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Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt an 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. Success is not the key to happiness; happiness is the key to success.
2. The starting point for all achievement is desire.
3. Quality is pride of workmanship.
4. If you know the enemy and know yourself you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.

SECTION - B

1. The illiterate of the future will not be the person who cannot read. It will be the person what does not know how to learn.
2. Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.
3. Men have become the tools of their tools.
4. Since we cannot change reality, let us change the eyes which see reality.

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Success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success:

In the year that India became the fastest growing large economy of the world, it slipped in the Gross National Happiness Index marginally from 117 out of 156 countries in 2014 to 118 out of 156 countries in 2015. Indeed, success might not lead to immediate or permanent happiness.

Success can be defined as a sense of achievement in various fields of life, be it personal relationships or the job one has or their social status.

On the other hand, Gandhiji ~~defined happiness to~~ said —

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'Happiness is when what you feel is what you ~~think~~ say and what you say is what you do.'

Aristotle has also defined happiness to be both temporary or fleeting and also a permanent state of contentment. While a good meal makes one temporarily euphoric, a meaningful job might give life long contentment.

In this essay we attempt to understand the relationship between success and happiness by analysing how they affect each other. ~~and~~ While understanding what makes one happy we will see what, beyond success, is more important for happiness.

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HAPPINESS AS A PATH TO SUCCESS

Research has shown that happy kids grow up to be more succesful in terms of their educational achievements or the work that they do.

Similarly, historically, various religious ~~leaders~~ and thought leaders have promoted happiness as a means to contentment or even a final realisation - the ultimate succes for a spiritual being.

It is important to understand why happiness works this way. It provides a sense of confidence that makes one's self worth and puts them on a sure shot path to success.

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The life of India's finest leader, APJ Abdul Kalam is a testimony to this confidence. Kalam, born in a relatively poor family, went on to become a great success in his chosen field of work. He did not have access to the finest resources but only a happy childhood and family life that made him so ~~this~~ great.

By raising one's self worth, happiness also ~~isolates~~ isolates one from the outcome of their endeavours; making them focus more on the task at hand instead of its outcome. A happy person does not seek validation from their success, automatically making them more likely to succeed.

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At the same time, happiness might breed complacency and prevent one from giving their best. Every year we find examples of many students who fight against the odds, without material and familial support or any ray of hope to become succesful in the many competitive exams conducted. It is said that Abraham Lincoln, the person credited with ending slavery was not the most happy in his personal life.

Thus while happiness definitely motivates one, success is not guaranteed and there are various motivations beyond happiness like necessity or an intellectual gift etc. that can be keys to ~~bap~~ success. Next we understand the impact of success on happiness.

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IMPACT OF SUCCESS ON HAPPINESS

Last year a 19 year old intern at Goldman Sachs, New York committed suicide. By all accounts he was ~~a~~ successful in his life. He had the best education, a well mounded resume and the ~~best~~ most coveted job. Yet, ~~he was~~ discontent and unhappiness pushed him over the edge.

success, thus, ~~but~~ is a double edged sword: while it gives one a sense of achievement and thus, happiness, success also has other affects.

'Success might solve one problem but it creates 10 more'.

Such a success is narrowly defined in terms of material gains...

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Hitler was succesful initially in his agenda of hatred. Yet he was never described as happy. Same can be said of ~~not~~ many dictators who might have ~~gained~~ become succesful at the cost of happiness. They are not only personally unhappy but spread misery among other people too.

As India becomes economically rich and begins its ascent to ~~succes~~ on a world stage, we see the incidence of Non communicable diseases are rising. So is the case with ~~crimes~~ a number of crimes against ~~humanity~~ women and minorities This shows a growing level of discontentment in the society and prevailing moral depravation that prevents us from being happy.

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Similarly, achievements of the world in various fields of science and technology are one of the biggest achievements of human kind. Yet, missiles have made the world a lot less safer. They have triggered a race for arms putting the world as we know it at stake. Further; research has led to development of new diseases like SARS that never existed before, bringing forth untold misery. Our latest achievements in robotics and automation have heralded a new Industrial Revolution and ~~yet~~ this will also put millions of individuals out of jobs, affecting their moral spirits and material prospects. Some might argue that in a country like India, expenditure

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on succesful scientific expeditions done by ISRO might actually be diverting funds away from the needy and not casting them of a secure and happy life.

At a personal level, succes has been found to alienate people from others or be surrounded by sycophants instead of true friends. It also puts added pressure on oneself to stay succesful or achieve repeated success. This is bound to make one stressed at certain point. Succesful celebrities have had many rehab stints. They also have to lead a restricted life in terms of voicing their opinion or visiting a place of their choice.

Thus as we can see, narrowly defined succes is more

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likely to cause more harm than good. There is a need to integrate the ~~con~~ two.

INTEGRATING SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS

Bhutan, a small land locked neighbor of India, seems to have cracked the code to happiness. In Bhutan success is defined to mean happiness in the form of their Gross National happiness index. This success includes parameters like social participation, clean environment, peace and stability etc. By doing so, Bhutan has ensured their success also translates into happiness.

Similarly as we have seen above, happiness is neither a necessary nor a sufficient

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condition for success. But if we broaden our understanding of happiness to include ethical behavior, empathy, security etc. it might lead to a wholesome success.

Thus, happiness begets opportunities. How we utilise those opportunities will determine if the happy state of affairs shall continue.

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① ✓ Excellent
② ✓ good grasp of subject
③ ✓ Integration of ideas could have been better
④ ✓ paragraphing is not proper
⑤ ✓ Just impose two things at this juncture of time
⑥ ✓ Rest we can discuss also
⑦ ✓ Fundamental is good
⑧ ✓ Impose conclusion

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Section - B

Men have become the tools of their tools

As the world stands at the precipice of a new revolution - the fourth industrial revolution, to be driven by robots, the dependence of mankind on their tools has become apparent.

Historically, men made various tools as a means which were instrumental in making life easy for mankind. This includes ~~hand~~ everything from hand sized stone ~~axe~~ tools in the paleolithic era; the microliths in mesolithic era to the current collection of tools which includes artificial intelligence mobile phones, internet, various mobile applications, ~~and~~ ~~less~~ & Internet of things and even the less sophisticated ones like

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cars, or ~~simple~~ utilities like refrigerator, electricity etc. These are all part of a broad definition of tools — an instrument that eases one's life.

In this essay we attempt to understand the impact of the new age tools on mankind by analyzing their interrelationship.

Men is the most advanced species on this planet with a capacity to reason and think for himself that is depeived to others. This has allowed him to make lasting changes to the planet. In the pelocess the human mind has developed multifold. What was not possible a century ago a few centuries ago like flying in the air, has

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been made possible due to human ingenuity.

In this context it is impossible to envisage a scenario where man is the tool to tools of his own creation. As the tools advance human capacity to develop advances even more.

This capacity to reason also calls to light man's capability to stop when they thinks his creation can be harmful. Calls by so many depicted scientists like Stephen Hawking and Bill Gates to refrain from development of artificial intelligence as it could harm the life as we know it is a case in point which shows we are not servile to our tools.

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The second argument that showcases human control is the fact that gains arising out of tools are being appropriated by humans. For instance, when robots replace humans ~~as m~~ in the manual labor jobs, they will improve efficiency of production and thus improve profits. ~~Here~~ This extra surplus can be reinvested to create more meaningful jobs than the ones that were replaced.

Thus far men seem to be in control but their are genuine concerns as well. For instance, use of diesel cars - a ~~too~~ cheaper alternative to petrol and a tool for transportation - has made our environment polluted and unsafe. This tool has made men forget rationality that requires them to save environment to ensure a sustainable future

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~~It is envisaged that there will be four times the~~ Devices that will be connected to the internet of things are envisaged to be four times in number to humans by 2020. In this world of ubiquitous computing various tools are available to men, be it applications that provide entertainment or services like food delivery etc.

While this improves quality of life it has also led to new problems like computer vision syndrome that arises from extended use of tools like laptops; there have also been instances of children being addicted to computer games sometimes at the cost of their safety as seen in the case of popular game Pokemon Go.

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Certain tools have also changed social settings. For instance instant messaging has led to decline in usage of face to face communication. Such tools have also made humans isolated and humans show an increased dependence on them as well.

In geopolitics as well men are being limited by the very tools they created. The arsenal of defense weapons and nuclear fire arms that had been developed to ensure safety have actually become a limit on tactical options available as seen in the case of India-Pakistan relationship.

Similarly, the economic aspect of this includes the fact that once a tool is developed major effects and prime focus is on reaping benefits from selling it or exploiting it without caring

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for social welfare. This can be seen by attempts of USA to gain from war ~~when it se~~ in other countries by selling weapons developed for its own safety.

Another important aspect in this age is the role of information. Information is being collected ~~for~~ via various means to aid mankind in making informed decisions with the help of big data analytics. At the same time, this tool can also be misappropriated by malacious elements to make us more vulnerable. ~~It~~ For example India is developing its Aadhaar database to aid ~~decision ma~~ targetted delivery of subsidies yet such a centralised database if hacked ~~by~~ ~~it~~ can be misused. It can also be misused by government authorities themselves to spy on citizens ~~as~~ as was done in USA or for ~~et~~ targeted ethnic cleansing etc.

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According to world bank 40 million jobs will be replaced by artificial intelligence ~~or~~ by 2030 due to automation. Thus our tools will change lives in the future.

At the same time, mankind is still capable of beating its tools. While every year is more and more sophisticated

Similarly in agriculture, genetic modification has been introduced without understanding its implication on our environment and by extension, us. Gene editing tools like CRISPR have been developed which can be used to make 'designer babies', ~~putting~~ posing as an existential threat It also highlights how ethicality is being compromised due to the kind of tools that are being developed.. It is stripping away our humanity as seen in the case of Volkswagen selling ~~petrol~~ cars

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with fake emissions records without care for lives of others. Such tools have heralded a greed for more tools to make more profits at the expense of mankind as shown above.

At the same time, mankind is still capable of beating its tools as seen every year in improved technology being made available like car filters or humanoid robots etc

Our humanity is the most precious trait of mankind. It is imperative that it is saved from the above discussed affect of tools. This can ideally be done by a well rounded education including moral education. Only when our tools continue to be only assistive in nature can we make improvements in quality of life as done in the past.

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Some Limitations

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