

## 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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## SECTION - A

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Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

“We have guided missiles and misguided men.”

→ Martin Luther King

The above statement represents the dichotomy of our times.

On one hand, our literacy rates are rising. More no. of “educated” and learned individuals, spanning across fields, are today contributing in small and big ways. A

We are producing more no. of Scientists, more engineers and more doctors. In that respect, our educational

system with focus on mental learning is doing pretty well.

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were found to be indulging in Hacking of Adhaar cards. Similarly, Technically educated and capable men are using their knowledge of technology to morph pictures of women and harass them; or to spread Fake news, and fake videos that are causing social riots. One would say that they are learned men ~~from~~ ~~mind~~; but without right conduct their educational achievements, ~~for~~ ~~are~~ in terms of societal welfare, is in negative.

Likewise, 'Educated' men and women are committing White Collared Crimes such as Tax Evasion or Insider Trading.

marks

And educated managers and firms are utilising their Knowledge to beat the system, as we recently saw in the Volkswagen engine scandal. Their mental superiority is unquestionable but without purity of heart, educational outcome is questionable.

~~litewise~~, another aspect about this form of education is that it has made us self centered and materialistic. We tend to value our time more and refuse to come forward and help others. This is ~~one~~ one chief reason why a mutilated Nirbhaya remained unattended on a public road for hours, <sup>over</sup> in a city full of educated men.

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In a society of illiterate but socially caring people, such an incident would never have occurred.

Likewise, educated men are today choosing to migrate to other countries, causing Brain Drain, at a moment when India badly needs knowledge for joint development.

Even in our own families, Education has ~~often~~ been ~~found~~ found to be correlated with Breaking down of families, as educated people value

At the international level, without including the <sup>ethic</sup> ingredients of environmental protection and ethic of peace, war against environment and war against

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humanity have ~~polluted~~ proliferated. Some of the most educated countries are also the biggest polluters and have engaged in more no. of wars.

In contrast, smaller nations like Bhutan, where ethics and happiness have been focussed, happiness levels have remained high and true education is being capitalised on.

Without heart, education itself is suffering from multiple problems. Students and Parents are using unfair means to acquire degrees and seats in colleges. The cheating scam in Bihar is a testimony to it. Donation culture

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has become a norm, and education has transformed into an industry, which itself is sowing the seed of 'Uneducation'

Without focussing on heart, also causes a disattachment with what we read. Learning ~~has~~ simply gets relegated to fetching marks. Application of knowledge does not occur. Finally, it leads to a situation where we are left with an army of unskilled and unemployed people, who industries are reluctant to employ. Thus, their degrees ~~do~~ become equivalent to having no education.

~~Hence, without~~  
 Thus, it is clear that education must not remain limited.

Remarks:

Marks or no marks -  
 in absence of value system,  
 a genius mind  
 can be most evil.

to books and mental learning, but it must be holistic and ethics should be ~~also~~ imparted along with it

Our History <sup>& Mythology</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>are</sup> also testimony to it. Ravan was one of the most learned man, but without purity of heart, his actions led to his destruction of an entire kingdom.

Similarly <sup>now</sup> Avangzeb was a learned, but <sup>was</sup> widely resented in contrast, Akbar was illiterate, but his heart was pure. And he used this to establish a period of stability, peace and bonding, that is still cherished.

And that is why <sup>our</sup> leaders like Swami Vivekananda <sup>also</sup> said, that Education without character

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building is meaningless

where did you read this

Thus, it is clear that our current form of education needs a change for good.

One shining ~~example~~ model can be Gandhiji's Nai Talim which focuses on 3 Ms, namely Head, Heart and Hand. This

helps in Cognitive Development, skill development and Ethical Improvements at the same time.

The end result is having a Holistic educational outcome that

is beneficial for society.   
 The curriculum must also

impart lessons in values to children.

We need to teach students about the lessons of lives and the messages of great men.

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saints like Mother Teresa or Baba Amte. We need to look beyond a simple Marks based system, to one that holistically tests a student. The CCE model of education, should thus be spread.

At the same time, parents have a duty ~~to~~ in ~~the~~ imparting true education to their child. They must ensure that their wards speak truth, develop compassion and live a life of integrity.

Similarly, the state should come forward & inculcate ethical behaviours. Perhaps, we should give National Prizes such as Padma Awards, not only to men/women of capability, but also to men/women of integrity.

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We must remember that,  
Education is like a Double  
Edged sword

We must remember that  
Education is a tool, that can  
be used both for good as well  
as bad. Hence, along with imparting  
this tool, it is also necessary  
to impart the knowledge of  
right conduct of using this  
tool, so as to make it a  
tool of prosperity.

Conjoining cognitive and  
ethical goals, education can  
become a true liberator. It  
could create a world that is  
progressive, fair and compassionate  
at the same time. This

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would step the foundation of Heaven on Earth. But, to do so, corrective measures need to be taken now.

Overall a fair attempt  
(58)

✓  
✓

You have covered the issues with decent analysis & examples.

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✓

However, you couldn't arrange them logically because of which your essay looks hazy.

way forward

logical sequencing can be improved by using dialectical system of arguments  
Thesis - Antithesis -  
~~Basic argument~~ synthesis

4. Social Media websites are no longer performing an envisaged function of creating a positive communication link among friends, family & professionals.

Let's look at the world around us. Whether, we are travelling in a metro, or waiting in a queue in front of a cinema hall, or in our own homes and offices, chances of finding men and women, glued to their cell phones, chatting on social media websites, are very high.

Social media has become:

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the signature of the modern world. Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp are household names now, and it is difficult to imagine <sup>our</sup> world without them.

They were envisaged to create a more connected world. ~~This~~ And social media would provide a platform where friends could talk, family could stay close, and professionals could conduct business at the speed of light..

However, only a few years after conception, social media has transformed into a darker space. Tales of sorrow, misery and destruction are at plenty.

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But, to ~~truly~~ truly appreciate this, we also need to understand the features of social media that makes it possible. Social media is firstly, social media is hinged upon the concept of Arms length distance, which creates a degree of physical anonymity. Secondly, social media works on the principle of Multiplier effect that quickly transmits a message to multiple channels. Finally, its infame is massive, that make conversations secretive, out of reach of agencies.

And, they are precisely these features, that have been exploited by the anti-social elements, who have made social media, a darker platform.

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year  
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Should  
be discussed  
later

Take the case of terrorists. Organisation like ISIS used platforms like Youtube and Twitter to globalise themselves.

~~This~~ financing of terrorism and recruitment of young jihadis, ~~is~~ used social media. Even Indians were not left untouched and young people from Kerala and UP far away from Iraq and Syria, were duped and lured, thanks to the power of social media.

Likewise, social media has been a ~~the~~ major reason why Riots have risen, of fake videos are quickly circulated. This in Twen, is used to mobilise people into targeting each other.

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~~How~~ Putters in Kashmir, stone putters used social media to organise attacks against India army. And that is why, when internet was blocked, in the region, stone putting also declined.

~~Similarly, women against women have gone up, the~~

Similarly, social media has been used as a tool to harass women. Morphed pictures are used

to blackmail. On a wider scale, social media has promoted circulation of pornography, which in turn, promotes objectification of women and loss of PRIVACY & DIGNITY.

Even young children are being tweaked into by Drug Peddlers and sex offenders, using CLICK BAIT

And that is why, women.

Remarks

What was the topic? Compare it to

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What you are writing here.

and children, are being advised not to upload their picture on social media sites.

Another concern against social media, is in the field of Politics. In the recent US elections, allegations of Russia meddling into polls, by circulating Post-Truth facts and documents, on social media, are still doing rounds. Also, political parties have used social media to ~~also~~ selectively target opposition parties, using distorted facts.

In addition, social media hampers manpower. Children divert their attention from books to Posti News feeds. Employees spend greater time on their

platforms, instead of working. ~~The~~  
And this leads ~~to~~ not only to  
low of Economic Efficiency, but  
it also creates Health issues  
such as Obesity ~~and~~, Eye strain  
~~and Mental problems~~:

It is also a reason  
for Psychological issues. This  
occurs because social media  
creates an escape from reality.  
Plus, it also generates an  
Inferiority complex, ~~where~~  
people start comparing themselves,  
~~in front of~~ to many more  
people and photos, many of  
which ~~are~~ are artificially beautified.

Thus, it is clear that  
Social Media is a source of  
many evils

Remarks

At the same time, it would be unfair to say that no positives are being generated out of it. In fact, it is anything but that.

For instance, TWITTER SEVA service allows people to convey their grievances to the government. And reports show, that it has created a sturdy Grievance Redressa Mechanism. Everyday problems, ranging from Lack of cleanliness in Trains + delay in passport matter were resolved using <sup>such</sup> social media services.

Similarly, Facebook Disaster service enables identification of family members and friends in a Disaster prone area. This

reduces Rumour Mongering and helps in better Planning of Disaster Management.

Likewise, social media is a source of quick news and information from a variety of sources. This breaks the Monopoly of existing News agencies and induces the benefit out of competition.

It can also be used as a platform for education, where students and teachers can together share resources and conduct live classes.

Similarly, anthropologists and Crime Investigators like Police (London) <sup>police</sup>

Agencies use Social Media Trends to derive more information that complements their existing work.

Finally, it is still being used for the encouraged task of connectivity. Old college friends use Facebook to connect to each other. Family members, especially Old Parents, ~~do~~ use it to engage in Video Conferencing with NRI children. Similarly, professionals use mediums like Whatsapp to share resources quickly. Even, District Administration is using these tools to ascertain ground level expenditures and to reduce leakages and corruption.

The only issue is that these benefits out of social media are being clouded by the ills generated by it.



Hence, to return to the original glory, it is necessary that required steps are taken.

At the individual level, we need to be careful on what we share. ~~Anything that~~ It is our duty to report, any inflammatory post, else legally we ourselves may be prosecuted. Also, we need to take use of Privacy filters provided by these websites, to guard our own privacy. At the same time, there is a need to advise & warn friends and relatives about right conduct & guard our own children.

The social media websites, ~~not~~ also need to take more responsibility and remove any anti-social content. Some

websites like Facebook are taking steps to identify post-truth stories. Others too need to follow up.

Finally, the government has a role to play. It must ramp up its own presence on social media to reduce rumours, identify crimes, redress grievances and deliver benefits. e-governance schemes should be complemented on the platform.

It also needs to take the support of civil society - (eg. Anonymous group on Twitter) and international partners to be more effective.

Thus, social media has a dual face. It creates and destroys at the same time. It joins & divides, at the same time.

And one but way to maximise its efficiency is to have a Balance in its use.

Our ancient scriptures too mean the same, when they say

अति शक्तिं दुर्गतियते

or Excess of anything is bad.

If we could maximise the gains out of social media, then it could very well make the world One Global Village

where each one of us can help the others in need of

Remarks

Boost Connectivity.

Essay discussion  
lacks the  
important issues.

(+ves)

You have covered many relevant issues with great details & understanding.

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Same as previous essay but in higher magnitude  
You must understand the topic first & also should develop a sense of prioritization of issues.

So

What you missed:

The topic is not merely misuse of social media but equally a misuse of social media at health, relations etc.