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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.

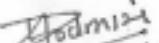
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(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).

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SECTION - A

1. 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.

(I) Our Greatest Glory Is not In Never falling,
But In Rising Every Time We fall .

Jack was a young, intelligent aspiring student. Like every bright student, he dreamt of learning in the top varsity of the world. He applied not once, twice or thrice, but ten times to the Harvard University for pursuing higher education. But in vain...!

He could not enroll there. Yet, he carved his

own niche in the technological world and gained the wealth, fame, prosperity. After a certain duration of time, Jack Ma, pioneer of leading Chinese tech-giant Alibaba, was honoured with doctorate by the same University.

The journey of young aspirant from the academic failure to being a one of the richest person, attracts the youths of the world. It is his victory which lures many and became inspiration for struggling entrepreneurs.

His failures led him to become strong, always ready to face challenges and embrace the quality of overcoming adversities. His experiences led Alibaba to become a successful techgiant and symbol of not only his endeavour, but ^{of} a chinese ambition too.

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Dichotomy of Rise and Fall:

An example of Jack Ma teaches us the significance of rise and fall dichotomy as a feature of our life. Various philosophies from ancient tradition emphasize on the antagonistic nature of human life. They point out the succeeding of day after night, winter after summer, victory of truth over ill-will, and so on.

They put forth that the antagonism is law of nature and how human life can be exceptions to that. Life will be miserable, poor, harsh, or sometimes undesirable. But, we have to follow path of conviction with strong aspiration to realize higher virtues and achieving our dreams. However everyone wishes the

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good for all time without any hinderances

A pie of cake, forever.

The human aspiration for remaining in the pool of success, prosperity is not wrong. It is human nature to avoid any type of misery and enjoy comfort zone for all time.

A rich does not want loss of money while a family wishes continuity of ^{its} their solidarity.

A king wish the royal dom for life long while global hegemonic country aspires for longevity of its dominance.

The glittering sweet state of prosperity is like a pie of cake ~~as~~, being aspired forever. No one in the heaven of pleasure wants alteration in status quo. Such a notion hopes to not have any change of course of time.

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Myth of Infallibility -

The approach of status quo leads to subsequent weakness. It's only then the worth of higher virtue can be realized.

Infallibility of any thing leads to no adaptation or no designation of mitigation of change. It loses its importance, rather recognition too.

The course of history teaches us that 'Empires do fall'. Many civilizations, empires lost in the pages of past. Their myth of greatness failed the test of time. If they would have predicted the adversities, they would have devised options to overcome and lived longer. However, they failed ~~not~~ to rise. after failure to absorb contemporary shocks of realities.

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Scientist Charles Darwin gave theory of evolution. He propounded the survival of the fittest and natural selection of stronger in the race of life. It's the law of nature. If you adapt, mitigate, overcome, then you will survive. otherwise you will lost out. Dinosaurs became extinct, many species disappeared due to non-adaptation and tendency to accept the natural weakness.

Humanity should take the wisdom from natural phenomenon. 'Change is the only continuous thing', someone has argued. We should accept the probability of adversity in well-settled course of our life. Our life is blessed with dichotomy of success & failure. We should always be ready to face challenges.

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Failure : A valued teacher -

Thomas Edison, a great inventor, has said that he learnt from 9999 unsuccessful experiments than the last one. Failure teaches the ways not to recourse in future, how not to fail. The time of adversity tests our inner strength & conviction. It is the point where we valued the virtue of success most. It is the milestone which tends us to review our weaknesses, working over them to achieve the success. Many stories of human life are inspiring in this aspect.

Indian Hockey player Sandeep Singh come back on the play ground after overcoming the life threatening gun attack. In another example, Arunima Sinha who

suffered from brutal attack and lost a leg conquered Mount Everest with amputee leg.

Such people did not make hue and cry of their poor condition, rather tried to find ways out of that and succeeded.

Nature also gives exemplary depictions about the success & failure; and stories of conviction. The group of honey bees wander over larger distances for collection of honey in the comb, they do not care about the adversities of wind flow, rarity of flowers. They continue their work without fail.

Rivers could carve ^{their} paths only after continuous erosion of rocks in the way. Birds build their nests by continuous and time-consuming collection of raw straw

and artistic weaving. The fruits of tree are product of long term suffering of trees in the adverse atmosphere standing with conviction.

The glimpses of struggle can be found in the pages of our history which are inspiring the humanity till today.

Inspiration from History:

The rise and advent of Japan in today's global platform, after suffering inhumane nuclear attack, inspired many countries for the nation building processes.

The Indian National Movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi was full of small period of success and longer phases of arduous struggle. The final achievement of this movement is, the freedom, to all of us for making our life better.

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The American and French Revolutions were the successes observed after long time efforts of people to realize their self ruled states. These countries overcame their weaknesses and marched on the path of economic, military and technological processes. From their stories, world was blessed with values of Democracy, Rights, Liberty & Equality too.

The technological inventions also did not take place overnight. They also do have chain of failures. The theories put by Galileo, Copernicus were criticised by then conservative sections of society. The scientists Many Curie contributed in nuclear physics by large number of experiments to such extent that she has to fall to death due to ^{same} Carcinogenic elements.

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Various corporations in the world stand today at the base of their ardent struggle over failures. Microsoft, Google had to suffer through situations of crisis during Y2K problem, however they overcome the challenge by using their intellectual and collective efforts. Tesla Icon, Elon Musk, has to face lot of financial loss due to failed experiments of launching the rockets. Yet, his strong aspiration won over the situation.

Many such examples teach us to keep faith in the God of success, Worship of struggle and faith of hope for; guiding our life path. We have to apply this worldview to conquer our worldly problems in daily life.

Applying courage of conviction -

Success demands conviction and prerequisite of glimpses of failure. It becomes necessary to learn from mistake and possess the courage of conviction to achieve our desired goals. There will be many troubles, hinderances, obstructions, but we have to cross over them to rise.

The faith of hope and inner motivation helps to strengthen our conviction.

Self belief is a key to success. We should introspect ourselves, took overview the failures and analyze the weaknesses in our failed approaches. Strengthening the weak link in our capabilities and efforts should be our priorities.

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Ambitious Jackie Chan used to practice the one type of punch for 10000 times to excel his skills. The student of mathematics should practice on his weak calculus to overcome the fear of subject. similarly, the unemployed youth should strengthen his working skills to improve his employability. He can also explore for the self-employment with strong aspiration to succeed upon.

In the societal sphere, the efforts should be continued to build harmony among disturbed communities to realise social peace and solidarity. The governments of the world need to unite and aggressive over the global challenges such as terrorism, climate change etc. which

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have endangered the existence of humanity.

Thus, there are plethora of problems which need to address upon at all level.

However, the positive approach is necessary. The attitude of parochialism will not bear the fruit.

Concerns of attitude -

The rising from p. ashes of problems is not easy thing but desirable. However, the notion of negative attitude would harm the desired interest.

If p. Buddhism teaches that the sorrow should be conquered by self initiative. The person in adverse situation needs to take up first step. If a person keeps

blaming the poor situation and do not take any course of correction, its not going to bear

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any fruit. If everyone looks to social problems such as disharmony, disunity through prism of otherness and take the approach of 'not in my backyard', it would not yield any result. Everyone should be the part of process.

In the political sphere, too, the need of strengthening democracy is need of hour and require collective efforts which are not visible in the present time. Such situation would lead us to the degradation of socio-political fabric.

The governmental apathy needs to be addressed to resolve the crisis of governance and flaws of economy.

In this way, for the attitude of positiveness is needed to be inculcated upon

to resolve the crisis in humanity which is suffering from the prospects of various forms of failure.

Rising progressive world -

Human history is not devoid of failures. It has ^{to} overcome many crisis such as tyranny of despots, inequitable societies, economic exploitations, destruction due to war and violent conflicts etc. Yet, the urge of life and pursuit of peace & harmony has guided the humanity to betterment of the world.

Today's world has become 'Global village' which is struggling against many inherent crisis at different levels.

But, it is imperative for us to lead the life in better ways by opting democratic

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governance at local to international level; giving better life conditions to the downtrodden; taking arduous efforts to bring equality among different sections; fighting against the tendencies of war and inhumane activities such as terrorism. We need to overcome these with collective conviction as we owe our existence to a way that we would rise like phoenix and become ^{an ideal} example for future generations. If we succeed they will surely preach the saying, "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall".

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DEVELOPMENT MEANS ONLY 'HUMAN DEVELOPMENT'

'ALL OTHER MEANS OF GROWTH ARE MISLEADING'

India is called as a 'LAND OF PARADOXES'. Indian state can organise elections for 700 million voters with less controversies than any other country ; it can conduct a census for over 1 billion people ; it can build up temporary city for millions of people during Kumbh Mela without mishaps ; it runs an efficient space programme and could manage one of the world's largest armed forces away from politics; it is 'bright spot' among global economies with highest rate of growth. Yet, the same state does an abysmal job of providing decent primary education and health to its citizens ; despite intense political competition and strong electoral participation of very large number of voters , there is poor literacy rate . Its record of providing basic

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services has been weak in large number of areas like adult literacy, vaccination coverage & malnutrition, poor gender development indices.

India lags behind many poor countries in terms of human development indices, while aspiring to become a 'global superpower'

India claims to be a leader on the basis of its size of economy which is growing with a ~~6-8%~~ average rate of 6-8% annually since last decade. Its growth in various sectors such as engineering, manufacturing, IT services, consultancy, banking, finance etc is astounding. Indian stock Market has become

a deade one of the dearest spot for foreign investors. The growth measured in terms of billion US dollars has become appealing

soft power after the LPG reforms in 1990s

However, it is questionable that this number of growth has contributed to the development of ^{over} billions of people in India equally, rather, equitably.

The country which shines in the list of world's rich persons, also shows its presence in ^{list of countries with} one of the large number of poor people. The country accommodates many communicable and non-communicable diseases. It has become a dilemma in front of us, of the employment as well as employability of youths. The game of numbers shows dichotomy of growth and development of India.

It is now need of the hour to make assessment of measures that we employ to calculate the human development.

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The growth measured in terms of Gross Domestic product i.e. GDP, growth rate, increase in share of services sectors etc are eclipsing the human development parameters such as health conditions, education & literacy, employment etc.

Antagonism of Growth & Development

The economic growth marked by increase in size of economy give large no. chunk of revenue resources to the government. However at the contribution side, the its not a gloomy picture. The delivery & quality of services do not reflect the growth number. For example, though there is growth in hospitals, it could not replicate into good number in matnutrition status or reduction in communicable and non-communicable diseases. The compulsory

education led to growth in schools, colleges but the report of ASER gives that the quality of education is at below par with global standards.

Furthermore, we have blessed with large demographic dividend, but in glitches of unemployment and underemployment.

There is growth in number of cities, but more than 80% of people reside in the slums generating high concentration of poor, unhealthy and unemployable generations.

The self sufficiency of food has been unsuccessful to resolve question of deaths.

due to starvation. This, ~~question~~ dichotomy of growth & development has spilled over effects in other spheres of society.

The weaker sections of society still fighting against their basic problems. The women, though we see growth in enrolling in education and jobs, are not developed section in the real sense. They are most anaemic, vulnerable to every kind of discrimination and still devoid of financial independence. The growth numbers has not solved the question of marginalization of Dalits and minorities. Their socio-economic status at behis lagging behind with by number of generations of privileged section. The unequal distribution of resources and poor subsequent poor development indices has created the question of Inequality and Injustice in the society.

Furthermore, the growth in number of voters at elections has not yielded to give them better voice in the democratic setup. The political representation has been enjoying by the minority elites and the empowerment of masses has remained at periphery. The increase in number of arms and missiles guided missiles for the sake of 'security' has created the egregious situation of insecurity everywhere, drawing the ^{large} pie of resources of development. ~~native~~

The prerequisite of development is security, but the sphere has become endangered due to misguided men. The efforts of afforestation and decarbonization still forms minuscule part of sustainable development threatening existence of future generations and overall humanity.

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Human at the centre -

To save humanity, we have to review the assessment patterns of growth. The growth numbers & have been proved deficient to identify the targets of distributive justice. We have to go some steps ahead and make human @ at the centre of discourse of growth. The development of humanity should be our prime responsibility to give 'humane' face to social evolutionary process of the globe.

International efforts of measurement of human development indices are the right steps in this direction.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has designed various indices such as

Human Development Indices (HDI),
Gender Development Indices (GDI),
Inequality adjusted Human Development
and Gender Development Indices (IHDI, IGDI) etc.

This indices focus on the development parameters such as longevity, maternal mortality, average schooling, per capita income etc.

Thus, these measures review the initiatives of various governments in terms of 'individual' or a unit. The comparative analysis help countries to fill the gaps in their developmental initiatives. Gender related indices guide to take steps for empowerment of women.

Such perspectives also trigger the assessment projects at national, regional, et local level to review according

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to their needs and differences. For example, in India, socio-economic Caste Census measure the development criteria in the backward communities which would help the government for better targeting of beneficiaries and uplift them at par with developed section.

Many state governments have come up with their development indices to check intra-regional disparities. This kind of devolution of performance analysis is very

necessary in for India considering its paradoxical situations at various levels.

The inequality shown by such indices also helps to point out the unequal development at the global level.

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The Oxfam Report shows the global distribution of wealth and which is caustic and inequitable. Many subsaharan countries in Africa ^{are} rich in resources but poor in the case of human development. They are the salient examples of developmental injustice. The poverty in development matrices has become source of global threats such as terrorism, extremism etc. The unemployed, poor section of global world fell prey to the extreme form of fundamentalism, radicalism - It is rightly quoted as.

'Injustice anywhere is threat to

justice everywhere...'

so the efforts of human development

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should not be limited by space, time. The global consensus, contribution, collaboration and cooperation is necessary for addressing the injustice in sphere of development. The international community has pledged to fulfill the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which target the every individual of the planet to get better opportunities of basic needs and progress.

Growth As an Addendum

Yet, the parameter of growth should not be ignored due to its limitations to cover development. It is important as it gives the primary picture of grass root situation. The growth in economy would highlight the availability of resources

government is availed with. It shows the capability of individual, state, government to chalk out further path. It gives the better picture of progress done over the past by initiatives and efforts. For example, the growth in the bank accounts show the financial inclusion. The growth in number of girls enrolling for higher education depict the mind set of society. On the flip side, the zero growth in terms of number of women parliamentarians necessitates the calls for reservation provisions in panchayat and national parliament for strengthening their voices and subsequent ^{the} democracy of nation. The broadening the range of their dominance done through

Game of Numbers

In this way the number will help us to review ourselves at every point of time. It ~~should~~ can be expressed in terms of growth or development indices. Our priority should be to devise the appropriate metrics for the various spheres according to need of analysis. The development of human people is driving force of society. It should be continued on the right path and right pace. The rate of growth, will supplements the developmental indices in this sense. It should be our judgement how we use these numbers for the progress of mankind, to realise better people, better society and better earth.