



SMARTWORK LABS IAS ACADEMY

THE ESSAY
COACH
PROGRAMME
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Time Allowed – 3 Hours

Maximum Marks – 250

Table of Marks			Instructions Set		
SECTION	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED			
SECTION A	125				
SECTION B	125				
TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED					
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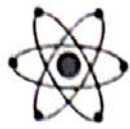
ESSAY 1

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ESSAY 2

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Write **TWO** Essays, choosing **ONE** from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: $125 \times 2 = 250$

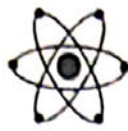
Section – A

1. Newspapers are unable, seemingly, to discriminate, between a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilisation.
2. Law is made for man, the man is not made for law.
3. You cannot resist an idea whose time has come.
4. The character isn't made in a crisis, it's only revealed .



YOU CANNOT RESIST AN IDEA
WHOSE TIME HAS COME

During the 1780's of France, there were waves of revolutionary and intellectual ideas in form of liberty as promoted by philosopher Montesquieu, separation of power by John Locke. The growing influence of these libertarian ideas led the orthodox ruler the king, Louis 14 to impose a ban on such ideas and their spread. He reiterated his stand by imposing harsh punishments on people supporting these ideas. Instead of stopping the spread of these ideas, on the



contrary, the ban led to even more spread of these ideas, which ultimately resulted in the French Revolution (1789)."

Why couldnot the ban prevent the spread of the ideas of LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY this time, like before. It was because the time was not yet ripe for these ideas before but it was now.

Embracing the Inevitable

Historically, the Renaissance revived the modern art, literature, music, drama. which had become stagnant during the medieval age. The rise of RATIONALISM



and art of questioning cannot prevent the social change.

Women's movements also marks the social change which was inevitable due to the idea of equality and dignity. This led MARTIN LUTHER KING and ROSA PARKS to fight for women and gain universal suffrage for them.

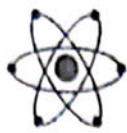
Economic ideas in the form of liberalization, privatisation and globalisation were inevitable during the 1990s despite adopting a closed economy since independence.

The Non-Alignment approach adopted by India post the independence is coexisting today, with multiple alignments to achieve



STRATEGIC AUTONOMY. Its adoption in the form of a new India idea for a new India is required in the wake of INTERNATIONAL geopolitics wherein we are surrounded by two aggressive neighbours in the form of China and Pakistan.

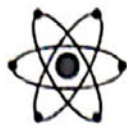
Moving to the dimension of ENVIRONMENT, we see that polluting the environment for industrial growth was fine till 17th C. But, in the wake of the Global warming and increased greenhouse gases, the idea of Climate change prevention is inevitable and its time has come otherwise, it can lead to 5th mass extinction of planet Earth which will be caused by anthropogenic factors.



The ideas of equality and empowerment uplifts the vulnerable sections. And no longer, their rights can be denied by the orthodox systems like caste system, homophobic leaders. (Eg) of it can be seen from dalit movements, Blacks movements, LGBTQIA+ movements.

In the field of science and technology, we did the nuclear tests called operation smiling Buddha despite western countries scrutiny and sanctions. It was because of the idea of a nuclear superpowered India.

The branch of SPACE TECHNOLOGY was not untouched by it. The missions like Mission Shakti, Mangalyaan makes India only 4th country in the world to do it. It was rooted in the idea to achieve



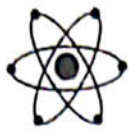
advancements in space technology.

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Not just the advance fields like science and space, Ideas play equally important role in the origination of **RELIGIONS** as well. The religions like Buddhism and Jainism had to emerge because of the prevailing Brahmanical supremacy. The idea to counter it in the form of an anti-thesis was destined to emerge.

However, having discussed at length that the ideas whose time has come cannot be prevented. But, there have been instances, where ideas whose time has come were prevented because of the prevailing social conditions

Giordano Bruno, an



Italian philosopher was burnt to death by fire, when he said that the universe has many more planets and Earth is not the only planet it consists.

Also, at times, when the new idea questions the dominant authority; steps are taken to curtail it. It can be seen in the form of religious institutions issuing fatwas or social boycott against an individual. For instance, the recent moral policing of Mahsa Amini which led to her death in custody.

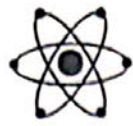
The resistance to positive and good ideas for the ripe time can prevent social change and might negatively affect the system.



For instance, Sri Lanka's example of not properly opening up its economy and not promoting export trade. The resistance towards this idea of liberalisation led to the economic crisis.

Also, on the flip side of the coin, sometimes resistance becomes a necessary pre-condition to stop negative ideas from spreading.

For instance, the new social idea of preference towards sons in the northern green revolution belt is leading to social evils like sex-selective

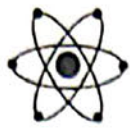


abortions. Thereby, this is leading the society towards regression.

Hence, by various tools like laws, Education, this idea and its proliferation needs to be prevented.

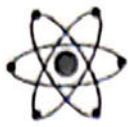
Thus, an idea or an invention must be evaluated on the basis of its consequences and the direction towards which it is taking us.

However, ideas for positive social progression takes birth inspite of the opposition from various forces.



The 'Vision 50:50' document talks of the idea of an EMPOWERED INDIA, which is shaping its neighbourhood and global politics. It is setting a benchmark in its social, political, economic and diplomatic decisions by taking the role of a leader in international sphere.

It's time for us to get united and usher in that era. Let us take an oath to unleash its true potential of VISHWA - GURU. We can achieve it with the idea that each 120 mn of us has to



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India 120 million steps forward!

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You cannot resist an Idea whose time has come.

Embracing the inevitable.

- 1. Renaissance → Art, etc.
- 2. Rationality questioned → (FR. ***) change.
- 3. Pol → women's rights, (Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks)
- 4. Eco → Eco liberalism
- 5. Strategic → NAM → multiple alignments for Strategic autonomy.
- 6. Env → Hist emission. Idea of CC → Need for Sustainable dev, Renewable energy.
- 7. Social → vulnerable → Movements (eg Dalit, women's movements)
- 8. Space → Mission Shakti, Mangalyaan (4th country)
- 9. Sci → Nuclear power. (op. smiling Buddha)
- 10. Religions → Buddhism, Jainism → challenge Brah. Supremacy
- 11.

Constrⁿ
LEF,
Soc, Gov,
etc other
values

Sometimes resistance is also faced.

- 1. Societal constraint (eg Galileo, Giordano Bruno)
- 2. Affects authority of dominant (eg)

Not adopt
great
civilization

The idea of an empowered India shaping the neighbourhood & global geopolitics has come. Let us take an oath to ~~make India~~ ~~the~~ ~~a~~ nation filled with ~~us~~ unleash its true potential of nishwagur. We can achieve it with the idea that each ^{120 mm of} ~~one of~~ us has to take 1 step which will take India 120 mm steps ahead.!

I:- During the 1780's of France, there were waves of liberalism ideas in form of ~~the~~ SOP by Montesquieu, John Locke.



Section - B

1. The times we live in has the lure of 15- minute of fame for everyone.
2. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.
3. Cherish those who seek the truth, but beware of those who find it.
4. Never attribute to malice what can be explained by stupidity.



Cherish those who seek the truth, but beware of those who find it

“ During the 16th Century Europe, Copernicus gave the heliocentric theory (sun is at the centre and earth revolves around it). It was a result of his search for truth. It costed him multiple days of hardwork, mathematical and astronomical calculations and also, his death. at the hands of the church. The Church was



advocating Geocentrism (Earth at centre and sun revolves around it) as truth."

Thus, if Galileo would have been aware of those who claim to have found the truth, he would not have died. And would have made more discoveries in the search of truth. Nonetheless, Galileo is cherished till this date for his search for truth.

In this essay, we will ponder upon two things - first, why we need to cherish those who seek the truth and



second, why we should be beware of those who find it. But before that one needs to know what truth is?

Is it what can be perceived by eyes, heard by ears and sensed by our senses. Or is it way bigger than that?

The answer to this question is that truth is MULTIDIMENSIONAL. And yes, it goes beyond what just meets the eyes. For its search, one needs to always have a curious mind and ability



to learn, unlearn and relearn.

There is political truth in the form of upholding values like liberty, equality and fraternity.

Social truth seeks to uplift the vulnerables like women, untouchables.

This was done by social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Jshwar Chandra Vidyasagar, etc, who are cherished till this day for their contributions in the upliftment of women, lower caste and untouchables.

Economic truth hold grounds in form of prosperity with inclusivity and not just economic growth. The ideas of Compassionate Capitalism emerge



from it. People who practice it like Narayan Murthy are forever cherished.

Having discussed what truth is, let's see why we need to cherish those who search for it.

It leads to innovations which leads to new discoveries. It can change the whole social sphere of way of living. For example, Invention of Aeroplane by Wright Brothers.

It promotes scientific advancements in the form of thesis, anti-thesis and then synthesis. For instance,



limitations in previous theories are taken to build upon new ones.

It leads to civilizational progress and prevents stagnancy.

The reason for collapse of Roman civilization is its static and stagnant economic, trade, religion, society and science.

It ushers in new ways of life. For instance, the new era technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning,

Internet of things are a result of scientific endeavours to progress and find the truth.

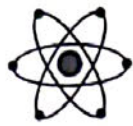


Now, coming to the second part of it that why we should be beware of those who claim to have found the truth.

“Truth found might be the subjectivity of the founder and blindness of the followers”

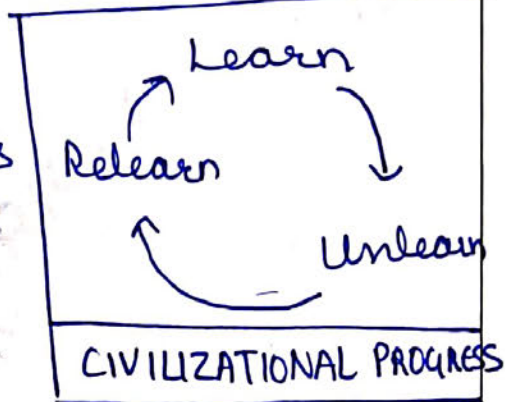
It can be seen from the terrorist brainwashing. The terrorists believe in their ideology as the ultimate truth and denies other possibilities.

Those who claim to have found the truth lose the ability to unlearn and



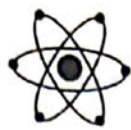
relearn. As said by Alvin Toffler,
the illiterate of the 21st Century
will not be those who cannot
read or write but those who
cannot learn, unlearn and

relearn. Thus, the
civilizational progress
gets limited.



Claiming to
have the monopoly of truth
can lead towards mysticism,
Conservatism and orthodoxism.

This can be seen from the
People's temple by Jim Jones
who promoted true knowledge
of life and his followers
blindly following led to the

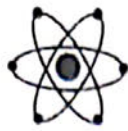


Jonestown massacre.

It leads towards unscientific theories. like square earth. The square earth group believers despite the scientific evidences donot believe in it.

It also hinders progress and well-being of not just themselves, but also of the society. For instance, the anti-vaccination drive due to claim of truth by some groups led them to endanger the well-being of others as well.

Therefore, it is said that rather than the true knowledge's ignorance, its illusion is more dangerous"



Let's conclude by taking a look at the recent advances made in science, particularly in the field of particle physics. The experiments to find anti-matter in the universe made up of matter has the potential to partially falsify the General theory of relativity of Albert Einstein. At the same time, it will reveal to us more insights about the universe, its formation, components, etc.

Therefore, if Einstein would be alive, would he



not like it? He would ~~app~~ have
applauded the inventions like
this which are seeking to
find the truth for which
he contributed his entire
life!