educate the people, persuade with logics and rationality rather appealing to emotions for example postman abhigyan appealing to need to healthy, via expert advices

fourthly politics empower the people on ground with action, for instance SEWA NGO, promotes SHG ~~pro~~ formation, skill inculcation and job opportunities for women empowerment whereas a Movie (or) may just motivate to work

finally Politics aims for Justice via social restructuring and modifications, for instance independence movement Bringing in Constitution to ensure Social Justice (or) Black lives Matter movement to bring in Racial Equality

However in reality Art and politics are two tiers of same chariot, with out one other is crippled, for instance we take the example of ~~the~~ example of India freedom struggle, at outset it may be political movement but Art was equal driver of change via Media, songs (Rabindranath tagore, Festivals.) both together bought in change in complementary manner

In contemporary times,
'Folk songs of Bhul mibe' (Art aspect)
was used to create awareness
about COVID19 vaccination by the
Bureaucracy (Politics aspect) indicating
Beautiful synthesis of Both for rapid
change for human safety.

Hence instead of aiming
for faster social 'change' we can
aim for complete, holistic and
sustainable change for which we need
Both 'art and politics' for this
following steps can be taken;

Firstly 'Art' can be Basis/
ideological guide for politics to
work for change for example
Humanitarianism, Rationality of
Renaissance guiding change in Europe.

Secondly 'cultural economics'
that adequate support for artists
to ensure their neutrality and prevent

Bias

thirdly actively promote
cross cultural / ~~cross~~ interaction so as
to prevent 'silo formation' leading
to stagnation of change/progress.
(cultural centres can be case in point)

Politics to be Bounded
by Ethics and Art to be rooted
to social realities to make maxim
use two in combination

Thus in aiming for
change and progress towards better
world both Art and politics play
a equal role and strong Ethics
(Gandhi's talisman) can keep ~~both~~
Both to strive for bright future.

FEEDBACK

Indi → Family → Society

Globe ← Nation

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

Compassion is radicalism of time

radicalism

- 1) Rare
- 2) eccentric
- 3) Deviant
- 4) absent
- 5) unexpected
- 6) Non-human trait

compassion

- Kind
- Altruism
- Dharma
- service
- worship of poor

Time

- Today
- contemporary
- present

Anecdote

Child Breathing his last breath @ GAZA

Stats

- 5) compassion is most needed than ever?
- 6) Steps to take and conclusion

use Synonyms

to words DON'T Repeat

How it is seen (Establishing Compassion as Radicalism of Time)

↓
(Use synonyms of Mc) above

1) why is it so (what are reasons for this)

2) what is actual impact of lack of compassion

3) why is it completely Radicle today? (Its evolution from past → present)

1) Individual → (Rq Kar Rape)
2) Society: Mob Lynchings (Starvation deaths)

3) GAZA, (RU vs UKR) Congo (>1700 child)

4) Brutal suppr of war and Global Silence

5) Turbulent people looting their land and USA emitting large

2) why it so? (Reasons)

1) values/norms (econ)

2) Structures

3) Basic (Mother Theresa)

4) National Interest of conc of power in few

Impact

1) Human Sufferin

2) Tormentor

3) unethical (propagation of evil)

4) Innovation

5) Environment degradation

6) weaker section

7) Social Reforms

8) Political actions

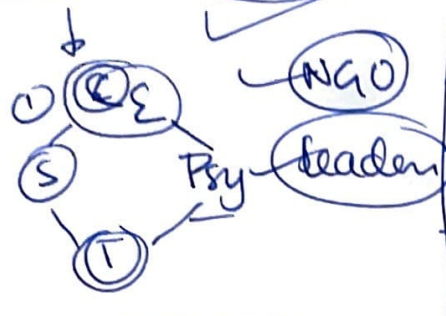
9) individual well Being

'Art will change society faster than politics'

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ART Change Society Politics

literary
Media
Music
Sculpture



laws
rules
leaders
Experts

French Revolution

Film

How art change society faster

Disadv of politics that make it slow

Flip side of this Art

Importance of politics

Conclusion

Is it necessary to change faster

What aspects of

Importance of politics

1) AB (People) / Social

2) Education / Life

3) Empower (SEWAS presence)

4) Justice (Justice by)

5) Social Structure

1) Appeals to masses, as art is easily understood

2) Emotional appeal

3) Bottom up approach

4) Reality of society (rather)

5) Messenger of art (and trust the gathness)

6) Simplicity / Innovative ways (out of box)

Uncomprehend

Reason / Logic

top down

Imagined

Authority (Distant)

Compliment

7) Flip side of art

1) Superstition (Emotion)

2) Lack of AB

3) Radical -> Extrem

4) often may be impractical

5) Not bound by Rules

6) Biases (Funding)

7) Cultural Relativism