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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.

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(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.

SECTION-A :

We are good architects of future, if our coming generations are not victims

The form in which we see the Earth today has not always been the same. It has evolved to the current form over billion of years of evolution. With the evolution or transformation of the Earth, the life-forms on it have evolved. We are just one stage of this evolution. Many ~~were~~ have come earlier and many more ~~were~~ are yet to visit. So, we are hanging somewhere in middle of the continuum, we ain't at either of terminals.

Such a middle position in the chain bestows certain duties and responsibilities on us. What we have borrowed from ancestors must be passed on. A famous quote summarizes the above situation:

"we have not inherited the Earth from our forefathers ; we have borrowed it from our children".

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The quote clearly reflects the responsibilities vested upon us. What we do ~~do~~ today has a lasting effect and do affect our coming generations. They are the victims of our crimes, and beneficiaries of our good-deeds. Question is, how far have we faired in ~~do~~ the duties assigned?

Global warming as a phenomenon is neither new, nor totally anthropogenic. It does occur naturally as well. But what makes it alarming today is the magnitude and rate at which it's spreading. The Conference of Parties of UNFCCC held in Paris in 2015 highlighted the fact that the average temperature of Earth has risen by 1.8/4 0.6°C since Industrial revolution. Out of which 0.5°C is attributed to last 40 years. The pace at which we are advancing will result into a 3°C rise by 2100. This shall be devastating to the whole world, particularly to the ~~seashore~~ islands of World. The lands will be inundated.

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and we will be left with minimal land for survival. A population boom accompanied by land loss - ~~will~~ who's the victim : we or the coming generations ?

The environmental degradation we have been causing is not limited to the temperature. according to a report by LANCET, approximately 60 million people die of cardiac diseases and respiratory disease caused by Air Pollution. Similar numbers go for water pollution and other forms of pollution. Pollution is a new health hazard unknown to our forefathers.

The environmental changes that WE have caused have caused a precarious situation for our children. The rivers are on the verge of floodings, Tsunamis are on increase, Cyclones behave abruptly etc. ~~If~~ if the situation is not controlled, we will gift a time-bomb to our progenies which will one day surely explode.

After environment, the next major sector

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Which has witnessed maximum change is Technology.

~~Technology~~ TECHNOLOGY : Evolving Us or Dissolving Us!?

Industrial Revolution was a watershed event for humanity. It completely changed the way we produce and fulfill our needs. The speed and efficiency was enhanced manifolds. What earlier took us 10 hours ~~now~~ was taking 1 hour after the Industrial revolution. Earlier, it took ~~100~~ years to build a machine, now it was taking days.

But ~~I did~~ it ~~also~~ also means that what took centuries to be built earlier will be vanished in years?

Unfortunately, the answer's an affirmative. We were destroying and exploiting things at an unprecedented speed. Exploitation of resources witnessed a new pace.

Technology gave men a huge power. A power without any restraints and limitations. A power which could be used in either way.

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It would take us to new heights of success and well-being, also it could push us to the nadir of hopelessness.

We took up the first choice of prosperity and well-being, without realising that both of them were ~~one~~ ~~the~~ sides of the same coin. We embarked on a journey of fulfilling our needs to attain a self-created Euphoria and almost forgot the ill-effects it can cause.

Resultantly, we exploited resources at a pace which Earth was unable to renew. Since most of these resources were non-renewable, soon our basket will be empty.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) comes up with a concept called - Earth Overshoot Day. This is the day when mankind uses all the resources of Earth which Earth could naturally renew in that year. Earth overshoot day in 1901 was in December, and ~~in~~ in 2018, it was on 2nd August - earliest in the history.

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This means, from 2nd August to 31st December, we are using resources which Earth cannot replenish. ~~It's~~ In other words, we are borrowing 5 months of resources from future.

WE WERE BORN AS A HUMAN - WILL WE DIE AS ONE?

The question looks vague and faulty at first glance. But if we look at the society that we are creating and passing to our coming generations, it won't look strange.

Death of body is not ultimate death. Ultimate death is what dies within us when we are alive.

The very attributes of human - humanity, empathy, emotions and values are dying.

The society today is divided on so many factors like religion, nationality, caste, sub-caste, gender, race, color etc.

The divisions have led to a peaceful and

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chaotic society. Groups have been formed, and cemented to fight with each other. One religion is antagonistic towards other. One nation does not look to other eye-in-eye.

The peace and harmony which prevailed for last many centuries is on a decline.

The society that we are giving to coming generations is fraught with cleavages, internal differences, divisions and sub-divisions.

This antagonism has led to war and conflicts. To sustain in these wars, new weapons are invented. The world was oblivious of nuclear bomb just 100 years ago. New ~~wee~~ and deadly weapons, with cracks in the ~~society~~ world, society lead to a precarious future.

POPULATION EXPLOSION & IMPACTS

Current population of World is about 6 Billion. It took the world ~~1000 years~~ years upto 1750 AD to reach 2 Billion. Within next

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200 years we were 3 billion , and from 3 billion to 6 billion, we took just 70-80 years. We are exponentially expanding in numbers.

With resources limited in quantity , with land already overburdened and with cities over-crowded , ~~any~~ further addition will be fatal.

Although , technology has enabled us to produce more . But it has its own limitations . Green revolution in India is an example .

~~While~~ Also technology has enabled us to fight deadly diseases , but it has also caused new diseases . Ebola , Diabetes , etc are new diseases added to the list .

THE WAY FORWARD .

From the above discussion , it is clear that we have done enough wrong to make our children suffer . They are the victims of crime we have done . ~~So~~ But the good news

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is that this is not the end.

It is good to see that we have realised the fact that we are at fault. Now, we have embarked on a journey to wash the past sins. We still do have time to save our future generations. For this, we need to be a good architect of the future.

In the COP-15 of Paris, the countries have come together to pledge their contributions to control the temperature rise by 2030. Each country has pledged for the steps it will take.

We are also using the latest technology to fight against existing pollution. A step to move away from fossil fuel to renewable fuel ~~has~~ ^{has} been taken. Electric vehicles are no more a ~~rare~~ sight on roads.

Regarding the International peace and societal harmony, we have worked on forming a framework to indulge in ~~not~~ mutual talks. Foras are coming up all around the world.

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President Trump and Kim-Jin Jong have lately pledged mutual peace. Treaties for Nuclear non-proliferation are making way.

The time is ripe when we realise our roles and become a good architect to shape the future in a way that our children don't become victims.

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SECTION B:

In a healthy politics, the leaders do not serve any ideology or political party, but people.

The World that we live in is a multi-structural & multi-staged World. There are numerous stakeholders and participants in any sphere. The World is a chariot driven by a hundred horses. And the rein of the horses is held by the leaders of society.

They are the ones who shape and designs the future of people. How they behave, what is their ideology and how competent they are ~~are~~ are the deciding factors for World.

In this multi-structural World, there persists a thousands and millions of ideologies. Every man's brain is ~~a~~ a storehouse of ideas which eventually take shape of an action. With this cobweb and labyrinth of ideologies,

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what matters the most is the thoughts of a leader. - His ideas and his insights.

WHO ARE LEADERS!?

The ones at the top are reflection of the ones at bottom. The leadership is a reflection of the society that it leads.

It is the society itself in microcosm. They are just a symbol of people that they lead.

They are the mirror to the masses which reflect the strengths and weaknesses of them only.

This point can be proved by looking at the leaders of India in past. Indian society is driven by the values of peace, harmony and brotherhood. And thus, we have seen leaders like Gautam Buddha in ancient past and Mahatma Gandhi in near past.

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(ORIGIN OF LEADERS)

Where do the leaders come from? Are they people with innate qualities, or they are made on the ground among masses?

According to Max Weber there are three sources of authority which makes any person a leader. These are - Charisma of the person (charismatic authority), Statutes and laws (legal authority), and from tradition of people (Traditional authority).

Charismatic leaders are like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King.

These leaders do not own their position by the virtue of some law or by means of some election. They are the people who emerge out of the masses. They are voice of voiceless.

Traditional leaders are the ones who do not get power from modern constitutional or statutory law, but from traditional texts and

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scriptures of tradition. In Indian context, they may include Brahmin priests and in West, the Pope is an example.

Legal-Rational Leaders are the ones which ~~inform~~ hold power by virtue of some statute like the leader of a state eg - President of India or POTUS.

All the above mentioned leaders have a different style of their leadership. They are loyal to different people and have contrasting ideologies many times.

For example, the traditional leaders are usually backward looking and resist change while the charismatic leaders are .. revolutionary.

The question arises - Who will lead in the modern world today?

THE 'LEADER' AMONG LEADERS

If we look into the changes that have

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occurred in behavior of masses over a period of time, we will find that people have become more vocal ~~and~~ about their needs.

Thanks to rationality and scientific temper begotten by renaissance that today the masses cannot be led in a way done earlier. The Church, which had sweeping powers earlier, is now powerless. The Kings of Kingdoms have been overthrown. One who survives is the one who fulfills the demands of people.

The Louis XVI was overthrown in 1789 by French revolution. He was followed by Jacobins, who again were overthrown as they failed to meet the expectations. Likewise, France saw 11 power shifts till it became a republic. It is ultimately the power of masses that prevailed.

So, under such circumstances, who shall be supreme among the three leaders discussed above?

The answer lies in a blend of all three.

leader who ~~wields~~ wields power by virtue of some election, but he could not mobilise the masses has not been ~~successfull~~ successful.

But a leader who is elected by people and also shows a charisma to people is welcomed.

Example includes the PM of India Narendra Modi and the President of Russia - Putin.

Although, PM Modi has become a leader by an ~~voter~~ election, he holds the current position in India due to his ~~common~~ charisma which is also called 'Modi Wave' by many.

A particular leader with his affinity towards an ideology demand ~~is~~ that doesn't match the people's overthrows.

CHANGING PATTERN OF PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR

There was a time, particularly in the third World country, when people acquiesced with whatever their leader would say. The leadership

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was supreme.

But the times have changed. With modern education, latest communication technology ~~as~~ with have become aware and put forward their demands. The prime motivation behind their behaviour is their individual ~~utalitarianism~~ utilitarianism. Individual has replaced group behavior.

If the voting behavior data is to go by, we find that people vote as per their needs fulfilment.

~~Rather~~ They do not look at the name of the Party, but look at the election manifesto that the party comes with.

In 2014 elections, the particular party did not win the elections; rather it was a ~~promise~~ promise of euphoric 'ache din' that won the elections.

THIS IS NOT AN END!

But, unfortunately the above discussed scenario is not universal. Not all the countries are democratic. There are societies

Where education and modernity couldn't make their place. There the masses are influenced by ideology of leaders. But this leads to mass killing and terrorism.

Such societies can't be termed as 'healthy politics' in any sense. They are not normal. Need of the hour is to educate and modernize them with rational thoughts.

FUTURE LIES WITH PEOPLE

With man become more and more individualistic and utilitarian, the ideologies are taking a back seat now. The ~~most~~ strongest of all ideologies is religion and even it is facing a decline among masses.

People of India have come together in the past to claim their independence. They outrightly rejected any ideology that came

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in the path and the leaders who were spreading these ideologies. Hindus and Muslims fought together. And hence, was born one of the most peculiar leader - Gandhi.

The value of 'PEOPLE' in India can be gauged by the fact that the Preamble of Indian Constitution begins like:

"WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA - - - - -".

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