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प्रवेश-पत्र में प्राधिकृत माध्यम में निबन्ध लिखना आवश्यक है तथा इस माध्यम का स्पष्ट उल्लेख प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यू.सी.ए.) पुस्तिका के मुखपृष्ठ पर निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर करना आवश्यक है। प्राधिकृत माध्यम के अलावा अन्य माध्यम में लिखे गए उत्तरों पर अंक नहीं दिए जाएंगे।

- Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.
प्रश्नों के उत्तर निर्दिष्ट शब्द-संख्या के अनुसार होने चाहिए।
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़े गए किसी पृष्ठ अथवा पृष्ठ भाग को पूर्णतः काट दीजिए।

Remarks:

General Instructions

- Do furnish the appropriate details in the answer sheet (viz. Name, Registration Number and Test Code).

उत्तर पुस्तिका में सूचनाएं भरना आवश्यक है (नाम, प्रश्न-पत्र कोड, विद्यार्थी क्रमांक इत्यादि)।

- Write **two** essay, choosing **one** topic from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each.

खण्ड A व B प्रत्येक से एक विषय चुनकर दो निबन्ध लिखिए, जो प्रत्येक लगभग 1000-2000 शब्दों का हो।

- Do not write answers in bad of illegible handwriting. Such answer may not be evaluated.

उत्तर अस्पष्ट अथवा गन्दी लिखावट में न लिखें। इस प्रकार के उत्तरों का मूल्यांकन नहीं भी किया जा सकता है।

- Write answers in ink only. Do not use pencil for writing the answer. However, pencil may be used for drawing diagrams, sketches, etc.

उत्तर स्याही से ही लिखें। उत्तर लिखने के लिए पेंसिल का उपयोग न करें। हालांकि आरेख, चित्र इत्यादि बनाने के लिए पेंसिल का उपयोग किया जा सकता है।

- Do not write answers in a medium other than the authorized medium in the Admission Certificate. Do not use mixed language, i.e., authorized and unauthorized media together, for writing answers.

प्रवेश-पत्र में उल्लेख किए गए माध्यम के अलावा अन्य किसी माध्यम में उत्तर न लिखें। अधिकृत और अनधिकृत की मिली-जुली भाषा का भी उपयोग न करें।

- Write answers at the specified spaces (right below the questions) only. Answers written elsewhere at unspecified spaces in the Booklet shall not be evaluated.

प्रश्नों के उत्तर ठीक उसके नीचे दिए गए निर्धारित स्थान पर ही लिखें निर्धारित स्थान के अलावा किसी अन्य स्थान पर लिखे गए उत्तर का मूल्यांकन नहीं किया जाएगा।

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EVALUATION INDICATORS

1. Contextual Competence
2. Structure and Flow
3. Dimensional Coverage
4. Language Competence
5. Length of Essays
6. Creativity Competence

Overall Macro Comments / feedback / suggestions on Answer Booklet:

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Evaluation Parameters

- Understanding of Topic
- Introduction Competence
- Body of Essay
 - Dimensions Covered
 - Shortcomings
 - Value Additions/ Missed Dimensions
- Conclusion Competence
- Organization of Essay
- Language and Expression

Macro Comments – Essay 1

Essay Topic:

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"YOU GET IN LIFE, WHAT YOU HAVE THE
COURAGE TO ASK FOR"

On being thrown out of a
moving train, Life told her, "you are
disabled", she replied to life, "I am more
capable than anyone else" by becoming
India's first female amputee to climb
mount everest.

This inspiring story of Arunima
Binha points towards undeniable reality
that It's the strength of our courage
that decides the length of our success
in life.

Before moving ahead let us
first understand what exactly courage

Is? Plato had seen courage as the most important of the four cardinal virtues, Similarly, Thiruvalluvar in his Thirukkural had highlighted courage as important value for an achiever. While M.k Gandhi had defined courage as capability to follow truth and nonviolence even in face of death, Captain Manoj Pandey had defined it as killing the death itself.

In simple words, Courage is the ability to show conviction, resistance and perseverance even in face of challenges.

Now that we understand what courage is, let us explore how and

why courage decides where we get in life?

COURAGE: THE DECIDER OF OUR DESTINATION

Courage by giving us the strength to resist tough competition that we face in every aspect of life helps us achieve our life goals. This was exemplified by our sports persons in recent Olympics and ongoing paralympic, while neeraj Chopra gave a season best throw despite a groin injury, Avani Lekhara broke her own record in shooting after recovering from a gallbladder surgery. Had they not shown such courage, they would have fallen prey to the mindboggling competition in sports and never reached their destination.

Not only by overcoming competitions but also by enabling us to remain intact and move ahead amid uncontrollable challenges, courage takes us to our goal. This was seen last year during India's 420th presidency when India showed the courage to bring a joint statement amid extreme polarization between Russia & the West amid Ukraine war by placing a bold condition^{before both the parties} of India leaving 420 if the statement was not brought.

While human sets great goals nature's vagaries often create new set of challenges in achieving it and by enabling us to maintain self-belief courage here also helps us to sail through and no other nation than Japan

situated on ring of fire facing high intensity earthquakes and still becoming a developed country exemplify this. It is courage of Japanese to adapt to such adverse situation that inspires the whole world.

As an individual or a collective, in our efforts to achieve our goals repeated failure acts as the biggest impediment and who over powers these failures? The courageous ones. And this is why Thomas Elva Edison invented the light bulb even after 10,000 failed attempts because he had the courage to accept and leave even if the next step was a failure. Last years ISRO's success in taking India to Moon also highlights the same spirit.

Another reason why courage takes us ahead is because it helps us to persist through even the most adverse circumstances. What else could explain the continuous demand by millions of Indians for independence even in face of draconian laws like Rowlatt Act or the pretext of dalits against untouchability even if it meant deaths or rapes. or the demand of women for equality in a patriarchal society. These courageous acts brought us where we are - an independent nation and constitutionally guaranteed right to equality & ban on untouchability.

Moreover our courage can not only take us to our destination but also enable and empower others to

do so. For instance, courage of Raja Ram Mohan Ray, Jyotiba Phule, Sarabhai Ranade and others brought millions of others to empowered social positions.

Ultimately, courage if guided by altruism makes a man, a superhuman. For instance, last year ~~last~~ a railway personnel became a national hero when he saved a blind woman and her child by ^{helping them} ~~out of~~ rail track amid a moving train.

Now that we have an idea of how courage takes us where we are, let us understand,

IMPEDIMENTS TO COURAGE

Many a times we fail to show courage even when its most needed, and this is due to multiple reasons.

Thiruvalluvar in his Thirakural
sees lack of Soyatchai i.e. self
realization as a major cause, because
when we fail to realize our strength
then we also often fail to show courage.
This explains why India under
Moderates lacked courage to bring
mass movement while the same was
possible under Gandhi who helped
masses in self realization.

further, ^{as} Sovereignst says ignorance
is the biggest enemy of human, we
can make out why we fail to show
courage even in most needed situations.
A passerby not moving ahead to
protect a woman from molestations
being ignorant that the same may
happen with own daughter exemplifies

this.

Another impediment to courage is 'fear' - of retribution, harm or at times death. That for instance most IAS officers in India fail to challenge land mafias because they fear from death threats.

Lack of clarity on basic principles of one's life is yet another impediment to courage. When we are unaware of our value systems we can't develop a conscience to show courage ending up in dilemma that forces us to inaction.

Moreover, being entangled in a web of social relations that comes with different roles also suppresses courage in human. After all this is

The reason why most women don't speak against domestic violence because doing so is seen as violation of family honour and disregarded to crucial relation.

While it is important to understand impediment that we have done now we move to probably the most important part of this essay i.e.

How to develop courage:

Imbibing the attribute of Suyat Chai i.e. self reflection must be the first step because only when we know our strengths & weaknesses that we can maximise the former and minimise the later to show courage.

further as Dr Kalan

mentions in his 'Ignited minds', setting big dreams must be our priority as only when we have dreams that we can show courage to persist through challenges.

After setting dreams, incubating the habit of doing hardwork should be our next solution to show courage as when you work hard you realize the importance of your efforts that help us to accept and leave from failures.

Lastly, we must set some principles in our life that should be uncompromisable and clear to us so that we know where showing courage is a must.

Thus in our efforts to
become courageous to get where
we want to be in our life, follow-
ing words of Elva Edition should
serve as guiding light.

"Everyone has enough light to
light the whole world"

"NEITHER THE LIFE OF AN INDIVIDUAL
NOR THE HISTORY OF A SOCIETY CAN
BE UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING
BOTH"

Just by reading about the
life of king krishna deva Raya
historians were unable to get a
complete understanding of him which
was achieved only once they also
understood the society of which he
was part by going through travellogues
and stories.

This historical endeavour
to understand krishnadeva Raya highlig-
-hted how an individual and society
are two side of the same coin

~~for~~ and understanding one without another only gives an incomplete understanding.

In this essay we would first try to understand how following only one side - individual or society gives a partial understanding and then explore how understanding both gives a complete picture of reality.

Understanding individual without society
- a partial understanding

In our obsession with people and their acts we usually tend to ignore the context in which people act. For instance many argue that netaji Subhash Chandra Bose did a sin by taking help of hitler, by

ignoring how the history of Indian society has nurtured us to think for the self before self i.e. by only focusing on his act people ignore that he was keeping his national interest above his personal disgust for Nazis

further a human centric view of world that sees human dictating the fate of society and not vice-versa that we ignore society's role in deciding humans fate. for instance, we find it ~~was~~ very easy to blame the husband solely for harassing his wife by overlooking the patriarchal ~~his story~~ history of society that enables a husband to do so.

While many argue that human is a product of his experience

in personal life, most people fail to recognise that he is also a product of collective experience of society to which he belongs. For instance, when sitting in east we analyse acts of Elon Musk in west, we wonder how money minded he is, we often fail to realize that he is so because he belongs to a capitalist society that has nurtured him to accumulate wealth.

Moreover our belief that individuals act in self interest again makes us overlook that at times he acts may be for ^{the larger} society and not just self. For instance, after Shammaghas-
ha of Ashoka is explain in terms of his desires for self satisfaction, again overlooking that he did so for instilling peace in society.

Understanding society without individual
- again a partial understanding

Classical thinkers like Auguste

Comte claimed that we can change
a society by creating a law on how
society works, this as later explained
by thinkers like Alfred Blut was ~~is~~
under ~~utter~~ disregarded to the scale of
an individual in shaping his society.
And this disregarded persists even today
when people say society can prevent
deviant behaviours like live-ins through
disapproval but had it been so why
live in couples would have existed in
traditional societies like India?

People often ignore individual's
role in shaping a society because they

Great society has a superior force beyond human control because of its ability to punish members but we fail to understand that ^{people} may not always adhere to social norms because of fear of punishment but also because they personally value those norms as right.

Further some argue that since individual himself is integral part of society and hence understanding society's history also covers life of individual, again this view contributes to partial understanding as seen in ignorance of individual ~~human~~ women efforts that violated norms of patriarchy in history books.

Moreover, Understanding of a society's history can't give us a

complete idea about individual lives of its members because every person is unique with differing life principles, belief systems and thought process, for example just by understanding the level of social pressure on students we can't explain why some students commit suicide on failing while others persist.

Lastly only understanding society's history amount to denial of revolution in society which is lead by individuals who think ~~live~~ differently from how society wants them to think. For instance if we continue to read history of ancient India seeing its patriarchal society we

would fail to appreciate the revolution of Draupadi that lead to Mahabharat as an individual's challenge to an unjust social order. So how do we get a true understanding?

Understanding Both : Society and Individual together

When we understand both we appreciate the fact that both share a mutual beneficial relation, It is under a social contract that individual ~~submit~~ submits to society and not due to society's superiority. For example our freedom fighters fought of independence even at the cost of their lives due ^{to} the realization that only an independent India could provide individual liberty.

for self development.

Further, the relations between individuals and the social institutions they create shapes the history of society which when realized explains why Indian society is plural despite adherence to hindu civilizational values, It is so because people have intermixed, befriended each other despite religio-ethnic differences, thus creating a unique social history and this history inspires us at individual level to show tolerance.

Moreover, society socializes a new member to its norms and practices and members in turn try to remove obsolete norms creating

a combined history of society and individual. For example ^{while} ~~why~~ Indian society socialized Ram Mohan Ray to Indian traditions which he provided upon, Ram Mohan Ray intervened gave reason to society to provide upon herself by removing decadent institutions like the Sati.

Further, society and individual can't be understood separately because human is both individualistic and altruistic and this makes society dynamic and moving quite unconventionally at times.

Thus the beauty lies in appreciating the unity of society and individual without dwarfing either against each other and this is how we understand reality.