

ESSAY MOCK TEST

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, 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. Fighting corruption is not just good governance but also self-defense and patriotism.
2. Politics is the art of choosing between the disastrous and unpalatable.
3. People are sheep. TV is the shepherd.
4. Chanakya may have been from India, but its Indians who never followed his advice

SECTION - B

1. Life teaches us many lessons, but the final lesson is, there is no final lesson.
2. A Nation can remain free, as long as it continue to be the home of brave.
3. Yesterday's score doesn't win you game today.
4. The true mystery of the world is the visible, and not the invisible.

Sec A

Ans 4 Chanakya may have been from India, but its Indians who never followed his advice.

Chanakya was a learned king maker, advisor, writer and policy maker of 2nd BC ~~who~~ under whose guidance Chandragupta ~~Mau~~ Maurya fought against powerful Nanda dynasty and established Mauryan empire in Eastern India by overthrowing them.

He wrote a book "Arthashastra" from which we came to know of his niti shastra i.e. the way a kingdom should be ruled. It was said that he didn't leave his enemies even after his death. (He tempted them to drink poison

by laying a trap). Though he was successful in setting empire in Magadh and a few generations after Chandra Gupta Maurya followed the path he had shown they couldn't stick to it for long & even today though his

Remarks

very good introduction

teachings hold relevance (as they are timeless)
Indians fail to apply them.

Chanakya asserted that king should be benovolent, loving and caring like a father.

his welfare is in welfare of his jana i.e.

his citizens over whom he rules. king's

duty was to work for upliftment of every

single man ~~is~~ who is in his protection. However

over time many despotic rulers came who

were not only greedy but also atrocious.

Even today despite having a republic state

and constitution asserting a welfare state

with various rights for citizens and assigning

duty in form of DPSPs over government

large scale poverty, corruption, hunger,

diseases, illiteracy, unemployment, are still

idea of Chanakya

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protection people
 - well fare
 - why should
 be philo
 - good

Remarks

prevalent. Emergency and sessionist movements are a proof of the unhappiness of Jawa with the king. Emergency of 1975 also shows how a democratically elected government can become autocratic. Thus though efforts are made and all is not black yet the king if it has not failed it has not even been meritorious. A Chanakyan king would have been like Plato philosopher king and India needs to work hard to reach near the ideal.

Next Chanakya laid importance on janapada i.e. the territory of the kingdom. He was of opinion that protection of this territory was of prime importance and for this he proposed forts. India over time lost its sovereignty to various foreigners including

Remarks

Greeks, Kushanas, ~~Huns~~ ^{being} and latest Britishers.

On Independence ~~the~~ ^{India} had to pay a huge price when it lost a large part of its territory in partition and Pakistan was formed.

Even after this all has not been peaceful & there have been 5 international wars with

two neighbours Pakistan & China (1948, 1962, 1965, 1991, 1999), there have been terrorist

attacks, bomb blasts, new threats like cyber

war and space wars are emerging. India's

defence has not been as strong with dwindling arms and ammunition, obsolete technology (as

compared to other nations), porous borders

which allow easy flow of people thus endangering security of nation. However,

efforts have been made in terms of bilateral

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How the present India has learned the lesson esp. defence in

talks to solve border disputes, India conducted two nuclear tests despite world's opposition, new airplanes and war ships like ~~As and~~ Rafale deal, Arjuman, Airawat and scorpene submarines have been inducted in Indian

ever economic transactions were awarded to other countries
 imposed
 broadly faced
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army, navy and Airforce!

(2)

Chanakya said that dangers can come from two sides one internally and other externally.

Internal threats

Internal dangers can again be of two types financial or political. Financial dangers can be combatted by

having a strong treasury. He said proper taxes should be collected from all and

(3)

those who were too poor to pay money in cash should pay in

financial soundness

kind by working for the state once a month for free. According to some estimates only 3% of Indians pay tax, there is huge amount of circulation of counterfeit currency in circulation, tax evasion and tax avoidance is common, there is a thriving

beautiful analysis

black parallel economy running on black money. Following on Chanakyan principles

the government recently took many steps to curb black money and correct the economic

situation by forming SITs, forming new laws like Benami Prohibition Act, Income declaration scheme and demonetisation

Thus efforts are being made to strengthen treasury.

and root out evil from economy. New treaties like DTAA, multilateral treaty with Switzerland and others have been signed. GATR and GST have been brought. These changes are bound to bounce the economy back in near future.

good
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The other defense against internal danger was political and for this Chanakya suggested mantrius and mantri mandals. They were

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supposed to give advice to the king so that he was always aware of what could be the best way and as it is said discussions always bring out ways to avert future dangers thus mantrius in wisdom would help nation from both

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promote political scenario to Chanakya's political position

Remarks

he mentioned all these things in his book ARTHA SHASTRA

internal as well as external attacks & help the king to become more benevolent. Ministers should be selected on basis of merit and capability, and there should not be any nepotism and hereditary selection.

④ Today's bureaucracy and parliamentary representatives are not exactly what Chanakya would have wished for, there are problems like lack of expertise, selfishness, arrogance, non-application, wisdom and most important

actions are not always in favour of public welfare.

Chanakya also emphasised on danda which represents both policy and punishment and appropriate steps must be taken to

Keep it fair and just to run the kingdom efficiently. This will make Janapada a happier place and allow equitable growth & development. Indian constitution lays down elaborate procedure on how to make policies, run government, rules for bureaucracy, make laws etc.

IPC and code of conducts etc also help both types of implementation of danda. However, there are problems in it too.

punishments are for poor, rich get away with either paying fine or flying away from country. Policies are too many and at times too late. Best ~~is~~ manifestation

of it could be seen in various international reports which say ease of doing business

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Law and Punishment
Danda

Remarks

in India is very poor due to excess of laws. However, recent steps to codify contradictions, laws and reducing redundancies & cleaning up has led India on a path of betterment.

(b) Lastly, Chavakya also talked about importance of having friends outside the country; they help ~~us~~ in ~~our~~ times

of crisis, he also talks about the fact that an enemy's enemy is a friend. India has had good relation with many

countries including powerful Soviet Russia who helped India by vetoing on Kashmir issue, provided much needed support arms & ammunition in 1971 war and

has always shared technology with India. Lately India has also been on good terms

Remarks

Friends of
India
Japan, US,
S. Korea,
AUS, NZ

with US. Many bilateral talks, multilateral conferences and UN meets are ways of forming universal brotherhoods. Not only others have helped India, India also helps others. It was the first responder in Nepal earthquake, it helped Bhutan by providing support and army against China's illegal road construction, it gave EU countries money through IMF donations etc. Relations with Bangladesh are on mend after resolution of boundary disputes only China & Pakistan issue needs to be solved.

It cannot be objectively said that Indians never followed Chanakya's advice

Remarks

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DOKU
issue
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There have been slips but Indians do understand the importance and try their best to apply Chanakya's Niiti, many a times circumstances and situations make matters worse rather than faults of rule makers (though they cannot be completely relieved of the guilt). Times are changing and so are people and it is expected that in future both rulers & people will coordinate and cooperate by following their duties and asserting their rights to make a nation Chanakya envisioned.

— circle of states - theory (Chanakya)

— Arthashastra

— how we lost the ^{UNSC} membership, because we did not follow Chanakya's Niiti.

Remarks

— how, we believed China (Panch-sheer) and failed to recognise the enemy within, did not follow Chanakya's Niiti.

Sec B

4. True mystery in life is not the

4. True mystery of the world is the visible & not the invisible.

"It is said that the best place to hide a thing is to keep it in plain sight"

Human mind is a wonderful thing, in order to find truth it goes to every nook & corner but leaves the open, centre space

unsearched, for some reason it over emphasises on things and instead of making it simpler and getting near to solving it, it makes it more complex and

uncrackable. The topic rightly asserts that mystery is in visible and not the invisible. In order to grasp the invisible man forgets

Remarks

to attain and enjoy the visible.

Though a child is taught ~~these~~ that there are 3 tenses past, present and future yet as he grows he gets entangled in the web of past and future forgetting to live the present. Mystery of invisible future and inconvertible or unchangeable past makes him live an illusionary life where small pleasures of today are left covered and hidden waiting to become regrets of futures past. Instead of seeing beauty in rain and sunshine one sees delay, jams, inconvenience and tanning and it is only when he remembers that he realizes that the ice cream on hot day,

Good
introduction

Remarks

or a good read while ~~seeing~~ hearing music
of rain had made the day perfect and
memory enjoyable.

Maybe the man does so because
 reality is tough to face and it is

human nature to procrastinate. He wants
 some divine intervention to clear his
path of obstacles and for this reason
 so many philosophers have spent their
 entire lives to find that ultimate

reality, the supreme power, the liberator,
 forgetting the main purpose of philosophical
 discourse, that is, the man and his

existence. How to make this life beautiful
and good should rather have been the

Very good
 reasoning
 something
 that is
 difficult
 or
 impossible
 to understand

focus of attention for main part.

It's not just the philosophers even the scientists are not pardonable they are engrossed in their efforts to contact

with alien life lives, to prove that others

exist while forgetting how their discoveries and inventions are resulting in loss of

pieces of puzzles of this planet i.e. the species

which are getting extinct at a pace faster than ever before. So much is the harm

that some enlightened individuals are

voting for changing the name of current

era to anthropogenic era, claiming that

human acts have changed the world in an irreversible way.

Remarks

Sociologists talk about solving, and removing
 problems of gender discrimination,
caste discrimination and racial divide

yet their own daily acts reinforce these
discriminations in small ways like ^{each} drop
which fills the pot. They unintentionally

support discrimination when they say to ^{well} their sons why are you crying like a girl or ask a girl to wear appropriate dress while going out dispite the fact that she may be covered from head to toe but in a jeans top instead of salwar suit, or while using words like chinki, coloured or blacks or even as simply as saying he is punjabi/sikh/marathi/jat

Remarks

Adam Smith talked about the invisible hand of market force which would correct the whole economic world, would result in development and bring equality, he was supporting capitalism which according to him would give man what he is worth. However over time it was this capitalism which proved exploitative and cause of great depression, so much was the extent of atrocities caused by it that Nobel prize winner Stigitz Stiglitz reborted that may be the hand is called invisible because it doesnot exist. Instead of overlooking the plight of common man state should engage in present and work for today's welfare because each man is an end in himself and it is the duty (as said by hobbes) of

Remarks

state to work for him & provide him protection

At times, what appears is not the case, ~~no~~ leaders talk about high ~~unattainable~~ ideals of equality, justice, liberty and fraternity yet they forget that these are exactly what they are called that is ideals because they are unattainable in absolute sense.

equality of economy, polity or society won't come because men by nature are not equal they have different needs and capabilities which need to be addressed differently, full liberty is

called licence for a reason and justice is "naya" and not "niti" because world doesn't

work on principle that come may what I will uphold justice ~~rather~~ at any cost rather than any cost will bring injustice to thousands others and this application of brain is more

mystifying
by
politicians

Remarks

important to find a visible solution rather than pondering along ~~on~~ invisible lines

People are connected to others sitting away thousands of miles whom they may not have met in years and yet they ignore their very visible parents, neighbours and relatives. There are talks about how nuclear weapons act as deterrents and thus save nation from unexpected wars which may never take place and yet the very visible, expected and existent citizen ~~to~~ live lives in poverty, misery misery and hunger. Hence the change in perspective is the need of the hour one should focus on solving today's true

Excellent
analysis
and
true

Remarks

mystery of visible, ~~ext~~ existent world rather than that transcendental invisible.

good attempt

but short

You need to include other dimensions also

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- Pre and post lives (you dealt well)
- God and nature
- Research on space
- Business ethics
- Focus on health and education
- Economy → upliftment of weaker sections.
- Focus on both visible and invisibles necessary.

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