

## ESSAY

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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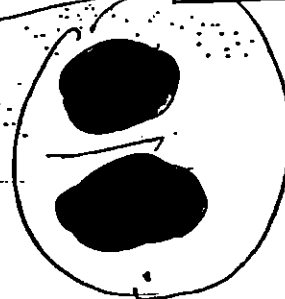
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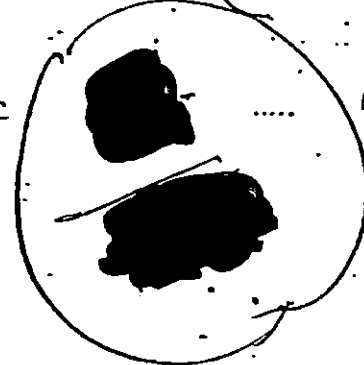
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Essay 1 Remarks



Very good effort.

Try to be visible when you throw a thesis, argue (for or against) and infer in synch with the central theme! (connect)



Very good! well done! on "issue based essay" with current imp. + your canvas is really impressive!

**SECTION - A**

1. To be successful in Men's world, a woman must be more man than men.
2. Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.
3. True equality means holding everyone accountable in the same way, regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity - or political ideology.
4. Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something.

**SECTION - B**

1. India hasn't unraveled true potential of its long coastline.
2. We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.
3. One should like to be able to love one's country and still love justice.
4. Sustainability is about Ecology, Economy and Equity.

To be successful in men's world, a woman must be more man than men.

A hundred and sixty years ago, a young woman ~~was~~ wrote her name in the book of history forever. The kingdom of Jhansi had been besieged by the colonial rule. ~~The~~ Rani Lakshmi Bai, the queen of the kingdom, was left with no choice. Along with valiant men, she rode and galloped and fought the British, till her last breath. All were brave warriors. But, there was one fact that made the queen stand out. She fought the battle with her child wrapped ~~at~~ around her arms. And thus, she had to face a double

test that day, to be a good leader as well as to be a good mother. Thus she ~~has~~ showed more qualities than her ~~own~~ men counterparts. No wonder, was the English general had to remark in salutation, "The war move man || than the rest of her men."

Need for being more ~~active~~ <sup>active</sup> due to dual responsibility "running the family" and pursuing a career/job in highly discriminatory and prejudicial environment.

Times have passed, but the ordeals woman face still remains the same. Our world continues to remain dominated by men, almost universally, and the data only testifies that.

For example, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, only 11% of the MPs are women. Similarly, women make up only about 27% of the economic workforce as per data from IMF.

Thesis and inference should come clearly

likewise their income in almost all fields from business to agriculture to sports to cinema is much lower than men. Even in our own houses and societies, the realm of patriarchy remains obvious:

Thus, ~~the~~ women remain relatively chained behind. And to compete and win, women not only need to show ~~the~~ greater skills as men, but also to break the chains that are holding her behind.

Hence, women who would like to work, ~~also~~ are <sup>also</sup> required to convince, resist and even oppose the boundaries put up by their husbands and fathers.

Even in offices, women need to convince their bosses of her credibility, more than men. Otherwise,

Since this paper is very close to the central theme, you should probe and explain more.

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Women have a general tendency to be inferior and they are likely to quit more. This is not only those women make up to top who show exceptional talents. The benchmark is more than men. No wonder, women's share in the corporate boardroom is very limited, as SEBI recently observed. Even otherwise, women are required to work while resisting numerous instances of we-tearing, boycottism, harassments and offers and orders of sexual gratification. We see a similar trend ~~where~~ to in Politics as well. Ever here, to be successful, women need to prove themselves more and that too in characters often associated <sup>included</sup> with men such as visionaries.

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Remarks

It is to a great extent a biased and socially constructed restriction image.

~~That is the~~ That is why, the popularity of Hillary Clinton, declined substantially, when ~~the~~ photographs of her cupping were leaked. ~~Men~~ <sup>Excellent and</sup> ~~down~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~low~~ <sup>referred</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>perceived</sup> to be more successful.

Finally, Hillary lost the election, in spite of arguably being more suitable for the post of US President.

In contrast, women leaders like Angela Merkel who have ~~been~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~successful~~ <sup>successful</sup> have been more successful.

This comparison extends in numerous other fields, where women are required to prove themselves more.

For instance, women ~~sportspersons~~ <sup>wrestlers</sup> need greater physical strength than what is ordinarily required. The story of the Phogat

sisters is a testimony to this, on how they were allowed to compete with men in ~~normal~~ competitions, only after they had defeated men candidates. Sometimes, they even had to ~~be~~ dress themselves as

*Inference* men. <sup>Non fact with dual responsibility and</sup> social discrimination, women need to work harder. <sup>they men</sup> Likewise, women discrimination <sup>for same</sup> exists unfortunately, in our armed level of forces as well. And to be a successful cadet, a woman candidate has to ~~fulfil~~ undertake additional promises, like not being a mother during the period. <sup>achievement</sup>

This ordeal catches young girls as well. ~~#~~ To be successful in academics, a girl child needs to show greater academic credentials. ~~while~~ ~~#~~ <sup>At</sup> the same time, she also has to resist -



The Daughter discrimination in her family and the physical restriction such as those imposed by Menstruation.

Also son's are supposed to help family, daughters go to other family. It is a mindset that giving priority to daughter's education or spending

All the above examples highlights that the test of a woman are never severe. To be successful, women need to fulfil their duties while performing the daily chores of a mother, or a house wife. The requirements benchmark of her of many qualities like bravery, forbite, hard work, resilience are for us men.

help a family, because she is married in other family, and often dowry has to be paid.

At the same time, there are many women who have to prove their characteristics of a true woman. A true woman is believed to be graceful, beautiful,

and rewire. These are stereotypes that <sup>put restriction on women and</sup> <sup>reduce self esteem</sup>

Hence, in the marriage market, the women with these characteristics are instantly 'selected', whereas, women who look and behave as men, who voice their opinion as men or those who are known to resist, are often relegated.

Similarly, to be a successful actress, women are required to be 'sensual', a character more associated with women.

To be a successful priest, women have to pass an additional 'test' of virginity, and purity. Men, in contrast, have no such tests.

Even to get a <sup>rented</sup> house successfully, a single mother

often face greater resistance, as these values become questionable and people prefer not to rent their houses to questionable renters.

This reveals the dichotomy of our times. We have artificially

segregated roles of man and woman from ancient times. To be successful in 'homely' spheres, a woman needs to be like a woman, whereas in professional spheres, she is required to have additional qualities of man. The chief problem is that these women are not taken as successful in their feminine roles. Why only masculine parameters?

The chief factor behind this is the patriarchal tendency. And we need to change this mindset of society. Women's organization, who need to work at the forefront. Women themselves need to come out in pre-requisite sites of success as sex relevant to fix the sites of success.

open fearlessly.

This also requires support from the government. ~~Our Constitution~~ Article 15, 39 and 41 of Constitution makes it the duty of the state to improve the conditions of woman. Some steps like reservation of women, gender budgeting, special ministry, ~~institutions~~ ~~to~~ financial incentives through schemes like Stand Up India and creation of woman SHGs have been taken.

But, it requires many more steps basic steps such as ensuring security of women, having public day care centers for working women, reservation for women in legislature, promoting girl child among other.

It is also pertinent that ~~while we talk~~ affirmative action for women to be more like men, does not become a bar against men. Else, incidences of like Rohtak Sisters using guise of sexual harassment to actually harass men could become more common.

The true balance lies where both men and women are treated equally. Gender discrimination does not become a ~~nomad~~. *Very good!*  
And for that, holistic steps are required.

Dr B.R. Ambedkar famously said, "I measure the progress of a nation, by the

development of the woman of that country. Unfortunately we are not doing very well in that regard. However, we must go back to our original culture where Mothers have been worshipped as Mother Goddess and Shakti.

If our society can embrace this change, then the progress of our nation would automatically come by.

At this moment, we need to recall what Swami Vivekananda said about women,

"There is no chance for welfare in the world unless condition of women is achieved. It is not possible for a bird to fly out only by wing."

Excellent conclusion!

1. India hasn't unravelled true potential of its long coastline.

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The only country of the world, after which an ocean entire ocean has been named is India.

Explorers from round the globe worked on the sea route to reach India. The coasts of India have, therefore, ~~had been~~ have been of historical significance.

And why shouldn't they be? After all, it covers an expanse of 7,500 km, one of the largest in the world. 9 states of the country; from

Gujarat in the west to West Bengal in the east have oceanic boundaries. ~~The~~ The twin islands of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep take this even further.

This vast expanse provides India with many advantages, in multidimensional ways.

However, data and comparative analysis shows us that we are yet to take full advantages of ~~our~~ this resource of ours.

~~The~~ For example, the biggest advantage that coast offers us are more avenues to trade, by providing an outlet to the world thru, Around the:

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world, coastal cities like Shanghai, Singapore, Manchester and New York became hubs for trades, <sup>very good!</sup>  
soon after, manufacturing activities developed in these regions,

India also realised this advantage. And twelve major and minor ports were set up.

However, they suffered from many issues like timely dredging was <sup>very good!</sup>  
not carried out, port-infrastructure

- is found to be inadequate.

Red-tapism in the trade of goods is very high, leading to a high turnaround time. And finally, connectivity of ports to hinterland are not sturdy enough. As a result, the ~~total~~ Trade to GDP ratio has

As a result, India's share in world trade has fallen to about a minuscule 2%. ~~Even~~ <sup>And</sup> smaller ~~nations~~ ~~like~~ ports in neighbouring countries like Colombo in Sri Lanka and Chittagong in Bangladesh have taken over most of our trade.

Secondly, long coastline provides the benefits of greater fishing opportunities, which is a source of not only revenue, but also provides health benefits as a cheap food source.

India's performance is relatively better here. And we are one of the largest fishing countries. Yet, this is not commensurate to our population of 1.2 billion.

Also, the value addition in fishing is quite low. Fishermen are ~~found~~ ~~to be~~ poor in India and ~~poverty~~ deprives them of mechanised knowledge. Sometimes, they lack knowledge of exact positions and land up with other countries borders. At other times, due to ~~seasonal~~ seasonal rainfall and cyclones, fishing business ~~difficult~~. Hence, a lot of improvement is required in fishing industry.

Thirdly, ~~longer the~~ ~~coastline~~ coastline provide us with other <sup>very good</sup> energy sources. Ocean water can be used for generation of Tidal Energy, Ocean Thermal Energy and wave energy. But, except for a few pilot-projects, energy extraction is ~~very~~ ~~low~~ ~~and~~ ocean is not <sup>assistent</sup> <sup>in</sup> India.

Oceans also help us to avail conventional sources of energy. They are rich source of Petrochemicals. Our Krishna-Godavari basin has yielded us with huge reservoirs of natural gas. Similarly, Bombay High has been producing crude oil for the past 40 years.

However, the total production is still very low. This forces India to depend on other countries which not only raises costs, but it also makes us vulnerable to geo-political crises, such as the one witnessed during OPEC oil crisis.

However, this is not to refute the potential India has. Independent estimates show India has vast reserves in areas like Cambay basin. Newer sources

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like shale Oil are also available in plenty in Indian waters. But, lack of technology, inadequate capital and incomplete baseline surveys have prevented us from reaching full potential.

we should also emphasise on security and strategic advantages as well.

In addition, ocean is also source of many other metallic and non-metallic reserves like polymetallic nodules. India's Exclusive Economic Zone, from where India is legally permitted to extract, extends to million of kilometers. Yet, it suffers from similar issues like inadequate information, capital and technology.

Thus, we see that, ocean can ~~be~~ provide a way to create a Blue - Water Economy.

But, currently, India has failed to take full advantage of it.

But, oceans and coastline also give us other advantages, not just as well, extending beyond economy.

For example, the ocean offers a defence against intruders.

This is one reason why, British isles, in spite of being geographically managed to remain always independent. It could easily depend itself against other countries. Very good!

Unfortunately, for India, this strength has transformed into a weakness. Non-state actors like terrorists and smugglers have exploited the gaps to cause anti-

social activities as seen during Mumbai attacks in 2008.

Not only defence, ocean and naval power is also ~~the~~ provides the platform for offense and overall superiority. In the past, British naval superiority made it the most formidable colonial power in present, American naval superiority, allows it to quickly launch an attack ~~from~~ almost anywhere in the world.

India too, has seen the importance of navy in past. The naval ~~for~~ superiority of Chola Kingdom allowed it to expand as far as South East Asia. This implies that we have a great potential. Yet, in current

times, our naval positioning has been weak. Inadequate no. of warships, delays in construction of Indian ships and submarines (torpedoes) and hazards in older vessels have reduced our capability.

Ocean also provides a source of cultural connect. In the ~~past~~ ancient times, Ashoka sent his mercenaries to spread Buddhism using sea route. The kingdom of south expanded their culture to east.

Yet, currently, Indian position has relatively been isolated. ~~the~~ As a result, our cultural and political connections have suffered.

Finally, oceans also provide other ancillary benefits. For example, it supports tourism.



Similarly, Ocean and environment are closely inter-related. Stretches of Mangroves, Coral are found in and around the coasts. ~~Part,~~

But, our performance in these spheres are not very credible. Smaller island nations like Maldives or Hawaii have attracted more tourists. The security issue surrounding women on beaches have not helped either.

Environmentally, Forest Survey report shows that Mangrove cover is on a decline. Plus, with impending global warming, Coral bleaching and ocean acidification could only accelerate. Worse, India 25% population which has lives near coast would be made a Climate Refugees.

Hence, we have had fair share of criticism of having not done enough.

But, it is not to say that we are not improving or that no steps have been taken. It is anything, but that.

For example, Port led development has shown a steady progress. India's share of world trade is low but rising. Agarmala have given a fresh impetus and newer major ports and renovation of old ones are in process.

In fishing, we have accelerated to become the second largest aquaculture source in the world and by unwinding of New Fishing Policy could provide a

shot in the arm.

Similarly, our naval capabilities is on a rise. Acquisition of new Aircraft Carrier and Nuclear Submarine vindicates it.

Likewise, progress has been seen in extraction of mineral from ocean has recent MoU with International Sea Bed Authority shows.

Yet the task at our hand is at plenty, and time is limited. We have to compete not only against other countries, but also against our own glorious past and a changing environment.

In the centrality of the ocean, trade, resources and blue-water navy would only.

magnify. Thus, it makes our duty  
to put ocean at center of our  
policy making. And numerous steps  
from increasing expenditure to  
better identification of resources, to  
synergizing with state governments  
and international partners to  
cutting red-tape would be  
required.

Our status in the past  
was closely linked to Oceans.  
And, <sup>our ambition of becoming a</sup> ~~to become a~~ superpower,  
both economically & politically,  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> century would  
probably die via Oceans and  
Coasts. The quicker we act,  
the faster we become one.