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THE ESSAY
COACH
PROGRAMME
2023

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Time Allowed – 3 Hours

16 JUL 2023

Maximum Marks – 250

Table of Marks			Instructions Set		
SECTION	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED			
SECTION A	125				
SECTION B	125				
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MACRO FEEDBACK -

ESSAY 1

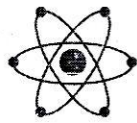
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ESSAY 2

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

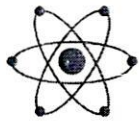
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History would remember year 2020, as the 'BLACK SWAN EVENT' (rare phenomena). It would remind human race that how a microscopic organism can change the face and space of humanity.

The more unfortunate tragedy however is the parallel crisis that was unfolding in the background - THE SHADOW PANDEMIC. Cases of domestic violence surged, women were thrown out of jobs, they became victims



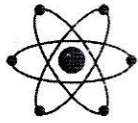
of the 'double burden of work'. Nations became ever so concerned about the welfare of their own citizens, it gave rise to vaccine-nationalism.

This single event is a testimony as to how when faced with crisis, true character is revealed. True character can be good or bad, but no ambiguity in generalising that it gets revealed.

JOURNEY OF CHARACTER REVELATIONS

Albert Einstein once remarked that humans are advanced evolution of monkeys. But what distinguishes them from monkeys is their power of reasoning.

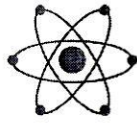
Primitive men ~~was~~ were bounded with nature's dictatorship, victims of its wrath, powerless in front of the mighty — they faced



existential crisis. As the human nature is since time immemorial, they couldn't accept their defeat. The true character was revealed in the form of killing of animals, destroying the forests, exploiting its resources.

Modern man is no different, Adolf Hitler couldn't come to terms following the defeat of Germany in WWII. What he did would give chills to humanity as long as it survives, the Jewish holocaust. It reveals the brutal character of man when he faces inner crisis.

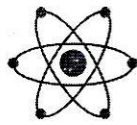
Britain, the mighty and all powerful soon started apprehending loss of power over Indian colony. The tamed Indian, the product of Britain's own creation started turning towards



them, forgetting about the loyalty, respect so far relieved they flaunted their superiority by indulging in heinous act, the killing of thousands of poor, unarmed people which history of India would remember as JALLIAWALA BAHU MASSACRE.

Politically the world's largest democracy - USA is making a powerful rhetoric about its immoral and apathetic character. ~~when~~ ^{when} it's a time globally trade is facing lawlessness (WTO's stalled election by USA), global world is facing wrath of climate change [USA withdrawing from PARIS CLIMATE DEAL], racism is still found [death of George Floyd]

The entire nation has become a mute spectator towards Russia's annexation of Ukraine, Taliban's atrocities in Afghanistan, Indonesia's

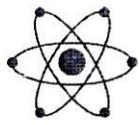


Submergence (sinking island), Syrian war, Africa's water crisis.

This indifference towards the events brings again the idea of revelation of character during crisis at forefront. Similar such events are seen at societal level too.

Indian society is today maybe one of the largest emerging democracy but parallelly the social cleavages are deepening further. This is manifested in the form of inequality - Oxfam Inequality report reveals - Top 10% holding > 70% of nation's wealth, social discrimination towards Dalits (Recently, a dalit girl in Rajasthan was gangraped, her face was made unrecognisable by throwing acid after killing).

This crisis can be resolved with the efforts of all 140 crores Indians together, but Indian societal character



is marked by indifference, apathy, selfishness, it doesn't concern me attitude.

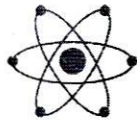
As long as this character persists, society would continue to witness rapes (Hyderabad veteran's rape, Nisbhaya rapes), gender inequality - (unpaid work of housewives, pink-collarization of work), dowry deaths, child labour, income-inequality etc.

GOOD CHARACTER DURING CRISIS

A crisis of consciousness can turn a man into compassionate and caring being. This is the anecdote of ASHOKA - THE GREAT.

After killing so many in Kalinga war, the violence and bloodshed changes his heart, his BHERIGHOSA — DHAMMA GHOSA

Similarly, an ordinary human after witnessing the pain and suffering in the world went on to become — BUDDHA - THE GREAT.

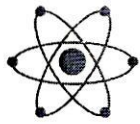


Such character building are seen even at national levels and societal levels.

Japan was devastated and was in a dilapidated condition post world war II. But as a nation it didn't lose its moral character and strength. ~~Here~~ The Meiji Revolution heralded a new economic transformation and made Japan a successful industrial society. Three decades down the line it gave tough competition to USA in economic trade.

When climate change was no longer a dream but a bitter reality staring in the eye of humanity. Nations and individuals have come together in their common fight against climate change.

Elon Musk, Founder of TESLA removed patent right so that world can embark upon a journey of green and



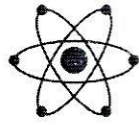
Sustainable environment.

globally, treaties are being signed (PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT), International Solar Alliance have been launched, all are embracing LIFE [lifestyle for environment], focus is on shift toward renewable energy.

FOCUS ON BUILDING GOOD CHARACTER

Humans are like clay when infants and can be moulded as per the requirements. Initial socialization can help to build a stronger character, so that in the event of crisis → a good character is revealed.

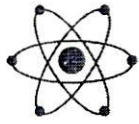
APJ Abdul Kalam said - "If a nation has to be turned into beautiful minds - the role of 3 people is very important, they are Mother, father and Teacher.



Today when crisis is unfolding
in every sphere - social, political,
cultural and more importantly
WITHIN - crisis of consciousness.

Let's all resolve to become
ASHOKA, YANDHI, BUDDHA and
turn the course of nations and
humanity towards a better future.

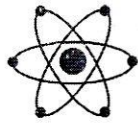
AS BERTERD RUSSEL said once -
It's not the existence, but coexistence
that would sail humanity through
crisis.



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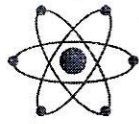
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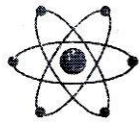
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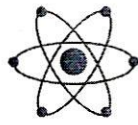
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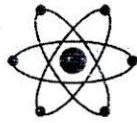


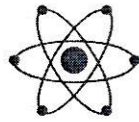
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Section - B

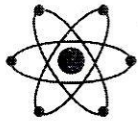
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CHERISH THOSE WHO SEEK THE TRUTH,
BUT BEWARE OF THOSE WHO FIND IT

Once a group of individuals were called. They were part of an experiment, all were blindfolded. When the experiment began they were asked to touch the different part of an elephant. Touching the tail, one claimed it was rod, other opined it as broom, some said cotton cloth.

Interpretation varied from one individual to another. They all were utterly shocked when blind fold was removed.

This story is inspired from the JAINISM PHILOSOPHY of ANEKANTVADA -

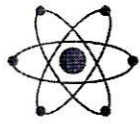


which means truth is not an uni-dimensional concept. It is multi-opiniated and every opinion is equally true. As no single truth exists, ^{different} ~~same~~ opinions are true when context is changed.

Therefore, it becomes crucial to understand that those who claim to have found truth are dangerous. Humanity can continue to exist only when one is in a constant quest for search of truth.

The medieval Europe of 16th-17th century was going through DARK AGES. This period was marked by domination of CHURCH who claimed to know the truth. This resulted into European society gripped by status quoism and non-scientific temper.

It was only with the advent of RENAISSANCE - the re-awakening of



ideas and FRENCH REVOLUTION which heralded a new era of scientific temper and nationalism. European

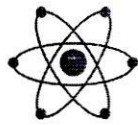
society is till date seeking the factors which can lead it towards progress.

Similar story resonates in Modern world too. This is witnessed in the

rise of RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM, the idea of one's religion being the true religion and one's religious text interpretation is the only truth.

Such growth's consequence has brought disastrous consequences in the form of wars (middle-east crisis), religious intolerance (France banning Hijab in public), attacks like Christchurch attack of New Zealand.

Religions like Jainism and Buddhism are eternal to this day. Their religious philosophy was liberal, never claiming about single god. Till this date these religions are seeking the truth about

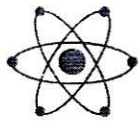


suffering, pain in society and continue to provide solace to individuals.

Politically too - Nations like America, Russia claim and boast their superiority, they are averse about the accomplishment of true success.

They are creating havoc in the world today by leading various annexations - American invasion of Iraq, Russian war on Ukraine, Russian troops deployed in Afghanistan etc.

on the other hand, Nations like Germany, Israel, Korea are expanding like never before. They are striving towards success as they never settle for what they have accomplished. For them Success is open-ended and they are tirelessly working toward near perfection.

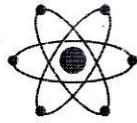


Sci A true science is one which is ready for falsifications. Science has revolutionised the world and has gained a prominent respect in humankind's heart to the extent, it is sometimes called as NEW RELIGION.

Scientific community keep negating their previous discoveries only to discover new findings. A case in hand is the constant efforts to still discover our universe.

Chandrayaan-3 is not the first expedition to moon by India. USA's APOLLO, UAE's HOPE etc. have already left their footprints there. What still drives the nation then?

Their quest for seeking more knowledge about SOUTH POLE of moon. As soon as they assert the complete truth about moon, status quoism would creep in and progress of mankind would cease.

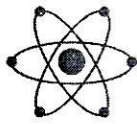


Socially too societies keep evolving as per changing requirements.

Indian constitution was very liberal in this sense as it's a right mix of rigidity & flexibility. This implies that no one law becomes final but rather changes. This is seen in - including Transgender as 3rd option in forms, removing section-377 of IPC which criminalised same-sex marriage.

on the other hand, Afghanistan as a nation is not progressing on social platform - there is no civic liberties, women are denied educational rights. Similarly, North Korea has shunned it's people from outside contact.

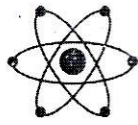
This is the difference it creates when one becomes open to truth liberty while other asserts limited liberty of it's citizens.



Having seen various dimensions of truth in different spheres, one might ponder over the ~~phrase~~^{meaning} of ~~meaning~~ phrase - seeking the truth?
finding the truth?

Seeking the truth has an philosophical bent towards it. It's an abstract phenomena. This implies that one learns, unlearns and learns again as there is no true learning. Mahatma Gandhi became the 'father of Indian Nation'. He gained this title because he had one quality in him - se always seeking the truth.

His numerous experiments conducted to find one appropriate means to liberate India from shackles of Britisher's clutch. Eventually, it was the culmination of various experiments that liberated India!



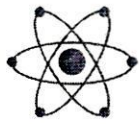
Aristotle chose to die rather than escaping. His final words before his execution was - "An unexamined life is not worth living".

This statement holds the meaning of phrase - seeking the truth. An individual should be empowered enough psychologically so as to seek true meaning of life, or else his life is not worth living.

DANGER OF FINDING THE TRUTH

The danger is the fact itself that one has discovered the truth, as there exists none. Such assertiveness can have unfavourable results.

In environmental sphere, it would stop the search for other factors responsible for climate change if world unanimously agree for global warming as the sole reason.



In technological field, it would bring halt to expeditions, new discoveries.

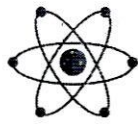
Heliocentrism would never have become geocentrism if one would settle for church's truth.

In political sphere, if all nations agreed for single truth of supremacy of USA and USSR, multilateralism would never emerge.

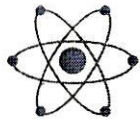
In Economic sphere, India would still have remained closed-economy had it not ventured into new methods, explored new options.

In Administration, if government had become complacent with its governing method, e-governance would not emerge.

Therefore, search for truth is the only constant. This is to ensure ~~make~~ continuation of humanity and better living conditions for it.



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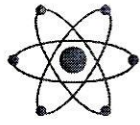
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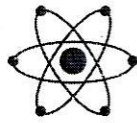


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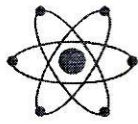


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Rough Work



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Physical Moral Economic Social
Rough Back character isn't ^{made} built in a crisis,
 it's only revealed

COVID-pandemic → Indian character → revealed

Made ✓ ✓ (x) ✓ ✓ ✓
 ✓ ✓ ✓

evolⁿ → crisis — unable to under. (Nature)
Brutal character → revealed

Historical

Astro: Hitler → character (Jews holocaust)
crisis ✓

↳ Britishers ← crisis → Indians → resist
 ↳ indian way

Politically

Mittar WTO → Stall → American domination
World gripping with lawlessness on trade
climate change
racism

Mid Afghan (Taliban) rule, R-U (annexation) →
Indonesia (submergence)

Japan

Socially

(Social character)
India → praise

social dep
 cleav

gripping with problems → gender inequality
 → income inequality
 → caste based
discrim
 → jobless gro

Indian
 social
 character

Dalit atrocities (Karoli)
 ↳ LGBTQ → mainstream
WEF → 130+ gender equality

National

Japan → post WWII → crisis

- ✓ Deterministic character → Meiji Revolⁿ
- ✓ Germany → Advancement

Rough Work → crisis → made character

good → crisis of consciousness

✓ Ashoka → B → D

✓ Buddha → enlightenment
Moral → changed the world

mail you → crisis
→ women edu → change

Nippon
India → independence

crisis climate crisis
globally

enviro chara → Treaties
→ Elon mus k Tesla
↳ green hydrogen mission
↳ smart Agriculture
↳ Paris Agreement
↳ life mission

character build
↳ APJ Abdul Kalam →

Beautifull minds
Moral charact → Ashoka
Gandhi
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Aristotle
↳ Examined life
↳ sethe (X)
discover self

seeking the truth

↓
one finds it

Individual
↳ seek
↳ longu.
↳ what Buddha & Anguimala

↳ conseqn → seek
↳ gandhian philosophy

↳ Adopt → seek/trust → Indian Nationalism

Control → Price — Individual

Rough Work

eg.: Putra

→ Historical →

Religious

Jainism
Buddhism } → seeking the truth

All religions are → heading toward common goal

Adamant

→ fundamentalists

↳ only their Truth
inher — Bible
— Quran
— Yeera

Religion debate

Politically Nations

→ various models

assertive

Nations — Israel
— Korea

autocratic

(M)

(B)

discoveries

} seek truth
↓
govern citizen bet.

seek truth

human bet.

assertive

superiority establish

↳ Annexations, racism, water crisis,
(RU) (A-V) (R-A)

Scientific world

Karl Popper → falsification (geocentric)

↳ gravity → space-time
defeat

New alternative

universe model

→ more discoveries

Church
↓
heliocentrism

↳ Status quo, promote scientific temper

Evolution angle

Environment angle

→ U.C

→ truth

Reasons

→ Assert

→ one

→ consequence

↓ Neglect

Techn.

Chandrayan 3
Hope mission
Apollo

} Moon + truth → south pole

↓ Assertion → search for disc → start, progr (X)

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ESSAY- T2

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QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION

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

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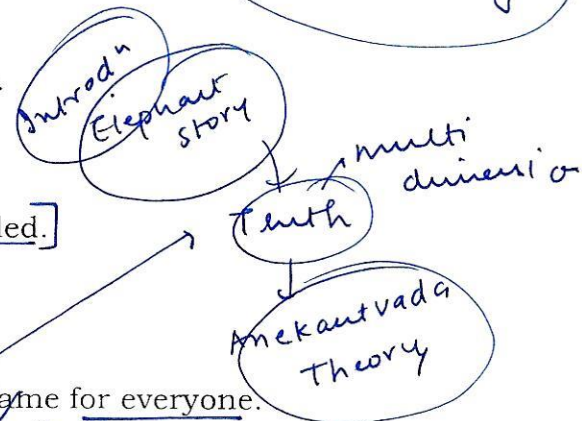
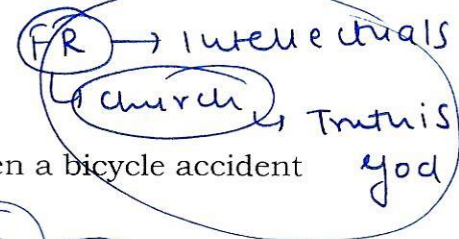
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