

**ESSAY**

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

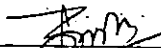
**Instructions to Candidate**

- 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. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
2. Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to somebody else.
3. Where words fail, music speaks.
4. Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them.

## SECTION - B

1. The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.
2. Achieving life is not the equivalent of avoiding death.
3. The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.
4. Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

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Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to somebody else.

This statement aptly describes the Western world's opinion regarding threat and nefarious designs of International Terrorism before unfortunate incident of September-09, 2001 at World Trade Centre in USA. Repeated Indian requests and demands for International Collaboration was procrastinated in diplomatic word play and dilatory tactics. However, the event of 9/11 and subsequent <sup>terrorist</sup> attacks in European countries has made <sup>them to undergo</sup> a paradigmatic shift in <sup>their</sup> ~~western countries~~ opinion on Terrorism.

Historically, also, there are evidences to prove self-centered behaviour of Nation-states to either ignore or write-off perils of other states, at the cost of future catastrophe.

The appeasement of Nazi Hitler by Britain and France in 1930s is testimony <sup>to the</sup> ~~of~~ arguably

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Worst ever human loss, tragedy and devastation in form of World War-II.

Now, the question arises why do individuals or groups (Nation/society/family etc.) behave <sup>as</sup> detached from other's problems.

Similarly, why don't we learn from the situation and experiences of our neighbour, friends or any other group or individual.

Some may look at the answer of these questions in the materialistic and self-centered attitude of modern world. The lack of ethical values such as Compassion, Empathy, Sympathy force us to behave as an isolated individual <sup>in</sup> an interdependent and interconnected world.

The other way of looking at the problem is lack of critical thinking on part of individuals or groups to foresee future consequences of such behaviour and

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### Indulgence

Similarly, one point of view may locate the cause of such behaviour in lack of emphasis on ideology or value system in decision making is a bit pragmatism. The other way of falling is a choice between short term and long term goals and objectives.

Now, let us study the impact of such behaviour from various angles to analyse their impact on inter-state and intra-state relations, conduct and conflicts. Pacing further our discussion on terrorism, today we see nation-states using Jehad (holy war) as a part of strategic doctrines <sup>(and in the process)</sup> becoming one of the ~~major~~ victims of such policies. The nefarious Pakistani densin to Sponsor ~~support~~ Khalistani movement in India failed. But Pakistan today herself is facing secessionist struggles in tribal regions, Baluchistan, Gilgit and Baltistan.

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Lack of care for others' peril in social arena has promoted the social sins of domestic

violence, bonded labour, caste oppression etc.

Lack of support <sup>victimised</sup> for a women ~~to~~ <sup>by</sup> her fellow

women <sup>for</sup> ~~against~~ raising voice ~~&~~ <sup>against</sup>

domestic violence may one day lead other women helpless, when ~~such~~ <sup>such</sup> oppression strikes ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup>

Similar is the case for neglect of elderly and diseased people when we ~~are~~ ourselves are

young and healthy. Ultimately, we understand

the law of Karma, when we ourselves land into similar situations in this dynamic world.

In political sphere also, not only similar tendencies been tolerated but even encouraged to make petty gains, many deviant behaviour especially of regional politics was encouraged by national leadership for electoral benefits. The tragedy of operation blue star

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can be analysed by observing chain of events leading to the event. Once encouraged to keep opponents of electoral politics in check, the Bhundwale group became Frankenstein monster which attacked the might of Indian state resulting in loss of many precious life and assassination of Prime Minister.

We observe same thing in our cultural spheres also, where physical features, accent, language of a particular region or state is ~~subjected~~ <sup>subjected</sup> to ridicule and jokes. The derogatory terms used for women from North East is testimony to this fact.

In our day to day life, this type of behaviour not only work against fundamental duties of a citizen but also weaken the cohesive fabric of our common polity. By-stander's

Apathy has not only resulted in major dastardly crimes in <sup>brood</sup> day to day but also exposed our collective conscience to shame. India has not forgotten an incident in Delhi where a man hit by

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road accident died in want to medical attention despite hundreds of people passing from there. One of our citizens even robbed him of <sup>his</sup> valuables without providing any help.

Now the question arises, how to reverse this trend of self-centered behaviour and bring back humaneness to our approach in ~~day~~ daily life experiences.

There are moral and institutional remedies required to reinvigorate our citizens' behaviour. Moral and ethical conduct can be inculcated through socialisation process, moral education, traditions, reward and sanctions. Similarly, institutional approach such as making our public administration people friendly so that they report or establish communication with law enforcement agencies in a friendly way, without fear of victimisation. Similarly, there is need to honour good behaviour and propagate

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awareness about the same through use of media, government institutions and religious bodies.

There has been various steps taken by government, civil ~~service~~ society, etc in this regard. The good Samaritan law for road accident victim is one such example.

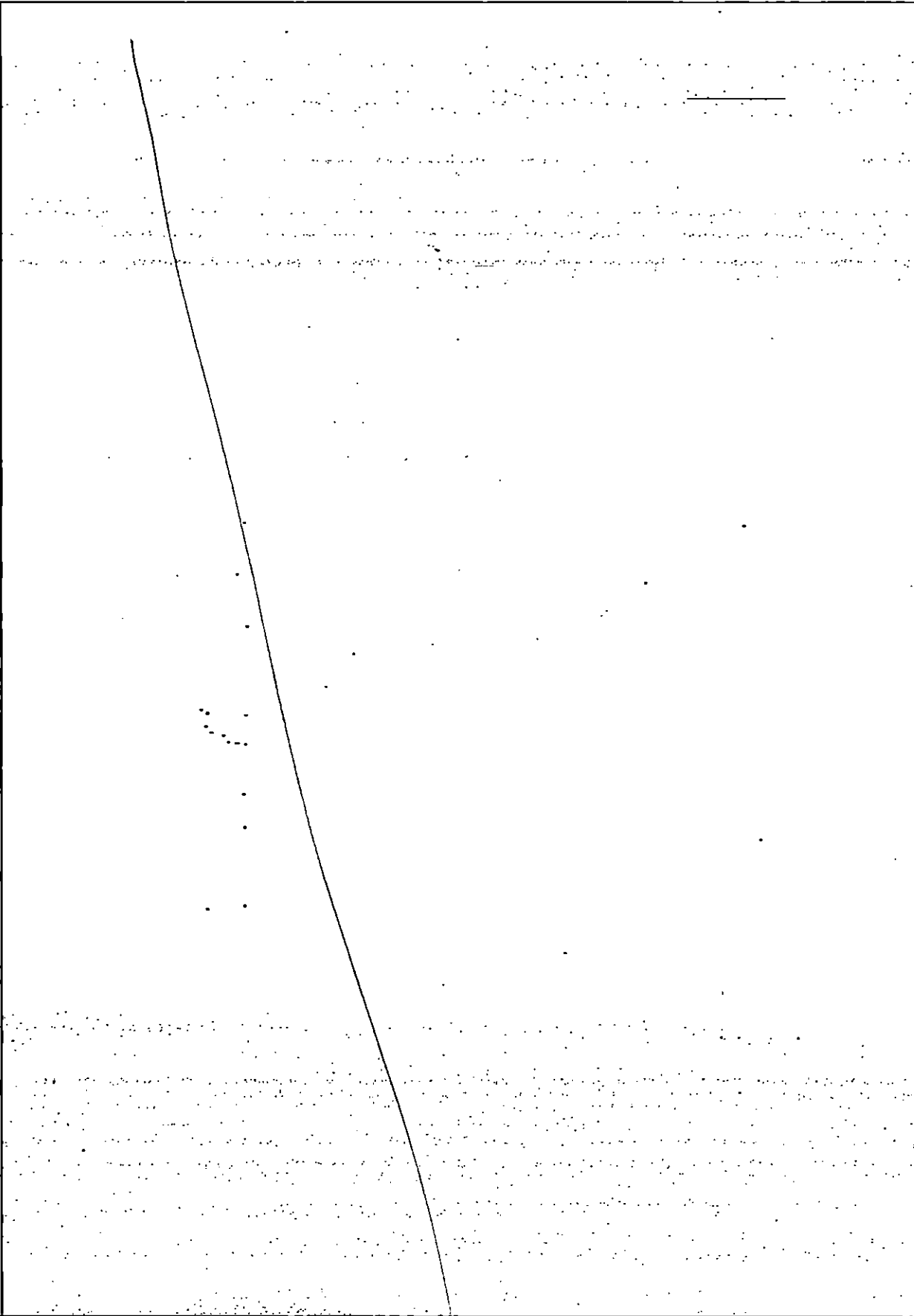
Similarly, various bravery award and recognition provided by government and other agencies encourage us to break free of inertia and discharge our duties as an important constituent of a group.

Humanity ~~is~~ is not a resource or mean to achieve ends. Humanity ~~is~~ in itself is ultimate goal of social existence. The ideal of humanity is based on values of respect, empathy, duty and compassion. The need is to inculcate and encourage value based ~~country~~ politics, international relation, social conduct & development model to achieve fullest growth for all living and non-living beings.

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The emergence of concept of sustainable development, wildlife conservation and environment protection with emphasis on gendered development are some bright spots in the process of realigning our core human values towards real life decision making. India as the nation which has provided the world with 3 <sup>of the</sup> greatest modern day spiritual thinkers Mahatma Gandhi, Gautam Buddha and Lord Mahavir must take the role of torch-bearer in this pursuit. Everyone shall be treated as self and collaborative efforts must be put in enjoy our successes and share our griefs.

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The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.

Success - multidimensional concept

Elaborate the proposition

- Socio
- Political
- Economic
- Cultural
- Women
- Environment
- IR

- Material
- Spiritual

→ Analyse

Does opportunity always available to all

Equality of opportunity - prerequisite

Various constraints to access to opportunity

- Social
- Physical
- Cultural
- Political etc

Does this is only way to be successful? - one battle only

Can be not create opportunity for ourselves through innovation

multiple ways of success with multiple means of actors

What happens to those who are systematically denied opportunity to be successful??

How should they cope

How can be ensure equality of opportunity for all

Govt initiatives  
CSO - initiatives  
My view.

Conclusion:

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stepping on the rungs of opportunity.

When in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, India was still under the oppressive regime of colonial British government, the idea of India ~~was~~ to the other parts of world was shaped by Orientalist European thinkers. This idea not only attacked Indian way of life but also espoused a moral high ground ~~to~~ <sup>for</sup> Europeans to civilise India and other ~~the~~ similar Asian and African colonies. At the same time, in World Religious Conference in Chicago in 1893, ~~a~~ a young Indian was given an opportunity to describe India to the rest of the world. The ~~most~~ <sup>fateful</sup> ~~of~~ echo of the words spoken ~~to~~ on that ~~particular~~ day still reverberates across million hearts and inspire world to move on path of Tolerance, acceptance and mutual respect. The young Indian illuminating the hearts and mind of the entire world ~~was~~ was none other than great spiritual thinker Swami Vivekananda. The opportunity provided by the conference was utilised eloquently by Swami to propagate Indian (vedant) thought and philosophy.

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Thus, we can say that success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.

However, let us first define success. Does it have some meaning for all? Is it <sup>the</sup> most desirable virtue for all?

Since success is a value laden concept it is multidimensional in perspective and scope. Some dimensions interalia includes spiritual, material, sustainable and equitable elements. Success may be defined as a desired state of affair for which human beings as an individual or social group is willing to put efforts. As already, discussed this desired state ~~may~~ varies across region, cultures, societies and traditions.

To attain success, opportunity plays a vital role. Since it is that opening in the door, which allows individuals or groups to create a pathway through persistence and endeavour. ~~Socio~~ Socio-cultural success has been

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achieved in India by providing equality of opportunity (as mandated in the preamble of <sup>the</sup> Constitution) to all social groups. The catch here is treating unequal as equals will lead to gross injustice. And hence, affirmative action of state through various laws, rules and regulations ~~is~~ has been mandated for marginalised such as Dalits, Tribals, Transgenders, women and differently abled Indian citizens.

The similar provisions have been extended in political sphere by reservation of seats in ~~the~~ Panchayati Raj institutions, and state and central legislature. Universal adult franchise is the greatest manifestation of equality of opportunity. However, it must be underlined that opportunity is only the first (stepping) step towards success. It has to be grabbed to achieve desired results. There are ample examples in our socio-political arena to showcase the individuals' effort resulting in achievement of success. Examples of Mayawati, S. Jayal Reddy, Chanda Kochhar, Dr. K.R. Narayanan are testimony to this.

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However, the provision of opportunity at group level has not resulted in significant achievement. The backwardness of Dalits, tribal, women in almost all dimension of human growth and development reveal this.

The opportunity provided to Indian firms under globalization resulted in birth of various ~~new~~ Indian Multi National Companies such as Tata, Infosys. These firms have grabbed opportunity provided to them and have competed with their better off competitors to create a niche for themselves. The lack of opportunity in pre-reforms era has made our economic growth sluggish and incremental. However, there are firms which lost out in the race to success despite of getting newer opportunities, reason being, their lack of strategy, commitment and efforts.

In international ~~affairs~~ affairs also globalization and technological development has provided opportunities. Various successful economies

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Like East Asian Risers, India and China have ~~not~~ utilised these opportunities to garner a share <sup>in</sup> increased prosperity. At the same time, many Latin-American, Asian and African countries have not been able to demonstrate Ingenuity and skill to compete.

However, a question arises whether Opportunity is only way to be successful? Can not be create opportunity ourselves to achieve desired outcomes? Why do we need to wait till opportunity knocks on our door?

There are various successful examples which shows that Innovation can be done by creating opportunity or out of box thinking. ~~Wright brothers~~ ~~Wright~~ Wright brothers never waited for an opportunity to fly. It was their desire to fly like a <sup>bird</sup> ~~bird~~ which gave birth to the invention of aeroplanes. Similarly, at times necessity nudges us to be creative and generate opportunity for ourselves. The almost all invention ~~is~~ in medical science or technological field is product of

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necessity.

Similarly, there are <sup>other</sup> ways to be successful such as tenacity, and temperament. Even in case of <sup>climbing rung of</sup> opportunity ~~to~~ ~~being~~ ~~working~~ to claim success, there are various impediments. The constraints to the opportunity may be in the form of social, physical, systematic, political and economic

Social constraints of caste, religion, gender, stereotype, hierarchy etc. places disadvantage in the path of efforts. It not only makes opportunity go waste but also saps vitality out of human being. It ~~reduces~~ restricts choice and freedom, which ultimately impedes development. (Development as defined by freedom and choice by Prof. A. Sen).

Caste-occupation linkage is one such example which restricts choice and constraints freedom and thus jeopardising developments.

Physical and infrastructural constraints occurs as an opportunity cost thus

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making one's path to success arduous. Example - Poor Infrastructure in Eastern UP and Bihar has rendered their ~~despite~~ economic growth process futile, despite opportunity provided by FDI, open market and huge demand.

Political constraints take the form of unrepresentation or low articulation of a group's sectional interest. Example - Higher prices of an agricultural product forces government to intervene on behalf of powerful and well articulated middle class. But when the prices become even below cost price, the same government is not forced to action by a relatively not well organised farmer groups. Thus despite of opportunity political constraints act as an impediment ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> farmer's ~~cause~~ <sup>cause</sup>. Example - The plight of Onion farmers of Maharashtra is testimony to this. Success, being a desired state depends on values, motivation and attitude of individuals or groups. However, it must be understood

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that opportunity plays an important role especially as stepping stone to achieve favourable outcomes. <sup>should</sup> It also be kept in mind that opportunity in itself does not guarantee success; it needs to be worked through effort, determination and planning.

There are also other ways of achieving success such as by creating an opportunity through innovation, ingenuity and enterprising skills. Moreover, constraints in path of equality of opportunity must be removed to give fair chance to all individual and group to attain desired results. John Rawls Theory of Justice also says the same thing.

For today's highly complex world, various national governments and multilateral organisations have taken efforts to provide equality of opportunity to nation states such as affirmative action, common but differentiated

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responsibility in climate talks, special safeguard mechanisms for LDC in WTO negotiations. Moreover, national and international civil society organisations are also working in this direction. Self-help groups, micro finance institutions, environmental groups such as SWA, OXFAM etc are doing excellent job in this regard.

The ~~meaning~~ <sup>meaning of success in</sup> modern times ~~is~~ ~~is~~ is contingent on multiplicity of factors and ways to achieve them. Even success means different things to different groups. However, a common theme which binds success is an opportunity to showcase skill and attitude. It is the least common denominator which must be assured for one & all. The future will be more brighter than present if we as a global citizen take pledge to ensure equality of opportunity to all human <sup>enabling them</sup> being to achieve fullest potential through ~~their~~ their own effort and skills.

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News - 19 - Appearance of Hitler

- ↳ International Terrorism
- ↳ Bystander's apathy
- ↳ Lack of Empathy/Sympathy
- ↳ Chauvinism/Nationalism → Nazi
- ↳ Nationalism → Regionalism → Sectionist tendencies

Titmen - Jokes - Patriarchy

Domestic violence

↳ N.E PPI

Child Abuse

Self centered news

Police brutality/criminal

Organic link Nat

Lack of voice

Admission non participation

Lack of fundamental duty

Why we do so →

- ↳ Lack of moral/ethical courage
- ↳ Empathy ✓
- ↳ Self centredness ✓
- ↳ Logical/Rational thinker ✓
- ↳ Not able to anticipate circumstances ✓

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