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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.

(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. To be successful in Men's world, a woman must be more man than men.
2. Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.
3. True equality means holding everyone accountable in the same way, regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity - or political ideology.
4. Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something.

SECTION - B

1. India hasn't unraveled true potential of its long coastline.
2. We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.
3. One should like to be able to love one's country and still love justice.
4. Sustainability is about Ecology, Economy and Equity.

SECTION-4

- True Equality means holding everyone accountable in the same way, regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity - or political ideology.

Ans Equality in the conventional sense means absence of discrimination on any ground like religion, race, caste, political ideology, gender, place of birth etc. And accountability means holding someone responsible or answerable for his actions or decisions.

Equality, however, can be defined in both positive and negative senses. In positive sense it means availability of opportunities for all irrespective

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of their social, economic or political status etc. while in negative sense it implies that there should be no privilege for anyone.

it is important to ensure social justice that no one should be discriminated in anyway. Equality does not mean uniformity or equal treatment rather it emphasise on similar treatment. This means there is no place for irrational, illogical or unreasonable discrimination (known as conventional inequality) while discrimination can be made on the basis of natural factors like for children, women, disabled, elderly

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etc.

Therefore, it becomes essential to hold everyone accountable for social, political, economic growth of the nation. When some are held accountable and others are let free to do whatever they wish, then there comes a state of chaos and some sort of anarchy prevails in society which has wider ramifications for development of societies and nations in almost every dimension.

If state starts discriminating people on the basis of race then this racial discrimination instills a feeling of oppression

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in those who are always held accountable even for their minor acts, against those who always go scot-free even after committing serious crimes and offences. for eg. if a particular race in India, say Negrates, ~~are~~ is held accountable but Aryans are free to do whatever they wish, then Negrates will develop grides for Aryans and it will threaten the social peace, which consequently stalls economic development and it thwarts a country to progress.

Similarly, when one gender is not held accountable for their acts, it gives them a free hand to do which

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is against the interests of other gender and this results in increased rate of crime and social evils and also in society prevails misogynistic and misandrous feelings which is not good for social cohesion.

Also, when women are discriminated on totally irrational grounds then it results in social bias and potential of women is not tapped and their aspirations and dreams are not allowed to thrive. So, it is essential to hold all people, irrespective of their gender, to ensure growth and development of all, not only men.

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Our beautifully written constitution also makes provision for equal treatment of women and men in society, employment, culture & religion which is evident from Articles 14, 15, 16, 22, 25 etc. So it's the duty of state and all of us to enable development of all and by holding accountable all and not just women for their acts, decisions & choices.

It is written in our constitution that all are equal in the eyes of state and no one enjoys privileges of any kind. This clearly implies that state should hold all persons accountable for

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their wrongdoings and should never discriminate on frivolous grounds such as race, ethnicity or political ideology.

Moreover, when a particular religious denomination is treated differently from other denominations it creates some form of communalism and communal tendencies are not helpful for anyone as they jeopardise the harmony in society and stagnate the national progress.

Sometimes, this religious discrimination in holding people accountable invites interference from other countries where they are in majority, like Indian intervention in countries

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where Hindus are persecuted like Afghanistan, Bangladesh etc. and Arab world's interference in Myanmar where Rohingyas are oppressed and persecuted.

So, it can be said that state should be cautious while making interventions in affairs of different religions and should always remember the principle of Equality while holding them accountable otherwise repercussions of such unreasonable discrimination may prove to be disastrous for a nation.

Similarly when different ethnic groups are not held accountable at par, they

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Starts rivalry among them which again kills the dynamic nature of societies and put one ethnic group against other like in Manipur Meiteis are at "war" with Nagas and Kuki ethnic groups which

has caused serious damage to Manipur's social, cultural, economic integration and thereby not allowed state to uplift the people from poverty and improve their quality of life.

Such discrimination are fuelled by political patronage and discrimination made on the basis of allegiance to some particular political ideology, while holding accountable people of other ideology

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Recently, there have been news that particular fringe groups have been owing their allegiance to a particular ideology and others who don't owe allegiance to them, are discriminated and fringe groups enjoying political patronage go scot-free and not held accountable for their crimes against dissidents & dissenters.

This puts country into a precarious situation where cleavages in society harms social well-being and economic prosperity thereby inhibiting prospects of faster development of a nation.

Moreover, all people have

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freedom to have any kind of political ideology, like democracy, communism, Marxism, socialism etc. but- it does not mean that state should crackdown on people of a particular ideology. State should not interfere in such choices unless they pose some harm and unnecessary challenges for the nation's unity, security or sovereignty etc.

State should always work on the basis of ideals of democracy like justice, equality, liberty etc. As equality is one of the essential ideal of democracy, it ensures fair and just

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development of all and does not invite favour of any particular group because here all are treated without any prejudice, presumption or ill-will. All are held accountable as per the law of land and here always prevails 'Rule of law' in the society.

The countries which have neglected such ideals are in fact like Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Sudan etc. Also, in Europe people of one particular community are releasing their pent-up anguish and anger against state for its ^{unmindful} discrimination.

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against those communities,

So, it is sine qua non for any society or country to work on the principle of equal, treating all equal, to ensure that benefits of moral & material efforts fall are not cornered by few, and percolate down to masses. So it becomes necessary to hold accountable all, rich & poor, men & women, different religions, races etc. as per the law of land vindicating the importance of equality in administration of accountability.

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SECTION - B

* 'Sustainability is about Ecology, Economy and equity' :-

Sustainability in simpler terms can be defined as "~~assisted~~ continuity of availability of opportunities for all". This implies that the opportunities which are available to present generation for their fullest development would be available in a continuous manner to forthcoming generation as well.

In 1972, UN set up a commission headed by Brundland, which defined sustainable

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Development - as "use of resources by present generation for their developmental needs in a way which does not compromise the prospects of development of future generations in any way."

World communities started paying attention to the issue of sustainable development after 1970's especially, after the conspicuous ill-effects of mindless use, misuse of resources and increase in pollution levels which threatened human survival across the world like Global warming & climate change.

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Since then there have been many summits, conventions and protocols for ensuring sustainable development. Rio Earth Summit dealt on almost all issues of sustainability like biodiversity, climate, etc. Montreal Protocol sought to reduce emissions of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) like CFCs, HCFCs, CHCl_3 etc.

Sustainable development has become an important theme which is incorporated in all plans of economic development and social development for ensuring equitable transfer of benefits to all and equity in society.

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Ecological and environmental sustainability is at the root of sustainable development, because if resources are consumed in an indiscriminate manner, there would not be sustainable development of any kind. Natural resources are not unlimited. There is a limit to use of these resources for the fulfillment of needs of all in a sustainable manner.

When flora and fauna are exploited ruthlessly without any concern for sustainability, it brings species to brink of extinction which destabilise

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the Ecosystem and thereby the very survival of communities dependent upon those Ecosystems.

Similarly, indiscriminate use of minerals resources, water resources, energy resources like oil, gas & coal, jeopardise the dignified survival of all. It is so because many would not have access to these precious resources and will be left out from the story of development. Water in rivers, streams would become polluted & poisonous which will not cater to the needs of future generations.

Ozone layer is depleting due to release of ODS, like

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Halons, freons, HFCs etc. which poses threats to health of human beings and UVs can cause skin cancer, & genetic mutations etc.

many respiratory ailments are caused by air pollution which is caused by vehicular traffic which releases NO_x , SO_2 , PM, CO, etc., burning of crop residue, rice cultivation releases CH_4 , construction pollution etc.

All these ailments are burden on the resources of mankind.

Climate change and global warming are the worst consequences of development-unmindful of sustainability. During the process of development, forests were cut on a large scale,

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biodiversity was not considered important element of ecosystem, toxic gases were released from industrial plants and no step was taken in the direction of restoration of environment & ecology which was damaged severely due to this development.

Global warming is the cause of decrease in biodiversity, ocean acidification, receding glaciers, uneven distribution of rainfall etc. This has caused rise in sea-level which has brought island nations to brink of extinction and submergence of coastal areas of many countries including India.

So, it can be said that neglect of sustainable development in past is now causing work

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harm and will continue to
worsen if not contained
now by taking appropriate
measures like reduction of
green house gases release in
environment, etc.

This unsustainable development
has depleted ecological and
environmental resources on which
our economic development
depends. Many countries of the
world have become economically
prosperous by exploiting, rather by
over-exploiting natural resources
but many lagged behind
in this process of development
like Asian & African economies.

This economic development
has not been sustainable
because decline in growth

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rates of most developed countries bear testimony to this fact. Now, those development-countries are also facing somewhat similar challenges which are being faced by developing or emerging economies like unemployment, inflation or deflation, economic crises etc.

Recent Global financial crises shook the world and pointed out unsustainable ways of economic development which are based on over-exploitation of natural resources. Now world needs to move in a direction where economic development is based on minimal usage of natural resources and new technology plays major role.

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Furthermore, this economic development despite being unsustainable has not percolated down to masses. This prosperity has not reached to depressed, marginalized, and downtrodden people who bear the brunt of this over-exploitation. They are the ones who have paid the heavy cost of this development. In a nutshell, it can be said that social equity has been elusive in this process of development.

This absence of sustainable equity has caused social unrest, and turmoil because only few have been benefitted from this development while

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who paid cost of - that remained outside the growth story. This has created a world of haves and have nots or rich & poor where poor have been keeping grudges against rich and even have revolted at many places. Like violence in India caused by Left wing extremism, social unrest in Africa, etc.

So there should be social equity which prevents concentration of wealth and resources in few hands and ensures sustainable social development.

However, urgent need of sustainable development has been recognized which is

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clear from the global effort like Convention on Biodiversity, Nagoya Protocol, Cartagena Protocol, Montreal Protocol for phasing-out ODS, Paris Agreement for reducing release of GHGs & to combat global warming & climate change.

Sustainable economic development has been the key theme of all economic summits, meetings and plans. In this main focus has been on providing employment to all and dignified life. Social equity, thus, springs from equitable distribution of fruits of sustainable economic development.

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However, there is much to ensure sustainable development and to ensure that rights, prospects and aspirations of future generations are not compromised and limited in any way.

Sustainability can be ensured by scientific developments like biotechnology, nano-technology, developments in renewable energy sector, distillation techniques to purify sea water, etc. these techs. have potential to reduce wastage of natural resources and ensure that all have access to resources which are essential for living a dignified and meaningful life. These techs. would

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violate levels of pollution and can prevent or cure health hazards caused by misuse of resources.

World needs to come together in order to alleviate negative repercussions of past mistakes and to ensure that hereafter development is sustainable and fruits of development are reached to all irrespective of their location, world has enough resources but they are not inexhaustible so we need to use them cautiously and very carefully. There is no scope for misuse of these precious resources. Everything has to be sustainable, else we risk

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One survival. In words of
Gandhi -

"there is enough for
everybody's needs but
not for anybody's greed"

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