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ESSAY - 1

Time : 3 Hrs. & Marks : 250

Question Paper specific instructions

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

- 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 written in medium other than the authorized one.
- Word Limit, as specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
- Write two essays, choosing one topic from each of the following Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each.

125 x 2 = 250

SECTION : A

- 1) "What is needed today is mindful and deliberate utilization, instead of mindless and destructive consumption."
- 2) "The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life."
- 3) "We must raise both the ceiling and the floor."
- 4) ✓ The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

4] The world is A DANGEROUS PLACE, NOT BECAUSE OF THOSE WHO DO EVIL, BUT BECAUSE OF THOSE (WHO LOOK ON) and DO NOTHING.

Mansukh Ram was a man who always minded his own business. Home to work, work to home, that's all he was concerned of. Never once did he divulge, be it once when a girl cried for his help while strangers were harassing her, or be it the cries of his octanarian neighbour being beaten up by his son. Never once did he interfere. Why should he thought? Why should he risk his own well being.

But our Mansukh Ram was very fond of his daughter. She was the pearl of

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his eye. A single scratch on her used to pain him so much. He had many dreams for her. But one day, the very goons who were harassing the girl crying for Mannsukh's help, kidnapped his daughter right in broad daylight. All bystanders kept watching,

they had the same mentality as Mannsukh.

'Let's mind our own business'. The world is

a dangerous place. but, a pain for all
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The next day the deadbody of Mannsukh's daughter was found on road. ~~Doctor's~~ doctor's claimed that she was alive for long but again no bystanders stopped and helped her, many were even fraking video.

Mannsukh cursed everyone, the society, the world. If only had anyone stood up for his daughter. If anyone would have reprimanded the goons. So said the father of the girl whom Mannsukh ignored as well.

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The world has two types of people
the ones who do evil, and the ones
who watch it happening and do nothing.

Most of the crimes, murders, corrupt activities
we see around us done by handful of
people. But what really boosts their moral
is that they know ~~the~~ world is going to
turn a blind eye. But Karma does work
in a round fashion. Mannsukh's story
clearly indicates that.

Speaking up against injustice
requires courage, bravery, fortitude.

The world can be, and will be a better
place if only all of us showed the
above values. But ignorance, self interest,
fear is the norm. As long as it does
not bother someone directly, we let it be.

~~the~~ Not realizing that its our ignorance
that is making the world a dangerous place

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WORLD and MANIFESTATIONS OF EVIL

What does a world mean? It can be as large as cosmic entity as earth and as small as home - family or the individual's inner world as well.. It's the entire gamut of interactions, experiences that individual does with outer world. And the most dangerous element to be fearful of is evil. ✓

Our
"Scriptures talk about Evil forces.
we have read about demons, villains who cause harm, to society. In real world we hear of crimes, murder, rape, domestic violence, bondage labour, bribery etc. All these are manifestations of evil, making our surroundings a dangerous place.

But what's really astonishing is that these evil deeds are very few in

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number compared to the people who don't resort to such practices. How come a handful of people make our beautiful world a dangerous place? We have laws, we have Security agencies. Then how come the evil deeds still exist in our surroundings today. Definitely there are tyrants amongst us. ✓ well selected

The Real Culprite => Who stand and do nothing

The tyrants are the ones like ManuKh Ram. Who watch on and do nothing - . So many of us have seen evil things happening around us. Be it a someone beating up another individual, goons harassing lonely girl, security personnel abusing homeless or even in our homes where some evil might happen. How many times did we really stand up, did we

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Show up the courage to speak up. For few of us certainly not all the times, and for many even zero. Aren't we really to blame for all the injustice.

Why instead of telling our daughters to come home early, we do not teach our sons to speak up. If someone harasses any girl, what would have happened to our freedom movement if all had decided to not speak up against evil doers. Did't ~~our~~ the sacrifices, the fortitude of ~~our~~ martyrs like Bhagat Singh made our world, our India a less dangerous place!

This world is full of danger because of very minute difference between the evil doer and these who watch on.

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The former has courage to act [^]wrong and the latter lacks courage to act right. The element of danger varies as well. Its most for women, children, poor, disabled, transgender, senior citizens and tribals. It's not that they lack courage to act, its because the society perceives them as physically and mentally weak.

Millions of children get trafficked every day. NCRP shows 8 children trafficked each day. All this happens right before our eyes, in collusion with government machinery.

Similarly 20-30% of our women suffer from domestic violence. It's not that family members, neighbours are unaware of the fact, its because of their choice to ignore that such evil exists. Next time when we say its not safe for girls to go

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Out in night, we must first look within.
What did we do to make the world a
safer place?

The Root Cause behind this Apathy

Fear, selfishness, Cowardness
are the core reasons behind this. The
world is so fixated in brightening their
own lives that they turn a blind
eye to a beggar, a homeless destitute.
Isn't this inequality, evil in pure form.

It's the lack of self awareness,
the connection with self that allows
this to manifest. We live in a
ultra competitive world where materialism
and desire are priority. Such is the
Apathy that Nirbhaya kept lying on

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called on road for several hours. But who is to be blamed ultimately.

Is it the family that fails to instill the essential values or our education system that do not help develop character and virtitude. Are we to blame the society where patriarchy, untouchability, inequality, bonded labour are accepted as social norms. or the political setup that promotes criminals and mafias across many regions.

The truth is it goes on and on, and ultimately the buck stops on us. We the individuals, our thought, our attitude, our behavior is root cause. It's not that all of us are on same boat. Many of us have shown

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the way. Recently in Maharashtra an
aspirant saved a girl's life when she
was chased by a youth with dangerous
knife. The aspirant did it think twice,
and immediately acted upon. The girl
was running to save her life in open
market. But he was the first to act
upon. And seeing him act, several
others got courage to act upon.
making the world a safer place for
that girl and her family.

The Solution lies within

The courage of that aspirant
shows that the solution lies within
each of us. It lies in all of us
vowing to stand up to our values
and principles. And not shredding a
blind eye to evil and injustice.

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The solution lies in as Swami Vivekananda says in become fearless. have nerves of steel. Injustice to someone else can be tomorrow to us or our loved ones as well. So many of victims and their family still pray, if only had someone stood up.

Although its understandable that courage might not be innate, or we might not be in a situation to speak up. But even then one should not shy away in ensuring justice. We have so many witnesses backtracking in court. The saga of Atiq Khan speaks volumes who had criminal case of murder pending since 15-25 years. If only witnesses had shown up.

Thus, the ultimate responsibility now rests on the youth of the country. every one ✓
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Not only do we have to remove and act against evils such as crime, murder, theft but also structural evils such as poverty, inequality, environmental destruction and so on.

We must today sow the seeds of courage, bravery, fearlessness within us. We must stop turning a blind eye to injustice. The world is a beautiful place, all of us collectively can make it safer for all of us. It's like the words of Charlie Chaplin post world war II.

'More than machinery, we need humanity, more than cleverness, we need kindness, love. We can make this world a beautiful place, let us all unite, let us all stand up, in the name of democracy -- .

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SECTION : B

- 1) There was never a bad peace or a good war.
- 2) Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.
- 3) "The death of dogma is the birth of morality."
- ✓ 4) Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true.

4) TRUTH CAN BE STATED IN A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS,

YET EACH ONE CAN BE TRUE

Ekam Sat Vibra,
Bianuda vadanti &

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— meaning. the paths are many but the destination of all is same. This vedic saying as per Swami Vivekananda is the core of entire vedas. These were also the core teachings of Shri Ramkrishna Paramhansa

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✓ Shri Ramkrishna lived the life of all major religions, and ultimately realized that all gave him the same realization.

He lived as a Hindu, lived as a Muslim under Maulvi and even tried

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various traditions under Hinduism. All these different ways according to him led to same path, and all equally true. Thereby stating - that all paths can be true as well.

Just like different rivers merge in the same ocean, similarly different ways lead to same truth. Although the meaning of truth can vary person to person, religion to religion. But what's really important to walk the path, the truth comes only to those who deserve it. But before dwelling deeper, let's first understand what truth really is?

What is Truth

Truth varies from person to person. perception
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to perception. For some it may mean a goal, a purpose, an achievement. For others it can be realization of god, of atman, of liberation. It can be even nation's dream of freedom, or society goal of equality. Whatever the truth may be, there is seldom any fixed, single path to attain it. Hence, the pertinent question has been, How?, how can we state the truth?

Ways to Attain and State Truth

Historically people have shown different ways to attain truth. Be it Lord Buddha's Madhyam marga or Mahavira's penance. Be it the Bhakti marga by Ramanuja or Advait Marg by Shankaracharya. All

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have been stated source of attaining truth, and each being equally true.

If we go even more historic we find that even agriculture . fire, was discovered by different regions differently . Despite the way and manifestation being different, and even the time scale , but there is a certainty of truth in all of them .

The same stands true for \cong individuals endeavour for success in today's world . With \bullet 1.4 billion Indians , there 1.4 billion ways of success . The challenges, the circumstances may vary . Same goes for Society just for equality, women empowerment, tribal rights. The Americans followed a different route, the Indians different, Chinese different. Each true in their own sense, the intensity of truth may vary .

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Even the recent Chandrayaan-3 mission speaks of same. From our first satellite of Aryabhata where we found the first way to reach space, now we have found 1000 different ways to reach space, moon, mars. Chandrayaan-2 stopped a minute away from landing on South Pole of moon. Chandrayaan-3 is an endeavour to correct that way, to however it can be or cannot be true. What matters is how many ways and how far are we willing to try:

Is it the Right Way ✓

There can be many ways, and each can be true and its also possible not all might be true. Often we come across paths through trial and error. The case of Edison who failed 1000 times

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to succeed in 100th time. This does not mean that the next 100 are false. They too have an element of truth in them. It's the efforts, walking these 100 paths that helped realise final truth. Similarly our freedom movement, our aspiration to realise freedom.

We saw multiple revolts right from 1857 to 1919, to 1930 and 1940s. All were our endeavour to realise truth of freedom. All could have been true in different circumstances. Truth can come in bits and pieces, which leads to greater truth. Our freedom struggle story is the manifestation of same.

Thus, one must keep trying no matter what. ● We can have continuous

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Self introspection to ascertain whether we walking the right way, and correct our path. Misguided youth are more amongst us. Though ~~all~~ ^{most} chase a valid truth, yet not all walk the right path. Thus, ability to manoeuvre and correct our path is equally important. ~~But~~

Vicerien wanted to leave Anul diary, he thought his truth was different. Yet as he stayed there, he found his true purpose in living and building that enterprise. Thus what we see as truth can be right or wrong. Choosing the right truth is also relevant.

What if we choose the wrong Truth.

Hitler's choice of truth might be true to him. But it cannot be for millions

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of concentration camp martyrs. Calling it a truth is a fallacy. Again there can be thousand ways to this lie, but certainly none of it can be true.

Some How and what we choose our truth is an equally important aspect.

Our ~~truth~~ should not be such that stops others from attaining their goals. Instead it should be such that empowers and fulfill dreams of others.

A ~~6~~ Angulimala ~~†~~ who had vowed to garland 1000 fingers on his neck including Buddha's. Interaction with Buddha showed the fallacy of his perception and opened a new dimension of truth for him. The same goes for us individuals as well.

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Walking the way is more important

Fixating with truth too has its own implication. Although there can be 1000 ways, with element of truth in all. But its the journey says Swami Vivekananda, that matters more than the destination. Let the ends and means, be joined into one. That is walking the path itself is a truth. Actions and Actions alone can lead us to truth.

many amongst us keep crying for truth without any tangible action. Its like staring at the sea and hoping to cross the ocean. Thus, only if we are willing to try thousand different ways and vow not to give up. Only then will

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truth come to us. ✓

we must imbibe values of action,
courage, honesty amongst us. We
must learn from leaders like Dr. Kalam,
Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastri who
have shown values can help you realise
greater truth. And that helping others,
serving mankind is the ultimate
truth.

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~~Sometimes~~ even There are millions
amongst us who have dreams,
aspirations, but due to poverty, inequality
absence
lack of opportunity - they all lack the
energy to walk the path. Human
endeavour must be to facilitate the
same selflessly.

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Thus, its high time we grow over our materialistic lies and move towards collective and shared growth. Truth alone stands at the end, and touch for humanity is love, assimilation, selflessness and above all compassion and being humane.

All above can be manifested through actions only. Our youth needs to come forward to help realise it. We must try all possible ways to attain it. Only then the prophecy of Swami Vivekananda of Bharat becoming a Vishwaguru will come true.

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4] The **WORLD** is a **DANGEROUS PLACE**, not because of those **who do EVIL**, but because of those **who look on** and **do nothing**

Space for Rough Work

Cruz - Courage of Conviction, Stand up, speak up against injustice.
Don't be a mute spectator.

↳ Nanna theory relevant here.

Does, Nanna.

Keywords - **World** - family, village, city, night, home

Dangerous - Crime, Rape, Murder, Slavery, Child Slavery, Elderly, Transgender Abuse

Do Evil → Criminals, Unethical people

Look on - Bystanders, Mute Spectators.

Don't do anything - Spineless, fearful, Cowards.

Quote - Fearless.

Smeedoke = Nirbhaya, Delhi murder, Maha → Boy with knife stopped

King Court, Freedom Mov. - **BR Ambedkar**

Vibhishan

Cita - Name, Slavery, Bondage.

Unique Dimension → Women, Tribals - Andaman

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Intro

Conclusion

Intro

What is this world, how small, how large it can be

What is a dangerous place. How does it manifest itself

Who are the ones who make it a danger? and danger to whom. Who are most vulnerable.

Who are the ones who do evil why do they do so.

But what is the root cause.

Why who don't speak or stand up are to blame more

What stops them, why are they afraid

Has this always been the same

How is society, gov addressing this

Why is the quote more relevant now.

↳ there antithesis - sometimes looking on, is it OK?

① Intro - Man minds own business, girl cried for help, old man beaten up, wife's sister harassed. One day with daug, looked kidnapp - no one.

② Retain came for help. - World is Evil

② Crux of essay - open few threads giving glimpse

④ - World and manifestation of evil ①

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- Dimensions of world and How evil exists
- Across gender, region, earth.
- The ones who do evil are amongst us.

⑤ But real culprits who stand and do nothing.

→ Core Argument

→ Perspective of victim if someone had stood [Aid].

Court cases
↳ people buy
= witnesses

→ Various manifestation

→ What if few did not have stand, world ka kya hok.

→ Current Time & Future.

⑥ Root Cause Analyse

→ Fear, Cowardness, fear of what

→ Educat: Society who is to blame family, govt

→ Law, Values, Economic gaps, envr. competition.

⑦ However → Historically great people as well - who could have stand up things. not every 1 has suit language.

→ Some values are innate as well. bravery, old man cannot speak then, but later stand up.

⑧ World is beautiful, we need to open our hearts, give up greed.

⑨ Family, Society, Nation needs to stand Swamyi quote.

⑩ Youth → warrior, nerves of steel, women - back up.

⑪ Charlie Chaplin

Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways,
yet each one can be true.

Crux → There can be many paths to a destination. each one
Space for Rough Work
equally legit. That is no single recipe for success

Don't fixated with truth.
Path sweeter than destination
- Beek on nan forecast*

Keywords -

Truth - Success, goal, Realisation, Discovery, fact

Stated - proved, realised, achieved, experienced

Ways → Path, journey, methods, trial
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Thousand - many / multiple.

Quote → Ekam sat vipra.
Rivers & oceans.
Truth alone stands
work → means - end.

comes 2 those who want least
Buddha, Jain - Nawalya.

Refs sv: Ramkrishna, Chandrayaan
mission, Freedom,

Themes → Women keep
Umpte → Success
→ Truth for tribale, disabled

Intro
Ekam Sat
Vipra -

Conclusion
Truth stands
alone!

⊕ What is this truth → success
→ fact
→ realisation

How can it be stated,
How can be there 1000 different way
Is there any best way, how to determine
which one is true, Can all be
true.

But if it falls time to state
the truth through particular way.

What if our own notion of truth
is wrong, will then path lead to
die

How to determine that then

How to walk the path, so
many of us quit early.

What values, what leads to
look up to

Is the intensity of truth same
for each path.

What is the ultimate truth

What is truth of for ind, family,
Society, nation.

≡ Truth can be stated in 1000 diff ways. yet each one can be true

① Ekam Sat Vipra - Shri Ran

② Relate

③ True -

④ What is Truth

↳ Dimensions

↳ Historical contents

⑤ Ways to Attain

↳ Continue historical content - Buddi, Jain

↳ Open dimensions truth for stakeholders

- India

- Women

- Youth

- Social, Nation, Tribal

Freedom - Non-violence

- Chandrayaan 2

⑥ = No. of ways & wheel on two (Rivers & Ocean)

↳ many ways, differs from each other

↳ all lead same - time & effort can vary

↳ if done diligently can be realised

⑦ Is it the right way - Try, Try - Eventually
- self respect

⑧ - What if Truth wrong

- Hitler, Camp

- evil doer

⑨ = Waqt ki way is more imp - Don't be fixated with truth

↳ means / end, keep trying

→ how to walk - values, leadership

→ Act → Reinforcement

⑩ Ultimate goal - love, kindness, etc.