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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. Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall
2. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
3. Death is not the greatest loss in life; the greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live.
4. People who are in a fortunate position always attribute virtue to what makes them so happy

**SECTION - B**

1. The only answer to climate change is "change"
2. Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response
3. Universities should be a place for 'creativity', 'out of the box thinking' and 'ideological disruptions'
4. Development means only human development; all other measures of growth are misleading.

## SECTION - B

2. Science and Technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response.

Since the advent of modern science, human civilizations have moved forward at a pace which is unprecedented. The number of new vistas that science has opened up, and the unbound potential it posses has compelled human to exploit it.

On the other hand, looking at the underlying global inequalities, cleavages and fissures, the question on the egalitarianism of science comes. How has the world become so diverse and divided in utilizing the benefits of science? Why do we have a 1<sup>st</sup> World and a 3<sup>rd</sup> World?

Modern technology and science is usually traced back to 17<sup>th</sup> century post-renaissance Europe. But it is a well accepted fact that

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Science and technology have always been a man's companion. Beginning from the tools, weapons of hunter-gatherer man, to invention of fire and agriculture, science occupies a prominent position in human civilization.

Technology is anything that either eases man's work or aggrandizes his potential (both physical and mental). It includes wheel, axe, bullock-carts of ancient times to Artificial Intelligence, cloud computing and nuclear bomb of today. So, technology is something that made the wandering hunter man an agriculturist. So, the first revolution that science brought was way before Industrial revolution. It was in form of empowerment of man to produce his own food.

#### MODERN SCIENCE - HOW IT ALL BEGAN?

The modern form of science & technology - how we know it in 21<sup>st</sup> century, has its genesis in Europe. It was a product of Renaissance - 'The era of Reason'.

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What fire was for ancient man, Steam engine is for modern counterpart. With development of science came unbound production. A surplus that man never saw before. The quality of human life was improved overnight.

The speed and efficiency increased. The health of human improved and he started living longer. The whole of Europe was living in a Euphoria.

Then came the need to distribute this surplus. This need entailed Colonisation. It resulted into "Europisation" of the World. Advance in technology of ship building and navigation made Europeans cross vast seas and reach other continents. In the beginning, the other continents were markets, but soon an export of technology began. Till now, the effects of technology were uniform as ~~the~~ whole Europe shared same culture.

### EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY AND NEW REVELATIONS

Till science & technology were limited to Europe,

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its effects and ramifications were common. But when it was exposed to altogether a different socio-cultural setup of Asia and Africa, ~~was~~ the responses observed were hugely diverse.

When Britishers landed on Indian soil in 1600, they found a missing 'spirit of Capitalism' in Indians - A land abundantly with resources, and with no zeal to exploit it among natives. British used the scenario to their favor and became India's colonial rulers.

Subsequently, British imported latest technologies to India (for their own benefits). This included steam-driven ships and latest weaponry. But, to their utmost surprise, Indians thoroughly neglected all ~~such~~ these. It was found that it was against the Hindu dharma of Indians to cross sea and go for ventures. The army resented crossing seas even on the line of duty. And when the ~~new~~ rifles, with animal fat in its cartridge were introduced, the

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whole Battalion went for revolt.

Not only in India, ~~British~~ Europeans had such eye opening incidences in Africa ~~also~~ and other parts of Asia also.

Now, it became clear that what science in Europe is, that science is not in Asia.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science - WHAT HAS CHANGED NOW!?

130 crore population, 200 crore mobiles and 50 crores of laptops. This is the reality of India in 21<sup>st</sup> century. So, at the first glance it appears that India has changed and has become acceptable to science now.

But when looked even more closely, we can see the image of 'Hanuman' on wallpaper, and hear the ringtone of 'Surga Aarti' in the same phones. So, technology has not led to modernization of India, rather India has led to Indianization of technology.

What is true for India, is true for other parts of World as well.

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Technology connects the world and has made the Earth a global village. The same technology kills innocent in Afghanistan and Syria. Radicalized militants are using it to spread terror, when NGOs like Red Cross are spreading health and peace through it.

Nuclear power is ~~also~~ lightening bulbs all over the world. It has become a major source of green energy. 77% of electricity in France comes from nuclear power. Also, 100% of North Korea's problems are begotten by Nuclear power. When the World is producing electricity, Korea, ~~is~~ driven by the spirit of militarism and dictatorship, is producing bombs.

Not only science has led to above mentioned dichotomies, it has also led to consolidation of beliefs and tradition.

India is a family bound society. Joint families are a unique feature of India. ~~But~~ But as our society became more aspirational

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the jointness felt a major blow. Nuclear families became common. ~~place~~  
 But with advent of latest mobile technology,  
 the jointness has been reinstated. Son sitting  
 in USA is now video-chatting with his mother  
 sitting in Bhatinda. There are family-groups  
 on WhatsApp which are ~~uniting~~ uniting the members  
 again.

Religious societies have lost their touch with  
 God in their busy lives. People now, do not  
 have time to visit temples and mosques.  
 So what? 'Aastha channel' will bring God  
 to their homes. The way they have adapted  
 to the technology is driven by their devotion  
 to God. There is no 'Aastha' channel in China  
 or Russia.

~~An eminent sociologist~~ An eminent sociologist Max Weber has  
 brought the distinction of such ~~dis~~ reactions  
 to technology to the fore. He studied the  
 religions of India and China and compared  
 them with the protestantism of Europe.  
 In his work 'Protestant Ethics and spirit of

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'Capitalism', he found that it the dharma-karma belief of Indians and their association with caste system that has impeded the rise of Capitalism and growth of technobegy in India.

Not only tradition, past memories may sometimes haunt the people. For example, Japan is only developed and powerful country that resents nuclear bombs the most. They do not possess any nuclear ~~so~~ weapons and are flag-bearers of anti-nuclear weapon drive. This is inspired by their haunting experience of 1945 Hiroshima & Nagasaki attacks.

So, their acceptance of latest technologies like bullet trains and rejection of technology of nuclear weapons is driven by their memories of past.

So, it is clear by the above evidences that the response and acceptance of

science and technology by people is not uniform.

When on one hand Taliban uses the technology for its ~~radicalism~~ & religious radicalism, Aasha channel broadcasts message of peace and solidarity.

This dichotomy is neither new, nor conclusive. It has existed in the past and will also exist in the future.

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SECTION - A

3. Death is not the greatest loss in life; the greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live.

23<sup>rd</sup> March 1931 is a date so deeply carved into the stone of Indian history that it will not be forgotten for coming many generations.

It's the day when three revolutionary-nationalists of Indian ~~nati~~ independence movement were hanged to death. Out of the three, one of them was reading the work of Lenin on a night before.

Their eyes were shining with pride ~~in their~~ in their last moments. Just moments before the final execution, all three hugged each other and congratulated themselves, and for one last time shouted "Inqab Zindabad". Their slogan was so loud that the echoes could be ~~been~~ heard till many decades.

All three met their end that day, but they never died.

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Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru and many other similar characters in the history have proved it again and again that human ~~body~~<sup>is</sup> is mere mortal, but a human can live for centuries.

But, is the inverse of same is also true!? Can a human be alive, yet dead!?

There is a famous saying: ~~which~~  
"Most men die at eighteen, but are buried at eighty".

### WHAT HUMAN IS!?

Are ~~we~~ we just a bunch of muscles, fat and skin held together by a calcium skeleton? what is it that makes us different from other animals? why are we supreme and superior to even a lion who is many times stronger?

These questions have haunted men for generations and still remained nebulous.

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When a human is born, he carries a clear mind with him. He is free from any congenital information, values or norms of society. He is like a wet cement, ~~nowhere~~ anything could be easily marked.

This makes all humans equal at birth.

But slowly, when he starts to learn, he acquires knowledge, gains experience and become a 'full human'. This is the stage when humans remain no more equals.

So, goes the famous saying - "All men are born equal, but don't die equal"

Post-death, they again become equals, that is all get reduced to naught. Everyone is again absolutely same.

If we all started as equals, and are all bound to reduced to ashes, then what makes the difference? Why is someone immortal like Mahatma Gandhi, while other is not even known.

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The answer lies in between the Birth and death. How we die is irrelevant; how we are born is irrelevant, what matters is how we live !!

### THE LOST ZEAL, AND A RAY OF HOPE.

18<sup>th</sup> century America was fraught with slavery, hopelessness and exploitation. Racism was ubiquitous, and people were made slaves on the basis of their race and colour. The system was so ingrained into the American society and culture that the 'Black' people lost any hope of life. They became living dead and were beaten, oppressed and exploited daily.

With hopelessness and negativity prevalent all around, people couldn't see any future. They all just waited for their deaths which was eventually waiting for them.

In such a quagmire of pain and despair,

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came a ray of hope in form of Abraham Lincoln. The man who was 6 feet 7 inches tall stood at the zenith for all Blacks. His stature ~~was~~ and his zeal for freedom was taller than him.

The men who were till now dead and silent suddenly stood alive. The new hope and the apparent future reinvigorated them so much that they declared a Civil war in America. The civil war continued from 1851 to 1865 and the whole of America became free of slavery.

The dead men were walking again.

#### EXAMPLES FROM THE PAST AND PRESENT

It has been about 1000 years since ~~the~~ 1192. This was the year when second battle of Terrain was fought. A 26-year old Rajput king lost the war and his life in this war. Yet, even today his name is alive in the history of India.

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Prithviraj Chauhan did so much in his short 26 years of life that 1000 years of history couldn't vanish his name.

Let's not go too far in history. Stephen Hawking is a very recent example. A crippled and handicapped man, bound to his chair for most of his life. Most men in such circumstances would have lost hope and died. But Hawking not only remained alive, he lived his life to the fullest; contributing to the world of science and society.

Both Prithviraj and Stephen had their own limitations. One had a very small life, other had a handicapped one. Still, both proved a common fact -

- Don't die till you die.

### THE DEATH SOCIETY TODAY : MUTE OR DEAD!?

Recently a news made into headlines about public lynching of a man in Maharashtra.

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People around ~~with~~ watched the man being lynched to death and stood as mute spectators.

This is not a sole incidence of such happenings. This mute-spectator has become a new normal. All of us have become "dead" socially.

The basic ~~of~~ senses and virtues of humanism have died inside us. We can't ~~empathize~~ empathize with fellow humans.

A part of human inside us has already died.

What makes human different from animals is ~~is~~ his emotions. The emotions of love, hatred, empathy, sympathy, motivation and aspiration.

It was the motivation and spirit of enquiry that made us discover unimaginable things. It was the zeal to survive and do something different that fueled our

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Civilizations. When the Darwinian survival of fittest was under work, we survived over many our ancestors.

The zeal & motivation still drives us. It still fuels our actions and aspirations.

Recently in a INDIA vs AUSTRALIA cricket match, 26 runs were needed out of 10 balls. While whole of India was hopeless, MS Dhoni took the strike and came to bat. And rest is history.

So, till the "Dhoni" inside us is alive, we are living. When this "Dhoni" inside us dies, we die. Our body lives.

"Men die at 18, buried at 80".

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