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## ESSAY MOCK TEST

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

### Instructions to Candidate

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt one essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively.)

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### Remarks

SECTION - A

1. A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society.
2. History shows crisis either leads to solution or catastrophe.
3. Trust is the foundational principle that holds in all relationships.
4. Prayers come in variety of ways— Help me! Enlighten me! Emancipate me! Thank you.

SECTION - B

1. Our outrage is not enough; we must take real and focused action to mend our societies' dramatic failures.
2. Industry revolution 4.0 has established that technology has become bigger than man and it needs serious attention.
3. A second opinion never hurts, not only in medicine, but also in politics.
4. Advertisement and its importance.

Q2.

Section - A

On a cold winter night in South Africa, a young Indian lawyer was travelling by the first class of a train. He had a valid ticket to do so. However, he was insulted and thrown out of the train for being a non-white. This incident gave the world Mahatma Gandhi, who became the greatest champions of freedom from colonization in the whole world. History is replete with

examples of men and women who have  
confronted "Adversity to opportunity"?

However, similar sort of crisis have given  
rise to horrifying phenomenon like the  
Nazism as well. This essay hopes to unfold  
some these lessons from history. It opens  
up the various facets of crisis, solutions  
and catastrophes and tries to understand  
why a certain path is taken.

Crisis can take various shapes  
and sizes. Crisis can be faced by an  
individual, a society or the entire planet.  
For example, Climate change is a crisis that  
our whole world is suffering from. Crisis  
is what can end life and at the same  
time produce life. Crisis could be mental,  
psychological or physical. And as we will  
see further crisis can be fought morally.

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good  
introduction

psychologically and physically as well.

Crisis to solution: Adversity is an opportunity in Disguise.

Crisis is like a new birth for many. Crisis has given rise to social, political and economic revolutions in the past which have transformed the world into a better place.

Numerous innovations in science and medicine have been necessitated by crisis.

Therefore, it is said "necessity is the mother of innovation".

The medieval ages saw entire kingdoms and regions being wiped off

by epidemics like plague, cholera and

small pox. These crisis situations necessitated innovations of vaccines and anti-biotics.

The world is forced to invent the medicine  
① Vaccine + anti-biotics  
② Antibiotics

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Similarly, Darwin's survival of the fittest theory also vouches for the same species which have adapted to the drastic climatic or other catastrophic changes have survived, the ones which could not vanished.

Coming to the world history, we see that South Africa and Zimbabwe both went through a similar crisis of colonization and racism. However, Nelson Mandela turned this crisis into a solution through a peaceful transition of power while Zimbabwe was embroiled in a bloodbath.

S.A  
example

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However, not all these people, societies and species have been able to turn adversity into opportunity. They have many a times, specialised down in

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ownership as well.

Crisis leading to catastrophe:

Crisis has led to catastrophes  
which the world remembers and suffers  
from until today.

During the second world war,  
when USA was in a crisis after the  
pearl Harbour was bombed by Japan. Its  
scientists made created the nuclear bombs.

Nuclear weapons pose the biggest threat to  
the world today. They hold the potential

to end the world. Crisis: giving rise to  
immense reactions is what leads to  
catastrophe as can be seen in other  
paradigms as well.

In the corporate world, when  
the companies go deep into debt, instead

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of taking their stakeholders into confidence, they continue to mislead them. This eventually results in catastrophic results not only for that single company but the entire economy sometimes. We can see such consequences at the individual level as well.

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Example

Crisis is a form of psychological stress, therefore dealing with it requires mental strength. However, when individuals give into stress and turn to violence or drugs the results can be catastrophic for themselves and the society. Top players in the world are disqualified for drug usage before the game. This is a form of crisis turning to catastrophe. Politicians take to violent methods like booth capturing etc in

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face of electoral loss, bringing to defeat  
the entire spirit of democracy.

This brings us to the question,  
whether there are qualities at the  
individual and societal level that lead  
to resilience and ability to turn crisis to  
solutions.

How does one convert crisis to a solution?

Some of the most important  
attributes are psychological attributes like

resilience, mental strength, persever-  
ance, emotional intelligence and ability

to work in teams. Let us see how  
these qualities come to our rescue.

Mental strength and perseverance  
are the most important attributes for success

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and will-being. We have seen the display of these in both individual and team sports. Mauj Kora is a shining example of how willis of any form can be overcome.

Similarly, the display of emotional intelligence and co-operative teamwork have successful outcomes especially in public administration and law enforcement. The timely action of a young district magistrate and SP in Charkhand led them to rescue a farmer surrounded by a mob just because his cow had died to old age.

Finally, ethical conscience is also what decides the final outcome. Hitler's apponomy may have been a solution for the war between Germany but it led

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to a catastrophe for the Jews. It shows us that by missing out ethical conscience in the solution, it will ultimately turn into a catastrophe.

This brings us to question the solution itself, is solution for one -- solution for the greater good? Else, can it be called a solution?

Solution for one, Catastrophe for another!

③ Post-1945, British had realized that its time to leave India was coming closer. In the hurry to evade responsibility from the impending communal clashes, it hurriedly constituted the Radcliffe Commission for demarcation of boundaries between India and Pakistan. The Radcliffe line might have been a solution in the eyes of the British.

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but it was a disaster for the masses. The  
 1947 Partition riots were bloodiest in  
 the history of India.

This phenomenon of solution-  
catastrophic script is seen frequently  
 in the Environmental Paradigm: Building  
damns, extracting coal or other minerals  
 might seem like a solution for some  
 but it creates a catastrophic effect  
 on the tribals, the forest and wildlife  
species, while solving a crisis it is  
 also necessary to keep in mind all the  
stakeholders involved.

To conclude, though history  
 has shown us how perseverance, mental  
strength, will-power and ethical conscience  
 have led to adventures paving way for

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opportunities, we have also seen how the very same can sometimes lead to catastrophes.

The onus is on us as individuals, responsible members of a society, citizens of a nation and as children of mother nature to respond to crisis with an ethical

conscience remembering Mahatma Gandhi's advice, "Remember the face of the poorest person while taking a decision".

good attempt

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- natural crises - floods, changing river course, volcanic, extinction of animals.
- man made crises - pollution, poaching, food, food, climate change etc.

① Historical: Eg: Indus Valley civilization became extinct due to several reasons, including FLOODING. But the same floods nourished civilizations like Mauryan empire and Chalukya Kingdom by increasing the fertility of the soil in the region.

② Political: East India Co. subjugated our Indian Culture and Polity by exploiting our artisans, craftsmen, farmers etc. But Gandhiji was successful in uniting all these groups into one which led to awakening of

Remarks National fealty, in all yrs. Then he achieved freedom for us. The fealty of "NATIONALISM" inculcated by Gandhiji helped Sardar Patel in unification of India of 800 small kingdoms, because people from all over have identified themselves with Gandhiji. India thrived because of this nationalist fealty. ③ National ④ Political ⑤ Economy ⑥ environmental ⑦ General

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Our outrage is not enough; we must take real and focused action to mend our societies' dramatic failures.

The image of the three-year-old Aylan Kurdi - a young Syrian refugee - washed ashore in Turkey is still fresh in our memory. It brings us to question ourselves, while have brought the world to our world today suffers from multiple failures like chronic poverty, poor healthcare, environmental ~~degradation~~ degradation, child labour, nuclear weapons and violence. We have shown our outrage through various mediums but the problems never seem to ease. This essay seeks to discuss these failures, reasons behind them and what can possibly alleviate this situation.

Improvement of women / women problems? Education Employment  
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2  
3  
is outrage is generally connected to public in public think about public opinion

Remarks

good introduction

→ You fit women employment education all 3 are important for development

Why are we failing?

The societal failures <sup>mentioned before</sup> are widely known across the world. They have also garnered significant outrage from across the world, however only outrage without action amounts to preaching without practice.

We are also failing due to lack to co-ordination, consensus and governance at both the domestic and international stage. For example, nuclear disarmament is being argued for since the destruction after World War II, however not a single step in the actionable direction has taken place except for world-wide outrage.

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Secondly, we are also failing because of a will to act. We live in a representative democracy in India, the lack of political will despite the outrage shown during the elections is what causes these massive societal failures.

Finally, we are failing also due to indifference and 'Not-in-my-backyard' (NIMBY) attitude. This is clearly visible in the terms of environmental degradation and waste disposal, pollution etc. Climate change doesn't affect us till we are directly facing its consequences. This very attitude led to failure of multiple ~~climate~~ emissions mitigation pacts in the UNFCCC framework.

Very good analysis

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## Need for Real and Focussed Action!

Having seen the limited success that outrage can achieve, we realize that the need of the hour is focussed and planned action. We will seek to unfold how action can bring progressive change in various paradigms.

Poverty, Health, Education and nutrition are the among the basic needs of a nation to develop and improve its human capital. Actions to alleviate these issues have to come from the government and citizens. Government through its various social security, employment schemes like MGNREGS, Antyodaya yojana is working towards these goals. At the same time a participatory and empowerment based approach

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by encouraging SHGs entrepreneurship, etc is being taken to develop both the human and social capital.

Secondly, as a society and especially as human beings, we are failing mother nature which has given birth to us and nurtures us through its resources. Action for environmental protection is more heavily tilted towards a bottom-up approach. Since top-down policies rarely achieve very little if the people don't comply, small... steps like green highways, agroforestry and support for organic farming can go a long way in promoting sustainable development.

Thirdly, at the level of international politics we are faced with huge

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challenges like nuclear weaponization,  
Refugee crisis, terrorism and climate  
change. Each of these issues has garnered  
huge outrage from across the world. However,  
actions through diplomacy at both bilateral  
and multilateral level for consensus building  
is what is required. The vicious cycle of  
terrorism, violence, refugee crisis and war  
has to end. Joint consensus based ceasefire  
initiated through the U.N security council  
with adequate mechanism to monitor the  
action is urgently required.

This brings us to the question  
whether action is enough? Is it the end?

Is action enough?

For majority of problems, there

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are policies and plans in place. However,  
there is policy paralysis and lack of progress  
and outcomes despite plans. The Paris  
Climate Agreement, for example, is a brilliant  
plan on paper. However, its goals would  
be met only when we can ensure action  
and progress. Therefore, there is a need for  
proper monitoring and assessment mechanisms  
for any action planned to meet its goals.

Secondly, in a lot of times top-down  
actions fail at both domestic and international  
levels. This is due to lack of embedding good  
the traditional, cultural knowledge and analysis  
needs while designing the action. To ensure  
success of any actions, there is a need for  
a feedback loop for regular, timely modifications  
and course corrections. The set-up of NITI

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Score

focus its focus on evidence based policies  
through the way of designing and assessing  
indicators as a step in the right  
direction.

Having seen the need to translate  
outrage to action and need to factor  
in the efficacy of the action in itself, we

good

can realize the urgency underlying every  
social change is the strong will. Armed  
with strong will and ethical conscience

we can achieve the nation that our  
founding fathers dreamt of -- where we  
can wipe every tear off every ~~face~~ eye.

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very good attempt  
you get excellent analytical skills.

You can also discern the points of critique - as mentioned in your introduction separately and the action taken and to be taken (your suggestions) and your analysis in between. could fetch you more marks.

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When develop the topics independently you need to write clear outrage & actions too.

For EP: Education: TSK- Subrahmanyan Committee report on Ed. He said that Ed. sector is suffering from various ailments across the spectrum. World Bank report said that elementary ed. is one of the most under-performing, affordable.

Q1

History shows crisis either leads to solution or catastrophe

Lessons from history

Good

Bad

Solution

Fastening Resilience: How do we convert a crisis to adversity into opportunity?

ways to converting adversity to opportunity?

to conclusions

Solution to one & crisis for another?

conclusion

Roadside Lane

Roadside commission

Beetham Wall

(Greenman Division)

→ Industrial Revolution

→ Environmental solutions: Sanus, Murbals

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and infrastructure in India. Lack of toilets in schools - Wash all of away in GURUPATI new Delhi - Lack of running in schools - poor quality of teachers in schools  
Reaction to the problem: Sewa Shiksha Abhiyan, Right to Ed, No detention Policy, D

CEE in

② Health: TB still in India - malnutrition - started children - 48 children did not survive - India spends only 1.4% of GDP on health  
WHO - spends 4% of GDP on health  
ACTION: New Health Policy - AYUSH medicines in schools - you can get it for free

Q10

Antia

- ↳ Real Nuclear Bomb
- ↳ Sports
- ↳ Business = corporate governance
- ↳ Politics =
- ↳ Stress = Psychological
- ↳ Anger

Greed

- ↳ Crisis = Revolution or social changes
- ↳ Political changes
- ↳ Innovations in science
- ↳ Drought = water harvesting or mass migration

Intro

Crisis should be various forms and shapes.

Darwin → survival / evolution

Crisis = positive competition

New Birth

The universe falls in love with the stubborn heart.

Ways

Courage

① Resilience → Psychological Resilience ⇒ mental strength  
↳ sports, business

- ②
- ③
- ④

Emotional Intelligence - In Administration → EQ

Team-work (When the cold winter comes, the love is)

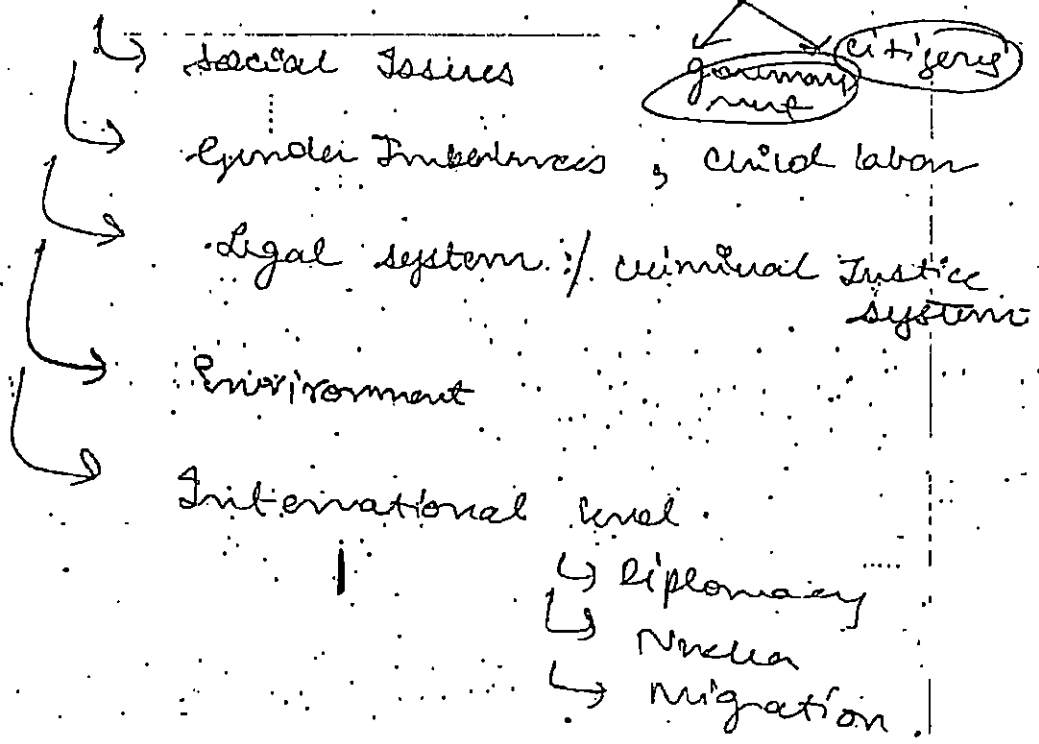
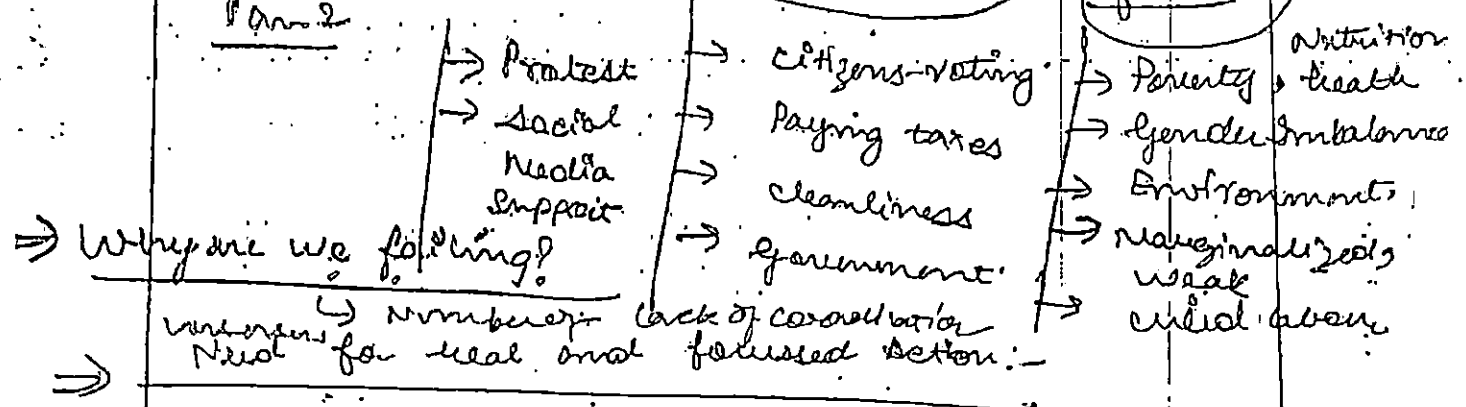
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 outrage  
 observations  
 real & focused  
 action

Society  
 Dramatic  
 failures



Conclusion

Way forward: mobilization, awareness.

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## Idea for Rough Work

1. The increasingly rapid pace of life is creating more problems than it solves.

due to industrialization, urbanisation, overpopulation &

• Key Concepts

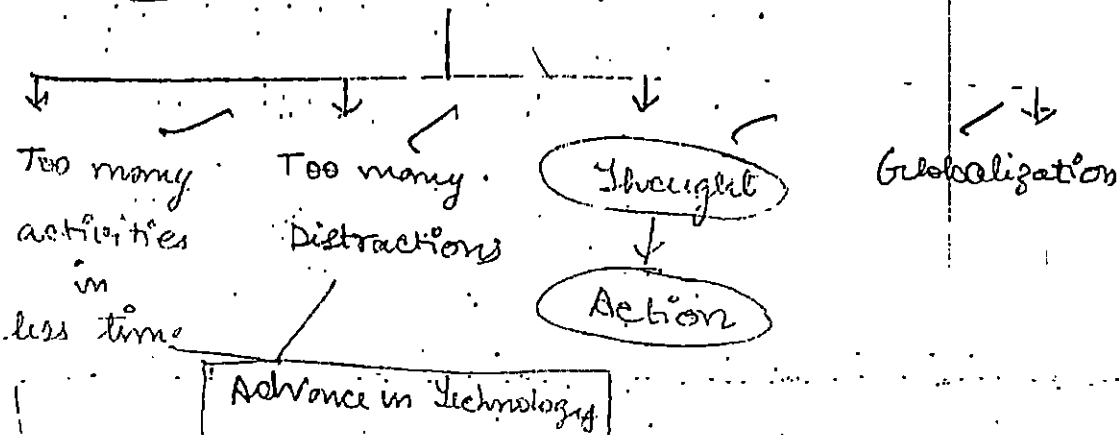
• Unfolding rapid pace of life - what all does it entail?

• Positive and negative aspects of rapid pace of life; Negative outweighing the positive

• Need for a healthy balance

• Main Idea 1:

Various Dimensions of rapid pace of life



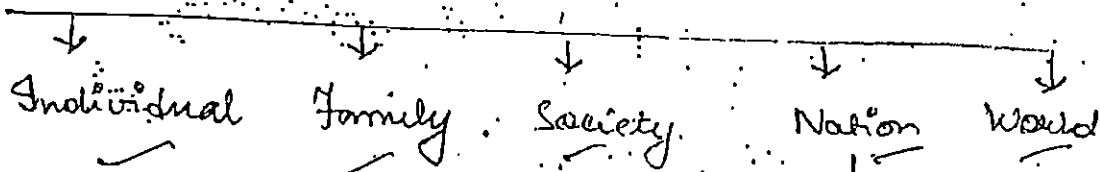
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After the Agrarian period came the industrialisation, followed by ~~Kodernisation~~ Urbanisation and Modernization.

Modernisation brought speed in life as the distances in

• Main Idea 2:

Various units where the consequence of fast pace can be assessed:



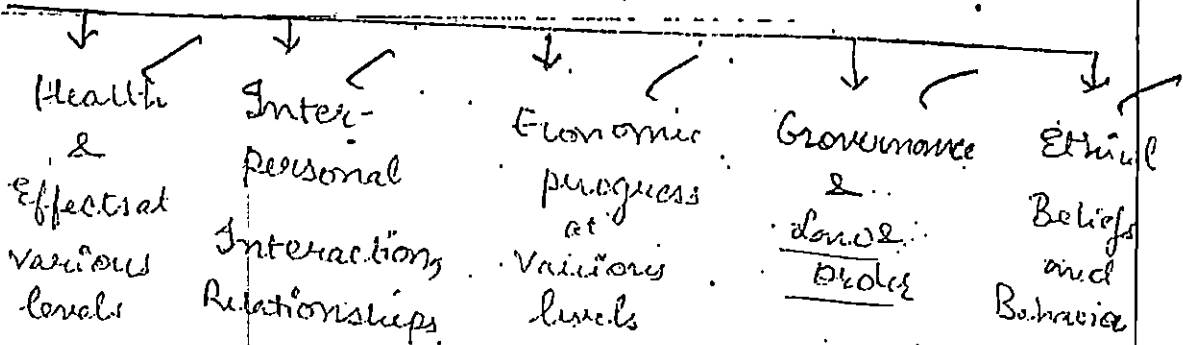
the city life needed a hurried life to reach the work place - longest hours, targets - mental & physical stress. All these things result in

Rural-Urban Divide

loopy family life and friends, no time to visit the native village, no time to participate in ritual and social functions, loopy

• Main Idea 3: health, tension and life becoming mechanical and self-centered

Various dimensions on which consequence can be evaluated:

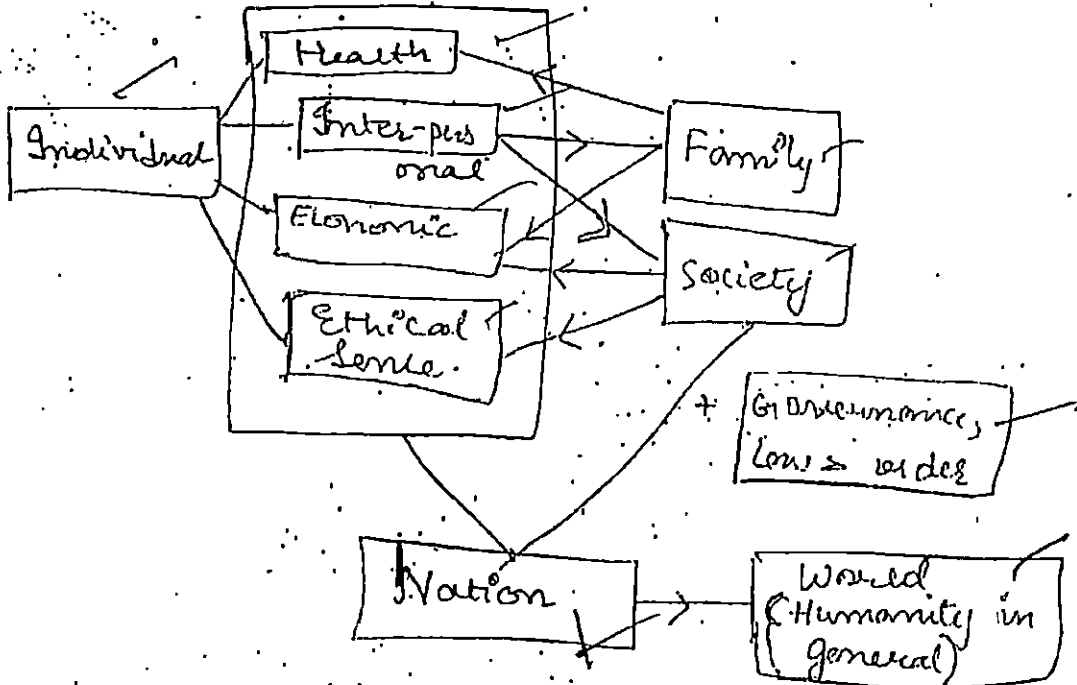


The man himself should realize to overcome all the above. First he/she has to develop the skills in his work / improve qualifications

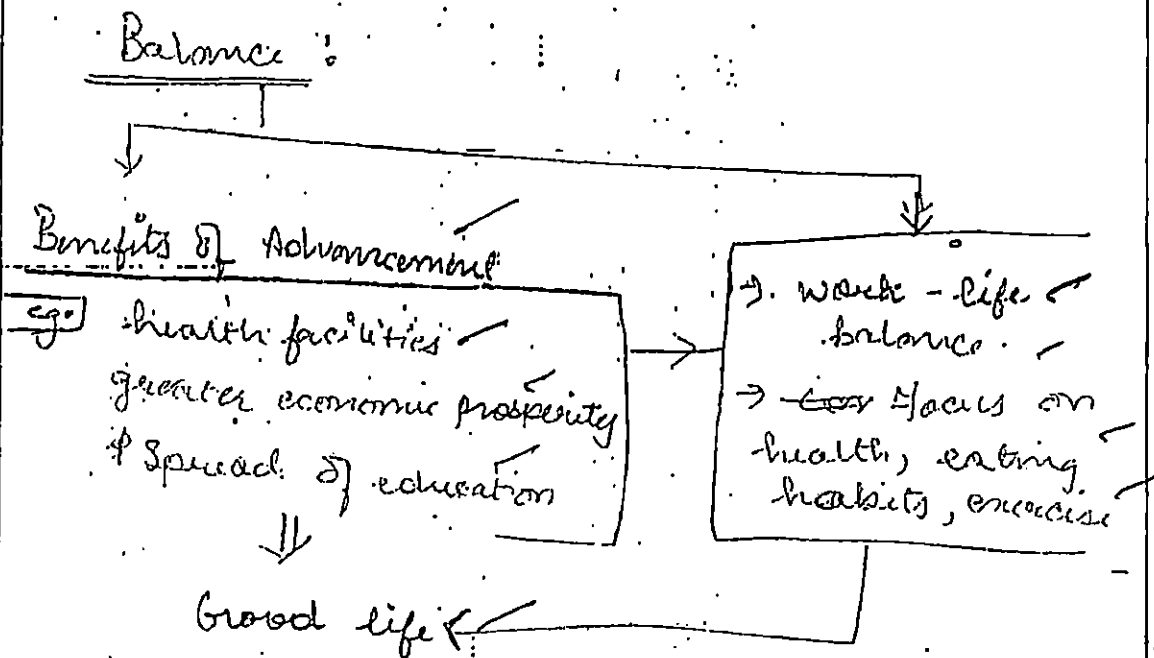
get a good career / job - earn good - spare time to **GS SCORE** friends and family. Visit the native village and participate in rituals and participate in social functions. Maintain health, work happily - off on LTC / holiday

pay taxes in full - never nobody in office - help others of poverty - The person can be happy in his life.

• Main Idea 4: Intersection of above 2 dimensions.



• Main Idea 5:



- a great nation is built by its people and -

2. The surest indicator of a great nation is, not the achievements of its rulers, artists, scientists, or businessmen, alone.

• Key Concepts

① Surest indicator entails what? ✓

[Most comprehensive measure of development and the equitable distribution of its fruits] ✓

② Various dimensions of the comprehensive indicator ⊖ Achievements ✓

③ Inadequacy of achievements to reflect in these measures ✓

④ Conclusion: Inclusive upliftment different from achievement of few and requires diff<sup>n</sup> approaches ✓

• Main Idea 1:

What should be the key components of surest measure?

- Quality of life ✓
  - Economic progress ✓
  - Equity ✓
- Education  
Living conditions  
Life expectancy

Illustrations of some indicators

- HDI ✓
- HDI - Gender corrected ✓
- MDPI etc. ✓

People from all walks of life (all the people in the country) **CS SCORE**  
should perform their duties with utmost respect, respect the persons working in the office, do no corruption, do not harass other employees/people. Pay your taxes in time - elect a good and non-corrupt govt. Also, the good governance will do -

• Main Idea 2:

Illustrations of achievements in various fields

- Sports ✓
- Business ✓
- Rules ✓
- Science ✓
- Art ✓

the best playing for the country → economic growth education and health to the citizens - improve infrastructure - ensure non-corrupt govt. - create an atmosphere of invest FDI & FDI in to the country - defend the borders - take care of Ecology - welfare to the destitute and the poor. Then the country automatically becomes great.

• Main Idea 3:

→ Inadequacy of above achievements to ensure overall upliftment

Illustrations: Indian businessman like Lakshmi Mittal among the richest in the world, still high unemployment, poverty persist.

eg) Scientists like CV Raman, Ramanujam, Aiyabhatta, still social evils like child marriage, Dowry persist

• Main Idea 4:

→ Additional factors to be considered for a comprehensive measure of assessing/evaluating success of a nation.

→ Interplay of all these factors creating a web of security against economic, social and other evils.

• Main Idea 5:

→ Importance of considering the comprehensive measure to ensure inclusive growth and development of nation.

→ Future generations will thrive on both inspiration and opportunities, resources to excel.

## Link-essay-1.

Excellent content. good understanding.

But key ideas can be arranged in better way.  
i.e.

- ① corruption - extent & threat
- ② How it makes democracy dysfunctional.
- ③ what is our experience in this regard.
- ④ Good governance & role of different stakeholders.  
self defence & patriotism.
- ⑤ what we can learn from countries where  
kept corruption at low.
- ⑥ lessons for future.

Let your essay emerge logically.  
And treat each key dimension as  
mini essay.

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Section - B

Q 3 Yesterday's score doesn't win you game today.

"Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future."

The idea highlights the dynamic nature of lives on earth. Determinism of every form has been invalidated by dynamism of life on earth. As we move ahead from the every beginning - from the big bang explosion - we see that life has evolved. Empires have fallen and new ones created, old order gave way to new civilisation.

Drawing lessons from the wider canvas of god's creation, humans can learn.

We must understand that past doesn't completely determine the present and future.

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Past success cannot blind us and past failures cannot bind us. The invisible, intangible hand of human potential is the mediator. We humans have the potential to survive and evolve <sup>through</sup> adversities. Therefore, man is called the most intelligent animal.

History is replete with examples of past lessons being applied to rise to new heights and disappearing into the oblivion by remaining status-quo. This essay aims to unlock and analyse the nuances <sup>behind</sup> ~~of~~ past success - being translated to present success or not.

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Past glory cannot always translate to success in present  
 But ~~not~~ <sup>can</sup> be learned after the bitter loss in World War-I, Germany picked itself up and

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organized under the military dictator Hitler. Germany and the Axis powers seemed invincible at the beginning, but it was not long before they were defeated at the Battle of Stalingrad. Subsequently, the axis powers were completely defeated and Germany suffered from Humiliation for the next 50 years till 1989.

What happened to Germany after World War-2 then repeated with USSR broken down. Stalin's immense success with the socialist model did not translate to Gorbachev's success. What happened on the world stage in the modern era has repeatedly happened in the largest democracy of the world.

Being a Electoral Democracy, India has witnessed rise and fall of political parties and leaders from its inception. After the win in 1971 Bangladeshi liberation war, it was said: India is Indira, Indira

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is India.??

However, the electoral mandate was not in her support in the 1977 general elections.

Not only in the public domain, the success has turned into failure in the private sector. In multiple cases. The case of the fall of Johnson Brothers during the 2008 global financial crisis is a case in point. Success is not final and failure not fatal!

Coming to a more individual level, it has been observed that a person born with a silver spoon is considered privileged for life. They do enjoy a huge advantage but none have succeeded without their share of effort. This brings us to the question, "Why does or doesn't past success translate to present glory always?"

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Reasons why past success doesn't translate

1) - present victories;

To start with, if success were <sup>throughout</sup> bestowed upon the same organism, the earth wouldn't have been what it is today. Had this been the case dinosaurs would have been alive today and Darwin's theory of "survival of the fittest" would be wrong. Thus, success without effect is actually going against the basic evolutionary principles that helped us survive.

Secondly, the very expectation that success should be constant is against the principles of natural justice. Since, if a constant set of individuals ~~or~~ organisms are successful then there would be a constant set that would be in disadvantage. Therefore,

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we have the concept of 'foodchain' in the ecosystem.

Finally, success should be seen as a product of persistence and effort. Experience is a huge factors but experience can never substitute effort and persistence. If that was the case we would never see new faces winning the grand slams every year.

This pushes us to think if success is not permanent, is failure temporary too?

Failures are nothing but stepping stones to success

"Finite disappointments shouldn't stop you from having infinite hope"

- Martin Luther King

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The reasons that explain why success is not permanent also shed light on how failures can be overcome. Had Mahatma Gandhi lost hope the day he was humiliated and thrown out of the train in South Africa, the course of Indian history would have been very different.

Similarly, sports is replete with examples of repeated failures having been crushed by the indomitable spirit of the sportspersons. For example, Mary Kom went on the Olympic medal after a long break ~~months~~ <sup>length</sup>, was given the title of "Flying Sikh" after his spectacular race in Pakistan.

Coming to the field of space innovations, failure has if at all only increased the resolve of scientists to

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To explore the unexplored.

Coming to the societal domain, it can be seen that indomitable spirit in itself is a success. Numerous acid attack victims, rising over their trauma to lead to normal day-to-day life is a story of success in itself. Yesterday's scars can indeed not dominate one today without one's permission.

Thus, overall <sup>see</sup> we see that success entails not just the final victory but the silent, behind-the-scenes perseverance and mental strength as well. The dynamic nature of the world gives hope to the distressed and advises the others to stay grounded.

Just as Lord Sri Krishna had advised Arjuna about Nishkama Karma in the Bhagavad Gita.

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Excellent  
 Some more ideas/elements were needed.  
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