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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. A free woman is one, who does not live in the shadow of others' judgment, but one who makes her own choices based on her own wisdom.
2. Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes.
3. We are good architects of future, if our coming generations are not victims.
4. The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.

SECTION - B

1. Patriotism is to support your country, not your government.
2. In a healthy politics, the leaders do not serve any ideology or political party, but people.
3. The difference between insanity and genius is success.
4. Intelligence is not IQ, but capacity of imagination.

SECTION
A

TOPIC: We are good architects of future, if our coming generations are not victims

Human beings, endowed with intellectual capabilities, have a distinct responsibility of being concerned for the generations succeeding their generation. This is because, humans could indulge in reckless behaviour, so as to satiate their immediate requirements, and burden the future generations with paying of reparations, thereby victimising the future generations.

This demands FARSIGHTEDNESS. It helps in determination of path which would lead to consequences, not ~~deter~~ detrimental to coming generations. This further assists in determining predictions for future, based upon learning derived from past experiences.

For such a responsible conduct to actualise, it is required the leadership of contemporary generation to exhibit STATEMANSHIP.

Try to discuss all major aspects of your essay briefly in intro

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This enables in taking decisions backed by values of JUSTICE & FAIRNESS for the coming generations.

Political Architects

On the eve of Indian independence in 1947, a global process of decolonisation and ending of imperialism was in progress. Newly emerged nations were designing their future course for system of governance. The founding fathers of Indian constitution chose Democracy, whereas in countries like North Korea, dictatorship emerged. After almost 7 decades, the relative stark contrast in levels of political freedoms in India & North Korea, for example in respect of freedom of expression to their citizens, with no such right for North Koreans in their homeland, proves the statement that we are good architects of future, if our coming generations are not victims.

Similarly, India adopted a secular system of governance. In opposition, its newly emerged neighbour Pakistan became a theocratic state with adoption

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of one particular religion as state religion. This miscalculation on part of founding fathers of Pakistan is visible, for instance, in growing radicalisation of society and emergence of fundamentalist groups such as Lashkar-e-Toyiba, Taliban etc. in their country. In contrast, India continues to cherish its tolerant ethos to this day, with existence of all prominent religions and sects of world in India. Thus India has not victimised its generation to come, while Pakistan did, thereby proving Indians ~~are~~ were indeed good architects of their future.

2. Social Architects

The existence of social harmony in India is not a mere facade of political compromise reached amongst peoples of various religious leanings. It is also because Indian Constitution is a tool to create a future social order based on society's transformation for archaic & primal practices to modernity. For instance, proliferation of medieval practices such as triple talq in some religious communities of

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India is an extant case of female subjugation. To avert this patriarchal setup, Indian constitution has Article 44 providing for a Uniform Civil Code and Article 14 providing for Gender Equality. Inclusion of such provision is again a proof that Constitution of India, indeed has been a great architect, for it tried to provide equality at outset thereby not victimising our future generation of women.

Interestingly, prevalence of such patriarchal practices has been continuing upto the present times. For instance, recently the Supreme Court of India gave a judgement throwing open the Temple of Shani Shingnapur (Maharashtra) to women. Such progressive judgements are a testimony to the fact that we won't victimise our women any further, and hence it is an example of being a benign architect of future.

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Technology Architects

Technological developments are rapid. Even before many could acclimatise with prevailing technology, an upcoming innovation further disrupts the technical landscape. For example, emergence of social media. Arrival of services like Facebook gave a new tool to those seeking to increase their connectivity. Yet, using its monopoly Facebook tried to introduce the new service - FREE BASIC, which provided certain services over internet free of cost. Regulatory agencies in India, such as TRAI, realized the play of Facebook, and adopted NET NEUTRALITY as guiding etho of Indian internet market. This shows how technological companies, under the garb of increasing access, was to victimise future generations by capitalising on accessibility to services in future. Conduct of regulatory bodies proves that as good architects of future technical landscape of country, they have helped in avoiding - victimisation of citizens.

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Furthermore, technological development has given emergence to tools like Gene Editing. This is a potent tool to create DESIGNER BABIES, children with qualities as determined by prospective parents. Such actions could victimise future generations of children, because if they do not exhibit qualities sought by ^{their} parents, they may feel let down. Perhaps, this is why the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has banned gene editing in India and thus acted as a creator of future for our upcoming generation of children, free from parental bias.

Legal Architects

Worldwide a movement to decriminalise gay sex and mainstreaming of LGBT community in society is ~~on~~ continuing. However, in India continuation of legal provisions such as IPC Section 377, which criminalises homosexual sex is an

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instance of regressiveness in legal sphere. Especially after the pronouncement of RIGHT TO PRIVACY as fundamental right by supreme court in Puttaswamy case (2017), there's a glimmer of hope that such provisions (IPC sec. 377), would be removed from statute book. This is important, because otherwise our coming generations of LGBT community would ^{continue to be} ~~be~~ victimised, and we as a society will fail in creating an inclusive social order for our future generations.

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The above analysis, therefore, shows how significant is it for us to create a society which is tolerant, just, equal and inclusive. This is a responsibility of the contemporary generation. It is because, the upcoming generations would look up to their preceding

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generation as sources of guidance.

Therefore, as role models, it begets upon contemporary generations to set in motion those wheels of reformation which could take future generations on the path of prosperity and self realisation, instead of victimisation.

(5) To encapsulate, as inheritors of a great legacy for future generations, it becomes incumbent upon the present generation to be the good architects of future, and help direct the coming generations.

→ Could further diversify your essay to talk about aspects like weaponisation / Nuclearisation of world & its effects on coming generations, Refugee crisis, unethical

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handling by nations and effects etc

SECTION
B

TOPIC; Patriotism is to support your country,
not your government.

"Sorry Sir, but I won't carry out your directives," replied Ravish Sharma, an IB agent, posted along frontline bordering region of Indo-Pakistan LOC in Kashmir. Ravish's ~~stern~~ stern reply was ~~an~~ instructions in response to instructions of his senior to use third-degree and torture upon a hapless intruder from teenager who has mistakenly crossed the border. Reason Ravish cited for his conduct was that such directives of his superior was in contravention to Indian nation's ethos of HUMAN DIGNITY.

The above instance show that true patriotism lies in supporting one's country, its values not instructions & directives, which are in opposition to these values of the government.

PATRIOTISM, therefore, means a sense of

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duty towards the citizens of country. It means upholding of values enshrined in Constitution - Democracy, Secularism, Socialism, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Fraternity. It means respect for other nations and its citizens, as one has for one's own countrymen and women. It means negation of jingoistic & chauvinistic tendencies. Governments, in their quest for political expediency might try to undermine Patriotism, but as a citizen one ought to be discernful of such political play by governments.

Patriotism - An Indian Experience

During India's struggle for independence from British Raj, the leaders of our country undertook the prolonged journey towards

Independence under the leadership of Mahatama Gandhi. Time and again Gandhiji ~~define~~ defied the government to uphold interests of people. For instance, ~~during~~ Rowlatt Satyagraha, he refused to follow the law as it curtailed liberties of his countrymen & women. This proves that for Gandhiji Patriotism meant support for its citizens and not government.

Furthermore, during the phase of Emergency in India, government of the day imposed such excesses, that it trampled upon the fundamental rights of its ~~&~~ citizens. The Supreme Court concurred, except that of Justice Khanna. His lone voice of dissent caused him dear, and one of his junior may made the Chief Justice of India, who gave judgment favourable to the government. Justice Khanna's dissent for upholding rights of citizens is again an ~~&~~ instance of Patriotism as support to country & not the government of the day.

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Many a times, independent institutions of the country have shown how they themselves can streamline the state of affairs in interest of its citizens. For example, the robustness with which the Election Commission of India clamped down on elements trying to swindle the election, during early 90s. The name of its Chief, TN Sheshan has been inscribed in golden letters in administrative history of nation. His conduct showed that for him patriotism meant support for Indian democratic process, not the government of the day.

Activism shown by civil society in India is again an indication of their own version of patriotism, for they pressurise the government to act in interest of its citizen. For instance, the Mazdoor-Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS), a

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civil society organisation working in field of social audit, has been successful in ensuring that social audit becomes a legal requirement by its inclusion in law, for example as is seen in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act which mandates social audit as statutory provision. For civil society organisations like MKSS, patriotism lies in empowering the citizens/beneficiaries of government schemes, and not the governments which have already amassed extensive powers.

Individuals have also shown their patriotic leaning by supporting the cause they hold dear to themselves and which serves the larger public interest. For example, the action of the whistleblower in the Vyapam Scam. Although a state government employee, fully aware of consequences which he could face, including harassment, intimidation and dismissal from employment, yet the whistleblower

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exposed the corruption in recruitment being perpetuated under the ^{state} government ~~event~~ oversight.

The actions of whistleblower further testifies that patriotism lies in supporting one's country by exposing misdeed, and not governments who may actually be perpetuating the misdeeds.

Patriotism - Global Experience

Globally, one could find plethora of instances where, people of the nations supported causes held dear to them and rejected their government & its conduct. For instance, during 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement in USA was based upon ensuring equality for citizens of colour. The government of the day supported segregation of white people & coloured people in

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public spaces - Cinema, Restaurants, Public Transport etc. Under the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr., people of colour protested and won the right to equality with ^{white} people. Mr. King's protest showed that as a citizen of USA, for him patriotism meant support to his oppressed countrymen, and not the oppressor - the government.

On similar lines, APARTHEID was practised in South Africa. It was an extreme form of discrimination towards native people of Africa by white settlers. The protracted struggle led by Nelson Mandela to dismantle the system of governance based on Apartheid, and his eventual forgiveness to discriminators, on becoming President of South Africa & adoption of new Constitution is a prime example of patriotism.

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Meaning a support to country, its people, especially the oppressed, and not the government which perpetuated the social evil of Apartheid in South Africa.

Even in India's neighbourhood, in a country like Pakistan which is perpetually in a state of political instability, the protests led by lawyers against the dictatorship of Pervez Musharraf in 2007, eventually leading to his resignation and restoration of democracy in Pakistan, shows the patriotic character of Pakistan judiciary in supporting the country - its democracy, as not the dictatorship - the government.

The revelation by Edward Snowden of NSA's surveillance of its own citizens by the USA government is another instance of

patriotic act by a citizen of a nation. For Snowden, upholding of people's privacy was paramount. For him it became a secondary concern that he, as an employee of NSA ~~out to~~ ought to remain loyal to his employer. Such loyalty, for Snowden, would have meant disloyalty to his nation, and support to the government.

Conclusion

Towards end, it is important to realise the true meaning which patriotism has. A casual reading of patriotism leads to unquestioned support to government & its policies. These may be driven by ulterior motives & hidden agenda of the government. Hence, a need arises for the citizens

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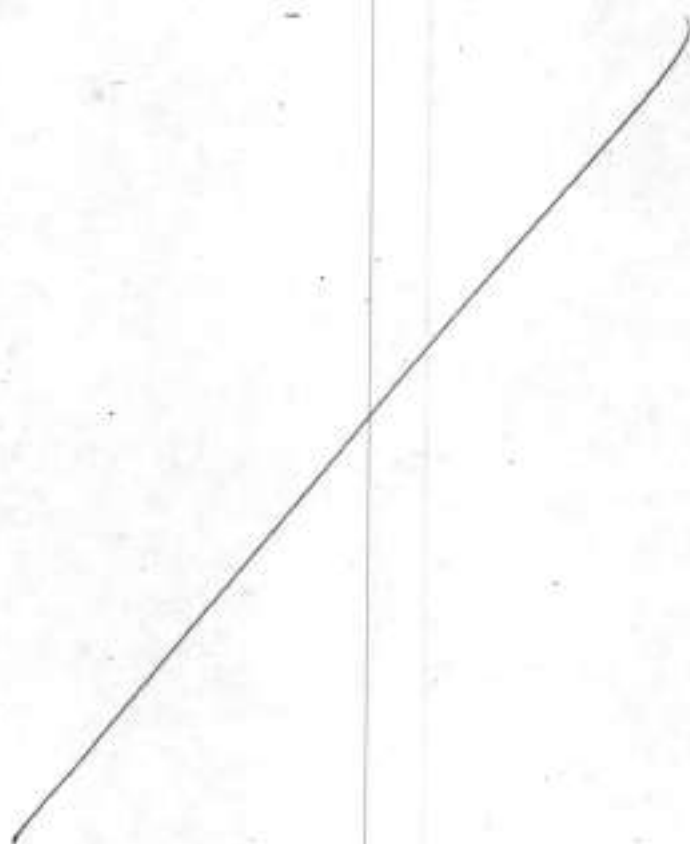
to remain vigilant. Instead of showing unqualified support to governments, they ought to be critical and question governments, basing their judgments of patriotism on the basis of their country's long cherished values.

In light of this, it is worth to conclude that the conduct shown by Ravish Sharma, the IB agent quoted at beginning of this essay, was indeed patriotic, for it upheld the India country's value of Human Dignity over cruel treatment of suspects like third-degree & torture.

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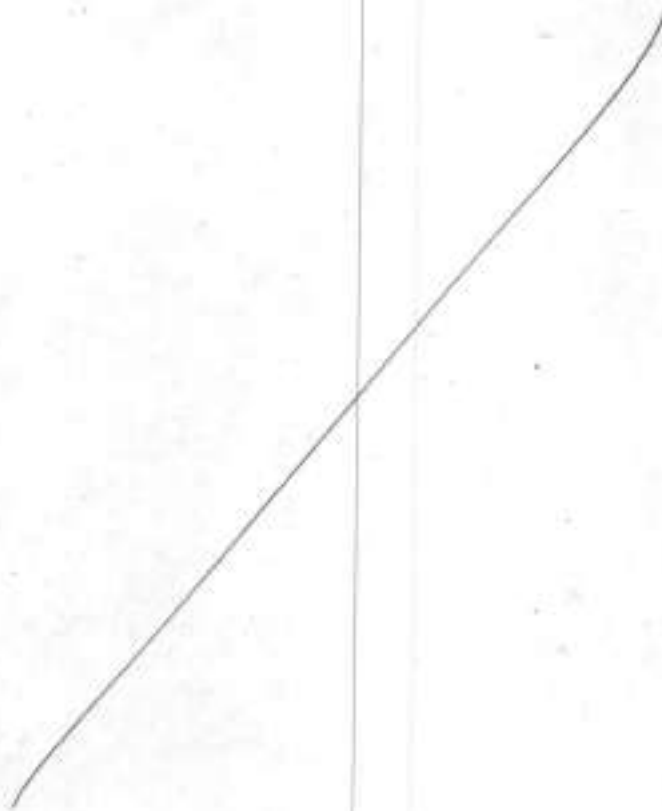
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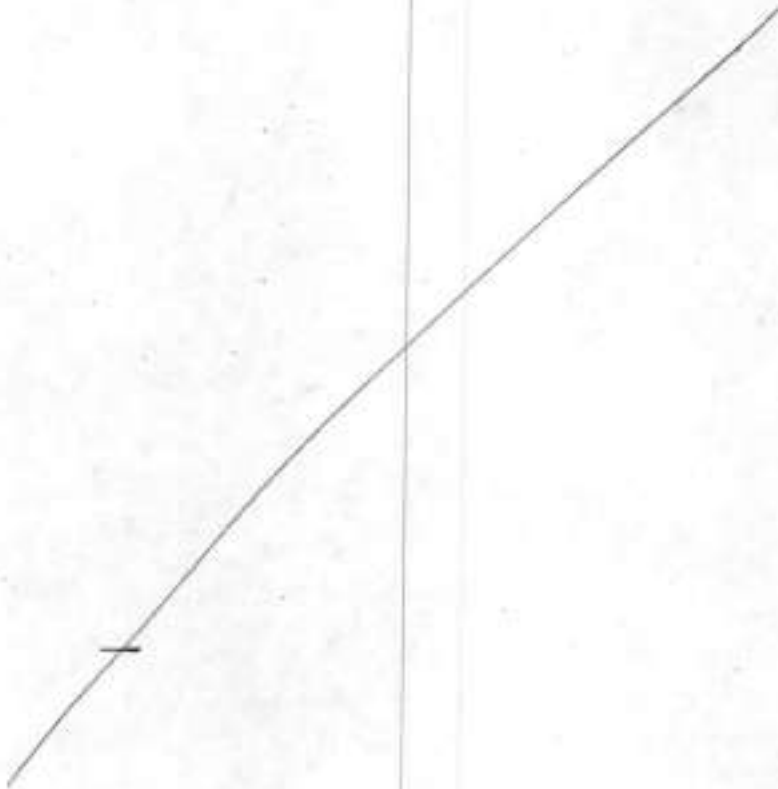
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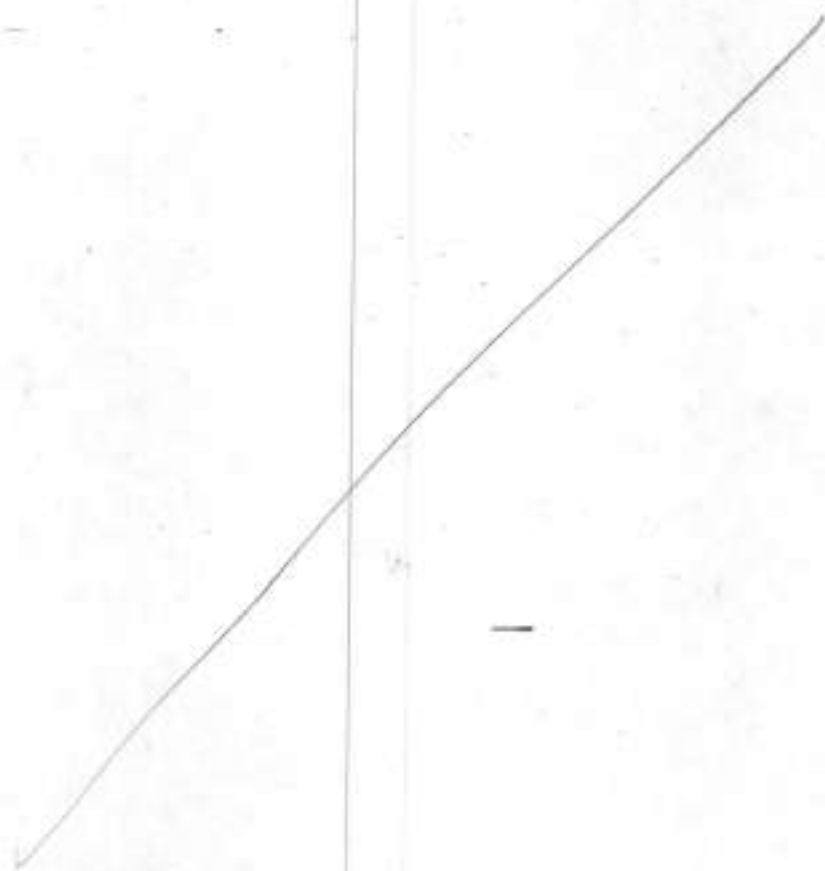
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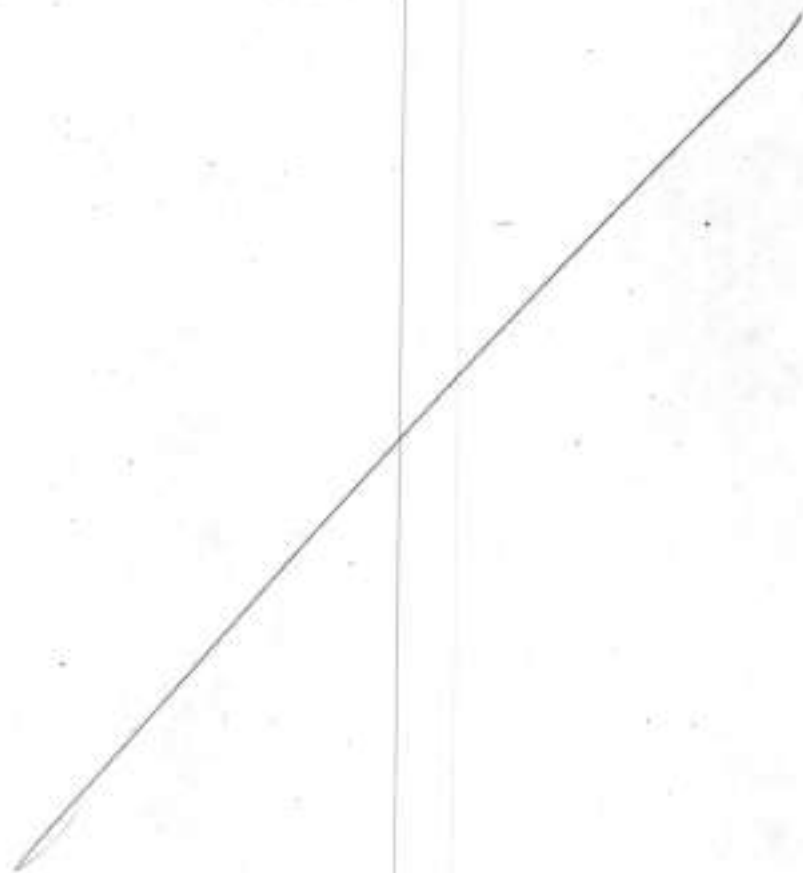
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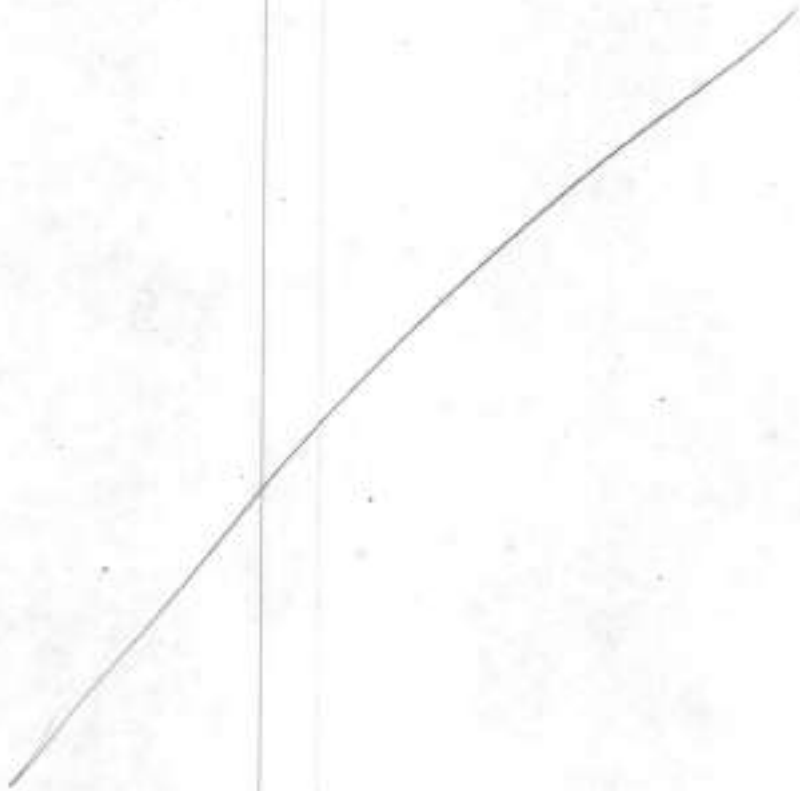
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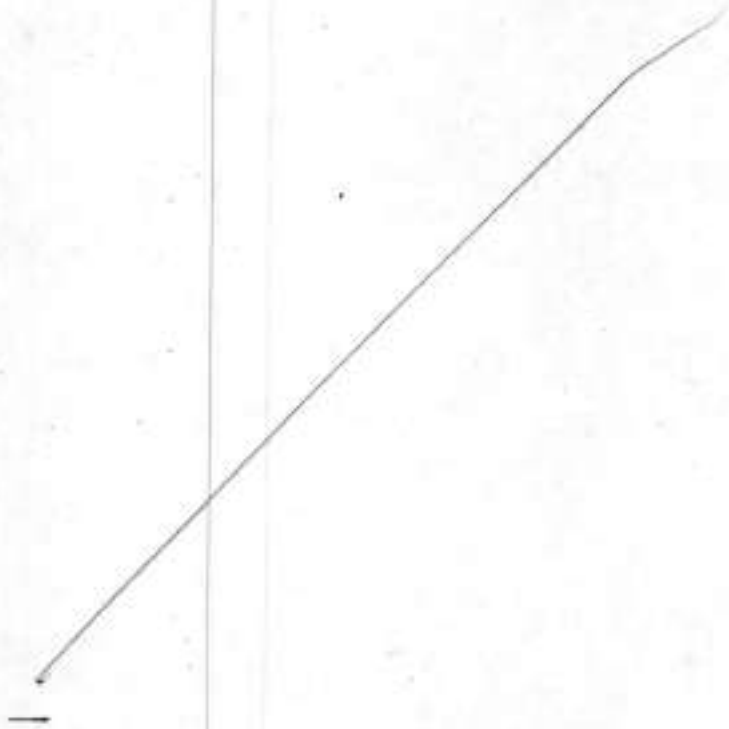
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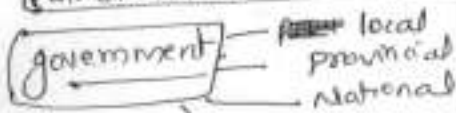
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service to nation
upholding of values

Patriotism is to support your country, not your



Intro - International

story of a RAW agent, directed to torture, didn't defire Patriotism.

Body - Indran Exp.

- INK supported cause of people,
- ① end British Raj
- Imposition of Emergency in 1975,
- ② trampling of human rights
- strength shown by institutions such as
- ③ as ECI - M. Chohan, CAG - Vinod Rai
- Civil society activities, NAKS,
- ④ social audit
- RTI law, question for govt.
- ⑤ Vyapam scam.

Conclusion

Govt - come & go

Global exp:

- ① Civil Rights Mov. in 1960s USA
- ② Apartheid in S. Africa
- Present Israeli politics, its recent national law.
- lawyers protest in Pak 2007, constitutions
- ③ of democracy.
- Russian interference in elections, rejection by Trump.
- ~~Military coup in Turkey~~
- Immigration crisis in USA - Sarah Sanders episode
- ⑤ Migration:
- ④ - Wikileaks
- Snowden

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We are good architects of future if our coming generations are not victims.

Intro

Responsible conduct
statecraftmanship
farsightedness

prediction from past occurrences
fairness, justice

Body

- political processes → adoption of democracy by India → Theocracy in Pak. → Dictatorship in NKorea
- economic → fiscal debt, later generations have to repay → FRBM
- social → unrestrained economic growth, pollution → ex. China
- social → regressive tax, ~~Practise FUM~~ → ex. ITC sec 377
- tech → Net Neutrality → preferential treatment → face books free bases.
- legal → Designer babies → Gene editing tech → CRISPR/Cas9
- legal → ~~adultery~~ Prebalance of ITC sec. 497
- legal → LGBT → ITC sec. 377
- Environ → Biodiversity loss → ex. loss of forest cover IFR - 21.54%
1958 - 1,00,000
2003 - 32,000

Conclu

future Gen → inheritors of legacy
look up to past gen. as source of guidance

Role model
creation of a more just/equal society.

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