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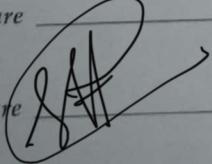
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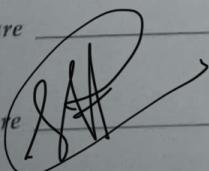
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## SECTION - A

1. To be beautiful, life does not require to be big.
2. More law, less justice.

## SECTION - B

1. Trust is the foundational principle that holds in all relationships.
2. Life without emotions is lifeless.

THINK ON THESE LINES TOO FOR ESSAY 2

- Repurcussions of too charged emotions.  
→ undirected emotions can be harmful. Example  
no anger when injustice is prevailing everywhere  
or love towards a evil person -  
→ CAN there be cases where some people seem to lack  
the capacity to feel joy, sorrow or love. It's a  
condition called as ALEXITHYMIA. Can there  
be advantages of this? It is a type of  
emotional colour blindness

## SECTION - A

Q1 To be beautiful, life does not require to be big.

'I see skies of blue,  
And clouds of white.  
The bright blessed day,  
The dark sacred night  
And I think to myself,  
What a wonderful world'

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resonates with  
the topic  
theme.

Louis Armstrong has rightly displayed the essence of beauty in these verses by explaining how the very world that we live in is a source of unceasing joy that we at times tend to ignore.

On similar lines 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever' in that John Keats correlates beauty with joy and happiness. After this in next paragraph explain what does the splash of the waterfall or the first flight of a little bird means to you. Decode the it to show the manner that you have understood which one can see in the rising cases of depression.

All beautiful things around us, say the birth of a child, our life bigger that not only do we tend to not appreciate the external beauty, but our very self; our soul is becoming devoid of joy and beauty.

Remarks anxiety & stress (add this line to showcase the devoid aspect stated in the line)

**ADVICE :-** When you move from one paragraph to other bind the ideas logically so that the flow should be sequential i.e one para flowing out of the previous idea that would ensure coherence in the essay.

Hellen Keller being physically challenged in terms of sight and hearing, may be thought of by many as lacking the gift of a normal life. However she believed in herself and not only did she complete her education but also emerged out as an epitome of inspiration, women empowerment and human spirit by many. She emerged out as a beauty to be cherished by generations to come. To be beautiful, would be to find oneself, one may say then.

There is an old Mexican proverb that says that, 'Those who sing wish to sing, will always find a song.' Despite of the fact that whether your life is big or small, those who wish to dream, aspire will always find a path. To be beautiful, then one may imply is to have the courage to dream, to have the will to find the path of glory and to transform one's dreams into reality. It is said that 'beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder', and thus a thing of admiration is open to many interpretation, however here add the second perspective where

Remarks

You state that everyone has their own definition of beauty standards.

anything that inspires, definitely holds beauty.

What does beautiful mean? one may ask. To be beautiful means to be virtuous, to be a helping hand to the weak and the poor, to be a source of light at times of sorrow and darkness, to be a ray of hope, to be a rainbow after the storm. To be beautiful life does not require to be big.

This deliker action should have been done above just after the Mexican revolution

It is said that 'big things often have small beginnings'. Sundar Pichai who was born in a small village and had no technical background became the CEO of Google. He brought glory for his people, his country and helped transform millions of lives of poor children in the villages. He emerged as a source of inspiration for millions people globally. It was his dedication, values and morals that made him beautiful. Though his life is big now, but it was his efforts behind the curtain, that landed him into an exemplary performance, when all the lights on the stage were on him.

Good linkage with the topic

Remarks

you have directly shifted from Seendar Pichai to struggle for Independence.

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Our struggle for Independence is a vibrant example of how, with limited resources, people can claim victory. Our leaders were nowhere close to the grand life lived by the colonialists; nor did they have the resources that would equate with the might of colonialists, however what they had were determined beliefs, trust in the self and the people. India was still able to achieve independence so gracefully that it was admired throughout the globe. Also it acted as an inspiration for others to follow. Thus, India was able to bring glory, admiration and beauty to its people.

Here you can substantiate it with an instance where in you showcase that many a leaders left their lucrative jobs & donated big bungalows for the big cause of freedom movement.

This is a very good angle explored. { If one's life is big, does not necessarily imply that they are having a beautiful life. Deborah Serani, a psychologist, refers to the 'Culture of affluence - Psychology cost of material wealth'. In her book 'Living with depression', she points out that rich countries are more likely to face depression because of the intense competition for resources, for the want of more & constant thinking of 'If I am a HAVE or a HAVE NOT' or an 'almost Have'. Here people tend to enjoy the spirit of profiteering.

The analysis, explanation has been done quite well.

Remarks

more than the spirit of peace and happiness. This domino effect tends to make them more stressful and ultimately leads to depression.

In today's capitalistic society, everybody is running to get a big life. Call it herd mentality but people working all the time doesn't allow them to focus on the small things. Mother Teresa, who is an epitome of grace and kindness had said that 'there are no great things but only small things with love'. Her message is most needed to be laid out in the present modern context, in that we all are humans, we crave for happiness. Though we may be pretending of having a busy life, a big suitcase, an artificial smile but inside the veil of

busyness, we aspire for humanity, to find meaning in the world around us. Mother Teresa lays emphasis on spreading love everywhere you go. 'let no one ever come to you without leaving happier', she says.

Though her life was very austere in the material sense, but ethically her life was very big. She was a light in the lighthouse for the many lost travellers. She was a beautiful soul.

expand this idea & explain it a little just stating it would not reflect your thoughts clearly

Add how after getting drained with fast paced life one

## Remarks

finds solace in the confines of their homes & with near ones or in the lap of nature.

Our Constitution is a living example of what one may call beauty. It is the guarantor of equality, liberty and justice. The makers of our Constitution may not be as big or wealthy as the colonialists in 1946 when the Constituent Assembly was made, but they were big in their ideals & beliefs; the result of which is our holy constitution which is the biggest and lengthiest in the world and has contributed to the establishment of India as the biggest democracy of the world.

In the testing times of COVID-19 pandemic, people from all sphere of life have united to fight against the odds. In such times, it does not matter if your life is big or small, what matters is how willing you are to step forward & lend a helping hand to

{ the most down-trodden sections. Many civil societies, NGO's, individuals who have lost their loved ones have come forward to restore humanity.

These 'times of crisis' reveal the true nature of an individual and justify that beauty is judged not on the basis of life but on the basis of deeds.

Remarks

how?  
This receives reasoning  
On what aspect are you stating it as not big or wealthy.

well stated

9 Your ideas need some coherence  
Each paragraph seems standalone & disjointed

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Technology is making our life better and in fact beautiful. Globalisation is leading to mass-production, better supply chains, more FDI, more exports. New methods of extracting the best out of nature are being developed. Our lives are becoming bigger, but is it beautiful? The fiery bush fires in Australia, the rise in global temperature, the rapid melting of glaciers and the rise in sea level contributing to climate change

Is the progress of our life justified at the means of overexploitation of our natural resources? If it's

beautiful for us, is it beautiful for the flora, fauna & the very Earth that we live in too?

**LINKAGE NEEDED**  
Buddhist doctrine of Ashtanga marga emphasises on the discovery of a balanced path, the same balance is needed in our growing endeavours too.

The means must justify the ends.

When the society progresses as a whole which includes the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere & biosphere, then only can it be said to be beautiful.

Remarks

Ancient history provides us various glimpses of beauty, even when the life of the hunter-gatherers were not as big as the modern life.

The paintings at Lakhudiya & Bhimbetka caves, the terracotta figurines, the viharas & chaityas are all examples of beauty and denote the artistic & beautiful minds of our ancestors which were driven by imagination, even though the resources in their lives were limited.

Hence we learn from the ancestors that there is beauty in simplicity as well. No matter where we go, our roots remain the same. We learn to be beautiful based on our upbringing, our thoughts and ideas fostered by imagination.

Gandhi who is the 'Father of our nation' is an inspiring example of beauty, kindness, simplicity, empowerment accompanied by a simple life.

His use of 'charkha' emphasises that life should be

You  
can  
also  
substantiate  
this  
with  
tribal  
way of  
living.

Remarks

Sustainable enough to fulfill one's basic needs; the real aim of life should be, to be of help to any traveller that stops by your cottage.

'Sadharan jeewan, uchch vichar' is a value that has been passed on to us by our ancestors and now it is our duty to convey the same to the upcoming generation.

→ Put the English meaning in brackets  
as not all examinees would be well versed with Hindi

### OBSERVATIONAL REMARKS

(A)

#### GOOD POINTS

You have a very neat handwriting & fairly decent expression skills.

(B)

#### ADVICE

- focus on connectors & transition between ideas to make the ideas neatly knitted and cohesive.
- substantiate the views at all places to convey the ideas clearly.

(C)

#### VALUE-ADDITION

Remarks

- Give instances of people who died young but left an indelible mark
- Also add how big for some can also do with life span

## SECTION-B

Q2. Life without emotions is lifeless

According to Aristotle, 'emotions are all those feelings that so change men as to effect their judgements and that are also attended by pain or pleasure.'

The very first act of humans is the display of emotions, as 'crying' confirms the entry of a child into the world. Thus humans are by their very nature designed as emotional being. It is this special quality of the living that differs it from the non-living.

G.H Mead in his 'Theory of Self' reveals, 'emotions are the manifestation of the self'. He opined that it is due to the interplay of emotions that individuals interact, interpret and develop meanings in the world.

A child interacts via emotions, cries when it is hungry, laughs when it is happy. With time, child develops a self-consciousness based on the reflection of its emotions.

Thus emotions form the very life of an individual, community and society.

Remarks

This quote should be expanded and while writing the explanation link it to the topic theme by using topic keyterm.

Since emotion is the very essence of human behaviour, a life without emotions can be assumed to be lifeless. Emotions foster creativity in the form of art, architecture, literature. During the national struggle for independence, it was due to the emotions of nationalism that Rabindranath Tagore wrote 'Amar Sonar Bangla' and also the 'National Anthem' of independent India. Sufi saints developed 'Dawrani' as a form of worship to express one's emotions towards the almighty. It was due to emotions that Shah Jahan built the seventh wonder of the world, 'The Taj Mahal'. It is through emotions that human race has been progressing over time. Without emotions, life would be dull.

**After gaining the premise for the topic you can give an essay roadmap in a paragraph briefing the reader the various dimensions which you would cover in the essay.**

Emotions help in developing passion. Albert Einstein was an adept violin player at the Vienna University while studying maths and physics. Manjula Bhargava, who is India's foremost mathematician is also a tabla player. Despite their area of interest, their interest in musical instruments depict the need for humans to satisfy their emotions, which brings peace.

} Good.

**Remarks**

and after that you can start from the next paragraph, various dimensions of the topic.

Stephen Hawking, the renowned scientist, when developing the universal theory of universe took the help of many pop-artists and musicians. This shows that human emotions do contribute to the being of the society and universe as a whole.

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personality  
&  
the  
emotion  
linkage

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idea  
a little  
more  
give  
more  
reasoning

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argument  
in the  
paragraph

fact

touching  
the  
idea &

switching  
quickly

to the next

instance / example  
showcases / lack of  
depth in reasoning

ADVICE  
Too much  
of  
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can be  
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them to  
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It was the emotions of Gautam Buddha and Mahavira Jain towards the misery of women, the complexity of the rituals & the rigid caste system that led to develop new sects of Buddhism and Jainism out of Hinduism, which today stand as full-fledged religions.

The formation of Brahmo Samaj by Raja Ram Mohan Roy can also be attributed as a manifestations of his emotions against the miserable position of women. Time and again, emotions have helped individuals to rise up against injustice and to become the voice of the neglected. If only had Gandhi Ji not shown Had Gandhi Ji not shown. Gandhi Ji not showed emotions by standing for the Blacks in South Africa and did not practice Ahimsa as a counter to colonialism, we would remain under the shackles of colonialism for some more time to come.

Remarks

However in the modern capitalist society, competition for scarce resources is increasing. Individual are becoming self-centred. The very nature of humanity is being challenged as emotions take over reasoning. Society has become such that it appreciates only the winners and in a struggle to better the contemporaries individuals are becoming emotionless, because profit, success & prestige is all that matters. The ends are justifying the means.

For instance,

During the times of crisis, like the COVID-19 pandemic, though people have come forward to lend a helping hand, instances of emotionless people who only had the motive to convert crisis into opportunity have also been revealed. Black marketing of Remdesivir, oxygen tanks, production of counterfeit medicines are some examples. Such activities have been done by affluent businessman like 'Khan Chacha' restaurant chain. This denotes the degradation of morals in the modern society. Individuals are becoming emotion neutral, lacking empathy. If this continues, then the

Good.

Remarks

time is not very far when there would be no difference between humans & robots. Human with merely act as zombies with a heart of steel where only food for the soul is profit. The very speciality of humans would be lost and life would be meaningless & lifeless.

**Very  
creatively  
put  
idea.**

Bloomberg Report has pointed out that Singapore is the least emotional country. It also opined that authoritarian regimes are less emotional compared to liberal democracies. Where there is more freedom, people have greater chances to express themselves.

Singapore opined that it is the increasing competition, low work satisfaction and urban experience to cope up stress the natives prefer to remain emotion-neutral in a place where government provides 82% of the citizens accommodation in government built buildings.

'Our emotions are connected to our actions', says Aristotle. He says that emotions fellow beliefs but can also shape beliefs. Thus it is very necessary to inculcate the right belief in young children in family and schools. Students should be permitted to expand their horizon through self-imagination

**elaborate this.  
How is this  
emotional  
neutral  
Please  
expand a  
little to  
convey the  
ideas  
better.**

Remarks

A report in the USA has pointed out that Post Soviet countries are the largest consumers of alcohol and cigarettes and this indirectly makes them stoic.

Thus a healthy lifestyle based on co-operation & team work not only helps individual develop community values, but also helps them better express their emotions.

Further for a healthy life, focus on healthy environment is also needed. Greta Thunberg, a climate activist has raised her voice against climate change. Malala has raised her voice to encourage women to study. They are a source of inspiration only because they raised their voices against what they considered wrong. They had the courage to express their emotions.

Plato states that human behaviour is driven by knowledge, reason and emotion. He believes that emotions are uncontrollable & a direct contrast to reason. Plato presents his views in the form of 'Plato's Horses' of reason and emotion. He states that successful people are able to control the 'reason horse' better than the 'emotion horse'. Emotions are in the soul and are

Remarks

driven by reason, desire and appetite, he says, very often emotion contradicts reason. Religious fundamentalist who let their emotions empower them, often may lead to disastrous outcomes. A correct mix of emotions & reason is thus needed. Here itself introduce concepts of Emotional Intelligence &

'Emotions may lead to psychological conflict' emotion says Plato which is further confirmed by Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis which states, 'Unexpressed emotions will never die. They are buried alive and will come later in uglier ways.' A living example is the relation between India and Pakistan, the unexpressed emotions of partition are still leading to conflict. This conflict can also be solved by amicable addressal of emotions. Thus emotions can be found in every sphere of human relations, in every context.

### LINKAGE NEEDED

With the advancement of technology, Machine learning and Artificial Intelligence are replacing humans with smartphones, robots, tablets. Alexa & Siri may become the new normal for young children.

#### Remarks

ADVICE :- Each paragraph should not look disjointed & stand alone, but should be organically connected to previous & succeeding ideas.

Flow & coherence are a must in Essay

Thus the role of parents in nurturing values and emotions in the child has greatly increased, especially during the Lockdown period, where children are not able to socialise physically and the reliance on online learning has greatly increased. It must be kept in mind, that behind the gadget & machines, is the human brain and it's imagination & emotions.

ADVICE  
Too much of usage of gadgets especially to start a paragraph idea should be avoided.  
It can be used

'Life is 10% what happens to us & 90% how we react to it', says Lou Holtz. Several studies have confirmed that 90% of decisions made by human are based on emotions. It becomes very important that our emotions are channelised in the right direction, so that the right decisions are made. With an acumen based judgement administrators would be able to take better decisions. This would improve the governance, the fruits of which will percolate down to the society as well. This will also help in better judgement delivered by judiciary. A balance of logic and emotion is indispensable for effective governance.

Here you can add some example of Emotionally Intelligent Administrator

within the paragraph but avoid using it to start a paragraph.

Remarks

It is said that 'emotions will win over logic & that imagination will always win over reality,' and this is an functional prerequisite for societies to flourish. However 'emotions will balance logic & that imagination will drive reality' is the ideal type that has long-guided human discoveries & quest.

Human is a social animal and has a on emotions natural tendency to empathise. The artificial cover thus remains to be removed from the human mind, such that society as a whole can reap the fruits of its labour & exist peacefully.

'Sometimes I think my mind has emotions too;' one may say & to that I would only suggest that, 'Balance your opinions & emotions and be your own coach!'

Well concluded-