

GS SCORE

Roll No. IAS-8969

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/hor material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/hor ability to think constructively and to present his/hor 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.

Q1.

Corruption is the worst enemy of development in society. Corruption is often seen as a root cause for bad governance. However, corruption is a larger malaise. Fighting corruption should identify this and succeed accordingly.

In this context, it is important to understand the phenomenon of corruption. Corruption is not just a wrong or immoral behaviour, it is much more intangible - it is an attitude. This attitude is present

both at the individual and societal levels.

Therefore, corruption starts from the mind.

If the mind of the citizens is vulnerable

then the nation itself becomes vulnerable.

This brings to the question of the ends to corruption alleviation. Are the goals limited to ensuring good governance?

No, corruption alleviation has higher and larger goals of preservation of values like integrity, nationalism and security of the

nation. This essay aims to unfold some

these higher goals of corruption alleviation.

It starts by looking at some of examples of the devastating, far-reaching effects of corruption.

Ancient Indian history is replete with examples of wise men who identified

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The ill effects of corruption. Kautilya in Arthashastra emphasized on integrity and means in achieving the ends rather than only the ends. In the domain of religion as well, we can see that one of the major reasons for decline of Buddhism in India was due to corruption among the monks in monasteries. Corruption involves placing one's self-interests above the larger interests of the community. This leads to breakdown of the entire set-up as can be seen ~~clearly~~ elsewhere in the world as well.

The major cause of French Revolution was the corrupt noble and clergy class. History repeated itself in the post-modern times in the form of USSR breakdown. The corrupt over-zealous bureaucracy of the USSR led to severe

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Economic necessities leading ultimately to
the fall of Social Union.

Major Issues of Corruption. Allocations :-

As national leaders saw the
ill effects of corruption and how it can
slowly kill the freedom of the society
to put the interest of the people / the
nation above some individuals they chose
the socialist model of development.

However, the socialist model
bred more corruption and inefficiency. This

led us to a major food crisis during the
1960s-70s. Importing food ^{from the USA} in large quantities
put our nation in a perilous position,
thus compromising our self-defence.

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Similar to the food security crisis, we see a number of other crises due to the unhealthy nexus between politicians and criminals. The issue of corruption being placing narrow self-interests above the interests of the society, it manifested itself into 'narrows' scams some involving Defense Procurement eg. the Augusta Westland happen scam. This had directly endangered the lives of our soldiers. Therefore, fighting corruption would involve people placing security and love for their country above their narrow interests.

Learning from the above lessons and coming to the present day we will see the ill-effects of corruption and their grave implications on self-defense and patriotism.

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In the financial sphere, we see that India has one of the lowest tax-to-GDP ratios amongst its peers. Avoiding taxes is a form of corrupt behaviour. This leads to lower revenue and thus lower capacity of the government to make capital investments. Recent standoffs with China have ~~been~~ brought to light the severe infrastructure disparity between the two sides of the border. Lack of better transport infrastructure in border areas directly threatens our national security. All this can be avoided if we have better tax compliance.

Bringing more tax compliance, improving tax base and clamping down on Black money were the underlying goals of the DEMONE-TISATION DRIVE last year. Large

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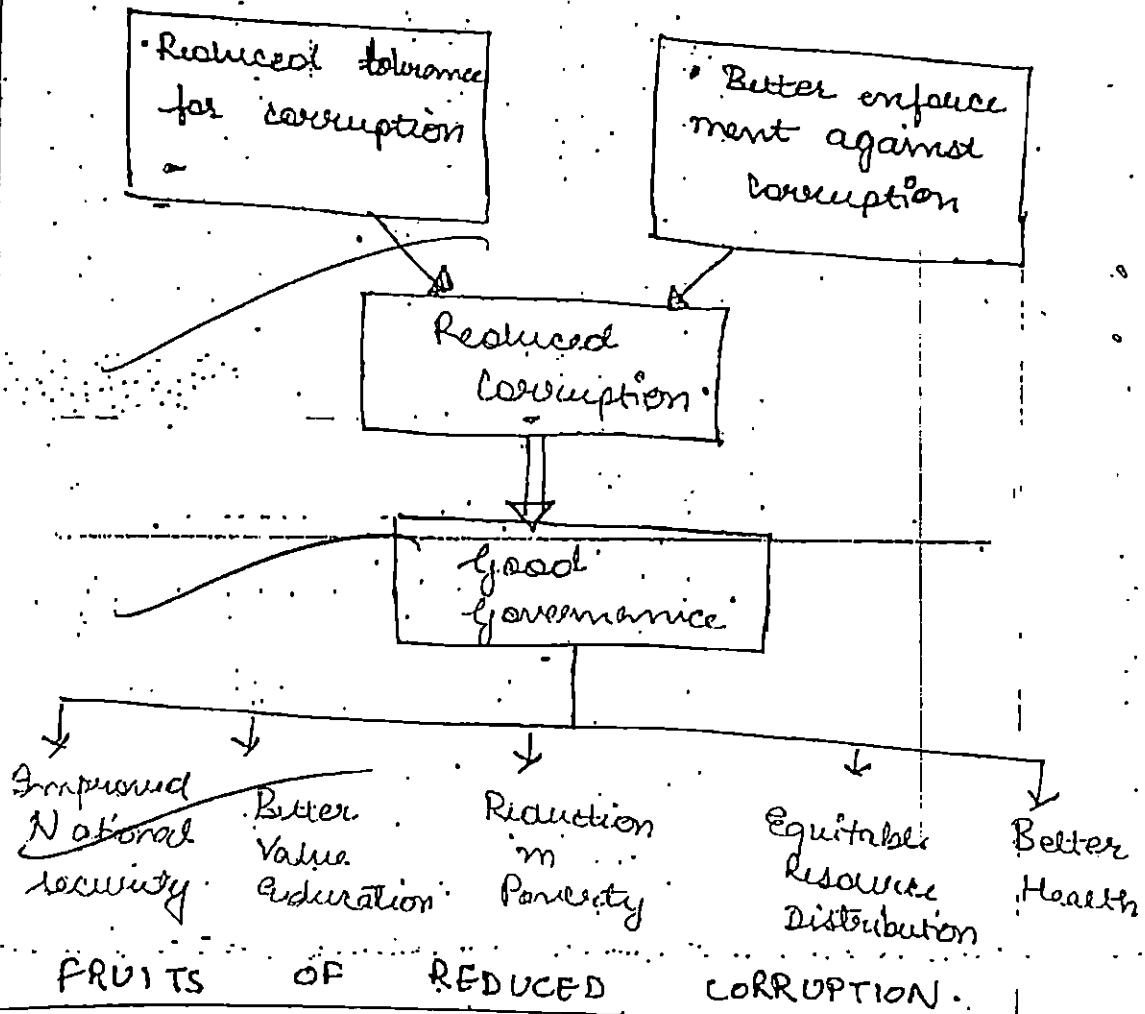
unpredictable & corruption was rampant due to excessive use of cash. Black money is a source of funding for organized crime, insurgency and terrorism. Thus, arresting corruption was a direct blow to all of these. Recognizing and acting on this crucial linkage has been a major success for the Government.

Role and Significance of Good Governance

Good Governance definitely follows improved accountability, transparency and reduced corruption. However, it is not an end in itself. Good Governance bears many fruits for a nation and improved self-defence and values like patriotism are among them.

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Good governance improves the capabili-
ty of people to own themselves educationally,
financially and with good health. The role
of e-governance in improving the speed
and quality of infrastructure projects has
been immense.



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Thus, we have seen that corruption
 must fringe from the side. It has to
 be removed from all the aspects of politi-
cal and social life. We have also seen
 how fighting corruption leads to multiple
issues. Therefore, corruption eradication is
 possible by value education in schools,
homes and social awareness towards
zero tolerance for corruption. We have to
 strive hard to build the vision of
freedom and glory as envisaged by Pandit
 Jawaharlal Nehru in his 10th 11th 12th with
Destiny²² speech.

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