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Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

- Attempt both essays
- The test carries 250 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- 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).

Remarks

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1. Nothing is absolute, subjectivity applies everywhere
2. Life happens to all, only a few make it happen

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 History \leftarrow GS services Information \rightarrow Wide Access
 Society Left
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Indian CPI
 Economics Keynes
 Environment
 Science & Tech

Wide Access
Access to all
Information
Polity
Success
Political Life
Active

Nothing is outside, undisciplined, religious
 arrangements.

2. year old. He had had the world
 had to a string. His dear Aunt
 had made him a real part of what he
 do and had not do in the summer holidays
 with seemingly limitless energy and time
 he really looked forward to vacationing
 at his cousin Saraf's house.

Fast forward 15 years, he had now being
 urged to divorce his wife of 3 years
 by Saraf. It is proof for a man he
 says, men of the low standard; the
 board will approve. If only he could
 meet his Aunt's. To do so, but
 not anymore. As disaffectionate and
 father since his marriage has been he must

be patient

Monty's story is all of this in a way. As children when we learn things, the simplest concepts of right/wrong, good/bad are presented to us. To make them comprehensible, the complexities which make life real are neatly and rightly related out. But life arrives all the same, merely delayed and with it the ambiguity of the

Grey area:

For centuries man has triumphed finally over the challenges facing him only to be stopped by newer ones.

It was as recently as 1945 when Francis Fukuyama had considered history to have come to an end. Little did we know that

your story does bring out the essence but not very powerfully
 it is rather sharp

rise of an ambitious China will resurrect
the National Revivalist which brought
humanity to the brink of madness

Western Democracies had embraced liberalism
and values of Equality, Fraternity throughly,
yet today the ugly head of Protectionism,
anti immigration-ism and federalism
has risen its ugly head. Even the
mighty Himalayas will come down just as
the Alps today.

Liberty meant freedom from external
restraints. Laissez faire economics was
based on it, and the modern world
is mercantile, Capitalistic Imperialism.
Yet today Liberty means much more, a positive
opportunity to achieve the best of what
one might become.

Not very
clear what
you want
to argue or
infer from
this section

Even our mother Earth which was supposed to be the center of Universe is on the brink of permanent change of its climate. It is clear that change or competition is the only constant.

Democracies are based on this very idea of competing ideas. The people's will is only discovered by factoring in the various views. While India decided to stay away from international market post independence it chooses today a globalized world. Had the idea been permanent we never would be able to grow so fast. articulate better

The sheer subjectivity of life and principles ought lead someone to inaction. Moral ~~is~~ of subjectivity is ever present even morality is under suspicion. read Anand

might make ethics futile to the skeptic.
 He may not, if I can never know the
truth, why bother?

Build up this idea using
 certain examples -

Further, Amorality may render a person
confused. Inaction however is not an
 option what then is the solution?

We must cherish the competition between
ideas not to be intimidated by it.

The process of competition has many
advantages - Knowledge and Civilization

progress through this amorality. When
present notions are questioned, people
 are forced to think of newer, perhaps
 better concepts. This is how we
progress.

How are these
 affected with
 absoluteness
 and
 subjectivity?

Indian philosophy has well recognized this concept. Jainism preaches "Anantavad" the infinity or multiplicity of reality. (Even Buddha considers reality to be a continuous stream of moment change)

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Bring simplicity in your ideas

Embracing subjectivity. There is very little it has practical benefits too. The ruling coalition / party knows its nature is not final nor the opposition's stable. It keeps them on toes.

2) How an embrace of subjectivity helps?

Subjective remarks must not lead to inaction. One may point to moral ambiguity as an excuse to not doing anything. But concepts are alive in instances, instances have to be effective.

We are what we make of ourselves.
 For centuries religion kept dictating to us
 our choices of food, profession etc. But
 today we question and completely deny
 facts based principles/dictums.

Subjectivity gives us hope of change, the
 hope of revision, and the hope
 of victory after defeat.

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It seems you understand the key idea but
 you haven't explored it up much -
 need to discern very clearly what absolute
 and subjectivity means - Bring examples -

Probe reasons of why subjectivity exists.

Is subjectivity good or bad? what about
 absolutism?
 what is the right balance?

Life happens to all a few make it happen

In a famous movie by Woody Allen,
18 an interesting quote -

"Life is full of pain and misery and
negativity, and it's all over way to

STON"

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This quote captures the ambivalence that
people have towards life beautifully. On
the one hand we never tire of complaining
and on the other we long for even more
of. But why wouldn't we want
something unpleasant to get over quickly?

The answer is that life is full of
possibilities. The possibilities of joy, of
happiness, of pleasure, of meaning
and most importantly of contentment.

What about
frustration?
? Utilitarianism
- or - for
possibilities?

It is our passive and lax attitude which prevents us from reaching out the things life can offer. Instead of actors we are merely reactors of situations. We wait too much and do too little only to complain ^{later} that nothing can be done. Not all are like this, some are different - these people make life happen.

into you could put
what if perspective
life happens to all
making life
happens

Successful people seize the moment, value it and act perfectly. Comfort is the enemy of progress, if it degenerates into laziness. It is easy to give excuses, that law of karma states you are just bearing the fruits of the past. Successful people realize that while it may be true, what

is ^{also} essentially true is that every moment
 new Karma is being created, the fruits
 of which are yet to come.

Life is good too, for simplicity of an
 regardless of an unconscious status
 life is comfortable. Yes there is poverty,
disease and crime but a misery today
 is much better off than a king of the 10th
Century. So it is easy to be complacent.

do you
 really
 think
 it is
 so?

inhibition) way one feels, change is
 difficult and uncomfortable. In modern times,
 even more so tebbles and social media
 allow even the poorest to escape reality in
 a world where they are just consumers -
 without incentive there was to work might
 also be undermined by unfair business environment
 in Downward Basic Income.

It is easy to see how one might
 feel the status. One is just fine. Progress,
 whether individual or societal is not
 based on comparison. Gandhi was
a very successful man, professionally and
monetarily, while he too suffered discrimination,
he was much better off and could have
rested on his laurels. Instead, the great
man came back and liberated us all.
While the British were dominating everyone,
Gandhi happened to them.

Explores character -
 Trait - that
 was involved
 here -

↳ what do you mean by that?

Humans are blessed with intellect
intelligence and imagination. It is that
 makes us creative. It has been proven
 beyond doubt that productivity and duty
 give us a sense of fulfillment that no
other comfort can give.

We tend to express just want or want. Reasons are imputed or understood, ourselves or overestimate the problem, but we are unrealistic about our expectations.
All these lead to reaction and evasion.

The key is to do your own thing. The Gita is most beautiful in its theory of virtuous karma - performance of duties, regardless of ^{circumstances} ~~results~~.

Most of the major problems that world faces today are due to the pursue status. Quest approach - Climate Change, migration, Poverty, Hunger, Inflant mortality, war and terrorism can all be checked. If not all the way then at least some.

This needs to be explained well

The Developed Nations keep being reluctant whereas the developing keep blaming the former for Climate Change. Meanwhile Norway and Sweden have done so much on recycling that they actually import waste. Just one example of how action and reaction or commentary can bring about long lasting and positive Change.

keep reflecting - if
each part
aligns with
the intention

What is true for Nations is applicable to an individual. A life of proactive action makes us feel in control and calm. We are better able to manage our emotions and consequently life - social and personal. But each individual action adds up to bring about huge changes and then life itself is better not just for us but for all.

Perseverance and action are thus what make life meaningful and joyful. Just because these are important does not mean we should forever be looking to change things. Life is a journey not a destination, so we must also ^{stop and} enjoy along the way, just not ~~to~~ so much so as to stop all movement.

There is another aspect too, while it is important to take challenges head-on one must also be wise enough to back off when life is too overwhelming. A tree that does not bend surely breaks.

What, then, is the secret to success? It is to be adaptable. To persevere and choose our fights. One cannot change

everything. There is a real, gritty, intense
 reality and ~~bravery~~ bravery!
 Winners know this, risks have to be
 calculated, expectations - realistic.

Nevertheless, stand has to be
 taken sometimes, lest we just become
 products of our environment.

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Need to bring clarity of expression
 and alignment with the demand
 of the question -

Be very clear about meaning of life happens
 and making life happen.

See what internal and external reasons
 of difference between the two sets of
 people - Attitude and material circumstances
 both need to be dismissed -

Remarks

see how changes can be made so that
 more and more people can 'make life happen'.

