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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.

(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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SECTION - A

1. *Equality is the soul of liberty.*
2. *Ethical is what the people in power make it to be.*
3. *Tomorrow is arriving faster than it ever did in human history.*
4. *Humanity suffers when science becomes only business and politics only a means to get power.*

SECTION - B

1. *Population needs to be stabilized for sustainable development.*
2. *Smart cities cannot be smart until people become smart.*
3. *Bureaucracy is a Giant Mechanism Operated by Pygmies.*
4. *Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choices, are prepared to choose wisely.*

Section - A

4. Humanity suffers when science becomes only business and politics only a means to get power.

“Science without morality and politics without principles are the greatest sins for humanity.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Throughout the ages, science and politics have been two ^{powerful} forces responsible for guiding the course of humanity. Whether it be the scientific inventions of steam engine, digital technology, or pioneering research in medicine, to the politics of liberty, equality and fraternity that caused the historic French Revolution, these two forces have been

Good
introduction

indispensable for the progress of humanity.

However, ironically, as emphasised by the quote of Mahatma Gandhi, these same forces, when become vitiated, cause the downfall of humanity. Therefore, it has been aptly remarked that humanity suffers when science becomes only business and politics only a means to get power.

When Science becomes only Business

In the age of capitalism, science has not been spared by business. Right from the mid-eighteenth century, when the industrial revolution occurred in Britain, we have witnessed a convergence between science and business. This has become a scourge for humanity.

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in the initial
stage, science
was used to
facilitate
humanity

A classical example which manifests this convergence is the arms industry. In the first place, guns and ammunition was a scientific invention meant for self-defence in grave circumstances, or only for military use. But slowly the global arms industry became very powerful, especially in the United States. The result is that culture of violence has increased, mass shootings in public places has become a reality, and humanity is not safe anymore!

Similarly, the internet was hailed as a historic scientific invention. But today, the dark internet has become the primary source of illegal business activity like money laundering, terrorism, financing, child pornography, drug trafficking.

Industry uses gun
And now, one of the biggest
businesses in the world.
Arms business is
not the world - charity
terms & poor
countries

rise of
illegal
businesses

mention that
collaboration
with
the state
writing
TRIP
was the

slave trade, and so on. The United Nations estimates that the dark internet is one of the biggest challenge for humanity in this digital age.

Machiavelli, the great statesman of the Renaissance period, in 'The Prince', highlights that intellectuals' autonomy and independence is crucial for a thriving kingdom. However, due to commercialisation today, we see that predatory journals has become a reality today, where a scientist can get a research paper by merely paying for it. In India, as per Ministry of Human Resource Development's Report, predatory journals has become a thriving business which has lead to falling credibility of Indian researchers and scientists.

buying a PhD or pursuing without any knowledge seems a PhD holder

how this paragraph up this essay?

Some other appalling manifestations of science becoming only a business are exorbitant prices of medicines charged by companies, the faulty hip implants undertaken by Johnson & Johnson in India, the increasing degradation of environment due to over-exploitation of resources for 'scientific development', and so on. Humanity has suffered a lot because of it.

you can simply
duplicate
medicines in low
quality for
replace with in
need them
no need for
this pure.

The Politics of Power

Though many regard politics as a means to get power by default, it is not the reality. Politics refers to interpretation of the will of society, so as to insure the collective welfare of all.

Abraham Lincoln once remarked that

political leaders derive power not by force or coercion, but by the ability to impose on others. However, politics becomes a source of great suffering when it is used only as a means to get power.

After the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, a defeated Germany ^{post WWI} World War I, was reeling with a severe social and political crisis. Then came Adolf Hitler who used the politics of hate to capture power. The Nazi Germany regime of Hitler carried out mass propaganda to promote the myth of Aryan racial superiority, degraded Blacks and Jews to second class citizens, and caused the deplorable holocaust where thousands of innocent Jews lost their lives.

The politics of power uses subterfuge, chicanery and deceit to break the trust of citizens. Authoritarian leaders like Mohammed Gaddafi, Joseph Stalin, Kim Jong Un, Mussolini broke many ethical rules to capture and maintain power. It lead to oppression of the masses and tyranny, thereby undermining the accountability of the State.

very good

The imperialistic government of the British in India used politics of power to 'divide and rule' India. The spillovers of their powerplay bred casteism, communalism, orthodoxy, and superstitions in Indian society. Thus, the colonial legacy, which is a hangover for India even today, lead to great suffering and poverty in India.

BRITISH
INDIA

darkness
AARAV KURU
16 Assembly election
7/2/21

Need for Reforms

In today's time of globalisation, climate change, money capitalism, and moral crisis in society, which is a manifestation of science for business and politics for power, there is an imperative need for reform.

The need of the hour is to humanise science and to promote ethics

and transparency in politics. A humane approach to science refers to promoting social entrepreneurship, developing technologies

for alleviating the distress of vulnerable and poor sections, and so on. Similarly

reforms in politics should aim for decentralisation, giving voice to marginalised sections

① All these things were present before 1970's. When population was less and not both of the politicians was to develop the country. They adopted socialist method in 3rd plan, number of PSUs, etc.

② Not with priority population, the politicians are only trying to earn money and all the policies are to suit the winning election. 5 yrs term.

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promoting greater accountability of leaders,
making social audit and Citizen's Report
Card part of every scheme, strengthening
grievance redressal mechanisms, and taking
other significant steps. → planning at Centre

William Shakespeare once remarked,
'all things are ready if our mind be
so'. Thus, it is the society that has to
come forward and raise its voice.
Whenever there has been breeding of will in
society, society has come forward, time
and again, as reflected by the scientific
Renaissance in Europe as a response to the
Dark ages, or the political movements
like American Revolution, the Freedom Struggle
in India, and so on. LNH argued

To fight the ~~men~~ menace of commercialisation of science and powerplay in politics, humanity needs to evolve a consensus for sustainable politics and science with morals.

To sum up in the words of Gurukul Rabindranath Tagore,

Where the mind is without fear
and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not
been broken up into fragments

Into that heaven of freedom,
my Father, let my country awake.

Remarks

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Good content
- needs more improvement
- follow the right path

Ethical standards
- come down drastically
- new future than can not
- technology can not
- transparency, in 2020
- motion and IT sector
- The money will
- 1.1.2020
- it is to improve ethical
- standards in society through
- my and education
- institutions

Section - B

4. Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choices, are prepared to choose wisely. ✓

Abraham Lincoln famously defined democracy as government of the people, for the people, and by the people. The secret success of democracy rests on the nature of choice and franchise exercised by people. But today, in the age of populism and post truth, many apprehensions have been cast whether people exercise their choices wisely. ✓

This essay aims to examine the choices of people and its intricate connection with the success of democracy. ✓

no questions in the
introduction. explain
the key words in
the introduction

people expressing
choice is - populism
participation
or politics ✓

A journey through time

The idea of democracy can be traced back to the little republics of Ancient Greece, as well as

the Himalayan Republics of ancient India.

While thinkers like Socrates and

Plato were opposed to democracy, for they regarded it as 'mobocracy',

they emphasised that lack of appropriate choice by the people breeds incompetent rulers. They were of the view that

philosophers should be kings' i.e. only the educated and knowledgeable persons

be rulers.

However, by the medieval times,

most thinkers like Rousseau, Montesquieu,

Thomas Jefferson agreed that democracy is the least worst form of government.

They argued that the collective choice of common people may be best for their common interests.

With these ideas of enlightenment spreading to the rest of the world, we witnessed democratisation of feudal kingdoms. The Glorious Revolution in Britain, the American and French Revolutions, the Unification of Italy and Germany all embody this reality!

However, it is an irony that these same democratic Western nations colonised the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Therefore, though

Push for democracy in this world

③ All the 4 paragraphs can be summarised briefly and concentrated on participation in politics (Chpt 1)

the choice of Westerners democratised their own countries; the whole world was imperialised. Ultimately, it leads to fight for decolonisation and saw the emergence of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, etc.

④ The message of history is, therefore, that the success of democracy at a global level so as to promote peace and virtue can be only when people exercise their choice not merely for their own welfare or only for their national welfare, but when they exercise it wisely for the benefit of mankind. However, in 21st century, a number of faultlines have emerged.

In the Age of Populism

Britain, a nation famous for building its empire on trade, is all set to exit the world's largest free trade area, the European Union. The referendum for Brexit shows how people's choices are affected by Xenophobia. The pro-Brexiters' zeal to shut their borders against the Polish plumbers reveals that rationality and collective welfare of all has taken a backseat in people's choices. The World Bank estimates that Brexit could lead to inflation in ^{UK} ~~US~~, shifting of financial hub from UK to Germany, and slow growth. But, people's choices have undermined all this. In the longer

very well explained ✓

British people's choice / participation is that they don't want their culture to be disturbed and some other

sum, this may lead to a democratic
crisis in Britain.

Similarly, Donald Trump while
withdrawing the US from the Paris climate
Deal remarked that 'I was elected to
represent Pittsburgh not Paris'. This shows that
further shows that people's choices are more
towards leaders that only show them the
dream of their own welfare. The US withdraw
from Paris Deal will ultimately lead to
greater global warming and climate
change, which will be borne not only by
US citizens but the entire world. The
US shows a crisis of democracy today, as
democracy is about the collective good
of all humans and their surroundings.

Where is
the people's
participation
or choice

In this
paragraph

it is the
decision by the
President - who

is not
able to
take

Remarks

Scenarios in India

In India too, many times people have not exercised their choices wisely.

The criminalisation of politics in India is a manifestation of this. As per Association for Democratic Reforms, 25% Lok Sabha MPs have criminal cases pending against them.

Voting on caste and religious lines exacerbates this menace. People's choices are exercised on the basis of these. Fake news and propaganda

are also used to subvert the decision making by people. Mark

Twain once remarked that a lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

here people had no choice in the political parties in India are issuing tickets to the candidates who have not back ground - and the people are not able to press the parliamentarians to dismiss the recommendations of EC & LC on criminalisation in politics. give power to the politicians through vote, off that people had I can't be 5 yrs to elect the politician that politician

TRUE

most possible

These lies distort people's ability to make sound choices, leading to a vitiating democracy.

True

Similarly illiteracy and lack of awareness also leads to bad decision making by voters.

Letting democracy succeed

The primary tenet for the success of democracy is that an individual's choice must be guided by the collective good above the binaries of 'us' and 'them'.

Example of
Martin Luther
King Jr

Martin Luther King Jr. in 'I have a dream' speech highlighted that promoting brotherhood and equality is key to success of society.

Therefore, proper education and socialisation of the young generation is needed. The education system should impart the knowledge of their political system and administration around them.

Moreover, as made clear by the Supreme Court, people should be sensitised as not to vote on caste or religious lines.

This can be done through the 'judge' approach of Nobel laureate Richard Thaler that uses behavioural economics.

At the global level, proper discourse must be promoted to let people rise above majoritarianism, and their own interests merely.

Apex Court -
people should not vote
on caste and religious lines

Above all, proactive steps need to be taken to make an informed and empowered citizenry. The great French sociologist Foucault has highlighted that 'knowledge is power'. Thus, people

can only exercise their choices wisely if they know. This will lead to the success of democracy in the true sense. 1 good - pl. follow the suggestions provided inside

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People's choice is people's participation in politics.

People can participate in politics through:

- ① by making a petition
- ② representation to minister/official
- ③ leading a group of people for a political procession
- ④ by voting in elections
- ⑤ raising voice / dharna

- ⑥ financing a political party
- ⑦ media / TV
- ⑧ Apex Court, Judiciary.
- ⑨ Election Commission and Law Commission

Remarks

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