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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. 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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SEC-A

1. HEALTH IS NOT VALUED TILL
SICKNESS COMES.

Everyone knows that 'Health is wealth', but often health remains the most neglected aspect in ones life, unless some kind of sickness creeps in. Then only one understands its value and start taking steps. So what basically is health? It basically means wellbeing - at an individual's level, being physically and mentally fit; and while looking at the larger picture it implies the fitness or wellbeing of an institution. And sickness on the other hand means anything that is undesirable and weakens the wellbeing of a person or

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an institution.

If we look from the individual perspective, 21st century man is a busy animal, engulfed in the cobwebs of complexities and competition. He has no time to spare for himself, otherwise he would be left out of the never ending race. And while coping with the stressful situations, very often health comes as the last priority for him. And because of this, he pays the least attention to ~~his~~ health, only when he falls ill which has a debilitating effect on his life, he understands the importance of being healthy and regrets. They say, 'Prevention is better than cure', but hardly it is adhered to. Only after one tastes the bitterness of illness, one starts

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taking steps to come out of the damage done and undergoes rehabilitation. Thereby it's true that often health is not valued until sickness comes.

This phenomenon is often observed at almost every sphere of life. If we dwell into the history of the world, a healthy world usually would be pictured as a peaceful place with everyone coexisting with mutual respect for each other. But often the importance of such a world is not understood by many. During the World War 2, many countries like England didn't pay much heed to Germany growing as a powerful state and the war began with the main motto behind it - the colonial interests. The war dragged on and the healthy

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peaceful coexistence of people was being undermined, until the final blow of the nuclear bomb at Japan happened, the importance of a peaceful world came into the forefront.

Therefore, this sickness in the form of widespread destruction of war, made the world realize the value of a peaceful and stable world. Henceforth, the countries joined up and United Nations was born to not let another war like situation to repeat.

Even at the present context too, the same proposition exists. Looking at the Syria issue, the healthy undercurrents here would be sovereignty of the nation state, democracy and people's rights. But all

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these were violated in Syria with a
 clash between the Government and
 rebel groups. But it escalated when
 external powers started interfering
 into the sovereignty of the country.
 No body paid much heed to these
 developments happening in Syria,
 until the ~~most~~ monster was born,
 ISIS - the worst kind of sickness
 that is now affecting the whole
 world. Therefore here also the
 health as in sovereignty was not
 paid respect to with ruthless
 interference by others such as US,
 Saudi Arabia and others; until the
worst sickness in the form of ISIS
came up.

Now if we come to the Indian

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scenario, there is not much change to be seen. In the social sphere, the caste system is the best example. When the Varna system was brought in, it came up to bring in a systematic and proper way of living in the society. At that time, people had the freedom to work as they desired into the 4 varnas ~~but~~ and the society was having an healthy environment of freedom and equality. But slowly the whole setting got skewed. There started a dominance of the upper two varnas and now caste became an ascribed feature rather than depending on capabilities. Soon it turned ugly with growing discrimination and oppression by a large population who

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belonged to the so called lower castes. Only this sickness of gross violation of human rights led to the realisation of the importance of the pristine nature of the varna system with freedom and equality as basic epithets of human living. To undo these wrongdoings, independent India came up with reservation systems but alas, only after the sickness of discrimination had done much damage.

Similarly in the political sphere, when India got her independence she was blessed with a very strong leadership in the political system with the names such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,

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Dr. Rajendra Prasad and many more. They all contributed towards a very dedicated, clean and efficient government. And because of them people of India had great faith in the government and the political system. But with time, deterioration crept in in the form of tendency of centralising powers as witnessed during Emergency, increasing criminalisation of politics, rampant cases of corruption. All these sicknesses proved to be a big blow at the trust of the people and credibility of the government. Here again the value of a healthy government and political system as being a clean and efficient one, was only felt when the sicknesses as said above showed up. To rectify

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these, now the thrust is on a transparent and accountable govt: with RTI, social audit, citizens charter, and other initiatives coming up.

Similarly in the environmental scenario, often the focus towards development undermines its importance. The Industrial revolution, no doubt ushered in a new era of growth and development, but its ill-effects on the environment were galore. But the importance of a healthy environment but not given much attention, until the sickness in the form of global-warming started showing its detrimental effects. To counter it, now countries are coming up with India also contributing in the form of INDCs.

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and focus on renewable energy. But again these are actions post the accident condition which again shows that health of the environment was not valued until sicknesses such as global warming rose up.

Thereby as observed in these multitude of spheres, people often neglect health and its value is felt only once it is attacked by sicknesses. But this should not be so. Because a preemptive action of precaution would have stopped so much of damage that our carelessness results into. Thereby one must abide by the adage of "Prevention is better than cure" and be vigilant in taking good care of health, be it in all spheres.

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- (i) Excellent understanding.
- (ii) Always ~~try~~ try to see, read and explain apparent and underlying meaning of any essay topic.
- (iii) Integration and articulation could have been better.

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See - B

3. THE LADDER OF SUCCESS IS BEST
CLIMBED BY STEPPING ON RUNGS
OF OPPORTUNITY.

As someone has rightly said,
 "Every problem brings with itself
 a door of opportunity," but
 often we are so engrossed with only
 the "problem" element that, often we
 miss out in acknowledging the
 opportunity attached. But those who
 grab it at the right time, surely
 goes on to be at the top of the
 pyramid of success. But what exactly
 is opportunity? Opportunity is nothing
 but a chance that life provides you
 at various moments which if taken

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up at the right moment, provides you a more sure shot way to success or one step closer to success. While success here means to be able to achieve one's goal or objectives be it any tangible or intangible aspect which helps in providing a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment in life. But in order to be successful and make best use of opportunity, a positive attitude is the secret ingredient for it.

There are examples galore which prove that the way to success is by transverse the path of opportunities. Napoleon Bonaparte was a mere soldier in the French army at the

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time of ~~world war I~~ ^{French revolution}. But because of the ^{internal} problems of the Directorate that was governing France, Napoleon was called upon seeking his guidance. Napoleon didn't miss this opportunity of retaining power and soon he assumed the title of "The conqueror" and "Napoleon The Great". Thereby, making use of this opportunity, Napoleon reached ~~great heights~~ of success in becoming almost the Emperor of France.

Similar eg. is that of Hitler. Getting the opportunity to become the leader elected by the people, he didn't let go the throne of power slip from his hands and became one of the most influential leaders in the history of the world. Thereby he became

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that infamous name as he made good use of the opportunity of getting power in his hands.

In the Indian context, Chandragupta Maurya and Kautilya depict the proposition. Taking advantage of the growing discontent amongst the people against the incumbent ruler, they together used this opportunity to depose him and established the great Mauryan empire of India. Thereby again, climbing the ladders of opportunity at the right time, ensured success for them.

Now if we look at the Indian social scenario, the British colonial rule no doubt inflicted several injuries to India but in the garb

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of this problem, there also existed a flicker of opportunity, with the thrust from Indian reformers such as Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Iskwar Chandra Vidyasagar, and others; the Britishers brought about various laws banning sati, against child marriage, promoting girl education. Since our reformers made best use of this opportunity, thereby Independent India was somewhat in a better position than its previous state.

Also another vivid eg. is Haryana becoming the hub of sports in India. This has been possible because of the support from the Haryana Govt. to the sportsman in form of infrastructure, monetary support, etc.

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Now since these players got such an opportunity to enhance their skills, thereby sports persons from Haryana hold the record of most of the medals in international competitions.

Now, coming to the political scenario, if India wouldn't have trusted the maturity of its people at the time of the 1st elections in 1950 and not implemented adult franchise, then maybe India wouldn't have become the largest democracy in the present world. Grabbing that right opportunity at the right time, helped India in achieving this. Similarly, in the strong focus of patriarchal mindset and certain social inequalities existing

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even in present Indian society, their equivalent representation in the political system wouldn't have been possible if not provided with the opportunities of reservation for women and SCs and STs in the political scenario - in panchayats as well as Parliament. Utilising this opportunity only, they are being empowered to say ~~their~~ say in the political undertakings of the govt. and rise in the ladder towards their emancipation.

In ~~the economic sphere~~, the BOP crisis was an eye opener for India and heralded various positive developments as ~~in~~ embracing LPG reforms and progressive reforms of

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delicensing and deregulation in the economy, which finally integrated India with the global economy. This resulted in increased FDI flows and investments from abroad which helped India to remain the 'Bright spot' today in the turbulent global ~~the~~ economy scenario. Thereby, again, success was achieved by grabbing the opportunities at right time.

Similarly in technological aspects there is no best eg. than ISRO. During the Pokhran nuclear experiments in 1998, sanctions were imposed on India and Russia couldn't provide the cryogenic technology for space.

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projects to India because of sanctions. But this setback also came with an opportunity to develop the technology indigenously which India did and is being used in GSLV Mark III at present. Today India holds an important position in the space sector and this has been possible because of the opportunities ~~been used~~ at right moments.

Similarly at the international forum, during the cold war, there were ~~the~~ tendencies for growing possibility of division of the whole world into two. But India used this opportunity, and brought NAM into the scene, and with it made a voice for itself in international

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politics and became an important player in international sphere. Then, again success came at the behest of grabbing the right opportunities. Even today India is using the opportunity to influence others with soft power of yoga and demographic dividend, and if pursued in right manner, very soon India would join the names of the great nations.

Thereby, opportunity is existing in almost every corner of our life. Only deciding factor is noticing it and using it to the fullest. Because success comes to those who remain vigilant of their opportunities and work hard on it to fulfill their

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dreams. Hence, it has been said,
 "Missing out on an opportunity is
 a sin?"

But still, the best part is there
 are several chances that life gives
 us and we must not let them
 go.

Your essay is focused on illustration
 or examples — overemphasis on
 examples ~~instead~~ overshadows main
 ideas. -

What you consider as dimension
 is actually illustration.

Such structure always lacks
 integration of ideas.

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(I) → Cold war time, India used the
tensed situation to propose NAM

Made a mark of itself

It has using soft power of Yoga
People opportunity

~~Yoga~~ Position becomes

at least saving major say.

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(B) → BOP Crisis → Implemented (LPG) → prudent practices. →

At present: 'Brightest star' ← Delicately on resources → had → FDI. Integration with needed ↓

(T) → (ISRO) → opportunity for R & D by support from govt & visionary leadership like APJ Kalam. →

1998 Pokhara tests → reactions on India → Russia couldn't give cryogenic technology. Problem → gave opportunity to make it indigenously.

(C) → India → "Unity in diversity" with retaining all the individual cultures & growing of all together possible because of absence of any centralising forces forcing one on other. Therefore ~~growth~~ ^{growth} of culture grows with opportunity to flourish. Dances - various forms, languages, literature, etc.

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Ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on rungs of opportunity

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① Define - Success / Opportunity

① opportunity

Proposition - ① mantras are in every corner of life, but because of our inattention miss them

An opportunity cost is a sin
Every problem ~~costs~~ ^{brings} with it a door of opportunity

② Temporal

✓ Napoleon - France
✓ Hitler - Germany

India - ~~Historical~~ Chandragupta Maurya & Kautilya

Secondary

Social

Past Colonial India → with British
→ Reforms in Edu & social issues

Present

Haryana govt - sports aid → Olympic medals with thrust from India's late-Sarkar reformers...
Rawat

Political

→ Women reservation & for others → given them voice in parliament & other.

Decision for adult franchise at 1900 election → target democracy

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E - Economic wellbeing - demand-supply maintain
kore to. Prudence maintain → Self sufficiency

But Sickness → ~~Excessive~~ Excessive regulation. BOP. Debt crisis. → from socialism to capitalism.
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Also sickness → excess capitalism.

② Subsidies Necessary - was good thing.

Sickness → ~~is~~ Not readily intended beneficiaries.

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① EM → Industrial Revolution brought growth & devt
and → But the global warming Sickness 20°C rise

India is Step renewable energy focus Climate Conference INDCs hence.

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② Self independency → good health
↳ WB, UNICEF. → (Biased) - sickness ∴ Need of BRICS, NDB, etc.

③ H →

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Health is not valued, till sickness comes.

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ROUGH → Physical & mental well-being 3:05 - 4:35.

- Indi level →

① Health. ki ho.
sickness

4:35 - 6:05

③ → Temporal

② Support the proposition.

NAN → B4 the start of no one did much to stop the growing power of Germany & only after devastating impacts of nuclear Bomb → UN came up

NAM Syria Issue → The world didn't pay much heed to the ongoings, until ISIS came up. (Democratic setup) → (Healthy proposition itself).

INDIA:

Social

→ various aspects:

Freedom
Gender Equality
↳ Patriarchal society

Caste system: - Proper and systematic living → Healthy practice.

Sickness → low ratio

Skewed

→ oppression, discrimination, (sickness)
↓
Steps for good independent India
↳ reservation sys.

Political

- 1st phase clean politics under stalwarts
Nehru, etc.

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sickness - Corruption, criminalisation - etc
∴ Thrust now for transparency.

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