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Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

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- 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.

Very good

(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. The greatest dishonesty is when our insides don't match up with our outsides
3. Man's emotions are the slaves to his thoughts, and he is the slave to his emotions
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

1. When we can't make life better on earth, what is the guarantee that dreaming about flying cars, humanoid robots and populated cities on Mars would make life any better

Movies are a great tool for entertainment. But sometimes they pose serious questions, stir our conscience completely. James Cameron's AVATAR or 2012 are such

films. Avatar tells the story of mankind's quest for colonisation of a new planet called 'PANDORA' after having exhausted earth's resources to the level that it can barely sustain human life any longer. ✓

Good Introduction

Similarly, 2012 showed how the world will end by a catastrophe of Great Deluge as a consequence of rampant exploitation of nature, and the consequent climate change. The obvious question is how the life on earth today? ✓

Let's picture the life on earth. What do we see first, perhaps world leaders fighting over climate finance in Bonn, Germany. The rich, industrialised nations deny that there is such a thing called 'climate change', it is a mere hoax to stop their progress, extract money from them. ✓

Climate change

The melting of glaciers, fear of submergence of coastal communities, rise of global temperature & consequent epidemics of malaria, dengue are real.

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rise of temperature

in fact the consequence of mindless quest for wealth & prosperity fuelled by industrialisation. and the poor nation developing and underdeveloped nations are its prime sufferers, they deserve technological and financial assistance & the west owes it but it is unlikely to concede. ✓

mindless development

second thing, we might notice is perhaps the outrage over another beheading of a journalist by Jihadi John. ISIS's and its lone wolves have caused much unrest in the world. Sri Lanka's Easter attacks, New Zealand's Christchurch mosque gun rampage and attack on pilgrims of Amarnath are reminders that the world divided across sectarian lines can't be made better without giving expelling hate from human hearts. ✓

terror attacks

The third sight may be of an odd African woman grieving over the loss of her teenage son to TB as he could not afford the costly drug called Dexamethasone that is scarcely available.

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in Africa. Patent lobby of Big pharma houses makes it so difficult to develop cheaper yet effective generics at the same time keeping prices of their patented drugs too high to be afforded by the poor. Humans are killing fellow humans indirectly by denying what can potentially save them.

multinational companies
pharmaceutical

A forth scene can be of Pakistan threatening to strike Israel after coming across some fake news that Israel is planning to attack Pakistan on side of India. Humans torn by hate threaten to eliminate each other from the face of earth over un-verified piece of information on social media.

Arms race
Israel supporting India

One can watch the humanoid robot Sophia amusing a Saudi Arabian crowd with her quick witted replies to on the spot questions powered as she is by artificial intelligence. But the robot wears an Islamic dress too. Thus, pointing to the fact that advancement too shall be clouded by human prejudices of how women should dress, behave, talk like. Never mind that #MeToo is

AI

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movement is still getting some new disclosure of harassment every day. The problem is not one of technology but of human attitude.

An odd protests by French Yellow vests attracts huge media coverage. Why do they protest? French government ordered price hike for oil to reduce demand & cut down emissions. French citizens feared rise in cost of living or consequent inability to afford frequent car travels, so protested violently setting vehicles on fire, stealing. Pollution, adverse impact on health on the long run is still not a concern for an average citizen, be it of any country.

in notes in France on price

Population of the world is increasing, projected to reach 9 billions in few more years. We are exploiting resources recklessly. Deforestation, land degradation, droughts, floods, encroachment in to animal habitat human-wildlife conflict are the obvious consequences of unchecked rise in population & humanity is quest to expand their living space

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population explosion
destruction of nature

and comforts.

Gandhiji said "Nature has enough for everyone's need but not enough for anybody's greed." An AVATAR like situation of having to search for a new planet to live on may soon arise but the tendency to destroy is so ^{few} deeply rooted in humanity that the ^{main} ^{plan} ^{is} ^{to} ^{destroy} ^{the} ^{planet} ^{is} ^{likely} ^{to} ^{meet} ^{the} ^{same} ^{fate} ^{as} ^{earth}. The problem thus, is not in the planets but in greed of humanity and its self-seeking attitude that is fatal to the existence of fellow beings on the planet. ✓

We are on the cusp of Industrial Revolution 4.0. One of the major threats as projected would be large scale retrenchment of manual labour. We talk of "ease of life" after humankind assume every chore of ours - drive cars, clean homes, fly planes, cook food and what not. The question where will all those human drivers, cooks, pilots, sweepers go. They are not so technologically advanced

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to colonise a primitive planet where they can get rid of the hated machines and find meaningful livelihood; so the easiest option is to commit the sin of "wealth without work" i.e. invade the possessions of the rich, commit murders, robberies to earn a living. Technological advancement is not a threat to humanity per se but who decides the extent of automation? ✓ extension of AI

Another scene can be of USA

Threatening china of Trade war Nobody knew Swadeshi 2.0 would be such a massive movement in the country which led the post world war liberal order under "Washington Consensus". The leader of Globalisation and open borders is closing its doors for all those "in pursuit of the American dream". The tariff hikes and retaliatory tariffs have caused much loss to traders in countries all over the world. ✓

TRADE WARS

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Building after building comes crashing down in Syria & Iraq. The once prosperous nation is in shambles. Russia, Turkey, USA, Syria, ISIS all are fighting to have an upper hand in the region while people continue to die, lose limbs, women getting pushed in to sexual slavery but it causes no concern whatsoever to the so called developed world.

Refugees/Migrants are getting drowned in the sea. The image of three year old toddler Alan Kurdi washed ashore dead evokes temporary outrage. Yet years later, violence against refugees and counter violence by them, homelessness, joblessness are prevalent. Xenophobia i.e. hatred of outsiders has led to the rise of right wing political parties across the world. BREXIT is a direct result of this fear of cultural invasion, economic turmoil by refugee settlement in these nations.

Yemen too is an example of how life on earth has become a living hell for some because the rest take no steps to

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alleviate their misery. The United Nations has called it "worst humanitarian crisis". The whole of Yemen is suffering from famine, caused not by nature but the war by humans. The quest of seeking domination over others has led to perpetuation of the conflict between the Shia & Houthis aided by Arabs. Children are dying out of starvation. A whole generation has been lost.

UAE has already commenced the 100 years project for the purpose. But the problems that humans have created here & on the earth today shall spring up there too at some point of time. We may develop flying cars but till such time that the rich continues to trample the poor under their cars on foot paths, the inequalities and violence shall live on.

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Upon seeing the first ^{atomic} bomb explode, Robert Oppenheimer, the father of Manhattan project remarked "I'm become death, the destroyer of worlds". ~~That~~ This is the general attitude of humanity. We think ourselves to be superior to the Creator as we have prolonged lives by scientific advancement and continue to add on to ~~with~~ comforts ^{with} every passing day. But we should not lose sight of the fact that there is a concept of Day of Judgement in every religious mythology preceded by the Great Deluge when God shall account for all our good and bad deeds.

As being endowed with superior qualities of intellect by the almighty, we should fulfill our special obligation to the rest of earthlings. Sustainable development should be our SDG karma; using resources for advancement of humanity but judiciously.

The rich should care for the poor

fruit of DEATH
good analogy

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as their own brethren. The world leaders should build consensus on issues of Refugee Rehabilitation & climate finance to put end to problems that have degraded human life & robbed so many people of their dignified existence.

Technology should be to aid all humans to a better life and not to create divides of haves & have nots. Religion should be a binding force for humanity and not a dividing force that calls for execution of those who differ from us. Only when we learn to respect difference & live in harmony with nature and ^{it} its inhabitants can we fulfill the dream of Gandhiji to usher in a world Tagore to usher in a world -

"Behar that has not been divided in to fragments by narrow walls."

Only in such a world can every human hold his/her head high & strive for full realisation of potential.

Refugee Rehabilitation

Religion is a chain between people

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Remarks
Very good attempt
excellent content
very good examples and references
need to develop little coherence in writing
ideas are enough
right approach

Section B

INEQUALITY IS A POISON THAT IS DESTROYING LIVELIHOODS, DIGNITY, PEACE, AMITY

"Wherever there is great prosperity, there is great inequality. For every rich man, there are at least 500 poor, compelled by wants and prompted by envy to raid their possessions."

- The wealth of nations
(Adam Smith)

Inequality thus breeds a sense of relative deprivation among the people who are weaker, poorer and disadvantaged. This inequality is most visible on the economic front but is not confined to it. It manifests itself along caste, religion, race, gender, region and national lines. ✓ *good introduction*

Indian system of 'Four fold division of Society' i.e. Varna System is the basis of social life here. A scheduled caste person is more likely to end up

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in manual scavenging or in to the profession of skimming dead cows. Even in 2019, if they want to break free, society stands guard that they don't?

Recent instance of an SC woman being denied the appointment as a cook in a government school over protests by the parents of upper caste students is

a testimony to this deeply entrenched caste inequality. So the stronghold of caste destroys livelihoods of these people, prevents them from leading dignified existence. Sometimes, mobilisation happens along caste

lines, a Bhim Army of Shudras and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad fight it out on the streets, sending law & order into downward spiral and unrest. ✓

Similarly, feeling of inequality & relative deprivation is visible in the form of

Communalism. In 1870 the British Indian government came up with the Great Colonial Census. Muslims got to know their relative backwardness vis-a-vis Hindu counterparts in education, employment & school

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going population. They developed the sense of being "minority" and hence felt threatened by the progress of Hindus. Anjuman-i-Islami first went to the Government in 1856 asking for special privileges. In 1909, Morley Minto reforms granted them Communal electorate. Now Muslims were a separate political entity fighting for their interests. The feeling of being backward & distinct from other Indians came over the period of time and culminated in demand for a separate nation of Pakistan. When Cabinet Mission refused Jinnah called for "Direct action". The consequent violence known as "The Great Calcutta killings" destroyed thousands of shops, ~~may~~ claimed thousands of lives and robbed several hundreds of women of their dignity. The echoes of this violence occasionally but prominently, are heard in form of Godhara, Muzaffarpur and Chandni Chowk violence.

Across the world, we witness High rises & slums coexisting side by side. This phenomenon is more pronounced in India. An odd Rickshaw puller and

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a Mercedes driving on the same road. A child begging for alms at the traffic signal in Mumbai, full of high end cars. The window doesn't always open to drop a currency note. These children grow up resenting society's indifference to them. One can't expect them to have heart. So when these people commit thefts, kill the relatively privileged, it becomes a news headline. The increasing instances of domestic help being complicit in theft & murder in rich households bears testimony to the fact that inequality is a poison that destroys humanity & compels people to commit the most horrible of crimes, resulting in social unrest.

History of the world also shows how inequality can cause total wars, death and destruction of millions. In 1914, Britain had the most extensive empire Cressmans though prosperous, resented the relatively rich and politically more powerful British empire's hold over the world.

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It became one of the reasons for the first world war that claimed millions of lives, led to incapacitation of thousands of men, children were orphaned and pushed in to child labour to meet the wartime needs of increased production. As the Versailles Treaty imposed strict disarmament and reparation obligations on Germany, Germans felt great inequality being inflicted on them as only they were being ~~disarmed~~ disarmed and made to pay damages for the war that everybody was just as equally responsible for. Hitler cashed on these resentment and rose to power. Determined as he was to cause mayhem in the world to make Germany the most powerful nation in the world, he annexed Sudentenland and Czech Slovakia. This provocation caused the biggest war in history in 1939. The deaths, violence, loss of livelihood especially the Atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki still send shivers down the spine. dial 10.11

Also, within Germany, the Jews were more affluent than rest of the Germans. Their prosperity was resented. It was not so much about racial discrimination but economic inequality.

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that ordinary Germans became complicit in the merciless slaughter of Jews. A section of population was systematically persecuted to claim Lebensraum (living space) for rest of the Germans. The Nuremberg laws had already made it legal to seize Jewish property and remove them from unemployment. The Nazi Propaganda of anti-Semitism resulted in the cold blooded deaths of millions of Jewish people in gas chambers and concentration camps.

JEWS & NAZIS

The Colonial rulers considered themselves to be racially superior to Indians. The so called superiority was merely a ploy to justify the colonisation of a nation that was far more industrialised and advanced in manufacturing than any other European nation. Time and again, Indians felt the inequality - political, economic and social. They were greeted by "Indians not allowed" at even almost all prominent places. They didn't have participation in

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legislature or administration. While British citizens in England enjoyed great liberty, freedom and equality, Indian subjects who owed allegiance to the crown were being denied all the rights. While moderates chose to protest against this discrimination by petitions & constitutional protests, revolutionary terrorists or so-called by the colonial masters took to violence. They assassinated British officials, robbed trains carrying government treasury and threw bombs in Assemblies. The evolution of Indian demand of Swaraj i.e. Self rule with British monarchy to complete Independence took place because of this persistent denial of the British to treat Indians as equal to them. Vernacular press act, 1872 banned only Indian language newspapers. Arms act, 1878 only required only Indians to have licence. When this became too much, revolution was imminent and it did.

In Africa too, the policy of racial segregation led to great unrest. The Apartheid regime banned racial intermingling between blacks

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and whites. Blacks had separate living spaces, schools, buses, hospitals. They were denied political participation & economic freedom. These translated to violence on the streets. Still we can see ^{this} inequality in the post civil rights USA, though the ^{US} government claims to be 'colourblind', & news headlines reporting killings of black people by police are still common in the New York Times. No wonder, even after 150 years, ^{the American Civil War} #Black Lives Matter still trends online and Blacks still face violence on the streets. Never mind the re-emergence of 'white supremacists' or the violent 'Ku Klux Klan' that selectively killed Blacks in USA.

The presence of inequality among classes leads to exploitation of the poor by the rich. This was visible in Industrial revolution. The Capitalist class made the workers work for long hours, paid them less. They worked in dim lit, dirty

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surroundings. Karl Marx highlighted these inequality & oppression in "The Communist Manifesto". He called the workers of the world to unite and break their chains of slavery. But how were they to do it? Bolsheviks led by Lenin suggested violence. So when they overthrew Lenin & Trotsky managed to overthrow the Tsar & violently, more violence was to follow in suppressing all the opposition to their Communist rule. Here, the inequality gave birth to a concept of equal ownership of all resources & condemnation of the concept of private property. Fearing the spread of Communism to their own countries, the Capitalist block tried to nip Bolshevism in the bud. The suspicion between the Communist & Capitalist block led to "The Cold War". This war covered the whole world and caused bloodshed in Cuba, North-South Korea, Vietnam and the Latin American nations.

The birth of every major revolution in the world can be attributed to this feeling of inequality. The French Revolution was

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a direct result of discrimination and oppression of the third estate by the other two i.e. the king nobility and clergy. Huge demands of tithe by the church (land revenue by the king) snubbed the common citizens of dignified existence. Denial of Liberty, equality & freedom further added fuel to the fire and culminated into the "fall of Bastille" i.e. French Revolution in 1789.

French Revolution due to inequality & church

American Revolution (1772) had a similar story. Established as a colony by British subjects, America owed allegiance to the British monarch & served it loyally. But the Americans were not treated at par with mainland British dwellers. Restriction on trade & living space caused the Americans to revolt & overthrow the British control. Thus, poison of inequality was the reason for the birth of the first democratic nations of the world - The United States of America. But it was not without a series of

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violent battles, deaths, loss of life and property.

Back home, in India, we see relatively poorer people feeling more compelled to forsake the principles of honest conduct in matters of earning money. Why? Because of the want to have what they don't have - a life of comforts and affluence. So Aristotle's saying "Poverty is the parent of revolution & crime" is valid in context of the consequences - violence, indignity, unrest that inequality brings.

The Indian Constitution establishes India as a welfare state. Article 38 directs the state to remove inequalities of income, wealth and opportunities to its citizens. Article 14 of the Constitution calls for "Right to Equality" to all its citizens. In keeping with these directives, the state has instituted a system of reservation for the socio-economically backward classes. It has ~~conclusive~~ led to visible advancement of SC, ST, OBC communities. But only the state action is not enough. Society has to rectify its own

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flaws, till its own demons to create a just & fair order for all.

As Swami Vivekanand said, "The laborer, the sweeper, the poor peasant are thy brothers, thy flesh & blood," we need to provide the have-nots with equal opportunities. Corporate social responsibility i.e. constructing schools, hospitals, colleges, recreation centres for the less fortunate is now a legally mandated requirement for big business houses. They are working quite well. What can we do as citizens? We should not discriminate, not look down upon the low caste, the poor, the disabled and the minority.

To conclude, we must remember the message of Dr B.R. Ambedkar that we must cease to ~~live~~ live the life of contradictions, i.e. denial of 'one man - one vote - one value' in socio-economic life while ushering in political equality. If we continue to keep living the

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life of contradictions, those who suffer from inequality will blow the up structure of constitutional democracy, that the constituent assembly had labouriously built up.

Hence India should march with all its strength towards the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of "Equality for all in all spheres"

~~Very good~~

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- continuity will maintained
- good information & examples
- dealt both national and international

issue

~~right~~
right approach

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negative impact

inequality is a poison - that is destroying livelihoods, dignity, peace, unity

① Intra wealth of nations (Adam Smith)

Economic dimension most visible - ex-farm report

relative depⁿ vulnerability to come vicious cycle

- economy → Slams & Keynes hypotheses
- culture → Andis & Ricketts
- gated communities
- general indifference
- China

Islands of California
Subsaharan Africa

caste livelihood

→ manual scavenger
→ lots with open look

Went to come out, the strong hold of caste & social class

peace destroyed

→ apart existence

→ socially entrenched nature

→ caste

→ non rehabilitative existence

→ murder case

→ religion Sachar Committee

- muslim backwardness

Part India can relative depⁿ

→ format → Beyond - Blunders & consequent violence

→ nearly 100% to 1907
→ 1935 60% → Communal cleavages

→ "Caste killing"
→ Eeloes are today - no caste

→ Anteekar are man one view one

Conclusions →

- state support
- for philanthropy - CSR

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Africa

↳ Bolshevism
 - Marxism
 - Chinese movement
 - French revolution

1868	100
1968	00
- 32	00
<u>79</u>	
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