

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 who does not know how to learn.
2. Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.
3. Men have become the tools of their tools.
4. Since we cannot change reality, let us change the eyes which see reality.

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Section - A

Success is not the key to happiness;
Happiness is the key to success

Success and happiness have different meanings to different persons and situations. Generally success is related with accomplishment of desired result, happiness is being the state of joy and pleasure. It is said that success is not the key to happiness, it is indeed but success is closely related with happiness. The state of joy comes to our life on occasions when we are successful but not always.

Generally speaking success reinforces happiness and makes it sweeter. However happiness can make success sure shot, as a blissful

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mind can achieve success easily, making happiness the key to unlock the treasures of life we desire.

Wealth, name, fame etc are often seen as parameters of being successful. Indeed through wealth creation nations have become successful in every avenues. The western countries are the examples of successful countries based on capitalistic mode of production. This emphasises on Gross Domestic Product (GDP) numbers. At the same time there is a realisation that GDP is not the sole indicator of development. In this backdrop Bhutan, a tiny Himalayan state has developed Gross National Happiness (GNH). This signifies that success is not ^{the} sole criteria for happiness.

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A poor man with limited resources can also remain happy. ^{good} But obviously his limited desires need to be filled. For him that is success. When desires become unlimited in the blind search for success, happiness slowly leaves. This can be seen from the profit making greed of many big business houses around the globe. Their failure is mainly because of their greed for success at any cost. The cost ultimately they paid is bankruptcy, ex - Lehman Brothers (USA), Kingfisher (India).

In the similar manner India takes pride in being the largest democracy, with an independent

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judiciary, active media and vigilant civil society. This is not a mere achievement for a country that had been under colonial domination for 200 years; with immense cultural, religious & linguistic diversity to remain a possibility. India denied the doomsday believers their taste of success by being a nation of many nations. This success makes ~~the~~ Indians happy.

At the same time there is wide discontent among the Indians because of many social problems. These have dented India's success and diminished the true happiness. The social divide & discrimination in India starts at birth, be it gender or caste.

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The example of Haryana an Indian state considered to be successful both industrially and agriculturally can be cited. The worst sex ratio in the state is the cause of many social evils. The violence against women manifested as rape, human trafficking as part of 'bride trade' etc are the shocking examples of prejudice against women. The societal mindset of a patriarchal society has reached such a low level that it resorts to crime like female foeticide, infanticide etc on wide scale. All these leads to unhappiness and disintegration of society.

Indian society became successful on many fronts. However

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happiness is yet to percolate to the levels desired. Has this not been the case, caste violence manifested as incidents like in Vna, would not have taken place. Upward social mobility for some sections of the society remain a dream. This makes them surely not happy. For them success means social acceptance as human being not as manual scavengers. This would make them happy. ~~Thus~~ Thus success is not a key, but yes can become a tool to remain happy depending on the results as well as means.

Additionally success in the health delivery system of a country can make citizens happy. While its failure does the opposite.

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The Indian success in eradicating polio, making the country a polio free country brings immense happiness. The recent Sri Lankan success in making them malaria-free ~~make~~ made even Indians happy. This would inject fresh energy in the Indian health system to tackle malaria on Indian soil. However India's limited success in dealing with vector-borne diseases like dengue do make Indian citizens unhappy.

Perhaps the best example of success bringing happiness to a nation is India's Mars orbiter Mission (MOM) called as Mangalyaan. The success of Mangalyaan is beyond any boundary. The joy of seen as an equal partner of developed nations

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in space exploration is immense. Indeed success has become a key to happiness in this case.

Similarly at present human happiness is tied to solving or even managing the burning problem of climate change. The race to become industrially successful has made human existence a questionable aspect. The climate change manifested as 'global warming' has steadily brought miseries to human lives across the globe. The sea level rise, agricultural failure, environmental pollution etc are posing threat to human lives everyday. With this the happiness of life is tied to success of global & climate governance. The recent climate deal at Paris

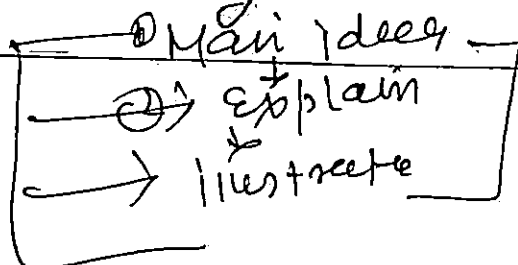
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with its bottom up approach looks promising. The results, hence its success would tell how far it can bring happiness.

However seen from a different perspective particularly at individual level, happiness indeed become a strong key to success. The example of world famous Indian musician A.R. Rahman can be cited. Through his ability to remain happy, he is creating magic with music, rightly honoured as 'Mozart of Madras'. But example of world famous celebrity Michael Jackson shows a different picture. In spite of being successful he could not remain happy and ultimately committed suicide. Thus happiness is the key to success.

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The moral strength of a person or a country is very important to remain happy. The American society at present undergoing a moral crisis. This is manifested as increasing violence in the form of 'mass shooting'. This has shook the society from its very foundation. This should be seen ^{in the backdrop of} how successful America as a country is, be it economy, military, scientific etc.

Therefore spiritual peace and moral uplift^{ment} are necessary for a happy life. Only such a life can become successful. The key lies in remaining happy while striving for success. Thus success at any cost is a curse, but ~~with~~ success with happiness is a blessing.

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Section-B

Wealth is the ability to fully
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In simple terms wealth is said to be the possession of certain aspects which increases well being. Wealth is not the mere possession of money. This would be a narrow view. In reality it is a very broad term. Human well being is intrinsically related to wealth which can be money, health both physical and mental, security of life etc. Thus wealth becomes the ability to experience life to its fullest potential.

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Wealth to become beneficial has to be created. Wealth creation is a major aspect of progressive societies. Only possessing assets does not amount to well being. The human resource that society passes become wealth when the child is given education. This gives the ability to experience life in a desired manner.

India is said to be a rich country. This can be ascertained from the fact that the country has the youngest population in the world. This phase of 'demographic dividend' can become a wealth only when requisite skill is imparted. Without which it would become a demographic liability.

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To experience India's full potential India has to create wealth. The possession of vast natural resources has not fully helped India to become an economic superpower. This would largely depend how Indian farmers transform the agricultural sector. Agricultural wealth can bring prosperity to millions of Indians. However this depend on agricultural practices, and enabling govt. policies.

Apart from economical aspect wealth is very closely related with health of an individual. Without a healthy lifestyle and balanced diet one cannot succeed. Human

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productivity depends upon health. The health of a country determines its future. Precisely because of this, health is an important parameter while determining Human Development Index (HDI). It is the life expectancy at birth. India to a large extent failed to imbibe the saying 'health is wealth'. This resulted in dismal statistics of infant mortality rate, maternal mortality rate etc. To become wealthy India has to prioritize the development ~~and~~ of the health system.

Additionally the wealth of health is dependent on the environment one lives in. The degradation

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of environmental wealth has hindered the ability to experience life. The premature deaths due to air pollution is very well known. With economic development in an indiscriminate manner, resulted in destruction of the ecosystem. To reestablish a balance between human endeavour and environment rapid efforts are needed. Otherwise "climate change" that the world is experiencing would wipe out life itself, experiencing life would be a distant reality.

Similarly wealth of a nation depends on the political system, that runs the country. To experience life one has to have liberty of

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thought, expression, ~~free~~ belief and faith. This can happen in a country with responsive democracy. India takes pride in being the largest democracy. The Indian political system has matured over the years and is certainly creating wealth of political freedom to enjoy rights. What happens to a country when its political system suffers can be best judged from the ongoing 'Syrian Refugee Crisis'. The idea of life itself is in danger.

Ensuring security for its citizens is the foremost duty of a govt. Indian govt though succeeded on many occasions has its failures to secure itself from the disinc-

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segregating forces of regionalism, parochialism, ethno extremism, cross border terrorism etc. India has to take drastic steps. The ongoing unrest in Kashmir valley is a disturbing development. To remain what India means to Indians, the country has to innovate, one being co-operative to competitive federalism.

However, wealth can be clearly seen from the lens of social fabric. The cohesiveness in the society is an important indicator of a wealthy society. The Indian experience of social harmony is dented on occasions. This is because of perennial nature of our patriarchal setup resulting in social discrimination.

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Gender discrimination is a reoccurring topic in India. Women are always seen as inferior to men. Even economically developed states in India considered to be wealthy are in reality poor, from social development point of view. The criminal activities like violence against women such as rape, female infanticide, dowry related domestic atrocities etc are on the rise. This has the added dimension of discrimination against LGBT community which is in fact ingrained in the legal system itself.

Another social minority that faces discrimination is the differently abled. In spite of having legal

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provisions for ensuring their healthy development, they face exclusion. To be inclusive India has to take lessons from them itself. Their indomitable courage is manifested on numerous occasions, only the faces and events change. The recent success of para athletes like Deepa Malik in para olympics 2016 is a testimony to that. Their ability to experience life would depend on the ability of a country to create wealth for them. They are differently abled not disabled.

Similarly the achievement in the spheres of science and technology holds immense significance in terms of knowledge wealth creation. It caters many dimensions of human

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development. This can be seen ~~from~~ from the fact that India's space programme is not a mere luxury. The aspects of human well being are very well covered. In terms of generating awareness through tele-education, providing health services through tele-medicine, weather services providing the Indian farmers valuable inputs etc are well perceived. However the need is to ~~create~~ produce another C.V. Raman. India's inability ^{to} produce fundamental research is a severe road block. This needs the cultivation of innovation and commercial utilisation like India has done in space programmes like Mangalyaan. Lab to land is the approach India needs to follow.

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All the aspects of wealth discussed earlier can become successful in bringing happiness to life only when these are based on the foundation of a value system. This value system which emanates from moral well being is not any system but based on truth and justice. Thus moral wealth is an important precursor to utilise other wealths for human progress. Otherwise filthy organisations like ISIS, Al Qaeda etc would destroy human progress. They too are wealthy in being ingrained with values of hatred, violence, ~~truth~~ deceit etc. The need is to provide society with values of truthfulness of which Gandhiji is an ambassador.

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Then only wealth of other kinds would give the ability to enjoy and experience life truly.

The need is to support each and every individual. This would come from people and the govts all around the globe. The examples of initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to make a healthy step towards open-defecation free India, climate justice and sustainable lifestyle to be valued as per Paris climate agreement, Accessible India to access fruits of inclusive growth etc are directing to a world where wealth is not only created but distributed.

The aim of life is not to experience wealth but to experience life itself.

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