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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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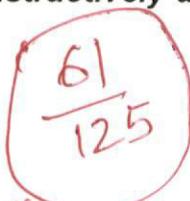
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Excellent!

Clarity, understanding, analysis and interpretation, everything revolves around and connects well with the central idea of the given topic. Has done justice keep it up! could support more with established wisdom for punch, but it should not be compulsory.



V. good!

A little lopsided!

The "death of Love" — meaning, causes and consequences has been dealt inadequately. However, on "critical thinking" you have done

1. Invigilator Signature

pretty well.

2. Invigilator Signature _____

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SECTION - A

1. *The greatest art of life is how to remain perpetually inspired and motivated.*
2. *Life should always be at the top of our agenda, not just success.*
3. *A man with outward courage dares to die; a man with inner courage dares to live.*
4. *To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.*

SECTION - B

1. *The truth - a beautiful and terrible thing, and should therefore be treated with great caution.*
2. *Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes; instead of resisting them, flow with them.*
3. *The biggest accident of life - death of love, hope and critical thinking.*
4. *Enduring suffering proves you are still a man; pain is part of being human.*

SECTION-A:

LIFE SHOULD ALWAYS BE AT THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA,
NOT JUST SUCCESS

"The monk who sold Ferrari" demonstrated that life is not only about success in terms of prestige, wealth, materialistic life or status, life is a cardinal concept of nature where it is not only about to breathe or survive, rather it's more oriented towards inner-peace, need satisfaction, balance between self interest and collective interest, individual and society, and seeking truth, happiness, wisdom in life, as also talked by Aristotle.

*Precise
into,
to the point!*

Mahatma Gandhi's life in itself is a message to world that life is not only about achieving "Ends", but it's more about following right path to achieve success, means syncretised with ends. Even if we don't become successful in the task we are performing, we should never let any circumstance to compromise our Life Ethic, based on truth, Ahimsa, Integrity, honesty,

Very good

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morality and ethical standards.

However, today this is not the case. Individual and society is under Rat-Race where life itself has been reduced to mere means to achieve End of success.

Society has developed standards to scrutinise and judge individual in terms of economic capital, prestige & status in society and power one holds to influence others.

A child (infant stage) begins facing this race for success as parents try to make child walk earlier than his physical required development. As he grows up, he is judged on the basis of marks allotted in exam, rank in exam. Even in social relationships, success of an individual is judged if one has marital bond, a divorcee is still stigmatised on the other hand.

In political domain, winning election at the cost of constitutional ethos shows life is orienting towards merely success,

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Companies exploiting natural resources, labour of human, following illicit and unethical practices for maximisation of profit and commercial gain has put life below any agenda in life.

This has led to crisis among individual as she has lost her inner peace, unable to take decisions with prudence, dwindling social relationships, unable to balance family and professional bonds and society is moving towards consumerism, materialism, poor social cohesiveness, weak social fabric and mental health issues like anxiety, tension, depression

Excellent!
Hits the
Central
idea.

keeping life at top of our agenda is essential and holds significance in multiple ways. It gives inner peace, mental satisfaction in what we do and improves productivity at work or any task which ultimately takes us to success as well.

In a hyper modern world where overemphasis on success and material well-being has led to orientation towards consumerism and show-off, keeping life at top would ensure SIMPLICITY. In our behaviour, actions and choices, it is rightly said that "simplicity is the ultimate form of sophistication". Gandhi's life shows how with simple living, we can have a successful life, as we focus on needs of not only ours but also of society, discarding greediness which is the major source of unethical behaviour.

Even Buddha said that cause of suffering is "desire", which today's society has dubbed as "success". Putting life on top would relieve us from desire and also from ~~our~~ sufferings.

In political life, democracy, constitutional ethos, and ethical governance can be ensured if we give up only focus on winning election and emphasize more on people's participation, fulfilling their aspirations and

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practice politics with principles.

Even our interpersonal relationships with family, friends, peers, colleagues would be much more cordial, cooperative and thriving if we are able to take out time for social interactions out of our sole devotion to the task in which we want to excel.

Man is a social animal with both individual being and social being. One needs not to dominate others and balance between both is required. Individual being tries to dominate in nature and while doing this, it infringes on rights of others. Case of companies not treating sewage before discharge impacts environment and people at large. One over the other would only bring down both. So for individual and collective interest, life ethics is necessary, and not only success.

For every individual, life means different and it varies from culture to culture, time to time. For Indian society, it is oriented towards collectivism, spiritualism,

Moksha (liberation from cycle of birth and death)
 Four purusharthas (Dharma, artha, kama, Moksha)
 and 4- ardhastha ashram.

A very good perspective on goals of life in different cultural contexts

For western society, life is more about materialism, consumerism, individualism, moral realism.

There may be any different understanding of life but there are cardinal principles, values, aim attached to life which must be kept at top of our life-agenda, irrespective of our social background, economic standing or physical capabilities.

Excellent summative idea!

knowledge with character, pleasure with conscience, wealth via work, politics with principles, religion with sacrifice, commerce with morality and science with & for humanity, these are the life agendas which would ensure not only success to individual but also benefits society and country at large.

Life should be continuous journey seeking truth. It may be happiness, wisdom, prudence, meeting God or devoting life to others as done by Mother Teresa.

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Swami Vivekananda talked about Dandga-Nadaya i.e. service to poor is service to God. Gandhi talked about sauddaya- upliftment of all, constitution mentions justice, liberty, equality, fateernity. Such values guide human behaviour not only towards success but also build a ethical society where every individual progresses.

Success in life is important

as without any goal, individual would be demotivated to act, feel directionless, and would be stagnant. However, this goal of success should not become only goal in life.

This should be made only a part of life where more emphasis should be on life ethics

and taking people with you by holding their hands, even at the cost of your own success.

concept of sustainable development shows how success in this life in terms of exploiting resources should not compromise success of future generations. Therefore, our life choices and actions do not only determine our success but have wider

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impact on future generations as well.

An individual gets life from nature and it's not under our control. However, we should ensure that the life we get from nature as a gift proves to be a gift to humanity. Where only living a life is not aim, rather simplicity, critical thinking, social bonding, collective progress, acting based on ethical standards and also success in our life, all become part of this life long journey.

Excellent!

This attainment of understanding led the monk to sold his ^{his} ~~fees~~ because he realised that life should be at the top of our agenda - not just success.

Following the path showed by Mahaveer Jain - "Tiratna" - Right knowledge (of life), Right faith (in truth) and Right conduct (Life ethics)

would keep us in realising that life is a gift of nature and we can make and contribute this gift to humanity, which would also ensure

success of human kind.

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Section-B

The Biggest Accident of Life - death of Love, Hope and critical Thinking

Nature has given life to both human and animal. But what separates human from animal is human's ability to think, feel, act as per call of conscience, emotions, questions aspects of nature and even challenges it. Man is a social, political and ethical animal.

When an individual loses ability to love, feel, faith question then he is retarded into animal's existence and merely survives, but loses

principle of "to live"
"death of hope" - should get some place at the intro level discussion
A key word In today's society, with growing

individualism, self centrality, personal needs- satisfaction, selfishness, narcissist tendencies,

life has lost much awe of Love. Marital break-

down, tension in personal relations, disharmony

in society, riots, hatred, prejudices shows

how human is unable to love others as well as himself.

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People are facing mental health issues, alienation, disenchantment, lost, anxiety, tension, hopeless depression as they have lost much hope in self, others, life and even faith, which is proving disastrous for life.

✓ yes! These are symptoms and consequences of death of hope!

Ability to question is eroding in society as people are blindly accepting any thing, orally heard or reading on unauthenticated sources. Social evils like dowry, honour killing, sex selective abortions, child marriage, hatred led assaults, riots persist as human is not critically thinking over these issues.

Rene Descartes remarked - "I think therefore I am" is relevant in this context of man. He has lost ability to critically think, his life has merely become an existence like animal with stagnation in life as well as society.

However, this is not absolutely true. Existence of practices like social service, charity, donations, COVID warriors, child rights volunteers, NGOs working for uplifting weaker sections, government aiming for social justice, arrival of Love Marriage, Live In Relationships,

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erosion of Victorian values shows that Love and Hope has not died out.

Parliamentary debates, scientific discoveries, Reforms like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Vivekananda, Ambedkar, philosophers like Aristotle, Plato, Machiavelli, Rousseau are classic examples that critical thinking has not died in life and society.

However, we need to examine this issue in the light of present context where collectivism is being replaced by individualism. This rise in crimes against women, SC, ST [NCAB Report 2021], increase in divorce rate, rate learning in schools and mental health issues faced by individuals at large. This shows that there has been EROSION of values like Love, Hope and Inquisitiveness which is not good for both individual and society at large. This is happening due to multiple reasons and changes occurring in society due to Modernity and Post Modernity with varied impacts.

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Things like
that --

- (i) cracks in value system
- (ii) weakening of institutions
- (iii) cut throat competition and lack of level playing field

↳ only evolutionary
process responsible
for death of hope?
What are the factors
other than that which
erode hope?

In the era of globalisation, emphasis has been largely on consumerism, materialism, individualism which has weaken interactions between and within families, neighbours and made relations more ~~for~~ impersonal, formal, purpose oriented. Even concept like ~~good~~ convenience marriage has posed challenge to marital bondings, which ultimately impacts socialisation of child.

Due to rat race of earning, parents unable to give time to child, and at this stage, child imbibes, observe and develops more ~~of~~ values where loving self and others is the least among life agenda.

Throughout life long journey, in the state of nature, man tries to dominate over nature as well as others, which weakens social bonding and hurts, exploit environment.

Present education system based on rote-learning, not questioning teachers and elders [even if they are wrong], emphasising on marks and ranks via ready made material in market has impacts individual's ability

A good and relevant point!

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of critically thinking.

without this ability of challenging anything, society becomes stagnant and this depicts in social and political spheres of life. voters do not question their representatives about their manifesto, means to achieve development, instead they choose incompetent candidates due to caste, religion, ethnic identity. This overall impacts progressive legislations and welfare policies, which today is the cause of trickle down theory and government's inability to eradicate poverty, rising inequalities [at farm] and prevailing of customary morality in society.

NOT articulated well

a very good point

Individual while choosing, behaving, acting on any subject-object, needs wisdom, prudence which comes from thinking analytically. ~~commits~~ crimes would come down, and no more fundamentalism, radicalization, terrorism, hate-crimes, riots, discrimination would happen if people start to critically

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think.

Death of Love and critical thinking ultimately leads to death of hope in life. Hope can make any crisis look shallow but it only comes when we are able to think solution, understand situation.

Indian National Movement

is an example which shows people had love towards nation, hope from National leaders, and headed were able to critically think way out of defeating mighty British empire.

Today, in the era of hyper modernity, many aspects like ethical and moral values - compassion, non-violence, tolerance, empathy, forgiveness, justice, fairness in conduct, gratitude, humbleness and ability of questioning, brain storming before acting, have ended and has led to Erosion in Love, hope and critically thinking. These 3 together, we can say that are Biggest assets of human life and human race. Loosing them would mean preparing the beginning of end of human kind.

Modernity is a complex concept, however, modernisation should not be seen as the main cause of death of hope and critical thinking. Just think!

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Promoting them is the need of the hour, among every individual because losing them in one's life would mean like a termite infecting entire tree.

Human life begins with birth and what makes a human life worth living are the ethical and moral values of which inculcation begins at home. To build a strong and ethical culture and civilization, moral principles like love, tolerance, patience, Ahimsa, truthfulness needs to be inculcated in a child's mind. Parents should encourage child to question, think, have inquisitiveness so that any action is consciously driven and not merely following social norms. Even if the law is against human rights, one should have ability to challenge it but only through constitutional channels like Judiciary and not by violent means or illegal ways.

Education system involving primary to higher levels should encourage and build a character with knowledge. Inter cultural events, sharing lunch box,

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sports tournaments are few means to learn and develop Loving - caring - sharing social bond in formal situations.

An individual can learn from lives of parents, friends, peer groups, philosophers, reformers, leaders, ~~that~~ history that only love, hope and critical thinking would make him a real human being who not merely exists, but who hand holds others, spread these values, can become example for others and make the real meaning out of being humane. It is our choice whether to exist as animals or live and adore the gift of nature i.e. human life based on emotions, feelings, ability to think & hope challenges of life.

*Role models
and
other agents*

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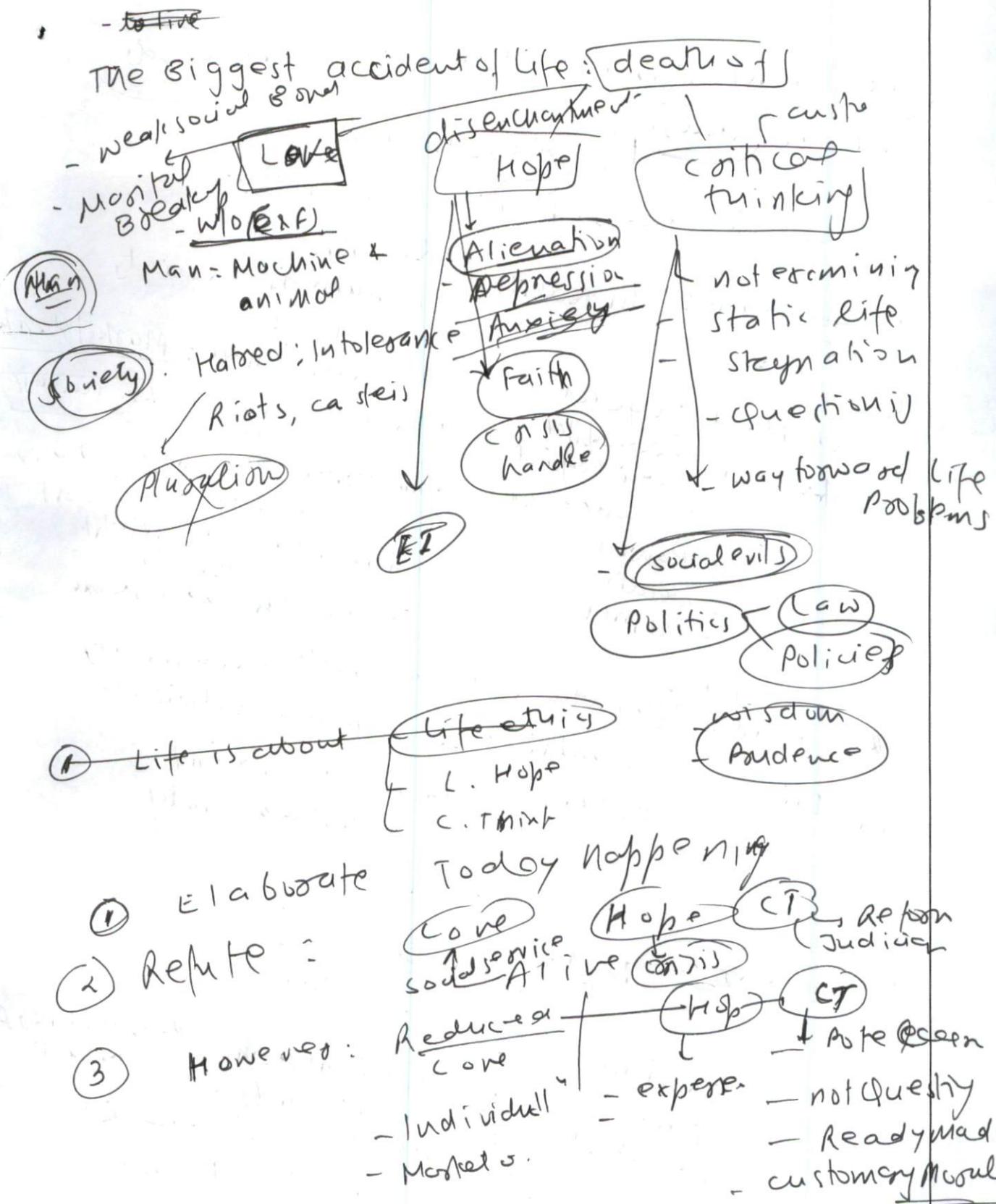
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Life should always be at the top of our agenda.

not just success

End oriented

Life + success

not just life

① ~~Ethics~~ = In reality

~~Refute~~

Individual judged on
the basis of
- eco. capital
- social capital
- cultural capital
- power
- wealth
- prestige

Rat Race
consumerist society

show off
school college - Marks/Rankings

child : early walk: success

Policy = win election { at any
cost
house or car cost

commercial max profit
capital

job → max salary income

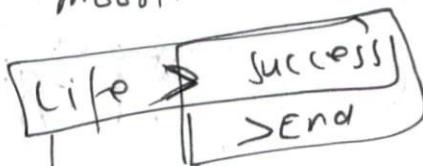
② ~~Ethics~~
Refute:

- Life ethics



reduces for you "simplifying"
: Life & Action: End in itself
| Life Mean > End
| Action > Indef

Mosch



③ However impn.

- simplif.

- truth

- happiness

④ why? : reasons

⑤ may not happen

⑥ How? : means End

perso. lenses per
satisfy

means End

but not

⑥ success is equally impn
at cost of Life

Remarks