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### **ESSAY**



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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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## Remarks

- ① Good understanding.
- ② But one emphasis on certain aspect.
- ③ When you have too much of good content, you should know - how to control & where to put a full stop.
- ④ I had told you in the last discussion - about developing skill to write - Mini essay. Mean - each dimension should be like a mini essay.
- ⑤ Other aspects excellent - No need to bring about any other thing. - you are good.  
Mini



# Remarks

CS SCORE

## SECTION - A

1. *Post truth has murdered the conscience keepers, the fourth estate.*
2. *Politicians of the day have no moral burdens.*
3. *When state becomes overarching, people become miserable.*
4. *Man is bestial by nature, only institutions could curb corruption.*

## SECTION - B

1. *Honesty is stupidity in a society where the jackals outnumber lambs.*
2. *Citizenship is not given by anybody, it is earned.*
3. *The biggest irony of the present day society is that god within individuals dies young.*
4. *In the end technology might regress humanity to the primitive ages unless humanity remains at the core of it.*



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'When States Becomes Overarching,  
People Become Miserable!'

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War is Peace

Freedom is Slavery

Ignorance is Strength

-1984, George Orwell

In his dystopian novel,  
1984, George Orwell depicts a  
totalitarian regime ruled by  
'Big Brother', governs the society  
devoid of individual freedom  
and rights. The party controls  
relations, communication and  
thoughts of individuals. The  
concepts like Democracy, Freedom

Remarks

Excellent



or revolution have lost all their meanings.

The revolt of protagonist 'Winston' is seen as dissent and finally he is brain washed displaying death of individual rights. The story of '1984' plays a cautionary tale against the establishment of totalitarian regimes.

One might think that the dystopian vision of '1984' is exaggerated. However we witness the glimpses of the story in the actions of present day Nation-states as well.

Let's ask ~~our~~ ourselves, what is a state?

Exceeding very to put the to career.



State as defined in modern political theories is a hypothetical region with clear boundary inhabited by individuals and has a governing body. Looking closely, we must highlight that it is a hypothetical concept and is different from individuals.

Can you write why?   
 Aristotle says,   
 Aristotle is correct?   
 According to Aristotle, the telos of a state is the preservation of individual rights. However, sometimes individual rights are suspended to give overarching powers to the state to achieve a pre-determined goal.



The essay would revolve around this theme of giving supremacy to a hypothetical concept of a state over individual rights. The establishment of a totalitarian regime is always detrimental.

### OVERARCHING Power -

Let's answer, what is meant by overarching powers?

The control over all the institutions and over individual liberties is an excess of power.

When this excess of power leads to privacy violation, snooping, curbing dissent and full control over declaration of war and peace is overarching.



can you briefly  
discuss the concept  
2.

The concept of 'Lebensraum'  
given during 1930s Germany  
explains the need of totalitarianism.

State as per it is an organism  
and it needs to grow to survive.

The suspension of individual  
liberty and providing state with  
complete decision making for  
institutions, individuals and  
itself is a just action.

Now let's see the  
justifications provided by various  
states for the achievement of  
these overarching powers. Ancient  
Romans suspended their individual  
rights to give complete power  
to the state ruled by Julius  
Caesar. It was done in order



to protect the Republic of an imminent threat. This is the most common justification.

Secondly, the achieving a common vision is also used to establish complete control. This was witnessed during 'Meiji Restoration' of 1870s Japan.

Thirdly, in present times, 'War against terrorism' has demanded unlimited power in the hands of the state. The USA's Patriot Acts gave the government unilateral power governing most aspects of individual lives. Now, let us ~~ex~~ examine the consequences of it.

over emphasis on  
Contain aspect?



## IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS

The power given to states without any limitation always come with misery for individuals and sometimes for the state itself.

Let's ~~look~~ take the earlier justifications and debunk them. Julius Caesar, never gave up his power. His insatiable hunger <sup>for</sup> power led to famines, and deaths of thousands in Roman Empire. Ultimately, it led to the downfall of mighty Romans.

We can <sup>see</sup> the same in 1930s. Nozi Germany. The individual liberty was completely suppressed.



It finally, culminated into the event of holocaust; leading to the death of thousands.

Similarly, Meiji Restoration, which led to industrialisation of Japan, showed its true colours during 2nd world war and in acts of Feimman Nenjing massacre where millions suffered.

Further, the acts which which are enacted for individuals but give unrestricted power to the state also harm individuals. Yusuf Noah Hariri, termed 'The USA Patriots Act' as a victory of terrorists. It led to privacy invasion of individual as revealed by Edward Snowden.



It also diverted billions of dollars for a war to a no end, ultimately harming individuals.

Finally, these overarching powers obstructs the development of individuals. It is depicted in the ~~book~~ 'Fahrenheit 451' where, intellectual texts were burnt in order to curb dissent. Thus, it led to ~~reversing of~~ individuals growth.

Thus, the essence of the essay could be in limiting the ~~powers~~ of a State. Various mechanisms like 'Rule of Law', 'seperation of powers' and 'doctrine of checks and balances'.

Remarks

Good points.  
Don't give too much historical context.  
can you talk an argument constant.



have been evolved. Constitution itself leads to limitation of powers.

This tussle of power between commons and the state was the main theme of French Revolution. Finally,

Like any revolution, it displayed that state always tries to invade individual rights from Louis IV to Robespierre to Napoleon. However, the prosperity of any nation would only be achieved when individuals rights are protected, similar to 21<sup>st</sup> CE France.

If you want to be stronger,  
give power to Napoleon.

If you want to prosper  
give power to estates

— French Proverbs



In the end, technology might regress humanity to the primitive age unless humanity remains at the core of it.

The theme of the book 'Brave New World' by Huxley is establishment of a Utopian world full of pleasure and luxury but humanity is compromised.

Excellent  
Reference!

The exact same line of thought is found in another book

'Sapiens' by Yuval Noah Harari in its first half.

The surprising fact is that the former talks



of a futuristic world filled with hedonism and later talks about the primitive man but he is also in search of hedonistic pleasures in Savannah.

This indicates that, if humanity is compromised in technological advancements, we end up in the shoes of a primitive man's world if not in letter, surely in spirit.

The ~~essay~~ essay takes us on a cautionary tale against compromising humanity in the wake of advances in bio-technology, defence, social media and markets. It



indicates that compromising humanity might push us to the values of a primitive tribal man.

Let us understand, what primitive humanity means.

*This part has been crossed out by the teacher.*  
We get a hint of it in the lives of pre-agricultural revolution man. Harari, in his book mentioned earlier, give a vivid description of it.

Humans consisted of small tribal groups filled with survival instincts. Fights/war erupted for self interest with an aim of killing the rival gang. Dialogue had no meaning.

*good points.*



Patriarchy and ~~dicto~~ dictatorial form of government ruled the clans. Intellectual might was unknown. The only rule/value known was survival. Decisions were not shaped by rationality ~~by~~ but by primal instincts.

This is vastly different than the ethical framework we practice at present. We value human rights, principles of Natural Justice, equity, democracy which are very modern ideas. Now, Let us see how technology dangers our ethical advancements.

Technology without Humanity.

'In a world deluged with



information, clarity is power.

These are opening lines of the book '21 Lessons for 21<sup>st</sup> Century'.

It cautions against the silos erected by social media, where viewpoints of opposite groups are treated with contempt. This brews the primal instinct of fights without rationality.

Further, voyeurism propelled by social media displays regression in human values to hedonistic values.

The companies which control this data further display the tendencies of dictatorial governance.

1 hr's talk  
could use  
10 min better

But you  
cannot  
Greek  
& its  
imminent  
fateful  
subject?



These companies have pushed market economies into lives paying heed to our primal values as expressed in 'What Money Can't Buy' by Michael Sandel. He compares consumerism and materialism to the values of resource accumulation which were useful in Savannah for survival.

The advances in defence and biotechnology are scarier than ever before. The arms race has reached to the point where dialogue has lost its meaning. On a spring day of Feb 24, 2022, troops entered Ukraine without any dialogue. Is it not regression?



Bio-technology, the scariest of all has crossed all its boundaries. Designer babies and artificial implants into our brains has certain possibility of increasing the Ginni Coefficient of the entire world by a margin.

Now, comes the Hail Mary, 'Artificial Intelligence'. A technology if devoid of humanity has potential of not only regressing humanity but humans too. The comfort it provides, has already made humans give up their rights of privacy, dignified life and decision making.



## Humanity at the Core

What does it mean to keep humanity at the core of technological advancements? This is primarily a question for policymakers. They should formulate strict laws for companies against any violation of any rights recognised in the territory.

The European Union's GDPR act could be followed by others.

Further, the revival of United Nations by increasing equity in representation. This should meet with practical steps to stop wars and arms race.

For legislation on Designer babies and artificial brain



implants, census building for their usage must be built.

Further, for artificial intelligence, the governments must re-skill their population to keep them relevant. As, Hariri says the greatest threat from AI is not job loss but loss of Relevance.

*Expected*

Despite all of this the role of Individuals is the most crucial. We must revive ethical dialogue. We must become intolerant to intolerance. ~~And~~

A down town from technology could provide some clarity.

Real life communication without anonymity could give us some vision.



Further, we must establish dialogues ~~of~~ on the things mentioned in the essay in our societies. It is dialogues in our societies that influence policy makers, scientists and market economies.

'The worst part is technological knowledge grows faster than humanity.'

— Issac Asimov.

The above could be viewed with caution and with hope.

Today, we choose hope. It says humanity grows slower, but take a note, it grows. And it will grow. All uncertain times bring despair and disclaim



but glorious times are product of such uncertain times. Just as the protagonist in 'Brave New World' finds real utopia, we shall too find when we combine technology with humanity.

1. Very Shallow
2. Good / Reluctant Lemnagins writing.
3. Same Luntechni - As i have discussed.

4. Better some topics brainstorming with me. ~~rather~~
5. Nothing else is required.

Remarks

(50)



are some cases of  
 pneumonia which is  
 brought in by the  
 wind. It is a very  
 common disease and  
 is often fatal. It is  
 caused by a virus  
 which enters the  
 lungs through the  
 mouth or nose.

1. Very 2nd part  
 2. 1st part / 2nd part  
 3. 1st part - 2nd part  
 4. 1st part

1. 1st part - 2nd part  
 2. 1st part - 2nd part  
 3. 1st part - 2nd part  
 4. 1st part - 2nd part

Remarks

10/2



Remarks



Remarks



Remarks



Biotech

Defence

e-marketplace

In the end technology might regress  
(humanity) to the primitive ages  
unless humanity aims at the core of it

Beginning: Brave New World - Huxley

[Intro] - what it means? ↳ Regress humanity

Equality  
Human rights  
Nature  
Justice

Book: The Greatest Show - primitive times

6. Crusades  
7. Other species  
just for fun

4. Dictatorial

5. Only concern control over resources

1. Small communities to self interests  
2. Fights / wars to an aim to kill others  
3. Patriarchy, polygamy etc

[Body 1] - How it can push to humanity

In a world full of info, clarity is power

of primitive ages?

data control quote: Michael S. ...  
(Giant) - consumption - dicta

Biotech design - ...  
PoND

Defence - Superiority - arms race  
Social Media - rise of media  
Stress - Dan Abizaid - pure tech  
Resource (human / consumers)

[Body 2]

What it means for humanity

to be at the core of it?

↳ How we can do so?

quote here

[Conclusion]

A quote here  
[The Author] pointed out that  
Technology certainly brings out the

primal instinct of human. However, the only species which is  
capable of reason can examine their actions. Recent civil rights  
movement is indicative of that. Thus, certainly -

Remarks