



FIRST MOCK APSC MAINS 2024 (ESSAY)

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Medium:

English



Assamese



INDEX NUMBER			INSTRUCTIONS
Q.NO.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained.	<p>Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay paper will consist of two Sections, each Section containing of 4 Essay topics, out of which the candidates will be required to write one topic from each of the sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each. Each Essay will carry 125 marks. There will be word limit and page limit for the essays. The duration of the test is 3 hrs. Use a blue or black ballpoint pen only. <p>Remarks</p> <p>Signature of the Student: </p> <p>Invigilator's Signature:</p> <p><u>NOTE: EVALUATION PERIOD FOR THE MAINS TEST SERIES COPY IS 10 DAYS.</u></p>
Section A	125		
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Section B	125		
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Parameter / Criteria	Aspect Considered	Total Marks	Essay 1	Essay 2
Basic Format	Introduction + conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
Content	Data/ Facts/ Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
Organisation	Flow of Ideas / Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
Language skills	Punctuation/ Grammar/ sentence Formation / Spellings	25		
Examiner's Discretion	Perception / Innovation / Engaging	25		

Parameters	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
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SECTION: A

Q1. Education without values, as useful as it is, makes a man more clever devil.

প্ৰশ্ন ১) মূল্যবোধবিহীন শিক্ষাই মানুহক অধিক চতুৰ আৰু চয়তান কৰি তোলে।

Q2. Justice delayed is justice denied, but hasty justice is injustice.

প্ৰশ্ন ২) ন্যায় প্ৰদানত পলম হোৱাটো ন্যায় প্ৰত্যাখ্যান হোৱাৰ দৰে, কিন্তু খৰখেদাকৈ ন্যায় প্ৰদান কৰাটোও একপ্ৰকাৰৰ অন্যায়।

Q3. You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.

প্ৰশ্ন ৩) আপুনি প্ৰথমতে খেলৰ নিয়মবোৰ শিকিব লাগিব। আৰু তাৰ পিছত আপুনি আন সকলোৰে তুলনাত ভালদৰে খেলিব লাগিব।

Q4. If we are not counted, we do not count.

প্ৰশ্ন ৪) যদি আমাক গণনা কৰা নহয়, আমিও গণনা নকৰোঁ।

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1. Education without values, as useful as it is makes a man more clever devil.

"Education by its very virtue uplifts an individual and allow him to realise his true potential. Such was every one's understanding, untill a brilliant student, a gold medallist in Chemical engineering decided to use his intellect to put an everlasting scar on the face of

humanity. On 11th September 2001 when two airplanes collided into the World Trade Centre claiming the lives of thousands, it was well recorded in history, how brilliance can also shape a CLEVER DEVIL.

The incident portrayed in the above anecdote is the infamous 9/11 attack by Osama Bin Laden.

It shows how lack of values can turn a man into a devil, sometimes smart enough to attack the world hegemon right in its face in Broad daylight.

Through this essay we will look at how education without

values can shape a clever devil, how education has been used to do devils work, why do people even become such devils? Further, we shall also explore, if it is always education that can make devils and finally we will delve into how to inculcate values.

HOW EDUCATION WITHOUT VALUES MAKES A MAN MORE CLEVER DEVIL.

An educated person is the one who knows things, he who has learned about laws, rules, conventions and has understood them and then devises a strategy to bypass each one of them. That is what separates a devil from a beast.

But why would anyone want to be a devil? peace and harmony is something everyone desires, isn't it?

That is not how a devil thinks. To better understand this, we can frame an analogy.

Imagine humans being having cognitive superiority over other species. No other species invented fire, wheel, weapons et al, we did, hence we deserve more and it is justified isn't it?

Now put an educated person without values in place of humans, they think they have right to do so, a sophist mentality.

CLEVER DEVILS AROUND US

— Right since childhood, we are taught to score good marks in every exam; or it is the end. Hence we inculcate the instrumental role of education only.

Even during youth, a person goes hammer and tong to secure a good job; but why? Incidents like Dhiram Chakma IAS give us the answer.

So, is it a modern day phenomenon or has it been always there throughout History.

When Britishers came to India they propounded the narrative of so called "White Man Burden",

the educated Britishers are here to inculcate the values of civilization to make us Indians change from our devil like practices like Sati or childmarriage.

It was only after more than a century that Dadabhai Naoroji came up with the "Drain of wealth" theory to expose the clever devil Britishers

Similarly in Economy, education without values has been put to harm others. Corporate things like Nirav Modi, Vijaly Malya et al are testament to such acts.

Even technologies like Blockchain has been used to bypass

the government to engage into macro terrorism, how devilish of a mindset doesnot one need to have for this

In the same light, every new technology even if it was invented to uplift mankind ends up being misused.

Incidents of hacking like that of Red Echo (a chinese firm) on Mumbai power grid or ransomware on AIIMS delhi patient list are testimony. Imagine the amount of skills it would take hack into the most premier institute of a country and this how it is used.

We are supposedly in the middle of the 4th industrial revolution the age of artificial intelligence, where on one side 60% people believe that AI can increase our productivity as per World Human Development Report

On the other hand, we already have morphed videos of girls on adult sites just for revenge. Even a technology that was almost alien to us a decade ago is now a threat. All due to the clever devils.

In this light thinker C.S. Lewis said

"Education without values
as useful as it is,
makes a man more clever devil"

IS IT ALWAYS EDUCATION WITHOUT
VALUES THAT MAKES CLEVER DEVILS.

If education can make such
dreaded individuals, is education
really good? Had it not been better
if we still were hunters and gatherers
at least, we would not have been
devils

Superficially, it might appear
that, it is education that is shaping
devils, filling us with aspirations
and desire to fulfill at any cost.

However, a nuanced view
will reveal that, it is actually not
education but lack of values

Naxalites and insurgent groups engage many people who have never seen the light of education. On the other hand, a homeguard in Nagaland refused a bribe of ₹12 cr to not be a part of drug racket from Golden triangle.

So what to do? How can we ensure that the educated do not become clever devil?

EDUCATION! WITH VALUES THAT
MOULDS CHARACTER.

Gandhiji used to say in one of his seven deadly sins,

"Education that does not
moulds character,
is wholly worthless"

This indeed seems to be true, be
it the scam of Lehman Brothers causing
Global Financial crisis in 2008 or the
companies like Bimal who subtly
use surrogate advertisement to market
harmful products.

In order to mould values and
character into education of a person
steps need to be taken since childhood

A mother is the first agent
of socialization to a child. She can
teach her values of truthfulness,
honesty and integrity as was seen

in stalwarts like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

During primary school, initiatives like Mulya Pravah by NCERT aims to mould values into children so that they up righteous paths in life.

For our youth, we should cherish the values of probity and highlight examples of educated man with character and values like TN Shesham, E. Shreedharan et al. Introduction of Ethics paper in civil services and mission Karmyogi are notable initiatives.

Finally, we should imbibe these values. Intrinsically, so a next Osama Bin Laden is never born.

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Value Addition

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SECTION: B

Q5. AI in Education: A push towards inclusivity

প্রশ্ন ৫) শিক্ষাত কৃত্ৰিম বুদ্ধিমত্তা: অন্তর্ভুক্তিৰ দিশত এক পদক্ষেপ

Q6. Wetland Rejuvenation: A Bulwark Against Climate Change

প্রশ্ন ৬) জলাশয়ৰ পুনৰ্জীৱনঃ জলবায়ু পৰিৱৰ্তনৰ বিৰুদ্ধে এক শক্তিশালী পদক্ষেপ

Q7. Assamese Women in Agriculture: The Invisible Backbone of the Rural Economy

প্রশ্ন ৭) কৃষিক্ষেত্ৰত অসমীয়া মহিলাঃ গ্ৰাম্য অৰ্থনীতিৰ অদৃশ্য মেৰুদণ্ড

Q8. Mental Health: A forgotten debate in Assam

প্রশ্ন ৮) মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য: অসমত এক পাহৰণিৰ গৰ্ভত যোৱা বিতৰ্ক

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G. Wetland Rejuvenation: A Bulwark
against Climate Change.

"Year 2500 AD, tech-enabled life is the new normal now. Skyscrapers, flying cars, teleportation all is reality. Poverty was an issue of bygone era; everyone owns a home and flying cars with all sorts of entertainment.

But, there was a price to pay, everyone roams around in a suit with oxygen supply with a

water filter in a backpack, since there are no trees, no animals, no wetlands and climate change has made Earth a true twin of Venus."

The above anecdote, though appears hypothetical in 2025 but might as well become reality, it a tale only time will tell.

In this essay, we will understand what is climate change and how it impacts us, we will also see how wetlands can be a bulwark against climate change.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS.

To have a layman understanding United Nations defines climate change as the long term change in temperature and weather patterns of an area.

So, climate change should affect the average temperature? cause more rain? droughts or floods? To put things superficially, yes! But if we delve deeper we would understand the broader implications.

The most evident impact is upon Environment, it is not very uncommon to hear people say that, "its not as cold, as it used to be" that is global warming, the prime reason

for climatic change.

Climate change is causing various problems like erratic rainfall to drought water scarcity to floods, even animals and birds are affected as is evident from the fact that migratory birds in depor beel have significantly reduced.

Similarly our culture & Tradition is also affected by climate change, seasonal variation bring about joy and festivals especially in agricultural economies..

Festivals like Lohri, Pongal Makar Sankranti and our beloved Bihu are all related to seasons.

Imagine burning a Meji Ghar at 30°C in January to seek blessings

of God. Practices like community fishing will turn to sunbath.

Even the youth would be least bothered to carry forward traditions like Husoni mel in scorching heat causing a cultural amnesia.

In the same light, our Economy is also dependent on climate. Agriculture is base of every civilization be it wheat and barley in Indus valley civilization or Green revolution before IT revolution in India.

With reports like State of the Climate in Asia 2024 by World Meteorological Department (WMO) stating Asia is warming twice as fast as the world, it places immense risk

— when 44% of our labourforce is in agriculture sector as per Periodic labour force survey.

Industries like Tourism, fishery and tea in states like Assam will take a heavy dent of this issue. With glaciers melting at a fast pace, perennial rivers like Brahmaputra which contribute 70% of Assam's fishery will suffer.

And eventually, if agriculture fails, so will secondary sector and Tertiary. Hence, we might dwindle to nothing.

Geographical phenomenon like South west monsoon, western distur-
bances, every blossom it have also

taken a toll due to climate change.

Such implications cause Social unrest and loss of social capital, this will eventually and very naturally increase crimes and agitations due to lack of resources.

And a world without resources will fall to anarchy causing even Political turmoil.

Such can be the devaluation of climate change, environmental damage is just the "tip of the iceberg".

So what should we do to arrest climate change? We should act fast and in a determined way.

As our Vedas have said

"Prakriti Rakshati Rakshite"

(Nature protects, when protected)

Therefore, we must protect our environment, but before protecting we must know what causes climate change

CLIMATE CHANGE: CAUSES.

To put it as plainly as it can be, the major cause behind climate change is us humans!

From turning the air conditioner at 18°C to taking our cars on a spin everyday. Even the paper we print to write exams can contribute to climate change.

These small things add up to make a huge impact, as it is rightly said in the assamese proverb:

"Rai'a Nokh Jukarite
Noi Boi"

which means, when all people even do as little as shake their wet fingers it may cause a river to flow.

On top of it, of course, the rampant industrialization did its part to boost climate change, especially western countries whose responsibility, whimsical leaders like Donald Trump refuses to take in the first place.

Amidst, all this chaos, wetlands emerge as a promising solution towards climate change.

WETLAND : A BULWARK AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

To put it simply, Ramsar Convention defines wetland as any place covered with water, having depth less than 6 metres as wetland.

However, the problem with wetlands is their deteriorating conditions. Be it due to encroachment as seen in Silsako, drying up as seen in Bengalode, Pollution as seen in Ganga - Yamunoi etal

Hence, we need to act to rejuvenate wetlands to have multipronged benefits.

Wetlands act as kidneys of the earth, house biodiversity, restore groundwater and create a microclimate

around them, such are there
environmental impacts.

Similarly, they have cultural
significance, during festivals like
community fishing, as for instance, the
Dimasa tribe consider themselves

"Son-of-Big-river."

Economic benefits like tourism
fishing are clearly evident. Along
with these, wetlands also instills
happiness in our hearts as is evident
by the fact that people flock to
sites like depor Beel almost everyday.

But how to rejuvenate these
wetlands? Well, there are multi level
efforts going on.

At Global level, we have the Ramsar convention to share best practices, agreement like Paris deal also act in similar line.

At National level, missions like Amit Sarovar, P3 approach to life are in similar line.

At State level, emission drives as was seen during Hasta bed, Sikabed and schemes like Sumit Biplob act towards this goal.

Even at personal level, small acts like proper disposal of waste can save our wetlands.

Wetlands are effective to combat climate change and we must act now to prevent a scenario as 2500 anecdote as Usha Dawey said: "Anything later than now is too late, too little."

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