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ESSAY III

Question Paper Specific Instructions

(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)

1. The ESSAY must be written in the medium authorized in the admission certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question cum Answer Booklet (QAB) in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
2. The number of marks carried by each question (or part) is indicated against it.
3. Word limit in questions wherever specified should be adhered to.
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1	125	55
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EXAMINER REMARKS

GRADE PARAMETERS	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	OUTSTANDING
Understanding of question					
Conceptual clarity					
Structure					
Content					
Presentation & legibility					

Any other remarks:

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Write TWO Essays, choosing ONE from each Section A and B in about 1000-1200 words (125x2=250 marks)

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Section A

1. To know, is that to know that you know nothing; That is the true meaning of knowledge.
2. It is very simple to be happy, but it is very difficult to be simple.
3. A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society.
4. The very reason for nature's existence is for the education of the soul.

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" Sweet is the love that nature brings
she has a world of ready wealth
wisdom breathed by health,
Truth breathed by cheerfulness.

One impulse from the vernal wood
could teach you more of a man
of moral evil and of good "
than all the sages can !



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Through the above lines, Tennyson portrays nature as the source of pure knowledge and wisdom; the store house of core values and the foundation of existence of the human spirit.

That is nature, through its very existence teaches us the path of survival, moral values such as compassion, empathy, cooperation and collectivism as well as courage to accept the change that happens around. It teaches how not to perish in

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events of adversities and the path to move forward.

Thus the very existence of man is dependent upon the very existence of nature itself.

Nature - as a source of wisdom and truth!

'Nature is the world of ready wealth which teaches man more of evil and of good.'

Just as Darwinian theory of natural selection shows the survival of the fittest, human should learn to survive through

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their difficulties: Realising opportunities and acting upon accordingly ensures the human survival.

Nature teaches the reality of life as ~~to~~ choices to make choices within the stipulated time and the purpose is to live. As climbers in search of sunlight reaches the canopies in a dense forest with thicker and stronger woods, we should make our choices either to climb or to perish.

Similarly, it teaches the need for right and fair competition as a marker of growth. In a

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food web, the upper predators never consumes the entire prey population. They always ensures that there is adequate number of prey population in order to ensure sustainability. ~~Competitive federal principles could be seen as a reflection of right competitive model in a democratic state also.~~

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It also shows unfair practices and unsustainable competition posing threat to one's own existence. The life of parasites shows this.

Nature teaches moral values such as compassion, empathy, impartiality etc.

Group of ants carrying wounded one into nest and the mother bird giving



equally divided meals to the little ones shows this.

For instance, how cooperation and collaboration through a collective way of life adds to the existence is also portrayed by nature. The collective work of honeybees shows this.

Nature also emphasizes upon the need to adapt to the very conditions rather than cursing the factual realities around. Just as grasses thrive again after a fire and various coping mechanisms in desert plants add up to this fact.

However very we tend to disturb the the equilibrium in nature.

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Do I Dare
Disturb the universe,
in a minute !?

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As Aristotle says, 'man is a selfish being', always focuses on one's own existence and growth where he puts the very existence of others at his feet.

As per scientific humanistic principles, the technological and scientific progress ensures more utilisation of natural resources for human existence. Industrialisation, even increasing exploitation of natural resources such as conventional fuels, growth of urbanisation and.



deforestation etc could be seen as the utilisation of nature as a means to achieve human's end.

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Unsustainable growth models and its results such as the problems of non-disposal of waste in a sustainable manner and pollution etc threatens the very existence of nature.

In this heist, man fails in realising that, he questions his own existence in the world. He fails in understanding that his life is only an insubstantial drop in the infinite ocean.



When we are confronted with any adverse threat, we would retaliate in our most powerful manner. Likewise, when the existence of nature is also met with such pervasive threats it also retaliates through mechanisms such as disasters and climatic hurdles.

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When I dare disturb
the universe in a minute,
there is time for decisions and
revisions.
In that, the minute will reverse?

That is in the present
moment, there is time for decisions
and revisions. Since the foundation



of man is built on the sustainability of nature, we should make better decisions for its protection as well as revise our earlier methods also.

As Gandhi says needs ~~also~~ should assume precedence over greed, a sustainable development model founded upon ecological humanistic principles such as reliability, minimum disturbance and efficient utilisation could ensure the health of pristine ecosystem.

In addition to this, various afforestation initiatives such as social ~~forestry~~ forestry, community reserves,

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emphasis on renewable energy
models and public transportation
could ensure, a balanced growth
and existence of nature as well as
that of man.

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Challenges

As Thomas Hardy says, Solitude

between one stimulus and response,
there is a space; in that space
is our power to choose our response;
and in our response, lies our
growth and freedom?

Thus our response should always
be in a direction to protect the
mother earth, so that we are
able to ^{become} able to protect us.



Section B

5. Socialism: Is it a panacea for inclusive growth?
6. Globalisation: Has it led to the dilution of multiple identities?
7. Corruption: Is it due to misuse of power or due to erosion of values?
8. Gender equality: A fiction or a reality?

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Corruption : Is it due to misuse of power or due to erosion of values?

Mr. Ajit was the District Development officer in a backward village of Eastern India. He was assigned the work of a new bridge and was about to call the bidding process. That time his mother got ill and was requiring an emergency surgery which required ten lakhs. He approached his supervisor for help, then the officer advised him to grant the



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contract to the sitting MLA's son, so that he would be paid with the required amount.

Due to the commitment to his family, Ajit decided to grant the contract to MLA's son despite knowing his earlier work has caused the collapse of an entire school building leading to death of innocent children. In a very short span, the said bridge also collapsed and led to the death of six people. Ajit now faces dilemma due to the misuse of power as well as due to erosion of his moral values.

The above case study shows

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the cruel face of the evil of corruption, which is the result of misuse of power and due to the erosion of ethical and moral values and principles.

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As World Bank quotes, corruption is basically the misuse of public office for private gain. As a public office with immense powers and authorities as well as resources at hand, it is the duty of an official incharge to ensure the efficient utilisation and fair allocation of resources and effective



dispensation of Justice. However due to various reasons, they became clouded by the evil of corruption.

Corruption as a result of misuse of power.

As Kautilya says - 'Power corrupts, where absolute power corrupts absolutely'. That is when there is absolute power in hands of fallible individuals, they develop a tendency to grab more. Thus they resort into misuse of their chair for more personal gains.

Since, there is immense possibilities for bureaucratic and political nexuses in democratic states

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such as in India, there is more room for corruption. Ghost beneficiaries clearing five hundred crore under MGNREGA scheme in Tamil Nadu reflects an example of this.

Since the law is executed by those who are in power, they became well aware of the legal loopholes. Thus there is immense potential and chances for corrupt practices. Non-disclosure of informations under various acts adds to this.

Similarly, comparative lifestyle and elitism among officials leads to misuse of office. Pune Porsche Case shows, how elitist attitude of judge

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in granting bail to the minister in charge of death of two people.

Taking bribe for faster clearance of bills, as well as granting positions to kith and kin also shows the spread of corruption as a result of misuse of power.

In addition to this corruption also results from the erosion of ethical and moral values.

Corruption due to erosion of values!

Joe Biden in his Presidential speech quoted corruption as cancer, which indicates the erosion of ethical and moral foundation of an individual.

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When the moral values in an individual is flexible or weak, then corruption attacks him with beneficiary factors and links. When one lacks integrity - that is the ability to work honestly and in an upright way, corruption starts thriving. The recent Masbi Bridge collapse in Odisha reflects this.

When an official lacks values such as compassion and empathy, that is to emotionally connect with the plight that others are facing, they won't be utilising their powers and resources for the upliftment of those vulnerable. Bribe taking from old pensioners shows erosion of these values.

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leading to corrupt practices.

When one is in a system where everyone around indulges in corrupt practices, they become fell in to crisis of conscience; ~~where~~ due to conflicting values on one side and beneficial factors on the other side eventually make them corrupt. Various scams such as Adarsh scam shows this trend.

However, there are other factors also which makes people being corrupt. Illiteracy of majority of population, weak deterrence such as depromotion and suspension as well as the incapacity of existing institutional mechanisms also adds to corruption.

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Just as Anthashastra mentions corruption leads to Matya-Nyaya, where the big fish thrives ~~in~~ by suppressing the smaller ones, It will result in denial of justice and rights of many deserving lives.

Corruption also harms inclusive growth. When the available limited resources are grabbed by the influential and strong men, inequality and unsustainable competition would be the outcome.

Corruption also leads to the collapse of state machinery. As Nerzche says, will to power gradually leads to the collapse of the system. It also leads to people losing faith in the system.

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Thus it is necessary to fight the evil of corruption at every end; as it is necessary for inclusive and sustainable development.

Therefore strengthening the existing institutional and legal frameworks to ensure strong deterrence is required. Giving more powers and autonomy to institutions such as CBI, CVC as well as making necessary amendments to acts such as RTI by including politicians and corporates under its purview is needed.

A well informed citizenry through anti-corruption campaigns and community participation tools such as social auditing etc. helps in

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fighting the evil better. Technological aids such as Geotagging of assets under MGNREGA, FCI could also help in this regard.

As per second ARC, the evil of corruption could be eliminated through establishing a code of ethics and servotam model along with the proper code of conduct. Therefore we should strive toward encompassing these very measure also in administration to fight the evil of corruption.

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Exploitation - questioning one's own existence.



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universal world would
teach you more of a man
of moral evil and of good
than all sages can
- Emerson.

Death is the law
that nature brings.
She has a world
full of
wisdom befitting by
death, crushed by
cheerful men.

→ How nature educates the soul? as world of wisdom!

① Survival → Darwin - natural selection.
Stipulated time and fittest
chances made and
purpose is to live right competition through
- mutations, commensalism etc.
fair share.

③ Impartiality
→ mother bird
gives food.
② Moral values such as

compassion & integrity - saprophites & parasites.
empathy - Acceptance of climbers. → never grows higher

⑤ Adverse climate → Grasses, desert plants

④ Alien species - new land → sometimes adds up.

⑤ Group action → bees - attack → perishes ③

⑤ waste

④ Deforestation
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① Fossil fuel
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③ Industrialization
disasters → retaliation.

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development.
⑥ Public participation

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