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MGP 2025

Time Allowed : 3 Hours  
समय : 3 घंटे

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Maximum Marks : 250  
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 <b>two</b> essays, choosing <b>one</b> 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>
<b>Basic Format</b>	Introduction	10		
	Body	15		
	Conclusion	10		
<b>Content</b>	Topic interpretation	10		
	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
<b>Organization</b>	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
<b>Language skills</b>	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
<b>Examiner's discretion</b>	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<b>Coherence</b>				
<b>Language</b>				
<b>Handwriting</b>				
<b>Pre-writing</b>				



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

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

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

4. The doubter is a true man of science.

X संदेह करने वाला ही सच्चा विज्ञानवादी है।

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

The battlefield of Kaliga.  
One could hear splashing of swords, smashing of shields and the desperate <sup>cry</sup> for a glass of water. Amidst the thousands of bodies piled up, there were thousands of dreams scattered.

The victorious king - was he happy? Alas! he was even more depressed due to the havoc of destructions unfold in front of him. The same perennial problem of imminent violence on the race of Conquest - demanded a solution which ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> essentially different from the one in which the problem had been created.

The above story of Samsat Asoka's Bherighosha - his attempt to Conquer the world - meeting the dead-lock of violence and his cleansed thinking - the Dhammaghosha highlights the truth the topic beholds: we cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

Solving a problem at its outset implies fixing an issue, while at deeper level it points out to addressing the root cause of the problem. Since man made problems are reflections of our thoughts, prejudices and behaviours, solutions to it demands changed thinking pattern, renewed modus operandi and adopting novel techniques.

Through this little piece of essay, let us try to understand the wisdom of the topic, why our thoughts needs to be changed, why despite we change our thinking style, sometimes problems persist etc. Let us also try to figure out challenges to achieve wisdom of the topic and solutions for the same.

Pondering upon why is it we can not solve problems with the old thinking pattern we come to realise that time is the biggest factor. Each period has its own set of challenges to deal with. In his analysis of books 'Historical Criticism' Hippolyte Taine points out that each of ~~our~~ thoughts shaped by 'Race-Moment-Milieu' triplets. Thus, problems of current 'moment' needs a modus operandi that is afresh.

Secondly, it is evident that adopting same methodology and trying to solve persisting issues - might only increase the problem. The

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issue of 'Quick fix' solution is a good case study here. Regarded as 'magic material' 'plastic' were sought out to replace resource inefficient wooden boxes, only to causing catastrophic challenges to the environment. Fixing of this, as highlighted by UNEP shall not be the same way of 'Quick fix' but the long term plan to shift to sustainable solutions.

Thinking for solution ~~as~~ with the same thought process of older times would create cognitive biases as well. British Indian rule period's issue of Cobra menace and awarding for ~~the~~ killing of Cobras - in the short term reduced the cobras. Only later, it revealed biased analysis of the result → subjects started to

breed cobras to claim bounty! Thus, highlighting the fact that constant monitoring of our steps is crucial.

Moreover, our problems are location specific as well. Thus, a solution devised at one place would might not work at another. 'One size fits all' approach adopted in China and the negative consequences it created during 'Great Leap forward' of 1958 is a prudent example.

Lastly, since the problems need solutions which lasts longer, addresses deeper structural issues — we shall come with renewed ideas. On our marathon for development we forgot the delicate balance of the

nature. Thus, facing the wrath of climate change. This old thinking of anthropocentrism should be fixed with environmental possibilism to make our sense, as a species.

Having seen why we shall restructure our thoughts for the addressal of problems, we should see that sometimes, despite the renewed thoughts we fail to bring the desired changes due to many challenges.

Firstly, understanding our past action itself is not easy. "World is in constant flux" to quote Haddad Mashhure. Since our current problems are resultant of hundreds of our 'collective thoughts', it needs holistic understanding of events. For instance,

is it the curiosity or the greed that led to invention of new lands by the European countries?

Is colonisation was resultant of this inquisitiveness or is it a tool of exploitation? Aren't we in the new way of colonisations → of being controlled by AI's, Robotics so on..

Another challenge is even when we understand the fault lines of our past thoughts, - how to fix it? Two of the issues seemingly overwhelming for any individual or country.

Solutions for this lies in overhauling of our thinking style. Our education system needs to

emphasize creativity, pragmatic solution oriented instead of 'memorisees'. Finland, Swedish model of reformed education holds the key. It was a 12 year old girl who stood up in front of global leaders with her unshakable voice: "How dare you, to destroy our planet?" After all, proper education is sine-qua-non for changed thinking.

To address the other challenge, we as each individual should realise the grants of being 'stewards'. Our thoughts, behaviour should reflect that we owe certain duty to the nature, earth and the current problems of the world. → Embracing it in line with Cardinal values of Aristotle-

Justice, Prudence, Patience and the Temperance ~~can~~ can enable the spirit of reformed thoughts and proactive made actions.

After seeing the challenges, we need to ponder upon how will it be to solve our problems effectively.

As individuals, problems due to physical-psychological illness, lack of strong interpersonal relations are only increasing. Oxford have identified 'Brain rot' as the word for 2024 - highlighting mindless usage of social media.

This hollowness exist in family and societal level as well. A whopping 40% of people on a

Survey had revealed that they feel  
'loneliness'.

Recent study by the Oxford  
Psychology department had also  
revealed that a 4% of pilots in  
the world thought about suicides in  
previous one week of survey. This only  
highlights our collective problem of lack  
of social care, love and warmth  
and in the world.

Adopting solution embedded  
with ethical values, practicing of  
mindfulness, actively showcasing  
empathy, and sustainable steps  
such as LIFE missions ~~she~~ can  
be a game changer.

People across the globe at individual, family, society, policy making, R&D, coding, case services - think about 'a little better thinking' ~~that~~ than the past can be a game changer. Problems caused the worldwide, the hegemonic 'superpowers', xenophobia - only calling the humanity to be cautious and to be reformative.

Thus, as we move towards the world with full of automation and AIs, we shall not forget ~~that~~ ~~do~~ ~~never~~ ~~forget~~ EI, ethics, cautious steps that makes the world a better place. Like the Ashoka who through introspection changed himself, we shall renew our thoughts.

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**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।

You may not be able to do everything, but do something.

'Alexie Karamazov,' is the ~~first~~ protagonist in Fyodor Dostovsky's novel - 'Brothers Karamazov' captivated the millions for a season. Called fondly as Alyosha - he is the symbol of compassion, pragmatism and the equanimity.

As the novel narrates how his father's irresponsibility causes breakdown of family affects he and his two brothers; when his nihilist brother justifies the violence for the relative morality - he stands by the ethical principles. Even after stones being hurled, he as a youth befriends with streetkids and becomes enlightener for hundreds.

The story of Alyosha which the Dostovsky wanted to picture a 'Jesus Christ' like a character ~~is~~ holds a symbol of 'action', despite insurmountable challenges, adversities and shortcomings on its way - highlighting the universality of the wisdom that even when one is unable

to do everything, one should do something on it.

It is humaraly impossible to do everything. In the world which is 13.6 Billion years old, our species here for ~~for~~ only some few thousands year old. Our earth is less than the size of speck of dust in front of the cosmic weight - highlighting the necessary shortcomings we have.

Thus, should we just use these limitations and save ourselves from the responsibilities? Don't we have ability to do something? Isn't it our duty to do whatever we are able - one at a time? Through this essay, let us try to

understand wisdom of this thought.  
We shall also analyse challenges  
associated 'to do something' and the  
solutions thereof.

Analysing upon why despite  
lacking ability to do everything, we should  
do something - firstly we need to  
underscore the value of incrementalism;  
the ~~so~~ slow improvement one could  
have. Doing something over the  
time brings larger results; after  
all '0.01' increment consistently brings  
37 times better than meset status  
quo in a year!

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"Doing something, despite the inability to do everything" implies one's willing to transform the world. Take for instance Baba Amte, who despite his initial frightening of seeing a leprosy patient - Continued to do something for them - bringing a world with more empathy for them.

Thirdly, when one does 'something' with determination, it inspires dozen others to do 'something' of theirs as well. 'Bhoodan' movement started at a small scale inspired lakhs of people to donate and to do 'Gram Dan' as well. Thus despite landmark changes is being impossible, small change helped it

Fourthly, 'doing something' holds a symbolic value. Hansraj Mehta's effort at ~~to~~ suggest modification to UN's Global Human Rights Declaration "All men are born equal" to "All human beings are born equal" carried how much weight!

Finally, transformative changes needs everyone to do their 'doing something'. Homi Jahangir Bhabha's dedication to Nuclear energy despite India's backwardness, Cuba's investment on social sector even amidst the crisis - showcased their result when times ripen.

So, what challenges pertains to 'do something'? Is it due to our psychic friction to do any activity? or is it our innate ability? or is it due to the reason that despite our sincere actions results having been negligibly insignificant?

Solutions for these challenges seems to be lying on Kant's duty ethics. Inspired from Socratic ideal man, Kant's duty emphasises that each person should perform their duty despite thinking about its enormity, expected results or the outcomes' gravity. Thus through Nishkama Karma, 'we all can do something'

Achieving the wisdom of the topic will enable the world to be in better place. When each person works his best, transformations are not a mere illusion : story of how the Lee Kuan Yew successfully modernised Singapore from a fishing village to a sophisticated city model stands in front of us.

'Doingsomething' opens up possibilities that we may not achieve in the absence. Buddha's simple words melted the hearts of Angulimala and it was the love showcased by Bahubali that made him eternal symbol of Jain renunciation - despite lacking

ability to do something significant, both  
had done 'something seemingly smaller'  
but the results were humongous

Challenges to achieve the  
wisdom of the type shall be  
dealt by 'capability model' of  
Amartya Sen, which underscores the  
significance of empowering people. When  
individuals are able to do tasks  
independently, they would be able to do  
'something' better in their personal,  
Societal or global levels.

Similarly, as Maslow's  
hierarchical structure finds out,  
people at 4th and 5th stage of  
development think about 'self'

Actualisation' or 'post Conventional  
morality' thus enabling everyone  
to this level would be a better  
way.

Thus, as one folklore says  
when asked about why was  
he planting mango seeds despite  
his old age, the wise person  
replied that : "to make sure that  
my next generation should have  
something to eat" highlights the  
inherent stewardship exists in us.

So, even as we have  
inability to do everything - as  
collective units we shall to  
do things; from families to Panchayats,  
from Companies to global level

Organisations — we should understand what it is to 'Converge' as work in a Co-ordinated manner.

At individual level as we uphold this principle even if everything else might work against us, we will have the sense of equanimity — the meaningfulness in our life — like the Alexie Tydosov with Kalamazov did.

