



SPM IAS ACADEMY
SHAPING BRILLIANCE

APSC MAINS TS'24_Test 8 (Essay)

Duration: 3 Hours

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Medium:

English ☒

Assamese ☐

INDEX NUMBER			INSTRUCTIONS
Q.NO.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained.	Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting the questions: - 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. Remarks: Signature of the Student: NOTE: EVALUATION PERIOD FOR THE MAINS TEST SERIES COPY IS <u>10 DAYS</u>.
Section A	125		
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Section B	125		
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TOTAL:	250		



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Brief report of Performance Evaluation of student in the paper				
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
coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				

Detail Feedback

SECTION: A

- Q1. If you can dream it, you can it.
 Q2. Joy is the simplest form of gratitude
 Q3. Discipline means success, anarchy means ruin
 Q4. Technology as silent factor in international relations

(1200 words)

Ans:- 1. "If you can dream it, you can it".

A colored man, in a racist society, dreaming about equality & opportunity and status in that period and society where people were judged by their colours not by their talent, seems a an unrealistic dream.

But the courageous journey man Martin Luther King Jr. had the guts to dream for a modern America where

all the people have equal rights. His dream is evident in the following lines —

"I have a dream that one day my four children will be judged by their talents, not by the colour of their skin."

His dream which seemed quite impossible once became reality over a period of time with recognition of equal rights and dignity for the colour people as well.

In the same way it was dream of many nationalists

During India's independence struggle which eventually led the path to freedom of India in 1947.

When the Britishers were projecting themselves as the superpower and oppressing the colonised people the dream of independence born in the nationalist including Gandhi, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which is evident in their quotes —

"Swaraj is my birthright"

— Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

'Give me blood, I shall
give you freedom'

— Subhaschandra Bose

All these quotes reflect
nothing, but dream for independence.
Independent of India would have
not happened if these people
didn't have dream of independence
and self rule.

Eventually importance of
dream can be seen in the
sphere of politics. After
the independence, our great
leaders like Patel, Gandhi
and Nehru envisaged to

adopt democratic form of government.

But western society struggled at this idea as they were suspicious that democracy is not possible in countries like India with large poverty and illiteracy.

But the nationalist leaders didn't give up their dream of democracy and adopted the same.

"Our people can not come to democracy all call for it to their doorstep"

— Mahatma Gandhi

They dream for democracy
and it turned out reality in
India.

Importance of dream
can be found in the field of
science and technology also.

(Eg) - The talented man with
perseverance and vision had
a dream to develop missile
for India and eventually he
became successful. He is none
but great scientist Dr. APJ
Abdul Kalam.

Likewise Indian scientist
nurtured a dream to land
on the South pole of the
moon. This dream encourage

them to carry out Chandrayan 3 mission even after failure of Chandrayan 2 mission.

Similarly dream is driving force for social reformation.

(eg) Raja Rammohan Ray had a dream to ensure right of women and prevent evil practice against women.

He devoted his life for fulfillment of his dream and became successful to end evil practice like Sati with Bengal Sati Regulation Act 1829.

Similar examples of social reformation can be seen

Arise in the 15th century.
 During this period caste based
 discrimination was very strong
 and there is misinterpretation
 about the provision of subjugation.

Hence Sankaradev dreamt
 for a society with no discrimi-
 nation on the ground of caste
 and for prevention of multiple
 interpretation of religion he
 spreaded monotheism by
 following and spreading
 "Ek Sarai Namdharu" —

"Ek dev, Ek dev
 Ek koi naai koi"

— Srimanta Sankaradev

Dream is important for the growth of people in individual level. All progress in life while pursuing our dream to achieving something and achieve success in life as Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said —

"For dream, all have to dream first"

For him dream is not something we see while sleeping, dream is something which wakes up us.

Though for a long time we have been discussing about the positive aspect

of dream yet dream has some negative aspects also.

For example we can take the incidents of bombing over Japan with nuclear weapon by the USA. Here it can be seen as the power projection by the USA because the world war was almost come into end with the suicide of Nazi leader Hitler.

Similarly Hitler's dream for racial supremacy of German brought his destruction and downfall for Germany.

Another negative example of dream can be found in the

dream of Osama Bin Laden to spread Islam all over the world. His dream destroyed him and gave ideological basis for terrorist groups like ISIS and Taliban.

To sum up we can say that it is duty of any state to mould dream of its citizen in right direction in order to have positive outcome of dreamer as —

"It is duty of the government to make it easy for do right, difficult to do wrong"

— William Gladstone

Our constitution & order
 has provided ample avenues to
 cherish positive dream & citizen.
 For example we can say the
 provision of DPSP and fundamental
 duty.

It is fundamental duty of
 the citizen to strive for
 excellence and scientific development.
 This dreams are hoped to turn
 India to a new height of
 success,

Education system with the
 implementation of the provision of
 NEP 2020 also envisages to mark a
 positive dream.

SECTION: B

Q5. A Good Life is One Inspired by Love and Guided by Knowledge.

Q6. A right is not what someone gives you; it's what no one can take from you.

Q7. Just Because You Have a Choice, It Does Not Mean That Any of Them Has to Be Right

Q8. "Education Can give skill, but a liberal education can give dignity."

(1200 words)

Ans

⑤ "A Good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge"

The notion of good life is subjective. What means good life for one does not mean same for other. Everyone has their own notion of good life based on their personal experience, time and space.

But there is some common values of good life which are universal and same for all irrespective of time and space.

Such common traits of good life include love, knowledge, happiness and positive environment for creativity and prosperity.

It is often said that a good life is that life which is inspired by love and guided by knowledge. Combination of both love and knowledge is two basic aspects of good life.

There are multiple interpretation of what is good life? As per the Greek philosopher Socrates good life is guided by knowledge. Here knowledge is not mere

experience of worldly things.
As per him true knowledge
comes from introspective of
action.

He argues that notion of
good life separates human
being from other animals, so
for him knowledge is basis
of good life, and such knowledge
must come from introspection as
he said —

"An unexamined life is
not worth living"

Another Greek philosopher Plato,
disciple of Socrates, argued that
people can live good life if

They allocate their dominant trait. As per him there are three dominant traits — knowledge, courage and appetite. People chose their profession as per their dominant trait they can live a good life.

The main purpose of human life is to lead a good life. It is objective of human life and very purpose in itself. Notion of good life in modern time

The concept of good life has changed in modern time. People now equate good life with materialistically wealth.

living.

Such notion of good life is not inspired by love and guided by knowledge. It is a blind run for materialistic gain. It will lead to -

materialism over spiritualism

In stream of good life people adopt shortcut to success.

(eg) Cheating in the exam to get more marks which will help in getting a better job for living. so called good life.

People show selfishness in pursuit of "good life". an

a blind run to have a "good life".
 People destroy nature and cause
 harm to natural ecosystem.

(eg) - overexploitation of natural
 resources.

But for living a good life
 inspired by love people never
 harm nature as said by Gandhi -

"Mother earth has bestowed
 enough to fulfill our need
 but not our greed".

Another hindrance to good
 life is influence of social
 media platform. People are
 now-a-days overwhelmed by digital

platforms so much that they
account feel like as real life.

People develop depression
after seeing manipulative good
life by social media user.
This depression even lead to
suicidal tendency if not able
to live such good life by
themselves.

But this type of
materialistic desire for life
can not be termed as good
life. It is more a false perception
of good life.

One can live a good
life by following a middle path

between materialism and spiritualism.
 This concept is evident in
 notion of good life by following
 'golden mean' of Aristotle and
 'Madhyamik Marg' by Buddha.

Swami Vivekananda also
 suggest for similar path to
 live a good life. Because
 excessive focus on materialism
 increase greed in an individual.
 On the same way excessive
 focus on spiritualism will
 lead to poverty.

As notion of good life
 is inspired by how we
 can take philanthropic approach

in life to live a good life.

'As long as millions live
in poverty and ignorance
of that every individual
a traitor'

— Swami Vivekananda

Love for others does not allow
people to live in poverty
and ignorance.

Similarly hard work holds
significance for good life.
A people with hard work
can fulfill the dream of
his near or which is
important for good life.

Importance of hardwork is evident from the following quote of swami Vivekananda

" Awake! Arise! And stop
Not till the goal is
not achieved.

Here the 'goal' is the goal
to live a good life.

As from the discussion
we see that notion of good
life based on materialistic
success is not permanent. So
we should try to live a
good life as per introspection
of our action.

For living a good life

in true sense. we can
adopt minimalist approach
of Mahatma Gandhi.

Along with minimalist
approach experiment with
knowledge is important for
good life. Through his experi-
ment with truth Gandhi
not only understands his
vulnerability and weakness
but also identifies his strength
as an individual.

He is an individual
which is guided by pure
knowledge and inspired by

One will automatically fulfill
the pursuit of good life.

Practice of yoga, meditation
and introspection of worldly
knowledge will help people
in living a good life in true
sense against the notion of
materialistically well off life.

Therese for good life
in true sense will bring
harmony and peace and
progress in the modern chaotic
society.

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Concept of good life very -

Socrates
Aristotle - introspective & action

Plato - According to dominant traits

Aristotle - Golden Mean

Buddha - Golden Mean

Misinterpretation of good life

↓

→ Material needs

→ Shortcut to needs

→ Selfishness → Overwhelmed by social media

→ Environmental destruction

Way ahead - Blending of materialism

and spiritualism

Melanthropian approach

"As long as - Vedic era"

Hard work

Arise Awake --- Vig, mudita