

GS SCORE

GS MAINS TEST SERIES 2021

ESSAY MOCK TEST - 1Roll No. 48658

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).

Remarks

Very good

Very

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SECTION - A

1. Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions.
2. Impossible is just an opinion.
3. The decisions you make are a choice of values that reflect your life in every way.
4. Every man dies. Not every man really lives.

SECTION - B

1. Did we overlook recycling for profit?
2. Refugee demands the right to have rights
3. Sports for fraternity and brotherhood
4. Access to the Internet as a fundamental right

Section - A

Impossible is just an opinion

Nobody really expected this outcome. Neeraj Chopra, competing with the world javelin throw record holder, had won the Olympic gold medal. But what really surprised everyone is that Neeraj had never thrown over 90m in his life while Vetter had a record of 97m. Had Neeraj thought this feat impossible and never tried at all, India would have been deprived of history.

*Revels start.
However 97m could
have been but
winning in sports
is like
impossible.
?*

Impossible, the feeling that how much ever we try, our efforts will not bear fruits, is a common feeling among all of us, at certain points of our life. But man's story has been filled with outcomes which were thought to be impossible.

Who thought that a leonine ape would become an intelligent, moral species one day? But man did that through intelligence and patience. But he never stopped. Living as a hunter-gatherer, then moving to farming, setting up nation-states, developing technological prowess ~~are also all~~ demonstrate his will to make the impossible come true.

2. Need
More
clarity in
expression

Also, the humanity has had the blessing of ~~some~~ having some great people who changed the course

of history. Thomas Alva Edison, a school dropout, made an electric bulb. Gandhi, freed India from the shackles of colonialism, with his weapon of non-violence. All these people proved their might.

But if we have had such great men and great stories, why is it that "impossibility" is the wider opinion among the people? A reason is that people lack belief in themselves, their capabilities. Sundar Aditya once said - "Many of us will not realise who we are because we lack belief in ourselves."

Lack of self-confidence prevents us from taking the right actions, forces us to give up on our endeavors. Even the great Hanuman witnessed a crisis of confidence on seeing the vast ocean.

Remarks

Having a true assessment of our capabilities, faith in the amount of hardwork we have put in is essential for success. Harehala Hajjala, a person, without any formal schooling, sold oranges to set up a school in his village. Clearly education did not come in his way because he had confidence and a purpose in his life.

Also, many of us are avid imaginers. We decide the outcomes of our efforts from beforehand. The fear of facing the negative outcomes holds us back from action.

A child, learning to take his/her first steps is fearless. He/she does not fear falling and ultimately learns to walk. Detaching ourselves from the outcomes of our result efforts is

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*Exceeded
explain more
sentences*

necessary ^{this} for any success. This is
the ^{more} core of the Bhagavad Gita.
If we give up fear, impossible
truly becomes an opinion. — *Mandela*
— *M. K. Venu*
— *Magi Goshwami*

But for some unfortunate people, ^{etc}
their surroundings bring their
downfall. Human beings hurt society
to develop unity. Unfortunately, the
same society places its expectations
on everyone. The fear of disappointing
our families, our neighbours, or
even the society, acts as a barrier
in achieving results.

Exceeded

We need to understand that our
efforts are our alone. What society
thinks does not matter, if we
know we have been truthful in
our pursuits. Even if success
does not come, it is we who
can introspect and re-channel our

Remarks

*Also success
learn & culture can
make it's own
fearless.
very few
societies with
inclined for
entertainment*

efforts. If people like Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Mary Kom had given up after facing pressure from their families, sports would be deprived of such great talents.

And some of us have already given up before even facing the competition. Such people live with a pessimistic approach to life.

They have no hope, no optimism to continue. They don't lack the capability, they just don't have the will to go on. Albert Camus said - "A person devoid of hope and conscious of living so has ceased to belong to the future".

It was hope that gave the people to live on, wait for a better tomorrow. The Jews, afflicted by the tortures of Adolf Hitler,

did not lose hope and went on to establish the independent Israel. Chutni Mahato, paraded naked in her village, accused of witchcraft, did not lose the will to live and set up an NGO to save women from witchcraft branding. If the humanity is devoid of hope of limiting temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, it would be deprived of survival.

Correct

But for many of us, things will remain impossible. It is because our approach to life is wrong. We expect fast results and when we don't get them, we call the task "impossible". A stone has to bear the weight of a hammer several times to become a beautiful sculpture. Lack of

Remarks

Stuck
Life as usual
Risk-averse
anxiety
etc

patience, perseverance does not transform to success.

Also, some of us are unwilling to come out of our shells. We fear to take the road not taken. We find comfort, security in our shells.

But we forget, staying away from risk, also means staying away from

creativity. And it is creativity which makes impossible, possible.

Who would have thought that

space would become a tourism

hub, until people like Richard

Branson, Elon Musk decided to pursue

their vision. They were willing to

immerse in the unknown and hence

excelled.

V. Kuriyan

A. Moof.

Quint

Some of us are plagued by the habit of comparing ourselves with others. We think that if somebody

also did something and we are not able to do it, truly the task is impossible for us. We forget that everybody is different, meant for something different. Also, we all have our pace of learning. But unfortunately people driven by the desire to perform better than the rest may not succeed. Their aim is to be better than others rather than improving themselves. For them, many tasks will remain impossible.

The road to possibility goes through the check posts of patience, detachment, hard-work, perseverance, honesty in efforts and hope. Every crisis is an opportunity to change our attitudes and cultivate their values. The one who is able to

do so will find the world at his feet but the person who abandons this road will continue to spread the myth of impossibility

Swami Vivekananda's words are an eye-opener to a person believing in this myth.

" All the powers in the universe are already ours, it is we who have put our hands before our eyes and say that it is dark "

So let us open our eyes, walk down the road of hope and make impossible possible.

1. Excellent understanding
2. good expression & content.

3. However you also need to tell about situations that bring "impossible" to many → i.e. Afganistan, Syria.
what possibilities are there for children, women etc.

Remarks

This aspect could have brought more richness in explanation.

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 under the vast of hope and vision!

impossible - possible

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Remarks

Remarks

Impossible is just an opinion

Intro - Niraj Chopra (Nobody expected the results.
From fine
Futal dark age →

Man's story in history → From ape to man, civilised
scientific innovations (Edison), Bhauri
Inventions - electric bulb
→ Colonialism came to an end

(2 paragraphs)

When so much has been possible, why
the people hold such an opinion

(2 para) (i) Self-confidence → solution → Karehala Rajjalia
Hamman.

(ii) Fear outcomes

(iii) Societal pressure

influence of role Model

(iv) ~~lack~~

(iv) Hopelessness → "A man devoid of hope & conscious
→ Sundry Adleja

But some things are impossible
(v) Expecting fast results → need patience
(vii) Not leaving security
(viii) Are not creative enough

(vi) ~~obscure~~ Jealousy, obsession with results enough
→ Detachment as a solution

Right state of mind, positioning ~~approach~~ Gita, Rudyard Kipling
Every crisis is an opportunity to change oneself.

"All the powers in the universe are
already ours, it is we who have
put our hands before our eyes and
say that it is dark"

Examples - Dhoni

- Mozart (deaf)

- Antoni Maltrato

- Karehala Rajjalia

- S. Ramakrishnan (Aman Sena Singh)

- Armstrong Laine

Also insulacienly = Some constraints

Remarks

1 - affirmation:-
2 - syna or something may be

Access to the Internet as a fundamental right

A darkness called COVID-19 has engulfed the world. The second wave of pandemic destroyed lives, families mercilessly in India. Shortage of medical infrastructure deprived people of treatment and hospital care. But every calamity also brings a solution. The power of internet was realised when it became the tool for sharing leads on lies, doctors. This helped some countless of lives which had little hope of survival. Internet truly needs to be a fundamental right.

The world of internet has revolutionised the world. It has ensured global connectivity bringing the world at our doorsteps. Its benefits

have made it impossible to imagine our lives without it.

Internet is a store-house of information and hence many people depend on it for education. It is free and connects us to brilliant scholars, entrepreneurs, looks across the world. Google's search engine may be the only teacher for many. Also, it offers possibility to conduct live-online classes which proved to be a boon in the pandemic.

Not only education, but people's professions are inter-twined with internet. The ability to digitise unhundreds files and share them across multiple offices through email has led to efficient organisations. Even governments have shifted to internet. Be it MSME registrations

Under Udyam portal or getting single window environmental clearances on Parivahan Portal, internet has proved people's accessibility to governance as well as their own governance processes or ease of doing business.

The health sector's inefficiency came out in the open during the pandemic. Telemedicine and e-medicine can prove to be boon for India which has less than 23 medical personnel per 1000 states in around 14 states as per the Economic Survey. The ease of consultation at home, offered by e-sanjeevani is truly beneficial. Also, with programs in AI, intelligent but artificial doctors like IBM Watson, have revolutionized access to healthcare.

While internet as a tool for welfare is certainly welcome, its role as giving voice to people cannot be

you need to make this aspect in detail about

AI. 1:1 4:0

How it will impact life & internet

ignored. It is a crucial instrument to achieve Article 19(1)(a) i.e. the right of freedom of speech and expression. People become aware of their government's policy, offer criticism and ensure accountability of their governments. Platforms like PRAGATI, CPGRAMS, MyGov give them these opportunities.

Worldwide, internet has exposed the wrong committed by the powerful. Julian Assange's wikileaks exposed the targeting of civilians and journalists by the US Army during the Iraqi war. Had internet not existed, nobody would know the Saudi Arabia's torture of Loujain - Al-Hathloul, a woman advocating for easing restrictions on women in the country. In that

sense, it has also made the people aware about their rights and why they are important.

Internet while giving people their due powers has also helped save their lives. Social media, hosted on the internet, becomes the first witness to a disaster, aiding in quick deployment of personnel like NDRF. Also, it is a tool to spread awareness on an impending disaster. It gives us access to NASA, ISRO's warnings, predictions on their websites, alerting people to take to safety.

While its benefits for social welfare helps improve people's lives, it also helps improve people's mood by being a source of entertainment.

Remarks

Gave about - Internet contributing to
as public service during
Role of Internet etc

Youtube video, OTT, memes on social media help people de-stress themselves. Also, Indian artists find a global stage through video streaming of their music, dance or even through their products on e-commerce.

So there is a broad consensus that internet has changed our lives. Be it through e-commerce, food or home delivery of goods, access to information, it has certainly made our comfortable. This certainly makes a case for accepting it as a fundamental right. But unfortunately, many obstacles stand in this path.

Internet is not accessible to all. The NSO 75th round 2017-18

says that only 15% of rural areas, 42% of urban areas have internet connectivity. Many people are being denied of the wonderful benefits it brings. This is a

Even if connectivity exists, the internet revolution has relatively been new. This leads to low digital literacy among people. The NSO has found that only 40% among those between 15-29 years have digital literacy. The situation is worse for the rest. All e-governance processes are rendered useful, if people do not know how to use them. Lack of availability of content in local languages exacerbates this issue.

While the structural issues can be fixed, the role of state as

a hindrance in ensuring accessibility has come under the scanner. US Religion Freedom Monitor Report 2021 noted that Kashmir witnessed an 18 month shutdown of the internet, longest in a democracy. Depriving people by force, creates inequality between people.

But state intervenes because internet has become a tool for misuse. Its use to fuel terrorism, separatism is well known and hence ensuring access to everyone can be detrimental. The Global Threat Assessment Report 2021, witnessed an increase in circulation of pornographic content during the lockdown. This especially harms the women

Remarks

X cyber security
+ internet etc

Internet is also a main hub of fake news, misinformation which can lead to dangerous situations sometimes.

Also, free speech is misutilised for travelling, polarising people. What could be worse than an

for travelling, polarising people.
What could be worse than an
imdecide sending rape threats to
the daughter of Virat Kohli, ^{and} beat
an infant.
↓
QTS different Cartoon Future
Retiring

Another risk that exists is of
cyber attacks. The SolarWinds Hack
brought the US government at its
feet for a few hours. Close to
home, CERT-IN reported 26,000

cyberattacks in the past year. This truly endangers our critical systems like nuclear plants, electricity grids. Moreover, invasion of people's privacy by hackers, use of deepfakes to misrepresent them, makes internet scary.

However, the ~~problem~~ is not with internet itself, it is more important to regulate its access.

It is time we move away from the Californian Libertarian model.

A law to regulate internet exists i.e. Information Technology Act 2000, but needs to be strengthened further.

Also, internet service providers, social media companies need to

ensure user verification before registration. Establishing an independent regulator with social media representatives would be a good solution.

Strengthening our cyber infrastructure is imperative. Hiring more cyber-security experts, strengthening CERT-IN, NCIIPC, training policeman and

creating a separate cyber cell in police department are necessary.

Cyberdome of Kerala is a good initiative in this regard. This

will truly help curb the menace of darknet. Also, operations with

international cooperation like HAECCHI-II with Interpol would help in

exchange of best practices.

Moreover, increasing people's access to internet through fiber optic penetration, satellite internet and gigabit in inaccessible places would be necessary. Setting up digital literacy training centres, increasing access to Common Service Centres, content in local languages will ensure its availability.

Supreme Court in Anuradha Bhawan vs Union of India (2020)

has already recognised internet as a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(g) i.e. freedom to practise one's own profession.

But definitely, its uses extend beyond and should be accessible as a right to everyone, with proper safeguards in place.

Internet can truly be the vehicle
for change, peace and cooperation if
used well.

- 1 - excellent understanding
- 2 - Good expression
- 3 - Few aspects will bring richness
which I have highlighted

Very good

500 Remains in this
essay required

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Interest can turn to be the vehicle
for change in years and comparison of
and well

1. Capital market
2. Government
3. Foreign exchange
4. International
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Remarks

Access to the internet as a fundamental right

Introduction — COVID-19 → leads

What is a fundamental right,
why should it be

(i) Free speech, (ii) Occupation
— Snowden
— WikiLeaks
Anuradha Bhargava

(iv) Global connectivity,
globalisation
music, dance link.

(v) Healthcare

(vii) Entertainment
— OTT convenience
— Siri etc.

(iii) Education

(vi) Ensure govt
accountability.
we know about
excesses, PRAGATI
— Jain-AL-
Kathlaul.

(ix) E-Governance — Panchayats
Udyam,
E-Shram

it is a fundamental right?
why not?

Barriers → Digital connectivity → optical fibre
→ Digital literacy (NSO report)

↓
State curbs — Kashmir
↓ link
Misuse possible — Darknet
— Separatism, terrorism
pornography,
Travelling, privacy threats, tool for mass surveillance
Cyber attacks/bullying
(UNESCO
CERT-IN data)

Ways → Bharatnet
→ Law, accountable body, regulation
→ Personal data protection
→ Right to be forgotten
→ CERT-IN, strength, cyber law, cyberdome (Kerala)
NCIIPC

Shakespeare — "There's nothing good or bad. It is the thinking
that makes it so."