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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

A national festival is an occasion to refine and rebuild the national character.

Festivals are extended PERIOD of CELEBRATIONS.

National festivals are periods of celebration on account of NATION'S ACHIEVEMENTS. They give citizens a chance

to keep aside the mundane and ordinary day-to-day life.

National festival, besides celebrating nation's spirit also

gives an opportunity to refine and rebuild the national character.

National character refers to FOUNDATIONAL VALUES

AND ETHOS of a nation. They are determined by founding fathers of nation.

Mostly, these are enumerated in the fundamental law-book of land - CONSTITUTION.

These become the life-blood of nation's existence.

good introduction

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Yet, these values and ethos are prone to erosion and dilution. These tendencies necessitate a need for recurringly refining and rebuilding.

Refining means bringing about fine-tuning, while rebuilding means recreating by repeat effort.

This need makes it necessary to not just think of national festivals — Republic Day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti etc. — as mere public holidays. Actually

national festivals provide an occasion for citizens to renew and recommit themselves to preserving national character. Citizens ought to perceive them as such.

On the cup of nation's independence, the then PM Nehru declared the democratic experiment in India as "Trust with Destiny".

However, it is worth questioning — are we adhering

to democratic ethos in contemporary times? In contemporary

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times brute Majoritarianism reigns large. For instance recent lynchings of members of vulnerable communities by those imposing Majoritarianism agenda of no beef eating. We need to think this on occasion of National Independence Day celebrations whether this is the kind of democracy we sought? The festival gives us chance to fine-tune our social fabric and rebuilding lost social harmony. ✓

The scourge of regionalism afflicted India very early after its independence. Based on recommendations of Fazal Ali Commission, linguistic states were carved out. But still, we face this problem recurrently. The first linguistic state - Andhra Pradesh - itself got divided in to Telangana in 2014, for reasons of resource sharing. The militates against the foundational values of cooperation and unity amongst federal units. Yet, festivals such as launch of GST on 1 July 2017 gives us a chance to refine & rebuild federal cooperative spirit in order to uphold our national character and unity.

We faced Military set-back in 1962 war with China. Understandably, this brought to

question our defence preparedness. Preserving integrity and unity of India is enshrined in constitution's

Preamble itself. However, even to this day we

appear (not) to be militarily not prepared. For instance,

the theft shown by Chinese PLA in Doklam recently.

On the occasion of Republic Day, when we display our

Military prowess to world on Rajpath, we must use to

occasion to reinvigorate efforts in increasing defence

preparedness.

India launched Green Revolution in mid-1960s.

It made India to turn from food importing country

to a self sufficient nation. In fact in 2016-17 net

food grain production stood at 275.3 million tonnes.

Yet, even today we rely upon imports to meet our pulses

and oil seed requirements. This seriously jeopardises our

food security. Now it's been 50 years since launch of

Green Revolution. On its Golden Jubilee celebrations we

must refine & rebuild our agricultural strategy to usher in an

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Excellent

EVERGREEN REVOLUTION, This will reinforce our national character as a self-sufficient, food-secure nation.

The imposition of Emergency in 1975 saw flagrant violation of people's fundamental rights. Political leaders were imprisoned without court trials. Nonetheless, similar tendencies are visible in contemporary times. For instance, recent arrest of writers & activists by Pune police. Do we have not learnt a modicum of lessons from Emergency of 1975? Perhaps next year when we celebrate 'Independence Day', we must reflect if indeed we are protecting people's 'independence'.

Taking some contemporary issues, the Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi gave a clarion call to make India clean by 2nd October 2019. Data from Ministry of Drinking water & sanitation shows still 25 crore people defecate in open (March 2018). Given the small period of time left, the task appears humongous. However, given the

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urgency of issue of hygiene & cleanliness, it would indeed be commendable when we reassess achievement of reducing open defecation from 55 crore in 2014. Thus the festival of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd Oct. 2019 would be an occasion to rebuild & refine our national character of hygiene & cleanliness.

In recent times, an upsurge in violence against children and women is visible. Most recently,

it was seen in Bihar shelter case. Besides this,

the brutal ^{rape} killing of a ^{tribal school} girl in Kathua. These

bring to question our age old ethos and values of protection and respect for women and children. Yet, it

is heartening to note that Hon'ble PAA in his Independence ^{speech} at Red fort broached upon this issue. As ^{supreme} ~~chief~~

representative of Indian electorate, his spoken words on the occasion gives impetus in efforts to refine & rebuild our national character for protecting & respecting women & children.

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violence

Again, on occasion of peaceful transition of power after 2014 general election, India invited all SAARC heads of state in swearing-in ceremony of PM and his cabinet. The occasion proved seminal in refining and rebuilding good neighbourly relations. This reinforces the view that a national festival (swearing-in ceremony) indeed gives a chance to fine-tune and recreate old good-old friendly neighbourly relationships — a national character of India.

neighbourly relations

Based on above analysis, it is worthwhile to conclude that national festivals provide an opportunity: opportunity to reflect; opportunity to learn from past; opportunity to reassess; opportunity to set course-correct. The need, therefore, arises to aware our citizenry of importance a national festival have in yearly calendar — besides a HOLIDAY!

In Hindu mythology, it is taught that the demon Ravan has a tendency to ~~be~~ re-emerge.

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This makes it mandatory to 'kill' the Ravana every year, and year by year, on occasion of Vijayadashmi. This analogy shows that protection of a nation's character is an exercise in perpetuity. National festivals provide an occasion for this.

Good

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— What is national character
— Who determines the national character

— Will the national character change with every generation

— How national festivals help in conserving/rebuild the national character

— What are new elements which can be added to National character

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SECTION B

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

Reality means the observations made by sensory organs of objects. It ~~tries~~ exists in making an objective assessment of any phenomenon.

Evading reality refers to a deliberate act of overlooking or undermining the reality.

As it is said - Every action has consequences and so does reality have consequences. Consequences are outcomes or occurrence of an event. Because reality have consequences, one cannot overlook reality

by non-chance. This is because it ^{has} direct or indirect effects on the observer of reality.

Given this intimate relationship between reality and consequences it is necessary that they be not overlooked/evaded. This is because by overlooking

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reality, we are simply kicking its consequences down the road. One shall face them in posterity. This

ESSENTIALLY NECESSITATES TO FACE REALITY:

HEAD-ON. Only then could one neither evade reality or its consequences. ✓

Lets begin by taking the case of Gender

Rights / Justice Patriarchy is an ingrained characteristic

of Indian society. Until now we kept on evading this

reality in sphere of marriage considering it as

people's personal / private matter. Subjugation of wives is

well documented, but best manifested in the case of

Triple talaq. Its outcome has been thorough

Marginalisation of Muslim women. Thus even if we

evaded reality of subjugation of women, we cannot

evade ~~the~~ ^{its} consequences - Marginalisation of women.

Within social sphere lets take the issue of

Gay rights. It has been established by American

Psychiatric Association in 1972 itself that homosexuality

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is not a mental disease. WHO accepted this in 1992 itself. India evaded this reality, most patently visible in continuation of IPC Section 377 (Criminalising homosexual acts). Yet, in contemporary times rights of homosexual have been recognised in countries such as Ireland, Britain, Australia etc. Gay parades have been organised in cities like Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi etc. These are all the consequences of scientific studies (reality). India cannot continue to evade this consequence, and better the earlier it removes enactments such as IPC Sec. 377.

Another legal provision IPC Section 295A, which gives punishment for blasphemous utterances, ~~is~~ is another instance of evading reality. For instance recently Punjab legislature made sacrilege to holy books - Bible, Quran, Gita, Gurugranth Sahib - a criminal offence. This stifles freedom of expression. Besides this, it gives credence to fringe/extremist groups in imposing their agenda/world view. Although by keeping provisions like IPC Sec. 295A we may evade the reality under the garb of maintaining

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law and order. But we cannot escape its consequences in the form of strengthening religious fundamentalism in society.

Now let's take some economic aspects. In India,

around 65% of population is below the age of 35 years. This youthful population is perceived to give India its demographic dividend — a time period when economic growth receives a boost on account of increase in share of working age population.

Yet, it needs to be concomitantly highlighted that India is experiencing job-less growth.

In fact, between 2012 to 2017 Indian economy grew at an average of 6.5%. Yet only 2 million jobs were created annually. Its consequences are visible in growing demands for reservations in jobs like

by Marathas, Jats, Gujjars etc. Thus, although we may have evaded the reality of job less growth, we can't evade its consequences in long run, including social upheaval.

Plan helps in making jobless up of infrastructure

The projects are in Eastern dedicated freight corridors — one from Delhi to Mumbai, the other is from Jaipur to Kolkata via Delhi.

Both the corridors will have new townships, industrial units and are expected to generate 20 lakh jobs.



13 - Countries like India & Indonesia does not depend on an exports - that is no reason that recession does not affect them, the local market is

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Globally, a backlash against globalisation is visible. Policies of USA is unleashing protectionist trends world over. For time being, India may ignore such trade war. This is because it has diversified markets yet we cannot ignore this in long run. This is because for India to shift from lower middle income country to middle income country status, global trading is essential. This shows neither Many evade the reality of trade wars in short run, but its consequences would be met later on as impediments to nation's growth ambitions.

Some tend to perceive climate change as a hoax. Yet in case of India its effects are recurrently felt. For instance the Cyclone Hudhud (2014), Chennai floods (2015) or the most recent Kerala floods (2018). Till now, we may have rejected these events as one-off occurrences. But their frequency and increasing intensity, as reflected in increasing loss to life & property, belies this. This proves that we may evade the reality, but we cannot evade its consequences in long run.

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Remarks further, the corridors are exclusively for goods trains - the goods can be transported within short periods and more passenger train can be introduced. Tax on bill generated & the project is estimated to contribute at least 15% to our GDP.

In India, 52% of labour force derive its livelihood from agriculture. Yet, a steady decline in agricultural yields and farmers income is visible. In fact, in the year 2014 average farmer's income was ₹ 1600 per month. Overlooking this fact may seem acceptable, yet it breeds consequences. For example, the Mandlaur farmer violence in M.P. of 2017. This was an account of rising distress among farmers. If we continue to overlook this fact we may face more such violence amongst agriculturists. Thus, we cannot evade consequence of reality (farmers' distress).

To encapsulate, it can be judged that by overlooking reality, we might control the situation in short run. Yet to address the issue holistically we need to face the situation head-on.

Agni

farmer
suicides

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Perhaps this is why we have enacted a law - Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill - to punish triple talaq, our Supreme Court is in the process of annulling IPC Sec. 377, India has launched programmes such as Make in India, Skill India to increase domestic employment, set on signing free Trade Agreements (RCEP) and giving special assistance to farmers under schemes like PM Fasal Bima Yojana, PM Kisan Sinchayi Yojana etc.

All these are examples of facing the problems head-on and not skirting it down the road. This is also an instance of maturing India, emerging as - NEW INDIA - neither evading reality nor its consequences.

good → x → x → x

How do we ~~evade~~ evade reality

- by lying to ourselves
- finding solace in numbers and crowd of like minded people

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- Trolling and abusing people having opposite world views →

from Pre-page.

— Inter National relations ^{Security} & ~~Result~~

Sri. Vajpeyaji blindly trusted

Pakistan admin and introduced LAHORE BUS TRIP from Delhi — No development in bilateral relations

Sri. J. L. Nehru — Hindi chini Bhai Bhai —

result is 1962 war with CHINA

Polity & Society — ARAB SPRING — ANNA HAZARE, no corruption

ECONOMY — India had a shift from central planning system to Normative Planning system after 1991.

ENVIRONMENT — CUBA & USSR sanction — USA's withdrawal —

from page no - 10

— India's national character

— customs, history, language, religion, personalities, mythologies and more.

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— Indian National character is based upon our ancient Indian Culture.

- Nationally, concept of Sarva dharma Sambhava, Sarvadhara kutumbakam, non-violence, tolerance, multiculturalism, altruism, argumentativeness and spiritualism, can be attached to India's character.
- Internationally ~~not~~ multi-culturalism can be attached to USA, high work ethics and hygiene to Japan, political neutrality to Switzerland, and efficiency to Germany.

Indian National festivals:

- Independence day, all India sacrifices for independence, take lesson on avoiding polarization and violence.
- Republic Day: upholding constitutional values
- Gandhi Jayanti: chance to bring population closer to ideals and values of Gandhi ji.

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Simple list, cleanliness, harmony. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan - target ODF by 2nd Oct - 2019.
150th ~~year~~ birth anniversary of Gandhi ji.

The first part of the paper is a multiple choice section. It consists of 20 questions, each with four options. The questions cover a wide range of topics, including general knowledge, current affairs, and basic science. The second part of the paper is a short answer section. It consists of 10 questions, each requiring a brief answer. The questions are designed to test the candidate's understanding of the subject matter and their ability to express their thoughts clearly. The third part of the paper is a long answer section. It consists of 5 questions, each requiring a detailed answer. The questions are designed to test the candidate's depth of knowledge and their ability to analyze and synthesize information.

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The candidate has performed well in the multiple choice section, scoring 15 out of 20 marks. However, there were some errors in the short answer section, particularly in the last two questions. The long answer section was well-structured and provided clear, concise answers to all questions. Overall, the candidate's performance is satisfactory, and they have demonstrated a good understanding of the subject matter.

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We can (evade) (reality), but we (cannot evade) the (consequences of evading reality).

Intro Reality → observation by sense
 evading → overlooking / undermining / nonchalance.
 Actions have consequences.

consequences → repetition of an event
 cannot be overlooked as they have direct / indirect effect

Quote We should not evade reality, instead, face it head on. by overlooking it we are simply kicking it down the road.

Body → contemporary climate change → effect on agri.
 globalization backlash →

~~20 Dec~~ - Triple taluk - women subjugation
 Jobless growth - demographic dividend - social disharmony
 caste violence - Bhimkoregaon - fissures in society
~~20~~ rights - IPC 377
~~20~~ 2054, our blasphemy.

Kerala flood disaster.
 WhatsApp lynchings // Blue whale challenge.
 farmer distress -- ex Mandsaur farmer killed

Conclusion

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11:00 - 11:45 - Introduction
 11:45 - 12:45 - I write
 12:45 - 1:50 - I revise
 1:50 - 3:50 - I write
 3:50 - 4:55 - I revise

60% $\frac{10}{10}$ conclusion

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 BAGH sectors.

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A National festival is an occasion to refine & rebuild the national character.

Intro

Festivals - period of celebration, national festival - celebration on account of nation's achievements.

Occasion - a time period

refine - bring fine tuning, changes in course of action

rebuild - repeat the effort in spite of failure

National char - foundational values and ethos of nation, the life blood of nation's existence, determined by founding fathers - enumerated in const.

National festival must go beyond a holiday in calendar. Citizen ought to remind themselves to recommit to nation building.

Ex

• Mahatma 'Try it with destiny', democracy ushered at independence, are we adhering?
 Ex - Majoritarianism / imposition of culture - lynching

Body

• Regionalism demand for states in linguistic lines, today tests our resources
 ex - Telangana & Vidarbha | unity/cooperation

• 1962 military setback, defence preparedness, ex - Doklam crisis | strong defence capn
 • Emergency era, undermining of rights, arrests - do we respect this now? ex -

• Public police arrests | individual rights, freedom of expression
 • Garibi Hato, still 21.21% & \$1.90, 52.7% on MPI | ~~PMSP~~ PRSP
 • LPG to other private spirit -> yet PNB fraud, Satyamev etc. | integrity struck

• Demeritisation - PM 'Imandari ka Utar', 'Parvatan Parv'
 • ~~SSM~~ - PM declaration from old parl. | by grease, cleanliness
 • Start up India & stand up India | people's empowerment

• Violent garib children/women - ex Bihar chhellen. cov. - criminal law
 • amendment. bill!
 • visit of ^{JANAC} Heads of state, | good neighbourly relations

Conclusion

Access nation, learn from past mistakes, do not repeat, give analogy of Ravana - has to be killed recurrently,

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we may slip again, thus festival gives us chance to recommit!