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ESSAY

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ESSAY 1 → 57

ESSAY MOCK TEST - 2

ESSAY 2 → 60

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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you have good writing skills.

Remarks

You write well. Expression is good
But your elaboration of idea needs
to be strengthened so that you explain
every facet of a given idea.

The different forms of quantitative
growth should be discussed with limits

(eg) social, political, international etc

(eg) majoritarianism, political clout on
the basis of numbers, international
stature due to forex reserves,
partnerships in blocs, foreign aid
given, defence spending etc.

→ After this the harms can be shown
Later the way forward should be
given with qualitative growth
suggestions

→ Also present solutions to each type of growth

→ Also discuss areas where scope of
growth exists.

Remarks

→ Under other selections apart from materialism is needed, Talk about circular economy, minimalism, spiritualism, collectivisation (against individualistic material growth)

In Essay 2,

→ Discuss the "harms" when one is not free (Enslavement)

→ Discuss the various ways in which people are not free, how are they chained?
You can discuss about the various social, personal, pol-eco barriers & chains

→ Also under harms discuss what happens when freedom comes for free, people lose respect & value for it.

SECTION - A

1. Symbolism exists to adorn and enrich, not to create an artificial sense of profundity.
2. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.
3. Insanity breeds insanity.
4. Freedom does not mean free for all and everything.

SECTION - B

1. The limits to growth have arrived, we need more of other things than material progress.
2. Political parties no more represent a set of values and principles, but just a platform for succeeding in the business of politics.
3. No woman can call herself free who does not control her own body.
4. Parents and teachers are the greatest change leaders.

The limits to growth have arrived, we need more of other things than material progress

EARTH IS MELTING, MORALS ARE MELTING!!!

The above newspaper headline came day after Good start

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published its assessment 6th report. It further reads as,

If emissions are not reduced below pre-industrial levels, ~~then~~ and if this reckless development continues; then the day is not far when this

Code Red Alert - can be stated -

earth will become degenerative & then no one can stop the end of this human race.

The above news came as a shock to many, while some were oblivious. However, its message was clear and loud - that limits to growth have arrived.

Now, before moving forward, we should know

What is Growth? - Growth is overall development that results in gains for everyone. The definition

has two key words i.e. overall development and not just material progress and second is for everyone and not just for few.

Now, let us talk about ^{what} ~~how~~ these two key ideas means. Growth does not just mean economic growth, it encompasses growth of all kinds like environmental growth, societal & moral growth. However, our excess focus on equating

growth with material progress has resulted in a rat race to development at the cost of others i.e. PARETO OPTIMALITY.

mention them

Remarks

- why has there been obsession with material progress discuss that
- what all activities point towards it

and then write the impact on development

This can be highlighted by OXFAM report, which provides that more than 90% of wealth is with 10% of people. Again highlighting the lopsided view of growth - i.e. for few and not for everyone. In this race to material progress, we have fallen the bearing Capacity of the earth.

Reckless cutting of trees, clearing of forests leads for economic growth, unsustainable ways of achieving growth like green house gas emissions; all have resulted in harming our environment. Global warming and climate change have become the most fundamental concerns of human race.

The EVIL QUARTET like habitat destruction, introduction of invasive species, hunting, illegal trade of wildlife have resulted in degenerative environment. With years Earth overshoot day has come closer; all due to focus on material progress, sidelining the Capacity of our environment.

add events from recent times to showcase the destruction being caused in the name of development and growth

Explain how through the years, it's been coming closer.

Remarks

How can we forget that - Earth has enough for everyone's needs but not for everyone's greeds.

During COVID-19, when world over lockdowns were imposed, factories were shut, offices closed; our earth was recovering. It was just a small virus that posed a threat to human lives; but helped our earth recover and regenerate.

how?
explain more.

Our lopsided focus on equating growth with just material progress has resulted in protectionist tendencies all over the world, where countries want to increase their growth rates, capture more resources like the recent Ukraine - Russia conflict and become the world power. They have resorted to Nation first policies; and this has resulted in declining crucial role of multilateral forms like United Nations.

what's the harm
add that

substantiate

Other corollary of this material progress is technological growth which was supposed to help humans and make human lives easier. But its misuse has hampred or defeated the purpose.

Remarks

Why this kind of growth has its limits what are the harms due to it, these ideas should be explained

for its inventions. like Cambridge Analytica scandal, Wanna cry malware, Cyber attack on critical nuclear facility - Kudankulam power plant. We have developed technology but forgot to control its misuse.

As was the case during 1960's when India moved towards self reliance in agriculture and shifted to Green revolution. There was sudden boom in the production of wheat grains, rice etc. but it was not what growth should look like. The excess use of fertilizer, water for irrigation has resulted in declining soil fertility and capacity to generate. The excess focus on certain areas like northern parts has resulted in unequal growth in eastern & southern parts of India. Even after 50 years of Green revolution the inequalities in growth can be observed.

Excess focus on uneven and unsustainable growth has again exclaimed that - LIMITS TO GROWTH HAVE ARRIVED. And we need to move from narrow focus of Growth to more wider & comprehensive scope of growth. ~~so that~~

Remarks

Now let us talk about what

Growth should look like? That is, what are other things needed beyond material progress? To say Growth should mean all round development i.e. mental, moral, physical and societal growth. Our focus should not be just on material wellbeing but also on social and moral wellbeing.

Let us first talk about mental wellbeing

Excessive focus on economic well being has resulted in imbalance in work-life and created mental health issues in individuals. More than 17% of mortalities are result of mental health issues - WHO report.

We need to focus on mental growth, mental peace and stability. Without peace of mind even achieving economic growth would be difficult.

Government's initiatives like Manodarpan portal, Kiran helpline number are a great steps in this regard. Mental health is an asset and an important part of comprehensive growth.

Remarks

also add how moving away from excessive materialistic & consumerist behavior will help ensure mental peace

The ^{other} most important aspect of Growth is ethical and moral Growth of an individual.

Declining ethics and morals in society due to individualism, materialism and consumerism has

resulted in increasing crimes, radicalisation, communal

disharmony. ~~And~~ Declining educational qualities and inequalities in access to education has resulted in unethical growth.

The need is value and moral education

There is a need to focus on Character Building of an individual - as character is the highest virtue ('शीलं परमं सुखम्'). This can be done through

value sensitisation and bringing changes in the school and universities curriculum. Imbibing ideals

of honesty, integrity, selflessness can ensure not just ethical growth of an individual but also growth

to be ethical by reducing disparities, gender inequality, differences between haves & have-nots.

showcase
the
linkage

Remarks

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The another important aspect is physical growth. The inequalities and disparities in access to quality health care services has impinged upon healthy growth of an individual. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the problems of grossly inadequate health care infrastructure and services. There is a need to focus on healthy development of individual by reducing blockages in access to health care, developing & strengthening primary health care & bringing changes in lifestyle - by moving from unsustainable & unhealthy life style to a balanced one.

Human by nature is a social animal as propounded by various Neoclassical thinkers like Elton Mayo. However in this rat race to material progress, humans have left the soul of their existence - attachment, relationships and love & respect behind. The man has become economic animal. There is a need to focus on building & growing this aspect of individual. Building relationships with family, friends, society can ensure contentment and satisfaction & bring human happiness → other aspect to growth.

Remarks

Focussing on aspects of growth beyond material progress will ensure peace and stability in homes & when there is peace in homes, there will be peace @ nations and this will ensure order in world and unite world as one happy family on principles of Vasudhev Kutumbkam.

Focus on environmental growth can ensure mutual coexistence and peaceful cohabitation of humans and environment. This can highlight the concept of enlightened anthropocentrism i.e. humans being responsible to environment. For this we need to focus on PANCHAMRIT PRINCIPLES to bring sustainable growth.

Focus on Societal growth can ensure Sarodaya i.e. welfare of all, and Antodaya welfare of the weakest. This can be helpful in fulfilling Sabka Sath and Sabka Vikaas through Sabka Prayas.

what should be done to eliminate the harm done by materialism
what kind of what would entail?
How has it been hampered?

Growth has to be equal and united. We need to focus on overall development and not just material progress. Economic development or growth should be replaced by sustainable growth and regenerative growth. Redistribute Justice by Aristotle can ensure equity in growth. because Commerce without morality is sin.

Our Growth Indicators should not just focus on economic growth like Gross domestic product but other aspects also to make growth more comprehensive and to reiterate to human kind that limits to growth have arrived. We can focus on Gross happiness Index, Green Index to measure other aspects of Growth.

Development and Growth without morality is like a car without steering - you don't know where it can lead you to. **Good!**

what are the limitations of it - why does it not capture real essence of growth. discuss it

Freedom doesn't mean free for all and everything

The country wakes up to a horrific news of gang rape of a vet in Hyderabad. The girl was burnt to death.

Another news, where the persons accused were encountered without court justice. and Rule of Law was not upheld by the ones who were supposed to protect it.

The above two incidences highlights what freedom has become in recent times. Freedom, as guaranteed by Fundamental rights of citizens has been misused by citizens themselves. This highlights the importance of the statement that "freedom doesn't mean free for all and everything"

What is freedom? freedom means having opportunities to ensure development of individuals to their full potential. freedom is not just in

Remarks

big things like freedom to work but also encompasses small freedoms like freedom to enjoy food which one likes, freedom to be happy or sad. It means independence from restrictions, bondages, factors that limit one's potential.

However, this freedom doesn't mean freedom to do anything one likes without reasonable restrictions.

Reasonable restrictions are placed to ensure there is no abuse of freedom. We gained freedom from clutches

of Colonialism. Colonialism of Indian Colonies by Britishers resulted in abuse of the freedom by Britishers to exploit our country and country men. This freedom of Britishers hampred our industrial growth, economic exploitation as propounded by Drain theory and Social unrest in our country.

This explains that freedom doesn't mean free for all and everything. Now let us talk about how freedom does not mean free for all and what consequences prevail when freedom becomes freedom from everything.

Remarks

Why is freedom valued?

Free for all doesn't mean freedom to get everything for free. Like freedom to earn doesn't mean freedom to pay taxes or evade taxes. It doesn't mean economic exploitation of others by paying less salaries or extortions. This will result in endangering of rights of citizens as guaranteed by Constitution under articles 15 & 16.

In the recent times in society, there has been increase in the intensity and frequency of crimes. Rape, murder, robbery, mob lynching have become so common. Like the case discussed above in Hyderabad. The horrific nature of crimes if left unchecked can result in chaos in society. Freedom from Rule of law and punishment will hamper justice delivery. But that also should mean that for delivering justice procedures are bypassed. As in the case encounter of accused resulted in compromising the process of justice and (Principles of natural justice).

Remarks

You can firstly discuss the various kinds of freedom and then its importance. why is it essential

for an individual discuss that. Then you can talk about the various restrictions on it.

freedom has to ensure balance and protection of rights of everyone. Freedom does not mean power to discriminate against others. Human dignity is the essence of freedom. Like we have witnessed in cases like Black lives matter, Ahwal mob lynching case, Honour killings. All these are examples of how freedom of some was exploited at the freedom of others.

Explain in detail

Similarly, in a male dominated society where male superiority is an accepted norm, freedom of women becomes limited. They are not free to choose ~~their~~ or take their own decisions ~~as~~ right from birth to death. This benevolent ~~sexism~~ results in subjugation of women's rights. This freedom perception by males as the ultimate decision maker results in curbing freedom of females as independent gender. Results of this are low female literacy, child marriages, low labour force participation of females, unwanted pregnancies as they have no reproductive freedoms. Freedom can not be lopsided which just favours one gender and endangers others.

Remarks

In the rational & modern society of today there is an implied freedom of speech and expression i.e. to express one's views fully and without fear. This freedom was meant to protect the individuals rights to expression and curb anarchy. However, we have seen that there are rising cases of hate speeches, defamation cases, etc. Recent case where fake facebook post created communal violence in Meghalaya explains that freedom doesn't mean free for all & everything. The Freedom has to be balanced between freedom of speech and freedom to ^{rights of} protection.

Free ~~from~~ all and everything doesn't give rights to individuals to violate rights of others. Freedom from values will result in unethical acts and moral degradation of society. There will be Conflicts, Communal disharmony, irresponsibility behaviour by individuals. Absence of values of integrity, honesty, selflessness and tolerance

Remarks

Can result in corruption, dereliction of duties, demoralisation in society. Values & ethics ensure people respect and strive to fulfill their duties. Duties can not be compromised if rights of individuals are to be protected. An individual as part of society has duty towards self, family, nation and this earth.

The freedom to derelict these duties will result in unsustainable and unethical behaviour. Individuals will indulge in bad practices and social order of the society will be threatened.

Likewise, Freedom doesn't mean only rights but also duties. And these duties are not only of individuals, but also of businesses, governments. If Business organisations are given freedom from duty towards society then it will hamper the development of society and will threaten Trusteeship principle where businesses doesn't own resources rather just act as trustees of society. Corporate social responsibility is taken as a reasonable restriction to ensure freedom from duties doesn't pervade business work culture.

what
after
restriction
are
there
on
them
so
that
they

don't violate the
freedom of other
stake holders, consumers, partners,

Law is the ultimate guardian of rights of individuals. It protects rights by enforcing duties. If there is no law or law doesn't ~~punish~~ the culprits or establishes order in the society - chaos will prevail.

Freedom from law will mean freedom to do anything, freedom to exploitation. If freedom from law translates into reality it will result in misuse of power by few to control many. Business might engage in exploitative practices like degradation of environment, global warming through excessive green house gas emissions. For example Vizag Gas leak in CO polymers, Volkswagen Scandals of not following environmental norms are result of violation of law.

This violation of law resulted in curbing freedom of citizens towards right to environment and right to health. Duties and laws are enforced through Constitution. Constitution is the guarantor of freedom to individuals. However freedom from Constitutionalism can crumple

Remarks

Individualism + Social Control

the structures of democracy and ethos of democratic institutions. Government is bound by Constitutional principles or else political parties may engage in abuse or misuse of money and muscle power. Authoritarianism might prevail and ideals of liberty & equality will be endangered. Anarchism will destroy ethos of democracy

There are certain principles that bind the international communities that we call ethics in international relations. However, recently it ^{has} been seen that some countries try to go beyond these ethics by harming the sovereignty of other countries. Like Nine dash line by China in South China sea has hampered freedom of navigation & freedom to sovereign water rights in exclusive economic zones by other countries. To preserve freedom of one at the cost of other's ^{freedom} results in inequity and inequalities.

However, excess curtail on freedom can harm individual liberty. It can threaten innovation & creativity. Recent bars on films, content on OTT platforms, arresting of journalists ~~hampers~~ the fundamental

essentials of democracy i.e. Debates and Dissent.
 The cases of infringing upon individuals' privacy, tapping of phone calls, Internet shutdown as seen in Jammu & Kashmir have affected the progression of society as a free society.

Media is regarded as 4th pillar of democracy, however due to excess on freedom of speech, dissent being taken as sedition, - arresting of democracy has started. As was seen in takeover of Afghanistan by Taliban. There was restriction on citizens' rights, like women not allowed to study, right to choice, work etc. Curtailing freedom beyond reasonability will result in control of many by few. The principles of equality and justice will come under threat.

Then, what should freedom look like?
 After understanding how freedom from certain essentials of ethics and constitution, liberty of others can be arrested and crumple democracy. There is a need to understand what should freedom mean.

Remarks

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Freedom should ensure people respect rights of others. Business respects rights of society and environment. Everyone fulfills their duty as an aware and enlightened citizen. Ideals of liberty, equality and justice form part of social functioning. Respecting privacy and right to human dignity are essentials.

Freedom should encompass - freedom to develop fully to one's potential without harming prospects of others. Freedom to religion will ensure religiosity doesn't threaten Communal harmony. The authoritarian tendencies of States can be limited by giving autonomy and devolution of powers to grass roots democratic institutions.

How can this be ensured? It can be done by value sensitisation and moral education. Ethics should guide actions and decisions of individuals. They should be governed by Three Jewels of Jainism - Right Knowledge, Right

Remarks

Conduct and Right faith. There is a need to balance individual interest and public interest through Character building. There should be punishment for violation but focus should be on reformation and transformation.

What will this ensure? This will lead to peace and stability in society. Humanism and moralism will be upheld. Human dignity will be protected. There will be Contentment & happiness as freedom of everyone is respected & guarded. For this will result in ^{bridging} trust deficit among individuals & individuals & Government. Freedom for all does not mean free for all and everything - It should be guided by reasonability, Constitutionalism & ethicalism.

Freedom if left unguarded is like knife all blades - It cuts the hands that uses it."

well concluded.

Remarks