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Essay

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Maximum Marks: 250

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1.	परिचय: विषय और संलग्नता की स्पष्टता। Introduction: Clarity of theme and engagement.	10		
2.	विषय वस्तु: प्रासंगिकता, विश्लेषण की गहराई और उदाहरणों/साक्ष्यों का उपयोग। Content: Relevance, depth of analysis, and use of examples/evidence.	25		
3.	संरचना और संगठन: तार्किक प्रवाह, पैराग्राफ संरेखण और विचारों की सुसंगतता। Structure and Organization: Logical flow, Paragraph alignment and Coherence of ideas.	20		
4.	प्रासंगिकता: विषय से विचलन की अनुपस्थिति, तर्क और पुष्टि/प्रमाणीकरण के बीच संतुलन Relevance: Absence of Deviation from Topic, Balance between argument and substantiation.	20		
5.	भाषा और अभिव्यक्ति: स्पष्टता, व्याकरण, वाक्यविन्यास, शब्दावली और अभिव्यक्ति Language and Expression: Clarity, Grammar, Syntax, Vocabulary and Articulation	20		
6.	निष्कर्ष: तर्कों और निष्कर्ष का प्रभावी सारांश। Conclusion: Effective summary of arguments and conclusion.	10		
7.	मौलिकता और रचनात्मकता: विचार और रचनात्मक अभिव्यक्ति में नवीनता। Originality and Creativity: Innovation in thought and creative expression.	20		
	कुल: Total:	125		

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Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

*** निबंध पेपर के लिए यूपीएससी की अपेक्षा:**

उम्मीदवार को एक विनिर्दिष्ट विषय पर निबंध लिखना होगा। विषयों के विकल्प दिये जायेंगे। उनसे आशा की जाती है कि अपने विचारों को निबंध के विषय के निकट रखते हुए क्रमबद्ध करें तथा संक्षेप में लिखें। प्रभावशाली एवं सटीक अभिव्यक्तियों के लिये श्रेय दिया जायेगा।

निम्न खण्ड A व B प्रत्येक से एक विषय चुनकर दो निबन्ध लिखिए, जो प्रत्येक लगभग 1000-1200 शब्दों का हो :

Write two essays, choosing one topic from each of the following Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: (125 × 2 = 250)

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खंड-A/SECTION-A

Topic:

4. It is always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

Renowned Journalist

Ramnath Goenka was a man of principles, celebrated for his integrity. In the wake of emergency in 1976, he defied press censorship by publishing a blank editorial professing his views against the draconian law.

He was a man of principles but Charlie Hebdo wasn't. His repeated editorials about the mockery of religions despite claiming himself as a secular person were mere hoax. On one hand he propounded secularism and principles of tolerance but on the other hand defied every bit eventually costing him his life. This proves that sometimes it is easier to fight for one's principles than to line up to them.

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“Easier said than done”
is the maxim embedded in civilisations across history. This is because it is easier to fight for one's own principles as it only requires verbal commitment, mere intellectual endeavours, rhetorical energising thoughts and mental activity.

But it is difficult to live upto them (principles) as they demand action, highest level of integrity. They might also attract non-refutable judgements.

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which a person might not be resilient to

At the confluence of fighting for one's principles and living upto them happens change. revolution. This sets up ideals

and right precedents for generations to follow. The confluence of

'Mansa, Vacha, Karma' is the bedrock of human evolution.

frames principles for peaceful co-existence. This gives birth to

nations with codified ethics in form of laws. The principles

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suggest that rights and duties go hand-in-hand. But state's dictatorship and unlawful acts are not a thing of yesterday. This gives birth to people and their principles for which they fight and also live upto. One such principled man was Henry David Thoreau, who refused to pay taxes to the state on the pretext of misgovernment. His civil disobedience influenced great leaders such as Gandhi and Mandela. The state fought for principles but did not live upto them. Thoreau was

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a man of principles living up to them

Not every economy lives up to the principles, though fighting for them. Free trade and sovereign economic interests are required for a prosperous world. But trade protectionist tendencies fortress economy have become the new normal. The greatest supporter of laissez faire USA is a classic illustration of this dichotomy. USA fights for the principles of capitalism. But it gets agitated by a trade

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deficit emanating threats such as CAATSA. The need of the hour is harmonious trade and respect to the fact that others also have the right the flourish.

Flourishing lines and glittery eyes filled with dreams give rise to certain principles and desires. Following one's aspirations and passion gives life a purpose and meaning. But the dark clouds of economic viability and sustenance takes precedence of individual aspirations and

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principles. This makes one to only fight for them and not line up to them creating cognitive dissonance. 'Ikigai' can be a great solution to live up to such dreams. Courage to take the "road less travelled" makes all the difference. This is so because "All these who wander are not lost." An exemplary illustration of this is Ruskin Bond. He had faith in principles of living amidst nature and following his passion for writing. Financial independence compelled him to

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resort to gas chambers of Delhi. But his "words rang true", and he became a "hone for dancing in the morning dew". This suggests that if there is a will to fight and live for one's principles, there is a way.

Principles pave way for revolution. The ideals of Justice liberty, equality and fraternity forms the bedrock of any revolution. But often-times they are hindered by Colonialism, mercantilism and

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slavery. The classic case of
European powers colonising
the whole world during 19th
and 20th century presents this
paradox. They fought for the
rights of their own nationals.
But when it comes to Asian
and African nations, brutal
force was a normal act for
them. This proves that it
was easier for them to fight
for one's principles rather than
living upto them. This calls
a fight for independence,
freedom and mutual respect.

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for one another to be
concretised as principles in
letter and spirit.

Principles in letter
and spirit demand moral
integrity rather than mere
advocacy of principles. Advocacy
of environment consciousness is
one such budding principle. But
mere social media activism
and woke culture doesn't fulfill
the notion of living upto
them and limits them for
rhetorics. Environmental activists
of west such as Greta Thunberg

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Comments upon poor nations' and their energy usage in a bad light. Diversity, needs and historical connotations are not taken into account by them. They fight for the principles but fail to line up to them. This calls for selfless activism understanding the globe and its diversity.

In conclusion, principles serve as intellectual compass, verbal voracity, noctiferous thinking and revolutionary ideals. But their actualisation is where the magic happens.

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"Do what you preach" is the mantra for successful positive change. But right principles demand right action because wrong one's can be disastrous. From Gandhi to Gode, Obama to Osama and Mandela to Mugabe, the former brought positive changes by living upto principles and the latter disaster. Thus Thoughts, feeling and acts in harmony are human on earth.

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खंड-B/SECTION-B

Topic:

8. Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.

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The desire to free
the corporate jails and follow
passion for pouring one's heart
on paper, Robert Frost took the
Road less travelled. For the
longest time he was stuck
in a life of convenience but
compromise. He stood and
watched, then took the low
road away from echo chambers
of conformity. And eventually

this was something that
had made all the difference.

This necessitates one to break-free
from conformity because conformity
is the jailer of freedom and the
enemy of growth.

"A ship in harbor
is safe but that's not what
a ship is for. conformity
stems from comfort zone,
fearfulness to "stand out"
and termed insane. This
results in herd mentality
following societal norms and

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remain "insulated" from external turbulances.

Conformity is the jailer of freedom because it tries to cage one's cognitive capabilities. It limits critical thinking, creativity and also visionary decision-making. Visionary decision-making happens at the intersection of logic and intuition. But conformity produces prisoners of conditioning and not leaders with vision.

Conformity is the enemy of growth and it obstructs

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imagination and innovation
demotivating inspiration.
 Inspiration for creativity and
 growth springs from the efforts
 to look for magical in
mundane. But the enemy of
conformity makes mundane the
 only "normal". This produces
 "BOXED UP THINKING" rather
 than "OUT OF BOX THINKING".
 Conformity produces
like-minded factory of humans
in society. It tells us "WHAT
TO THINK" rather than "HOW

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TO THINK! It acts as a Jail for freedom of thoughts and enemy of self growth. Conformity in society is produced by various methods to fulfill one's lone of power rather than power of lone. This makes the world know superficial peace. Methods of indoctrination, brainwashing, propagandizing, persuasion, coercion etc. are weapons of conformity. we can witness the use of these during Hitler's

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regime in Nazi Germany.
 the whimsical aspirations to
 wipe out Jews was through
 conformity of Nazi people to
 the holocaust. This became a
 jailer of freedom to profess one's
 views obstructing growth.
 conformity is used
 by the jailers of freedom
 to stop rebellion and
revolution. The rulers fear
change in status quo but fail
 to understand "CHANGE IS THE
ONLY CONSTANT". Sometimes
 they propound conformity to give

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legitimacy to one's own views.
They also try to fulfill ego
and eradicate any trace of
self-doubt trying to acquire
superficial mental peace.

There are chances
that if someone tries to
break free from the cells of
conformity - it might attract
social ostracization, non-acceptance,
mental torture and drain of
courage to fight for one's thoughts
and interests. This fear is
reasonable because "MAN IS
A SOCIAL ANIMAL" and
loneliness is fearful for people
making them slaves of conformity.

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jailing their freedom and
restricting their growth.
Flip side of the coin
suggests the conformity is
not always bad. There are
times when conformity to
draconian and archaic laws
becomes a sin. People resort to
the path of disobedience and
conformity to new ideals. For
instance Mahatma Gandhi
and his ideals were confirmed
by majority Indians to
break free from the jails of
British slavery and attain freedom.

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Confirmity and adherence
 to morals, values, principles
foster harmony, trust and
inner peace. Also confirmity
 to social values alongwith
laws are pillars for sustainable
nations having prosperity
 across centuries. For example,
 citizens of India confirming to
constitutional morality makes
India - "MOTHER OF DEMOCRACY".

The Golden mean
 between confirmity and
non-confirmity is the need
 for one to transition from

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"being HUMAN" To "BEING HUMANE"
 This can be achieved by
rationality, observation, wisdom,
introspection, curiosity
 and knowledge. Marilyn vos
Savant suggests that "IN ORDER
TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE, ONE
MUST STUDY BUT IN ORDER TO
ACQUIRE WISDOM, ONE MUST
OBSERVE". Thus a wise mind
inculcates organic way of
thinking which leads to
growth and freedom.
 Ultimately, "LETTING
YOUR SELF LOOSE" is the way

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to enlightenment. Jailer of
 freedom must be replaced
 with protector of freedom and
 enemy of growth with mentor
 for growth. A confluence of
romantic man and scientific
man brings monumental change
 we must stop "conformity"
 from terming these INSANE
 dancing on their own tunes
 just because others (SANE) cannot
listen to the music.

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"Do what you preach"
"Easier said than done"



Mansa Vacha Karmanna

Ramnath Goenka &
Charlie Hebdo

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

Beliefs

- ① why it is easier to fight for one's principles?
→ it requires verbal commitment, intellectual endeavour, rhetorical, mental activity
- ② why it is difficult to live upto them
→ it demands action and highest energy integrity, judgments
- ③ what happens at the confluence.
→ Revolution, change, ideals, precedents to follow.

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	IC	Concern	Recommendation	Audience
	Free trade, sovereign rights	Protectionism, Power of int. org.	Harmony & Respect for others	USA
	Rights & duties go hand in hand	State autocracy, unlawful dominance	Civil disobedience	Indians
	Following one's dreams & aspirations	Economic instability, sustenance	Follow your heart, courage to take road less travelled	American Band
	one's conc.	Social media, voter, not considering diversity	Selfless serv. Activism.	Greta Thunberg
	Liberty, Equality, Fraternity	Colonialism, mercantilism, Slavery.	Independence, Respect race & ethnicity.	PC - Ashwini
				UK & colonialism

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Stand out -

2nd out of box
Thinking
Ratic

Confidence of scientific
& Romantic man.



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① what does conformity mean.

→ flood mentality, societal norm.

② → why it is killer of freedom

→ ~~limits~~ critical mind, imagination & visionary drive

③ why it is enemy of growth.

→ stifles inspiration, innovation, boxed up

④ what does conformity produce

→ like minded (factory of hunches)

⑤ what necessitates conformity. (Nazi Germany)

→ power, aspirations of dictators

⑥ how is conformity produced

→ brainwashing, propaganda, SI, persuasion

⑦ is conformity always bad. (freedom struggle)

(No) → Rebellion & revolution (Constitution)

⑧ how balance can be achieved between

conformity & rebel. (Marilyn & Savant)

Rationality observation, wisdom, sea

⑨ what happens if one does not conform

→ social ostracization & non-acceptance,

mental torture, drain of courage

Tagging act

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Mechanical thinking

"change is the only constant"



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