

GS SCORE

ESSAY MOCK TEST - 1

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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. *When we cannot make life better on earth, what is the guarantee that dreaming about flying cars, humanoid robots and populated cities on Mars would make it any better*
2. *Man's emotions are the slaves to his thoughts, and he is the slave to his emotions*
3. *The greatest dishonesty is when our insides don't match up with our outsides*
4. *Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing*

SECTION - B

1. *Privatization is not always the best economic policy*
2. *Urbanization is not only simply expanding the area of cities*
3. *Inequality is a poison that is destroying livelihoods, dignity, peace, and amity*
4. *No matter where you stand politically, it is important that you should participate in the process of politics*

Section-A

The greatest dishonesty is when our insides don't match up with our outsides.

The colonial rule across the world was driven by the quest for god, glory and gold. However, these colonial powers ruled various colonies of Third world in the guise of white man's burden to 'civilise' and bring prosperity to the colonies.

But the light of truth slowly exposed the evil designs of colonial rule and eventually led to its collapse across the world. This great dishonesty brought many problems for the colonial power. They have faced trust deficit with developing world, struggled to build lasting friendships and have witnessed anger from the common masses in the developing countries.

The great dishonesty of colonial rule haunts them even today in various forms.

Your intro doesn't link to the question

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United States despite supporting powerful regimes in West Asia has not been able to develop the goodwill among the local people. Various terrorist groups are today mobilised by the ~~at~~ thought of atrocities committed by the western nations. This has created huge security implications for such countries which have witnessed various terror attacks in the recent times.

Examine the reasons what does balancing between inside & outside mean? what are the inside and outside here?

Be it Charlie Hebdo killings, or London bombings or 9/11, all stem from the hatred towards the west which in effect has been driven by the anger towards it due to its past dishonesty starting from colonial times when Britain promised a separate homeland for Arabs but instead allowed Israelis to settle there to the modern times

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where Iraq was invaded on the pretext of having weapons of mass destruction when none was found in reality. From outside such powers were shown as well wishes of ~~the~~ west Asia but from inside they were purely driven by selfish motives like access to crude oil for their energy security.

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Even today when countries have started treating each others as equals, many still show hypocrisy in their conduct. Wearing a mask from outside covering deceit and superiority complex from inside. Edward Snowden's expose of USA's NSA Prism program where foreign head of states were tapped while their stay in USA was one such example. Effect was a deterioration of relations between USA and countries like Germany.

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Such dishonesty is no more confined to the erstwhile colonial powers. Even the colonies of past have followed the same footsteps as their colonial rulers. China is one such example which has grown manifold since the independence era. It is now the 2nd largest economy globally. ~~How~~ To create a positive image it has talked about fundamental rights and globalisation for shared prosperity.

But from inside, this is not the case. Even though it markets the Belt and Road initiative across the world in the name of globalisation, it has not allowed free flow of ideas which is essential part of globalisation. The Xinjiang province of China has a higher muslim majority but there have been attempts to suppress their cultural identity.

"Insider" mean some thoughts, all inside, the which we've imbedded to outside mean an action or speech. As per the honesty is when we see thoughts and actions are compared. Example why that happens & what happens when we're honest.

Example of dishonesty

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by the Chinese authorities. There is ban on beards and public show of Islamic signs. Most of mosques have been shut down and thousands sent to re-orientation Chinese centres to promote a uniform Chinese identity. It is the greatest dishonesty when Chinese globalisation policy is analysed.

This incoherence between inside and outside is not merely confined to China. Many of its shades can be easily seen in the Indian society also.

From outside, India is a vibrant democracy which has a constitution promoting the ideals of equality, liberty, fraternity and justice in the preamble. But an analysis of the functioning of Indian democracy paints a different picture from inside.

The question wants an examination of the individual's
 Examine the overall effects of
 delinquency on students countries after that.

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Candidates of MP/MCA elections take oath of Constitution before contesting the elections — to uphold the values of the Constitution. But during campaigning, they break all norms and rules. Hate speeches are a common phenomenon especially in Northern Hindi belt. This contrasts their outside appearance of someone who would uphold the Constitutional values like fraternity and unity.

The conditions are not much different after getting elected. Many ministers in the recent times have garlanded, accused in lynching cases related to cow movement by minorities/dalits.

Similarly, from outside the parties talk about giving vote on the basis of development but while distributing tickets they give preference to a

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candidate of a dominant caste or religion. This shows the ~~low~~ true intentions of the party where development is the 1st casualty of winnability.

This becomes greatest dishonesty as it leads to many ill effects. Corruption in public sphere and criminalisation of politics being the most prominent ones. As a result, institutions like police weaken due to such vested interests controlling them. Far from achieving the objectives of the Constitution it actually acts as an anti-thesis of the same. Weak rule of law is directly linked to huge pendency of cases in judiciary and imposition of a barrier in the path of development where investors avoid places where their investments are not safe. They fear the loss of life ~~and~~ in case they oppose such criminal elements

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to do fair business.

This dishonesty also creates faultlines in the society which weaken the national security. States like Jammu and Kashmir somewhere ~~see~~ show a resistance towards integration with India ~~as~~ due to a perception of anti-Muslim sentiment in mainstream India. Thus, the mismatch between inside and outside has some great ill in political arena.

Even at the personal level, this mismatch acts as greatest dishonesty. The middle class and common man today critiques the government and bureaucracy and holds it responsible for all ills. From outside, they are well-wishers of the country and ~~to~~ nationalists. But their actions depict a different picture of their inside.

Dishonesty leads to distrust. Is there distrust due to an assumption that everybody is dishonest? Is that because all of us are living dishonestly? We believe our insides don't & should match our outside.

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Electricity cuts today are a major issue of grievance of the common man. A cut here and system's inefficiency blamed immediately. However, the reality shows that distribution companies (DISCOMS) face huge burden due to electricity theft which leads to such power cuts. The Aggregate Technical and Commercial loss today stands at ~20% where it should have been below 10% ideally. On top of that, DISCOMS face losses as people are unwilling to pay high prices for electricity.

The effect of this mismatch between professed nationalism and nation building and actions at ground level are the greatest dishonesty. It leads to collapse of institutions which take decades to build. The electricity sector today faces huge losses which

Stick to the question. examine relevance of theories. All relevant answers. Most com. to be awarded.

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the government hasn't ^{been able} ~~revised~~ ~~done~~ despite reforms like UDAY bond.

At another level, the mismatch between outside and inside is having huge implications in the present times. Today, personal relationships have become transactional. At the outside, people in corporates or cities meet regularly, share greetings, etc. But ~~for~~ as soon as they change their company or places of residence, the relationship vanishes. Some benefit which was present earlier may no longer be availed and hence the relationship eventually ends.

why do we not have the courage to match our inner world with our outer world? It's becoming a

The consequences of this dishonest personal relationship is that people have become more lonely despite the world being more populous today than ever at 7 billion+. Loneliness has been

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a reason for suicide and inability to cope with challenges. Even IAS officers lately have committed suicide in the past due to such loneliness. Or take the case of CCD founder's death suicide where due to absence of ~~such~~ some good friends he was unable to share his burden and took the extreme step of jumping in the river.

What can be done to lead a more honest life?

This clearly shows that mismatch between outside and inside can have grave consequences and is hence the greatest dishonesty. This has only become greater in the 21st century where people love things and use ~~other~~ fellow humans! Somewhere, the old saying that "honesty is the best policy" can solve many problems which the hypocrisy ^{creates} shows in the modern times. The role models — the icons in political, business, sports, entertainment — have to lead the way by allowing

what is their hypocrisy?

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their honesty to act as disinfectant towards the ills of dishonesty.

- Limited understanding of the question
- Always examining the definition of the keywords in the body of your answer
- could have explored more dimensions
 - ↳ what is dishonesty
 - ↳ what happens when we're dishonest
 - ↳ what happens when we are
 - ↳ Impact on the self, inter-personal relationships & overarching institutions (see components in the body for more)
- Emphatic on only point, i.e., dishonesty as corruption or abuse of power.

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Section B

"Urbanisation is not only simply expanding the area of cities."

In the modern times, urbanisation has been a major change in lifestyle pattern across the world. Industrial revolution was the precursor of this change which created cities which were not merely a production centre but also meant freedom from oppression for the serfs who were enslaved by their feudal lords. That's why it was said that "city man breathes fresh air". Serfs saw better standard of living in these places which ultimately grew into modern day cities like London, Paris. Apart from expanding areas, ^{urbanisation} meant economic, social, political changes.

In India also, urbanisation was driven by industries brought by the British. It led to development of urban areas.

Good enough. Intro. References the phrases of the keyword, i.e. urbanisation.

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in presidencies of Delhi, Bombay, Madras. With a focus on industries, the post-independent ^{India} saw further growth in urbanisation. Urban population increased from 17% in 1951 to 31% in 2011 and is expected to become 50% by 2050.

Urbanisation does lead to increase in area but apart from quantity, quality is also important for having sustainable urbanisation.

In many cases, productive land has been acquired or around metropolitan cities like Delhi in places like Noida, Gurgaon. This has led to farmer protests and created an urbanisation model which benefits some Indians at the cost of other. The state is not supposed to discriminate as it goes against fundamental rights (Article 15) enshrined in the Constitution. Some

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economic benefits shouldn't supersede the political democracy.

moreover, expanding cities into productive lands leads to food insecurity which is also unsustainable. So, apart from area, the quality of area being taken up for urbanisation should be kept in mind.

explain why people live in urban centres; talk about its benefits & challenges to urban.

Another important concern while expanding the area under urbanisation is environment. Today, Chennai faces floods where it rains heavily during North East monsoon and drought when it doesn't as in 2019 where it is facing a major water crisis. A major ^{result of} reason for this is encroachment of wetlands while urbanising which has reduced groundwater percolation. This has lower water table causing water crisis. Also, high surface runoff has led to frequent floods due to absence of proper drainage.

could talk of slum dwellers' plight as another challenge

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Apart from expanding the area under urbanisation, ~~one~~ ^{more} important there are many non-area related developments which ^{must} accompany urbanisation to ensure its sustainability. Be it regional spread of urbanisation or social aspects of urbanisation...

Today's urbanisation is concentrated in few metropolitan cities spread across the country. However, it has only promoted regional imbalances present in this urbanisation model. Urbanisation should be seen in Bihar, Jharkhand, Vidharba, Rajasthan, Eastern UP, Bundelkhand, Bihar and North-East. Today, it is revolving around Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai.

This regional imbalance has led to migration backwardness giving rise to regionalism. If tribals don't benefit from

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the dams which provide power to big cities, they have no reason to allow its development in their sacred space. Slowly, this neglect of rural prone areas has led to spread of extremist ideas in the form of urban Naxals. They question the priorities of urbanisation and demand their rights justly.

Also, migration ~~leads to~~ is a phenomenon which happens due to such regional imbalances. This leaves behind elderly and women in their native places, often lonely. Even if urbanisation leads to better material comforts, such regional imbalances lead to poor mental well being of migrants and their families. Urbanisation should lead to prosperity and better quality of life, not creating reasons for depression for the poor.

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Addressing regional imbalances by having distributed, decentralised urbanisation would mean that locals ~~live~~ are not forced to migrate. This ensures that the love for their place (topophilia) and desire attachment to it is present instead of detachment where migrants go to new places and use the place as a commodity and not love, as a community. This leads to lesser environmental degradation of land as they see it part of community and are more enthusiastic regarding measures to safeguard it. ^{generalisation has no basis}

Lesser migration would also ensure that children remain with their parents in old age. India has growing elderly population which would increase from 8% (2011) to 20% (2050). No care is better than family care which then

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already can avail even in the cities which are spread spatially, not having distant migrants.

Urbanisation should also be accompanied with arrangements necessary to bring social change that often accompanies urban areas. India requires a way of addressing deep rooted problems like casteism, communalism and patriarchy.

Good
argument

Countries like USA have social spaces where people can interact with each other and grow intellectually along with creation of new bonds among the inhabitants of cities. Places like Times Square are very active social and cultural hubs in New York. They act as centres of building social capital. Indian cities should also have such places to allow intellectual growth and bonding amongst its people.

could expand on this as they are new urban centres that's different from most of cities? Are regional groups more vibrant urban spaces?

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Apart from physical spaces, urbanisation is accompanied with new governance structure that allows citizens to actively participate in running the cities.

could be argued that what cities see greater citizen participation

When people across religions, caste, gender, ^{spectrum} come together on secular issues like water, road, sanitation, etc it leads to creation of new bonds which surpass caste, religion and gender. Thus, giving effect to the ~~maxim~~ adage - "city man breathes fresh air".

Apart from these ^{do's} ~~do's~~ there are some ~~have nots~~ ^{do's} which are part of ^{sustainable} urbanisation.

One, urbanisation shouldn't lead to increase in criminalisation of society.

You've listed challenges before. Offer solutions by the end of your essay.

An important area of such criminalisation is land sharks which use various methods like creating illegal colonies, forceful land acquisition, frauds

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through real estate projects, etc. to increase their clout. They then enter into politics and degrade the quality of life in urban as well as rural areas.

In some extreme cases, it might even lead to national security issues. For example - in Gurgaon land was acquired around ammunition depot of Air force by illegal encroachments. Today, the mandatory 900 m buffer around depot has to be reduced to 300 m as people cannot be forcefully removed. This has put at risk the lives of people around depot and also created national security challenges.

Second, the poor and vulnerable in the cities — construction workers, domestic help, street vendors, sewerage cleaners, etc. should be made part of urban planning and not neglected. Slums

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which are the refuges of these poor shouldn't be elephant in the room and should be actively addressed by affordable housing through schemes like Housing for All by 2022.

Urbanisation is not merely an increase in the area of the cities. It is much more than that. To achieve it, there is a need to give effect to 74th Constitutional Amendment Act with adequate funds and powers. Urban policies like New Urbanism which promote transit oriented development and mixed land use are needed to create modern cities which are not merely having modernism materially - roads, bridges, metros but also modern thought respecting human dignity, health, equality and environment sustainability.

Good enough conclusion

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- Examined the the definition of the keyword
 - ↳ what is urban?
 - ↳ why do people migrate to the cities
- Examined the challenges well enough
- Referenced socio-cultural dimensions but could explore more
 - ↳ Position of marginalised groups in cities
 - ↳ Is there a rural-traditional & urban-modern dichotomy?
- Offer more solutions.

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