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ESSAY TEST SERIES 2021

ESSAY MOCK TEST - 1

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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

Dear Aspirant,
You have good writing skills.

Also you have substantiated your ideas quite well.

Try to add more diverse perspectives & dimensions to make the essay holistic & multifaceted.

Overall, fairly well attempted

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 Internet as fundamental right

The decisions you make are a choice of values that reflect your life in every way

Life from a broad perspective can be said to be series of decision making events. These decisions can be for a trivial matter like 'what to wear today?' or it could be life changing like the French population's decision to revolt against monarchy. At every point of time, we are faced with '2 roads' that poet Robert Frost talked about. But what are the basic factor that underlies these decisions and how can we learn to improve it?

ADVICE

Better would have been that his poem be used as an intro to make a catchy & creative intro

In this essay, we will try to answer these two questions by understanding what are decisions and how they are impacted by our value system? We will also delve into what are values and how ~~does~~^{is} our life reflected in the value based decision-making process? Finally, we will see some ways through which we can enrich our ~~values~~ and thus our decision.

Decisions are basically the choices that we make after judging all the alternatives that are present before us. Like after Matriculation, we judge all the streams - arts, commerce, science and others and then make a decision. One of the most significant reasons for why decisions are given such importance is because of the opportunity cost involved. We want to minimise this cost as much as possible. Like Gandhiji's decision to withdraw Non-cooperation movement was to reduce the opportunity cost of corrupting our value system with violence.

Remarks

This decision also shows us that every choice of ours is value based, like in Mahabharata case it was not to compromise with non-violence. So what are these values that impact all our judgements? Values are basically abstract ideals or goals that a person wants to achieve. They are generally global in nature and not object oriented, like honesty or kindness. These values make up the core of our personality, and thus become general determinants of all our behaviour. But how do they develop?

But here add an aspect that some values are relative what may be of prime importance to one person may not be to the other person.

Values are not inherent but they develop through socialisation. When we socialise with our family, our friends, society and imbibe our culture, we develop a personal value system. Like, Indian ethos and traditions develops the value of respecting & helping elders in us. This value has helped us to sustain collectivism in our society.

Remarks

The life-long socialisation process develops a thinking pattern amongst us, that is laid with different values. When we take decisions, we see this thinking pattern. We then not only make a choice amongst the alternatives but also a choice amongst the different values associated with it. Every person has a hierarchy of values and the dominant values influence our decisions the most. Like, in America, most of the decisions are taken with capitalist mindset as their dominant values are individualism and materialism.

You can contrast it with

This hierarchy gets influenced and keeps on changing with our various life experiences. Various ^{previous} decisions and life events build up our frame of reference, thus impacting our future decisions. Like, ~~for Asoka~~ after the brutal war of Kalinga, Asoka's dominant values changed from conquest, expansion and materialism to non-violence, kindness and dharma. Thus, his

some example of collectivism

Good.

Remarks

future decisions reflected his value system and his life in every sphere.

We learn not only from our previous experiences but also from others. Humans are known for observation learning. We see the outcomes of others decisions, think its relevance for us and then act accordingly if similar circumstances occur. Thus, our decisions through

our values also reflect our interactions with others. Like, Greta Thunberg's recent climate actions are influencing other youngsters as well.

But, if we're such great agents of socialisations, then why do we sometimes take decisions that do not correspond with good values or negatively impact us and others too? This is

because of the rapid development of technology, social media, consumerism & materialism. These are one of significant reasons for our deteriorating value systems and decisions.

Remarks

Also add self interests, greed, lack of wisdom, short-sightedness, hasty decision making, due to dilemma.

Mention the values being shaped by her.

The excessive growth of social media & technology has made us apathetic. We don't socialise much, and this are unable to embrace the values of kindness and empathy. Also, the advent of consumerism and materialism has pushed us toward fulfilling our short-term goals and instant gratification. Like, decisions to buy a diesel SUV instead of an electric vehicle to reduce pollution. We don't even take small decisions like rejecting a plastic straw because of our convenience.

mention the negative impacts of all these decisions

The recent increasing protectionism amongst countries globally is reflecting our ~~degs~~ decreasing value for global and united world. The decisions of imposition of high taxes and strict visa norms shows developing mindset of each 'everyone for himself'. So how can improve our values and thus take decisions that are beneficial for society?

Remarks

Elaboration is needed upon the various impacts of the above mentioned decisions

Improving our socialisation, life experiences can help us to improve our value system. We should inculcate the importance of good values, through our education system. We should embrace the value-based traditional teaching methods in Gurukul & Madrasa in our modern education. Teachers should be better trained, so as to form the guru-shishya bond and guide ~~help~~ them towards guide better decisions.

The course of decision-making and judgement making should also be taught in middle school. Supervision of parents should be there on usage of technology by the kids. People should also be encouraged to practise yoga and meditation to reduce stress and facilitate better decision making. The recent introduction of Happier curriculum by the Delhi government should be replicated nationally.

Remarks

The growing hatred, violence, apathetic attitude and wars can only be countered through better value-based decision making. When we'll start acting better, the coming generation would get role models to emulate better choices amongst their values.

Such steps and measure would help us to become one and achieve our ideal of 'Vasudha Kutumbakam'

- mention cases of ethical dilemma affecting decisionmaking
- Discuss its importance in public policy making & governance
- mention the factors which limit effective decision making even when values are ethical.
- mention how sometimes wrong decisions are undertaken even when values & intentions are pure
- what do in situations of diverging values & differing decisions.
- mention some times people lack decision making capabilities even when they have good values
- mention how some people only follow silently the decision already taken by others.

Remarks

Sports for fraternity and brotherhood

The recent match between India and Pakistan in the T20 world cup led to heartbreak of 120 crore Indians when our country lost. Losing and winning are ^{an essential} parts of games but the unprecedented hate and abuse received by Md. Shami is not. Before this incident could break the fraternity and brotherhood that is encouraged by cricket, Virat Kohli stood up and showed the world the real values for which sports stand for.

Taking a cue from this incident, we'll try to throw more light in this essay on the issues like importance of fraternity and brotherhood, how sports has stood for it and promotes it. We will also focus ^{on} decreasing relevance of sports and conclude it with

Remarks

we've started, the intro quite well captures the topic theme.

measures to encourage kids to take up sports.

also suggest ways in which sports reforms can be ushered in

The increasing communalism and hatred and incidents of mob-lynching show the reducing ~~the~~ significance of the values of fraternity and brotherhood amongst the people. Our image of a collectivist society and 'khai-chak' is getting tarnished with repeated incidences of violence. It is developing an apathetic attitude of in people where we ignore the sufferings of others for our own gain.

The ideals of fraternity and brotherhood are specifically very important to India. It is in the core of our Indian culture. Our societal model of 'saheba in a haveli' promotes acceptance of all and assimilation of other cultures, the evolution of Urdu language being one of the best example. Thus, both terms are not only written in our fundamental duties, but also on the preamble, showing its importance for India. But, both these values can be developed

In conclusion sports reforms can be ushered in
mention the relevance for the world too due to rising issues of hatred & xenophobia

Remarks

and upheld through ~~other methods~~, then why sports?

Sports as a recreational activity has been occurring since ancient times. The paintings in Bhimbetka caves show that sports was so important to prehistoric people that they even Painted about it. Sports gives us an opportunity to relax and some people even make it as their profession because of their passion. But sports has another major role of overall personality development.

Playing any kind of sports helps us to develop lot of values. All these values together are termed as sportsman spirit. It includes the attitude of always being ready to learn from mistakes and evolving, the importance of patience, grit and determination (Rahul Dravid is known as 'the wall' for these qualities). It helps us to respect our opponents and how to always be gracious in our loss.

Remarks

Good mention

Can add how it helped in ensuring group solidarity

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Remarks

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The team sports also helps us to develop the qualities of listening to others, promotes oneness irrespective of caste, class or religion. It promotes participative decision-making and celebrates each player's unique strengths and differences in a team. All these values when combined gives us the global values of fraternity and brotherhood.

Sports showing the way ⇒

The sporting history is replete with examples of how sports has stood up for humanitarian rights and values. The most famous incident is the one where US track athletes stood on the podium with their hands raised in black gloves to symbolically speak against racism. Through this symbolism, they were not only showing their support but also telling the world, the atrocities the African-American population has to face.

To show support to Black Lives Movement, in the recently concluded T20 World Cup, lot of the cricket teams took knee to show their support. The recent disappearance of tennis star - Liang Shui caused a stir in the community. This led to global tennis stars speaking up for her safety and questioning the human rights record of China.

Sports also gives the courage to speak against social evils and also stand up for your teammates. This helps the public to introspect their actions and values. The recent act ^{by Beni Kempel} of standing up for her teammates and speaking against castist slurs and untouchability abuses hurled at her teammate, shows the real values of fraternity and brotherhood that sports stand for.

Remarks

You have presented good examples.
 → You can talk how women sports are helping break patriarchal mindset.
 → Also mention about behaviour of athletes on

field,

The values of celebrity not only helps us to respect and love others but also to the environment and nature. Many stars like Daniel Medvedev are supporting and running global organisations that fight plastic pollution in oceans. These stars also promote their causes in their speeches so as to also make the public aware.

Being a global tennis star, no one would assume for Nadal to clean streets of Mallorca after floods, but that's what sports teaches us. It teaches us to remain humble of your achievements and be present for your society in all crises. This enhances the feeling of togetherness.

Sports also helps to reduce tension and animosity between countries. The cricket matches that occurred in the past between India and Pakistan, not only brought out the best talents but also of love and

Sports
Diplomacy

Remarks

You can discuss how football is being popularised in many of the north eastern states and naxal prone areas. Sports is a very good way of channelising negative energy and bring in people together.

compassion. The actions of Virat Kohli and Shoni in the recent match with Pakistan led the way of respecting others, especially your opponents.

But the relevance of sports is decreasing which is impacting the development of value systems in young kids. With the advent of technology, social media and online gaming, kids have stopped playing outside. This is impacting their overall personality development.

Children are ^{from} suffering loneliness, isolation, poor social skills and degrading value systems. Increasing aggression and violent antics is also seen among kids. All these issues could be easily solved by including any kind of sports in their daily routine.

Remarks

mention the various issues in the field of sports too

How to encourage sports and through it value development

Schools should focus on sports as well and give it equal weightage. Weekly, there should be at least 2-3 classes of kid's choice of sport. Parents should also encourage children to learn new sports and be supportive of their decisions.

Teachers should give more focus on imparting values in kids along with teaching them sporting techniques. They should ensure that there is lack of discrimination amongst kids, and no one is favoured for the wrong reasons. Group activities and games should be promoted during reel time to imbibe the values of brotherhood and oneness.

mention how issues of sexual harassment needs to be dealt with

Increasing divisions in the society and rising ~~probationism~~ and radicalism is debasing the unity unity spirit of humanity. Sports as a medium can help to counter such discriminatory values by embodying fraternity & brotherhood in the population. After all, behind all these artificial identities of caste, religions etc., we are just skin and bones.

Well said.

- Add more cases & examples to showcase fraternity & brotherhood.
- You can give example how India gives infrastructure for training of Afghani cricketers.
- Role of IPL in binding & brotherhood.
- Can discuss the role in incubating democratic values, & integration, you can give mention of the Symbolism behind 5 interlocking rings of Olympic games.
- Also add the negative issues affecting the spirit of sports - betting, fixing, doping, racial abuse, favouritism, infighting among teams, Xenophobia audience.

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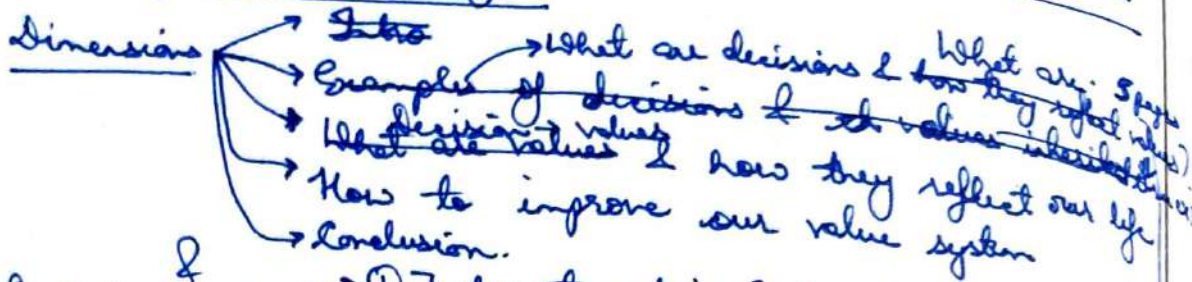
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Intro → Life = series of decision making events. Generally 2 roads
→ ~~belong first~~ → choose from.
→ ~~learn~~ → for every decision & more focused.

The decisions you make are a choice of values that reflect your life in every way



Decisions & values → ① Judgment making & choosing - alternatives
→ ② ~~Imp~~ → Imp → opportunity cost
↳ Ex: - Greta Thunberg → education

↳ ② Core personality → values → abstract goals
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Build through socialisation - Indian culture - class

Decision → values → life → ③ Decisions → the big picture → values
↳ ④ Hierarchy of values → top most

↳ ⑤ Life experiences shape our frame of reference → value → reflect life & wisdom
↳ Ex: - Ashoka = Dharma - suffering in Kelasa

↳ ⑥ Ex: - India's policy → Import substitute
↳ India's policy → Import substitute; closed economy

↳ ⑦ ~~But~~ ~~socialism~~ null Impact of culture → more decisions → family as a whole.

↳ ⑧ Poor value system / short term goals → instant gratification, materialism, blur vision

↳ ⑨ Sometimes some decisions → right for you but not right for others → ⑩ - divide & rule → ruled for 200 years

Improve → Intibe teaching method → transactional
↳ Gurukul - shishya → value based ed - system
↳ Happiness curriculum.
↳ Courses of decision making, judgment making

Conclusion & Intro.

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Sports for fraternity & brotherhood → Education → ~~loss of sports~~

↳ ① Sports

↳ recreational purposes
↳ development of values → sportsman spirit

↳ (Fedar → laureates) in loss of sports

↳ ready to learn
↳ precise
↳ respecting opponents

all-round fitness → team spirit

playing with others → participative, studying

for others → kani kupal → ~~stake~~ for her team-mate → cost

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↳ ~~global~~ global view & perspective → indicates (F) & (B)

↳ ② (F) & (B)

↳ What?

↳ In preamble → so imp. ~~All~~ imp.

PRP & FDP → promote it.

↳ ③ Why needed right now?

↳ ④ ~~How to manage~~ → ~~relevance of sports~~

↳ ⑤ How to encourage kids & adults + other

↳ ⑥ Conclusion.

Remarks