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Important Instructions

- The ESSAY must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.
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 **One** essay in about 1000-1200 words each.
एक विषय चुनकर निबन्ध लिखिए, जो 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 Topic:

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All the Best

To be free is to live in
a way that respects
and enhances freedom
of others

It is year 2070, Neha (70 year old)
is sitting on her antique chair in a closed
room and thinking about her grandmother.

She recalls those words how a rise in
temperature and excessive use of natural
resources would create issues in future.

Today ~~she~~ Neha is waiting for government
to give a green alert which was
issued amidst heatwaves. People are

asked to stay at home and not venture
outside due to rising deaths due to heat

waves since last 15 days. Neha is

missing her visits to park, her freedom

to take a walk in free natural air

as she remains confined to a room

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The above story highlights how the humans are freely using and exploiting our mother earth today.

This will have severe consequences on our future generation hence violating their basic freedom to enjoy fresh air, clean water and a healthy environment.

In this essay, we will analyse how our freedom can impact, enhance or adversely affect others freedom. We will also touch upon why it is becoming so tough to respect others' freedom while we enjoy our freedom? In the end we will try to find ways in which we can collectively better each other loves.

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OUR FREEDOM VS THEIR FREEDOM

Historically we have seen how Britishers enjoyed freedom of trade in India which gradually restricted freedom of Indians. The oppressive policies to gain profits and enhance commercial interests led to loss of freedom to even live a healthy life. The policy of laissez faire caused widespread famines and took lives of many.

At the same time, British exercised the freedom to rule and govern Indians in their own way. This was demonstrated in Downward filtration theory which affect Indian's right to get free education. Also, the press restrictive policies like Vernacular Press Act led to loss of press freedom.

Hence, clearly the way
British lived freely in India did not
respect or enhance Indian's freedom.

As a result, we rose against them
and they had to leave India

Like wise in contemporary
times people often exercise their freedom
of speech granted under Article 19.

However, amidst rising hate and intolerance,
the freedom of speech is misused as
hate speech targeting minorities and
their rights. As we saw in Nupur

Sharma case where her freedom of
debate in a news channel sparked
communal riots all over the country.

Similarly Indian constitution
has implicitly granted freedom of
press to the media houses. Media

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being the wheel of democracy holds immense responsibility while exercising freedom of expression. However, during 2011 attack, the media houses while exercising their freedom put the national security and freedom of whole nation at stake

In recent times, we have seen news of forced religious conversions. Though Indian Constitution grants the freedom to propagate and profess religion, however it is being misused by anti-social elements hence impacting other's freedom. This has serious repercussions on minority rights and pluralistic diversity of our nation.

We have completed 75 years of independence. But when it comes to women safety and security, can we say that women are ~~so~~ free to walk on

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Indian streets at nights? The basic and fundamental freedom to walk on street is violated due to patriarchal mindset of our country. Not to mention cases where a walking woman was attacked with acid as the criminal had ease and freedom to buy acid and execute such crime.

Similarly at international level, we are seeing rising assertiveness of china on South China Sea. The international rule based order is breaking apart as china violates freedom of navigation of sea for small island nations. The wolf warrior and debt trap diplomacy being freely practised by china impacts vulnerable nations like Sri Lanka (as Debt crisis)

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At the same time, Afghanistan is facing crisis with democratic principles and women rights. The authoritarianism rule of Taliban and its freedom to misgovern people of Afghanistan violates the basic human rights. In the era of 21st century, we are going backwards

Another instance where right to exercise freedom hampers other rights are reasonable restrictions in place under Article 19. Our Indian constitution acknowledges the fact that freedom of movement does not mean violating rights of tribal groups.

Hence, to protect public health, to preserve tribal culture, there should be an accountability while exercising freedom

GROUND AND ROOT CAUSES : THE IMPEDIMENTS

We need to understand why
rights come at the conflict? And why
it becomes so difficult to respect and
enhance others' freedom while we enjoy
and exercise ours.

Firstly, there could be
the fading values, morality among the
society. People today are busy in
self-indulgence and obsession towards
self that there is a complete lack
of compliance with moral and civic
duties. For instance, NOT in my
backyard attitude shows that while we
want to keep our houses clean but
we don't pay heed to how our
environment looks

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margin.

Similarly, there is lack of horizontal accountability while exercising fundamental rights. We demand of vertical accountability and claim rights against the state, we forget our duty and responsibility towards ensuring those rights to our fellow brothers and sisters.

The same has been highlighted by honorable Supreme Court few days ago

Another reason for disrespecting and degrading rights of others is the arising materialism, consumerism, and the desire to be rich and powerful

As seen in case with China, it is the race to be superpower which explains Chinese tactics to encircle India under String of Pearls and use debt trap diplomacy.

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Lastly, it could be ignorance
and lack of understanding about the
big picture of what we do. As
humans, sometimes the sphere of
understanding is limited which makes
us do things which impact others
unintentionally. For instance, lack of
data ethics and digital literacy might
lead someone to breach someone's
right to privacy amidst emerging technology

However, in most of the
case it is the mindset about us
vs them, an artificial divide among
all of us which makes us violate
other rights while we enjoy ours.
we need to find a middle path
down the road

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HAPPILY EVER AFTER

How do we ensure that while we live free, others also feel the same.

Firstly, we need to understand that rights and duties are sides of same coin. Hence, complying with our civic and moral duties like respecting women, keeping our environment clean (mission life) would promote collective action based on individual efforts.

Another solution would be deep re-engineering and building emotional intelligence to feel suffering of others. Values like empathy, compassion and accountability need to be inculcated since childhood as envisaged under Panchakosha principles of NEP 2020.

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Lastly, Gandhi's talisman could act as a guiding light. Whenever we exercise our freedom, we close our eyes and visualise if this act can impact the most vulnerable we know of. After perishing under British rule for nearly 200 years and paying heavy costs, all of us know freedom comes with a heavy price. Let us develop the idea of vasudhaiva kutumbakam, let us take a vow that we will stretch our arms only till it doesnot hurt someone's nose, let us hold each other hands and walk together as we enter Amritkaal.