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THE ESSAY
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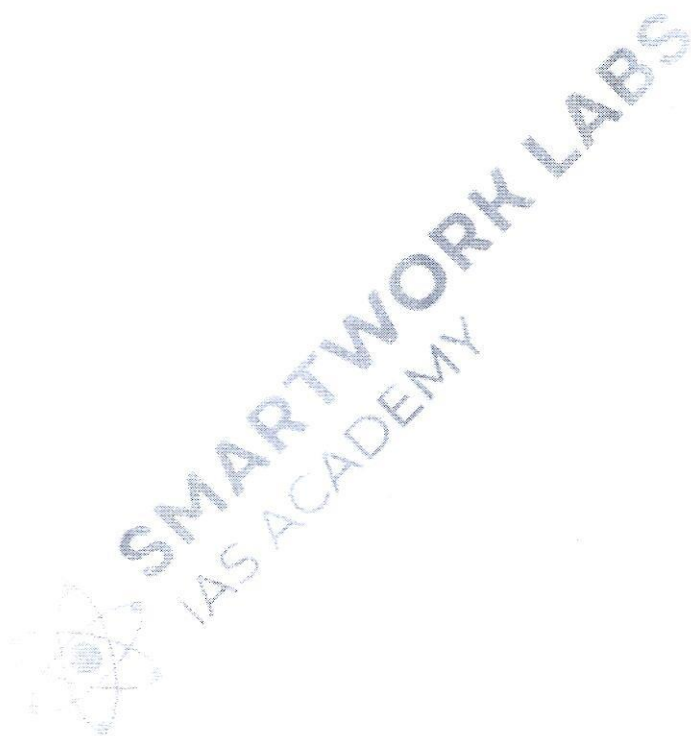
Time Allowed – 3 Hours

Maximum Marks – 250

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SECTION A	125				
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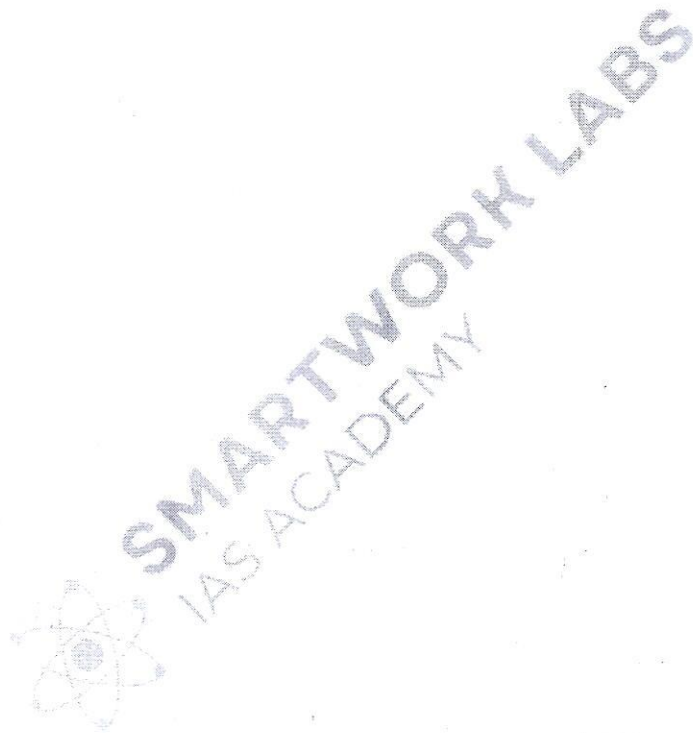
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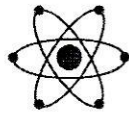
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ESSAY 2





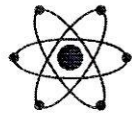
Write **TWO** Essays, choosing **ONE** from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: $125 \times 2 = 250$

Section – A

1. There are turning points in history when the history refuses to turn.
2. You may not be interested in politics but politics is interested in you.
3. The global village can do without a global headman.
4. The world is what it is ; men who are nothing, who allow themselves to become nothing, have no place in it.

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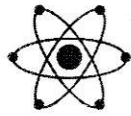
II When the disastrous world war came to a halt with USA bombing Japan with nuclear weapons the entire world realised that there is no winner or loser in war. Hiroshima and Nagasaki where the two nuclear bombs were dropped continue to suffer the effects of radioactive emissions still out in the atmosphere. children are still born



with genetic disorders and adults suffer from myriad diseases.

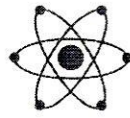
The global consensus arrived to make sure that world should not witness world war III. But history tends to forget it's mistakes and world leaders and organisations become little complacent with time. That world has not yet learnt it's lessons and wars today are still witnessed is a testimony that history's mistakes are not rectified and they continue to repeat.

There are turning points in history implies that often the mistakes or phenomena which have been witnessed should teach good enough lessons and the chances of them happening again become minimal. But history refuses to turn means that lesson has not been received well.



Martin Luther King fought his entire life to give blacks a life of dignity. His efforts did bore fruit when apartheid was made illegal. Indeed it was a moment to celebrate as the world was going to become a better place. A world where racism no longer existed and dignity was ensured to all. This dream was shattered when George Floyd was killed by American police on mere suspicion. The fight for blacks rights against revived as can be seen in movements like BLACK LIVES MATTER.

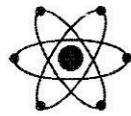
on similar lines B.R. Ambedkar wanted ANNIHILATION OF CASTE. He did burn MANUSMRTI to and led Temple entry movements to make sure that dalits can lead a dignified life.



unfortunately, the caste system which Baba saheb wanted to eradicate completely has only become more stronger with the coming of caste based organisations and rising caste consciousness.

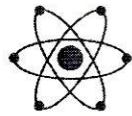
The more emerging community in contemporary times who are fighting for their rights are LBTA++ when the historical decision was pronounced by Supreme court of India about scrapping Article 377 of Indian Penal code, it was a turning point in lives of these communities. Little did the know that society would continue to see them with different outlook and their fight for dignity would be continued in times to come.

Such instances are not only witnessed in developing countries, but



are true in context of western countries too. When Renaissance replaced spirituality with rationality the church domination seemed to be relegated in the past. However, recently Human Genome Project was discontinued in western countries due to opposition coming from religious organisations.

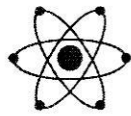
The hypocrisy of western countries does not seem to end here. These countries were the first to recognise that global temperature was witnessing a rise and that climate change was real. This realisation was indeed a kick to a ignorant world. Humanity could have worked according to its full potential and could have stopped the menace of global warming further aggravating.



But withdrawal of USA (one of the primary polluter in the world) is proof to the world and history that ^{Planet} ~~world~~ is left at the mercy of greedy people and would witness catastrophe in the times to come.

Even though the recent pandemic was more inclined towards being a natural phenomena, it could have been better handled in terms of availability of infrastructure (hospitals), saving ^{lives} lives and less damage to economy. Why such suggestion? Because there were pandemics in the past too-

SPANISH FLU, INFLUENZA epidemic. These events were sufficient to better prepare us to tackle futuristic pandemics. But as has been rightly stated history refuses to turn even after turning points are experienced by it.

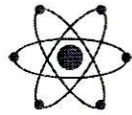


So far the idea that mistakes or phenomena that happens often repeats or come in a similar format seems appealing. But a holistic understanding emerges when other dimension of it is explored too. So, the pertinent question is: when history gives turning points, do the world changes forever?

When Columbus sailed off in the sea to search for the spice land. He mistakenly reached America. This was indeed a turning point, and time is testimony to the fact that search of new resources is still on. Countries are fighting wars to, the case in hand is Russia-Ukraine war

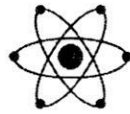
for resource requirement fulfillment.

The discovery of weapons of mass destruction helped in expansions but and their role have become so important that Nuclear proliferation is still on the rise.



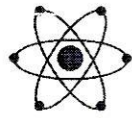
Speaking of turning points, way back before 1991, India was a closed economy. But when it began running out of its foreign reserves and only a week's crude oil could have been met by existing reserves. India decided to liberate its economy. These were 1991 LPG Reforms. The post reform changes changed face of India forever. The nation became more integrated with world at large. The process still continues in form of big MNCs establishing themselves in India, students migrating to other countries for higher jobs and education.

Even the idea of AATMANIRBHA-RATA is not to shut our doors to outside world but bringing self-reliance in areas where India has the potential to become so.




The idea of a global village, global citizens with common problems is irreversible especially when there are rapid technological advancements which are helping global citizens to remain connected more easily.

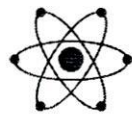
So when a broader picture is seen the conclusion emerged out is- surely there would be signals when world faces or going to face crisis. whether such signals are recognized or are ignored as to repeat in future depends on the people inhabiting this planet.



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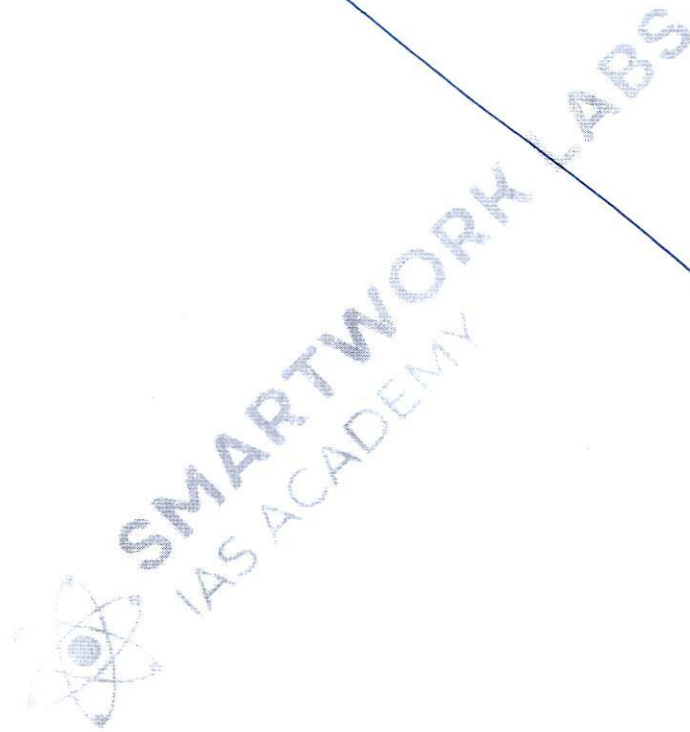
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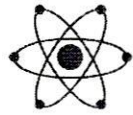
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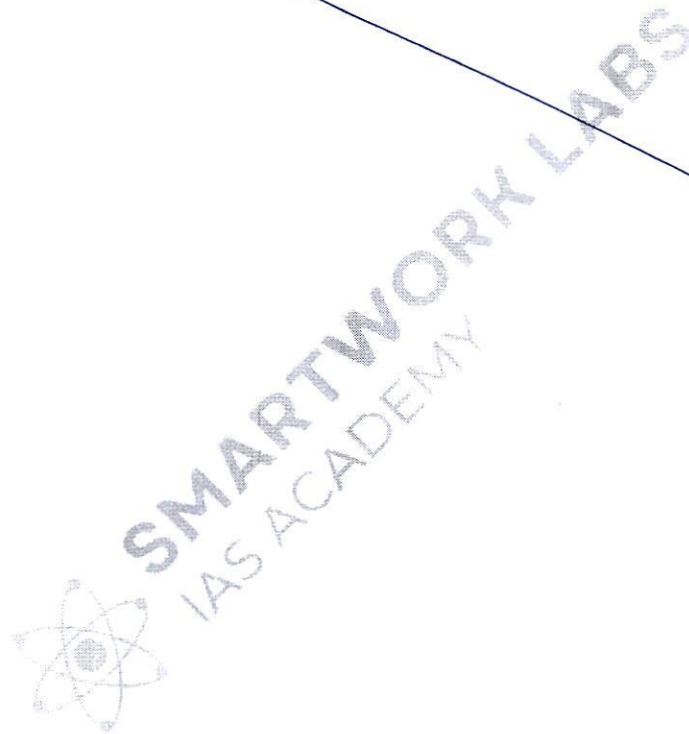
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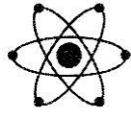




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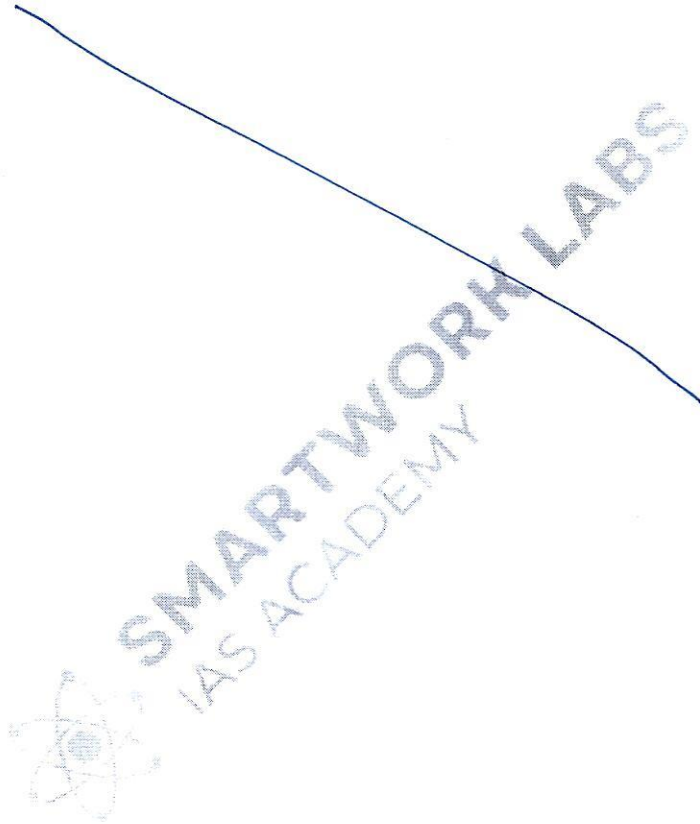
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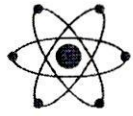




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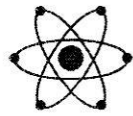




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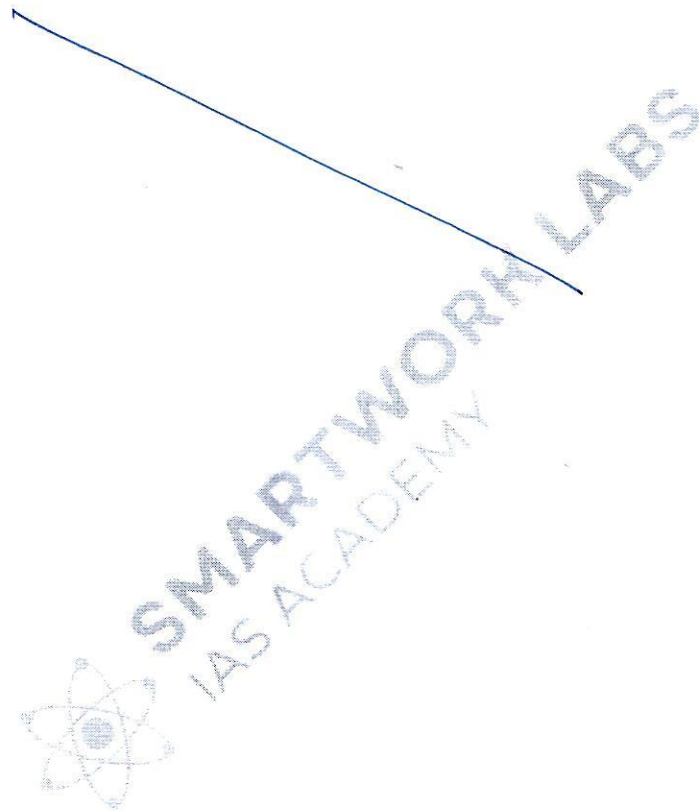
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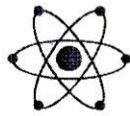
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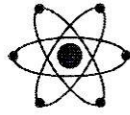


Section - B

1. Justice should not only be done, but also be seen being done.
2. Whatever you rightly say about India, the opposite is also true.
3. The greatest enemy of knowledge isn't ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.
4. Wisdom doesn't emanate from the individual, it resides in the species.

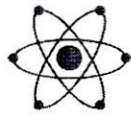
Whatever you might rightly say
about India, the opposite is also
true.

India is one of the oldest
civilization. It has such culture and
past embedded in it. If one were
to trace India from its past to its
modern scenario, no wonder one would
be astonished to find the contradictions
existing simultaneously. Across the world
and even today, India is known as
land of snake charmers but world also
knows India to be one of the most
emerging developing countries and sees
in it immense potential to become SUPER-
POWER



Harappan civilization is the cradle of India. It was the believed to be scientific in outlook practicing egalitarianism. The fact that Harappa people knew the art of boat making, knowledge of sea, proper weights and measures to conduct trade shows their scientific temper. Equality was witnessed in the society as there was no strict division of labour. men & women both enjoyed decorating themselves with ornaments.

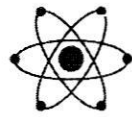
However, the architecture of Harappans in the form of lower and upper citadel meant for ruling class and lower class or ordinary people do give message of inequality. Similarly, seals which were used for numerous purposes are also known used to ward off evil spirits and used as amulets shows their beliefs in superstition.



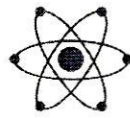
In Ancient India too, several developments took place especially the rulers like Ashoka who believed in tolerance, secularism, non-violence made India a progressive society.

The rise of Jainism and Buddhism as new religions too spread the idea of equality is another case in point. Gupta period which is known as golden period because of developments in art, architecture, literature.

At the same time all was not good in ancient India. The continuous struggle of brahminism to maintain their superiority resulted in them becoming successful in corrupting Buddhism because of which Buddhism gradually lost its charm. Similarly, the so called golden age was also the time when evils like Sati, child-marriage, dowry, enforced widowhood were practiced.



when britishers came to India and ruled the nation for 150+ years. they too began to put efforts to understand their colony better. That time Indian villages were the hulk of everything. They selected understanding of villages to grasp and paint better picture of India. With their studies and researches they arrived at conclusion Indian villages were little Republics, that means they were self sufficient. However, this picture is only true to the extent that Indian studies on villages throws a different light altogether on britishers finding. Contradictory view is that Indian villages were inter-dependent and ~~set~~ carried out of social functions like marriage with other villages.

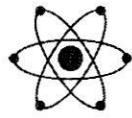


Today's India also is full of contradictions in its social, political, economic sphere.

In social sphere, it is indeed true that Indian women of 21st century are more empowered, self-dependent, ~~carry out~~ decision makers. But when COVID pandemic hit the country, it was women who witnessed double burden of work, were given back their responsibility of care work.

At the demographic level, it is true that India is approaching towards demographic dividend. However, if proper skills are not imparted, jobs are not created, it can very well turn into a demographic disaster.

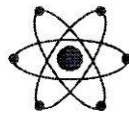
In political sphere, Indian constitution is the supreme law of land. ~~one of the fundamental right~~
The directive principles of state states that they would prevent concentration



of wealth in society. The idea is to redistribute wealth and make everyone better off. However, ~~oxfor~~ Oxfam Report on Inequality states that India's top 1% of population holds 70% of wealth.

Similarly, fundamental duty of Indian citizens is to build a scientific temper. The recent discovery of indigenous vaccine for COVID, thrust on atmanirbharata in indigenous manufacturing of defence technologies, Chandrayaan mission, brings our nation closer to science and its applications.

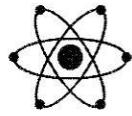
However, ~~suat~~ India continues to indulge in superstitious practices like Black Magic, witch hunting (Tharkhand case), treating homosexuality as disorder to be cured ~~in~~ whor in temple premises also show the backwardness of our society.



In legal sphere too, India is bringing progressive legislations like abolition of Section 377, IPC, making passive euthanasia legal, pregnancy termination act, right to privacy etc. which makes citizens of nations more empowered.

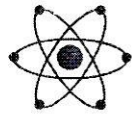
But at the same time it continues to follow ^{laws} like sedition, officials secret Act, Indian telegraph act which are nothing but colonial legacy.

In environmental sphere, tribal communities in India continues worshiping nature in the form of sacred groves, deans. on the other hand, forests are cut, industries especially thermal powered continues to pollute the environment. when the nation becomes part of climate treaties like Paris Agreement, International solar Alliance, going carbon neutral by 2070 shows a concern and duty towards climate Protection.



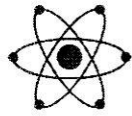
But continuing the nuclear tests in atmosphere, exploding mountains to collect minerals, launching rockets in space seems to someone brings idea of development being more important than environment.

After the 1991 LPG Reforms, there is often a debate which arises in Indian context. One argument is India is becoming more westernised, this is witnessed in the way food habits are becoming westernised (eg. junk food), music taste, clothes we prefer, language we speak are more of British and American taste. However, Indian traditions are not completely forgotten. The idea of Yoga (which India is spreading to other world), vasudhaiv Kutumbhkm (India hosting G-20 summit), traditional food (becoming popular worldwide) are



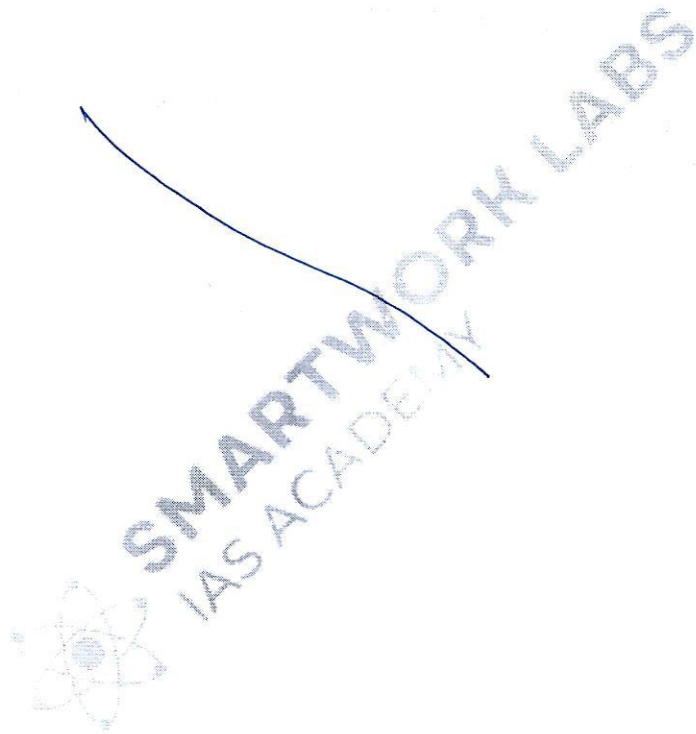
still deep rooted in our tradition.

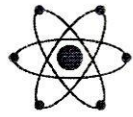
India diversity is more often than
not is antagonistic diversity where
Mukesh Anand's existence amid slums,
Mercedes and battery rickshaw on same
road, Bhagwad gita and Dan Brown's
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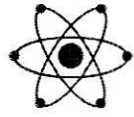




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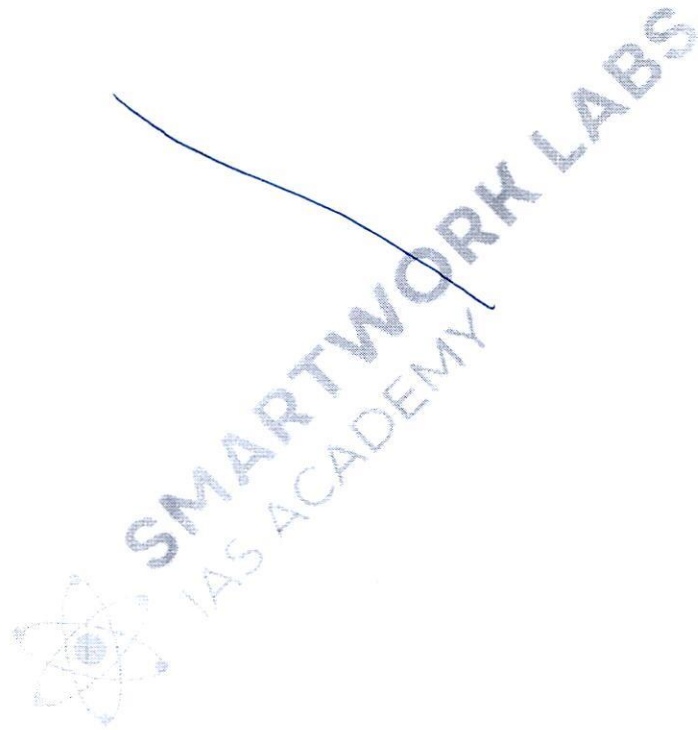
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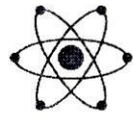
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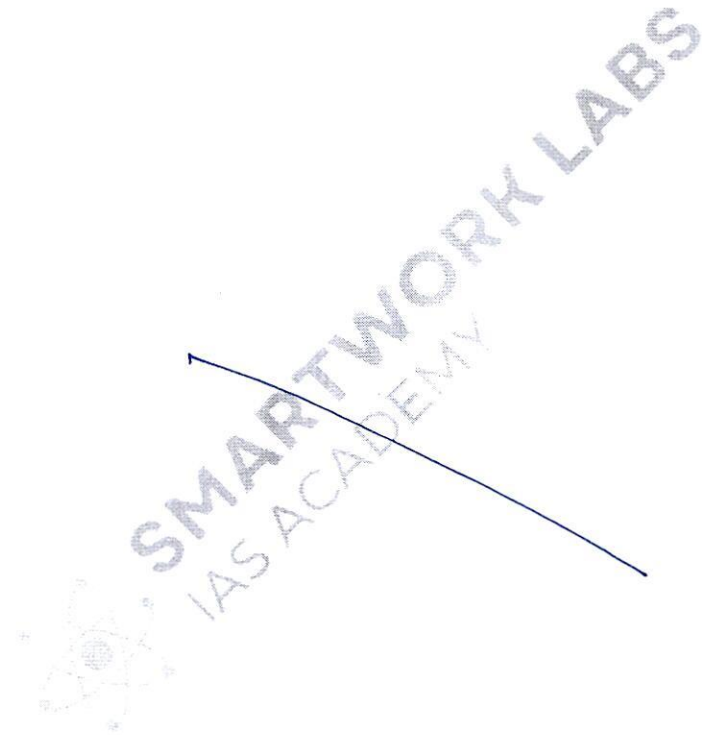
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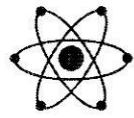




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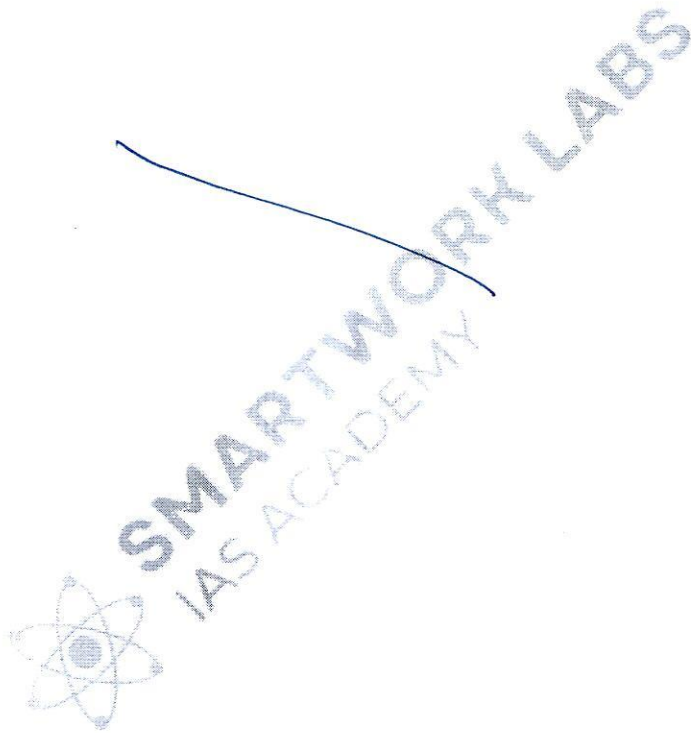
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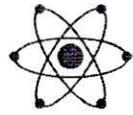




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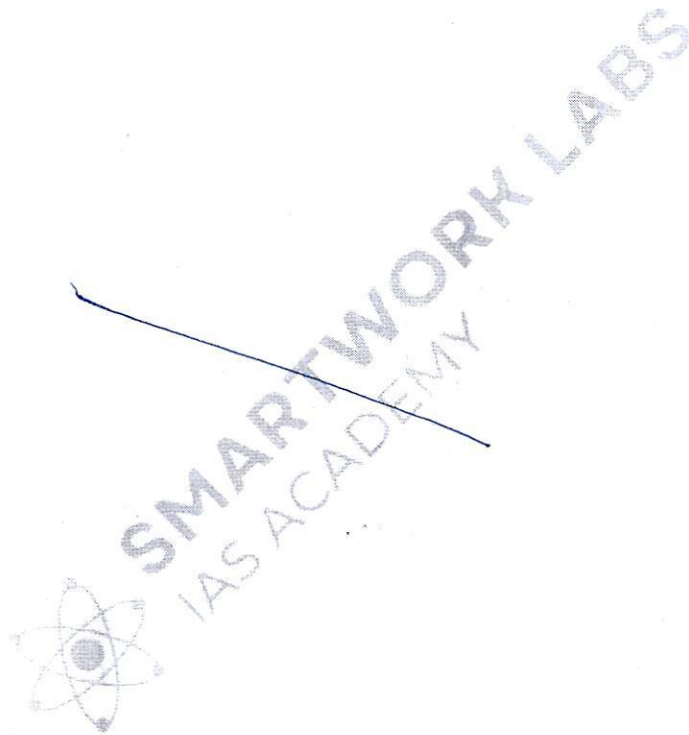
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Sect A. Ancient India

↳ Buddhism

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↳ NCM - Chauvi Chaura

Post Independence

↳ Farabi Hatao

Poverty still persists

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Asian crisis

200-1991

caste penetration → unique to India

↳ Ambedkar - Annihilation

Similarly Economic → Asian crisis → 2008 crisis

↓ meltdown

Recovery → covid crisis

↳ 1918 influenza pandemic

↳ global warming → Kyoto, Rio Summit

① Global ↳ (Renaissance)

↳ church → Human genome project → disband

social reform

↓ caste persists

② Martin Luther King Black lines movement | Ambedkar (Dalit movement)

Nuclear weapons → Hiroshima Nagasaki → Nuclear proliferation

Sect B

↳ BT&T problems

globalisation → reversal

↳ covid → global vocal for local

individual level

↳ MRF | Ambedkar

Community → 1987
↳ socio-religious / Reform

↳ globalisation
↳ climate change

↳ Discovery of fire,

wheel

↳ Columbus - America

↳ expansion → till now (R-U Way)

↳ ~~technology~~ Nuclear weapons

↳ Nuclear proliferation

turning points

↳ history text

① Gautam Buddha

↳ Better place

② Bhutan → progress

↳ Happiest country

③ INM, Arrival of Gandhi of India
freedom of India 1941 LPU Reforms

↳ globalisation
↳ global village

Digital Nomads, global citizens, common problems