

**GIS SCORE**

Test - 2

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Essay 2

Essay 1

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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).*

**Remarks**

Please see inside for value addition

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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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SECTION - A

1. Health is not valued till sickness comes.

A.

As 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial revolution dawns on us with the promise of unprecedented change, the era of consumerist mindset is also taking its roots. This mindset ignores the intrinsic value of what we already have until faced with an adversity. It could be seen in action in various spheres of modern life - be it economic, political or personal, historical or environmental.

good!  
with your own set of reasoning you are very close to the central theme!

'Health' literally means a state of well being. 'Sickness' on the other hand pertains to a state of discomfort. Today, when race reign supreme and throw away culture rules, an individual is no longer contented with what he/she already have. Instead of being satisfied with that, an individual can always be seen running after a new goal. Instead of valuing its current

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'health', it is being taken for granted. This status quo works unless faced with a 'sickness' which forces a person to realise what is really important for him/hers. As society is made up of <sup>these</sup> individuals, the same holds true for it also.

Let us consider this from a historical perspective. India has rich ~~and colorful~~ history dating back to 10000s of years. From the citadels of Lothal and Dholavira of Harappan civilisation to fossil remains of dinosaurs found in Nagpur, the entire country is dotted with numerous archaeological sites and antiques.

Yet, inspite of these, our country has acute lack of historical consciousness. History is forgotten and left only for scholars to study. But when calamity strikes, history is suddenly remembered. It was first time many people came to know about the Natural

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History Museum in Delhi after the recent fire incident. Similarly, when ~~the~~ antiques like Natraja idols were returned from abroad, there was sudden spike of interest in their historical importance. Thus it is clear that history is forgotten till a event or incident happens generating momentary interest.

The same can be seen from a societal perspective too. If America is considered melting pot, India resembles a 'thali' with multitude of faiths and beliefs. It has long tradition of a syncretic culture which rest on the pillars of tolerance, acceptance and the principle of 'live and let live'. 'Sarwanam sukhai, sarwanam hitai' is the core mantra of this society.

All of these societal values and principles are taken for granted until social tensions arise. It is only in face of <sup>religious</sup> frictions as social unrest as ~~is being~~ <sup>is being</sup> witnessed after the repeated beating of Dalits (Una incident) that we suddenly remembers these values.

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The same mindset boils down in <sup>as well</sup> Political sphere. When India became independent, numerous statesman and scholars predicted the demise of the country in its then form in few years. In spite of such pessimism, our founding fathers gave us a constitution which can be considered landmark in all senses. From granting fundamental rights to universal adult suffrage, from espousing the ideals of social, economic and political justice, they laid the ~~beds~~ foundation of a vibrant democracy.

Thus foresightedness in drafting the constitution and its intrinsic value is often forgotten. until a political crisis strikes for instance, it was in the face of emergency that our country realised the true importance of democracy.

This habit of not valuing what we already have can be seen in work in economic

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arena too. In the last few years, under the pragmatic supervision of Dr. Rajan, RBI steadily build up its foreign exchange reserves. Instead of being lauded for it, many actually criticised them for such policy.

However, this pragmatism was proved potent when currency markets were hit with volatility. It was in face of a difficult situation, that the importance of such reserves were realised by many economist.

This same story repeats in numerous other sphere of modern life. India has one of the most diverse and rich animal population in the world with highest number of tigers as per recent census. However till few years ago, there was complete absence of interest from public in their protection and conservation, until it was realised that this population has decreased drastically in the popular Ranthambore and Sariska reserves.

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At personal level too, a modern individual takes its health for granted. The culture of 'fast-food' and 'cold-drinks' is a sad reflection for this. This consumption is accompanied by a 'complete disregard' for what is good for bodily function. This lifestyle, however, becomes a root cause of many lifestyle diseases like obesity, diabetes.

It is only in the face of such diseases, that a person realise the true value of health. Many times, it is seen that this disregard for health is due to ignorance of the implication of modern lifestyle or due to lack of awareness/education about importance of health. The same might hold true for other <sup>societal</sup> spheres too.

Thus there is an immediate need to develop appreciation of history for ~~developing~~ fostering historical consciousness; broad economic perspective for prudent economic policies;

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faith and belief in our political democracy and societal culture; a realisation on importance of environment and most of all a culture of living in present appreciating what we already have.

'Health is wealth' may be an old adage but it holds utmost significance today when India is aspiring to become global power. Dr Kalam said, "A nation's future depends on how its citizen think and act." We have to think and act like a country of billion people by valuing what we already have before setting sights on higher goals.

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Strength: Structured, relevant, analytical with good exposition and examples! Suggestive 'conclusion' is also reasonable (might have been a little bigger).

Weakness: When we talk of health, why cannot we start from the most apparent basic fact of life — we take physical or clinical health as "granted" (why) and take serious note only after falling sick (why) and consequences.

Suggestion of ordering ideas is

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also very important!

The beauty of your exposition is "extension" of the ideas of "health" and "sickness" to its broader connotation. But right strategy is from basic to nuanced level.

weakness (2) Health and sickness would have been better classified

Grade/individual

- Physical health
- Mental health
- Spiritual health
- Ethical and moral health

Health disease  
And Ache's

Suggestion  
classification of ideas helps in presentation with coherence and order ~~coverage~~

Institutions

- ↓
- + Transparency
- + Accountability
- + Efficiency
- + Sensitivity
- + Responsiveness
- + People centric

Reasons for

- Reasons for
- (a) ignoring health / consequences
  - (b) How to rectify or improve ?

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## SECTION - B

3. The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.

A. India's first PM Jawahar Lal Nehru used to keep famous lines of a poem by Robert Frost whose essence was that "the decision to not take a road made all the difference." Numerous examples from history, economy, polity and even from lives of great leaders shows that opportunity is what you make out of it. Those who are brave and courageous enough to take it up enjoys the fruits of success.

Success is defined as the feeling of getting what you want. It is synonymous to achieving your goal. Opportunity on the other hand refers to an event or happening which can be utilised by an individual to bring a positive change for himself/herself. Every opportunity presents itself with a choice.

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to take it or not take it. There is also an inherent risk associated with it in the sense that there is no guarantee of success and fulfilment of goal if opportunity is taken up.

Thus a lot of people shy away from taking opportunity. It is only those, with courage, ~~and~~ fortitude and conviction in one's ability that are able to utilise these opportunity for climbing the ladders of success.

The same also holds true for countries, businesses, organisations, political parties and other entities made of group of people.

If we consider World history, the example of ~~USA stands out~~ emergence of USA as a global superpower stands out. Till the end of 19th century, USA, use to follow an isolationist foreign policy. Even after significant contribution in World War - I.

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it stepped back from international arena in early decades of 20<sup>th</sup> century.

However it soon realised that there was an opportunity for it to expand its influence in Europe as the entire continent was war-torn and reeling under depression. It also saw a scope to expand the market for its goods in European countries. Thus it significantly amplified its involvement in European affairs and later became a decisive force in World War-2. At the end of the war, along with VSSR, it emerged as another pole of the Bipolar world. It is clear that this was the result of pragmatic use of opportunities presented to the country.

In the same vein if we see economic history, the rise of China as economic superpower is built upon successful spotting and utilisation of economic opportunities. Deng Xiaoping said in 1970, "Each country is faced with a time in its history when it can make a choice as

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decision to use an opportunity which can make a difference to lives of millions of its citizens'

China, although a communist country was quick to spot openings in global market in the face of 1970s fuel crisis and changed its entire economic model in few decades. As a result of it, today it is in the same league as USA as far as economic influence is concerned.

Closer home, the political history of our country tells the same story... During freedom struggle, Congress utilised each and every opportunity to embarrass britishers, force them to react or give concession and in the process consolidate the idea of India as single nation. The end result today is a vibrant democracy with unimaginable diversity. That the ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.

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is also clear from the achievements of ISRO. It faced non-cooperation from reputed agencies like NASA in its early days. But it turned the situation into its advantage by developing domestic launch capabilities. This ability to strike opportunities became a hallmark of its success.

Very much related to ISRO is the life-story of late President Dr Kalam. Initially he was just another engineer working at ISRO. But he quickly took up opportunity given by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai and became project leader for SLV project. Subsequently, his ability to taking up difficult responsibilities saw him succeed at DRDO and in India's nuclear programme. His life-history is a classic example of how sky is the limit for someone who dares to dream and use the opportunities given to turn those dreams into realities.

‘Rome wasn't built in a day’ goes the old saying. Success is the result of not just

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luck but also hardwork, belief, conviction and ability to take risk by spotting opportunities. Yes it is true that each opportunity will not guarantee success, but "Shoot for the stars, at least you'll land on Moon"

Opportunities are what you can make out of them. If not the ladder to success, they become a learning experience which doubles the chances of success next time.

Excellent!

65  
125

Any scope for going up is ~~now~~ dependent on Achievability

1. (a) Extension of ideas — is opportunity synonymous with opportunism? Any moral or ethical tag to opportunity?
- (b) Ladder to success is 'relative' as success is 'relative'.
- (c) What should be our approach when opportunity befalls?

little difficult  
 2. Punches (force/flow)  
 (a) quotes / cross sections  
 (b) Punch lines  
 (c) Edgy ideas

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- (a) Short-term, hastening
- (b) Patience & perseverance
- (c) Gradual

Thinking beyond



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born  
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Deng Xiaoping (China) GS SCORE  
US History Economic Political

The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity

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Robert Frost → famous poem  
road not taken - the decision  
made at the difference - It shows  
the

shows that opportunity is  
what you make out of them and  
- then who are brave enough  
enjoy the fruit of success

Success - many  
Opportunities - *opportunities which can be used by an individual*

Current - Safe, Risk - taking not

~~Robert Frost~~

Intro

Conclusion

- 1) no person can stop an idea whose time has come
- 2)

ISRO  
Amul  
Dr. Kalam  
Kareem  
Congress - freedom struggle

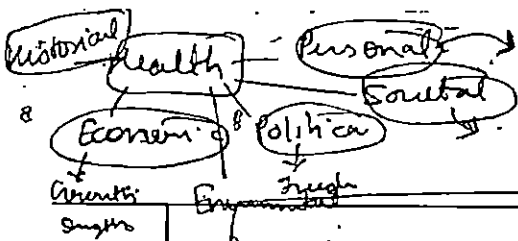
Political  
Organisational leads  
Individual  
Candor

A journey of million miles starts with a single step

Opportunity is what you make out of them

- Opportunity & risk are synonymous
- Courage, ability to venture into unknown
- ability to stake opportunity

"Shoot for the stars, at least you'll land on moon"



not means us

throwaway cult  
 nobson's choice  
 Blackswan  
 Ostrich like  
 OS score  
 Ostrich like story

**HEALTH IS NOT VALUED TILL SICKNESS COMES**

Flow

① Health → meaning - current perception

② how it ignores sickness  
 - different dimensions

why it need to be valued

remembered

Social

Contentment  
 Chasing goal posts

- Importance of valuing something
- consumerist mindset
- not living in present
- jealous about what someone else have on plate
- Not satisfied
- Rat race & following others

⑦ History/Culture - Not valued

NUM incident / Antiquities

⑧ Economic - Rupee volatility  
 Forex reserve

⑨ Political - Emergency

Democracy

⑩ Social - Rising Intolerance / Disob

Synthetic culture

⑪ Personal - Health for granted  
 disease etc - No fitness  
 fast food

⑫ Environmental - climate change  
 Tiger conservation

Intro - Health As the 4th Industrial Revolution dawn on us with the promise of unprecedented change, the era of consumerist mindset is also taking its rise. ~~It is an individual~~ This mindset means the ~~value of~~ what we already have ~~until~~ faced with an ailment. Health is not valued till sickness comes.

Conclusion

Health in its literal meaning means a state of well being.

Historical  
 personal  
 societal

'Health is wealth' is not just an old Indian of ashwini like aphorism,

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India is a low health

Conclusion

"A country has to think & act like a billion people"