

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

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SECTION - A

1. *To be beautiful, life does not require to be big.*
2. *More law, less justice.*
3. *Trust is the foundational principle that holds in all relationships.*
4. *Life without emotions is lifeless.*

SECTION - B

1. *Should students on campus be indulged in politics?*
2. *At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice, he is the worst.*
3. *'Vocal for local' has a good intent, but it has many challenges.*
4. *In the era of post truth fact depends entirely on the power of man who can fabricate it.*

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Section A

④ Life without emotions is lifeless

Recently, Naomi Osaka, arguably the greatest female tennis player of the current generation, decided to ~~go~~ drop out of a major grand slam event ~~when~~ citing mental and emotional wellbeing.

This shows the role of emotions in human life and well-being, having precedence over fame wealth etc which a tennis star is abundantly endowed with.

Thus it is of prime importance to analyze the role of emotions in life and the nature of a life without emotions.

Relevant opening to highlight the meaning of the topic

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For any analysis it would be beneficial to reach a common understanding of primary terms. So lets define the immediate focus is on the definition of life and emotions.

In biological terms life is defined in terms of biological processes - Respiration, Digestion, reproduction, excretion etc.

In terms of the above definition the range of life is pervasive from single celled amoeba to complex primates. Also it can be seen

that in strictly scientific terms life is independent of emotions.

But it is intuitive that life - especially human life, is much

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more than basic biological processes.
do for the present discussion,
human life would be under
focus which encapsulates mental
and psychological processes along with
biological phenomena. Thus a physical
and psychological wellbeing are the
primary endeavours of human life.

Having defined life, the natural
step forward would be an understanding
of emotions.

Emotions are psychic and mental
responses to external situations
based on prior mental conditioning.
These mental responses bring about
changes in physiology and behavior.

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These the emotions fall under a wide gamut - happiness, sorrow, fear, hatred, love, agony etc.

The emotional responses to a situation can be inherited or subjectively developed. For instance the emotion of fear is the most common in the entire animal kingdom whereas happiness, sorrow etc can be subjective i.e based on individual experiences.

Thus it can be seen that emotions require memory and certain complexity of brain i.e the role of emotions in life increases with increased biological complexity i.e an amoeba may live without emotions which is near impossible for human beings.

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come to the main argument soon

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Having understood life and emotions, the role of emotion in human life can now be analyzed.

The basic emotion of fear and desire for food resulted in survival of species and evolution of species which further increased the complexity of emotions.

Thus the evolution of human species (& human life) can be seen as a result of base emotions.

Apart from its role in the origin of human life, it affects the conduct of human life in a variety of ways which can observed in the following passages.

Relevant
argument

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Emotions can be seen as the most primary guides to human actions.

Every human actions apart from those required for biological survival (eating sleeping etc) can be traced

back to an emotion.

Eg: An employee working overtime to meet the deadline is can be seen as operating under fear.

Apart from guiding individual actions, emotions tend to provide

a purpose and meaning to life. An individual may conduct

life and base every decision based on a fundamental emotion which

he/she considers to be the meaning of life. This can be observed from

Repetitive
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the life of Mahatma Gandhi.
Gandhi's *satyagrah*, which provides a framework for action & decision making with a primary aim of helping the weak and the poor, is the result of strong emotion of unconditional love for humanity.

The above cases showed the tide of emotions in individual lives but the rapid development and growth of human race in general can be attributed to emotions.

Thus can be seen in a variety of cases in the history of human race.

Your points should add something substantial to the essay!

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For instance the feeling of injustice and resulting anger in with the feudal systems established democracy in France through a revolution.

The love for ones country resulted in various technological breakthroughs during world wars one and two. The spinoffs of these technologies resulted in enhancement of overall human wellbeing.

The general emotion of joy and contentment in helping fellow human possibly started the initial development in medical science.

Thus emotional undercurrents have shaped human life in its current form and provide meaning and purpose to life.

Apt points made!

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Having seen the importance of emotion in life, the organic follow up question is about the centrality of emotions in life. i.e. Is emotion fundamental to human life? Is life without emotions possible? What would be the nature of such life?

Many philosophers and spiritual leaders have pondered over such questions and have envisioned a life ~~not~~ with no/minimal emotions. For instance, the famous french philosopher René Descartes said - 'Cogito ergo sum' - 'I think therefore I am'. This he attributed rationality as the foundation of life.

Suitable ideas but you give way too long a background to each argument.

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Gautama Buddha proposed his vision of ending suffering in mankind through accepting reality as it is and following the middle path i.e. not to act under extreme emotions and being ~~not~~ neutral in ones actions.

In Krishna's discourse to Arjuna in the epic of Mahabharata, he advises to set aside emotions of love, hatred, gratitude etc and focus solely on ones actions, thus becoming a 'Karmayogi'. This way he ensures the most effective and efficient actions.

Hence it can be seen that conduct of human life without emotion is possible, though it is hard to imagine or follow.

Good dimension covered.

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A life ~~is~~ devoid of emotions may
even ensure affectiveness in human
actions and minimize the agony
and suffering, as seen in the
philosophical discourses above.

~~Having~~ But such a life is
unpractical for majority of humans.
Also some emotions are the results
of human physiology and are
difficult to control & eradicate.

Though a life without emotions
is still a life, ~~the~~ unpractical
and monotonous nature (Robot like)
of such life would cause people
to establish such a life as
lifeless.

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Thus returning to the previously established definition of life as process as the endeavour to achieve physical & psychological wellbeing, the emotions could be optimally used to retain the accepted nature of human life and improving human conduct.

This can be done by striving to let go of majority of emotions like anger, sorrow etc and constantly living and acting under an overarching primary emotion of love - towards self, fellow humans, environment and the entire cosmos.

Such a way of life would provide dynamism making it the opposite of 'lifeless' and ensure effective and positive actions at the same time.

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(B)

Vocal for local has a good intent
but it has many challenges.

Too long
an
opening
background

It was the end of year 2019.
The economy of India was already
weakening^{en} with a paltry growth rate
of four percentage.

All the news fora were buzzing
with the state of economy ~~was~~ when
the news of a pneumonia like
disease started popping up in
some channels and corner newspaper
columns.

Little did an average Indian
~~see~~ know back then that this
disease in a corner of Wuhan in the
Hubei province of China would
shape the international discourse for

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the following two years while wreaking social & economic havoc. India like most world nations faced the double whammy of loss of lives and economic contraction. The economic contraction started with the breakdown of global supply chains when China was affected and later, due to hard lockdowns, contracted further.

In the middle of once in a century pandemic, the incumbent government saw a sliver of opportunity, which if utilized correctly could shape India's economy in the coming years & decades.

The opportunity was about an economic reset. The prime minister came out with a vision for self-reliant India (Atma Nirbharta), with the slogan of

Intro must bring out the meaning of the topic briefly.

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Vocal for local.

The immense importance given to the idea of 'vocal for local' by the state necessitates its thorough analysis - its meaning, intent, challenges and everything inbetween.

Any progress in discussion mandates a certain clarity in meaning of the subject under consideration. The term vocal for local in broad in nature and incorporates multiple views perspectives and dimensions.

The most direct meaning which comes out is the support for choosing locally made products over imported ones.

Suitable format for intro

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But secondary analysis may also provide other meanings like giving support and encouragement to micro, medium and small enterprises, ~~Em~~ on stirring for development in scientific temper and innovation locally (~~as~~ which is also a fundamental duty) etc.

Looking at the meanings behind the term, one can observe that 'Vocal for local' is in no way a new / disruptive vision.

Its roots can be seen in the Swadeshi movement of 1906 where foreign goods were boycotted in support of local items and a major migration was given to the local industries.

Suitable
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Relevant but try to avoid long backgrounds

In the independent India, the technological missions undertaken by under Rajiv Gandhi had a similar intent of boosting Indian secondary & tertiary sector.

Even the recent initiatives like start up India, make in India campaigns have similar goals.

Thus the call for of 'Vocal for local' can be seen as the culmination of multiple initiatives over the decades past which aimed at a vibrant and thriving Indian industry, serving as a model for other nations from the global south to follow.



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A book unread is just a bundle of papers and a slogan without action is just a string of sounds.

But any initiative or action may not be effective without understanding the opportunities, scope and intent behind a vision.

Thus understanding the positive intents of 'Vocal for local' is due.

The idea of vocal for local has a wide ~~intended~~ aim for improvement in social, economic and political spheres.

The most direct effect would be in the economic arena.

Wider acceptance of local goods and services would result in growth of local industries, ^{further} resulting in improved trust.

Explaining the argument gives the essay a good flow but the background must be limited.

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The burst would lead to ease in credit availability.

Improved credit would further increase investment and growth.

The growth would result in rise of percapita income and higher incomes result in higher institutional savings. This increase in savings would further promote ~~power~~ credit, investment & growth

Thus support for local industries would create an upward spiral resulting in sustained growth of Indian economy.

There is an indirect aspect to growth too. Growth in industry and services could result in movement of jobs from agriculture to

Suitable discussion of benefits

why so?

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Secondary and tertiary sectors. This could lead to lowering of disguised unemployment and better incomes.

The improved health of economy and individual incomes has direct positive effect in the social sphere.

The higher revenues for the govt may result in improve expenditure on human capital development.

The expenditure on health (1.5% of GDP) and education (2.5%) is much lower than most advanced economies. Apart from the macro-expenditures by the govt., the higher incomes would raise the standard of living at the micro-level with greater consumption expense.

As the growth in economy and employment may also result

Repetitive ideas of economic growth

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Economic growth through any means would do that, why 'vocal for local'?

in the reduction of social conflicts. For instance, promoting the economy and employment in Jammu and Kashmir is considered to be an ideal path to peace and stability.

The positive changes in the economy and society within India would further strengthen the political clout of India in world affairs. The following effects can be observed:

The vibrant economy, coupled with the demographic dividend could make India the hub of global supply chain, making it indispensable in any global inter-course.

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The improvement in local industries could result in positive trade balance thereby increasing the dispensable foreign exchange reserves. This could be utilized in infrastructure development in other nations, strengthening global partnerships. Similar actions could be observed in the Chinese belt and road initiative.

Good points!

Having seen the opportunities and the intent behind 'vocal for local', an analysis of challenges is the next logical step.

The most fundamental challenge in the growth of industries in India is the low quality of human capital resulting from the poor state expenditure in health, education and

apt argument!



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Relevant Challenges discussed

welfare sectors. This has slowed the pace of growth in innovations, startups and MSMEs.

Apart from human capital, the level of infrastructural development is not optimal to enable competitive Indian In industries. For instance the cost of logistics is much higher in India compared to the west. The production and -transmission losses in electricity is on the higher end. Poor infrastructure acts as a major constraint to the rapid growth of industries.

Moreover the manufacturing industries, like agriculture, suffer from poor economies of scale due to small size resulting in labour



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intensive processes with low efficiency.
This denies the cost up resulting in low competitiveness.

Only 2-3% of workforce is formally trained in a vocation compared to 96% in South Korea, further exacerbating the burden of low human capital.

Finally organizations like WTO, to International Monetary Fund (IMF) etc are west oriented and strongly oppose any protectionist actions by the state for local industries.

Thus it can be seen that the challenges to act on 'Vocal for local' are many but the opportunities are too ~~select~~ positive to avoid.

Thus India should act towards the initiative. The first step would

Suitable ideas

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Satisfactory
Closure
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way-forward

be to focus on improving the investments in social sector

Being vocal for local could possibly be the most primary action to ensure ~~social~~ economic strengthening of India.

→ appreciable effort. you have discussed the benefits & challenges with respect to 'vocal for local' well.

→ However, the essay at times became a generic discussion about economic growth. stay close to the needs of the topic.

→ Can work on the presentation. Avoid long backgrounds and repetitive discussions of ideas

→ Can discuss points like

- Reduce dependency

- 'economic nationalism'

- emphasis on infrastructure development

- May reduce choices for the customers

Remarks

Essay 1

- You brought out the meaning of the topic well.
- However, you have over-explained a single point rather than adding multiple dimensions to the topic.
- Need to analyse the topic better and ask questions like?
 - why the need for emotions?
 - to experience everything around us
 - to show empathy
 - to 'live' life
 - Why emotions taking a backseat?
 - scientific revolution wants quick, logical decisions
 - emotions seen as a sign of weakness
 - wayforward
 - focus on emotional intelligence
 - emotions must be seen as a virtue