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Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

**Instructions to Candidate**

**Remarks**

- 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.

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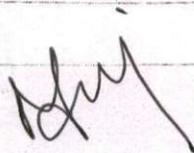
(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).

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## SECTION - A

1. None other than we are responsible for peace and happiness.
2. "Being" gives more satisfaction than "winning".
3. Intelligence means our ability to respond to the present.
4. Life is a success when we realise its potential; it becomes beautiful when we feel it; and divine when we give.

## SECTION - B

1. Suicide is a permanent surrender before a temporary problem.
2. Universal basic income is a beautiful idea, but it has its own moral hazards.
3. Value based politics is an unrealisable goal.
4. Industrial societies are lonely and poor.

### Essay I

- You seem to have understood the meaning but it could have been explained better. You only focused on peace & happiness at global/social level, and neglected the individual level. This made the essay repetitive and uni-dimensional.
- Try to give the essay a distinct introduction.
- Can discuss points like
  - peace lies within us, can't be achieved through external means/material goals
  - peace depends on our reactions & not just the circumstances
  - Need emotional intelligence for stable reactions

Sec A: None other than we are responsible for peace and happiness

On the eve of 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947, when India attained its independence, there was one question that everyone was bothered about. Why did India choose to ~~be~~ accept the 'Dominion Status' as a precondition for freedom when it had already rejected it to be 'dead as a doornail' concept way back in 1930's.

The answer is for the Peace and Happiness of its citizens. The long drawn freedom struggle, martyrdom of lakhs of Indians and the communal clashes of 1946 made it evident that in order to attain the larger goals of peace & happiness a little sacrifice in one's position won't matter. Had our leaders not assumed the responsibility of peace and happiness the communal clashes would have continued in entirety. Thus 'WE', our leaders, Indian citizens were responsible for ushering in peace and happiness.

Before we delve into other aspects, it is important to ~~ask~~ ourselves What is Peace and Happiness?

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'Peace' is not merely the absence of violence.

It does include being non-violent, but it is more about tranquility, a serene state of mind, where

there is harmony between mind, body and soul

Peace is what makes the life worth living and paves the way for happiness.

'Happiness' is that state of mind when there is a perfect conjuncture between what you think - what you say and what you do.

Happiness and Peace are thus intricately connected. In

Bhagwad Gita - Krishna tells Arjuna that "no one can experience happiness without knowing peace. To be happy one has to be peaceful and for both of them to last they should arise from within."

Most of the times we feel our peace and happiness are intertwined with the external environment so much so that if the outer world

\* There is no clear distinction between the inner and body.

is peaceful we would be at peace. However this is not the case always. 'Peace and happiness' are more tied to one's own circumstances, thinking and actions rather than the external world. Only

when we assume the responsibility of peace and happiness, the outer world will be more peaceful.

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At an individual level one can find peace and happiness in most simplest of the things. For an infant it is the mother's affection, for a child maybe chocolates in form of rewards, as an adult one may find peace and happiness in good grades at school and having a better career prospect and at a later stage philanthropy and charity. Thus, definitions of happiness and peace varies for every individual according to the notions of space-time, what remains constant is the essence that it is they (we) who are responsible for creating peace & happiness.

(A)

Turning back to the pages of history we find that both the disastrous World Wars (WWI and WWII) that disrupted the peace and happiness across the world were fought on the pretext of assuming Power, proving one's might over the resources, greed and for selfish vested interests. And after we realised that it was a danger and threat to humanity if another such a War is ever fought, we took up the responsibility of fostering peace that saw establishment of UNITED NATIONS in 1945 with a mandate to serve humanity and safeguard peace & happiness. Thus it is 'we' - the humans - responsible for both wars and miseries and also for peace & happiness.

'We' also includes the 'Society' in which we live in. The social norms, culture, values, practices & ethos of a society go a long way in determining peace and happiness. Take the

No it is the external that defines happiness?

example of Patriarchal societies that believe in 'women' as inferior of the two sexes and where women themselves internalize patriarchy are subjugated, often face violence, discrimination and myriad of social challenges from womb to tomb. This is in sharp contrast to egalitarian societies, particularly Scandinavian countries that provide women with equal rights and choices thus fostering peace and happiness.

And here everyone is happy?

Peace and Happiness will prevail only if all the sections & classes are provided with equal rights, equal opportunities and choices, be it the Tribals or the LGBTQIA community. The problems, violence associated with Naxalism, Regionalism, Ethnocentrism is be somewhere persists because 'we' as government, as a state have failed to ensure land and forest rights to tribals, the right of self determination to Transgender.

Thus, We as society, government & state are responsible for our as well as others peace & happiness

Receptive  
discussions

We as humans are also responsible for the glaring inequalities around the world that hampers the inclusive development, redistribution of incomes often leading to poor growth and development indicators, translating into absence of peace and happiness. Exeg: Sudan that is facing rampant corruption, inequalities is also marred by problem of desertification, hunger and worst social indicators.

Not just inequalities but the conflicts, wars fought today are because of gross mismanagement done by us as humans, parochial views on religion, rising intolerance and the vested interest of Western powers to assert their hegemony. This is pertinent in Syrian Crisis, Afghanistan War, Yemen and Libyan crisis. Had the humans, institutions and nations acted responsibly in the above issues peace and happiness would have prevailed.

Nations and Societies need to be even more responsible when it comes to ensuring peace and harmony in nature. This is the essence of SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - that balances human

development with ecological needs so as to foster peace and happiness. Only when this is not adhered to we face the wrath of nature as seen in Kerala floods (2019) or Nepal Earthquake (2015).

Sometimes, we include the 'institutions' that are responsible for catering to peace and happiness. The Judiciary that has time and again proved itself to be a responsible pillar whether it be the VIJAYA guidelines for women's safety or decriminalisation of Section 377 of IPC for transgender rights. - Similarly the Legislature that has ensured reservation for weaker sections (ST & SCs) and also women to pave the way for Social Equality & Justice. All these institutions have acted responsibly to serve peace & harmony. only focused on peace at national/global level.

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points

An institution that has shaped most of the happenings of the world <sup>today</sup> is the 'Media'. It has shaped attitude, perceptions and behaviour of the people both in ways that has resulted in peace and happiness and also when it didn't act responsibly has been the cause of clashes and conflicts. For eg: the irresponsible role played by media in 2013 Muzaffarpur riots (U.P.).

Not only these institutions but 'we' as leaders, scientists, researchers have also been responsible for peace & happiness in society. Leaders such as M.K. Gandhi, Nelson Mandela with the values of non-violence and truthfulness led the freedom struggle that brought peace into the society while leaders such as Hitler with values of dominance and egoism took the path that brought immense hatred and destruction in the society.

Even today it is the positive moral values of Ethiopian P.M. Abiy Ahmed who forged a

peace deal with Eritrea and also the willingness on the part of Eritrea to end the conflict that brought peace & happiness to both the nations. It is also indeed the compassionate

leaders like: J. L. Nehru who can be credited with brokering the [Indus Water Treaty] of 1960 with Pakistan at a time when India was still healing from the wounds of partition.

The scientists and researchers with ethical and moral duties towards societies have made sure that their inventions bring harmony and prosperity to society be it the discovery of

X-rays by Madam Curie used for cancer research or the efforts directed for COVID-19 vaccine to save lakhs of life.

Thus, ultimately everything boils down to one simple fact that is how motivated are we - as individuals, leaders, societies etc. to embrace peace and happiness and make an effort to achieve these as long lasting goals

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It is also our morals, ethos and values that

guides our 'perception' towards life. With a

positive view and perception towards life one

is sure to find peace & happiness for himself.

The right 'Attitude' during the time of adversities,  
how we handle the challenges in our life and

pass the turbulent tides determines peace in our life.

Most importantly, Peace and Happiness is a CHOICE

a choice that one makes by moulding and

being emotionally intelligent, having self

confidence, contentment and also a control on

one's desires. Having peace and happiness in

life is thus nothing but understanding the

Purpose of life and living a meaningful one.

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feedback

Sec B : Suicide is a permanent surrender, before a temporary problem

Relevant  
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example

A boy from a small district of Bihar came to Mumbai with a zillion dreams in eyes. The dream to be an actor, a superstar, a dancer. After a few years, he is the most adorable, among highest paid actors with a sky rocketing career. What else would one desire from life. Alas! our

desires and expectations are misplaced. The same boy was found dead in his apartment hanging from the roof. Clearly, it was a suicide - his permanent surrender to his temporary problems.

A suicide not just that ~~took~~ took his life away, but a suicide of his dreams that were yet to be accomplished, a suicide that left an indelible scar in the hearts of his family members and fans. & a suicide that speaks volumes of the society and its nature we live in.

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On a superficial level one assumes that it is the failure to achieve desired results, career, success in life that is responsible for pushing a person to commit suicide. But is that the only reason?

Had it been then all such incidences were limited to just the poor, illiterate and unsuccessful people which is clearly not the case. Then why does one end his/her life?

On a deeper analysis, the rising cases of suicide in today's world are related to the fast paced western and modern societies that has

de-humanised the relations. The urban societies are marred by loneliness and anonymity with a weak social support system. This forces one to be pushed into the depression and surrounded by such feelings of being unloved, discrimination - suicide remains the only option

\* can end the intro by indicating briefly the arguments to be discussed in the essay ahead

Relevant points

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It is also the break down of joint families and the rise of Nuclear families that support system, erosion of moral and ethical fabric of society has led to more suicides. Moreover, Mental health and Depression are not treated as disorders that require attention and care which leads to lack of counselling and hence suicides.

It is pertinent that while we discuss the underlying causes of suicides role of Social Media is discussed. The rate at

which social media has penetrated our lives is unprecedented. There are increasing cases of Cyber Bullying, Stalking and Trolling which have led to suicides. Taking cognisance of all these factors it is also the weak institutional factors like law and order enforcement, lack of counselling and doctors for mental health that pushes one to the brink of suicides.

Relevant discussion of causes

But is suicide only restricted to the narrow perception of taking one's life? Suicide is not only when you give up on your life, it is also giving up even before trying. Thomas

Edison - never gave up. Even after failing 1000 times he did not leave trying and finally invented the Electric Bulb. This infact tells us

that problems and challenges are temporary in life. There will be hardships in life, but just like the waves of ocean that rise and fall, problems will also vanish and fall one day.

It is only our Positive Attitude and Mindset that would help us tackle these problems and donot surrender.

Suicide is also when one has a totally negative outlook to living his/her life. very degrading perception of one's life that gets

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manifested as non problem solving approach and accepting everything in the name of fate as it is.

Foreg: The attitude of lowerclass, dalits <sup>in earlier times</sup> to untouchability was suicidal, for they thought that they are destined to perform the menial jobs and suffer discrimination.

Similarly, the case of farmer suicides

In India. Rising numbers of suicides <sup>due to</sup> the temporary problems of debt, poor harvest, poverty, encroachment of land can never yield a solution.

These problems and challenges can be overcome by reforms in both infrastructure (credit facility, land reforms) and institutional factors (irrigation, seeds, fertilisers).

Similarly, suicide is also the plain acceptance of a situation and lack of will to change and reform things around us.

It is suicidal for humanity if they consider temporary challenges of Climate Change, hothouse earth and Biodiversity degradation as final destiny of theirs. Unless, they take mitigation steps, stand for the nature conservation these problems won't be addressed

Similarly, it is also suicidal for a society that doesn't stand for its women rights, transgender, tribal rights because it fears the backlash from the status quoists. Had

Suitable discussion

Raja Ram Mohun Roy or

Ishwar Chandra

Vidyasagar did permanently surrendered before the societal norms, Sati would not have banned and neither would Widow marriage legalised.

Thus, even today we need more vocal women assertive of their rights, vocal tribals and all deprived sections so that they don't permanently surrender to their problems.

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This also brings us whether Humans by their very nature are problem solving or do they find solace in surrendering to the problem

Prima facie, humans are the most perseverant and diligent of all species. When Sir Edmund

Hillary couldn't scale up Mt. Everest, he told himself that he will come again and conquer the Everest. Today his name is among the first person in the world to scale up Everest. Had he surrendered before small challenges, he would have committed a suicide - a suicide of his dreams & aspirations.

Similarly, the advancements that humans have made in the field of Technology from modern day Internet to Hyperloop have made even the impossible seem possible. Thus humans have relentlessly worked hard and fought against temporary problems rather than choosing to surrender. The best example

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being the Evolution of Humans as specie themselves where they emerged out to be the most competitive, strongest and fittest of all.

In today's world in order to deal with suicides & the problem of giving up one needs EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE - that is one

has to be (1) Self Aware : self aware of one's emotions, his feelings. There should be no dichotomy in what one feels and what one says

(2) Self Regulation : one has to properly channelize those emotions into creating something meaningful

(3) Empathy : also we need to feel what and how others are feeling and take actions steps to alleviate others sufferings

(4) Social Skills : Good interpersonal skills will help us build deeper and meaningful bonds

Relevant way forward

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Conclusion

In, the end it is our Value conditioning, our attitudes and perception that decide our action towards a problem. We all remember the story of 'Rabbit and Tortoise' - and how with a positive, never dying spirit Tortoise could win a race against rabbit. Thus, we need to have such positive and moral attitudes to fight our problems and not surrender.

Essay II

- Appreciable effort, you have brought out the key idea well and have linked your points with the topic well.
- Can work on your wayforn and conclusion more
- Can discuss points like
  - suicides happen because we only value success & don't look at the positive side of failures
  - lack of regulation in society - like corruption etc - can lead to helplessness & thus suicides

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