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SECTION – A

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।

SECTION – B

1. The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.
शिक्षा का महान उद्देश्य ज्ञान नहीं बल्कि कर्म है।
2. The global south must redefine development through cooperation and justice.
वैश्विक दक्षिण को सहयोग और न्याय के माध्यम से विकास को पुनः परिभाषित करना होगा।
3. There is no health without mental health.
मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के बिना स्वास्थ्य संभव नहीं है।
4. If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.
यदि एक स्वतंत्र समाज अधिकांश निर्धनों की मदद नहीं कर सकता, तो वह कुछ धनवानों को भी नहीं बचा सकता।

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<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	45		
	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				

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The ballot is stronger than the bullet

Peace and chaos are inevitable. But what lasts is defined by the contrasting substance of ballot and the bullet. USA and Russia are two formidable players in the geopolitical landscape. The history of both is rather offset in different directions.

USA emerged as the epitome of growth driven by strong emphasis on elaborate. Whilst Russian growth was through a series of revolutions such as the October revolution which saw blood shed and suppression.

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The societal chaos still echoes in form of Russian annexation of Ukraine. Economic sanctions and economic volatility followed its actions. Whereas USA stand stable economically dictating the economics. This contrast reflects the adage 'The ballot is stronger than the bullet'.

Ballot and Bullets are metaphors reflecting the opposite spectrum of global governance. Ballot refers to peoples participation in elections to expression their opinions. Bullets on the other hand refers to use of arms, violence and propoganda ~~to~~ forms of expressions. Though both leads to results, ballot surpasses use of bullet in reforms.

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This essay revolves around such intricacies. Why is the ballot strong? Why does the ballot suffer? Does ballot suffer from any lawns? How is the ballot and ballot linked?

Civilizational progress from the times of Mahajanapadas reflect the use of warfare to achieve the aspirations. Battles and bloodshed to extinction of civilization has been the case in history. Slowly began the shift in intellect towards representation and elections. The Chola empire stands an an example. The Kudavolai system introduced people participation in choosing their rulers.

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In the near past, the change began with the American revolution which demanded elections to legitimize their stand. The idea spread far and near with colonies demanding their right to self expression. The South African anti apartheid centered around access to elections and equal participation in politics. The positive legacy set thus has revolutionised the world governance today. Several countries are aiming to improve their ballots. Election commission has taken up this challenge by introducing EVMs.

The widespread populism is because elections enable peaceful reflection of choices against the violence of bullets. The change in government after the Emergency era was a

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peaceful election resolve. People weaponised but with peace. The peace led to strengthening of democracy. Had there been violence in the demand for changes, history might seem different. It would have legitimized India's failure as predicted by many.

Elections are also legalised unlike the uptake of weapons for changes. The Supreme courts guards this aspect through PIL's. The case of Indira Gandhi vs Raj Narain the court upheld the legal importance of experiencing free and fair elections.

The elections for 17th loksabha witnessed history with the highest participation - 67%. Unlike the violence

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undertaken by left wing extremism
to revolutionize governance which includes
mass involvement of populace.
Violence and harm create
psychological disturbance preventing the
involvement. Experiencing ballots are
thus taken up by majority as
it distances from fear and create
sense of satisfaction.

Ballots are for all. Women,
differently abled and transgenders equally
experience elections. Through the postal
ballots even the elderly can engage
for positive transformations. The ballots
neglect the participation for these
sections.

The current world is witnessing
a shift towards digital role of
elections. The quest for decentralism

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(the living space) a concept popularised by Ratzel encouraged countries to invest in weapons. The SIPRI report highlights the global powers prioritising military spending to maintain peace along borders. But the reality suggests investments in development and strengthening elections on the peripheries.

The rise of authoritarian regimes questions dissent and manipulates the will of electorate. This diminishes the trust in electoral regimes. Sri Lankan governments unilateral decisions in economic policy diverting from the needs of farmers created chaos and uprise against the legitimacy elected government.

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The representatives focus on growth centres marginalising the hinterland. As development lacks penetration and poverty prevails people become disillusioned with the power of elections. They take up matters in their own hands.

The above scenarios exemplify the declining popularity of ballots. Trust in ballot keep waning, Ballots try to rephase their positions. North Eastern Insurgency and several extremist organisations in Africa have gained momentum due to the vacuum left in redressal of grievances.

The domino effect wreaked by spread of violence diminishes the economic viability. Dampening investments

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In the North-Eastern peripheries are examples: Areas in India such as Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra where peace prevails and market economy functions effectively. FDI inflows surpass national average.

The governments in these regions focus on exploring avenues for growth rather than talking the instability of bullets as in North East.

World today stands at an important juncture where resources are dwindling and violence takes stage. Times like these make elections seem important. Violence perpetuates inequalities and loss of quality of life further distressing population.

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Ensuring elaborate institutions sustain the ethos of fairness becomes pertinent. Bangladesh stands as a stark example where elections were manipulated for personal whims. It led to upswing with spillover effects on its neighbours.

Constitutional mandate with guardians such as the judiciary make the institutions immune from external exigencies. Expanding the awareness on the importance of exercising voting power is needed. This grows the trust in democracy.

Negligence of the outskirts should be rethought. Development should benefit the poor to become riches, and not make the riches powerful. People should realise the significance

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of ballot paper against the power
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Affirmative actions for inclusion
of the hitus marginalised further
legitimises the mandate of
elaborate Women in positions bring
social changes. Chhavi Rajawat a
female pradhan focused energy on
the development of sanitation and
local ana development. Sub
empowerments to the voice of
historically supressed is the power
of ballot.

Nearing the end, it becomes
visible that the ballot holds
the invisible key for flourishment.
Though violence and uprages
emerge the efficiencies of elections

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can never be surpassed. Creation of such a positive notion becomes necessary for peaceful changes. Mandates of regional aspirations become visible at the national and global stages. The collective capacity in such a change ensures equitable growth, where everyone matters and every voice is heard. 'Alone you can go far but together we can go far' is the significance of collective electoral strength of India.

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The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.

Education is the backbone of human progress. Savitri Phule was educated by her husband. Those were the times when women were bound to the duties of household work. Born in a conservative era she became the beacon of light for women's education. Understanding the importance of knowledge gained through education she opened schools for girls. She believed in the benefits that education could bring to the lives of young girls.

Had Savitribai not been equipped with the knowledge, world

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Knowledge is the baby step
of education. It starts from learning
through institutions or from simple
life experiences. The knowledge gained
becomes of value only when it
is supported with actions. Actions are
the implementation of the knowledge
gained.

The combined effort of both is
what the idea of education strives
for. Actions reflect the purpose of

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knowledge. Raja Ram Mohan Roy gained
understanding of historical texts which
provided the purpose for his life.
His citation 'Sati' a religious duty
is a mistaken understanding of
sutphue ' reflect his knowledge in
action.

Apart from providing a purpose and
direction, the use of ideas gained
through education provides a state of
ataraxia. Gandhi's works on nonviolence
as the path to freedom, created a
self satisfaction in him. It propelled
further contributions finally ending with
Indian independence.

Actions from knowledge create
far reaching consequences. For an individual

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the learnings when put to work lead to personal growth in life. It provides social and economic mobility to maneuver the rough societal landscape. Bundar Pichai put his technical expertise to gain prominence at the world leading tech giant.

As the knowledge is put to test through actions it enables in analysing the pitfalls. The courage gained by routing through these experiences enables go gathering the expertise. Dr. Abdul Kalam tested his understanding of liquid engines. Course correcting along the way he finally succeeded in his goal of transforming the satellite technology.

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Knowledge without action leads to complacency. But actions can bring changes to the society and nation as a whole. T.N. Keshari a former bureaucrat rather than being a status quoist was driven to bring changes. He transformed the electoral system ensuring the notion of free and fair elections.

Transformations are demanded in every walk of life demanding actions to fulfill them. Tribals though not formally educated in Uttarakhand led the Chipko movement through their understanding of intricacies of environmental sustainability.

In contrast Greta Thunberg a young climate activist took up to the global stage to demand

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action on climate change. Their voices finally being heard and nations are drifting towards their developmental goals. Unless such knowledge is mainstreamed, global policy changes remain distant.

The marginalised sections have for long been distant by the mainstream society. From being ostracised to being leaker to death - the society was a silent spectator. Judiciary then stepped up its action protecting the LGBTQ+ community through the historic case law - Navtej sing Johar. This proves knowledge put in a silent mode doesn't wake the world. It must be voiced to unravel the shakes.

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Today more women are being enrolled in educational institutions. Institutional knowledge has thus become widespread. But the real benefit is negated by patriarchy. When this knowledge is sidelined, it means fifty percent of India's growth is burned underground. As they become empowered, they participate in growth creating a virtuous cycle of development in rich. Malala became the voice of women worldwide as she was allowed to act by her father - who taught her independence.

As discussed above, actions are necessary to push for growth for all, the flip side should also be understood well. Knowledge is a powerful tool. It can make a statue as well as break at the same time.

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The actions arising from knowledge should thus be bound by ethical principles. Kantian ethics offers insights on the means vs ends debate. The ends however fruitful they may sound should not be achieved through disturbing means.

Medical knowledge cures diseases such as cancer. But also allows for creation of eugenics. These so called designed babies are knowledge put to action but for the wrong purpose. It becomes a legally unplausible scenario.

Actions driven by personal agenda can wreck the societal happiness. Hitlers understanding of the global economy and demographic data

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made him a clever devil. Wiping out millions of Jews in concentration camps he set the wrong precedent for action.

The global economy today runs at the laikdrop of internet. This safe space internet has turned out to be the wormhole for mankind. Cyber attackers capitalised on their knowledge of cyber space making their expertise a weapon.

Education aims for action but in the present context also demands teaching, what counts as right action?

Beginning at home, the first institution of knowledge, right actions should be taught through experience. Taking the child to a old age home

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can inculcate the character of
compassion in behaviour.

Educational institutions needs the
inclusion of moral lessons in
curriculum. Also courage to act of
the understanding is a virtue to
be learned at institutions.

The society by opening up
the diverse talents surrounding the
marginalised can create space spaces
for them to act. Amping up this
efforts with the government policies
on development of opportunities
for meaningful participation. Ensures
that era of demographic dividend
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The goal of education is imparting ideas, values and expertise which overtime is translated to actions. These actions drive the progress of mankind striving for betterment each day. Rolling for the right actions is also the key driver for growth. Knowledge thus reflects the adage

'Ship is not meant for the harbours, it is made to sail the deep seas' - just as Kantribai sailed with her knowledge making history.

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