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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.

Remarks

(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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123~~

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SECTION - A

1. Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.
2. Not all those who wander are lost.
3. Our lives begin to end, the day we become silent about things, that matter.
4. We don't see things as they are; we see them as we are.

SECTION - B

1. Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies.
2. Protest beyond the law is not a departure from democracy; it is absolutely essential to it.
3. More law, less justice.
4. The increasingly rapid pace of life is creating more problems than it solves.

SECTION-A

③ OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END, THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.

"Communication is the most important weapon to make oneself heard."

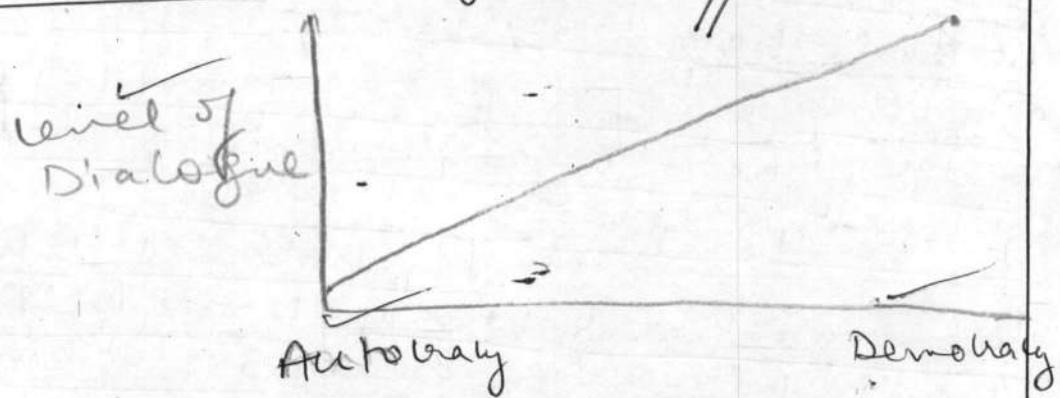
Since inception man has been a social being and transacted with fellow men and other elements of the vicinity using communication. It is the primary way of expressing oneself by ideas, values etc. and creating a conducive society to live in and reconciling such communication with fellow men. It is rightly said even a mother won't feed the baby if the baby doesn't cry, hence communicating is of a paramount importance whether be it on a personal, social, national, international level.

Psychologists like Joe and Harry Ingraham have talked about hidden self and blind self situations of an individual which alienates him from the vicinity thus restricting the flow of ideas.

Remarks

Demand is the genesis of production likewise talking about something that matters, opiniating and Ideation thereof are stepping stones to social needs satisfaction and fulfillment of aspirations thus creating a society that we wish to live in.

~~Not talking about things that matter to us leads to complacency and a society where power is concentrated only in few hands that may be dangerous to one's socio-economic, politico-legal and environmental interests in the long term //~~



The Bedrock of modern democracy is a set of aware citizens who actively deliberate about

Remarks

Very
good
analysis

things that matter to them, thus appropriate changes in the social domain and parity overall. Cherished values of equality, liberty, fraternity shall only be ensured if active participation and deliberation in democracy happens at all levels.

~~On an Individual level a person is a collection of ideas, values and attitudes expressed in a manner that makes a difference. Our existence is prima facie challenged if we take everything for granted.~~

~~Over complacency of an individual makes his existence irrelevant apparently.~~

CHANGE MANAGEMENT → for any change to happen or for betterment in one's quality of life it is important to talk about the things that matter, thereby making our personele feel. Dialogue is the primary mode of social

not necessary:

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for a SOCIAL CHANGE protest is necessary.

case study 1: POPE PAUL agreed for legalization of ABORTION in Catholic countries after a Bangalore doctor-dentist died when the Hospital authorities did not perform abortion due to live fetus.

Finally, the doctor died. Her husband, from Bangalore, living in Scotland / IRELAND protested in that country along with few locals. The protest got momentum and finally POPE had to agree
That ABORTION IS LEGAL in cases

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When problems like separation
NAGA LANDS

(major issue)
there will be dialogues

as per sociology
change occurs
only when
there is a
protest

change... where the life of the mother is in critical position.
Historically speaking social renaissance whether in the west or in the pre-independent India has been possible only because a set of intellectual individuals chose to speak about the dogmatic nature and the down-troddenness of some sections of the society which was acting as a structural bottleneck towards social liberty.

Any change whether big or small happened when people fought for their dues and demanded the share for what they deserved e.g., No taxation without representation in America, the righteous cause of upliftment of untouchables by Mahatma Gandhi; through

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These are all protests. Women & Harijan campaign by Gandhiji to make aware the public.

This Marjan campaign.

Social changes side
on reforms and revolutions which
could be as concentrated as
intellectual clubs or hobbies or
could be as mass based as the
last phase of Indian Independent
movement.

Would India have gotten
freedom? Had everyone been silent
and not fought for the cause?
Answer to this is May be or Maybe
not...

It is only when rationale
supports our cause to speak up
changes set in although in the
long run. Socially, A society at its
best should be egalitarian with
equal rights to all. [fundamental
rights]. Practices such as Sati,
Child Marriage etc would never
have reduced had no one spoken
about them.

Dissent, out rightly may
look revolutionary and may
have an Anti-Incumbent colour

good

Sati was
due to the
pilot by
raised by
Sri Raja
Ranbir
Roy

Remarks

but if it is righteous in cause will surely get social support to magnify the voice.

Governmentwise, rules are made by the society for its efficient management, society is not a static domain and changes with time, hence the rules should also be dynamic enough to accommodate such changes. However, it would happen only at the initiation of the society itself and not automatically for sure.

Similar to an individual any civilization or model of government across time and space which remained static withered its demise which may not be equated to clinical death but intellectual one for sure.

Biologically, a person is declared dead when he exhibits no stimuli/response for any act being done with or around him. Similarly not speaking over things that matter.

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Caused Social bullying and ideological end of one's life.

Politically speaking about things that matter to us means standing about what we believe and cherish. Adherence to a certain idea is the fundamental to creating personality of an individual in the political domain whether it is righteous or otherwise. Societies are built often on political ideas that make a difference for instance communist ideology followed by China and Russia or capitalist ideology by Western Europe and America etc define the way of thinking of their citizens which also manifests in their national policies.

In the field of political deliberations voicing one's loudy and clearly at times may lead to policy decisions which impact one and all. This is a double-

Remarks

edged sword which can be used positively towards bringing an equalitarian regime on the other hand would also be negatively used to radicalise the social ethos towards sectarian interests for example reservation agitations by certain communities.

Political Overadherence to one particular ideology also means remaining silent about our own conscience which may lead to extreme political radicalisation eg NAZISM & FASCISM.

In the domain of International relations if countries do not speak about their interests they will be lost in the realpolitik realpolitik and dominated thereto for eg vietnam being bullied by china if not resisted for long may create negative repercussions.

Maldives held an under water cabinet meeting to voice their angst the rising global

Remarks

warning which if not heeded would lead to their perishment as a nation. The world has seen the negative repercussions in the form of World Wars and a cold war therefore it is important for all countries to clear their stand and uphold their national interest in order to establish their presence in the world politics thereby affecting the global decisions which would have all-pervasive impact.

(Economically), expressing one's aspirations is the key to entrepreneurial attitude, a collection of households make an economy and individual demands collectively form

Aggregate Demand, let's say a particular product i.e. Plastic

Bags are being manufactured and customers are accepting it, the saga continues.

good example

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12 Why don't the govt ban the production of plastic bags? Cancel all licences.

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The day consumer's start demanding paper bags, plastic bags will go automatically out of trend thus saving huge environment costs. Thus demanding things that matter to us may really make a difference, hence individual demand may not be undermined environmentally, many people may not bother about sweeping changes happening in the biosphere but would be definite sufferers in future, therefore voicing the environmental cause on rational lines would definitely bring in changes in policy formulation at national level, thereby benefiting not only the environment but the entire human race. However, when people keep silent about things that matter bureaucracy changes into autocracy, the genesis of pressure groups, who's and

Remarks

activities is the ability to talk about the things that matter but only to them but society at large which makes a difference in their interests.

Formation of Trade Unions at workplace and raising their legitimate demands finally led to Workman participation in the management and Collective Bargaining that reduced conflict and created a healthy work environment.

EXCELLENT

In the field of science and technology inventions happen only when people talk about things they need thus facilitating improvement in technology. For example, it was only when man resisted eating raw meat was fire discovered. In current times the need for greater connectivity necessitated invention of www which brought about an information revolution and made information accessible to all.

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In the realm of lawmaking it is very important that active deliberations take place and representations from each section of the society | Stakeholders on whom such laws may have substantial impact, should be accommodated in order to come up with a balanced law, if not such law would serve only narrow interests. Eg, when formulating amendments in Prevention of Atrocities on SC/ST Act, representation from relevant groups should also be integrated in order to reduce social resistance that will follow. Consensus oriented lawmaking is fundamental to constitutionalism and governance will happen only when both government and citizen as a network exchange ideas.

It is rightly said that 'Our lives begin to end the day we remain silent about things that matter'. However, it may not

Remarks

be universally true.

Man being a social animal walks on some convention, as guidelines to life, namely ethics and values.

On a micro level if everybody differs on all ideas the society won't make a progress and ~~thus~~ chaos shall set in.

Hence it is required that broad consensus be established at a social level and principles of existence be formed on the lines of principles of subsidiarity. That is individuals delegating their common interest to the family, family to the society and society to the nation at large.

^{very good}
Micro - cognizance of difference of opinion will create noise thereby social structure being imploded. On the other hand need of the hour is to manage dissent on a macro level and integrate difference of opinion to form a common minimum programme which is acceptable

Remarks

To all for a durable portion
across time and space.

very good attempt
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SEC B.

A) THE INCREASING RAPID PACE OF LIFE IS CREATING MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT SOLVES.

Speed is what defines the contemporary way of life. But is it not equally true that Haste creates waste?

We have been told in childhood that slow and steady wins the race. Perhaps the basic fundamentals have not changed even today.

Acquiring Pace in life has made it all the more efficient whether it be at productivity at work or managing household chores, speed has impacted all the walks of life that we can experience tangibly as well as metaphysically.

The increasing rapid pace of life is perhaps a necessity

good
introduction

Remarks

to change with equally fast changing environmental factors at Individual, Societal and Global level.

Pace has brought discipline in an individual's life, made the Society more organised and has given a more objective outlook towards worldly affairs.

If we undertake a comparative analysis of how our grandfathers lived vs. how we live today, we find for instance that it used to take them half a day to go and update their bank passbook which we can do today with the click of a button. However, the richness of social interaction that used to happen in the meanwhile made them more aware about their surroundings which we probably are not, residing in our AC members.

Remarks

The above mentioned basically indicates that this pace although has inherent benefits but brings along a plethora of problems, which we probably ignore again due to the speed itself. Now for instance historically speaking all the trivia that define our life right from modes of transportation to the way we communicated have all changed in half a century wherein earlier to traverse the length and breadth of India it used to take weeks. At the time now it just takes a couple of hours to reach any part of the country from the capital. But the number of accidents in faster modes of transportation like Air and Rail have rapidly increased taking toll on thousands of lives every year.

Communicating through letter the and telegram would take a lot of time and it used to be a monologue however today a proper dialogue through telephone

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or videocalling has made communication
seemless and complete, in such a
way that boardroom discussion
take place without physical
presence needed.

On the other hand
fast moving life has disconnected
us from our roots, heritage, most
of the society no more truly takes
pride in the vast historical
legacy which India beeholds.

Our awareness regarding
past regarding freedom struggle
~~is like freedom S.Fee is limited~~
~~to only a set of intellectuals and~~
~~academicians which is against~~
~~the spirit of nationalisation.~~

culture wise, our
youth embroiled in fierce academics
and workplace competition has
distaned itself from the cultural
legacy in the name of modernisation.

The cultural values
have diluted and many a times the
youth is apparently ashamed

Remarks

or bogged down by the rich cultural
heritage for eg → long duration
North Indian weddings.

In the modern fast
moving life, there is less space and
time for traditions and rituals
thereby making the tradition and
culture ~~are~~ endangered thus
necessitating deliberate intervention
from social institutions to keep
them alive. In the social
domain, most effected are the
elderly, children and women
who at times struggle to keep up
pace with the fast moving life
for women new economic settings
have opened great opportunities
of success and career progression
however maintaining balance
between worklife and personal
life at times even leading to
conflict between spouses.

The more benevolent
values of female genome are
probably conflicting with shrewd

Remarks

Office politics which is creating ethical dilemmas for women at work: further women have often complained of harassment by superiors in the garb of giving quick promotions and breaking the corporate glass ceiling.

Children have greatly benefitted from fast moving world as they have learned the ability to compete and importance of discipline right in their childhood. However, exposure to vast sources of information at a very tender age may corrupt their value system and attitude formation. As children may not be choosy between what important information to use and what not.

Over exposure to explicit content to child like pornography etc may corrupt his/her brain ab initio thereby creating a social evil.

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Most importantly the phenomenon both parents working for livelihood usually keeps child even aloof from adequate parenting which would help them to become better human beings.

The fast moving life has necessitated a new trend of nanny's taking care of children which can never be substituted to parenting.

The phenomenon of nuclear nuclear family instead of joint families is also a result of fast moving life. Add to it the apathy of neighbour hood values and the picture becomes even grim.

Urbanisation is the biggest result of a rapid lifestyle where social entities have become more grid patterned and material not only in structure but in essence too. A simple example could be loss of values of being a good Samaritan in case of a road accident by not taking him/her to the hospital.

The old
ones are
adopting
new things
in cities

Remarks

Shows the anarchy of modern urban life. Urban sprawl is having insanely living condition, expansion of slum dwellings where even basic physiological needs are something to be fought for is a social reality of fast moving urban life.

Healthwise, this rapid pace that we have acquired is taking a toll on not only on physical but also on mental and emotional health. Lifestyle diseases such as obesity etc. due to lack of physical exercise are plaguing not only our youth but the coming generations which would perhaps reduce their efficiency.

~~Stress~~ Lack of sedentary lifestyle especially in office goers have created a plethora of neurological diseases which were not heard of in such quantum before. The irony is we don't have enough time to cook fresh food atleast twice a day thus resorting to fast

Remarks

due to
different
food
habits

foods and ready to eat meals which definitely take a toll on health. Such diet is also devoid of nutrients which leads to stunting and malnourishment in children.

New diseases related to lifestyle such as SAD (Stress, Anxiety, Depression). That is also due to the haste. People who are earning more do not have the time to eat a lot of bread which is a sad irony, which has become a new normal.

The advent of IT has further increased such developments of science and technology have been absolutely imminent to transform our way of life, however it is a double edged sword, on one hand where nuclear technology is being positively used to generate electricity, on the other hand countries are using WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction).

Remarks

which are like firing stocks of destruction?

Similar is the analogy with military equipment which was thought of as deterrent but is now being used as an offence
e.g. Aggression by countries like North Korea to become a regional power and centre of attraction.

Internet has innumerable positive contributions which are exhaustive at the same time
Cyber crimes have become new trends to damage critical infrastructure of a country or to cause technostress in individual
e.g. cyber-bullying over social media and cyber harassment to become rich quickly e.g. Ransomware.

Eco Relative Deprivation
has set in as rich is getting richer and poor is getting poorer.
Unequal distribution of resources and concentration of wealth is also

Remarks

a result of fast moving life.

Recent OXFAM report reveals the glaring inequality our country is facing. Top 1% holds 60% of the total wealth.

The values of socialism and distribution of wealth have been apparently subverted. Administrative apathy and shortsightedness being searching to quickly complete targets and get remunerated is compromising with high ideals of code of ethics, e.g., Doctors apathetic treatment in Jharkhand

of case of tubectomy led to social hue and cry due to mishandling of patients.

has In the political realm of legislating on crucial matters, hasty legislations are setting wrong precedents. To gain quick political mileage floor of the house is often disturbed thereby leaving less time for

Remarks

deliberations and discussions on policy matters there fore parliamentarians resorting to passing budgetary provisions through quid pro quo, delegated legislation such as ordinances as parallel to important law ultimately reduces government's accountability towards public

Environmental destruction is the most important manifestation of nasty lifestyle. Overexploitation of natural resources and anthropological interventions in environmental cycles have led to destruction of flora and fauna, rapid industrialisation leading to air, water & noise pollution, deforestation leading to global warming, vehicular pollution leading to ozone layer depletion leading to tangible consequences of the post industrial revolution humanity.

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Government initiatives
such as CAMPA Act, International
Solar Alliance etc. are being
undertaken to revive the damage
so caused. Recent flash floods
in Uttarakhand 2013 and Chennai
floods in 2016 are manifestations
of over urbanisation and exploita-
tion of natural infrastructure.

In view of all the
above mentioned, we can safely
argue that increased pace of life
has definitely improved efficiency
and productivity of individuals
and at the same time has
reduced pangs in life, whether
it be something as trivial as
waste disposal in an urban
totality or as huge as global
threat of environmental deteriora-
tion. The tangible negative
consequences are equally high and
need to be quickly taken care of
lest the virtue of efficiency should
turn out to be a vice for generations.

Remarks

to come thereby having a deleterious deleterious impact on the inter-generation equity so far as quality of life is concerned.

b)

very good

- Your opinion, whether you agree or disagree with the statement and ~~reasons~~ reasons for your stand.

- the speed is increasing day by day
- ~~now~~ ~~days~~ the increasingly rapid pace of life today is exciting for those who embrace it
- the increasingly rapid pace of life today creates both obstacles and opportunities.
- 5 yrs before General Motors went bankrupt and now the executives are very busy every day. Being busy will not help in a time of

transformational change

Remarks

- Change is certain. Everybody should welcome the changes if the changes are good for masses.

- we have a constitution and we all people agreed for that. But, in due course of time depending upon the present circumstances the legislation needs amendment or a new law may be required. Eg: CYBER CRIME
- Speed or rapid speed will not create problems on its own. And the society / masses needs to adapt to the new changes ~~take to~~ due to pace. Some things may not move fast. Eg: Railway ticket Booking, in Delhi or any other big city people used to own agt. the gates are open and the whole exercise consume lot of time - Now one can book the tickets in ONLINE ~~form~~. Other example is ESCALATORS in all metro cities in shopping malls, Metro Stn and even in bus

Remarks

Railways &

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