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## ESSAY MOCK TEST

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. Our constitution is a ray of hope: H for Harmony, O for Opportunity, P for People's participation and E for Equality.
2. A national festival is an occasion to refine and rebuild the national character.
3. Trade is a communication of cultures and values; when trade stops, war comes.
4. The relationship between Human Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence (HI + AI) will necessarily be one of symbiosis.

**SECTION - B**

1. The noblest way to acquire wisdom is reflection.
2. It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love; in fact, all good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get.
3. If you are lonely when you are alone, you are in a bad company.
4. We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality.

Section A

"Trade is a communication of culture and values; when trade stops, war comes."

3 Human creation has been blessed with immense capability of progress and innovation. wherever they go, they adapt themselves to the local soil. Human beliefs affect their lifestyle and culture. what to eat, wear, value depends on it. These needs are the genesis of products and services, each suited to the local culture and values. Often it happens that people of varied culture interact and establish a bond through trade, communicating with each other their cherished culture and values.

Introduction  
Trade across varied cultures depends upon either the need of the specific good or service or just the thought of using something new which excites

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the people, giving a break from their  
mundane lifestyle. ✓

dress and jewellery have been one  
of the most significant expressions  
of cultures. Indian sages used to  
wear unstitched clothes because  
they believed that it signified  
infinite wisdom which cannot be fragmented.

Similarly, Western hip-hop culture  
wears unconventional clothes, have  
piercings which they claim manifests  
the segregation from the mainstream  
culture and expresses liberty. ✓

Traders have often exported their  
products in the cloak of a cultural  
expression which the consumer can get  
a taste of. In the ancient times, the  
traders of Indus Valley Civilisation  
used to export the jewellery made  
of steatite, ruby and other stones.

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It was a mark of beauty valued by Indians. Beauty being a thing, cherished by many, made the jewellery an instant hit in the markets of Egyptian and Mesopotamian civilisation.

The process of cultural exchange was not merely by the sale/purchase of these magnificent creations but also by the migration and settlement of the traders across varied markets. Wherever they went, they acted as the preachers of their culture and values diffusing it among the new gentiles.

The Arab traders used to trade with whispirings of the monsoon winds. Whenever they took the boats, the pitch for products was made. India, Indonesia, Malaysia were some of the benefactors of this nature's mechanism. Arab traders spread Islam in Malabar coast because they were

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able to communicate the religious teaching fairness and honesty through their trade practices. Their acts were more powerful than the missionaries who came with the invading armies in Northern India. As a result, Kerala has the distinction of having 2<sup>nd</sup> mosque in India and a vibrant Mappilla community which practices trade.

Another stream of traders came up in the form of East India Company in 17<sup>th</sup> century. The company traders gradually became the rulers and brought with them the European culture. Indian architecture in many presidency towns - Mumbai, Kolkata, Madras bears the mark of the Victorian culture. Europeans were fond of wide roads, open spaces like plazas, gardens, planned cities which they generously gifted to India.

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cities like Delhi. Lutyen's Delhi with its score of buildings are the best example of the same. ✓

This cultural exchange was not merely one way from the dominant party to the customers but was in fact a vibrant two-way process. Europeans wanted a Victorian touch among the Indians but in the process they also got Indianised. Tea was a major item of trade bought from India and China, sold in British markets. Soon, it became a sensation and tea offers became ~~to~~ an occasion of gossip among the British. The soul of argumentative Indians was perfectly transmitted via the 'chai' (tea). In fact, tea became such a sensation that cricket matches, British creation, started having a tea break! ✓

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Apart from these cultural transmissions, trade also led to exchange of values among distant cultures. The products packaged with them some unique values like scientific temper and individualism which got transmitted across the cultures. Needs of the people led to development of new values in different places. The startups of industrial revolution laid a red carpet to these values.

Motor transport was one of the first mass produced commodity using modern machines. The very sight of a non-living horse like structure ferrying the passengers opened the new markets which had not seen this alien like innovation. It acted as a perfect way of inducing the need to ~~also~~ adopt modern science to have a local version of the T-model

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ford. This gave impetus to the policy makers of newly independent countries to have their own universities and research centres, which would produce something like that car. The personal transport also sowed the seeds of an individualistic lifestyle in the developing countries, which were more used to community stated bullock cart.

However, when the binding role played by trade is stopped due to varied factors, it leads to creation of a new type of trade, the one which is not desirable and leads to annihilation of human lives through wars.

Trade halting between the nations is based on greed, other shouldn't benefit more than me. This greed

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spreads into the domestic market, leading to inequalities, increase in prices of dear basic goods which were earlier imported. The one to blame is always the other, from a different culture which has suddenly become so foreign that it normalises its destruction.

The fear of unknown culture and values increases with each passing generation, lesser acquainted with the days of peace between the two nations to the calls of banning Chinese goods from India are off early warning systems to predict an imminent nationwide disaster - war. When the sugar of our neighbour is not making our tea, it is bound to increase bitterness.

Trade creates <sup>not only</sup> trust ~~not only~~ by

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cultural diffusion and personal interactions but also makes it economically beneficially for the two neighbours to interact. In the era of globalisation, we have global integrated supply chains. Any threat of war would lead to ~~mutual~~ mutual damage. The semi-finished steel of India can make the car of Pakistan benefitting both the industries and putting a cost to war. If trade stops, eventually the two industries sever linkages and it reduces the cost to go to war.

Trade has always been and will always be a centripetal force holding diverse cultures into an iron grip. Trade practices sustained by the principle of fairness, benefitting all the stakeholders in the supply chain will always demonetise the factories of war mongerers. The interlinkages of trade are not merely economic but

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also social in nature which creates inhibition towards the other. After all, the military generals of Pakistan know that they will face a surgical strike from their wings if they try to fight India and put any risk to the supply of those magnificent chicken embroidery suits and jewelleries from Surat.

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- How trade limits conflict
  - How countries with more trading partners less likely to go to war
  - Has connection between trade and war been same throughout human history
  - What is the role of geography and political alliance in this context.
  - Can war be completely prevented with better Trading models
  - If trade promotes peace, how has war globalisation lived up to the promise of reducing inter-state conflicts.

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Sometimes trade also creates war.

- ① Historical evidence - British and French fought for Trade ~~rights~~ rights in 17th Century in India
- ② Modern day evidence - Trade wars between US vs CHINA

Section-B

"we can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality."

Sunny is an IT professional who works in the local MNC in Gurgaon. His <sup>ritual</sup> daily of going to office is characterised by taking his private car to the office, despite the e-rickshaw providing a ride to local bus stop. Him seeing a beggar who is on the traffic light, who himself is ashamed of begging from Sunny, given the bankruptcy shown by Sunny to him. The evening meal at the McDonalds or KFC and resting back to his house after the day's struggle.

Sunny is a very focussed person, who is committed to work and nothing else. However, his dedication, worthy of appreciation, evades the reality surrounding him & the indifference to

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poverty, pollution, health and almost everything and everyone except his work is bound to catch up with him in the near future. In today's world, humans have become like the nut and bolts of machinery whose end product is unknown to them. They just need oil to function properly and spend their numbered days in peace, away from the miseries of the world.

The society has put a premium on wealth today which makes human focus very narrow and leads to a myopic worldview. People like sunny, are ready to work in those IT companies whose services and customers are hidden amidst the layers of the corporate organisation. They are may have headquarters in Panama or Bahamas, (evading taxes) but that

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hardly matters to its employees today. They evade this reality of negative externalities caused by their employers due to self-interest. However, the bliss of ignorance is very shortlived.

Such employees seldom realise that they have been mechanised due to needs of the company and are being paid a pittance as compared to the owners who are not contributing much in ~~most~~ creation of complex products and services. The liberty and pursuit of happiness of the employees is affected by the demands of the company. Such highly educated professionals who pursue education ~~there~~ for self-realisation and empowerment are in fact disempowered by the slave-master relationship of the employee-employer. This ~~culture~~ relationship has become so dominant today that

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there are no trade unions (in IT sector). The glorious struggle of workers during freedom movement against the British - the principal exploiters is not present in the psyche of IT employees. If they demand more rights there are ready replacements. ✓

The lifestyle of such professionals has been modified to their disadvantage which they have accepted without any resistance. Consumption of fast food, processed food has increased considerably among the working professionals. We live in a world of 2 minute noodles seldom realising that such chemical laden food takes away from us more time of our healthy life than it is promising. Usage of such foods has been linked to rise in cancer and diabetes. They are becoming the top

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non-communicable diseases especially in developing countries where awareness about its ill effects is less.

The non-working part of the day is characterised with going for some leisure activity to a nearby mall or garden. On the way, the scores of child labour, beggars are hidden from the sight of the people. Poverty is so stark in India that even the footpaths are full. According to Rangarajan committee 29.5% population lives below poverty line. This poverty apart from begging is manifested in fragile frame of the poor. According to NFHS-4, 50% women are anaemic in nature, mostly the poor - the maids and babysitters who work in the houses of people. Despite all these monumental failures of the society, it remains elephant in the room.

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Evasion of such reality is often rationalised by blaming the victims themselves. Their literacy, superstition, ignorance is the culprit.

However, the consequences of such a state of affairs are quite predictable. The behaviour of homes mimics that of their counterparts from time bygone. The French Revolution

took place because it made the Third Estate - workers, middle class, peasants impoverished due to heavy taxes. The clergy and the aristocratic class maintained studied silence towards the cries of oppression.

Result - King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, his wife, were executed by guillotining by the revolutionaries.

Regional flavours of such revolution are to be seen in many places

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Good Example

across the world and India. Arab Spring took place because of decades of misgovernance by the dictators. Naxalism in India has its roots in such exploitative behaviour. According to Xaxa committee report, 40% displaced by dams are the tribals with hardly 20% rehabilitated. In this backdrop, Naxalism is being present across more than 10 states is not surprising. It is a man-made disaster whose diagnoses was done by those who studied history. As a result, we see billings of BSA, CRPF, Janans regularly, lack of investment in the mineral heart of the country which could give a boost to industries and economic growth. The area has more than 90% of India's coal and 80% of iron reserves apart from manganese, bauxite, etc. All indispensable for the success of Make in India.

NAXAL movement started in Darjeeling dist of West Bengal. Give the poor peasants are fighting for their wages and land laws are not paying & such violent means are the pleasure from them. The Naxal movement can

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- consequences of ignoring things will lead to catastrophe.

In places where the seeds of revolution have not yet been sown, the weeds of crime - theft, robbery, sexual assault, etc. have already sprouted, affecting the beauty of society and converting the place to a weeded jungle suffocating its inhabitants. The poor in the urban areas are having the highest incarceration rates, the proportion of illiterates on death rows is more than 90%. Drug networks thrive by sucking the blood of the illiterate, unemployed youth who commits grave crimes like sexual assaults and murders. An army of anti-social elements is being reared by the indifference of the people. ✓

Living in gated communities, hiring private security guards, CCTVs cannot save them from the

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attacks of the militia which they have inadvertently created lack of political participation plays a major role in degradation of a society. Places like Mumbai witnessed voter turnout of only 44% in Lok Sabha 2014. The educated and aware who were supposed to shepherd the sheeps have failed by allowing the wolf like politicians dupe the voters through appeals to caste, religion or party ideology. As a result, the Parliament has 31% criminals in Lok Sabha. They are supposed to hold the government accountable for not punishing them, their trials pending since ages. It because of this that India is often labelled as a "soft state", going soft on criminals and victimising the activists.

The political parties are not interested to come under etc - now the case is before the APEx court -

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got from the APEx court the govt sanctioned for courts to set up courts of special to try the Criminal cases against M.L.A. and M.P.s and the courts were to set up 17th April, 2018

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The blanket of indifference will only increase the chill of the society due to consequences of eroding reality — crime, pollution, stalled economic growth, conflicts and exploitation. ✓  
 The cold grows in strength when we don't come out of the quilt. ✓  
 People need to set their priorities right and catch the bull of problems by its horns, putting it into the stable. The top 1% ~~have~~ to take a lead economically and politically through their startups of reform to address the problems of the society. ~~and~~ personal life is a great beginning for such an initiative as is said charity begins at home. ✓

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