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ESSAY

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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Remarks

Strength: Understanding and language skills are good. Good introductions, body and conclusions are upto the mark.

Weakness: Essays did not contain latest and modern examples. Those examples are known to everybody and are mentioned by many. In the 2nd essay certain concepts from the title have not been discussed at length.

Suggestions: ① The analysis and arguments needs to be supported by latest and modern examples from the news papers, though while referring the OLD ones. Those examples are to be collected from the news papers.

③ Mere superficial knowledge, arguements and analysis will not proper examples day to day life, will not fetch marks.

You can easily pick-up

SECTION - A

1. Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.
2. The material world is simply an expression of the mind.
3. The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.
4. Sports and Competition do not build character; they reveal it.

SECTION - B

1. Consumerism kills culture with overproduction and heightened sense of need, established by the marketing.
2. In the era of post truth fact depends entirely on the power of man who can fabricate it.
3. People 'over-produce' pollution because they are not paying for the costs of dealing with it.
4. There are not enough jails, not enough police, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people.

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'The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk!'

'Uneasy is the head that bears the crown'

These lines, borrowed from a play by Sir William Shakespeare speak of the duty and responsibility of those at the highest echelons of life, in this case the king. In this context, living humbly also becomes crucial.

One can be said to be humble when she lives a noble life, full of humility, she must live a life free of pretenses, without boastfulness. It can also be extended to mean ~~feats~~ living by frugal means and making do with one's allotted share of resources, instead of vulgar displays of property. While humility and being humble should be cherished values for all, in this essay we attempt to understand the importance of humble living for those at the top, be it historical leaders, professionals or even countries. We then conclude with how to practice humility and develop it as an integral part of life.

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Why is being humble important?

In life, one succes to the top only ~~when~~ via interacting with others and society. Whether it be our beloved Mahatma Gandhi who drew his authority from millions who loved him to our bollywood actors like Mr Amitabh Bachhan, these are all people loved by the masses. who reached the top by harnessing the power of collective society. This implies they owe their success to society and must thus be humble and use their success for the gain of the society This also implies they have a duty to give back in whichever way they can.

~~Secondly~~, Once one excels in a field they become influences and trend setters. ~~Thus~~ Thus there comes an added responcibility to uphold the ~~expec~~ high expectations people hold of one. In this case being humble becomes a value that we adopt so others can do so too. ~~Being~~ Living frugally would also signal others about the right way to live.

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~~Morally~~, from an ethical perspective too being humble makes sense as succeeding humans are inherently good i.e. summum bonum. This leads us to possess good values like kindness, courage, love etc. Humility is an extension of these values. It is also about being true to one's own self by not taking ourselves too seriously.

Very good argument

The most important reason is the maxim that 'what goes up, comes down'. Thus being placed high in life is no assurance that this state of affairs will continue forever. Everything is fleeting and it is important to stay down to earth through such ups and downs. This shows strength of character as well. as mentioned in the following lines — Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power! — Lincoln

This then becomes the last reason for being humble. The absence of humility can succeeding can alienate oneself from the true facts and others. It will lead to inflated egos and short term perspective. The

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The current situation of US President Donald Trump is an example in point. He is known to be boastful and lives a materially ~~of~~ rich life. This seems to have alienated him from some of his followers. Thus it becomes crucial to be humble at the top in all spheres of life.

Professional humility

Leaders like Warren Buffet ~~and~~ have proven the importance of being humble time and again. He travels by economy class flights, wears the most basic clothes and has chosen to donate most of his wealth to charity. This humility doesn't take away from his professional excellence.

The recent case of Infosys India is also important. The founder Narayan Murthy emphasised on retaining core values of humility that are a part of the company's ethos in light of the increase in compensation of the CEO and COO. He highlighted the idea of compassionate capitalism and how it would be

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Remarks

unethical for executives to give themselves ~~huge~~ increase in compensation while the lowest employee earns so less and our country's men face poverty ~~and~~ related challenges. He stressed the importance of staying grounded even at the top.

Personal relations and being humble

Even in our personal relations people cherish us and put us at the top by giving us love and respect: This needs to be reciprocated and valued to sustain. This requires being humble, kind and giving. ~~Our par~~ In fact great leaders are born out of their ability to nourish personal relationships and develop one to one bonding very quickly. for eg. ~~to~~ Martin Luther King Jr or even Barack Obama. These men are charismatic because they are humble and accessible to all. This concept can also be extended to an analysis of geopolitics.

good argument

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Geopolitics and being humble.

In a fast changing world. countries which were at the top yesterday are no longer their (there). The last century ~~has~~ alone has seen the downfall of UK, USSR and now maybe even USA. In such a scenario it is important for all nations to practice being humble by building allies. countries in a position of strength like USA use their power for collective gain of the world like negotiating the Paris agreement.

good analysis

Absence of humility in such a scenario leaves one without allies as happened in the case of Germany's agenda towards the end of World War II. This is also why India refrains from aggressive posturing or using its economic might to influence international decisions. We realise the responsibility that comes with being at the top. ~~and~~ Next we discuss how to practice this balance between being humble while also fulfilling ~~doing~~ our responsibility.

good point to be discussed

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How to be humble?

Here Gandhiji's Talisman which he said will help us decide in times of crisis becomes ~~tempera~~ crucial -

Recall the face of the poorest and weakest man whom you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to help them. will he gain anything from it? will it restore him control over his own life?

~~If this~~ So if one lives by this condition when they are in a position of power, they will always stay humble and compassionate.

In addition to this one must also never forget their own roots and their path to success. This will help us remember that the path is the goal and success merely a fortuitous outcome.

Another important way of being humble is being environmentally conscious of one's footprint and working towards reducing it.

All this will help us realise that - 'The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.'

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Sec B

4. There are not enough jails, not enough police, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people.

'Law is order and good law is good order'

This line by Aristotle aims to highlight the distinction between a good and bad law. As mentioned in the title of the essay, this difference can arise from whether it is supported by the people or not. Law here means any policy or rules curated by executive order and those passed by the parliament as legislative bills.

In this essay we aim to understand the importance of people's support for a law to succeed. We analyse the purpose of laws and their evolution. We study the reasoning a law may not be supported and then conclude with the idea of a well accepted law and its constituents. We also discuss examples of laws not liked by people i.e the citizens, to improve our understanding of the issue.

get the central point

Remarks

The purpose of laws

In our modern democratic setup laws are formed by those accountable to the electorate i.e the citizens of the country. Thus indirectly, if all goes well, laws aim to protect the citizens of the country and are a chance to codify the concerns of the citizens for example the National food security Act 2013 aims to provide food rations to the hungry masses. It assuages the concerns of 67% of the population too.

laws are also formed to implement and uphold the ideals of our constitution. As our polity derives power from the constitution it becomes important that ~~etc~~ laws are made to protect it. As a result we have laws that protect fundamental rights of our people, like the ~~Detention~~ Civil Liberties Act 1955. we also have laws that implement the vision of India as ~~dreamt~~ mentioned in the Directive Principles of state policy. like Prevention of Cruelty against animals Act 1960 etc

V. good intro question

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These reasons for the existence of laws are truly noble and must usher in the 'Rule of law' as discussed by John Adams. However laws are also used by the establishment of the day to maintain status quo and propagate itself, at times at the cost of citizens. ~~This leads to laws lacking mass support of masses.~~ for example, slavery was legal in USA till 19th century even though it violated the rights of many. It was a means to ensure stability in power equations. This leads to loss of support by masses.

Reasons why some laws lack support

As mentioned above, ~~the~~ at times there are right reasons to ~~do~~ not support a law as mentioned in these lines by martin luther King Junior -

'It is our moral duty to oppose immoral laws!'

Valid point for discussion

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Remarks

This was the reason behind Civil disobedience movement led by Mahatma Gandhi during India's struggle for independence. Gandhi ji opposed unjust laws throughout his life and the existing justice system of the time including the threat of arrest by police or even the threat of being held guilty for violation by the court didn't stop him. He called himself lucky to be violating an unjust law of sedition.

Similarly certain laws that are immoral because they violate the constitution also can not be supported. The yet to be passed Citizenship Bill 2016 is an example of this. This bill discriminates between people on the basis of their religion and thus is violative of their fundamental rights. Thus there are certain laws which lack support for the right reasons. There are other reasons too.

must appropriate

- since Article 14 of the Constitution guarantees equality to all persons, citizens and foreigners, differentiating between people

Remarks on the grounds of religion could be in violation of Constitution.
- Same has been remarked in Supreme in Aug, 2017 in the matter related to ROHINGYA refugees.

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Economic reasons are the most imperative here / Individuals violate laws for economic gains. For example child labor is prevalent despite being outlawed due to economic cost benefit analysis of employing a child v/s an adult. Same is the case with other banned activities like organ donation.

Social reasons are crucial in a country like India. Laws which are progressive in nature or different from existing social realities and structure often face lack of support. These include violation of the manual scavenging prohibiting Act or ~~child~~ prevalence of witch hunting, child marriage etc. An active judiciary and police can address this lack of popularity by swift action against perpetrators.

- Certain laws lack support due to political and historical reasons. For instance the demonstrations in North East against AFSPA arise from

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Valid point but appropriate examples

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Remarks

— while discussing about the AFSPAct, the ground realities which may not be known to all. Another ~~[illegible]~~ example will be better ~~[illegible]~~
In 2016 the High Court of Meghalaya recommended

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a historical belief in their autonomy and the unique political structure there. Of course, the law here is trying to force ideals of central government on this people ~~violating~~ isolating them even further.
In such a scenario the role of our judicial-police complex changes. ~~becomes~~

Role of courts, police and prisons

Our justice system is rehabilitative in nature - aiming to reform individuals and reduce redicivism. Their aim is to ensure rule of law exists. When laws are supported by masses, the role of our justice system is limited to ensuring justice is done swiftly and those who are violators of the world of law are punished so that others are disincentivised from breaking the law too. Here masses too support the implementation of law and have faith is the system to lead to the right outcome.

good narration

to the central govt. to impliment AFSPA in the Western part of Meghalaya State. So, these acts of defence in nature and related to border states can ~~[illegible]~~ be avoided

It is a surprise that a High Court of a state recommending for such an act on its own

Remarks

However, when for the reasons listed above the citizens do not support the laws of the day the justice system becomes a means of exploitation and works against the will of the people. for example during British ~~Indian~~ rule in India persons were fined with ~~black~~ laws of protestors. And yet this did not weaken the system, in fact emboldened it.

In such a scenario implementation becomes weak as citizens do not aid the police or courts in implementation activities like recognising perpetrators of crime, giving evidence etc. At times they actively break laws and escape conviction by crafty means.

Another outcome of lack of support for laws is that citizens loose faith in the justice system to do the right thing and take that power themselves. The recent increase in lynching accidents is due to the belief of a small minority in the ability of courts to do justice. and thus they believe in parallel justice

relevant point again

Remarks

Thus the jails, police and even the courts loose their powers when laws are not popular. To prevent this we must ensure 'good' laws are made.

Good laws and conclusion

Immanuel Kant said good laws are the ones that are universal in applicability. In addition to this we must ensure the laws and policies that are being formulated are in line with the spirit of the constitution and not merely as worded as seen in the recent order of prohibiting cattle trade. It is also important to include the people via consultation when formulating laws so that they are in sync with existing realities. The recent method of taking ~~the~~ suggestion or draft bills online is a start towards this. Lastly, implementation of laws should also be citizen centric and citizen friendly so that our jails, courts and police can justify their mandate as, 'The will of the people is the best law.'

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- meaning and power of humbleness:

- higher positions are position of trust - humbleness aimed at equity, justice, will for good all, establishing peace etc.

Dimentions: ① Individual human Level. ② Societal level - western society is considered as developed, not by richness, like that of Saudi Arabia and Middle east, because it reformed its society and has better respect for human rights. ③ country level - a developed country must inspire others by being more charitable, friendly and accommodative. ④ Species level - we should be less cruel to species, and a more appreciative of other species.

To whom it applies: ① Head of courts, Public Administrators, head of International Organisations or the nation with commendable influence in world affairs. ② The highly successful athletes, businessmen, the artists must also realise that people see them as role models and thus, they should try to inculcate such qualities. ③ Individual level - they influence the behaviour in their social life and workplace, they can inspire work culture and punctuality - Eg: Metroman E. Sreedharan

also - opposite of humbleness - (arrogance). Arrogance of Pakistan created Bangladesh. Army power arrogance which is driving China to have disputes with 16 countries incl. S. China sea disputes; arrogance of USA in Vietnam war.

Essay B-4: The concepts in the title - Jails, police and courts in India have to be dealt to a reasonable level. Now, in India there are no jails or PRISONS. Jail is for punishment and PRISON is for reformation. Our prisons are reformatory ones. But the Indian prisons are over-crowded and the conditions are sub-human, poor hygiene of the Prisons need reforms. ② Courts - less Judges at all 3 levels - dist, High Courts and even in Supreme Court. However, the % of convicts in India are lower - at 330 per 1,00,000 population. Pending cases are many - Justice delayed is Justice denied. ③ Police - lot of shortage in Police vacancies. Reforms are necessary in Police forces also.