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ESSAY

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt an 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. Success is not the key to happiness; happiness is the key to success.
2. The starting point for all achievement is desire
3. Quality is pride of workmanship.
4. If you know the enemy and know yourself you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.

SECTION - B

1. The illiterate of the future will not be the person who cannot read. It will be the person what does not know how to learn.
2. Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.
3. Men have become the fools of their fools.
4. Since we cannot change reality, let us change the eyes which see reality.

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Section A

Success is not key to happiness, happiness is key to success.

Our history is filled with many examples where men, ^{like Buddha, Maharia} who had all comforts, luxuries in life and their life conformed to all erstwhile standards of success, finally left their "successful" life. They left in search of "moksha". This moksha ^{includes} ~~could be~~ contentment, no desire and ^{inner} ~~what is~~ happiness.

Even our philosophical Vedic tradition, Buddhist tradition, all have given priority to this concept of inner happiness and contentment as a goal of successful life. Though they were termed differently as Moksha, Enlightenment etc. but the

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broad idea of happiness remained same. They all favoured the idea of happiness as key to successful life rather than the other way round.

Further, the happiness does not necessarily mean renunciation, renouncement in life rather it may entail good health, good relations, satisfaction, empathy, compassion for others etc.

Despite presence of such wisdoms, we are still running towards success to achieve happiness. ~~The success~~ is This approach is exacerbated due to the fact that success is defined in materialistic terms i.e. money, bank balance, cars, houses etc. This is observed

at all levels - individual, family,
community and even nation-state.

In present time, every individual is in mad race to earn more money by hook or by crook. ~~This~~ All this to achieve success and consequently happiness. But are ^{these individual} ~~we~~ really happy?

In this race to achieve success, a person today is now experiencing various health problems. The lifestyle diseases like diabetes, heart ailments are all manifestation of this. Further, there is more greed, selfishness rather than compassion, empathy for others. There are rising cases of mental health issues, rising consumption of stress

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buster medication etc. All this is
certainly not a feature of happy life.

On the contrary, a person living
in rural area or a person of
yester generation are less prone to
aforementioned issues. All this may
be because success is still not
dominantly defined in materialistic
term rather health, relations ~~are~~^{are}
given priority.

Similar is the case at the family
level also. Today family's success
is defined by affluence of its
members. If members of family are
earning good, the family is considered
to be successful and, therefore, happy.

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However, on the contrary, we see rising number of disputes in family with wealth. There are cases of dispute between siblings, dispute between parents and children, ~~of~~ dispute among other family members.

Further there are also rising incidents of person leaving old dependent parents on their own, ~~less~~ undesirable treatment with parents etc. All this is majorly due to money, wealth etc. And this is not a characteristic of happy family.

This mad race towards materialistic success automatically spills to the society also. As a result of this, more wealthy society, today, ~~have~~ are now more

individualistic, consumerist, greedy, etc.
The social capital among its members
is hardly present.

Rather, society which are
backward in materialistic wealth has
large social capital among its members.
They display more communitarian
values. As a result of which, the
support system of society to its members
is high and which helps its
members to tide over any problem.
This is ultimately what is desirable
in any society. Therefore, good relations,
social capital is contributing towards
success of society rather than vice
versa. This, ^{contrast} is very much seen in
urban vs rural society where

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former with affluence is less successful
in term of relations among its members.

~~This opinion~~
And as the adage goes, nation is
only ~~as~~ good^{or} as bad as its members.
Therefore, any nation whose members
puts premium on materialistic wealth,
then automatically nation will also ~~be~~
measure success in that ~~terms~~ only.

This is manifested in measuring growth
and success of nation in GDP terms
which is materialistic / quantitative in
nature. But this focus on GDP
only leads to situation wherein large
population are often left behind
in terms of education, health, capability
etc.

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For example, India is the third largest economy in the world in PPP terms but it also have almost 25% of the poor, 33% of the malnourished, 20% of the illiterates. All this does not make any nation a successful nation.

On the flip side, Bhutan, Sri Lanka which are ^{though} low on GDP but score very high on human development scale. These nation also consequently score high on happiness terms, satisfaction terms among its members.

Therefore, aforementioned discussion shows that success is not key to happiness rather happiness is key to

The success of any ~~set~~ individual, society or nation. However, irony is, Indian society which has this wisdom since ages, is moving towards materialistic measure of success and consequently happiness. This needs to be reversed and focus ~~shall~~ ^{must} be on austere, ~~real~~ ^{life} self-realisation and truly happiness.

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Section B

Men have become tools of their tools

We are living in an era where every aspect of human life is now influenced by modern tools and technology - be it governance, business or even personal life

These modern tools and technologies have enhanced the quality of human life. This is manifested in better mobility through cars, planes, rails, better communication through phones, internet, better health through technologies like ECG, EEG, biotechnology, better education through computers etc.

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Similarly, governance of country have become more efficient, participative, economic, wholesome through the use of technology like mobile phones, internet etc. e-governance, m-governance are all manifestation of this only.

Technology have made barriers of time and distance outdated. This has made businesses to conduct their operation efficiently any time from any where in the world ^{and reach out} to any person in the world.

All the above shows that these modern tools and technology have made human life easy, comfortable

full of quality. And ~~as a tool, it~~
 this was also the endeavour of developing
 any tool and technology by human
being.

However, with the advent of
 these tools, modern technologies, such
 changes have occurred in human life,
 which has led many to argue whether
 men have become tools of their tools.

The most common manifestation
 of this is visible in growing
 aversion to physical mobility. A
 person who can afford ~~to~~ now goes
~~to~~ everywhere by motorised mediums -
be it bike or car. Similarly, there
 is automation of everything from

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washing dishes to washing clothes. Even the most ~~so~~ obvious physical movement i.e. on stairs have been made automated via escalators. Looking ^{at} such progress, the day is not far when even eating food, bathing etc. will be done by technology.

The major outcome of this change in human lifestyle is the rising burden of lifestyle diseases like diabetes, heart ailments, hypertension etc. This has compensated the increase in quality of life that tools and technology have brought. Further, there are other problems of increased electricity consumption, increase greenhouse gases. This is certainly undesirable for human beings.

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Another most notable outcome of growing dependence on mobiles, laptops, internet etc. is the growing impatience. These tools and technology have made human life very fast. A man can reach out to person living thousands of miles away within minutes via internet, phone. Therefore, anything which takes time or not fast is unacceptable to men now.

Fast driving on roads, disregard for older persons who are generally slow, man following of line are manifestation of this impatience only. In extreme case, this ~~is~~ urge for fastness leads to offering of ~~no~~ speed money, bribe for corruption and ~~to~~

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to fasten the ^{application} process.

Further, dependence on social media, search engine like google etc. have completely altered the ^{way in which} human behaviour is decided.

The following and popularity of any individual is now judged by ^{his} number of followers on social media, by number of re-tweets of his/her tweets. This is the reason why many political parties, business leaders are now hiring ^{internet} PR firms to create ^{popular} image on social media etc. Therefore social media is now deciding the popularity of any leader.

Similarly, dependence on search engine for searching anything has

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made these search engines a major decider of human-choices, behaviour. A person will only go to those sites or choose only those products, articles etc which will be shown first by search engines. Therefore, what this search engine wants will be concerned or seen by a person.....

All this (above shows how men movement, opinion, choices, behaviour is now altered by modern tools and technology).

This is unhealthy in the context that business interest or vested interest could use this search engine to alter the human behaviour in their own interest. Growing interest in Big data to understand human behaviour is manifestation of this only.

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There are also other issues related to this man's overdependence on modern tools.

Foremost in this is that concept of privacy has become a outdated. This is because everything is now available on technology which could be hacked, compromised to get private information of individuals.

Secondly, this technological advancement have created new haves and new have-nots. Therefore, those who have technology are now becoming more developed while ~~no~~ other are left behind. The notion of digital divide is ~~now~~ related to this only.

Thirdly, unequal technological advancement

has made bridge between developed and underdeveloped countries wide.

Above discussion shows how technology, tools used with reason could ~~be~~ make human life easier, comfortable. But when there is over-dependence, then ~~too~~ it become undesirable. In other words, Technology and tools are good slave but a bad master.

Therefore, it is necessary ~~use~~ that human beings keep their tools as slave ~~is~~ only while restricting its masterly potential.

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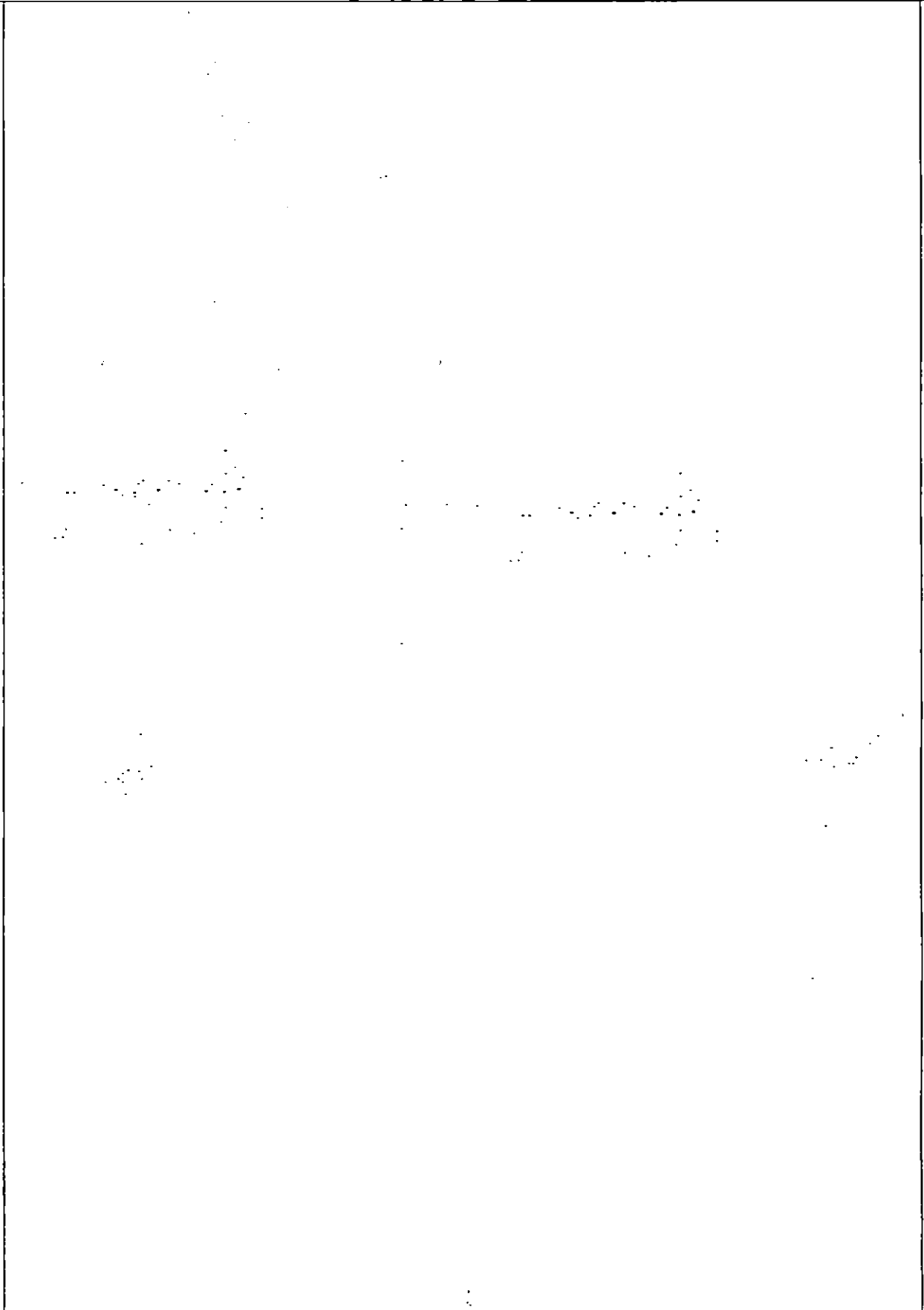
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