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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. 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:

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"Best way to predict the future is to create it" as was said by Abraham Lincoln. In other words we require to take certain steps, initiatives etc which would be beneficial for tomorrow. However, such actions, will be unpopular, difficult, yet important, and this will refer to the sweat, we will be breaking in the present times, in order to avoid the foreseeable adversities

of the future.

In short "sweating more in peace & bleeding less in war" should be considered as a framework for the future planning. For instance, the recent Economic Survey points out that, if farmers do not adopt climate smart agriculture & govt. doesn't change its policies, farmer income would decline by 12% in future.

Therefore, "hard work today for better resilience tomorrow" should be the motto for the Public, Govt., & Market.

When we talk about "sweating more in the peace", the underlying meaning that must be derived shall be, undertaking difficult yet fundamental & instrumental steps for a more sustainable and a prosperous future.

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These would include the following:-

- * Considering the fact that, 34% of our current MPs in Parliament have declared criminal cases against them, Political reforms should be initiated, such as
- Bringing Political Parties under RTI
 - Considering ~~the~~ NCRWC's draft bill dealing with functioning of political parties

Further amendments to the Anti-defections act ~~is~~ should also be done

- * IPCC in its 5th Assessment Report pointed out that climate change is real & irrevocable & human activities are the main drivers of it. Therefore providing "Limits to Growth" (Club of Rome) can be one important step. Further making dependence on coal reduced & better EIA implementation can be other steps.

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* Currently only 2.7% & 1.5% of GDP is devoted to Education & Health sector respectively. Increasing these allocations further, despite affecting others (sectors important for industrial growth) will an important action. Recently proposed National Health Policy, 2017 is a good step in this regard

* Economy of India is highly dynamic & inter connected with the world. Steps, which though causes short term distress, but long term benefits are of utmost importance. Recently implemented GST & demonetisation are good examples wherein long term benefits outweigh short term distress.

* Lastly, this above mentioned maxim also is applicable to individuals. A person who is willing to make sacrifices

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& work hard, when its required to, he or she would be in a better condition to deal with future "wars" (adversities).
In here, Abraham's Lincoln's biography amplifies the above statement.

The above mentioned dimensions are those "sweats", which different agents of society & governance, needs to undertake, in their respective domains. This would ensure lesser vulnerability ("less bleeding") to adversities ("war").

Talking about "bleeding in war", in particular, should be understood in a wider perspective. It postulates future but potential vulnerabilities, hazards, adversities & Risks. These may further encompass economic, political, environmental & social dimensions.

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The "wars" that human society & Ecological biodiversity is bound to face in future are :-

- * World Bank suggests that India will lose 2.8% of its GDP due to climate change in the future (2050).
- IPCC also ~~says~~ pointed out, if current trends of climate change continues, more than 50% of biodiversity will be threatened by extinction, by 2100 AD.
- * ILO points out, by 2030^{in India}, there would be a demand of 500 million skilled workers. Considering the present level of workforce, it becomes a big challenge to be dealt with.
- * On the economic front, if the trends of NPA, farmer incomes, rural consumption are not addressed, India would be becoming vulnerable to financial emergency.

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Specifically agriculture, where ~~NCAER~~ ^{pointed out that} ~~NCAER~~ NCAER (1994), if India doesn't turn out to be a winner in agriculture in this WTO regime, it would become the biggest agriculture importer in the world.

* Unfortunately, due to declining value systems & morality, Indian society & administration, will move towards corrupt, unaccountable & rogue state, if these issues aren't addressed.

Therefore in order to mitigate such adversities (wars), earlier mentioned actions would become necessary, to remain prosperous & grow sustainably.

Taking those actions, however would require certain change in attitude.

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This attitude would call for:-

- long sighted vision with wider perspective
- ecological viewpoint (in policy making)
- Acting as a Moral administrator & a Philosophical king

Further it would be important to re-orient our policies. It is important that they evolve from a wider consultations. This initiative would automatically pave way towards good governance & participatory democracy, which are essential to achieve the aim of "Bleeding less in war".

We should remember that, we will reap what we sow, therefore SDG 2030 should become our guiding light in every sphere.

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"A true leader doesn't care about the next elections, but about the next generation". This quote underlies that longsightedness & widened perspective is an innate quality of a true leader.

Since a leader would only care about the welfare of its people & development of its country, he or she would be willing to surpass any rigidities, including his/her ideologies & party affiliations.

This then would ensure a healthy politics in our country, which was envisaged by the constituent assembly.

Constituent assembly in itself was a manifestation of true leadership shown by our constitutional framers. It had people belonging to different political parties & ideologies, but still

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worked collectively to draft our Constitution.

Question arises, as to why the leaders must serve ~~not~~ only the people & not ~~not~~ its ideology or party, as it also amounts to the compromise on the values of loyalty?

It is important for the following reasons:-

- * Being a leader is only a mean to achieve the ultimate end, which is the welfare of its people
- * When one is elected as an MP or MLA, he/she, becomes the representative of his/her constituency.
- * Elected representative takes an oath, & thus are under constitutional obligation to uphold the unity & integrity of our nation, irrespective of one's ideology or party affiliations.

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* A true leader would try to forward the "vision for India", ~~which~~ which would involve amalgamation of different ideologies. eg. Our constitution makers adopted ideas & features from the constitution of capitalist USA as well as Communist USSR.

These reasons if are taken to be the objectives, which must be performed, by the elected leaders, then healthy politics would automatically evolve.

Now the second question which arises, is how do these leaders try to work for the people without serving their ideologies or political parties?

This is done by the following ways:-

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* Appreciating the values of accountability. This would make sure that the majority party in the legislature ~~submit~~ respects ~~to~~ all the opposition parties, irrespective of their numbers.



* Taking moral responsibility for the actions ~~to~~, decisions or incidents associated ~~to~~ with their own political parties. e.g. L.B. Shastri's resignation as a Rail Minister, after a rail accident

* Continuation of those policies or initiatives, which ~~belonged to~~ were started by some other political party earlier. For example continuation of MGNREGA despite different parties coming to the power. Ultimate purpose of public welfare gets served.

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* Values of impartiality, shown by those who held important constitutional posts. For example Former Presidents ~~decisions to use~~ ~~suspend~~ APJ Abdul Kalam's decision to use suspensive veto against the govt which got him elected, justifies true quality of a leader.

These qualities ensures that leaders are distinguished from politicians. As former put the welfare of people first & then other loyalties.

However in the recent times we see that politics is becoming "unhealthy" and short term gratifications are becoming the prime concern for the elected representatives. This is also causing them to give more emphasise

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on their party & ideological loyalties & less on the people (the ultimate ruler)

The reasons for such situation are as follows :-

- * Politicization of the post of Governors, speakers etc. They are becoming the tools for increasing the domination of majority party.
- * Rising criminalization of politics, which only enhances the unholy nexus of politicians & mafia & prevent enactments of important legislations.
- * Short sightedness of the politicians, wherein the ~~next~~ victory in the upcoming elections becomes sole motive. This would involve "unholy political alliances".
On the other hand, true leader would not worry about the victory in an election, as he would continue his work for

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the people's ~~work~~ welfare, despite losing an election.

For example, person like Kailash Satyarthi has been working for the children, despite being a politician, for many years.

The above mentioned challenges are damaging the political scenario of India, wherein from the historical times, leader's loyalty to his people has always overcome ~~to~~ ideological or political affiliations.

For examples - Appointment of Greeks in Chandragupta Maurya's court to Navalnas of Akbar to non-Congress member like Ambedkar in the 1st Cabinet of Independent India., justifies the tradition of true leadership prevalent in India.

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In order to overcome these challenges following steps can be considered for ~~reviving~~ reviving our traditional ethos:-

* Institutional reforms, which would involve amendments to the anti-defection Act. Further adhering to the Sarkaria ~~Commission~~ Commission's recommendations w.r.t. appointment of Governor & following the guidelines, ~~of Bommai~~ ~~case~~ to deal with hung assembly, as given by Bommai Case Judgement should be considered.

* The above discussion rests on the plank of morality. And morality is moral when its voluntary. Therefore inculcation of values of Tolerance w.r.t. different ideologies, leadership & team work.

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It is important that for our diverse country, politics remains healthy & MP's/MINs think about people's welfare first & then the welfare of their political parties.

Therefore "a true leader is not the one who ~~is~~ has many followers but one who creates many leaders."

And leaders will be created, if proper precedence is set, which would involve coming out of the bubble "secondary loyalties" & striving for the achievement of dignity of an individual and unity & integrity of the nation."

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Respected Sir,

Topics 1 & 3 in section A were repeated from the last test. Sir, I would like to request that, only new topics are provided in the following tests.

Thank You.