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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. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
2. The only answer to climate change is "change"
3. Universities should be a place for 'creativity', 'out of the box thinking' and 'ideological disruptions'
4. Development means only human development; all other measures of growth are misleading.

SECTION - B

1. Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall
2. Death is not the greatest loss in life; the greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live.
3. Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes.
4. We are good architects of future, if our coming generations are not victim.

Section - A

GS SCORE

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Universities should be a place for "creativity" 'out of the box thinking' & 'ideological disruptions'.

The basic unit of education is considered to be a 'family'. When a child is born, he is suddenly thrown exposed to the outside world, a world so unfamiliar, unpredicted and a scary place for him. The family is the first institution which helps him to socialise. This is a form of informal education that helps him understand the world around him in a much easier way. Though, this understanding mostly comes from observing people around him, their behaviour, relationships etc, but some core values & norms of the society is taught to him explicitly by his family members. As he grows, this process of institutionalization becomes more & more formal.

This process of education continues for lifetime. What essentially education does is makes us a better person, understand the world around us, make us more informed beings & enables us to contribute something to the society.

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At every stage of our life, these educational institutions play a different role. At school level the requirement is to make the child aware of its surroundings, & provide them a view of the world in a nutshell. In school, basically child learns about everything ^{related to} ~~etc.~~ ~~etc.~~

Science History, Space Technology Geography etc., which provides them a basic

tool so that they can make sense of what is happening around them. Apart from education, it also enables the

moral understanding in child understanding relationships enables them to ~~is~~ ~~but~~

The next level of institution in our life is college / universities by this time

we are kept in a safe environment, first around our family & then ~~again~~ again in a safe school environment around teachers & peers ~~with~~ with whom we feel much safe.

But as we enter into college we are again found ourselves surrounded by people we don't know, in a whole new situation. This phase is also a transition phase from teenage-to-adulthood, to a more responsible phase of life, which is both scary & exciting. The need of this stage of growth institution is not just providing with a knowledge, but enables us to understand the intricacies of life. & control because now, we are the state & we are not just looking at students, they are now a responsible citizens & moreover the future of our country: that requires

A business university in our society is considered to be a place for highest form of ^{quality} education, ~~with~~ with multi-dimensional approach, providing with opp students the opportunities which helps them grow, realize their potential, showcase their talent, shapes their

the Personality. That is why an ideal university should be a place which can address the growing needs of students.

~~Human beings are not easy to understand~~

We see in our culture, from ancient times, how much important is the role of universities has been in shaping making, of ~~the~~ legends. Nalanda

University & Taxila University, both are the finest ~~ex~~ among the whole Asian region.

But today we see some changes in their approach. Now we tend to

become more important to (stress) education, where quantity matters more than quality. The system has somewhat

become more mechanical, ~~more~~ more much more formal. This type of

rigid systems might help students to secure a job which ~~of~~ ^{with} enough

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institutions
and colleges
a interest
in books
would
spare
before
with
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may
not get jobs

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Salary but fails miserably to build a
 high quality being. Students stuck in
 this type of system also become rigid
 they fail to realize their inner potential
 or their 'needs'. The universities are
 efficient in making future robots.

devoid of very basic humane tendency.

A university should be a place where
 students can explore themselves & their
 potentials to the fullest. Can express their
 views freely. After all we are world's

largest democracy & the best place to

teach ~~understand~~ the meaning of Democracy

Free speech should be colleges & universities

But the problem what we see today are
 these voices, which are not in line

with the ~~text~~ so called social
 norm or 'majoritarian view' gets ~~stagnant~~
 does not conform to the ~~norm~~ repressed.

No mark
Comments pl.

what we ~~say~~ see in JNU, ^{considered as} one of
India's the greatest treasure, is very
sorry state of education system.

what is considered as 'out of the box
thinking'? A pattern of thought or
idea which does not follow a
conventional world, but its own
unique way, which might be rebellious
bit of brave. But not often this
mode of thinking is not appreciated
because they are not do not
subscribe to it our norms.
But institutions like universities
& colleges which does not promote
new ways are simply conveying message
that 'unconventional is something
which is unconventional is bad.
Probably not realizing the dangers of
it. A country which has no

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place for creativity can never grow. Therefore
we should teach students how it
is better to take risks & do something
new rather than ~~avoiding~~ ~~in~~ playing
safe. Now scientific innovations could never
have happened if remained scared of
losing new things. You may fail
sometimes but that should never stop
us from trying. But very few ~~people~~
agree to take risks as their future is
at stake. Unless there is a support from outside
students cannot take risks. That is
why it is the of utmost importance
that these of institutions starts ~~take~~
realizing their responsibilities towards
students & promote new ideas, which
help them grow into a full being.

good - Creativity, out of the Box thinking and disruptions are
 buzz words around the globe especially in higher
 education system.

Remarks - Universities teach students to think out of the box and
~~are~~ creativity in the fast changing world.

- Creativity is the use of imagination or original ideas to create something new.
- Universities mean the University ecosystems which includes pedagogy, necessary infrastructure, regulations, management and mobilization of necessary resources to support culture of creativity and out of thinking, and challenges associated with them.
- Challenges which Universities are facing:
 - ① Too much emphasis on theory, exam and getting degrees and obsolete teaching practices.
 - ② inadequate teaching staff and quality of teaching.
 - ③ inadequate infrastructure.
 - ④ over regulations & controlling bodies.
- The University students can be roped to provide creative solutions on current problem like -
 - ① water & waste management
 - ② climate change
 - ③ technological interventions.
 - ④ agriculture & droughts.

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Q.1

Death is not the greatest loss in life;
The greatest loss is what dies inside
us while we live.

We have evolved as a human being through
a process of evolution which took thousands
of years. What drives us to keep working?
Keep becoming a better version of ourselves
- yes? What motivates us to work for
making our lives comfortable? What
would have been the case if ~~homo~~
 ~~sapiens~~ ~~were~~ ~~not~~ fire was not discovered?
What would it be like if all of us
 ~~just~~ stop working & just simply
'exist'. Would we last ~~for~~ even a decade?
Maybe we might, but can we call
it a 'life'? Is that worth living for?
The answer is absolutely 'No'. Then
what makes life worth living?

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Introduction

The answer of which we will discover when we ask ourselves a simple question: What does 'life' mean to us?
What is life? Simply existing? Breathing!

It's more than that. Life is all about all the decisions we make, actions we do, people we meet, places we go, air we breathe. It's about songs we like, about the smell of flowers, rain, sunshine. It's about every little thing around us. ~~It's about every big thing out~~
 It cannot be constructed into one definition. Life is where everything & everyone matters. It's not only a series of good things, it's also about the series of unfortunate events that take place. Life is not to be precise, we can say that life is not 'because we breathe', but 'despite everything, we breathe'.

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Now, coming to our question that we asked earlier, what keeps us moving? Right from the moment we born, we are driven by our inner drives, that initially helps us survive. When a baby is born, she cannot communicate obviously but she has to let others know when she is hungry, thirsty or uncomfortable, so she cries. Now, she cries everytime she feels hungry, but as she grows & becomes independent, she has to learn to find food on her own. Children when they are ^{hungry} ~~old~~ enough ~~to~~ walk on their own, go around ~~to~~ explore everything they can, ~~and~~ ~~take~~ put everything in their mouth; as this is how they learn that a few things are not supposed to be eaten. Why do they do that? because they are driven by their need to eat.

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Perse it, when we are internally motivated for something, we work for it. Thus it is the drive inside us which makes us strive for better & keep going.

What happens when this drive stops? We would no longer be motivated for doing things, or exploring or trying out new ways but that does not mean we will die! We will still live but is it better a life?

Death :- Death is the end of life, the only certain thing. Everyone is going to die. But despite being the most certain thing, it is the only thing that we are scared about the most. The saddest reality of life. Death is not scary for person who dies, but for those who are left behind after him. They are the one who suffer the most of the

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loss of their loved ones. It is almost unbearable to comprehend the fact that they will never be able to see their faces again. But the person who has died, the 'death' only means peace. We don't know what happens after death but according to our Hindu belief death is related with the concept of 'Moksha' meaning getting rid of the cycle of suffering & meeting of the soul with ~~eternal~~ the Almighty. So basically dying is considered to be as not the end of life but beginning of a new journey of soul in which it finds peace.

The 'Death' though it is a great loss for people whose loved ones have died, but it is the only 'great loss' that we

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witness as human beings?

The answer of this question may vary
on the basis of how we define a 'loss'?

Loss: Something which was important to
us, we used to have but now it's
no longer with us. Loosing favourite
pencil can be a big loss for a child, while

loosing a job might be devastating for
adults, loosing someone is also painful

But all of these loss are external & thus
replacable. The child might find
get a brand new pencil, people will
find another job. (even better), Loose

The pain of loosing someone might not
be replacable but it will go away

with time. People learn to live with
that. But what happens when we are

deal loose something from within?

How hard would it be?
First of all is it also replacable?

As earlier discussed, - our inner driver is the motivating factor behind everything we do. As defined by famous psychologist Maslow in his Need hierarchy Theory that ~~we are~~ (we) as a human beings are driven by our needs, these needs are biological needs, safety needs, esteem needs, aesthetic needs all arranged in a pyramid hierarchy. ~~At~~ at the bottom of which lies the Biological needs. Once we complete our biological needs we are motivated for safety needs (having a safe shelter family etc) and so on. ~~What~~ what if this need inside us die? ~~to~~ what if we are no longer motivated for the higher needs in life? ~~to~~ the answer is we will not die certainly but would be stuck. It might seem scary

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To some people to step out of their
 comfort zone. but keep striving for good
 is the only key to a happy life.
 A comfortable life provides us with the
 basic amenities which we require to stay
 alive but it does not necessarily address
~~to us~~ the needs of our 'inner self'.
 We are not taught to look inside
 us, ~~to see~~ understand the 'inner
 self', its needs. We live our
 life like a machine. But ~~the~~ losing
 zest for life is the biggest loss even
 if we don't realize. ~~It~~ requires self
 introspection ~~to see~~ if we ^{lose} lose.
 Love for life, we stop experimenting,
 trying new things, explore new avenues
 take risks, fall & rise again. These
 are the experiences that makes us
 feel alive. It is like taking every

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drop of opportunity what life can provide
us & turn it into something good.
or, if not; when a memorable moment
of life.

But how often we do this? sit back
and look what we are missing?

Today is the age of scientific inventions,
life has become so fast, machine doing
human work, there is hardly any
time left for introspection. But this
is what we need. ~~Yes~~ ~~so~~ We
should not lose ~~what~~ what makes
life worth living. the rest for life.

This is the only way by which we
can make our life as well as other
life better. & thus, would be able
to make this world a better place to
live.

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- The theme depicts the importance of listening to inner voice and pursuing your dreams to enrich our life over the passive existence.
- introduce the concept of death of a body and inner voice.
- explain the value of dreams
- discuss - Why people give up under various situations
Be it professional life, love life, social life or just life in general
- greatest loss is not in death of the mortal body but dies inside us while we live
- whenever we start listening to our heart and start working on ^{our} dreams, we face challenges every day. We go through ups & downs to reach towards our goals. Life never offers great things on a platter. We have to earn it
- Road to happiness and success is never a easy, but it is always rewarding. Sometimes when people don't see results soon, they give up.
- Mohd Ali is a Boxer - he was strong and also by his inner strength and faith.
- romance is the love with Sachin Tendulkar. They are mostly

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Remarks strong & charismatic.

- One must not give up. No matter how hard it is.

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Death is not the greatest loss in life, the greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live

• Motivation comes from within

• Needs theory (Abraham Maslow)

• how human beings have evolved

• Extinction of ~~these~~ (illustration)

• Philosophy something about death

• what we consider a life is all about

• Mechanical life

• Red for life

• How often do we refer to our inner voice

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concept of 'Moksha'
end of the cycle of birth
Death is considered as
end of
Moksha
Moksha?

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Health is not valued till sickness comes

(3) University should be the place for Creativity, out of the box thinking & Ideological Disruption!

a • Education system what it is

c • Individual Development through college / university

e • Democracy

f • Shaping the future

(d) g • Globalisation - IACU

b • what role these place are making us who we are / our ideal being

d • How the voices are being expressed

Life is a series of

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