

Test 3

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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. 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

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

Of all the living creatures on the planet
earth, only HUMAN has the intellectual capacity.

It gives them the power of REASONING, CRITICAL
ANALYSIS, RATIONAL & OBJECTIVE INFERRING.

As human existence is a state of perpetual interaction
between human beings and their surroundings, it becomes

necessary for human to not remain to mute expectators
when changes are introduced in their surrounding, as they
have consequences → directly or indirectly - affecting humans.

It is crucial that human beings use their
intellectual capabilities. in order to speak up and raise
their voices for issues affecting their surrounding. This necessi-

ty arises from the fact that if we do not, then
our-lives will begin slide on to the path of degradation.

The morass, over a period of time, would be so

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intense, that our mere existence would be threatened and the ^{life} lives would begin its journey towards end. ✓

On account of these, it becomes all the

More important for us to STAND-UP FOR THE THINGS

THAT MATTER We MUST put in our best possible effort so as to WITHSTAND OUR LONG-CHERISHED IDEALS/VALUES. We SHOULD COME-OUT OF OUR ^{COCON} ~~COCON~~ ^{COCON} ~~COCON~~ of

COMFORT and bravely speak-up for things that matter, that are dear to us. ✓

A case to point is the entrenched patriarchy in societies world over. ✓ This is a crucial thing that

matters because continuation of patriarchy is a tell-tale sign of social decay. ✓ For instance, in Saudi Arabia

till lately, women were not allowed to drive cars. ✓ and even now laws relating to guardianship prohibit women

from stepping out of homes without a male companion. This has led to social decay of Saudi Arabian society

Women are getting rights slowly in Saudi Arabia.

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with women of that country incapable of making their contribution in social development. In contrast, there's

New Zealand, a liberal nation with abundant rights to enable its women's active participation in society.

This is reflected in New Zealand's high rank of 4th position on Human Development Index. New Zealand, therefore,

becomes an instance of a living society on path of social upliftment, in contrast to Saudi Arabia.

Another instance to be taken could be the recent wave of LGBT rights world over. Advancements

in medical science has shown that homosexuality is not a mental disorder. Societies in West have taken note of this. They have enacted legislations providing for decriminalization of homosexuality and marriage between same

sex partners. This shows that Western society is receptive of rights of equality for its homosexual community, and it is a thing which matters for them. In contrast,

we have Section 377 (IPC) in India which criminalises homosexual relationships. Perpetuation of such provisions

in India is an instant of Indian citizen's silence.

NEW ZEALAND example

There are many problems like corruption where ANNA HAZARE fought, which was supported by all walks of life

Try to think big.

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You are supposed to solve more problems of women in the society

This LGBT may be a problem of few thousands or hundred.

The problem of Hunger is related to lives of people

over rights of equality to its sexual minority. Perhaps that is why, the kind of humiliation that people of LGBT community face in India, shows why India society is in a state of social decay.

In recent times, a unique phenomenon of cultural superiority is visible in India. Those upholding a particular ideology are indulging in mob violence, such as lynching, in order to impose their conception of culture and way of life on members of other community. The thing that matters in this case is rule of law and social harmony. If we as a society do not speak up against this evil, we might further embolden those indulging in such despicable offences. Tomorrow these criminals may come to our doors and dictate us on our choices. We, thus, will lose control over our lives and our lives will begin to end.

Unfortunately, even children in our country are not safe from the eyes of sexual predators. For example, the recent incident of rape and killing of a minor girl in Kathua. Not speaking up to such

cases would tantamount to acceptance of such practices in our society. Such a permissive attitude would create unhealthy social attitude and would be unhelpful in creating a safe society for our children to exist in. Consequently, the lives of our children will begin to end, for they will remain in constant fear of being sexually harassed.

Now coming on to economic sphere, the recent cases of farmer protests in Maharashtra and MP, are indicative of farm distress our farmers are facing. In case of Mandlaur (MP) the protests turned violence leading to killing of 4 farmers. Silence over the state our farmers are living in - under debt, with no alternative source of livelihood, - makes India vulnerable in ensuring feeding to its teeming millions. Indeed, the food security of our country will come to end if we continue to neglect the sordid state our farmers are forced to live in!

Farmer's protest in Maharashtra was silent & they did not disturb any body's life or time. Maharashtra just agreed to all the demands.

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Even the Farmers of Maharashtra are not silent

The rapid pace of economic development in India has led to emergence of plethora of environmental problems. The rivers are polluted, cities have turned into obnoxious gas-chambers, rampant deforestation for building infrastructure - dams, roads etc. - have added to this. Remaining silent over this would further jeopardise our very existence as a nation. Raising these issues publicly, thus becomes important. For instance, the Narmada Bachao Andolan of Medha Patkar. Unless strong voices like that of Mrs. Patkar are not raised, we may lose our precious environment under the garb of development.

In the sphere of governance, increasing realisation among Indian citizens regarding their rights and duties have led to their active participation in governance. For instance the RTI Act. Before enactment of this legislation, people remained mute spectators of cases of corruption media

Narmada Bachao Andolan Medha Patkar rights for tribals who vacated their villages
RTI Remarks
Resttlement
to be done by the govt.
Reconstruction

highlighted in newspapers and TV channels. Had the law been not enacted, citizens would not probe the government departments. Corruption in government is a serious matter, for it is a plunder of public resources. If people do not speak-up, as they do now by questioning government departments using the RTI Act, we as a nation would lose the resources for public benefit. The very idea of socio-economic development of nation will die.

The 21st century has seen rapid advancement in technology. In recent times, the gene-editing technology - CRISPR-Cas9 - is under great public spectacle. It has the potential to revolutionise the genetic science. However, it could also do potential harm. For instance, this technology could be used to make Designer Babies - children with qualities as desired by prospective parents. This would undermine the bonding between children and parents, for if children do not exhibit the qualities desired by

~~they may be shown neglect~~
 Parents. Remaining silent over this might be perceived
 as unquestioned acceptance of the technology. This would
 threaten the very existence of human society, for
 parents would want a child ^{now} a-la-carte, not as a
 gift of god.

The above analysis, towards end, makes
 one think, should one be dictated by the environ-
 ment one lives in or make an effort to change them
 in desired direction? Aren't we as human-race
 ought to use our intellectual capabilities to
 bring over-all social benefit, or be driven by
 the ~~innate~~ animal instinct?

Answer to these questions will invariably
 lead one to stand-up for the things that matter. ✓
 Beyond standing-up and speaking to uphold
 our long-cherished values/ideals, it will
 require CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE. Struggle to
 face Odds. Struggle to remain resilient. Struggle

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to not give-up. struggle to persevere until the last breath.

As the great inheritor of human race,
with its INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY, it becomes
incumbent upon human to speak-up and act
so as not just to ensure their own survival
but also to the society to survive. This is the
only way to avert any chance of our lives
coming to an end.

ok - Gandhiji could have been silent on the issue
of Freedom to India. He is well qualified and is
having a career as Advocate in England & South
Africa. But he did choose the freedom on top
priority - he do not want to be silence.

Dr. Ambedkar with his qualifications could have
settled in England and had a comfortable life.
Dr. Ambedkar do not want to be silent.

He gave India

→ a constitution, one of the best in the world

→ a finance Commission

→ a Central Bank i.e. RBI

→ an independent Election Commission

→ Damodar Vally Corporation. etc.

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SECTION B

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

Life in 21st century is a journey at break-neck pace. Instant is the new-buzz word. Everybody wants to achieve their demands/desires at-the-make-of-a-wish. Be it desire for instant gratification, desire for quick-fix solutions of problems, or desire for immediate results.

All these are reflective of ^{certain} tendencies - impatience, lack of perseverance, lack of resilience - which actually are very necessary aspects of people's lives. In absence of these qualities, more problems, instead of solutions are visible. People tend to take a myopic view of things and desists from taking things in perspective. Whatever little modicum of wisdom which people previously had, is being

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lost in the continuous hoard to achieve the best at the earliest. The problems which consequently arise makes people go on a fire-fighting mode - as soon as they douse fire at one place, fire props up at another place. ✓

It, therefore, becomes important to MAINTAIN A SENSE OF BALANCE IN LIFE. ✓ Ambition is an innate human tendency, which makes them perform, achieve and feel a sense of achievement, yet this is possible only when TEMPERANCE is appended to ambition. It helps in building WISDOM, but it requires an approach guided by patience & self-reflection, which are time-taking and in contrast to rapid pace in life visible nowadays. ✓

In decades after independence, India was facing a crisis of food. Unable to meet its food requirement, it resorted to imports from foreign countries. To reduce it, India launched the Green

1965 drought

Revolution in agriculture. The enormous increase in food production helped India to set-aside its need to import food from other nations. We became self sufficient. However, these High Yielding Varieties of seeds used in Green Revolution required extensive amounts of inputs - fertilizers, irrigation water and pesticides. Although they helped in fastening food grain production, yet this rapidity came at the cost of newer problems. Problems related to increase in presence of poisonous substances on account of ^{over} use of pesticides proved harmful to consumers. In some cases even diseases like cancer occurred. This shows that rapidity of food grain production, although helped in certain extent, yet it led to emergence of new problems than it already solved.

Take a more recent instance. Government has been on a mission made to implement its ambitious Direct Benefit Transfer ^(DBT) scheme. It envisages direct payment of subsidy amount into the bank account of beneficiaries. DBT solves the

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Problems related to leakage of subsidy to a large extent. However, it also makes ~~the~~ payment fast & instantaneously, solving the problem of delayed payments as well. Nevertheless, it also generates newer problems. For example, the problem of accessibility. According to an NSSO report 93% of rural areas remain unbanked. This raises the question, how rural beneficiaries of DBT will get the money. Furthermore, in absence of banking habit and bare financial literacy, the rapidity introduced by DBT may undermine the solution of leakages it has addressed, and lead to emergence of their new problems.

The quest for rapidity is also visible in judicial domain. Recently government has decided to establish fast-track courts as special courts, to try politicians facing criminal charges. To some, this appears to be a panacea of evils of criminals entering into politics. To its detractors,

Good
 Fraction of
 Indian pop.
 Dept of Posts
 permission to
 operate banking
 from the existing
 post offices.
 in rural areas
 more post offices
 than Banks
 To dream of
 Banking at
 every door
 step will be
 fulfilled

the creation of special courts for politicians is a mark of special privilege, when other people are facing delays in disposal of their cases. In fact, at sub-ordinate court level ^{in India,} 2.86 crore cases are pending. Detractors view creation of special courts as an easy escape for politicians from waiting in queue to get their hearing. Thus, creation of these fast-track courts, although with a noble intention, creates the problems of creation inequality among the citizens for the reason of one occupying ^(politician) position of power and other do not.

Government's desire to increase the pace of economic development of country makes it borrow to the largest extent possible, so as to fund public investments, and repay them later. This creates the moral hazard of burdening the future generations to repay for the debts incurred by governments governing previously.

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Parliament has enacted the FRBM (fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act, as a ^{lever} ~~level~~ to control government expenditure. This is again an instance of increasing the rapidity of economic development having its undesirable effects upon later generations i.e. creating new problems that solving some.

The rising pace of economic development demands energy so as to sustain the industries.

To achieve these aims, government has embarked upon installation of nuclear reactors to increase the quantum of electricity production from present 6540 MWe to 35000 MWe by 2032. Indeed it will help in creating more electricity and that too at lower cost of environment degradation, yet this view doesn't take into consideration ill-effects of Nuclear power generation. These were visible in 2011 Fukushima Nuclear crisis, with harmful radioactive substance & radiation polluting environment. This

energy requirement

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is a further indication of how myopic view, in quest of fast-pace energy production may overlook or create new problems while purportedly solving other problems.

• Amongst individuals, there's also an increasing demand for rapidity in life. For instance, people now want information instantaneously, such as over the News Apps or the culture of Breaking news on electronic media. Further, instant communication is being sought and used widely, ~~thanks~~ ^{thanks} to arrival of Messaging apps like WhatsApp. People have been sidelining nutritious food in favour of fast food, as for them food taking out time for full meal is a difficult thing. All these have benefited greatly, yet there are numerous problems as well. Be it sensationalism in news or spread of fake news via messaging apps. Problems of Non-Communicable Diseases

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is an outcome of fast food culture. Thus it shows how the fast pace of life have created newer problems in the garb of solving ^{old} problems for individuals.

To conclude, it needs to be ~~re~~realised

that BALANCE IN LIFE IS A STATE OF EQUILIBRIUM

It helps in taking decision ^{after} taking in consideration all the nuances. The rapidity takes away the

sense of wisdom one is required to exercise while taking decisions. ↓

Therefore, to form a holistic view, be it at government, society or individual level, a need arises to balance the rapid pace with temperance, for only then can we may exercise our best ~~just~~ judgement, thus solving a problem in hand without creating newer problems. ↓

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

Intro - desire for sudden gratification
 - quick-fixes/solutions to problems
 - a myopic view instead of holistic views.
 Problems - fire fighting mode.
 close fire here, go to close there.

Thesis - Pace of life must be in balance. Ambition innate tendency of human, but temperance also needed.
 Body.

Conclusion - Life is a best rehearsal, not a stress rehearsal.

- rapid news → info lack analysis
- instant messaging → fake news → ex. US presidential campaign.
- fast food → NCDs (data) India
side problem
- parents busy in careers → more economic support problem → social support gone
- make quick bucks
- e-commerce → delivery of products customer benefit. retailers facing existential threat.
- provisioning of services through tech → OBT, solve prob of backlog, but accessibility?
- fast track courts for trial of politicians → quick punishment, but what about other, pendency of cases → (data)
- increasing use of transport → solve problem of connectivity, but environmental impact (data) CO₂ emissions
- Green Revolution → increase production → solve problems of lack of food but problems of over production → wastage, greater use of fertil
- Installation of nuclear reactors → increase electricity production (data), protests → justapur, Kankarvli
- Disaster management
- fiscal overshooting by govt. next gen pays

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

Intro

Thesis

Body

end → falling onto the path of depreciation
silent → mute expectation/ passive beneficiaries
things → situations/circumstance
We should stand up for our cherished ideals.

- silence over mobocracy → lynching
- silence over injustice
- environmental degradation →
- child sexual abuse → Kathua
- forcible ~~eviction~~ ^{harassment} → Bihar shelter act
- transparency ~~institutions~~ → RTI laws
- CRISPR/Cas9 → Designer babies
- LGBT equality → see 307
- Cultural superiority → imposition of Hindu
- Religious troubles → Ram Rahim
- farmer distress → RWH march
- Soldiers giving preference over social media
- Frotting over social media →
- face whitening creams → Mrs Rajput treated
- Reason for const to hang by living document
- Governance →
- Glass ceiling effect → women ex. Hillary Clinton

concl

Beyond standing up, struggle to uphold their values. Ask que.
quote "We the people" of Preamble
sovereign → give power to government.

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