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## ESSAY

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, the other is to be attempted 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. Try not to become a man of success, rather try to become a man of value.
2. We don't see things as they are; we see them as we are.
3. Character determines destiny.
4. Truth is lived, not taught.

**SECTION - B**

1. Our lives begin to end, the day we become silent about things, that matter.
2. Only those who can deliver should Rule.
3. At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice, he is the worst.
4. One of the penalties, for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

Section A

Try not to become a man of success,  
rather try to become a man of  
value.

What is common between Osama bin Laden, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and Mullah Omar apart from the fact that they are dead terrorists? All three were or are heads of successful terrorist organisations such as Al Qaeda and ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Levant) and are greatly revered as successful persons by their followers.

Success without values, therefore, is not only undesirable but also dangerous for the person and society at large. Success by its very definition is subjective and can mean many things to many people depending

on their view point.

A man of values, on the other hand, would be rooted in principles such as integrity, sincerity, respect for others, commitment towards society and environment, and so on. It will not only help him in contributing to society and nation but also leading a peaceful and prosperous life which is an example for others.

Successful man according to some is one who has lots of money, fame and respect. He is generally regarded as an epitome of perfection in whatever business he engages in. He is a person who uses his skills and genius to achieve the goals set by him.

For instance, a successful businessman ~~is an~~ may have a huge business empire, lots of cars & property. Similarly, a successful political leader may have <sup>large</sup> political following.

But it is also possible that in both the above cases the persons have reached their present state through means which are universally regarded as immoral and corrupt. The businessman may have used his ~~used his~~ influences and probably even colluded with the political leader to win over large contracts or may have degraded environment or flouted rules and regulations and law of the land.

In short, the means of every successful person ~~can~~ need not be just. Even their end may not always be just as is the case with terrorists who define success by probably the number of persons they have killed.

Hence, such successful persons instead of a boon, become a bane for the society. They invariably cause extensive damage to not only to themselves but <sup>also</sup> society and large. For instance, the destruction of ecosystems and the ensuing problem of global warming and climate change are in a way result result of the lack of values which the world faces in successful persons.

An industrialist in order to maximise his profit flouts pollution norms, colludes with regulatory agencies, etc thereby sidelining the values of honesty, integrity and justice as his actions are not going to affect the present generation but also the future generations.

Here comes the importance of values and virtues. A man with human and ethical values will lead a life of truth and honesty. His values will govern his actions and ensure that they are just in means and in end. Such actions are universally accepted and appreciated often forming an example for others.

The life lines of personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and others so show how to live a life of value. Both adhered to their principles of truth and non-violence. Eventually, they were able to achieve what once nobody could have even imagined.

However, leading a life of values is not a cake walk. Even Gandhi and Mandela faced innumerable hurdles and resistance. While they were able to resist, it may be difficult for everyone to do so.

For a common man a life of value can become painful. For instance, to get a government



work done in a government office would ~~not~~ sometimes require bribing ~~as~~ the employee, not by choice but out of compulsion. In such case the trade off is between a bribe of may be ₹500/- or so and value of honesty which requires visiting the office again and again as the employee try to foil the work and delay it as long as possible.

In such scenarios most of the people succumb and ignores their value. This challenge is not unique but is faced by us in almost every walks of life, where sacrificing values gives immediate returns. The problem even more complicated when external pressures ~~act~~

such as family, friends, etc. work counter to one's value.

However, if the person is not stick to the values then it is as good as having no values in life. Even compromising values such as by bribing has its own problems apart from legal problems. It kills a person's conscience and takes away the peace of mind. The guilt created due to ignoring of values keeps on affecting a person throughout his life. Not to mention of the other problems such as anxiety, depression, etc.

A life of values even though a bit more hard is much more satisfying. The person

feels stranger after every struggle and eventually this becomes a habit. ~~It not the~~. The person not only starts emanating positive energy but starts affecting change around him. He inspires and motivates others and gradually people start following. This is how the Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela & others have did it.

As Gandhiji has remarked "Be the change you wish to see in the world", It is imperative that instead of blindly following success one must ~~be~~ incorporate values in his life. This will ensure that ~~world not only becomes a better place~~ success in positive terms will start

chasing a man of values making  
the world a better place  
to live in.

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### Section B

At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law & justice, he is the worst.

Ans. What is the real nature of man - is it the barbarism as witnessed in Syria or Iraq or is the kindness, generosity and magnanimity as displayed by ~~Noble~~ Nobel laureates such as Malala Yousafzai or Kailash Satyarthi?

The absence of law and justice creates problem of egoism taking over, leading to chaos and eventually man turning to barbarism or environmental destruction. At the same <sup>time,</sup> presence of law & justice creates a man full of potential, capable of developing institutions and systems such as democracy, rule of law or values such as liberty, equality and fraternity.

Law and justice are broadly of 2 types. One those which <sup>are</sup> natural and other created by man. Natural include man's right to live, to have property, to eat food, etc which are provided to him by the virtue of being a human.

Man made laws are those which help in governing, in leading a peaceful life, in providing security, etc. These laws exist those laws in the form of Constitution, legislations, etc.

Both work in tandem and differentiate man from other creatures. They regulate our behaviour, specifies do's and don't's, tells us about right and right, etc.

However, what happens if these laws and justice go missing? The result is not very difficult to imagine, infact some of it is even visible in parts of Syria and Iraq. The Islamic state



which follows no laws and justice is exhibiting terror by brutally beheading innocent civilt civilians. This is probably some of the worst display of human behaviour and makes us wonder how is this different from law of jungle where might be right.

While the absence of law and order and justice is visible in the deeds of Islamic state, it is not so in other walks of life. The neglect or delay by the world as a whole in arriving at a solution to the pressing problem of global warming and climate change is another example of the lack of justice.

Millions of people who live in small islands or in coastal areas barely a metre above the sea level and mostly engaged in subsistence

activities such as fishing, farming, etc. also asks for justice. They will be displaced from their land and rendered refugees for no fault of their own. The lack of justice and laws governing the activities of others, severely impact their abilities.

Then there is a huge biodiversity which is on the verge of extinction as man has made Earth its private home forgetting the natural laws of other species to live on the planet.

Thus, need for laws and justice is all pervasive in the world as is evident from the few examples above.

Although this paints a bit pessimistic picture of man but man is full of possibilities. He has a tremendous ability to adapt and change and take along all together.

The fact the human civilisation has grown and matured over thousands of years as creating so many systems and processes in between & increases trust in human abilities. Even the systems of laws and justice have been a creation of humans who started from a scratch as a cave dweller.

The systems such as democracy which gives participation and voice to various sections is one of the best governing system created by humans. Then there are other examples such as protection of human rights evident from adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights, protection of animal rights visible from the works of various NGOs (Non Governmental Organisations) such as PETA, & so on which present

a more humane picture of  
human behaviour.

The work of great personalities  
over <sup>the course of</sup> history, such as Buddha, Gandhi,  
Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King,  
etc. depicts the epitome of human  
behaviour characterised by nobility,  
magnanimity, generosity, fight for social  
justice, and so on.

In the recent times, the ability  
of world to check the expansion  
of ozone hole and its subsequent  
reversal through the efforts of  
all nations under Montreal Protocol  
tells a story of inherent goodness  
in humans.

Further, the ~~efforts~~ die hard  
efforts collectively ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> att by all nations  
to check the global warming and

climate change, which would probably start ~~fruitifying~~ <sup>fruitifying</sup> over the ~~years~~ <sup>years</sup> after this years Paris ~~summit~~ <sup>summit</sup> is another example that ~~now~~ humans as a whole can address problems, and this also presents a noble picture of humans at their best.

Hence, it is essential that humans realise ~~and~~ the importance of justice and make laws so that the negative side of behaviour of humans can be effectively overcome and they continue to behave as noble beings exhibiting a positive character.

