

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. Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.
2. Not all those who wander are lost.
3. Our lives begin to end, the day we become silent about things, that matter.
4. We don't see things as they are; we see them, as we are.

SECTION - B

1. Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies.
2. Protest beyond the law is not a departure from democracy; it is absolutely essential to it.
3. More law, less justice.
4. The increasingly rapid pace of life is creating more problems than it solves.

SECTION - A

3. Our lives begin to end, the day we become silent about things, that matter.

What makes human beings different from other species?

It is the way we think, the way we speak. Communication of the thought process is necessary to build social relations and better functioning of the society. But when we start to remain silent, it not only affects us socially but ripples can be felt politically, economically, even internationally. So it is better to



Speak up for the things that matter. Although, it all depends on context as sometimes, it is better to remain silent and on other times, it requires individuals to speak on things that do not matter to them as well. ✓

introduction

(MAN) Man is a social animal. In normal times, he can not keep quiet. But, for the matters that matter to them, it is of extreme significance to speak up. As remaining silent can affect not only individual but whole of society. ✓

Historically, our country faced oppression from Britishers. Our society silently faced it and it became normal part of their life, like it did not matter to them. But this silence did not benefit, even matters become worse. ✓
Silence took the form of anger and found expression in 1857 mutiny and freedom struggle. ✓ If they did not protest, lives could have been still suffering till now. ✓

— Gandhiji, known for non-violence, even he also wanted people to not remain silent and speak against oppression. ✓ He took plight of Honors

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who were silently suffering and changed their lives.

At personal level, especially in health matters people continue to postpone taking treatment for illness. They continue to ignore diseases and that time, out of ignorance, they do not know, their lives are at stakes. Even a ~~small~~ small mob if ignored can later become a concern. So the things that are of utmost importance should not be washed away with silence.

Good comparison

Silence should be overcome by attending the important matters. Society keeps on suffering and gossip is only that government is not working for them. These gossips will not help. Just chumbling / mattering with peers is not going to change their lives. Speaking in a proper channel is required.

Only voting will not do. Voting with a conscience is also a form of speaking up if they want to reform their living. Otherwise, silence is taken as acceptance and it weakens the checks and balances on government. and more sufferings are casted over them.

~~silence~~ if some body does not speak,

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When in need, it will cost him/her

People have now started demanding to keep a check on the government. Like, RTI (Right to information), Whistleblower protection Act, etc. These are the tools which provide a proper channel to break their silence with information and protection. ✓

Information come as a handy tool for opposition parties to torment the government with debates in Parliament. ✓ But it also depends on intentions of opposition. As, whether they just wanted to make noise and obstruct the functioning of. So, intention also play an important role on part of speaker/communicator, as just making cacophony will not benefit lives of citizens. ✓

Intentions along with proper procedure is required. ✓ As, if we can see in functioning of other institutions like RBI which can impact nation economically. Rupee, if continue to fall, can destroy nation's economy. RBI,

Whistleblower protection Act is a must. We have witnessed several deaths over an RTI information on an employment scam in Madhya Pradesh.

Falling rupee value is not in our hands.

But effort can be made to strengthen it.

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if remains silent. Can end lives of many especially, who are immediately depending on Rupee exchange rate. Therefore, regulation is required by RBI.

Regulation and checks keep functioning properly. Otherwise, silence and ignorance is seen by fraudsters that they are not being watched. Recently, silence of auditors, regulators and bank officials led to various scams like PNB, etc. They did not budge when it matters most and day they kept silent, banks started suffering and consequences are in front of us.

It is, therefore essential to speak at the earliest and not wait for some special moment or 'Muhurat'. Administration, already alleged with a colonial mindset is also charged with corruption. Corruption is silently tolerated by govt, so much that it is seen as normal. It further motivates corrupt and breaking of silence become necessary. A shift from blindness to protest become significant.

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The moment, when oppression is casted, should be brought into the notice of oppressor. Otherwise, or frustration from suffering will become anger and consequences can be more dangerous than earlier intimidated event.

In the above stated context, international arena mentioning becomes relevant. Silence on matters of utmost importance like ceasefire violations or terrorist infiltration by Pakistan. It is perceived as weakness of India. And, lives of citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and whole of nation continue to suffer.

A In the cyberspace also, in guise of anonymity, Abusers/stalkers/hackers keep on abusing innocents and even blackmail them. The moment, netizens start to remain quiet, matters start becoming worse, which further promote oppressors. Even silence is transformed into mental trauma. This especially affects children & women and their life become hell. It can give rise to abatement of suicides at worse!

good analysis

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Women and children are especially forgotten with assaults. Domestic violence is common in the society. The moment, after marriage, when husband strike wife and she st. keep quiet. Lives of wives start becoming miserable. In children case also, sexual assaults, especially by known, are silently suffered and not spoken up by child/family. It leads to further sexual assaults to not only to that child, but, it can extend to others also.

it become a minare and the person may end up in PRISON

So can we presume that it is prescribed to speak for matter always? It all depends on context. Even our Constitution give freedom of speech and expression which extends to right to remain silent.

It is rightly said that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Sometimes, we are not able to see matters holistically. Therefore, at that time, we should start observing. So as to gather more information and evidences which can become weapons.

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Even in whistle blower protection Act, 2014, there is clause of punishment of jail of 2 yrs for frivolous complaints. Therefore, it is always suggested to first obtain full information before speaking. Otherwise, just making noise will be seen as either a disrupter or moron.

These are matters of importance to us. What about those which do not matter to us? For example, a person lying on road, after an accident. Whether to come forward and help him or just go forward to our work. In these cases also, speaking up is essential. It will not only prove us as a good samaritan but also will promote ethics and promotion of better society.

good example

Hence, bystander apathy is not required. For more illustration, many murders are done in broad day light. People do not speak up against it. Even they do not call police. Furthermore, they start

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making videos of assault. Are our humanistic tendencies getting so much worse? It needs a prompt thinking by whole of society.

We can brush aside matters that they do not matter to us. Especially, in a developing country like us, poverty and unemployment matters are of more importance than climate change. But these subjects like global warming will indirectly or directly in future will be going to harm us. Therefore, speaking now is required and we continue to remain silent will make ~~us~~ things more distressed and it will be doomsday for Earth.

To conclude, whenever sufferings are casted whether mattering to us or the society it is always essential to break the quietness. As ~~st~~ opressions can lead to damage the lives of many. But as a caution, speaking

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should be preceded by thinking and with good intentions. Further, it should be done in a proper channel and at the earliest. Hence, communication which is just a process of normal verbal exchange can be perceived as weapon to change lives or stop their difficulties. This will lead to becoming individuals as humans and our notion as superpowers within a peaceful and better world.

Very good

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SECTION-B

4. The increasingly rapid pace of life is creating more problems than it solves.

Lives of people are changing very swiftly. To keep along with this pace, in addition to a more comfort, man craves for solutions that can surmount the difficulties in front of it. But, these solutions along with rapid pace, bring myriad of problems that can overshadow even the solutions.

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introduction

Once are the days when people used to travel from one place to another by foot or bullock cart spending many nights & days. Now, they can travel from one pole to another pole of globe with blazing speed by air transport. Even, scientists have reached other planets.

Therefore, transport has become convenient for us. However, problems like pollution, global warming, etc. are also erupting with increased use of vehicles. These problems can even bring doom to Earth. People are have started feeling ripples of climate change that they are even shifting backwards to going by foot, or by cycle.

Rapid pace is not only associated with transport but also communication. Sometimes, it becomes difficult for an individual to travel. Technology gave the solution of post, telegram, etc. But with more & needed velocity of contemporary times, people are now going online by video calling or social media.

Transport point in one paragraph

TRANSPORT

Communication

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telegram is no more in existence
 as other modes of superior communication had arrived in the form of "cell phone". With Android technology, the whole world is before us

With a single click they are not keeping up speed with their family but whole of world. However, these solutions have given rise to more complications like social media addiction, etc.

The technology which was developed for comfort of communication has given rise to addiction that children do not speak to their parents, even if present in same house. This addiction generates more complexities like vision problems, cyber-bullying (being abused by hackers/abusers/phishers, etc.) so we can see that whole ladder emerging from a simple solution to steps of problems.

improved technology

Technological comforts like chatting with strangers/friends feel so give so much pleasure that children do not feel like talking to parents. So, instead of bridging the gap, it is ~~gap~~ even increasing it. This gap even finds relevance related to inter-generation.

Older people who are not able

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elder generation is not able to catch the speed of technology

to cope up with rapidly changing technology one is getting left behind, further increasing generation gap, in form of digital divide.

Today's Also at horizontal level, it is perpetuating more inequality like at one end, there are rich people with better resources and at other end, there are poor without these resources. Hence, these poor people are not changing with changing faster times, bringing more poverty to them.

everybody likes to change, but the problem is resources

Changing times assisted with changing and increasing demands leads to more use of resources and damage of environment.

For illustration, dams are built for demands of society like hydro-electricity, water, etc. It comes at expense of tribal forest-dweller as forests are cleared and tribals evicted without proper rehabilitation and compensation.

give the example of NARMADA BACHAO ANDOLAN where R&R is not done or poor inputs

Hence, rapid pace of life is attacking even our tribals, their culture. Ultimately,

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R & R = Rehabilitation & Resettlement

Culture and traditions are getting lost.
It is increasing even more with globalisation. Countries are now more connected.
 People have now more options, so better living.

However, satisfaction of needs is transforming into greed. People are demanding more and more without a fulfilling, satisfaction for example consumerism. It is not only takes a toll on economy but also health. People are not even finding time for a proper diet.

Chapati-Rice have been replaced by Burgers, sandwiches. As they are readily available, people find them less-time consuming in these faster times. But, these junk foods take a toll on their health and these comfort generate more issues.

Ye Bhagdaud bhari Zindagi, thakna mana hai. (Meaning, in this life of running, exhaustion is not allowed) It is

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the statement from an ad-commercial on TV promoting multi-vitamin capsules.

It says that exhaustion is not desired in these times. But just is necessary to regain energy otherwise it can lead to physical as well as mental exhaustion. And, it should come naturally, not from some capsules.

People want to remain healthy, not mostly for doing work, otherwise they may lose productive time/salary. They even resort to higher antibiotics in case of illness. It leads to antibiotic resistance. Those chasing health quickly has given birth to more diseases.

Hence, sometimes, process should be gradual with a proper procedure. For illustration, demands of (education) in contemporary faster times were met with more and more schools. But mere construction of school has not treated root cause of disease. Our society is now suffering from

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poor quality of education. However, technology come in rescue and can treat many problems like SWAYAM (study web for active learning of young aspiring minds) MOOC (Massive open online course), etc.

These technological solutions can provide education to even remote areas and to those who can not afford other measures of education. Therefore, parents started giving these technologies to children. But it requires proper guidance to use them, otherwise it can do more harm as mentioned earlier of problems like social media addiction, etc.

Just giving education to people will not work. It should be accompanied by skills relevant to today's fast world. Therefore, skills along with help of computers, internet are given. But, these very computers can work with lightening speed and are becoming panacea of many solutions to the issues, like keeping accounts of businesses, etc.

Fast
Technology
in Education

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However, these machines are now becoming enemies to job-needy people. In present times of faster speed, we require not only speed of doing work but also accuracy. Employers find solution of this in these machines, which are replacing human beings. Hence, this automation is generating more miseries for many than solutions for few.

Use of the machines all started with industrial revolution. Where countries like Britain needed comfort of working and exploit its surplus resources. But, this swift velocity of revolution generated myriad of complexities like abuse of workers, more slums, unhygienic conditions, etc.

Even in our nation context, when our country started falling behind its contemporary countries in 1990s and was on verge of economic crisis. If India did not keep momentum with changing times and government was controlling

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most of economy, solution of economic crisis was found in 1991 Liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation reforms.

These very reforms brought back velocity to growth and development of our country.

However, these LPG reforms also brought more issues like it leads to more inequality in society. Even Oxfam International support points towards it.

Poorer are getting poorer and richer getting more richer. Wealthier are controlling more resources of society. So problem has only changed its form like control of resources shifted from government to wealthy and poor still suffering.

Other issues of these reforms like - Globalisation leading to more Westernisation

We are blindly following Western countries and breaking away from our own diverse and proud culture, traditions, etc.

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Agriculture.
At that time the
crisis was depleted
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ment. LPG
reforms are a
success

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To keep up pace with more demands of family, especially children. People are now ~~for~~ migrating from one city to another to even other country in this globalised world. No doubt, it is giving rise to more livelihood opportunities. But it is also responsible for worse matters like brain drain.

Brain drain is migrating of talent from our country to destination country. So a pool of talent is lost. Moreover, 9 per cent migrated diaspora feel loneliness and family in remote area faces more difficulties like separation, safety issues, etc.

So, can we conclude that we should not go with this speed? No, it is not the solution. If some country will slow its pace, it will be left behind and other countries will reap benefits of pace and technology in particular.

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is problem

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Therefore, pace is required in present times. But it shouldn't come with blindly by ignoring the issues associated with it, which are steadily damaging socially, economically, politically, environmentally, etc. Hence, solution of problem has to be found.

→ To our surprise, solution lies in problem itself. Technology which has created problems. For example, retail market now shifting to e-commerce. One thinks that loss of retailers is there, but it is also leading to more jobs for delivery boys!

Hence, pace should be accompanied with caution. Thought along with good intentions is required. People should not leave their family behind in these fast times. Also, should care for their own health at earliest along with their value system consisting of culture, traditions, etc. So, rapid times can be boom or bomb can depends on the way we use it.

for a country like India where small business are affected and they are facing competition from e-markets

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Computers - networks should be used for education, knowledge, not for cyber-bullying. Resources of nature should not be mindlessly used so as to care for the environment. Even, technologies can provide solution like carbon capture and storage for these. But, these can be controversial. Therefore, it is said that prevention is better than cure. Before things go out of hand, we should control them, so as to reap benefits not harms.

Very good

You can also consider

- cultures are losing their unique qualities
- medical research is closing in on cures for deadly diseases
- With rapid spread in technology the world has become a global village.

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