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**RANK - 398**

**GS MAINS ESSAY**

**ESSAY MOCK TEST**

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. 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.



Our lives begin to end, the day we become  
Silent about things, that matter.

About 150 years ago, a man in sleepy  
village of Bengal was not comfortable with  
prevailing condition of women and he decided  
to raise his concern on ongoing sub-ordination  
and subjugation of woman. Later, when he reached  
to influential position, spearheaded the move-  
ment and made it his first achievement through  
widow remarriage under his supervision. The  
man was none other than, great social refor-  
mer of modern India Ishwar Chandra  
Vidyasagar.

Vidyasagar did not go on silent, on the  
thing that matter to us. The empowerment of  
women, he ~~seen~~<sup>saw</sup> as empowerment of society and

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Over-all development of our life.

But, it become pertinent to analyse what kind of life. A life of human is not mere living and fulfilling the animal desire, but much more than that. It's about the dignity, mutual respect, freedom to say whatever he wants to say and moreover capacity to say.

The day when a situation arises when human man become silent or made silent, that is first sign of decline of Society which will ultimately ~~culminate~~ culminate to slow demise.

In this aspect, This Essay will cover the various sphere of human life where he cannot afford to be silent.

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Further, it will discuss how a society can ~~adopt~~ ensure that no one remain silent for the things that matter. ~~them~~,

Every man on this earth is embedded in his society. The social process, hierarchy of social system, on-going tradition affects man. A man can choose to remain indifferent, but that will not only perpetuate the social evil but also some day gallop the same ~~man~~ who choose to be indifferent.

During the time of renaissance, how great social reformer like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Gopal Krishna Chandra Vidya Sagar, Jyotiba Phule, Mahadev Gobind Ranade and many other spearheaded the social movement on issues like women education, Sati system

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child marriage, Caste system etc. These movement become the torch-bearer for further movement struggle for independence.

Unfortunately, many social tradition even exist today of which we should not be comfortable, like Halala in Muslim community, Purdah system in society in general, the practice of proving virginity for newly married girls among many other.

Not only in social sphere, culture, language of a man is part of his lives. we can see how subjugation and subordination of Tamil language in Sri Lanka, led to huge unrest. A man should be always concern for the culture which form part of man's life.

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Apart from social sphere of man lives, in economic sphere, in ~~recent~~ ongoing modern age, there has been rise in exploitation of worker, unfair wages, lack of recognition of work, disbalance in work-life balance, ultimately culminates to life less than human or mere animal existence.

There is concentration of wealth, unequal distribution of resources and hence remaining silent on the thing we deserve is end of life.

So, it is important to understand that raising concern, voice on the thing that matter does not mean Marxian <sup>violent</sup> revolution.

As visualised by father of political science, Aristotle, every small change is revolution.

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A man performs generally three action, first to meet animal desire, 2<sup>nd</sup> participation in economic or professional life or third participation in social and political life. As in term of Aristotle idea, even a single vote aim to change the government is revolution.

Hence, social and political participation is necessary and human condition. This is because human is only species on this planet Earth to which God has given voice to express what ~~we~~<sup>we</sup> feel, what we think about things that matter. If we choose to be indifferent or not allow to speak, then we are living live less than human.

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Thus, Silence can be because of two reason - First, Capacity to speak and Second, allowed to speak. The approach, should be multidimensional to make society where no one remains silent.

For developing capacity, Education and more important inclusive education is way forward. Spirit of inquiry, scientific temperament and concern toward the things which happen around us need to develop in our children to make them aware and sound citizen. Further, there should be focus on marginalised section, sub-altern groups and down trodden people. At this, we can remember Gandhi's Talisman which can be our

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guiding source. Our education policy should target the one poorest man whom we have seen in life. Even Amartya Sen talks of ending deprivation through capacity building where everyone is free to speak and express and no one has to be silent for things that matter.

The second aspect is developing a society based on value-pluralism, toleration, and multi-cultural. A development of liberal way of life, where human dignity is the epitome criterion, where people have the quality of toleration because they believe in human dignity. There should be no coercion or exploitation of a man on

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other man. This will create a society where people have no hesitation to speak and remain silent for the thing that matter. This will allow only to live a dignified humane life.

Thus, Freedom of speech and expression is the most fundamental right which is available to mankind. Every man should have capacity as well as freedom to speak what he feels and what he thinks. There should be mutual respect, absence of coercion and authorisation. Then only we can live a meaningful life.

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The increasing rapid pace of life is creating more problems than it solves.

The world is never same ~~before~~ after late eighteenth century when Industrial revolution first unveil itself in Britain.

The invention of machines and industrial mode of production enable man to not look back. From then onward, at present, we reached at fourth Industrial ~~Production~~ revolution. The period of

each <sup>successive</sup> Industrial revolution is getting short and rapidity has increased to unprecedented level. Hence, it is time to introspect the way where we are heading

So that available mechanism could be

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adopted.

Hence, it is important to understand the rapid pace of life and the avenues it brings along with it. Moreover, it needs to understand the problems it has created and possible mechanism in this regard.

Present modern age is age of Technology. Technology has invaded to our every aspects of life. The food we eat involves processed food using technological machines, we travel on transportation like car, buses etc, our entertainment system getting sophisticated. Hence, we are surrounded with technology.

The rapid use of technology has

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made our life rapid. ~~Today~~ Today man has become economic man. The production method has been profit-driven and hence effectiveness and efficiency is the way out. There is rise in expectation and demand leading to rise in complexity in process.

The rapid pace of life has led to change in nature of job, where work centered around developing process, creating pipelines, management and bringing sophistication.

The changing nature of employment has led to changing nature of landscape where there is rapid increase in urbanisation. There is migration from ~~urban~~ rural area to ~~rural~~ urban area in search

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of job and hope. The development of ~~Structural~~ complexes, gated community, and urban infrastructure.

The rapid pace of life creates imperative for integrated transportation like metro to large sophisticated one like hyperloop and bullet train. There is rise in connectivity through aeroplane which has not remained limited to large urban center.

The transportation has not remained traditional based on infrastructure but development of Intelligent transportation System based on communication between vehicle, automated traffic light based on vehicle density.

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Hence, modern age is integration of technology, people, market and state. The integration has been farther, faster, cheaper and deeper as never before.

The integration has not only at material level but at ~~cheaper~~ cultural level also. There is rapid movement of people across nation, exchanging culture and thought.

The rapid pace of life has brought enough avenues but has created problems as well which are too deeper and wider.

Because of rapid pace of migration toward urban center, there is inexorable rise in population where cities like Delhi population density reached to  $11,000/\text{km}^2$ .

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There is rise in slum-area by the occupation of rural people because of lack of home and place of shelter.

At same time, Rural life left with destitute old parents, wife of urban migrants managing agricultural, livestock who have neither capacity nor resources to manage it. On the other hand, person who migrated to urban area has to live in exploited situation and got alienated from himself. The modern rapid pace has destabilize the social life.

Moreover, it has its own set of paradoxes for ones who are even affluent. There is so-called rise in standard of life and at same time constraining space and limited social life.

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Not only in our social life, the rapid ~~ba~~ pace has lead to rapid accumulation of wealth. There is rise in unequal distribution of resources. Oxfam report released in 2017, highlighted 1% people in India occupy 73% of wealth. The rise in inequality has reached to unprecedented level.

There is rise in commodification, excessive utilisation of resources and development of material culture. This has put us at the critical juncture of ~~human~~ mankind where climate change pose existential crisis.

There is rise in green house gas ~~em~~ission and hence temperature change.

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The threat of melt down of glaciers, rise in sea-level, erratic climatic condition causing excessive rainfall, rapid rise in cyclone. There is clear evidence of decrease in agricultural productivity due to climate change, shrinking water space and vegetation.

Even at so much of government reports, independent report, review by International Fora, few nations remain vested in their self-interest in the name of national interest. The slow pace of development on Paris climate deal is example that we are not serious enough about the problem which rapid pace of life has created.

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At this juncture ~~of~~ ~~and~~, man-kind is busy in developing nuclear capability to serve their geo-political interest. The speeches at International fora, bilateral and multilateral exchanges remain empty rhetoric.

Hence, it's time to introspect at local, national and International level. There is need of local level participation in this rapid pace. There is need of ~~inclusion~~ inclusion of marginalised section who has been left behind in this rapid pace. There is need of democratic decentralisation to ensure democratization of development.

Even Agenda 21 at Rio-Earth Summit talks of local level participation,

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Agenda 21 for culture take of cultural participation of all, 73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act talks of democratic decentralisation, Joint forest management talks of participation of tribal in forest management.

Hence, there is need to realise the same at ground level, then only we can utilize the optimum benefit of technology and rapid pace of life, where everyone is together with us in this rapidity.

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