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Thank you so much to Anami Sir!

Regards, Manuj Jindal, AIR 53.

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MANUJ JINDAL
AIR - 53

मेरी सफलता में सर्वाधिक महत्वपूर्ण घुमिका 'लुकमान ग्रुप.ए.एस' की है। माननीय 'अंसारी के मार्गदर्शन के बिना यह सफलता अज्ञात मुझको थी। सफलता रूप में मुख्य परीक्षा की लेखन शैली एवं परीक्षा की आवश्यकता को समझने में 'सर' की काज एवं प्रेरणासि काले की 'सर' की शलाका, सफलता का समर्थन रही - सुकुल तामोव छोरे, AIR 209

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RAHUL DHOTE
AIR - 209



ABHILASH MISHRA
AIR - 05

MARKS - 130



PRAJIT NAIR
AIR - 87

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AMAN SAXENA
AIR - 406

MARKS - 145

PROGRAM DETAILS

- ✓ ESSAY STRATEGY SESSION BY MANUJ JINDAL (AIR- 53) & S ANSARI ON 01 JULY 2017
- ✓ ESSAY TEST SERIES COMMENCES - 04 JULY 2017
- ✓ TOTAL 8 TESTS WITH 8 DISCUSSION
- ✓ ANSWER SCRIPTS EVALUATED BY FACULTY AND ALSO BY TOP RANKERS

ESSAY TEST SERIES SCHEDULE (MN)

T.N	TESTS	DATE	TIME
	STRATEGY SESSION BY S. ANSARI	01 July, 2017	10.00 pm-1.00 pm
I	Test-I SECTION A - POLITY, ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE SECTION B - INTERNATIONAL ISSUES	04 July, 2017	10.00 pm-1.00 pm
	TEST-I: DISCUSSION BY S ANSARI	08 July, 2017	10.00 pm-1.00 pm
II	Test-II SECTION A - CONTEMPORARY NATIONAL ISSUES, EDUCATION & HEALTH SECTION B - SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY	15 July, 2017	10.00 pm-1.00 pm
III	Test-III SECTION A - DEMOCRACY, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, SOCIETY & CULTURE SECTION B - PHILOSOPHICAL ESSAYS	29 July, 2017	2.00 pm-5.00 pm
	TEST-II: DISCUSSION BY S ANSARI		10.00 pm-1.00 pm
IV	Test-IV SECTION A - ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT SECTION B - ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT	12 August, 2017	2.00 pm-5.00 pm
	TEST-III: DISCUSSION BY PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN		10.00 pm-1.00 pm
V	Test-V FULL LENGTH BASED ON UPSC PATTERN	26 August, 2017	2.00 pm-5.00 pm
	TEST-IV: DISCUSSION BY T.ROY CHOUDHARY		10.00 pm-1.00 pm
VI	Test-VI FULL LENGTH BASED ON UPSC PATTERN	09 Sep. 2017	2.00 pm-5.00 pm
	TEST-V: DISCUSSION BY PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN		10.00 pm-1.00 pm
VII	Test-VII FULL LENGTH BASED ON UPSC PATTERN	16 Sep. 2017	2.00 pm-5.00 pm
	TEST-VI: DISCUSSION BY PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN		10.00 pm-1.00 pm
VIII	Test-VIII FULL LENGTH BASED ON UPSC PATTERN	23 Sep. 2017	2.00 pm-5.00 pm
	TEST-VII: DISCUSSION BY PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN		10.00 pm-1.00 pm
	TEST-VIII: DISCUSSION BY PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN	07 Oct. 2017	10.00 pm-1.00 pm

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ESSAY PREPARATION 2017

Essay is the presentation of any topic in a closed form. This closure means you introduce a topic and conclude the topic or your flight of imagination by summing up the whole exercise.

How this is done? You introduce the topic in the first paragraph, in the second paragraph you describe you are going to write, from the third you take one by one arguments, ideas, dreams and facts as the need be in a logical sequence. Finally, you conclude by summing all the points and giving your opinion.

You can definitely write an effective essay because you are already in to it. It simply requires your urge and will to write. We will simply tell you how to proceed in the right direction. You are young, energetic, you have the original ideas and you can fly on the wings of your wild imaginations. So why this pondering? Take an exercise book especially for your and only for your essays.

A SELF INITIATIVE

Write on anything which has been given on the middle editorial page of `HINDU`. Don't copy it. Simply read that portion of the paper. Keep it aside. Write 1000 words, if not going 100 words, 200 words. You feel you are stuck up, you are not getting started or simply you are not able to start it. Leave it. Start afresh. Next time.

WHAT WE WILL DO?

See, what you have written? To correct it. To get you some material, to get you some information, some recent data, some of the points you might be missing, some steps you may feel difficult in taking. We simply provide you a helping hand. .

Essay means practice. Everybody has practiced to write essays; be it Fowler, David Nesfield or McMillan. You write your essays in the same exercise book. You always write the date and time when you are writing the essay. Don't care for the language; you go on writing, language will take its own care. If something is left out, we are there to lift you out.

HOW TO BEGIN?

First read the instructions UPSC has announced regarding the Essay Paper. They say `Examiner will pay special attention to the candidates

- 1) Grasp of the material
- 2) It's relevance to the subject chosen
- 3) His/hers ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively

This means you don't write anything which is not directly related to the topic. Logically, indicates the arguments or ideas should be related to each other and output ideas should come after cause ideas. Effective writing means you write in a positive way You present your ideas in cogent way.

ESSAY TYPES

No matter whatever is the topic of the essay, every topic has a broad type;

- 1) **Free essay:** It is that in which one is given a free hand to write in an imaginative way. In the question paper of 2014, two essays were free. One was 'Words are sharper than the two-edged sword, and the other was 'Fifty golds in Olympics : can this be a reality for India?
- 2) **Open Essay:** It is that in which you have to provide all the dimensions of a particular topic
- 3) **Close Essay:** It is that in which you have to take a particular side and you have to prove that. Why is it called closed because from the word go you take a side and demolish the other side. In 2014 the essay on policy and implementation paralysis was a close essay.
- 4) **Analytical Essay:** It is that in which one has to point out the plus and minus of every factor. In 2014 the essay Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India? Was an analytical essay. In this one had to write the minus and plus of tourism, can this happen along with the cultural sensibilities of India?
- 5) **Synthetic Essay:** It is that in which one has to present an integrated picture of the topic. In 2014 examinations the topic 'Is the growing level of competition good for the youth? Competition harms but at the same time competition is needed.

STRATEGY OF ESSAY WRITING

You are asked to write essays in UPSC exams. Because the officer you intend to become has to write on files which the clerk would prepare and the honorable minister would read. You have to write the gist and the order. Once the UPSC realized new officers are not proficient enough to write on files, so they devised the essay paper. Therefore, remember you need not write literary language or flowery language. You have to write simple, effective and precise. The strategy therefore, is to write straight communicative prose.

So, the target or the objective of UPSC is to make you write the essay extempore in the exam Hall. You want to write an essay which has been already prepared beforehand. This is the dialectics of the essay paper. They want you to think, design, construct and write the essay in the exam hall. Your shield is let there be a topic the threads of which has been anticipated well before.

HOW TO ATTEMPT THE ESSAY

Be cool when you get the paper not only in essay paper but in all papers. Some amount of nervousness is very normal. Don't be alarmed that you are very nervous. Not to be nervous to some extent is rather abnormal. In essay paper you should maintain your cool a bit more because you expect the unexpected. In all other papers you have prepared certain answers, here you know the game is blind. So, once you get the paper never start writing immediately. Don't do this even if you got a topic which has been already prepared in advance. Take your time, if the essay is not well prepared then think

1. What should be your approach?
2. What has to be the structure?
3. What facts you will present?
4. What arguments are in your armory?
5. What should be the sequence of the arguments?

THE ACTUAL WRITING

You start the essay with your best words. They need not be the choicest. You have the full freedom and discretion to start the essay in your style. The introduction of the essay means you begin by the apparent description. Simple features of the subject of the topic. For example, if you are to describe the boy or the girl you saw at the bus stand, you start with the appearance.

In 2014 an essay topic was, Tourism is going to be the future catch of Indian industry. How do you introduce? a) India, a land of wonders has been an inquisitive destination for long b) Then you present an outline of the facts and arguments you are going to present. C) Then you extend one by one d) Then you discuss normally the different aspects of the subject of the essay. E) Then you conclude. Nothing serious. Just a summary of everything you wrote. Normally you don't take sides. In a scenario where you have distinct opinion Do take the side. In 2014 in the essay we could not develop because of policy and implementation paralysis, you can take a side, yes, there was both.

THE NEW TREND

In 2014 they changed the trend. From 2014, there would be two sections, each containing four essays, you have to write one essay from each section. Each essay of around 1000 to 1200 words. You are on advantage. You have some more choice. Remember no matter how many essays are there an element of expected uncertainty would be always there because they deliberately want to be unpredictable.

ANALYSIS OF THE TYPES OF ESSAY ASKED SO FAR

Despite all unpredictability's we can anticipate some popular types of essays. There is every chance that the essay types would follow a pattern of expected types.

- 1) **Current Affair, Issues:** These include the happenings, the conflicts, the issues, the debates and also protests. They include international, national events, Policy issues, Ecological issues, Public health, Economy, International trade, Political controversies.
- 2) **There can be Ethical topics,** Metaphysical debates, Moral topics, Spiritual and Theological topics like 'Can there be one religion for the whole humanity'?
- 3) **Women are now at the centre stage.** The movement is basically West centric but we are seriously affected because Indian women have definitely become active. They are a big issue now. You can always expect a woman related topic.
- 4) **The question of Indian economic growth** and its comparison with China is a major topic now.
- 5) **Science and technology** is always the in thing today. In an age when every beggar in Delhi has a cell phone, you have to accept the power of technology. In the coming days India will definitely go very high in technology. Do expect the rise of technology as a topic.
- 6) **Culture is life.** It affects all. There are people who are opposing cartoons, there are some opposing novels. The very events to celebrate culture like the Oscar awards ceremony. How can we forget Cinema in India? It is the national pastime. You always expect a controversy in cinema to be topic of your essay.
- 7) **Last but not the least,** the essay of the wild imagination. You should be careful in attempting such essays. In 2014 the essay 'Words are sharper than the two- edged sword'.

OUR PLAN FOR THE ESSAY COURSE

We have planned a eight test essay course for you.

The Evaluation: we will evaluate the essays you have written on topics given by us.

The Material: You need to have material and sufficient information on whatever you write. Since you are preparing for the UPSC examination you collect all the information for your General Studies papers. We on our part will definitely provide you material for the topics we propose. We will also provide material for other topics. We have already suggested many essay types that we think are important. We will provide you material on all those topics.

With all the best wishes for a very successful and prosperous new year as well as for your success in UPSC Examinations.

Management of Lukmaan IAS.

UPSC ESSAY PAPER 2016

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.

The ESSAY must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

**Write TWO Essays, choosing ONE from each of the Section A and B, in about
1000- 1200 words each: 2 x 125 = 250**

SECTION A

1. If development is not engendered, it is endangered.
2. Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed.
3. Water disputes between states in federal India.
4. Innovation is the key determinant of economic growth and social welfare.

SECTION B

1. Cooperative federalism: Myth or reality.
2. Cyberspace and Internet: Blessing or curse to the human civilization in the long run.
3. Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an outcome of economic reforms.
4. Digital economy: A leveler or a source of economic inequality.

UPSC ESSAY PAPER 2015

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.

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Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Write TWO Essays, choosing ONE from each of the Section A and B, in about 1000- 1200 words each: 2 x 125 = 250

SECTION A

1. Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole.
2. Quick but steady wins the race
3. Character of an institution is reflected in its leader.
4. Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil.

SECTION B

1. Technology cannot replace manpower.
2. Crisis faced in India – moral or economic.
3. Dreams which should not let India sleep.
4. Can capitalism bring inclusive growth?

UPSC MAINS 2014: ESSAY PAPER

Instructions

- Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank, must be struck off clearly.
- Write TWO Essays, choosing ONE from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: 125×2= Total 250 marks.

Section-A (125 marks)

Write any one of the following essay in 1000-1200 words.

1. With greater power comes greater responsibility.
2. Is the growing level of competition good for the youth?
3. Are the standardized tests good measures of academic ability or progress?
4. Words are sharper than the two-edged sword.

Section-B (125 marks)

Write any one of the following essay in 1000-1200 words.

1. Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which slowed the growth of our country?
2. Is sting operation an invasion on privacy?
3. Fifty Gold's in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India?
4. Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India?

TOPIC WISE ANALYSIS OF ESSAY IN LAST 22 YEARS (1993-2014)

ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

1. Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which slowed the growth of our country? -2014
2. Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India? -2014
3. GDP (Gross Domestic Product) along with GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) would be the right indices for judging the wellbeing of a country-2013
4. Is the criticism that the 'Public-Private-Partnership' (PPP) model for development is more of a bane than a boon in the Indian context, justified? -2012
5. Protection of ecology and environment is essential for sustained economic development. -2006
6. BPO boom in India. -2007
7. Globalization would finish small-scale industries in India. -2006
8. Economic growth without distributive justice is bound to breed violence. -1993
9. Ecological considerations need not hamper development. -1993
10. Multinational corporations – saviors or saboteurs -1994
11. Special economic zone : boon or bane -2008
12. Resource management in the Indian context. -1999
13. Should a moratorium be imposed on all fresh mining in tribal areas of the country? -2010
14. Are our traditional handicrafts doomed to a slow death? -2009
15. The focus of health care is increasingly getting skewed towards the 'haves' of our society. -2009
16. Urbanization is a blessing in disguise. -1997

INDIAN DEMOCRACY, SOCIETY, CULTURE, MINDSET

1. Is sting operation an invasion on privacy? -2014
2. Fifty Gold's in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India? -2014
3. Is the Colonial mentality hindering India's Success? -2013
4. In the context of Gandhiji's views on the matter, explore, on an evolutionary scale, the terms 'Swadhinata', 'Swaraj' and 'Dharmarajya'. Critically comment on their contemporary relevance to Indian democracy -2012
5. Does Indian cinema shape our popular culture or merely reflect it? -2011
6. Indian culture today: a myth or a reality? -2000
7. Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values. -2000
8. Youth culture today. -1999
9. Mass media and cultural invasion. -1999
10. The composite culture of India. -1998
11. The Indian society at the crossroads. -1994
12. Geography may remain the same ; history need not. -2010
13. From traditional Indian philanthropy to the gates-buffet model-a natural progression or a paradigm shift? -2010
14. Modernization and westernization are not identical concepts. -1994
15. New cults and godmen: a threat to traditional religion -1996
16. How has satellite television brought about cultural change in Indian mindsets? -2007
17. 'globalization' vs. 'nationalism' -2009
18. National identity and patriotism -2008
19. Responsibility of media in a democracy. -2002
20. Why should we be proud of being Indians? -2000

21. True religion cannot be misused. -1997
22. Globalizations and its impact on Indian culture. -2004

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

1. India's role in promoting ASEAN co-operation. -2004
2. The masks of new imperialism. -2003
3. As civilization advances culture declines. -2003
4. The implications of globalization for India. -2000
5. My vision of an ideal world order. -2001
6. India's contribution to world wisdom. -1998
7. The world of the twenty-first century. -1998
8. Preparedness of our society for India's global leadership role. -2010
9. The global order: political and economic -1993
10. Importance of indo-U.S nuclear agreement -2006
11. Good fences make good neighbors -2009
12. Terrorism and world peace -2005
13. Restructuring of UNO reflect present realities -1996

QUOTE BASED / PHILOSOPHICAL

1. With greater power comes greater responsibility. -2014
2. Words are sharper than the two-edged sword. -2014
3. Be the change you want to see in others (Gandhi)-2013
4. Discipline means success , anarchy means ruin -2008
5. Attitude makes, habit makes character and character makes a man. -2007
6. There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so. -2003
7. Search for truth can only be a spiritual problem. -2002
8. Spirituality and scientific temper. -2003
9. Disinterested intellectual curiosity is the lifeblood of civilization. -1995
10. Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds. -1995
11. Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret -1994
12. Useless life is an early death. -1994
13. He would reign within himself and folds his passions and desires and fears is more than a king. -1993
14. Compassion is the basic of all morality would -1993
15. If youth knew, if age could. -2002
16. The paths of glory lead but to the grave. -2002
17. The pursuit of excellence. -2001
18. Truth is lived, not taught -1996

POLITY, ADMINISTRATION

1. Creation of smaller states and the consequent administrative , economic & developmental implication -2011
2. Evaluation of panchayati raj system in India from the point of view of eradication of power to people. - 2007
3. Justice must reach the poor -2005
4. Water resources should be under the control of the central government. -2004
5. The misinterpretation and misuse of freedom in India. -1998
6. The language problem in India: its past, present and prospects. -1998
7. Reservation, politics and empowerment. -1999
8. When money speaks, the truth is silent. -1995
9. How should a civil servant conduct himself? -2003
10. Politics without ethics is a disaster. -1995
11. Judicial activism. -1997
12. The vip cult is a bane of Indian democracy -1996
13. Need for transparency in public administration -1996
14. Whither Indian democracy? -1995
15. Politics, bureaucracy and business – fatal triangle. -1994
16. How far has democracy in India delivered the goods? -2003
17. What we have not learnt during fifty years of independence. -1997
18. My vision of India in 2001 a.d. -1993

19. In the Indian context , both human intelligence and technical intelligence are crucial in combating terrorism -2011
20. Is autonomy the best answer to combat balkanization?-2007
21. The country's need for a better disaster management system. -2000
22. Are we a 'soft' state ? -2009
23. Role of media in good governance -2008
24. Judicial activism and Indian democracy. -2004
25. What have we gained from our democratic set-up?-2001
26. Urbanization and its hazards -2008
27. Food security for sustainable national development -2005

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY

1. Science and technology is the panacea for the growth and security of the nation-2013
2. Science and Mysticism : Are they compatible?-2012
3. Computer: the harbinger of silent revolution. -1993
4. The march of science and the erosion of human values. -2001
5. The modern doctor and his patients. -1997
6. Increasing computerization would lead to the creation of a dehumanized society. -2006
7. The cyber world: its charms and challenges. -2000
8. The lure of space. -2004

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

1. Managing work and home – is the Indian working woman getting a fair deal?-2012
2. Men have failed: let women take over. -1993
3. Women's reservation bill would usher in empowerment for women in India. -2006
4. The hand that rocks the cradle -2005
5. If women ruled the world -2005
6. Whither women's emancipation? -2004
7. Empowerment alone cannot help our women. -2001
8. Women empowerment: challenges and prospects. -1999
9. Woman is god's best creation. -1998
10. Greater political power alone will not improve women's plight. -1997
11. The new emerging women power: the ground realities. -1995

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