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Essay 2

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ESSAY

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MOCK TEST

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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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Essay 1 Remarks

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very good!
you have written a very good essay; but the ideas could be organised in a much better way.

The contents and analyses therein is rich. The essay has explored the "existence" and "consequences" of silence in various arenas of life. Also it has cited examples, how people rose to break the silence for change and progress.

The structure and organisation of your write up may have more impact if you follow an orderly presentation:

- ✓ 1. Importance of silence - when it is a virtue and when it is a vice.
- ✓ 2. Examples of "culture of silence" and consequences
- ✓ 3. What are the advantages of breaking the culture of silence: Freedom, justice, dignity, equality, opportunity, making society more livable, giving voice to voiceless
- ✓ 4. Why people do not speak: lack of courage, fear, greed, insensitive, indifference, vested interest, lack of awareness and support.
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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.

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

What separates human beings from an animal? The most distinctive is speech. Our speech is our gift, our new factor. It has helped us to reach beyond other species. We have been able to organise ourselves into society, innovate and progress, probably because of ability to communicate, argue, complain.

In this essay, two basic questions would be answered. First, why do the people need to stand up, take action and speak for a dignified, respectful and for a good life? Other would be how a person can break his silence and start living life.

Women around 60% accept domestic violence as rightful behaviour. Why have they been silent? We are ending our lives by being indifferent to air, water and soil pollution. We are making our society regressive and intolerant by being silent on trolling, bullying etc. By passing a note to a policeman asking for licence, we are actually stepping into the line of corrupt. By not speaking against the culprit who stabbed the woman on the road, are we not ending the power of speech?

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Intein Society took a forward lap of 100 years
 when a slow but a strong voice has come up from
 the crowded bazaars of Bengal. A young talented
 boy said something that was way ahead of time
 He asked "Why women has to burn!" Why she
 has to be safe? Why she can't live without her
 husband". The questions were simple but answers
 were difficult. The questions are still relevant but
 answers have become little easy. Thanks to
 Raja Ram Mohan Roy who broke the silence of
 unsaid aspirations to live more. Thanks to him
 for making us all listen the painful
 voice of burning women with her dreams, aspirations

What would have happened if he would have also
 chosen to be silent even if the thing mattered
 to him and his family. Maybe the women
 who has now stepped upon the olympic
 podium would have remained confined to

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from walls of a kitchen. Therefore it is essential that we stand up, we argue, we speak up, we fight for the things that matter to us, our families, our society and our world. Excellent interference!

Ask Questions to live with dignity

~~Shardha~~ Bhagvadgita has said that the person who remains silent and donot fight for their rights are equally responsible as the perpetrator. Women,

dalits, tribal, physically handicapped people, LGBT community have stood up and asked questions for their rights, their needs and their opportunities.

May come what, a person should always fight back. Fight back to get become role models so that other can also be inspired. It won't be wrong to mention that during the 90s, the brightest of all kalpana chawla stood for the women.

She inspired every little girl to fly and become an astronaut. She inspired a million. However,

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at some point of time she might have asked questions, must have argued to fulfill her dreams, must have fought to go ahead.

To inspire, innovate, develop and grow not only us but our countries, a person should speak up.

We cannot live a life full of suppressed emotions and dreams. What is use of life if one can't not express his/her ambitions.

The life begins to die a slow death, the day we start compromising with the situations, stereotypes and prejudices.

Therefore start speaking, arguing, acting for your own life which is dignified and worth living for.

It will boost innovation and will ensure a society which is progressive and inclusive.

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Other than asking, act for the thing those matter to you is also very crucial aspect. We need to act for the environment in order to save ourselves from the catastrophe.

Act to make earth green again to survive

if we start being silent on the increasing PM levels, crowding hospitals, starting air masks, are we not dying with ~~catching~~ chest, high

carcinogenic material in our body. The citizens of Delhi have ~~life expectancy~~ at least three years less than other.

By the way, this figure don't have the countless days, one spend in visiting doctor and coughing.

for the million premature death of poor who die either bearing our waste and clearing it. This figure also don't account.

The question is why we are indifferent? Why we are not recognising the threat? Why we are silent, when one leaves the laps open, Air conditioner on etc. Even before that, why we are ourselves not looking at our own activities.

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Our reluctance to take public bus, our lethargy to get a cloth bag. - We need to act, need to speak and need to react on the increasing filth. The day is not far away, when the polythene bag which you used for buying vegetable has become cause of your death.

We need to speak up. Okla residential areas have spoken up for stuffing the waste to energy plant. A meek woman has given up her life to save Khejri tree, the strong Bishnoi committee irrespective of meagre means have fought a long law suit to save a thousand other black bucks.

billion hands, eyes and ears can't. Action is (Good punnett)
not limited to environment but also to the
screens that we are glued on.

Remarks

When was the last time violent on social media long ago.

When we report something The last time was really

Social Media 2 vs. - To type to harmony
 Fake news, mob lynching, paid news ~~are not~~ ~~are~~ not ~~are~~ us a lot. We very comfortably ignore the unsuitable troll. Are we not ending our lives or preserving our children, a world which is intolerant and a past truth world. We cannot ignore the matter. We need to break the silence. If there are fake news, then we will not forward it; rather report it. If there are trolls, we will report it. If there is violence, we will dislike it. We have to start acting, reacting in real sense and have to understand the seriousness. These are damaging the social fabric and we need to act. In digital as well as real space, both offer us ample opportunities to respond.

Witness the crime to stop it

Road safety, peace, harmony matter to all of us. But there are very few number who actually stopped their vehicle and saved the victims.

Remarks

Excellent and very relevant inference!

When most of people were busy in shooting the blood clots, there was not a single person who was wiping them off. Is our silence making our society non cooperative, apathetic and indifferent. Our value systems, ethical guidelines are dying with us, when we express our helplessness to be silent.

Society need to speak up for crimes if we want a peaceful and crime-free zone. We need to identify the witness, we need to cooperate with the police, we need to report the crime. By standing quite, we are actually becoming the part of big criminals' group.

Conviction rates in crimes is just 47%. Most of the culprits, are released due to lack of evidence. Lack of evidence is nothing but a silence which has been bought by money or muscle power.

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Some official must be offered a house or a lucrative position to be silent on the matter. This is death of life of the honesty, truth & integrity. Today people are silent on one case, in the coming years, everyone would be silent. Crimes can be stopped if we break their silence.

People do complain about corruption, leakage, nepotism. But why he can't complain in the police, in the RTI office, through whistle blower act!

Corruption needs a broken silence.

Supreme Court in 2G case observed that if a person remains silent even after being known to corruption, he/she is equally liable for it. A silent son while harassing bride's father for dowry is equally responsible as his greedy parents.

Everybody hates corruption but cannot ignore it. To grease the wheels of system, they do adopt bribing.

Relevant reference!

Remarks

Economic growth, good service delivery matter to us but still we remain silent. The result is in front of us all. Even after seven decades of independence, country has poverty, riots, hunger, malnourishment, slums, suicides etc. Our lives begin to end when we pay the role with a guilty smile on our face.

This can be seen as full circle, you did corruption and result is ~~the~~ manifested in a pothole, in which you will only fall.

Every day night is followed by a day full of hope so do the light of darkness. Many people like Satyendra Dubey, Ashok Khemka, Renu Maheshwari have broken their silence. They have shown us the way. Courage as a little pack is present in all of us and now is the time to spread its brightness.

Remarks

All is needed is courage

Tipu Sultan while ~~counting~~ on his last breath expressed his valour in very simple words.
 "It is better to live one day like a lion than a thousand days like a ~~top~~ goat".

why?
 good caution!
 But the list of causes could be bigger and better.

Today, all of us need to have courage to speak, act and stand. We have to start working for the things that matter in order to live the life as desired. There are many ways to do so.

Irrespective of your position, education and occupation, each one of us by being truthful to one's jobs and action can break the silence. It can be as simple as asking people to stand in a queue. Raging wife or ~~may be~~ stopping a husband in beating his wife. Throwing litter on road. Government has also armed the citizens with RTI (Right to Information Act), Whistleblower Protection Act, Lokpal & Lokayukt legislatures. Public Interest

Remarks

legislation, citizen charters, social audits are other tools to ~~check~~ the deed

Politically, we have ^{been} provided by NOTA button, periodic and fair election and begged ~~power~~ to vote. Start exercising these powers to assert.

Not only citizens, media houses, civil societies and governments also need to break ~~status~~ ^{status}. Media can use ^{their} wide reach and lightning fast speed to spread awareness, arrange relief and ~~ignite~~ ^{ignite} a discussion. Civil societies by using grassroot level connections can start campaigns. We have witnessed how NAO helped tribals in getting Niyamgiri hills back to the ~~tribals~~ ^{tribals} of real owners.

Government, members of Parliaments, opposition should discuss, debate and deliberate in order to get the best ~~for~~ ^{for} the citizens.

Remarks

Karl Marx although said in a different context. But still his thoughts are very valid in ~~the~~ context "We have nothing to loose but chains" so start acting, thinking or anything other than being silent.

Good quote!
Good punch!
Good end!

Remarks

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

It is nothing less than a paradox that one leg of a man is on the ~~the~~ cold surface of moon and other is in the dirty, polluted water of rivers. While we are searching for our neighbours on mars and jupiter, our own world is burning in disharmony, crimes and wars.

Yes, humans

have achieved ~~success~~ ~~success~~ success. We today have connected the world, revolutionised the way we have lived but one cannot forget the success has pitfalls, in terms of environmental degradation, decreasing social values, increasing diseases and weeping farmers. Cities have developed so do slums, ideas are exchanged so do hatred, products are created so do waste. Therefore it is quite clear that urbanisation, industrialization, globalization, scientific advancement in terms of biotechnology, nanotechnology, defence technology, agricultural innovations have caused more harm than good.

Remarks

Before analysing the problems, the ~~mis~~ ^{mis} ~~use~~ ^{use} of technology must be acknowledged.

Gifts of rapid pace.

Humans have come a long way from a hander to someone who cooks in microwave. Our lives have been very easy with our forefathers. Today, everything can be done in a matter of clicks. No long queues in banks, shopping stores or tuition centres. Internet has made world even smaller than imagination.

To aid man in work, we have entered robots, which in coming time would even drive cars for us. In Japan, already robots called kirabo exists. They help in elderly healthcare.

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Relevant
ideas!

From fixing organs to give new meaning to climate, rainfall. Man has become emperor of all. Today, man is in a quest to find god's particle which must have created the world.

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Paul Erlich in his population bomb theory said rather than a prophecy that world is going to end soon, but science reversed it. We created more food for growing population by introducing fertilizers, pesticides.

Overall, man has gifted the species of human a much more comfortable life but on deeper understanding of situation, the comforts look far-fetched and a crazy dream.

Comforts of Urban Areas are highly discomfiting

Fast paced life in urban cities ^{doom with} fast moving cars, illuminating high rise buildings, shopping malls, restaurants. One can get everything on a phone cell, on a click and sometimes just by saying OK Google. Rejuvenated life has created problems which no body wants to see but no one ~~was~~ can't ignore.

The dark, dingy slums behind high rise buildings Dharavi, the largest slum of Asia has only one toilet for 1440 people. It has roads which are fit only for riding bicycle. A room is shared by seven to eight people. The slum also harbours a deep

Bad living and working condition for millions is a product of our development model.

Remarks

networks of drug peddlers, = criminals which often take children as their culture.

Crimes in the city especially against women due to low ~~sex-ratio~~ sex ratio is just another manifestation. Increasing
The same high rise buildings are harbouring prostitution. Same ~~fast~~ fast moving cars are moving the death of some hopes and aspirations whenever an innocent girl is raped or stalked.

We have harboured cities with crimes against women and children. The saga doesn't end here.

The fast life of urban areas, has created rise and throw tendency. It is easy to eat outside and packaging is also done at its quickest. But soon

We realise that their rapid pace of throwing has created heaps of waste which surrounds the cities. The same waste find ways in the marine life. Great Pacific Garbage is a testimony to the same.

Explored various dark consequences of fast paced development

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Main boast of connecting the world, sending message and sharing content has picked up the speed of globalisation.

Globalisation - Is the world expanding or compressing

Information and communication technology has given us a platform to share ideas at lightning fast speed. But it has also greased the wheels of terrorist who are using these nets to propagate their ideas of radicalization. Thousand and lakhs of youth are getting trapped.

Sharing content which is thought provoking is beneficial but when same content starts eating away the good feelings of fraternity & brotherhood. - World witness it as fake news. Fake news has taken life of innocent babies, kind lady who was distributing sweets.

Police, law enforcing agencies are finding very difficult around the world to tackle the menace. It has become a world wide problem.

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Globalisation has eased migration, it has mobilised industries, Now an individual from any part of world can work anywhere. But the sad part is little unknown to world.

Migration left behind broken families. Old parents are isolated, wife and children always keep looking at the calendar which technology can replace the man himself. Videocall cannot replace the idea of touch and sense.

On first sight, world looks so closer but on more understanding, globalisation has built more walls with in the family & society.

which human boast is rapid advancement in science & technology. Another area is

Science - What it is aiming for?

Man created vaccines, medicines to treat but Anti microbial resistance is also byproduct of advancement. New infections due to different interference with nature is now alarming the existence of humans.

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So Medical science is saving us or putting us at even more danger.

Similar advancement in agriculture give India green revolution. We were able to be self sufficient in our food production but today we witness the same old green field into cancer belts. The soil has been converted into salty powders. The pesticides are killing the humans too. Endosulfan incident is not too far in time to reverse.

GM crops were introduced to solve productivity issue, but today it has destroyed the biodiversity. The pests have develop the resistance. The worm is now attacking cotton plant once again. So again what agricultural development provided us more food or food with more poison.

Man is able to send satellites and even men in space but we have put so much debris in the space that it is now endangering us. space has become another arena of warfare. China has developed weapons which would work in space. So space technology have given us predictions, communication or a dimension of warfare.

A good discussion on achievements of progress in science and tech!

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Nano technology and biotechnology are two other areas which have some ethical questions.

Biotechnology has given us option of surrogacy. designer baby - but it has also taken the price tag to the womb of a mother. So, does it give a happy world or world with no dignity.

Science and scientific advancement has limited options or solutions to the problems it has created. No body know how to reverse the resilience of microbes or how to give back the sanity to a woman who has just sold her womb for surrogacy.

Man's achievements are incomplete, if industrial revolution's fast pace is not accounted for.

Today, if everyone is able to operate a mobile phone, sit under a fan or eat a ready to eat meal, then credits go to industrial pace.

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Industries - What are they manufacturing?

Industries needs resources and resources are mined. Mining requires some forest to cut and some tribals to be evicted. Yes, society got electricity, iron, aluminium but what did tribal got? A new home which doesnot look similar to previous one. What happened to animals. Did they got anything in return?

~~scarcity~~ scarcities or advancement, nobody knows. Inexpensive large amount of products are manufactured, but it takes billions of gallons of water, energy to produce one. We get product but along with dirty water, dirty air, felled landfills and diseases.

The air or black soot that chimney are ejecting are bringing droughts, high temperature to our food security. Leather industries in karnpur are poisoning ~~our~~ our vegetables.

On thought & on consequences of rapid development.

Remarks

So what industries or manufacturing products
or poisons.

Industries have given us choices
and consumerism Consumerism is so fast
paced that it has engulfed our needs and now
has taken form of greeds. This is again is
depleting our resources and making our earth
little more burdened.

remains the same, what our industries giving us
needs or greeds.

On this note, it is essential to mention that
science and technology industries, urbanisation
or globalisation is not something that is not
undesirable. Rather, they are desirable
and most needed for country like India.
make in India Program, Smart cities are all

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been launched to serve them. Here, the question is not to stop them but rather to use them appropriately.

Right Use of Rapid pace.

Countries need to cooperate especially in matters of terrorism and environment. Let us fight for the common. Science and technology helps all so it is responsibility of everyone to wipe off its bad byproducts. (Comprehensive convention on International terrorism (CCIT) and Paris climate deal should be aggressively pushed.

The aim of technology should be based on principle of sustainability. The environmental component should be kept in mind before introducing anything for use. Equal efforts must be done for invention of waste disposal of product.

Technology or any phenomenon is value neutral. It is not bad or good. Human intentions and

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Objectives decide its utilization. Since it is not only government, industries who have reaped the benefits of advancement, therefore, each one of us should contribute in its working.

China has reversed desertification in inner Mongolia. Once a desert now looks a green lush grassland.

Malabailipuram, an ancient town in India has been successful in cleaning each & every dustbin. They convert their waste into energy and manure. Industries & IIT experts are working to report the fake and paid news.

Science, peace, fast speed can be used to solve these problems as well. Science has got the brains and now is the time that we pay attention to the problems that we have created.

It is important to mention that men has capability to step on the moon as well. In the end,

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well as to clean the river. He can find others as well as make our earth a clean and happy place as well as required is will to do so.

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you are very good in exposition and we tried well to analyse various related facets. The value of your write up may improve if you follow a schema in some well-defined order. I feel that "signposting" or "arrangement" of paragraphs should serve the purpose of what, how, why, and what next?

you have really drawn a big picture but the big picture should be used to draw inferences which are clear and direct w.r.t. the central idea. Think about the following schema for example -

- (1) Is pace of life a choice or by product of our unbridled aspirations
- (2) Why the pace of life has increased: Aspirations for productivity, efficiency, consumerism, ^{advancement in} science and technology
- (3) What are the advantages 'progress and change' have brought?
- (4) What are the disadvantages of fast pace? Why these disadvantages have sprung up?
- (5) What is the answer? Should progress and change stop? Or we need to rethink our growth and development models? Is sustainable development an answer?

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(6) conclusion: Growth, development, change and progress are important; But it is not the pace of movement, but it direction of change and progress matters.