

**GS SCORE**

TEST - 02

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## Essay

Time Allowed: 1½ hrs.

Max. Marks: 125

### Instructions to Candidate

- Attempt one essay.
- The test carries 125 marks.
- Write the essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- 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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2. Wise men speak because they have something to say. ~~They have~~ ~~to say something.~~

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

A woman in the Indian society is seen as a family caretaker, who must be willing to sacrifice her life to bring up her children. Women constitute just 20% of workforce of India. Does this mean women themselves like to be homemakers alone? Sure not. They have their own dreams and aspirations. Women have already proved their mettle, even upto the level of being a space astronaut. They are able to handle hardworking and even successful in few chances they get. But what is the reason they are only few in number? Let's analyse.

"An empowered woman reaches unconventional positions because of her choices and not by her sacrifices."

- Kiran Bedi,

India's 1st woman IPS officer

Right from the moment a girl is born, her struggle begins. She escapes the trap of infanticide, grows up, faces discrimination inside her own home because of special attention given to her brothers, keeps knowing what she would wear, eat, how she will behave when she goes out and so on.

She enters school, studies well, makes her parents happy. Girls generally outshine boys in academics and extra curricular at school. They also come out topping the examinations at school and college levels when they can be so successful at schools.

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and colleges, why aren't they ~~not~~ successful in great numbers in different fields?

Social stigma of early marriage deters the career progress of most girl children. Even in this era of widespread education and liberty, 47% of girls in India get married within age of 18. Parents marry their girls soon to relieve themselves of economic burden. The girl becomes financially dependent on her spouse and is left with no choices to make for herself.

The root cause here is the gender inequality which makes people see a girl child inferior to a boy. But times are changing, women have started defeating patriarchal tendencies. Lots more need to be done to bring more women climb the career ladders. What else be done?

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It is a false belief that a woman is physically and mentally weaker than a man. But our society has successfully reprobated this belief along the generations. As it women themselves started accepting it. Due to this, she prunes the many activities of her young child, accepts less wages, at work refuses to accept positions of power, espoused at work place.

Gandhiji once said, "There is no occasion for a woman to consider herself inferior to a man". Some great women leaders like Indira Gandhi, Jayalalitha have proved that being a woman is in no way disadvantageous to gain glory. But it must be seen that they underwent lots of struggles to reach unconventional positions. Successful people do have some distinct qualities to overcome adversities. What did these successful

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Desire to be successful is the prime factor they possessed. Take the life of Kalpana Chawla. Being born into a humble family, she had never ending desire to touch the stars. Working hard, she made herself equipped, flew into outer space, created history. If a woman possesses a burning desire, no obstacle can stop her.

Perseverance is the next important factor which will test the might of a person. Even in the families who acknowledge girls' goals, there is less time given to work on goals. They are often forced to marry or find a job when they fail in first few attempts. Successful women who clear civil services examination after failures in few attempts are examples that perseverance pays off.

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The above two being the basic values needed to be successful, it demands much more from a woman in this men biased workforce world. In careers where physical power is needed, men are considered to be always apt. But is this notion true? Not anymore. Recently a woman Anshu Jamsenpa created world record by climbing Mt. Everest twice in 5 days which no man has done till. Being mother of two, she has managed to achieve this feat in late 30s. So, ~~women~~ <sup>her</sup> should <sup>women</sup> still be considered physically weaker?

Another commonly prevailing notion is women does not have required mental strength and uncompromising attitude to be a leader. Angela Merkel is proving this notion wrong. Ranked as one of the most influential leader in the world, she takes

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forward a nation with her might. When all other nations closed doors to the refugees from west Asia, only Germany allowed them. She also asked other countries to be compassionate & reminded them that whole world is a family. No doubt, "Gandhiji rightly said, "A man can never be equal to a woman in spirit of selfless service."

The so called 'Men's values' are not just men's values anymore. Women have all qualities to be successful. But she must realise that she has these qualities. Women have to start believing in themselves, perhaps it's the only way they can liberate themselves.

Support from the society is equally important to inculcate the confidence. What can the society do for its girls?

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Destroying the notions of patriarchy at early ages would help upbringing an egalitarian society. Educational institutions will have a major role in this. Also, the media should curtail the portrayal of 'Macho men' attitudes, 'Men will always be men' advertisements, as they have a larger impact on young minds.

Supporting a spectrum of ideas of what "real man" looks like, that is being compassionate and responsible. Women cannot be successful by emulating behaviours of men. She has her own traits. She has to strongly recognize them, with healthy contribution from society. She can reach heights with her impeccable talents. Let's hope that these days are not so far!

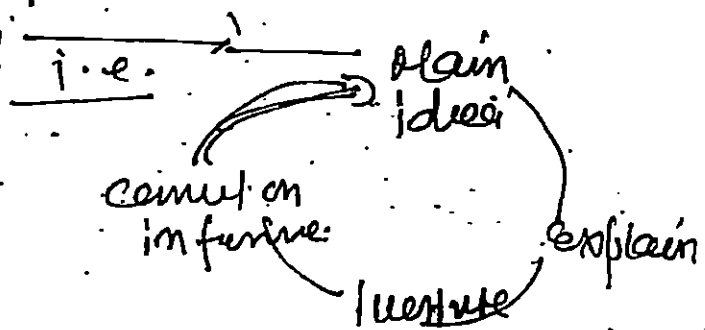
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- Content is good, but not complete.
- This topic is not only about gender issues.
- Always try to see bigger picture around central ideas. That you can do by reading appendix & underlying meaning of the topic.

- What is man's need success
- What about feminis attributes
- Do women needs to be more man than man for success. or needs opportunity - what are those. - How to get those opportunities etc.

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