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Essay

Max. Marks: 125

Time Allowed: 1½ hrs.

Instructions to Candidate

- Attempt one essay
- The test carries 125 marks.
- Write the essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- 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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1. Winning at any cost is what matters in sports.
2. To be successful in Men's world, a woman must be more man than men.

Woman, in Indian culture has been the personification of Devi (Goddess), thus signifying the importance of her. Ironically, in today's world, Man seems to dominate various aspects of life such as Economic, Social, political. This domination is gets further validation with existence of a special ~~index~~ indices such a Global Gender Gap Index, Gender Inequality Index etc. It's a bitter fact that the world has not considered both the genders on the equal footing. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi "No country can be developed without the contribution of other half".

In the Present Perspective or scenario man is seen to domination different spheres of life.

For instance, we witness, women contributes only 17% to GDP in India as per NITI Aayog & forms only 20% in the entire service sector workforce as per World Bank Indian Development Report, 2017. These data justify the domination of man over woman in economic aspects of life.

Similarly when it comes to political representation, women have fared badly in here too. For instance, world's oldest Democracy, the USA has never had a Female President.

Similarly in the world's largest democracy, India female's participation in the Parliament is only around 11% as per the report of Intergovernmental Parliamentary Union (IPU)

when it comes to social aspects of life, man's world dominate in here too. For example sex ratio in India as per NFHS-4 is just 919 per 1000 males. Further incidences of sexual violence, molestation

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harassment for women are on rise all over the world, this is evident from the recent "MeToo campaigns" in USA. Further consideration of women's work at home as "non-economic activity" in GDP calculations justifies, how we take such instrumental activities for granted.

when we say that "woman must become more than a man", here man should be considered as a meritisation of different qualities, which makes him dominate different spheres of life. These qualities are also the reason for the existence a "Man's World".

These man's qualities (perceived) are of various kinds. which are of the following types :-

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- * Man is considered of superior strength than woman, they given more opportunities in professions like Army, Air Force etc
- * Statistics shows us that men around the world & specially in the developing nations are more educated & skilled than women. eg. ~~Indian women~~ only 3.4% of women are skilled in technical activities as per NITI aayog
- * As mentioned above, Males all around the world have been more politically active & empowered, barring few exceptions.
- * Males have always been considered the head of family, as he is perceived to be the bread earner. This makes him more economically empowered.
- * When it comes to assertions in its broadest ~~as~~ sense & specially sexual assertions in a married life, its the man who has been

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more, as compared to women.

In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt "A woman is like a tea bag, you don't know her strength until you put her in the hot water", signifies that woman's strength is inherent, but it's the opportunities that are required ~~to~~ for her to display those strengths.

For a woman to overcome a man dominated world, she not only needs to showcase the qualities (~~as~~ ^{earlier} mentioned) but also exercise them far more efficiently. It is also important that, as Feminists put it "gender equality in all aspects of life" is maintained. In other words, domination of one over the other or vice-versa, both are harmful for the society.

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Having said that, it's important that first women become at par with men and for this, they need to become "like a man" or "more than man", where man implies certain qualities & not just the gender, specifically. These include:-

* woman needs to become more educationally empowered. ~~Education~~
 As Kofi Annan said "To educate a girl is to reduce poverty", justifies the linkage ~~between~~ between education & economic wellbeing

* Economic Empowerment is another virtue which is required. This will ensure that woman is independent of ~~her~~ her husband or relative.

* Women needs to become more politically active & empowered. By this they will

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be able to voice their specific concerns which otherwise becomes difficult. One way of doing it is to form pressure groups or Female dominated Political Party

* "By strength if it means, moral strengths then woman is immeasurably man's superior" said by Mahatma Gandhi.

Women needs make people aware about this meaning of "strength" so that sexual division of labour doesn't happen. This can achieved by women led mass awareness campaigns. This would make women more socially active another quality which is required,

* Cumulative impact of such qualities will enhanced assertions by women. We require more assertive women, in order to enable them to assert their human, natural & legal rights in a more

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effective manner. This point can be summed up by saying that "we want a woman clothed with dignity & strength & who can live without fear of future". This can be ensured only by Comprehensive Assertiveness by women.

However these qualities though will help bring woman at par with ~~to~~ man, but the "SUCCESS" in this "man's world" cannot be ensured by the woman alone. This would require a conducive environment, where in male dominated & Patriarchal society is receptive of the ideas of "women empowerment" & "woman competing with man". Apart from this, we need to ^{also} have institutional support & legal backing for this "success" to be

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accomplished.

In order to achieve the above & earlier mentioned objectives, it's important that such an initiative become a "social revolution" in itself. But such a revolution shall have the base of humanism as envisaged Che Guevara. We require that all stakeholders & different sections of the society try to achieve these objectives collectively.

One needs to also inculcate the viewpoint that in the process of empowerment one's own power is not diminished.

In today's world where ~~the~~ development has become ~~so~~ so evolved & important, we need to make sure its more gender inclusive. In the words of Kofi Annan

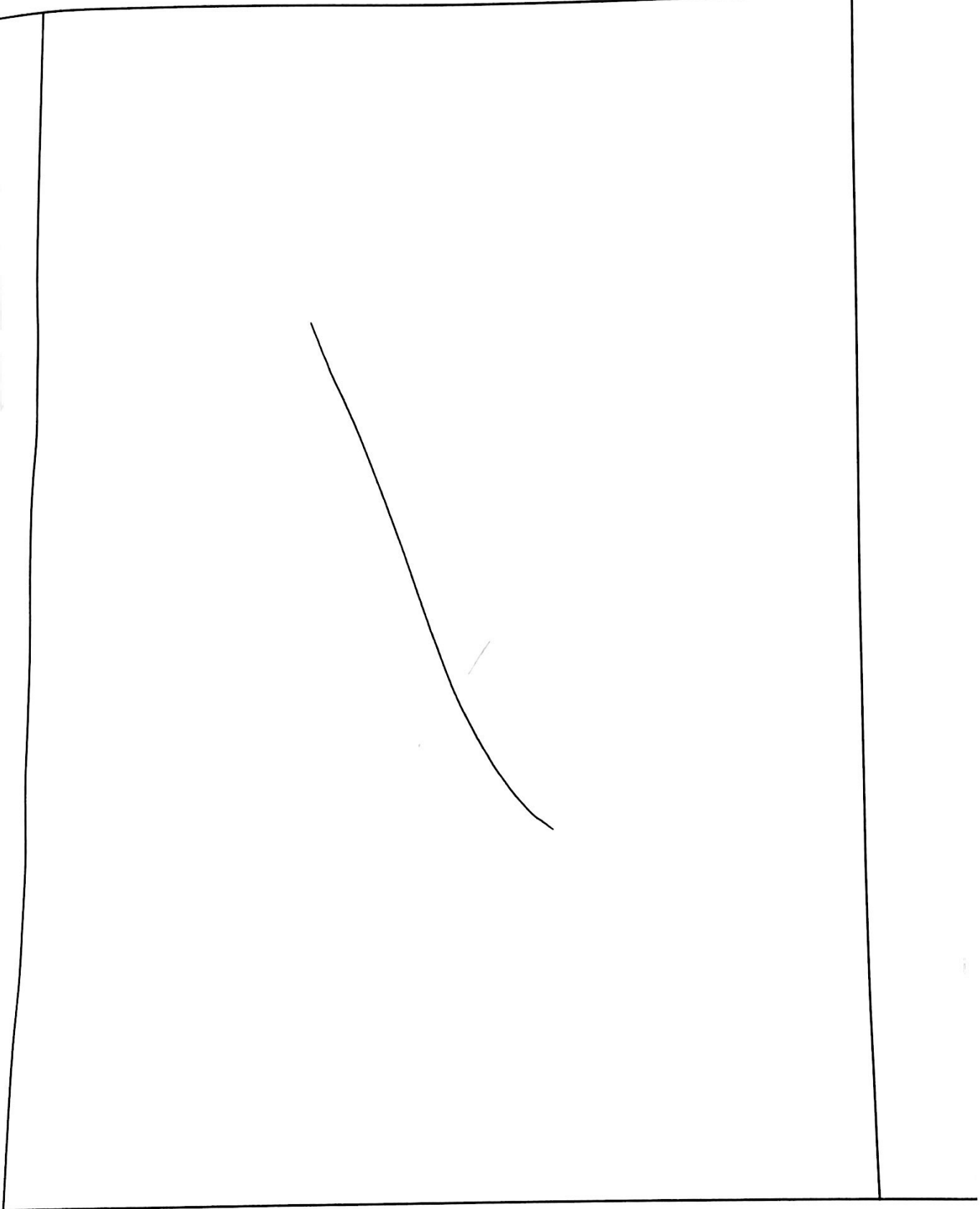
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"There is no process of development more effective than that of women empowerment."

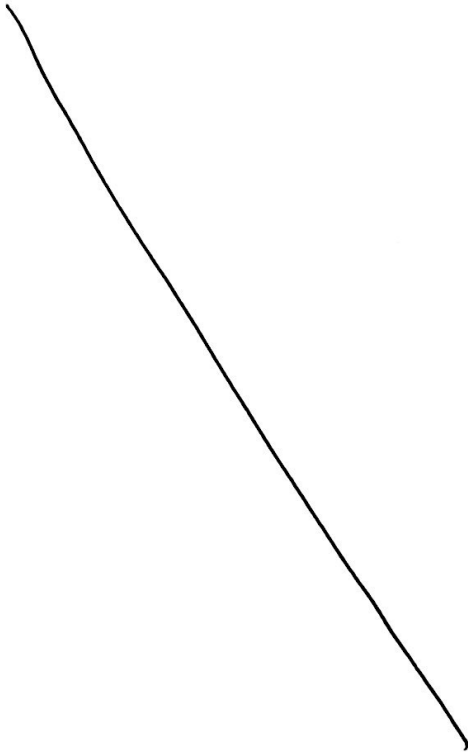
Thus the final goal of our global society should be convert this "Man's world" to "Gender Neutral world".

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