

Essay 1

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Essay 2

 $\frac{61}{125}$ **ESSAY**

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

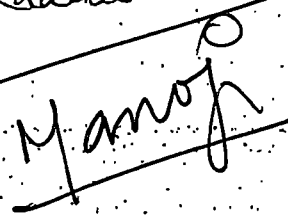
- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt an essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/ her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).

Remarks

Good effort!

Pl. see inside for value addition.



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SECTION - A

1. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
2. Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to somebody else.
3. Where words fail, music speaks.
4. Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them.

SECTION - B

1. The question isn't who is going to let me, it's who is going to stop me.
2. Achieving life is not the equivalent of avoiding death.
3. The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.
4. Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

Remarks

Where words fail, music speaks

"Music knows no boundaries"

Since when did human beings start singing? This question has no easy answer. Perhaps, since eternity. While ruins of musical instruments in their rudimentary form have been found, dancing male and female forms have been depicted in rock paintings pointing that there was some form of music prevalent even then.

Words as ~~we~~ one knows appeal to the intellect. As a result, they have limitations when it comes to expression of emotions. Music on the other hand appeals to the heart. Even though one may not understand a language but the language of music appeals to the emotions. v. good!

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A new born baby, when he/she is unable to communicate with people around but he/she can respond to the music or a song being played. For the baby, music becomes a way of communicating to with the adult world.

In the adult world, at times use of wrong words becomes problematic. That is why it has often been suggested that tongue is a double edged sword of which one must be careful. But it is not the tongue but language that is double edged sword. As a result of this misunderstandings happen creating rift between individuals, communities and nations.

The expression of intimate personal emotions becomes difficult due to several reasons. In these

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times music acts as a saviour. Between nations, often it is ~~the~~ words and their lack of it which leads of rift. Recently, it is Pakistani Prime Minister's words on a slain terrorist that have created furore between two nations.

The problem with words is that their intonation has to be articulated, which if not done properly breeds a mistrust, confusion and lack of understanding between two or more people or groups.

Perpetually, music does not ~~for~~ create such problems. Its simplicity only resolves problems and ~~its~~ only conveys what is being played out.

It is significant that in earlier times, music was used even to announce ~~was~~ the

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beginning of war. The famous dundubhi would announce the marching of the armies. The 'Shankh Naad' or sounding of the conch shells was ~~used~~ done during the Mahabharata by Krishna.

In more modern times, the marching songs like 'Kadam Kadam badhaye Ta' etc. have been used to raise the morale of the troops. The Republic day Parade of India has so many marching bands of various military and paramilitary troops. The Beating retreat, a few days afterwards, involves only music being played by army military bands.

To add to the above point, one need not listen to 'Jan Gan Man', the tune that it has been set to ~~it~~ is enough to give goosebumps to a patriotic Indian.

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On the political front, words often lead to misunderstandings as has been pointed out earlier. Such issues escalate into failure of formal diplomacy, further leading to war-like scenarios. ~~Music has the~~

Music has the potential to be used to exercise soft power. In the Indian context, Indian classical music has a following outside the country as well. The popularity of Pt. Ravi Shankar and Anoushka Shankar is a testimony to it. The beauty of Bollywood music has attracted the erstwhile USSR where Raj Kapoor's films and Shankar Jaikishan's music are a household name.

Through ICCR's scholarships many nationals from these countries come to India to learn Indian music. It only highlights that music has no language.

Coming closer home, it is evident that the north and the south have come closer through music.

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The basic similarities between the Hindustani and Carnatic music has ~~lead~~ made people across both regions enjoy both styles. While Pandit Bhimsen Joshi is a household name down south with his famous Marathi Abhangas, M.S. Subbulakshmi's rendition of Vishnu Sahasranamam and Ganesh Pancharatnam reverberate in North Indian households in the morning. Consequently, the north and south division is rendered redundant by the music of these stalwarts.

If India could not express its pain at the defeat in Indo-China war, ~~Lata~~ Lata Mangeshkar's 'Ae Meri Watan Ke logon' resonated not only with the masses but even with ~~the~~ the Prime Minister (Nehru) whose eyes dwelled with tears is often cited incident. Music makes even ~~econo~~ socio-economic divisions redundant.

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While one may be left lurching for words at several occasions in life, music fills these voids. India has had such a long tradition of music that there are songs for every occasion — from birth to death. No festival is complete without some form of music. Be it shankh, or flute or the more rudimentary dhol — Music has been associated with ~~times of the~~ Hindu Gods and Goddesses.

How can the feel of 'chaitra' month be communicated if not through the semi classical 'Chaiti' songs. Holi would be incomplete without Holi songs.

Further, the 'Bibai geet' are a part of every Indian household. Emotional parents can not better express their feelings on the marriage of their daughter except through 'Kahey ko Byahi Bides' or the poignant 'Babul Mora Naihar Choto Taje'. The more popular Bollywood

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song by Mohammed Rafi - Babul ki dhadak - is played by Marriage bands and the iconic tune make each eye watery.

Music has an inherent simplicity ~~to~~ that resonates with every one. The Sikh Gurbani or the Qawali at Dargahs fill one with piety and devotion.

Music echoes across divisions of language, race, religion, class and creed. It conveys without much being said.

Words are created by human beings, they can fail at conveying ideas and feelings. Music on the other hand, is divine. It succeeds where words fail. That is why there is music therapy for patients and no word therapy!!

"Music is the only sane thing in an insane world?"

conclusion. should wrap up the (2)

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~~It is di~~

Since when did human beings start singing? This question has no easy answer. Perhaps since ~~eternity~~ eternity. Musical instruments have been found in some civilizations. Dancing men and women have been depicted in Greek paintings pointing out that there ~~can be no~~ was music even then.

Strength: - you have agreed with "music as a means of effective and neutral communication".
- you would have ~~differs~~ also explained limitation of "words" as a means of communication.
- your language, example and elaboration is good.

Weakness: In the analysis part you have become 'lopesided' as you deliberately aligned your views with title.

Suggestions

Some extended but related analysis.

Let's think -

- (a) There were leaders whose words stirred the people to act (revolutions & movements)
- (b) Even in case of music, accompanied by good words, the effect increased.

Now when we take about "music" - you could

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have taken your analysis to
(a) music as carriers of tradition, history, myths and creativity

(b) music as a mirror to society - confusions

Said - If we want to know about the quality of a society - see the quality of its music.

where ^{words} world fails music speaks.

music passes
no boundaries.

music has
no language.

Only same
thing in
insane world.

late
mangeshkar
4c mere natan
ke begun.

foreigners
enjoying
Indian music

1962 china war.
social for
occasion

life of Bollywood

Babul
mona
railan

— kahay ^{Pyahi Pider} sound came first
music is emotions.

political
use as
soft power

most
natural. naad drama

Babul
Ki
dham

when words fail.
music speaks?

Why music speaks?
why words fail?

Band
maalah
needen

How music speaks.
how when words fail.

Importance
of music

limitation of words
esp. prose.

Song Remarks

Gangnam
Koreana
song in
India. famous in
Japan

instrumental music
connects all
Granny - Anushka

music
therapy

words can divide
music unites

MS fansucis
in North
to Vishnu Shastri

Language - words
limited

Bhimsen Joshi
& Balmukhi
Deishra

straight to
raag & rang

shabd - Vakya - Arth - Rang
connected to emotions.
music has colours
navrasa -

Where words fail

Importance of Music

Inability to express
personal emotions
sad mood
romantic mood

formal diplomacy
lead to war

Begum Akhtar
S. D. Sajan
fine harmonium
duet

music - soft
power

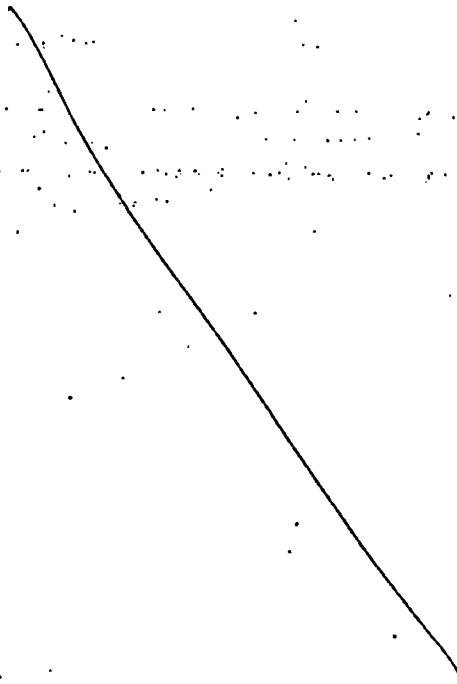
earlier
listen to
same song
together &
convey

New
Youtube heritage
send songs to
each other

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What happens when
words fail

historical aspect
Dandubhi - near
enjoyment -

*Remarks*

The Question isn't who is going to let me; it is who is going to stop me.

As the twenty first century progresses, several groups have struggled ~~for~~ to achieve what should rightfully have been theirs. Shackles of authority have been broken by these people to ride on the path of success and glory.

Centuries of servitude, oppression and mistreatment had shattered the confidence of a majority of the population. It is well known that if confidence is lost everything is lost. Half of the battles are won in the mind. Many of those who lose confidence, lose the battle. ^{Good, you have} ^{but the central} ^{theme!}

While it is true that only you can stop yourself from achieving what you set out for but there are host of other factors which affect achievement by groups.—

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V- good!

you have decided to explore a closely related dimension as well

In this essay, the struggles of women, differently abled, dalits, ~~and~~ transgenders ~~and~~ ~~blacks~~ shall be discussed. In the course of this essay, it will be examined what stops these groups from achieving and why are they stopped. Further, their achievements will be highlighted along with what has been done to further their achievements. At last, it will be pointed out what needs to be done ~~and~~ to turn individual successes into multiple successes.

One half of the population has suffered in silence for ages — women. The patriarchal pressures of the society had for long continued to keep women within ~~four~~ walls of domesticity. As a result, few of them ever achieved as much as their coses did.

The pressure to conform to societal norms of female modesty never allowed women to venture

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into public life especially sports. But many of them broke these barriers. Pt Usha did it generations ago and Sakshi Malik, wrestling in the 'all male' arena - Akhara, has done it now. They have raised questions on the masculine and feminine constructs of society.

Lack of capital had limited the opportunities for women entrepreneurs. Owning less than 1% of world's property, women had little to fall back upon ~~except~~ in distress.

The 90s saw the rise of Shahnaz Hussain - working in the ~~a~~ female industry of beauty, she made the very 'feminine' native as her niche. Later, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw of Biocon has ~~reached~~ emerged as the epitome female business leaders.

At the same time, the lack of reservation ~~has~~ is reflected in the political arena where female participation is very low. Few women are members of political

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parties which are important in democracy. Although, the one-third reservation ~~in~~ at the panchayat level has led to greater participation of women.

The differently abled have been the target of a majoritarian patriarchal society where only able bodied individuals have been encouraged. The social mores have prevented their effective participation in the mainstream. Lack of physical strength is not stopping the differently abled from achieving. Paralympics is one such example where multiple differently abled athletes have won gold medals.

Since they were not thought to be 'useful' by a society driven by utilitarian ethos, little investment has been made by the successive governments for their betterment.

v-good
An edge
argument

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As they are not a cohesive group, the differently abled have not been able to register their presence in the political arena.

Although, reservation in ~~government~~ public sector has been provided yet the mandatory 3% is never fulfilled as due to already existing handicaps.

In addition to these sections, the dalits have suffered immensely due to the disabling restrictions that were put on them. The dalits suffered due to societal restrictions that stopped them from making significant contributions.

Their lack of resources which were under the upper classes castes have pushed them into poverty. But the new phenomenon of Dalit capitalism whereby dalits are emerging as job givers and not job seekers has the potential to overturn the fortunes

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of a ~~com~~ section long oppressed. On the political front, reservation has ~~not~~ anguished well for the dalits who have now found their importance but the danger of being reduced to a vote bank remains pertinent.

Although a minority, the transgenders have been subject of shame, ridicule ~~amongst~~ ⁱⁿ a society seeking able bodied male children. For reasons of fear, shame and societal prejudice, many of them were kept within houses and have little education to bank upon.

Although ~~many~~ ^{some} like Lakshmi who addressed the UNO on issues of transgenders have made a mark for themselves, these also suffer from lack of economic opportunity which has never been addressed.

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All these groups are breaking the glass ceiling in the post colonial world through individual examples.

To aid the efforts of these groups, the government has taken several initiatives. For women's economic empowerment, it is encouraging them to avail "Step Up India" loans. These are available for other disadvantaged groups as well.

The Bhartiya Mahila Bank has been set up specifically for women.

For the transgenders the SC judgement on treating them as third gender is significant as it breaks binary division of male and female and provides them a separate identity. This will go a long way in their socio-economic development.

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The individual efforts of from these groups needs to be translated into community success.

As these groups themselves believe that the question is who is going to stop them and not who is going to let them, the latter part has already been won over by them ~~disad~~ but it is individual hesitation, lack of self confidence and distrust in one's ability that is halting their progress.

All these groups then ask, the question is who is going to let me, it is who is going to stop me.

Problems: In your essay a sense of 'wholeness', 'completeness', 'is missing'. you have chosen extremely good examples to elaborate your points of argument, but missed to elaborate —

Here again the main missing element is 'analysis'

(a) The role of 'will power', 'determination', 'patience', 'perseverance' etc. in realising our goals.

(b) Each moment of life is a struggle, some "endure" and some "quit" why?

(c) What are the constraints, how these can be conquered.

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The Question isn't who is going to
let me, the question is who is
going to stop me.

fighting spirit

Disability

nothing can
stop if you
believe in
yourself

achieving all
without
permission

women's
emancipation

patriarchal
society
permission model

Saugandhya
Bharati

Question and answer
Only you
yourself can
stop.

stopped
for ages

Rosa Parker

bus
seat

struggle
against
oppression

Salts

achieving could not
read
scattered

transgender
suffered with
positive
discrimination

break
glass
ceiling

Break barriers
not looked upon as
humans

Society tries to
stop

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societal pressure
 economic handicaps.
 political disability
 push away from goal
 what stops?
 why stops?
 who stops?
 demotivation
 personal pressure
 if you think you cannot make it.
 girls do not do it
 disabled kept at home
 look beautiful
 no sports
 limit potential
 social mores.
 economic lack of opportunities / capital
 women entrepreneurs
 e.g. Shahnaz Hussain
 Mahila Reserve Bank
 Dalit Capitalism
 step up & start up
 Kinner Shau

paralympics
 Gold → Deepa Malhotra
 Woman & Disabled

societal pressure
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political

Under representation
 less participation less leadership
 Blacks → women
 not in parliament
 less representation
 of Blacks

Intro

- ① women
- ② Disabled
- ③ Dalits
- ④ Transgender
- ⑤ ~~Blacks~~

what steps & why and how?
 what has been done?
 Achievements
 Are they breaking ceiling?
 what needs to be done
 what needs to be done?

(Including the by
 Fairer deal to the fair sex?
 The Better halves)

The Dalit Question how far have
 they come
 absent/present
 where is the third gender?

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Half of the battles are won in the mind. Many of those who lose out there

As the twenty first century progresses several groups have ~~struggled~~ struggled to achieve what should rightfully have been theirs. ~~As~~

Shackles of authority have been broken by these people to embark on the ride the path of success and glory.

~~Years~~ Eons and centuries of servitude, oppression and mistreatment had ~~broken the~~ shattered the confidence of a majority of the population. It is well known that if ~~one~~ confidence is lost everything is lost.

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