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निबंध ESSAY

निर्धारित समय: तीन घंटे
Time Allowed: **Three Hours**

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प्रश्न-पत्र संबंधी विशेष अनुदेश

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1. Contextual Competence
2. Content Competence
3. Language Competence
4. Introduction Competence
5. Structure - Presentation Competence
6. Conclusion Competence

Overall Macro Comments / feedback / suggestions on Answer Booklet:

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All the Best

खंड A और B प्रत्येक से एक-एक विषय चुनकर दो निबंध लिखिए, जो प्रत्येक लगभग 1000-1200 शब्दों में हो :

Write **two** essays, choosing **one** topic from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each : 125 x 2 = 250

खण्ड – A / SECTION – A

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A mind all logic is like a knife all blade, it makes the hand bleed that uses it.
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Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly.
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One day a man woke up to the horror of reading his obituary in the morning newspaper. The newspaper had reported his death by mistake. It read, "The dynamite king, the merchant of death is no more."

The man went into severe guilt on reading this. He did not want to be known like this. He

mended his ways and used his brilliant mind to work for peace.

He was Alfred Nobel, best known for the Nobel Prize.

The above incident lays bare the treacherous effects that too much of logic can have, for oneself and for the society at large. But using this logic constructively can have wonderful results as well.

But, what exactly is logic? What are the challenges associated with excessive logic? Is logic always bad, or does it serve a useful purpose?

Let us find out!

LOGIC: A DOUBLE EDGED SWORD

Logic refers to the ability to reason.

It means using rationality to examine things, rather than taking them at face value.

It was logic that led Newton to wonder - "Why the apple fell down?" And what transpired next is no secret. It led to discovery of gravity that forms the basis of all scientific discoveries today. Such is the magnificence of the human mind.

But logic is like a knife all blade - a knife without the protective wooden cast. It can hurt the hand using it.

At an individual level, applying too much logic to life can kill the joy of living. It can make life into a science to be decoded, rather than an art to be enjoyed.

It's rightly said that curiosity killed the goose that gave golden eggs.

Finding meaning in everything can take away the very essence of life.

Logic without integrity can make a man a more clever devil.

For instance, Harshad Mehta used his financial skills to pull a deadly scam that ultimately led to his own downfall.

On the contrary Md. Yunus used the same skill to build grameen Bank in Bangladesh - a revolution that brought millions into the financial fold the world over. Such is the dual nature of logic!

Further, we must note that truth can sometimes be concocted with the film of pseudo-logic to serve one's selfish aims.

Adolf Hitler, Osama bin Laden
and in the present times, Zakir Naik
stand tall testimony to this fact. They
cleverly used logic to create false
notions of us vs them and did
huge harm to humanity.

Having seen the dangers of
excessive logic, one must also note
that sometimes irrationality and
being illogical can actually ~~serve~~
~~the purpose~~ have beautiful results.

Religion is one such area.

Mahatma Gandhi has rightly said,

"where reason comes in, religion
goes away". The entire concept of
Bhakti lie in surrendering oneself
to the divine, to the unexplained,
to the force that is larger than
life.

Sometimes it is irrationality

that is needed to tide beyond the crisis. To give up what, why, how and hold illogical belief in ones potential.

For instance, after WW-II, if experts were to be believed, Japan would have been wiped out of the world map. If laws of aerodynamics are followed, bumble bee can not fly, but luckily the bee does not know these laws. If cricket experts were to be believed, India had no chance in 83 world cup, Lillian Hardoff the first woman to bag four olympics gold, would not have been in a position to walk.

Thus, sometimes going beyond logic and believing in the illogical can be a gamechanger.

Logic: getting out of hand

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With the immense potential of human mind, we are actually turning into a demi-god - ~~too~~ controlling rains, artificial sun, premature germination, germline editing. In this quest we are tinkering with the vitals of Mother Earth.

A ~~gr~~ gr ~~rice~~ rice, smaller than the grain of salt, put entire human progress on halt and exposed the sand castles of our logic.

Even worse, the progress of science is being used to turn space, cyberspace into new theatres of war - ~~the~~ showcasing how logic can threaten our own survival!

But is logic always bad? Does

It not seem a useful purpose?

Logic: The other living

Socrates has well said,

"An unexamined life is not worth living".

Logic is the basis of human evolution. This power to reason has set us apart from other species and turned us into homo-sapiens - the "biological rarity".

Yuval Noah Harari in his book Homo Deus traces how humans are trying to double their life expectancy to 140 years through wonders of science and rationality.

Rationality is also the very tool that social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Henry Derozio used to oppose social evils - sati, widow outcasting, dowry, etc.

Even our constitution makes it a fundamental duty to harbour scientific temper.

Madhyam marg: The way ahead

The solution lies in providing a wooden casing from the knife of logic, so that it be used to cut beautiful sculptures for humanity.

This wooden protection will be provided by harbouring values of integrity, love and compassion in the use of logic.

These values will direct the light of human mind into a powerful ~~logic~~ laser that can cut beautiful diamonds.

On the whole, human logic is a dangerous weapon. It can lead to destruction of the self.

and stress. But it can also be used to bring beautiful transformations.

It is upto us, to use this power to build dynamite as Alfred Nobel did, or to harness it for world peace and prosperity.

What is needed is a head of logic and a heart for the world.

This will lead us to, as the pop king Michael Jackson puts it,

"Heal the world, make it a better place, for you and for me and the entire human race".

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On November 9, 1914, Edison Industries caught fire. The loss was worth two million, along with all the lifetime work of 63 year old Edison.

As Edison saw his burnt work and charred dreams, he said,

"There is great power in destruction,
^{thanks} ~~that's~~ to god, all our mistakes
are washed away. Now we can
start afresh".

Two weeks after the incident, he filed for one of his greatest inventions - the first phonograph.

The verdict is clear - no failure is final if one can see the sunshine and ignore the shadow that life casts.

But what do sunshine and shadow signify in life? How to turn our face to the sunshine? What about the ~~seeing~~ cloudy days when there is no sunshine?

Let us find out!

sunshine and shadow in life

Sunshine is the source of life. It is the basis of Earth's survival, the ultimate, unending source of energy.

In human life, sunshine signifies hope, positivity and courage.

It includes a blissful reminder of our past achievements and a strong belief in the opportunities of the future.

But, when physical barriers obstruct the path of sunlight, it creates dark shadows and even eclipse at times.

In our life too, the barriers of failure, disease and fear can create dark shadows. These barriers can be both - internal and external.

Internal barriers include our own apprehensions and fragility, while external ones are those induced by society.

No matter what the source, these ~~but~~ shadows bring gloom, dispair and disdain. They can engulf

the happiness in life.

In such moments of darkness, if one has the courage to turn her head towards sunshine, miracles can happen.

One such personality, who had the power to steer through pain, to see the glass half full, is Sandeep Singh. The gunshot survivor not just ~~if~~ dared to return to the hockey field, but captained his team and became an Arjun Awardee.

Once a blind man asked Vinayakanda, "Is there anything worse than losing your sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision". Thus, even on the cloudy dark days, one must see the silver ~~at~~ lining of sunshine.

To prove this, we need not go far away. The ~~det~~ celebrated US President - Abraham Lincoln -

lost 8 elections, failed at business and even suffered a nervous breakdown. But he proved that when everything seems to end, life still remains.

In fact, it's not the moments of comfort and convenience, but times of crisis that define a man's strength.

William Shakespeare has well said that, "laughing faces do not mean there's no sorrow. But they show the courage to deal with the sorrow. For if you can't see the brighter side of life, then polish the dark side till it shines".

Walt Disney stands tall testimony to this. His movie Laugh-O-Grams went bankrupt. He had hit bottom when finally Mickey Mouse gave him a break through. His movie Snow White became the first animated film to win Oscar.

He remarked, "If you believe in something, believe in it all throughout, undeniably and unquestionably".

Indian Democracy is probably the greatest illustration of seeing sunshine in moments of darkness. When political scientists predicted the "great Indian experiment" - holding elections in a country of snake charmers - will fail. But we proved them all wrong. Our democracy survived even the shadow of emergency and is flourishing till date!

Having seen the power of optimism to see the sunlight, we must also note what obstructs us in this process.

The dark clouds

As per psychologist Noah Shoaz, human mind has a negativity bias. We naturally gravitate towards the negative side of a situation, which can hinder us in seeing the sunshine.

Further, the society can at times condemn some of us to life of darkness. The untouchables, widows and transgender being a case in point.

In such moments, recognising the inner light within ourselves can guide us through the darkness.

We can learn from Jyotiba Phule - when men threw rotten eggs on her as she went to school, she said,
"These stones and eggs are

like growlers to me. They motivate me to work even harder".

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~~However, we must not get blinded by the sunlight - and turn a blind eye to~~

On the whole, life presents a various challenges and shadows, but one must still see the sunshine.

While its possible, but not easy. This is what separates great men from men, history readers from history creators and strong from the weak.

It takes immense courage, strength of character and magnanimity of heart to

Identify the sunshine and keep walking in times of shadow.

In this process, we must remember what the Hindi poet Ag. Dushyant has to say,

"Kann kenta hai asman me
suraj nahi ho sakta. Ek pathar
to tabiyat se uchelo jayen".

(also says we can't make a dent in the sky? All we need is to throw a stone with all our might).

उम्मीदवारों को
इस हार्जिए में
नहीं लिखना
चाहिए
Candidates
must not
write on
this margin

Keep your face to the sunshine
& you cannot see a shadow

noah shooas } negativity bias

~~②~~ LS
~~③~~ TS

sunshine - - - shadow
optimism

PBS

4. William Shakespeare →

6. ~~Walt Disney~~ 7. Abraham Lincoln

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Dark clouds

2. Society } reminders
 } darkness

⑦ Counter

1. $\boxed{P_0 A}$

2. covid

→ 3. over confidence



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Kam karta hai - Surajant

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Curiosity that killed the golden goose

A mind all logic is like a knife all blade, it makes the grand need that uses it

- rationality
- scientific temperament
- arguments

Clayton Jung

Socrates -
"unexamined life"

- ① uses of logic to oneself
- ② uses of logic to society
- ③ true of logic
- ④ other virtues

Integrity
Love, compassion

- ① { ④ Intro → Alfred Nobel
- ② LS
- ③ TS

Logic: A double edged sword

① [④ Defn → A. Logic → reasoning, examined

Logic w/o integrity → moral decay

B. {knife w/o wooden casing} → cut the hand

④ Logic → "life" → science to be disinterested or act to be loved
⑤ Logic → compassion, love → Harshad Mehta v/s Md. Yunus

⑥ Logic → Religion → [when rationality comes in, religion goes away]
⑦ Logic → Adolf Hitler → finding logic in everything

⑧ Logic → Osama bin Laden → finding logic in everything
⑨ Logic → Japan, Trumble bee, Israel, 83 world Cup, William Rud

Logic is a dangerous tool
The danger of logic
Logic is a double edged sword

Logic: getting out of hand

⑩ Logic → space, biotech, cyber tech → Wars

⑪ Logic → dog bite back → Env - denis go

⑫ Logic → mobility → world them

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Logic : the silver lining

⑥ lines of logic

1. Socrates

2. logic → basis of human mind -

3. All sci discoveries {Yusuf Noah Hazari - Homo Dues}

4. social evils - (RRR), (HVD) - rationality & sci -

5. (C) → PD - sci temperament -

⑦ some 'the gods' [Madhyan Mary]: the way ahead

1. Madhyan Mary → (wooden casing) → knife to cut beautiful sculptures

* Laser

1. Ind → (MLK) → ed. the mind to heart

2. Integrity

3. Love & Compassion.

⑧ OTW →

⑨ BU → Human (Alfred Nobel)

⑩ Michael Jackson - [Head of logic & a heart for the world] Heal the world

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