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**ESSAY**

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

**Instructions to Candidate**

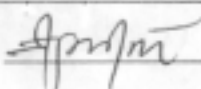
- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt one essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

*(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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## SECTION - A

1. ✓ A free woman is one, who does not live in the shadow of others' judgment, but one who makes her own choices based on her own wisdom.
2. Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes.
3. We are good architects of future, if our coming generations are not victim.
4. The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.

## SECTION - B

1. Patriotism is to support your country, not your government.
2. ✓ In a healthy politics, the leaders do not serve any ideology or political party, but people.
3. The difference between insanity and genius is success.
4. Intelligence is not IQ, but capacity of imagination.

"A Free woman is one, who does not live in the shadow of other's judgement, but one who makes her own choice based on her own decisions wisdom"

⇒ "One is not born woman,  
one becomes woman"

- Simon de Beauvoir

Kalpna was born in a village of Haryana. She was given bangles

to wear and was made to assist in the farmland, but Kalpana was not happy.... perhaps she was hoping for the true emancipation."

Woman constitutes half the number of humanity. Woman is born and right from the start she is "guided" to serve man as a wife, daughter, mother and many other roles. As rightly said by Simon de Beauvoise that man moulds the personality of the women as sex is natural but gender is artificial:

Woman also craves to pursue their dreams and to become a free woman. A free woman is that woman which

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tackles the situations without any superior guidance. She has her own notions about handling a situations and execute her plans to achieve her ultimate goals.

### Free women: Origin

The ideas of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity came with the demolition of Bastille Prison and the heralding of French Revolution. Along with Man's charter of Rights, Mary Wollstonecraft demanded women's charter of rights. These rights could emancipate a women from the chains of subordination by the male counterpart from centuries,

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- The spillover effect was the awareness and rise of feminisation. Many leaders started demanding for equality of women vis a vis men and also freedom to shape and choose her dreams without under any external guidance.

This resulted in the success of liberation of women although a limited one. Most of the countries granted Adult franchise to women in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Apart from this participation of women in the fight against colonialism had a truly emancipatory effect. Sarojini Naidu participated in the Dhasana Salt Satyagraha proving that nationalism is not the fiefdom of men.

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But, does this small step was enough to dismantle the systemic subordination of women? Were the women free enough to pursue their dreams transcending economic, social or legal hurdles?

### BARRIERS TO WOMEN

Betty Friedan, a feminist scholar held that "Personal is Political" means the way the political system is dominated by the males, in the same manner, there is a prevalence of patriarchy in the family. Patriarchy welcomes a woman when she is born and bids adieu when she dies.

Patriarchy is so-entrenched that the woman starts becoming a woman in the real sense. She is told what to wear, what to eat and what to drink. eg: Khap Panchayat decisions to ban girls from wearing jeans and eating noodles as it gives rise to early maturity.

Misogynism is prevalent in the society. we can see that not even 100 leaders of countries in the world have been women in the last 100 years. In Indian society Misogynism is practiced in every sphere of life. It is most virulent in the religious sphere where in the name of tradition,

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Customs and religiosity, women are constantly reminded of their subordination. Sabramala Temple issue illustrates this where women belonging to a particular age group are denied entry in the temple.

Apart from this the son Metapreferences as pointed out by Economic survey has led to 1 million missing women and unwanted girls in the India, Feminisation of agriculture is happening. 55% of female workforce is in agricultural sector but only 12.5% owns the operational land holdings [Census 2011], this clearly shows the systemic exclusion of Indian women from the mainstream.

Gender inequality Index

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of World Economic Forum sank - India at a dismal low (108<sup>th</sup>). The main reason is lack of political participation and unequal opportunity and unequal payment in jobs.

All these points towards the complete exclusion of women from the society. The need of the hour is to incorporate women in the development process. United Nations SDG 5 aims to reduce gender inequality.

REAL FREEDOM: ACT ACCORDING TO WISDOM

Women will not be free unless substantial investment is done to augment Human Capital. IMF points out that if the potential

Indian women is harnessed, it can spur India's economic growth. As when women will participate in the innovative and economic field it will accelerate the economy.

Free woman can also act as a tool to counter ~~better~~ social evils like illiteracy, malnutrition, low sex ratio as many reports has suggested that a well educated and empowered woman is likely to be more responsible in her family duties.

In order to capitalise on the demographic dividend, the Indian government is pursuing various programmes which can provide

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the women as a platform to realise her freedom. Beti Padhao Beti Bachao along with Sukanya Kanyashree Prakalpa Yojna are steps in this direction.

Given the lack of political empowerment, the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act has provided reservation to women (33%) in the local government. The 108<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Bill also aims to provide the reservation in parliament.

Indian Judiciary has played a significant role in the emancipation of women. with the judgments like Hadiya Case verdict, Triple Talak, Right to privacy, it has

empowered women.

### [FREEWOMAN: SPILLOVER EFFECT]

Sweden is the first country which has incorporated feminist foreign policy. Feminist foreign policy aims to shape a nation's foreign policy according to the qualities of a woman. Proponents believe that women being calm and relaxed can help tackle the rising threat of war. Thus India should also go for this to resolve its disputes with neighbours.

In the recent WTO Ministerial meeting at Buenos Aires, the Gender issues featured in the talks which indicates towards the acknowledgment

from the international community on the need to have women-oriented developmental growth.

Kalpana was lucky to get the benefit of the rising tide of woman freedom. She became an astronaut the Kalpana Chawla whose name got inked in the sky. For her sky was the limit and thus a free woman can expand the overall developmental borders of the world as well as India.

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IN A HEALTHY POLITICS, the LEADERS DO NOT SERVE ANY IDEOLOGY OR POLITICAL PARTY BUT PEOPLE"

→ "Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum"  
 means "let justice be done even though the heavens falls"

Ramu has just exercised his franchise. He is optimistic that his leader would win the election. Suddenly a cloak of despair engulfs his mind, what if his leader does not win? what will happen to his problems? whom he will approach for his grievances?"

A healthy politics tries to provide justice to all its constituents. Justice is the virtue of a healthy politics, the way rights are the

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virtue of formation of society. The passion which drives the leaders in politics is the public service and should not be constrained by any narrow ideology or political party.

People is the fulcrum around which the whole political system functions. But like the two sides of the coin, Politics can also in its worst form be detrimental to the society.

### POLITICS : SPACE AND TIME

Politics was the privilege of the chosen one in ancient times. The king used to exercise their divine rights in order to rule over the subjects. In that time



It depended on the ~~arbitration~~ discretion of the ruler in what way he would exercise the ~~politics~~ for example, King Ashoka ruled for the humanity however Chengiz Khan plundered humanity.

With the oncoming of democracy the power shifted into the hands of subjects, they became citizens. The most practical form of democracy was to exercise franchise to choose leader who would form and execute the policies for the betterment of the society and public interest.

The golden era of police in a healthy was the struggle of third world countries against the

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onslaught - of imperialism and colonialism. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela with their mass struggles showed what a health politics with a healthy leader can lead to.

At the same time, the contradiction of leaders getting entrapped into their narrow ideology was exposed when the world witnessed holocaust under Adolf Hitler in his quest for Aryan superiority over Jews. The detonation of Nuclear Bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki was also the consequence of ideological battles which transcended human compassion.

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## HEALTHY POLITICS HEALTHY LEADER

Politics is seen in every sphere. The democratically elected government can shape the society through the way it plays the politics. If a political party highlights developmental issues, it can lead to the improvement in social indicators like health education while an identity based politics can lead to casteism and communalism which can perpetuate social chasm.

In legal politics, the leaders are Judges. If Judges are objective and free from any biasness, they can elevate the social good.

eg: through Judicial activism, Indian Judiciary has expanded the scope of

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Right to life, liberty, etc. But if they are motivated by an ideology, they might lay the foundation of disarmony. eg: In Pakistan, people lost faith in Judiciary when they deliberately retarded opposition parties from contesting elections.

With the end of ideologies due to end of cold war, the Capitalism way of life superseded the communism. This led to the politics of economy. The developing countries are in favour of Doha Rounds of talks and autonomy for public welfare in WTO (eg Peace clause for food security). This politics can lead to a devastating effect if not pursued properly. India is in the

right direction as it has formed Q-33 Coalition to fight for it's people.

The industrialisation in the eighteenth century also lead to politics of environment. we can see that in the ongoing environmental discussion, Developed and developing countries have locked horns. If leaders do not think about public, they might invite the threat to their very existence. eg: Most of the Island nations are under threat due to sea level rise.

### POLITICS! PRESENT SEENARIO

Although with the coming of Democracy — "the rule of the people, by the people, to the people" (Abraham Lincoln), the power is not

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utilised in the interest of common man.

The instances of authoritarianism as can be seen in Maldives under Yameen government, intrusion into domestic spheres by other countries [e.g. Yameen crisis, Syria crisis] is a chilling tale. That political leader should not only help their "electorate" but also the humanity at large.

For this United Nations provides an effective platform to realise the ultimate goal of healthy politics which aims at the betterment of society. With resolutions like ~~Right~~ Responsibility to protect, Peace keeping force, UN is setting an example how political leader in a domestic government should be.

India is fortunate that

it had its democratic foundations laid very strong. Indian leaders like Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, A B Baypayee worked tremendously on the principle of Panchsheel to help its people.

However, the regionalisation of politics based on identities like Caste, religion, language has led to banality of evil where inhuman actions like mob lynching in the name of cow protection is on the rise. Indian leaders should not forget that idea of India is ~~intra~~ intricate to its diversity, this way by using politics to criticise such anti social elements, leader can enthuse people.

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Edmund Burke held that leaders doesn't come to parliament for their narrow constituency interest but for the national interest. India's national interest is in serving the people of India. Political leaders can play healthy politics to justify their actions which should be people oriented and not ideology or political party oriented.

Ramji is confident that his leader might not win but the essence of healthy democracy which lays in the political leader being of a servant of people irrespective of his Caste, creed, sex, language, religion will win.

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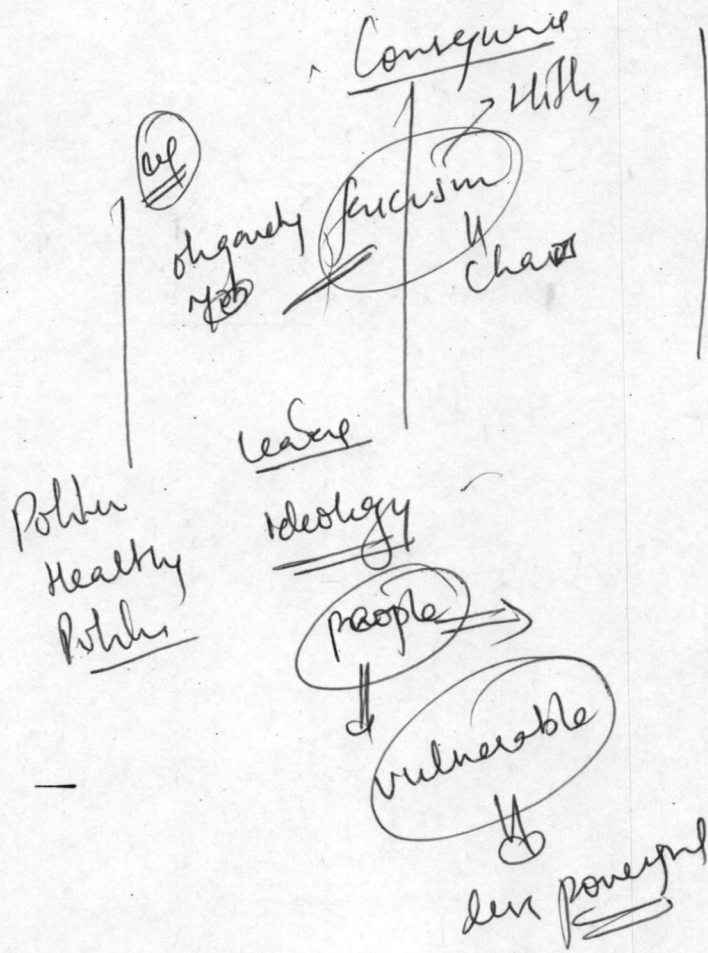
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M-G Gandhi  
Nelson Mandela

North Korea  
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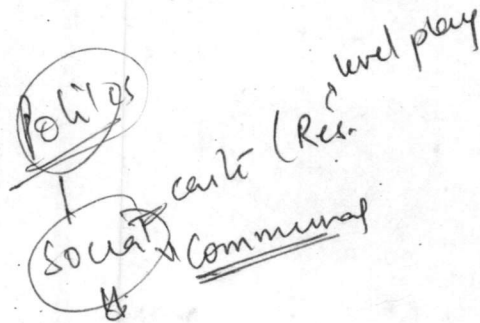
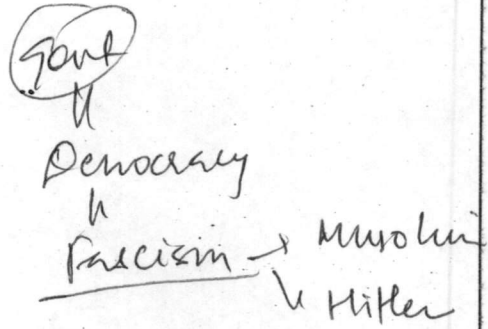
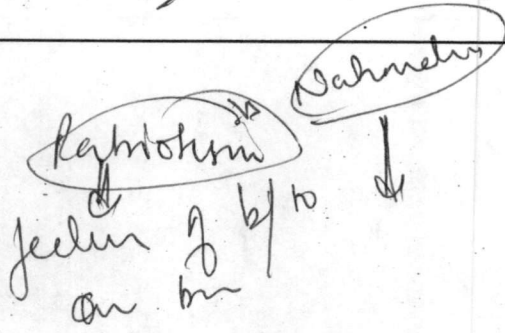


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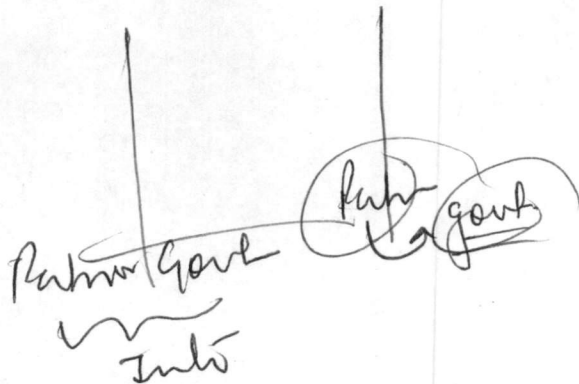
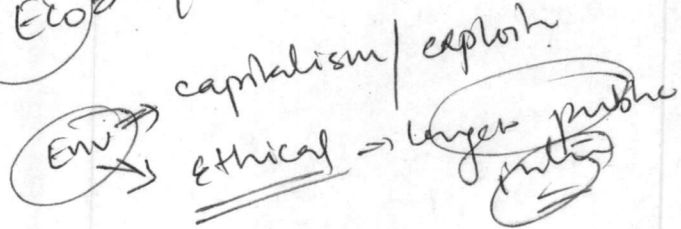
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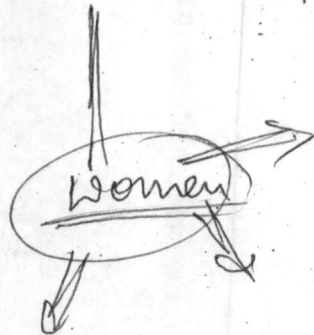
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Women --

Simon de Beauvoir ..



women → mother, Bishu wife

Issues

Mary Wollstonecraft

change of women right

History

Indig / gods

Misogynism - (Sabdinata)

- Patriarchy

feminism [Ecosurvey]

Issues

unwanted girls [son mekha]

Female mutilation  
(Case in Sri)

missing women  
[1 million]

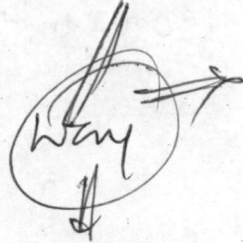
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Role of free wmn

- 1) Gandhian
- 2) European
- 3) Jindia Gandhi

feminine foreign policy

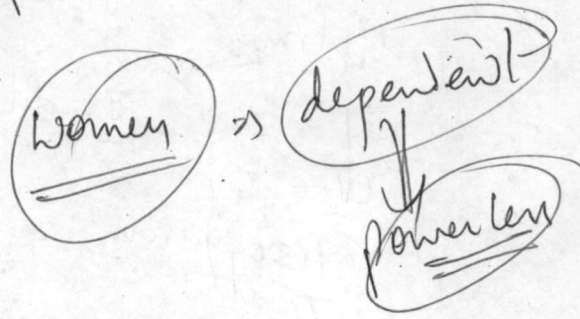


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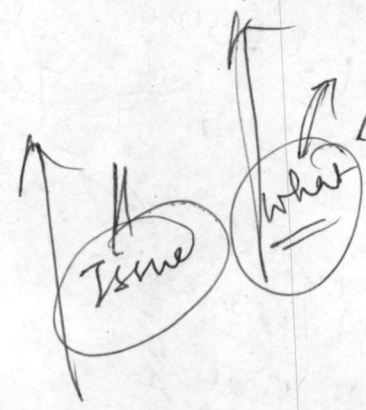
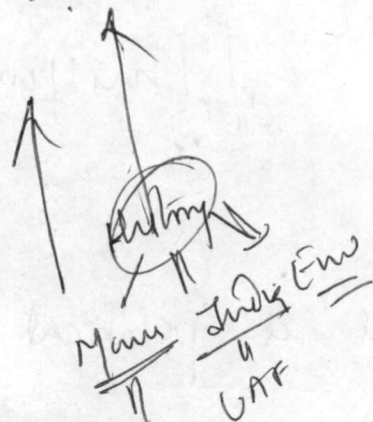
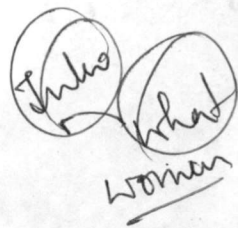
- 1) 33% 78<sup>th</sup> 79<sup>th</sup>
- 2) 108<sup>th</sup> and Bill
- 3) Khap panch

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- 1) Madhya case
- 2) Triple Talag case
- 3) Death Penalty (124A)
- 4) She Act



feminist  
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