

Max. Marks: 250

2. Invigilator Signature _____

SECTION - A

1. Most of the luxuries and many of the so-called comforts of life are not only indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind.
2. Money is the barometer of a society's virtue.
3. The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it.
4. To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

SECTION - B

1. Censorship is at odds with a knowledge economy.
2. Smart Village, not city is the need of India.
3. The global refugee problem and cry against emigrants in various parts of the world have demolished the myth of a global village.
4. Banking is a tug of war between profitability and credibility, but the Indian banks have disappointed on both these counts.

Remarks

1. Most of the luxuries and many of the so-called comforts of life are not only indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind.

With the rapid pace of development in the last three centuries, luxuries have flooded each aspect of human life. Affecting humans not only on the physical plane, they have impacted the social and psychological spheres as well.

In our world driven by desire for better economic opportunities and material comfort, most people are lurking for goods to make our life simpler. The emphasis on automation has reduced the need for physical activity greatly.

The advent of trains did make connectivity better and the aeroplanes only took it a notch above. But they also gave impetus to the hectic lifestyle of the present day. It is now common

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place for executives to fly up and down during the same day.

The cars made life not only convenient but also stylish. With our leading men of cinema wearing their beloved in imported cars. The material culture had only begun.

With each family owning a car or the quintessential 'Hamara Bajaj', emphasis on physical activity has even reduced further. As physical activity became nil, thanks to the elevators and the cars, the incidence of non communicable diseases increased.

It is ironical that what was supposed to make our lives comfortable full of ease has made it full of disease. A pill for blood pressure, for diabetes is a norm.

The use of refrigerators and Air conditioners have not only made it easy to store food and work for long hours at a stretch in a tropical climate such as ours; they have also

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caused environmental damage. The refrigerator has degraded our cooking culture while it is the saviour of the working mother struggling with both home and work.

This lack of time and easy refrigeration with decline in cooking culture has hampered our aesthetic sense. There is hardly any emphasis on colours and taste. Cooking combines both and appeals to all senses.

This behaviour has also resulted in wastage of food. As food is available in market and there is emphasis on money driven culture, wastage is rampant. The traditional values of not wasting even a grain of rice like Saint Thiruvalluvar ~~has no~~ does not reverberate with people. Although there are movements in the West where people collect waste food and use to dish up meals for the destitute.

Staying in the air conditioner for longer durations has made us delicate beings which if stranded in the sun will melt like icecreams.

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The march of the cellphones and internet has brought people closer both acquainted and strangers. But they have destroyed a culture of respecting people and has led to invasion of privacy.

The internet has added to people's knowledge with forums like Quora and Wikipedia and the tsunami of information that it has caused. Yet it is has killed the culture of rational discussion and analysis. While everyone is 'knowledgeable', wisdom is rare.

The camera which was the most helpful device to ~~remember~~ cherish special occasions has made the selfie culture. It not only promotes narcissism but also pretention.

The emphasis on body and the physical aspect of human beings has become more important than their inner and spiritual side.

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While it may be commended that expressing oneself in 140 characters is an art but it must be remembered that the twitter does not allow for meaningful debate or for that matter any of the social media platforms.

While everyone is busy getting their message across, (For that is what these platforms offer) understanding and reflecting over the other person's message is hardly possible.

As a result only rabble rousing is indulged in. But one needs to keep in mind that they are best means to for the government to get its message about policies across.

The latest what's app craze is also significant. It offers free messaging that most people like but it also puts one in awkward situations as members of groups. The groups of family members are the home to political correctness. As a result they make us hypocritical.

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These activities have ~~made~~ reduced our attention spans and internet addiction is only being talked about now.

These luxuries have reduced our contact with nature. Cloistered lives have made us live in concrete buildings slogging for better life. Lack of touch with nature has reduced the aesthetic quality of our life and has made us less appreciative of what we have. Hence, there is a mad rush for accumulation.

The advent of television has provided entertainment in our bedrooms but it has made us less imaginative. Reading as a habit is fast vanishing making our new generations, less creative and more couch potato like. Children only learn that shouting down others ~~is~~ is a good debate. Although the information overload has only begun.

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These lifestyle changes have made hectic times with no time for families. Instead of talking amongst the family members, television, social media and WhatsApp messages are the way to communicate. Watching emotions all the time on TV and internet is turning humans into emotion immune creatures.

This lack of reflection is evident in the absence of any great leader in our present age. After Mandela and Gandhi, hardly any leader has emerged who could capture the imagination of the people and show them the path to prosperity of both mind and the spirit.

The existential debates which were hallmarks of our societies have hardly taken place in our day and age. Lack of observation and hurried pace of lives have made us less reflective.

While it is true that human lives have become prosperous and comfortable yet they have been impacted adversely by quality. Although there is enough food for the belly (even fancy food), there is a need for food for soul. It is time that we relaxed and take a step back to examine where we are headed.

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who are
D? luxuries AC TV Fridge purpose of life
lift elevators obesity Non communicable disease
life style problems
spiritual growth psychological growth
ancient civilization material growth
less age. was it better Pizza
Aloo ki subzi. Cars. no walking
early old age. less physical strength
less physical strength high automation less physical activity
No time to reflect. hurry busy
make life easy. globalization No puzzles
No imagination indulge in war
video games. electronic hysteria
virtual world far away from reality
Pokemon game.

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existential debates
not answered.

Eating out of packets No cooking ^{better} No fresh food
cooking culture
Are we better? dying
benefits know yourself aspire for higher learning

No big thinkers or leaders.
needs have no power ugly life No connect with nature

Internet twitter dull social media
No dissent
more knowledge killing debate
less observation.

phones
texting aspiration is
bnp.
what's apping narcissism
self obsession.

no link
no lines. political correctness.
Can't go out of group. internet obsession. religion
no temples.

mohallas
bigger group. striking for luxury
Appartments no neighbours family life
for loss

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Good & bad.

no love
no bonding
no ~~more~~ maddings
luxuries.

what are luxuries

How do luxuries
affect us.

~~the lux~~ when did
luxuries
inade us.

Benefits of
luxuries

impediments to
elevation of mankind

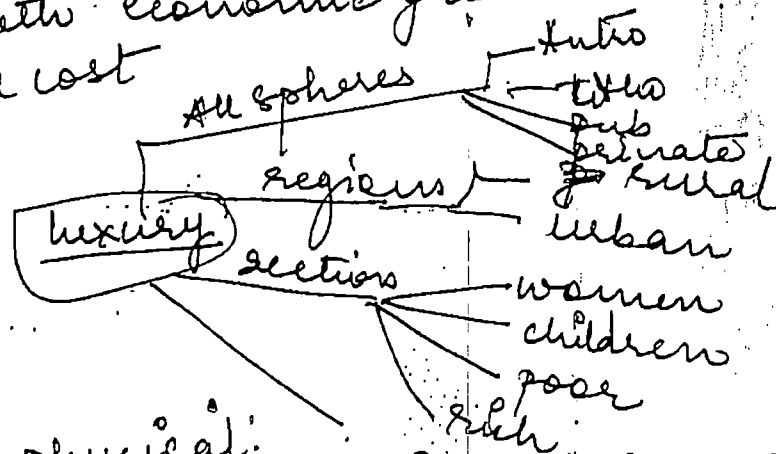
spiritual growth

psychological growth

social growth economic growth

environmental cost

no toilets but
phones.



② cars, lifts — physical.

③ phone, internet — social.

④ bridge & AC — health.

⑤ busy life — economic

⑥ Nature less.

⑦ TV. — psychological.

⑧ Family less.

⑨ No existential
debates

⑩ lack of leadership

⑪ Environment of

Children often
bad manners
learn

women
bad
jokes

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18, 19, 20, 21

~~The aim of human life~~

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~~These luxuries~~ Affecting ^{humans} not only on the physical and ~~hea~~ plane, they have impacted the social and psychological spheres as well.

~~It can be said that humans~~

~~white~~ humans have made their lives easy yet ~~they~~ more complicated. With ~~food~~ ^{fancy} food for the belly ~~they lack~~ they need food for soul!

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3. The global refugee problem and cry against emigrants in various parts of the world have demolished the myth of a global village.

With their countries war torn, homes shattered and families ruined, several refugees seek shelter. These moments have not only brought their lives to a tumultuous halt but have raised poignant questions about global leadership and the 'non existent' idea of a global village.

At the present moment, various parts of the world are war ~~torn~~ ravaged. Syria and most parts of the middle East are facing crisis. It is not only their governments which are at war! The rise of the non state actors like the ISIS has increased the magnitude of the problem.

The situation of the other parts is equally troubling. While there is no foreign presence in Myanmar,

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the Rohingya muslims have been reduced to the status of refugees as they form a minority in a majority Buddhist country.

Many of these problems, particularly for west Asia, are rooted in the colonial period. With raging desire for more land and colonial domination, the developed western powers divided the underdeveloped regions in Asia and Africa for their benefits. The Sykes-Picot accord for the middle East is a case in point.

The crippling Treaty of Sevres and the downfall of the Ottoman Caliph left these west Asian countries without leadership. To utter dismay, any stable leadership did not emerge after this. Only frequent attempts to gain power by dictators, monarchs or Islamic non state actors.

The resource rich region was only the prey for the western countries for who required oil and gas for their oil guzzling economies.

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The semblance of democracy that was present in these countries was destroyed by western powers some of whom chose to support rebels in the name of democracy. This part of the world has become a theatre of action for developed nations.

These wars have left their economies maimed and polity in disarray. With no food to eat (they already depended on imports), the citizens of these countries were forced to leave their countries for livelihood and to save their lives. Not all were lucky to escape.

Children have been the victims of this situation. Child soldiers are a reality in this region. Their educational prospects are ruined and their simple clay like minds have been bombarded with religious ideology of war.

Leaving one's roots is not easy. The migrants are looked upon as culprits by rest of the world.

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These refugees chose the developed countries of Europe which is only understandable as they are more developed. They offer safety and their immigration laws also facilitate migration. Also, they are more familiar with those cultures.

Similarly, Rohingyas chose India and many of the Afghan people chose India as their destination. This is because India is a big country in the neighbourhood which has a proven track record of taking in refugees (Tibetans have living here for several years) and its secular credentials are proven.

It will be futile to think that migration is an economic burden on the host country. The migrants suffer a lot in this process. Not only nostalgia and emotion fill them up; the everyday struggles are challenging. Creating life from scratch is ~~ed~~ the greatest struggle they embark upon.

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The economic challenges force refugees to indulge in illegal activities. Also, the burden of family falls inevitably on the eldest sibling. Young girls are married off early scuttling their chances of education. Female headed households have increased.

The global village that had been rendered possible due to better communication and easy accessibility is no longer the reality for these people. Countries are no longer accessible as they ~~refuge~~ refuse to take these refugees in.

Also, the bonds of camaraderie and friendship that were supposed to mark the global village have been broken. This is reflected in the attitude of the native populations towards these refugees.

As economies have been suffering due to the global crisis of 2008 and 2010, refugees are seen as economic burden by the host governments.

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The clash of cultures that these refugees would bring in homogenous European societies is looked upon as a red flag by the ^{host} native societies. The rise of the right wing groups have only added to the Islamophobia.

These countries have long democratic and secular credentials. There seems to be a fear that these refugees may not be able to adjust with these societies. The recent Burkinian is only a flicker of the raging fire.

It is compounded by rising incidents of violence and terrorism.

The global village, in this situation only appears to be a myth which had not been fully realised. While one part of this village continued with democracy and economic prosperity, the other part of the global village had dictatorial rule and poverty.

~~The village was not linked by~~

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The village was not linked by bonds of love but by mistrust. The communication feasibility was only physical and not deep enough. Remaining at the superficial level, these bonds could be broken at the slightest hint of parochial benefits. The benefits of a unified global village had not been realised enough.

To realise the potential of a global village and to reconstruct it, the countries need to open their doors to refugees. The refugees have only been of their making in various cases. Also, as the leaders and future leaders of the world they have a moral responsibility towards the refugees.

The refugee quotas of various countries can help them in dividing the burden. Also, nations like India without any refugee policy need to create one.

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No doubt, the global village that had been so assiduously built over ages has been demolished for the interest of particular world populations. The ruins of the mid air global village' have to be rebuilt. Otherwise, the world will only become a global ghetto instead of a global village.

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why global village?

what is a global village.

~~Ex~~ where western intervention / ~~under~~ Kutchumbakal why refugee problem is problem

crisis everywhere

Syria

why migrants

Alan Kurd.

How did world become global village

myth of global village

~~the~~ what natives want.

How did refugee problem ~~etc~~ emerge.

why are countries apprehensive.

Industrialization

insensitivity how are refugee lines.

Overlapping regimes lack of roots

migration partition.

women suffer

unhealthy atmosphere.

education less.

children suffer

No future hope violence

child soldiers

properties sex slavery.

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eldest sibling forced to work. child labour problem
 rise of female households
 Islamophobia. clash of cultures
 economies suffering. secular credentials at stake.
 global crisis.
 racism rise crime rates maladjustment ghettos. oil.
 world ghetto — not village.
 village simple connected
 bonding friendship lone. antithetical.
 high nationalistic tendencies. Right wing govt. oppose
 war. Western Intervention. ~~Product~~ Colonial Interests
 badly treated. Ottoman Caliph
 oil. miserable. WW I destroyed.
 ground for western powers. in GS score
 life beyond pizza
 Bombs. After effects.
 magic. economic growth
 better life safety easy immigration
 close

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- ① Why are countries apprehensive
- ② Why did refugees choose these countries.
- ③ Impact of wars.
- ④ Impact of migration.
- ⑤ Why did they migrate.
- ⑥ Global village a reality?
- ⑦ Lives of refugees.
- ⑧ Future course
- ⑨ Why did wars take place.

With their countries near torn, and homes shattered and families ruined, several refugees ^{seek} shelter ~~in Europe~~ ^{as} stranded on the mediterranean & adriatic sea coasts. These moments have not only brought their lives to a tumultuous halt but have raised poignant questions about global leadership and the non-existent idea of a global village.

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