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निबंध (ESSAY)

अधिकतम अंक: 250
Maximum Marks: 250

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प्रश्नपत्र संबंधी विशेष अनुदेश

(प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने से पहले निम्नलिखित प्रत्येक अनुदेश को कृपया ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ें)

प्रवेश-पत्र में प्राधिकृत माध्यम में निबंध लिखना आवश्यक है तथा इस माध्यम का स्पष्ट उल्लेख उत्तर पुस्तिका के मुखपृष्ठ पर निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर करना आवश्यक है। प्राधिकृत माध्यम के अलावा अन्य माध्यम में लिखे गए उत्तरों को अंक नहीं दिये जाएंगे।

प्रश्नों के उत्तर निर्दिष्ट शब्द-संख्या के अनुसार होने चाहिये।

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Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.

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खंड-A Section-A		30
खंड-B Section-B		38
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| 5. Conclusion Proficiency (निष्कर्ष दक्षता) | 6. Presentation Proficiency (प्रस्तुति दक्षता) |

Dear Student,

Context → On 1st essay, it was missing. 2nd essay your focus & locus was good.

Intro → For 2nd essay you have written very elevated. Intro - To make appealing try to bring stories, quotes, anecdotes, books etc

Content → You have very good content but don't overwrite. Plz provide justification to your arguments.

Language → sufficiently good & you tried to maintain flow in your essay.

Conclusion → Don't underestimate it. Here you have big scope for improvement.

— All The Best

Q Information is the currency of
democracy

Information is set of traits
about particular object, person, group
of people which helps in identification
of that object, attitude formation towards
that object and understanding values
that can be realised from that.

Key
Basic
Intro

Information in the organised
form is called as Data. In the
present world, data are new oil
& engine of growth. Hence, underlying
information behind any data
is crucial for success of democracy
& its functioning. For example,
Cambridge Analytica case shows how
information can be misused to
affect the outcome of an election.

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Link between information & democracy

There is crucial link between information & success to democracy. Democracy aims at inclusive governance which is able to fulfil aspiration of all people in democratic manner.

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Politically, information about voters, their classification based on economic status, gender lines etc are necessary to mobilize people and attract towards political ideologies which can help to enhance the people participation in the electoral process.

Very
Relevant
argument

Kindly provide
example
to justify
it.

Similarly youth can be easily mobilized using social media campaigns, media outreach etc.

e.g. Rising voter turnout in succeeding
elections

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good

Economically, information is key to make democratic functioning successful through proper planning & execution of policies.

Excellent

Policies related to farmer's, their produce, market linkage etc are vital for reducing farmers distress. Scale of skill availability is required to address the issue of unemployment.

Mention how it promote economic democracy

Similarly, information about present infrastructure and future demand can be understand by using available demographic trend.

Policies related to implementation of social security schemes, income support schemes & PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI, employment schemes such as MUNREGA, food security schemes.

Valid argument

Explain how it ensure Accountability of Executive to the people

Sustain → Social & strengthen Democracy

Such as NFSA, all require certain information to make it success.

Same is also true for social sector. There are vulnerable section in the society such as women, widow, physically disabled, schedules caste & schedules tribe. These people requires special attention of the government and society. Democratic principle of governance through inclusion of them in governance, electoral process & decision making can be enabled when government have proper information (or) data about them.

Same can be hold true for some practices which are regressive in the nature & hampers all sound and inclusive society

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Role & Info
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which is bedrock to democracy.
For example manual scavenging
is black spot on democracy which
can be eradicated when government
have appropriate information about
prevalance, number of people
involved in manual scavenging.

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Valid
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Also, in case of people
who are homeless, involved in the
begging, women involved in
prostitution, child labour etc
can be rehabilitated once the
government have appropriate
information about them.

Fair
point.

Also
effect on
how people
use info

One of the main aim of
government is to uplift the
living standards of people and
raise the health standard. Information
about economic status, behavioural
attributes etc are important.

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for example success of swachh Bharat mission can be attributed to availability of ~~inf~~ behavioural information about behavioural attributes & consequent nudging them through proper policy and supporting infrastructure.

Relevant
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steps taken by government to gather various information

Decadal census is one of the most important way to organise information about demography, economic and social structure of the people in the country.

Four
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Apart from census exercise there are various survey organised by both governmental & non-governmental organisation. Periodic labour force survey (PLFS) is used to gather information about status of

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Transparency,
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employment & unemployment in the country. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) helps to understand the health profile of people in the country.

Report by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) helps policy makers to understand changing nature of criminals and appropriate reform in the administration.

Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) by NGO Pratham helps to improve the education outcome by appropriate reforms.

International reports such as Human Development Report, Hunger Index etc helps policy makers to introduce reforms. At the same time these informations are also

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used to hold executive accountable - during election.

Various organisations such as Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) etc produces/publishes annual & periodic reports which ensures healthy environment to people under Article 21 (Right to life).

In the economic sphere, Reserve Bank is publishing Digital Payment Index (DPI) which shows penetration of digital means in financial sphere. BHIM is a great success due to available information about small payment in the economy & suitable application in the form of BHIM to cater the need of people.

Civil society organisations works as a link between people and the government. They are

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facilitating seamless flow of information among people and government. Hence, deepening the root of democracy.

issues in current system of Information

Despite various efforts in utilizing available information to make democracy functioning, still there are some challenges.

First one is about information asymmetry. The society is divided into two group - one who have access to information & other, who do not have. It creates divide in the society & results into unbalanced growth & unequal distribution of income.

Second problem is associated with privacy concern. There is lack of holistic personal data protection.

Write how Misinfo threatened the democracy

Very Relevant argument

valid point

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legislation as present in European
union in the form of GDPR. This
can result into evasion of privacy
& manipulation which is against
Article 21 (Right to Privacy under K.S.
Puttuswamy Judgement)

Third issue is related to delay
in conducting census due to
COVID-19. lack of updated data results
into exclusion of vulnerable people
from most important schemes
such as NFSA Act 2013.

Fourth issues about the first
present information system is
with biased data collection & small
sample size. The government &
international data publishing house
have different outcome on the
same issue Eg. Hunger Index which

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not good for good & inclusive governance.

fifth issue is about working of various organs of state on same issues & lack of collaboration among them. It results into wastage of effort & resources which other-wise can be utilized to uplift the poor people.

finally, lack of flexibility to local governments and states to utilize information while implementing schemes are another area of concern. There must be scope for utilizing modification to suit the local needs it is important to ensure good governance.

Use of information to make democracy more successful

Information can be a potent tool to engage people in the

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electoral process, economic participation and social cohesion which are bedrock of successful democracy.

Very good

These can be ensured through some reform in the current system of information such as coordinated approach among various agencies of the government, proper compilation & analysis of the information.

At the same time a comprehensive data protection regime is required to protect the people from any form of exploitation.

Headed Better conclusion

These can help in social-economic upliftment & inclusive democratic process and vibrant political-social & economic democracy.

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Key point

Q. The more we explore, the more we realize how much more there is to explore.

The cognitive ability of human made them restless. People started to explore about main reason behind various natural events & forces behind them. It led to gradual evolution of human civilization which gave birth to various concepts such as society & social relationships, economic concepts, religion etc.

Very Good Start

This restless spirit of knowing more and more is the force behind evolution of new concepts and understanding about various concepts & events. However, more we explore, the more we realize how much more there is to explore.

Very well explained

Excellent

Historically evolution of man
started with nomadic forest dweller
life. Two most important invention
changed the human history - Fire
& wheel.

Here starts the next phase of
exploration. Interpersonal relation
-ship started developing into family
to tribal kinship to territorial
states. The more, people started
exploring about interpersonal
relation, more complex form of
institutions started developing.

Fair
point

The concept of territorial state
gave impetus to war and conquest
for wealth & territories. These resulted
into suffering of mankind. In turn
these suffering resulted into rise
of philosophical & religious ideas
to establish the peace in the
society & peace of mind.

Very
good
use
of your
knowledge

Further understanding about consequence of war & conquest, especially post world-war-II (1935-45) gave rise to new international order. It culminates into grouping on ideological lines. Further due to collapse of USSR & rise of multiple economic power centre, now the world is divided into multipolar world. The more we are exploring about stable political system more forms are emerging with time.

Karl Marx showed the societal transition based on economic forces and theory of dialectic materialism. Primitive society was transformed into slave society due to changing interpersonal relationship shaped by economic forces. It transforms to feudal to Capitalistic & Socialistic.

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4) Ethics

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economy to mixed economy. The more exploration of economic theories results into evolving economic system.

Similarly, the process of social exchange started with barter system to metallic currency based system to fiat currencies to digital currency & decentralized currency (for eg Bitcoin etc). Hence, the more exploration of medium of exchange the more models are becoming reality.

Outreaching to the customers through physical outlet is transfer-
red into e-commerce to evolving concept of metaverse by using new & emerging technologies.

In the field of communication no one could have think about

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Mention
Role of
human
exploration

talking to a people standing miles away. But from voice bases call to vide call to meeting in meta-verse are becoming reality.

From
Telegraph
to
Telephone

The man invented wheels for faster transportation. slowly from muscle power to it got transfer comes into use of coal power to mineral oil to next level of fuels for powering an engine such as battery / electricity (or) hydrogen etc

From
Bull-cart
to
Bullet-Train /
Aeroplane
due to
continuous
& persistent
human
crave for
exploration

In the religious field, people were affraid of natural forces. They started worshipping them. Gradually various philosophies and religion emerges to explain various facet of human life & death & associated issues. Further exploring to the religious ideas, many sects & faiths

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emerged to explain same concepts
& it is still evolving.

Initially people identified self
(or) atman & the God (or) Brahma.
The relationship was explained by
non dualistic Philosopher Sri Shankara
-charya, Madhva Charya, Ramanuja
-charya etc. On the other hand
Charvaka advised to focus on
materialistic philosophy (Ajivakas)
not on Jiva & Brahma. Hence,
more needs to be explored in
this field also.

Fair
arguments

In the cultural field, initially
it was assumed that Indian Civilization
starts from Aryan Culture. But,
with discovery of Indian Valley
Civilization, it was termed as among
world's oldest civilization.

Very
good
point

Further recent excavation at

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sites in Tamil Nadu resulted into
parallel civilization based on iron
to the Indus Valley civilization.

In the scientific field & geographical
-cal field also, there are evolving
concepts and our knowledge base.

Initially, people new about local
geography only & believes that if
they travel far, they will fall
into trench.

But, geographical discoveries
proves that earth is not rectangular
but spherical sphere. Parallely,
with work of Kopernicus & Galileo
etc the understanding of earth
centric univ planetary system was
replaced with Heliocentric theory.

Alfred Wegner gave continental
Drift theory to explain the formation
of continent which provided the

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base for modern day plate tectonic theory.

similarly, recent studies by Australian scientists have shown the presence of third layer inside the core. The more we are exploring about the earth & its structure, more new facts are coming out & yet more is to be explored.

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Excellent

The mankind made progress in medicine and health related inventions. The recent concepts of genomics, click chemistry, use of nano particles in drug discovery etc are emerging out.

same similarly in the field of communication, advent of internet was a revolutionary invention. It has history of

Mention
evolution
& exploration
from
Mankind
to
Genomics,
Vaccines
Surgeries

transition from 14 to 54 and now
exploring to 64 internet. Also,
satellite based concepts are
emerging.

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Fair
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In the ethical field, the
interpersonal relationship and
human actions started shaping
based on ideas of ancient
philosophers. Now new areas &
branches of ethics are emerging
out such as medical ethics -
related to genome editing, 3 part
baby etc.

Needed
better
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Explanation
in ethics
values
& virtues

In the modern globalised
world, ethics in international
relationship, right to protect &
defend own sovereignty, ethics
of international aid & assistance,
are emerging out.

From Human rights
to Animal rights
to rivers rights

In the environmental aspect
ethics of action - Common But
Differentiated Responsibility - with
Respective Capability (CDBR - RC)
is emerging out.

Ethics of human action towards
other living being is also emerging
such as Vermin issues, transplantation
of organ from animals (Xenotrans-
plantation). Hence, the more we
are progressing, the more needs
to be explored.

Same can be found in the
interpersonal relationship. The
traditional concept of relation-
ship between husband & wife
is getting changes. Wife are
coming out of traditional home-
-maker to the role of equal
partner. Due to these changes

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new relationships are emerging out.

Explanation
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In the field of governance also
these changes can be witnesses.

Traditional concept of rules
and rules are challenges by
concept of social contract and
separation of power. For example
post independence, initial phase
there was disconnect of people
with ruling class - i.e. the
political & permanent executive

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Explanation
in political
system,
Ideology
& concepts

From
subject
to
citizens

Now, the concept of
inclusivity is emerging in the
governance. More robust Grievances
Redressal Mechanism (GRM) is emerging
due to use of Information &
Communication Technology (ICT).

from
Pluto
to
Amphibian

Initially, the process of top down approach was followed in the governance. But, with various committee such as Administrative Reform Commission (ARC), Sarkaria Commission, National Commission for review of working of Constitution (NCRWC), bottom up approach was adopted with advent of NITI Aayog.

It is being said that nothing is permanent except the change. Once, we have knowledge about something, it would change in future. Hence, we need to explore more about the same.

This can be understood by the Theory of Dialectic materialism

"I know that I know Nothing" — Socrates

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Fall
point

Already covered → Avoid Repetition.



by Karl Marx. There are few old ideas. New ideas are emerging & are at conflict with old one. Due to this a synchronised idea is produced & after some time again it is in conflict with new idea. This process continues & hence now things are explored.

Living an intellectual life means continuous learning & exploration. If a person stops learning & exploration, it is as good as intellectual death.

Needed
better
conclusion.

Missing Part →
Negatives of exploration
Challenges to Further
Explorations
Solⁿ for new & constructive
Exploration

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