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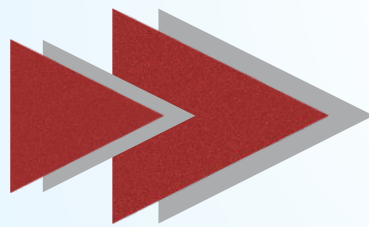
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THEME : ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, TECHNOLOGY

Write one essay from each Section of the following Topics.

Section-A

1. Tackling of corruption demands an entire generation of strong willed and determined citizens.
2. Social Media-A means of social networking or social hatred?

Section-B

3. Indian democracy at the crossroads of development.
4. Artificial Intelligence: Blessing or curse?

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INSTRUCTIONS

Essentially an essay consists of three Major Parts:

- ❖ The Introduction
- ❖ The Main Body
- ❖ The Conclusion

The Introduction is intended to lead the reader into the topic and clarify what the essay will specifically deal with. It usually consists of one paragraph, but this depends on the length of the Essay and amount of background information the context requires. The introduction will contain a key sentence (or, if necessary, more than one) that represents the thread running through the whole essay. This sentence is called the thesis statement.

The Main body deals with the major ideas that support the thesis statement. Each main idea is presented in a separate paragraph ("One Notion, One Paragraph") and developed with supporting ideas in the form of explanations, definitions, or similar, and illustrated with examples where appropriate or necessary.

The conclusion brings the reader back to the purpose of the essay and draws all the points together before making a final comment on the result of the discussion / argument. Often this final comment will point towards some consequence the discussion may have for the future or make some observation about what the discussion has revealed on a general level.

Ultimately an Essay will show a progression from a general level (in the introduction) down to the specific (thesis statement and body) and back up to the general level again (conclusion). The reader will be expecting this so it gives your essay a sense of completion.

Get the Balance Right

You probably know that all Essays should have an introduction, body and conclusion. Less well known is that the balance of these elements is crucial. A good rule of thumb is:

Introduction: 10%

Body: 80%

Conclusion: 10%

If you get these elements out of balance you generally have a poor Essay.

Important: Have a Thesis (statement)!

An Essay is a waste of time to read if it does not have a thesis. It MUST have one.

This is something that most students have trouble with. A "thesis" means a personal point of view on a topic that you have argued for.

Often students are frightened about having their own point of view. However, there is nothing to be worried about. It does not mean that their point of view must be completely original; often they can find references in the library where other people argued for the same idea that the student shares.



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Essay Topic :

TACKLING OF CORRUPTION DEMANDS AN ENTIRE
GENERATION OF STRONG WILLED AND DETERMINED
CITIZENS.

I wonder how did we
come to this. Wasn't the 15th August
1947 to be the date of change? India
was to awaken to light and freedom
to make her tryst with destiny. But
here we are three generations later
running out of ideas to tackle a
Politically, socially, economically and morally
Corrupt Society. Wasn't the 15th August
1947 to be the date of change?

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Corruption today, in
all its variety is the single
biggest threat that our country
faces. The reasons for most of
our collective failures can be attributed
to one or other forms of corruption.
The subdued success of the

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is primarily due to our social corruption, that fails to inculcate in us the habit of social cleanliness. We would want our indoors spick and span while dumping garbage right outside in our streets. The persisting evils of female infanticide and female subjugation is a reflection of our moral corruption, that blinds us in respecting women and treating them as equals. The poor tax ratio inspite of being the fastest growing economy points to our collective economic corruption. Finally the shameful act of selling one's vote for cash both by the elector and the elected tells us about our political corruption. These social, moral, economic and political dimensions of corruption pose serious threat to our country.

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Not tackling these dimensions of corruption will affect India's future as it has affected India's past. It has eroded social trust in our society to the extent that mere offering of biscuits to children can lead to mob lynching. Corruption erodes the belief in our political system and makes the populace indifferent to democratic processes, this can be seen in the general criticism in our country towards the government and its functioning.

Corruption disproportionately affects the poor and enlarges the rich poor divide. Today the top 1% Indians own 51% of the nation's wealth and this is due to corruption that prevades in our society. There are ample examples to prove that continued corruption ultimately results

in the Challenging of the state
and its eventual fall. It is due
to these above said reasons that
Corruption needs to be tackled.

The Primary Pillar
in tackling Corruption is to have
a generation of Strong willed
and determined Citizens, who are
Socially, morally, Politically and
Economically upright. It will
take an entire generation because
being Corruption free is a habit
and only when an entire generation
is Corruption free will it become
a habit. It is important that
the generation is Strong willed
and determined. A weak willed
and undermined generation will
get back to old ways and will
not be able to go through the
Pain or resist the temptation of
Corruption.

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Use appropriate words

Constructing such a generation of strong willed and determined citizens is the first challenge. It is here that education plays its role. Our children and adults should be educated alike on the need to eliminate corruption.

In Japan school children after their mid day meal are asked to personally segregate recyclable and non-recyclable materials.

We could teach our kids on the virtues of cleanliness, programmes like WASH, Swachh Vidyalayas are a right step to imbibe social responsibility. For the adults schemes

like National Service Scheme, limited physical training can imbibe social responsibility. When this is done, it directly attacks social corruption. Children will have to check adults for their social misgivings like public littering, spitting. Similarly adults

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Should Correct Children.

When it comes to tackling economic corruption, law could be used to create that generation of strong willed and determined citizens. The nation wide support that demonitisation got is an example of how citizens can be strong willed and determined. Our society at its root has accepted economic corruption as normalcy. There is general apathy towards fighting economic corruption. It is here that laws like Right to Information Act, Whistle blowers Protection Act, Witness Protection Schemes can generate strong will and determined citizens. Ever since the Right to Information Act came into being scores of upright citizens have fought sand miners, construction companies,

tender issuers and other elements of economic corruption. This tells us that law when it empowers the citizenry can be a very useful tool in tackling corruption and creating a generation of strong willed and determined.

When it comes to tackling political corruption, devolution of power will go a long way in creating a generation of strong willed and determined citizens. The story of Singapore from a poverty stricken nation to a prosperous one is majorly due to the power devolution it had undertaken.

MPs in Singapore have to mandatorily meet their constituent people every Saturday. They have to ask only those questions in the parliament which their constituents ask them to. This process removes the façade of power and makes

Power holders directly responsible. Today India has created an impression of unapproachability towards power holders. This demotivates the citizenry in asking questions against them and to hold them accountable. When power is devolved then it makes the citizen more powerful and therefore strongwilled and determined in tackling political corruption.

It is when social, economic and political corruption is tackled, can moral corruption be addressed. Social morality, economic morality and political morality together would create a society that is free of moral corruption.

The village of Ralegaon Siddhi of Anna Hazare is an apt example, here of the element of moral corruption was abolished by social, economic and political uprightness.

Societies and nations around us have pulled themselves out of the den of corruption by employing the above said stated means. It shows us the possibility for us to come out of the den too. All it takes is a generation of strong willed and determined Indians who are ready for pain, sacrifice and discipline. I believe and know that we have it in us to be that generation and take our nation to its rightful trust with her destiny for 15th August 1947 is not merely a date but a date of change.

ROUGH WORK

Tackling of Corruption demands an entire generation of strong willed and determined Citizens.

History

Society

Corruption forms, Corruption levels.
How strong willed, determined.

Why entire generation Singapore.
Punishments.

Social, economic political Corruption
What happens if not laws/institutions

Why will Citizens fight Corruption
Downy, GST, tax evasion

Political accountability

Cash for votes

Power concentration

Power devolution

Self discipline.

education

Why Corruption needs tackling.

ATM standing in line

- ① what is corruption / types
- ② Why Corruption needs to be tackled.
- ③ How one generation of strong willed / determined
- ④ → will it succeed?
- ⑤ steps towards it.

Essay Topic :

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE : BLESSING OR CURSE ?

Let me ask you to recollect two things 'Sir/m'am'. When was the last time you made this statement : "I have low balance on phone, please call back." And the second thing: ~~being~~ when was the last time you saw porters rushing towards you in the railway station.

Technology 'Sir/m'am', has changed our lives without us realising it. The VoLTE technology has made 'recharge of phones' redundant as calls are now free. Similarly the technology of having wheels under one's suitcase destroyed an entire industry that fed the poor and hardworking - the porters.

scope for better illustration as AI or blessing or curse.

Today we stand at the brink of the next technological revolution, the like of which human civilisation has never seen. It allows machines to think and learn and exhibit behaviour that we till now thought was human. It is the revolution of Artificial Intelligence.

Artificial intelligence is simply the intelligence exhibited by machines as opposed to human intelligence.

It includes machine learning, deep learning, pattern reading, language assimilation, response enactment, automation amongst other things. The research in AI has specially picked up with renewed focus and funding in the developed world due to economic inactivity and raising labour costs. The results of the research while encouraging could be a blessing or a curse.

Artificial Intelligence : Blessing

The Proponents of AI see and argue for it being a blessing to human kind. They see social and economic advantages in developing AI.

Instruments with AI can be employed to do dreaded and dangerous work. This could be deep cave mining or ocean diving or cleaning of septic tanks. This utility will help save lives that gets lost in coal mining as it happened in Chile or due to poisonous inhalation as it happens in India while cleaning septic tank. AI can help in successful implementation of the manual scavengers prohibition act and remove caste equations out in this de-humanising act. The Indian railways

AI as
blessing

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Can also be a huge beneficiary
in keeping trains and tracks clean.

Artificial intelligence has
already proven its worth in the
field of medicine. AI has achieved
99.8% accuracy in medical data
analysis which is especially useful
in early detection of cancer and
T.B. AI can help in reducing
distance to access by the medium
of telemedicine. This will help
the geographically isolated to gain
the best medical facility. Since
AI can self learn and deep learn,
it can perform better than human
doctors who may have memory
limitations and need to rest.

AI medical knowledge can be
copied and transferred to create
multiple AI medical assistants

AI in
blends
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While this is not possible in a human doctor. Thus AI is a great blessing in the field of medicine.

Artificial intelligence is a very helpful tool in the legal field as well. Programmes that can store, analyse, point errors and suggest changes to decided judgments have already been launched. It helps in avoiding inconsistencies in law. It also reduces the burden on the court and judges by reducing time gap in research and clerical works. Plus the posterior knowledge of the AI would always help future judges. Using AI in legal field is thus an apt solution to 'Justice delayed is Justice denied' adage.

AI as
blessing

Artificial intelligence helps in improving competitiveness by optimising resources and reducing

Production Costs. This in turn keeps inflation in control and helps in the access to material resources.

History had shown how factory line helped reduce the prices of cars and made it more accessible to a larger population. The batters for AI foretell that this could be a phenomenon across all industries if AI is pursued. But they are not without challenges.

Artificial Intelligence: Curse

The opponents of AI see and argue for it being a curse to human kind. They see social and economic disadvantages in developing AI.

One of the major threat due to artificial intelligence is a mass loss of jobs. [The Swing

Movement in England in 18th Century had a similar background. When machines are introduced it has invariably led to loss of jobs or change in the nature of jobs available. Thus even if new jobs are created due to AI, not every one can get one such job due to various limitations. Besides, the job loss would primarily be in the developing world that needs economic upliftment. A taxi driver in a developing country cannot become a deep learning machine coder in a developed country. This is the dilemma that AI poses in the labour market.

AI comes along with its set of ethical issues. If a death happens due to medical negligence, who shall be made liable? Similarly if accidents happen in a traffic system managed

by AI then where will the liability be fixed. Since AI is self learning the developer is not in control and can the machine be punished for negligent conduct?

The current patent regime will ensure that the benefits and negatives of AI will be mostly in the developed nations. The AI revolution will surely lead to concentration of wealth with the already rich. It will only create islands of prosperity in an ocean of distress.

Artificial intelligence : Blessing and Curse

The Churn towards artificial intelligence has started. It is important to understand and acknowledge both its givings and misgivings.

Collective measures at an international level will help in sharing of benefits. To this end the patent regime could be liberalised for common good. Nations will have to address the social changes that AI will bring. Measures like basic income should be implemented to see that the social changes do not push people back to poverty. The education system would need fundamental changes to live up to modern needs. Strong laws to tackle the unintended harms of AI should be foredrafted and not be made along the way.

Awareness to these will help in making the inevitability of artificial intelligence more of a blessing and less of a curse.

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ROUGH WORK

AI : Blessing or Curse ?

Medicine
law
dangerous jobs
repetitive jobs
Competitiveness

Job loss
Mortality in war
ethical issues
dev. Nations
wealth concentration
data traffic management
death due to AI



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REMARKS : ESSAY-1

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Overall Remark:-

Intro - Good to satisfactory, Also define term Corruption. various dimensions of corruption = Good

Temporal - not visible (Discuss the various corrupt practices or prevalence of corruption & its consequences in past)

sectoral - Good to satisfactory, Also add dimensions to discuss prevalence of corruption and its consequences in various dimensions.

content - Good; add impacts of corruption on society. Also discuss reasons for prevalence of corruption

in society in different aspects.

present content in short paras for better alignment. marking T.S = Good

Alignment ⇒
Conclusion ⇒ Good

⇒ Discuss challenges for uprooting this menace from society

Discussed role of citizens to tackle corruption = Good

Mentioned implications = Good

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Overall Remark:-

Intro - Good to satisfactory scope for better illustration to establish AI as blessing or curse.

Temporal - Not visible - Trace the evolution of AI.

Sectoral - Good to satisfactory; scope to add more dimensions to both AI as blessing or curse.

Content = Good; add more fields of functional use of AI. Also add more challenges associated with AI. Mention measures taken by

Govt (Metaalt International) to make AI based technology mankind friendly

Legibility -> Pay attention to letters 's', 'd', 'p', 'e' f

Conclusion = Good

and use it for progress & development of mankind.

Alignment -> write in short paras & reflect topic sentence by relating with them separately in each para.



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