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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.

Essay 1 76  
125

Strengths  
 Knowledge and info  
 understanding

Weakness  
 Presentation is not ~~not~~  
 compact, coherent,  
 analytical and  
 signposted.

(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).

*My* Need more practice. Ideas are scattered; lack signposting.

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Essay 2 57/125

Your write-up has content, but it lacks connect and coherence. The flashes of connect come on and off. you

1. Invigilator Signature *gmr* need to sign post better i.e

2. Invigilator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# Remarks

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## SECTION - A

1. A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving.
2. To live is the rarest thing in the world, most people exist.
3. Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet; only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened.
4. Peace has to do with our mindsets, not with outside circumstances.

## SECTION - B

1. The law cannot protect anyone unless it binds everyone; and it cannot bind anyone unless it protects everyone.
2. Information is the oil of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and analytics is the combustion engine.
3. The Internet and privacy are antithesis of each other.
4. In the prism of faith, every crisis looks shallow.

1) A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving

When British Imperial forces colonised India, little did India know that how colonial forces would devastate India's economy, exploit its people, subjugate culture, suppress the voices of people. India did not know how, when, where it should travel to with no fixed plans. In a deeply divided society based on caste, religion, ethnicity, leaders emerged like Gandhi, Nehru, Naoroji who showed India a path to travel to.

National leaders did not fix a plan how to 'drag out colonial power, rather their plan continuously evolved, first moderate ways i.e. action within 4-walls of law, second came Extremist means, and then came Mass Movement. from calling for basic political Rights, India's plans evolved to 'swaraj', then 'Purna Swaraj' and in the end came plan of 'Quit India'.

With this successful movement, India arrived to the point of Independence. But the journey was not over yet,

with vast population ridden by poverty, hunger, illiteracy, communal flares, casteism, stagnation, India had multiple challenges ranging from

National integration, food security, development and strengthening social fabric. By 1970s, India achieved food security, steady growth,

but then what? Did India as a traveller arrived to its destination?

Case of India's journey demonstrates that

a good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving, as in this case,

India has to travel a long path towards inclusive development,

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int to!  
The  
central  
theme  
comes  
out.

social justice, welfare, equality, preserving India's unity and integrity, and administration. is continuously striving to achieve these goals with changes ~~being~~ in ~~plans~~ <sup>means</sup> being a continuous process, and plans are being evolved

*Need to highlight various aspects of this issue of a good traveller, his plans, his destination and how and why he does not intend to arrive and would traveller continue to move.*

*Need to highlight various aspects of life, emerging challenges and many new things coming as helping and impeding; so fixed plans seem to be impossible.*

Before that we will analyse who is a traveler, and what parameters determine if he is good or bad.

Traveler can be a human, society, country or this whole world. We <sup>can</sup> call them a traveler because they are not static entities, rather they have been evolving since human civilization first come into being.

A human when borned, does not have consciousness. As an infant, he learns symbols, visuals around him, through parents, family, a process we call socialization. This process is a life long

*Then what is the role of planning? What if planning fails? And what if destination reached? Is it full and final?*

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journey. When this human develops his own independent self, consciousness, understanding of social world around him, he becomes a traveler as from now on, he would strive towards his goals, purpose of life, enlightenment. In this process, his plans continuously evolve and with achievement, he moves towards next goal.

As Karl Marx (Das Kapital) talks about this, as he calls man a perpetually dissatisfied animal that with one need completed, his being creates new needs and he further strives for new one.

If a traveler is good or bad, this is tough to determine. However, society has evolved ethical standards which scrutinizes human character and conduct, distinguishes between right and wrong and ultimately aims for "Summum Bonum" i.e. Chief good for all. From

This aspect, a good traveller is one who can stand on these ethical standards like truthfulness, justice, non-discriminatory, peace loving, non-violent, compassionate, tolerant, empathetic towards others.

Immanuel Kant says that human action should be end in itself and Right means must be followed.

Those who adheres to Right means, are good traveller as per him.

Having discussed this, let us examine, why a traveller needs a plan, or does he not need plan at all? or should it be fixed or dynamic.

A plan in life is vital for moving in a particular direction, setting deadlines for your tasks, for motivation, for preventing traveler from getting distracted and help him focus towards his goal.

However, given evolving nature of human, society and nature, we have learnt to adapt to changes and with changes in social situation we must change our plans.

e.g.: Police while maintaining order against peaceful protesters do not plan to be aggressive but if peace turns into violent mob, then police needs to change its plan and resort to forceful tactics to contain violence and arrive at peaceful law & order.

Here you are! very good!

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A UPSC aspirant who intends to clear exam, when faces failure, he ~~changes~~ his plans and evolve new plans and cracks the exam. This shows how we can't have fixed plans and life throws different scenarios to us and we need to respond according to that particular situation.

But what would happen if we fix plans? We may face stagnation in life, as evolution is a natural law and we are bound to adapt to changes according to situation

e.g. If an athlete is unable to win in sports because he is using some diet plan, workout routine or mindset, then he would stagnate at one point forever. Only when he changes his plan of exercise, his mindset towards winning and work more hard, he may achieve a victory.

V-good.  
Relevant points!

Having discussed about nature of plans of a traveler, let us examine what are his plans, and where he is heading to?

Different humans have different perspectives based on socialisation he is going through, his culture, social world around him, friends, political setup etc.

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For Socrates, man must have critical thinking, spirit of questioning and that's how life becomes worthy and man gets to know his existence.

For Aristotle, man seeks happiness and wisdom is the highest level of happiness.

For Gandhi, man's plan is to seek Truth i.e. God - ultimate truth.

For Constitution, plan is to achieve Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Socialism, secularism, true democracy.

Therefore man has different plans and he is heading towards salvation, enlightenment, happiness, self gratification, peace and

harmonious coexistence.

However these plans evolve, gets modified according to changing needs of man, but

certain plans mentioned above are fixed in the sense that these are Basic

and universal needs of human for his true self development

e.g: without Liberty, equality, a man has no dignity and only powerful will rule through absolutism, thus dehumanising the man.

V. good!  
could connect these points better with the central idea

This is the core

V. good

Plans like Social Justice, Sarvodaya, Antyodaya, egalitarian society, service to mankind, harmonious coexistence, liberty, equality, Swaraj or Su-raaj, Constitutional Morality, ethical established standards are certain plans which are fixed. Only thing we need to do is that improve their underlying meaning and keep on moving towards these goals.

But the question comes in mind is that what if a traveled intents to arrive and not moving ahead. If this happens, then the very existence of human life will come into question and will question the evolutionary nature of life.

From Harappan, Mesopotamian civilizations, we have passed through dark ages, enlightenment period, Industrial Revolution, colonisation - decolonisation and in 21<sup>st</sup> century trying to bring Reforms in Society and the way we live, exist, and die. Scientific Community first concluded that earth is in center and sun is revolving around i.e. Geocentric theory (Galileo).

Later, we arrived at Helio centric theory;  
 quest for change is innate in human.

3- Laws of motion, Relativity theories, and God's  
particle, scientific community teaches us that  
 we can't arrive at any one destination because  
 where we have arrived, it is just a new  
starting point for human race. And we need  
 to keep striving to seek answers of our  
existence of life.

In ancient Greece and Rome, democracy first  
 came into being with Republics. But it  
 was different for different sections of society,  
 some ruled, some became slaves.

Little did man know, at that point of time,  
 that it was not an end, rather, it was  
 a beginning towards assertion of Rights of  
 man for his self worth, dignity, respect, very  
 existence of human life free of chains.

And today we have arrived to concept of  
Good Governance where citizens are the  
master and government is the servant.

But we have not reached to our destination  
 because wherever we will reach to, we will

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have a new direction, new plans, new goals, new destinations, and travel for life long journey is inevitable, because that's why we exist, we live. If we stop at one destination, our existence will wipe out.

Moving forward is life giving  
stagnation is death

We can examine the given statement from different dimensions of a good traveler, moving with no fixed plans and not intent to arrive with respect to society, country, and world also, as we have discussed it with human already.

Indian society during medieval ~~ages~~ times were facing many social evils like sati, purdah, women's subjugation, casteism, untouchability, widow's miseries. At that time, society stopped at a stagnant point and this led to human rights violation of women and dalits. Then came out ~~lead~~ reformers like Ram Mohan Roy, vidyasagar, vivekanand, etc who showed society its new destination of egalitarian society and provided new plans.  
e.g. RM Roy used colonial powers to eradicate Sati system via colonial laws (1829).

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Vivekananda preached idea of Neo vedanta and merging point of west and east.

This gave society a new direction, new destination that later Indian Constitution and Rule of Law established egalitarian social setup where Articles 17, 19, 21 came out as new plans.

Today Supreme Courts ensures that these provisions don't remain static and keeps on interpreting it and making Constitution a LIVING document.

Therefore we can say that even by enacting Constitution, Indian society has not arrived at one point, rather constitution, itself evolving, also bringing social transformation in society e.g. new rights like privacy; recognition of 3rd ~~sex~~ gender (LGBTQIA+) or abolition of triple taluq (gender justice).

a single unit in this world community and what affects individual also affects the world and vice versa

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Problems like climate change, terrorism, Arms race, nuclear proliferation, civil wars, threat of world war-3 are questioning existence of world community and its morality.

A good traveler is not only who walks towards his goal, but also who holds hands of others who are unable to walk on their journey.

North and global south cast doubt on world as a good traveler because as Nehru said "opposite of coexistence is co-destruction"

and all good travelers of the world (referring to national leaders around the globe) need to arrive at this consensus of peaceful coexistence, only then we can travel to next destination of inclusive co-development

and further improve, evolve, and aspire for new goals, new destinations, new world order where all travelers are able to move ahead. ~~inter~~ with progressive plans and destination of peace, prosperity and development.

Coming back to our opening story of India as a good traveler, we can conclude that India's plans will keep evolving based on its National interest and security, based on ~~the~~ aspirations of people, Constitutional ethos, values and goals. And India is not ~~destination~~ intending to stop at one fixed destination, rather India as a nation will keep moving ahead, taking along with its people (all sections of society) towards path of Inclusive development and also other countries would follow path of India so that human race not only survives the global challenges but also ~~come~~ rise above all the ills and keep striving for "Best for all"

Summum Bonum i.e. chief good of all

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## Section - B

4). In the prism of faith, every crisis looks shallow.

Shah Bano, a married woman, fed up with personal and domestic issues, finally decided to take divorce from her husband. After divorce, she did not get equal entitlement as given to Hindu women under Hindu Marriage Act. Struggling with her own life's issues, she approached judiciary, in which she had faith along with Constitution. Facing such crisis, Court came out with a landmark judgement and provided her equal entitlement as given to Hindu women. Thus with her faith in Constitution and judiciary, she came out of crisis.

However, Muslim community representatives approached government with their faith in Religious values and Article 26 of Constitution to manage Religious affair freedom. Parliament amended the Act overruled judiciary's verdict, thereby deprived Shah Bano and many Muslim women of their equal entitlements, violating gender justice.

Above case shows how faith of one person can help her resolve crisis

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but also how faith of others can enhance crisis to others.

Also case of Sabarimala temple where women have faith to enter and worship God but priests ~~do~~ ~~to~~ have their own faith in values which brought both ~~honor~~ to honor.

This brings us to a paradoxical situation/question that does faith always ~~challenges~~ the crisis or can faith deepen the crisis.  
 Before this, let us examine what is faith and why do we need it, and what does it lead to.

Faith is a belief system that an individual/community adheres to. This ~~belief~~ belief system drives out thought process, behaviour and actions/ conduct. It provides us with a value system which are fundamental principles we adhere to and they help us to distinguish between right and wrong.

This right and wrong is different for different people and this decides our actions, approach in life towards various objects

be it Political, social, economic, etc

As quoted -

your beliefs become your ~~words~~ thoughts,

your thoughts become your words

your words become your actions,

your actions become your habits

your habits become your values

your values become your destiny

But the quotes should be followed by inferences.

Thus we can say that faith in particular ideology determines one's destiny, which may or may not lead to crisis or enlightenment.

Religious values and spiritualism also help. Faith begins where reason fails. It depends on optimism, positive attitude and self confidence.

Society since its existence, has been grappling over questions of supernatural existence of God, or any divine or any ultimate truth. When nobody could find answer to it, society faced chaos, disorder, disturbance of peace.

In this turmoil, came out church with concept of Religion, where people put their faith and Religion provided answer. This established order again in society. Thus chaos as a crisis was resolved due to faith.

So we can say why we need faith, because

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faith helps us channelize our conscience towards a direction, answers to those questions related to supernatural, in the midst of crisis, faith gives us hope, optimism, positive perspective towards life and related issues.

But what does faith lead to? we saw how faith led to peace in society, but this one side of a coin. Another side of coin, if analysed, tells us that some faith led the society into dark ages where social evils like witch hunting, labelling woman as witch and burning alive, executing scientists who stood against religious faith, even Socrates was executed because he questioned state's Gods and faith of people. So, we can say that it depends on that where you put your faith in and in what context, that determines if crisis will be shallowed or deepen further further.

This brings us to next question that what is the relation between crisis and faith, and do we always need faith during crisis?

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crisis or say challenges, problems put a man's heart and mind into numbness, status quoist unable to think i.e. blocks his thinking ability.

Case of India's national movement shows that when globally, natives were using force against ~~the~~ force to decolonize their countries and force used by extremists, Revolutionaries were met with iron ~~law of~~ hands of law. People lost hope to win India's Independence but then Gandhi entered into Indian politics and ~~had~~ asked people to put their faith in Satyagraha and Ahimsa. Although it was a tough task but people put their faith in Gandhi and his Ahimsa, and dragged out British forces. This shows faith gave new direction, perspective, hope, energy to people which ~~is~~ made the crisis shallow.

However we can ask ourselves that do we always need faith to come out of crisis. Let us examine this aspect. India after Independence, having faced communal based Partition pain, conflicts in society, failure of development models

came against food insecurity. This was a time when people had faith in government but this issue was less about faith, more about technology, innovation, bold decisions, in this turmoil, India borrowed (wheat-gene) from USA and M. S. Swaminathan applied his measures, ultimately led to Green Revolution, which turned India from food insecure to food surplus and food exporting country. This shows it's not only faith, but also science, technology, administrative measures, innovations which ~~brings~~ <sup>brings</sup> crisis on its toe ~~its~~ and faith is not only about religion, but also about political structure, social situations, economic measures.

Let us examine Micro aspects of crisis and faith, seen from different perspectives.

A child when born, does not walk immediately, some are able to walk early, but some children take a lot of time to develop physical ability.

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This can create crisis for parents but they keep faith in child and ~~helps~~ holds his hand and that resolves the crisis. However, after able to walk, next crisis for parents is when their child ~~would~~ complete studies, gets settled in life, sends him to city to ~~college~~ college, coaching, higher studies.

Within family, members have faith among themselves, which turns into close emotional bond. During any crisis, faced by family, this close bond helps them to stick together having faith in each other.

Even an individual who faces failures, setbacks in life, breaks down multiple times, sometimes a failed IIT candidate or marital breakup gives one a thought of even suicide. In that situation, individual who is able to keep faith in himself, will see the light.

Why faith breaks down

- 1. Failure
- 2. Fear
- 3. Social stigma
- 4. Poverty and Poverty

like these other factors such as lack of support

Society is plagued with dowry, child marriage, honour killing, prejudices, etc. This happens because of faith in negative values which

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makes society stagnant. But at the same time, some society keeps values of collectivism, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Atithi Devo Bhava on top, which keeps our society moving in progressive direction.

~~at one~~ we can ask ourselves that are all crisis faced by different people are isolated or integral to each other?

Let us analyse it.

Caste and Religion is integral to Indian society.

What exists in caste system and Religion will have direct impact on individual.

e.g: untouchability, widow's miseries, child marriage, triple talac, purdah, etc evils existed since long in society. Till the

political structure was same in India from ancient to medieval times, only Rulers changed,

problems persisted. only during colonial times, progressive laws were enacted to tackle menace of Sati, child marriage,

female foeticide. Having acknowledged of social-political-economic problems

persisting in India, our founding

futures deliberated, discussed and decided to put values, ethos, provisions in Constitution by having faith in Rule of Law and modern liberal ideas like Equality, Justice, Liberty, secularism, and in a single stroke changed the structure of India, into Egalitarian one. This shows that

how crisis interrelated to different domains could be resolved / managed by faith in different domain i.e. Political.

Today, globally, human race is facing biggest crisis of climate change which is so deep that scientists argue that if steps not taken urgently, 6th mass extinction will be so fast as seen never before. Since 1992, world has been deliberating on how to tackle this crisis, and lack of consensus has been major issue. This is because of lack of faith that is driven by National political boundaries. However, even a little faith gives us light and we have concluded Paris climate deal. Although changes would

take time to ~~to~~ be observed, but humanity, if wants to survive, must have faith ~~in~~ in each other.

Many problems like Communalism, casteism, Regionalism, Gender discrimination, crimes, Political vendetta, Mob Lynching, world wars, civil wars, secessionist movement, Left wing extremism, etc exist because of lack of faith of people upon each other.

If this faith is established then many of these crisis will not even exist rather human would learn to live in social harmony and there will be peace, prosperity and development.

But ~~to~~ how to achieve this positive faith in positive direction? Value based socialization, values, ethical education, Love, caring,

fairness, just behaviour, if these values are inculcated into individual then we can say that ~~we~~ shah Bano would not have to filed even divorce because

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people with High emotional intelligence <sup>V. good</sup>  
 and ethical conduct and character can live  
 in harmony and instead of opposition <sup>faced by her</sup>  
~~community~~, all sections <sup>V-good</sup> would have stood  
 with her ~~in~~ in crisis <sup>by her</sup> faced by her.  
Faith in Constitutional Morality and faith  
in each other, <sup>is the need of the hour</sup>  
 which will shallow any crisis faced by  
 human race

As Gandhi rightly said, faith decides your  
destiny and having Good faith in Good  
values, Good morals, Good ethics, can  
shallow the crisis and determines progress  
 of humankind.

The first part of the question is to identify the type of reaction that is taking place. In this case, it is a redox reaction. The second part is to write the balanced equation for the reaction. The third part is to calculate the standard cell potential for the reaction.

The reaction is:  $2\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{Sn}^{2+} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Sn}^{4+}$

The standard cell potential is calculated as follows:

$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{cathode}} - E^\circ_{\text{anode}}$

$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = 0.77 \text{ V} - 0.15 \text{ V} = 0.62 \text{ V}$

The standard cell potential for the reaction is 0.62 V.

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In the prism of **faith** every crisis looks shallow

- perspective
- mindset
- mentality
- morality

hope  
optimism  
Belief  
thought

Challenges  
problem  
Issues  
turnout

Economic crisis

Political Reforms

Individual - ~~Intent~~ ~~Project~~  
- failure  
- Breakup

Society

National

Global challenge

- ① what is faith ; ② why do we have faith
- ③ ~~the~~ faith - crisis Relation
- ④ ~~is~~ faith how can faith shallows the crisis = ~~keep~~ ~~stone~~

Belief - thought - words - action

habit

④ Do all crisis needs faith values

⑤ can crisis be resolved w/o faith

⑥ can faith ↑↑ the crisis

⑦ how can faith ↓↓ the crisis

- ① what is faith
  - ② why do we need it
  - ③ can faith ↓↓ crisis
  - ④ " " ↑↑ crisis
- Do all have some faith or some crisis?
- ⑤ how → good faith
- ⑥ → Bad faith

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- ⑥ Are all crisis same for all ??
- ⑦ Do we need faith at ~~the~~ all
- ⑧ what type of faith helps resolve crisis

~~Route~~

A Good Traveler has no fixed Plans

and is not intent on arriving

- Human
- society
- nation
- ~~not~~ Globe/world

End  
Conscience

Goal/aim/objective

Society Peaceful

- coexistence

Individual

Right means

- Ethical conduct
- Morally upright

- 1) who is a ~~traveler~~ traveler (man / society / country / ~~world~~)
- 2) what makes him Good (conduct) <sup>evolution</sup> → Growth / Fulfillment / ~~Satisfy~~ welfare
- 3) what are his Plans (to move in direction)
- 4) why do he need Plans (what would happen if No Plans)
- 5) why not fixed Plans // what would happen if he fixes Plan

6) where does he travelling to

7) what if intents at coming

8) why not intent on arriving (static) No evolution

India

1st plan: Independence  
then food security / poverty  
then Industrial develop  
tackle poverty

Some

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