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

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MAN'S EMOTIONS ARE THE SLAVES TO HIS THOUGHTS, AND HE IS THE SLAVE TO HIS EMOTIONS.

"Our mind is a good servant but a bad master". Mind comprises of both - our thoughts and emotions. We can either be in control of how we regulate and balance our thoughts and emotions or become slaves of them. A self-aware and intelligent person should have the wisdom to not be a slave, rather guided by thoughts and emotions.

Thoughts are developed based on our experiences, education and perceptions. They

form our attitudes by which our emotions are developed towards certain objects, ideas and people. These attitudes often guide our behaviours and actions.

Prince Siddhartha of Shakyas clan in Lumbini was born as a prince. When he went out in his kingdom he saw sufferings and death in four different encounters. He thought about them. His thoughts became the ideas he arrived at had about sufferings and how desire is the root cause of them. He became Gautama Buddha based on his thoughts and developed emotions of empathy and compassion towards people. These guided his life throughout.

Another extreme of this was seen in inter-war period in Germany. Adolf Hitler, with his patriotism and nationalistic thoughts, was humiliated after Treaty of Versailles as a German. His thoughts became his ideas and developed emotions in himself and fellow citizens of frenzy, pride, revenge and even the horrific xenophobia. He became a

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⇒ section ① & ② → good opening and explanation of key terms using examples

slave of this and caused holocaust and a global war.

Being a slave to thoughts and emotions can take us to any extreme. But not all strong ~~or~~ thoughts and emotions make us slaves. Sometimes our mind interjects based on the context.

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 Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts on non-violence and truth inspired Indians to launch into non-cooperation movement. He refused to carry out the movement after Chauri-Chaura violence. But he was no blind slave to his own idea. He generated emotion in the people during the movement and certainly disappointed them by calling it off. But later during Quit India Movement, he modified his thoughts and evoked different emotions through his call of "Do or Die" because at that point cowardice was worse than non-violence given the severe British ~~sup~~ repressions had left him no choice. Thus we need not be slave to our thoughts and emotions.

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How to not be a slave? Virtue of resilience, rationality and responsibility requires us to think anew based on the situation. The balance generates among us emotional intelligence with which we can be reasonable about our emotions and emotional about our reasons.

Such resilience is needed in individual life because in many situations we feel distressed. Depression causes a lot of people to commit suicide. India is among the largest nations with suicide cases. Instead of being driven by our emotions and irrational thoughts, we need to teach others the values of perseverance, withstand adversity and bounce back.

Resilience against becoming slave to thoughts and emotions is required in crisis situations. A person may be suffering from a personal stress and be in-charge of a disaster management operation where the team is highly demotivated by the extent of massive damage done due to floods. In such a leadership role, he needs to motivate his team members by overcoming his stress

through self-regulation. A professional doctor or a defence lawyer may have negative thoughts about criminals as a person. But under professional conduct of oath and the right to be heard in a criminal case requires them to be professional despite their thoughts or emotions.

This is not always easy and common in our society. Negative emotions based on some biased and prejudicial thoughts lead to negative attitudes and discrimination as well. Many cases of untouchability still exist in India. People have been denied rental apartments based on the community they belong to a particular community even today in most urban places. This is an unfortunate way to become narrowed down by our emotions.

When thoughts dominate over emotions we often see practical, objective, impartial evaluation of attitudes and actions. But this often ignores underlying fissures in society and complexities leading to lack of empathy and justice. For example a blanket

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and impartial application of Uniform Civil Code will reflect objectivity and rationality but will ignore diversity and minority cultures being practiced.

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when emotions dominate thoughts, there is high degree of subjectivity alongwith elements of equity and justice. Nazis, Fascists, and Communism evoked high degree of emotions and from their vantage point they denied justice to many who came in their ways. But emotions dominated in Chipko movement to protect tree as a part of indigenous communities.

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Thoughts provide processing of experiences, points of views, contesting biases and emotions build bonds, values and respect. None should overpower the other and our mind should not be overpowered by either. That is the basis of emotionally intelligent decision making.

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Good effort. You can enrich the essay by discussing
 → emotions are not always controlled by thoughts - phobias, mental disorders etc

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→ emotional intelligence as way forward
 • balance b/w emotions & thoughts
 • mastery over our actions

URBANIZATION IS NOT ONLY SIMPLY EXPANDING AREA OF THE CITY

Urbanization is an inevitable and desirable outcome of growth and modernization of any nation. However, urbanization doesn't only mean areal sprawl of city. Instead the term "urban" implies multiple dimensions of better living and newer opportunities.

Thinking big, thinking decades ahead

Current urbanization in India is merely expansion of built-up area without proper plan. Even those cities which have a Master Plan, are essentially static and fail to cope up with rapid migration and increasing demands of public utilities.

A bigger thinking with dynamic urban planning requires provisions for industrial growth, employment opportunities to various sectors and sections of population. Skilling the urban poor, and provision of their social security safety nets is crucial. As engines of

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economic growth, urban centres need to adapt to fast changing requirements of skills and provide opportunities to a large migrant workforce.

The structure of cities should be developed with better ease of living. Disaster resilient infrastructure is crucial owing to the fact that urban floods are becoming recurrent and even earthquakes are an impending hazard.

Transport arteries may have expanded beyond city areas and expanded into hinterland but within a city there is problem of high congestion. Despite expansion of road network, the presence of a single nucleus dependent transport causes very distressed transportation in our cities which become a matter of joke in society as well.

Expansion of city area has ignored legal provisions in many cases given the uncertain jurisdiction of fringe areas. These need to be delineated and planned properly.

"Live" in the city, or just inhabit it?

A lot of people who live in the city follow a mundane life. Rushing to work in buses or train, doing daily labour, model-sized and shaped houses and no time for self characterize a mechanical urban life. Rich and poor both have lost a "sense of place" about their urban environment that has expanded the same model everywhere. Urbanization needs to be beyond reproduction and expansion of same.

For a better "living" environment, encroachment of city over lakes, forests and other wetlands needs to be sustainable. Dried up water bodies and deforested regions need to be reforested. They not only provide health benefit from pollution, but also protect from floods and give aesthetic experience. There is a lot of shame in constantly being featured conspicuously in world's most polluted cities.

Societal cultures need to be lively and participative. Even the poor must have clean drinking water, home and electricity to become

The issue discussed and the solution presented are not really linked

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a better part of the city. Slums are expanding as fast as city area, or even faster. But we need to provide in-situ rehabilitation, health provision, vaccination, education in order to avoid crimes, social apathy and generate harmony.

Urban for all

3 Better living in cities will generate a social capital which will provide an engaged citizenry in cities and various issues regarding public utilities, wastages, sanitation can be solved using people participation in city governance. Otherwise it will be a game of passing bucks.

Better civic sense, responsibility and respect for all will create cities which will become "community of prosperity" rather than an "island of prosperity". This can not be obtained by merely new roads and buildings and designating any place as city.

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§ section ① to ④ - You have mixed up the arguments of challenges of urbanisation and the possible solutions. Discuss them under different headings for a better flow.

Slow but sure death of villages?

Villages will continue to house half of our population till middle of this century. Therefore, they must not be ignored. A proper urban-planning that expands into hinterland should also have strong functional linkages with surrounding rural areas. Interdependence in terms of commute, incomes, remittances, bank deposits, raw material, education, should be well developed with cities and their satellite towns.

All urbanizations, pushed beyond a certain point, become sub-urbanization. So after a city expands and matures to a certain limit, it begins to generate spread effects, which are benefits and proto-urbanization in hinterland. This is not merely expansion of area but provision of city amenities such as education, health, industry, services like banking, trade.

Remarks → All your arguments do not appear to be chronologically arranged. Do not abruptly change arguments in the essay.

Smart cities and AMRUT cities that are planned aim to provide secondary cities that will act as counter-magnet to those cities who are facing sub-urbanization, congestion and have reached saturation.

Making and remaking

satisfactory Urbanization is changes in governance, opportunities, better standard of living and not merely expansion. The current order of our urbanization trend needs to be drastically modified. We can change ourselves by changing the way we develop our city.

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You need to discuss the various dimensions of meaning of urbanisation

- social - nuclear families
- changing status of women
- psychological - alienation
- loneliness
- religious - secularisation
- rational thinking

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