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## SPACE FOR TEACHER'S REMARKS

1. Understanding of questions:

2. Structure of answer:

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4. Presentation:

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

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## ESSAY TEST – VIII

### Section - A

1. China and the South China seas.
2. The creative and imaginative do not follow the beaten track.
3. Industry must sponsor sports.
4. IT sector and Indian achievements.

### Section - B

1. Nepal of today and the Madhesi questions.
2. Can there be an operation pulse as there was operation flood?
3. Women of substance in Indian politics today.
4. The initiatives of Mausam and Look East Policy.

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Topic

The Creative and imaginative  
do not follow the beaten track

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Innovation is the key to  
unlocking solutions to various  
problems that surround the humanity.

Technological innovation can lead  
to simplifying complex scientific  
phenomenon. Social innovation can  
address problems of education,  
health, gender inequality etc. Similarly,  
innovation in various disciplines is  
key to better quality of life. The

question arises, where does inno-  
vation come from? The answer  
is in the power of creative

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and imaginative thinking among individuals who decide to take the "road less travelled."

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The creative and imaginative souls think outside the box. They have a peculiar habit of defying what the crowd is saying. Instead of taking conventional path followed by everyone, these visionary individuals take unbeaten and never travelled paths. This leads to achieving feats unheard of,  
discovery and invention of new products, processes and methods that shape the world around us.

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REDEFINING OF TREND BY THE  
CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE;

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Creative and imaginative  
ones ~~are~~ rethink and re-engineer  
the way things are done traditionally.  
They present radical solutions and  
reshape trends in various aspects  
of life. This 'moving away' from  
the crowd by such creatives and  
imaginatives makes them follow  
new path to inventing things.

The foremost example  
of such a trend was Steve  
Jobs of Apple Inc. Steve Jobs  
radically redefined computers  
as they were originally built.

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Instead of traditional path of treating computers as 'calculating machines' or 'powerful processors', he saw them as ~~pieces~~<sup>tools</sup> of expressing human imagination. This led him to building 'LISA', the first computer with 'paint brush' art application.

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This radical track taken by Steve Jobs broke the glass ceiling of computer industry and redefined the way humanity saw computers. His path 'less traveled' is today the <sup>well-followed</sup> 'norm' of the industry.

FEARLESS AND COURAGEOUS STEPS ON UNBEATEN TRACK BY CREATIVE THINKERS!

The creative and the imaginative ones <sup>are</sup> also unafraid

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of taking the unbeaten track. While all others ~~are~~ <sup>take</sup> ~~taking~~ the beaten track in fear of failure or breaking social norms, imaginative people go down the path none has ever seen before with courage and resolve.

Galileo, one of the foremost scientific minds of our times faced prosecution by the orthodox church for his scientific thesis. His theory of earth revolving around the sun broke the age old belief that earth was center of the universe. This creative & imaginative thinking

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Examples  
1) History  
2) Economy  
3) Politics



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even cost him jail time and possible hanging in the public. Despite the odds, Galileo firmly held on to his beliefs and theories. He took the unbeaten track, stood courageously & fearlessly against the crowd & reshaped world's history.

The beaten track is often followed because of rigid social conventions! The fear of breaking such conventions and facing the punishment, often leads to most people taking an easier, well-traveled path.

This is also a reason why social evils such as dowry,

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child marriage and honour killings continue to persist in society. The imaginative & creative individuals who stand-up & fight such evils face prosecution & social boycott. However, it is the unbeaten track they take which reforms the society. Courage & fortitude are the hallmarks of such creative & imaginative people.

THE CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS :

The creative & imaginative also travel on the unbeaten track to solve the problems in new ways. Travelling on old,

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worn-out paths offers no new perspective of the world. However, taking the unbeaten track offers new views, new solutions to the same problems & hurdles faced by all of us.

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life of Indian Social entrepreneur & innovator K. Muruganantham is witness <sup>to</sup> this. He was troubled by lack of <sup>affordable</sup> safe & sanitary options for his wife during her menstrual cycle. To solve the problem, he decided to survey hundreds of women, wear the available sanitary pads himself and build a machine to make affordable, safe & widely accepted sanitary pads. /  
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approach was highly unconventional. K. Muruganatham's neighbours even proclaimed his experiments as work of a 'mad man'. However, the creative thinking attitude of this problem solver earned him various international accolades. His machine has been adopted by thousands of women groups & NGOs as a source of employment as well.

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The Creative and Imaginative follow  
unbeaten track in TIME OF ADVERSITY.

Hardwork & persistence  
leads to success. Often, roadblocks  
come in the path of success.

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These roadblocks threaten the progress and achievements made by the individual. The true creative & imaginative souls defy such roadblocks and jump across on new roads to achieve even more.

This indomitable spirit of setting new records by sheer imagination is a defining characteristic of such persons.

Sachin Tendulkar had become a victim of his own success when he failed in many matches. His weaknesses were exposed to spinning balls from leg spinners. The long-patch of unsuccessful innings was overcome by Sachin

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by inventing a new shot altogether.  
The famous 'paddle-sweep' was  
Sachin's answer to spin bowling.

His creative & imaginative approach  
to the problem set a new standard  
in the sport. Instead of following  
advice of millions to simply play  
on the defensive, Sachin took  
to the offensive in an imaginative  
& <sup>on an</sup> unbeaten track.

Such is the quality  
of creative thinkers. They are  
unafraid of conventions, norms,  
social constructs and 'glass ceilings'  
built by others. They toil hard,

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develop expertise in their fields, and respond fearlessly by taking a track not taken by others ever before.

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The unbeaten Track - fraught with dangers:

In the context of success achieved by the creative & the imaginative by not following the beaten track, it is relevant to note the moral, ethical & practical dangers facing such situations.

Often, highly creative & imaginative leaders are misguided by their greed & take a short-cut to success. The scandals by highly

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celebrated CEOs such as Ramalinga Raju of Satyam is a case in point. Despite creative & imaginative skills, Mr. Raju followed a track of unethical behaviour. His creativity was put to bad use & led to downfall of a crown-jewel of Indian technology companies. This shows that values of humility, openness, empathy and honesty are key to unlocking creativity in the right direction. Without integrity, the creative & the imaginative could get lost on a dark track.

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It is clear from many illustrations and analysis that creative & imaginative thinking thrives on unbeaten tracks never taken before. Such creative thinking is fearless, stands the test of adversity, it also goes against the trend & creates its own new trend. The powerful affect of such imaginative individuals on society is timeless. They inspire, open new ways of looking at science or art, they redefine social norms, and even solve basic problems faced in daily lives. Such unbeaten tracks are fraught with dangers as well. ~~The Indian~~  
The Indian Constitution

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provides for the 'scientific temper' among citizens as key to progress in society. This is one of the principles that we as citizens could follow to nurture creativity & imagination so as to put our country on path of development, growth, equality and progress. Imagination & creativity are personal as well as societal assets. Channeling them in the right direction is key to success in our vast & varied country.

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Section-B

The Initiatives of Mausam and  
Look East Policy.

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Internal security, economic stability and well-being of citizens is partly dependent on external relations. A prudent external policy is key to development, growth and progress of a nation. (As) Chanakya

Said States in his treatise of ~~the~~ Chanakya-Shastra, "The path of prosperity of a nation goes through both the immediate and extended neighbour."

India's immediate & extended neighbour on the East is key in determining India's place in the

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global affairs. Its immediate neighbours such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar & Sri Lanka on the Eastern borders can be pivotal in shaping its economic, cultural as well as strategic sphere. Similarly, more extended neighbours in the East — the Indo-China region comprising of Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and also the South East Asian <sup>archipelago</sup> islands of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Brunei etc. form part of its Look East & Mausam Strategy.

To achieve the objectives of development, growth, national security and leadership role in the Indian

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Ocean Region, the Indian government has embarked upon various initiatives for Mausam & Look East Policy. These initiatives are integral to achieving both soft power & hard power goals in the region & establishing India's frontline role in the region.

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### INFRASTRUCTURAL INITIATIVES

The foremost area of concern in the Look East Policy is connectivity.

India is poorly connected to its own neighbours in the East as well as its own North Eastern Seven sister states. This prohibits India from conducting free-trade.

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Stifles people-to-people contacts,  
and has not been able to tap  
the immense tourism potential in  
the region.

A major initiative is the  
Butan-Bangladesh-India-Nepal  
(BBIN) highway. The BBIN project  
envisages an all-weather, multi-  
lane highway that will run across  
major cities in these countries.

This BBIN will be supplemented  
by three other connectivity projects. These  
are India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral  
Highway, Bangladesh-India-China-  
Myanmar (BCIM) highway & the

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Motor vehicles Agreement (MVA). These multiple highway connectivity projects are envisaged to make the entire region east of India a hub of the Asian growth story.

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This extensive infrastructural project is supportive of both the Mausam & Look East policies of India. The Mausam project envisions cultural connectivity across the ancient Spice routes in Indian ocean region.

The road connectivity is integral to rejuvenating such old routes in a modern context.

India is also building ports to complement its strategies.

The Kaladan multi-modal project

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will connect Sittwe port in Myanmar to Kolkata port. The Sittwe port will be further connected to Mizoram in India's North East via river & road project. This will fructify the look East & be a tremendous boost to the Mausam Strategy.

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### Cultural Initiatives

India's soft power can be further extended as part of Mausam & look East policies. This will create intangible goodwill & acceptance of India's ancient relations with the East.



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The Archaeological Survey of India restoration project of temples in Myanmar & Cambodia is part of this overarching goal. ASI's work will not only help preserve the timeless <sup>cultural</sup> treasures but also help in boosting tourism & economic activity in these nations.

The Ministry of Tourism has also envisaged Buddhist & Ramayane Circuits across Sri Lanka, Nepal and other eastern neighbours.

These ambitious circuits have two fold purpose with respect to the Mausam & Look East policies.

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Firstly, they will enable greater tourism within the South Asian & South East Asian neighbours. Secondly, they will create clusters of development in cities, towns, rural areas etc. This will have a spill-over effect on surrounding regions as well.

### Security & Military Initiatives

India is boosting its look east policy by rewriting its <sup>role as</sup> security provider in the Indian ocean region. To achieve this, India has launched multiple initiatives.

India has extended a military credit-line of over \$100 million

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to Vietnam for the very first time.

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India has also partnered with Vietnam in various coast-guard training programs & sold it India-made coast-guard equipment.

India has also signed various agreements on cyber security initiatives & information sharing about terrorism with countries in the region.

India has also started military exercises such as 'Cobra' with Thailand, "Sundarban Maitreya" with Bangladesh & "Maitreyi" with Indonesia. These exercises are pivotal in new emerging defence collaboration & coordination. This

is one of the pillars of Look East Policy.

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ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

The most critical aspect of Look East & Mausam is about expanding trade, commerce & economic relations with countries to the east of India.

India has participated vigorously in RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) negotiations that encapsulate free trade with many countries to the east of India. Additionally, India is embarking on oil exploration through ONGC-Videsh in Vietnamese waters. It is also seeking membership

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of ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations).

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These economic initiatives will help double Indian trade with these Eastern countries by 2022, as well as forge deep business ties. India is highlighting its progress in software, engineering, services, pharmaceuticals & ~~pet~~<sup>refined</sup> petroleum products which can be exported to these markets.

## Hurdles

Despite impressive initiatives & progress, hurdles remain.

China has risen as a hegemonic power due to its economic progress. This presents a challenge to India due to border disputes & relatively hostile

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attitude of China towards India.

The failure of SAARC to mobilise investments, trade & security in the region also haunts India's Mausam strategy. India has now started looking at BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Multi-sectoral technical & economic cooperation) as a potential platform to push its look East, Mausam & regional integration initiatives.

Finally, piracy, disputes in South China Sea & the spill-over effects from USA's Pivot to Asia stand in the way of smooth success of India's initiatives.

Clearly, Indian efforts & initiatives of Mausam & look

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East policy are well-directed to achieve a holistic economic, military, infrastructural & cultural position in this region. A concerted effort by India across various international platforms can further transform these efforts into real outcomes. India has a natural advantage due to its historical ties & cultural influence (Buddhism & Hinduism) in the Eastern region. Converting these into perennial relationships & friendships that aim at mutual benefits will be the key factor in determining India's success.

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The creative & the imaginative donot follow the beaten track.

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Steve Jobs

Mark Zuckerberg

K. Muruganathan

Azim Premji

S. Narayanmurti

MF Hussain

Raja Ravi Varma

Creativity → expertise  
motivation  
creative thinking  
skills

Inspirational

Galileo

Verghese Kurien

↳ Anand  
Nikhil Chopra  
- alive

Sachin Tendulkar's

→ Paddle  
Sweep

( The Road less travelled )

→ Unchartered territories  
→ Frontiers of human imagination.

Collaborate

Creativity & Imaginative thinking definition → how it surrounds us in everyday life

↳ Company wide creativity  
Creativity in sports  
technology

Analyze Creativity in reengineer Think outside the box & walk away from

How:

Creative individuals beaten track  
Radically think old assumptions and break them & way of doing things

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① To do so, they have to take the path 'road less travelled'

↳ eg: Apple's Steve Jobs  
When everyone else in PC industry was on computing power as mathematical tools & customized computers, he took a different path of standardized, design oriented computers that helped bring the artist LISA → first computer

PROBLEM SOLVERS  
Recognize

② They notice problems faced by people around them & don't hesitate to experiment → eg K. Murug

Social Innovation

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NASA

↳ Apollo Mission to the moon  
ISRO's Mars orbiter  
Nikhil → cost effective



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③ They challenge established religious,  
social conventions & do not  
fear prosecution eg: Galileo

⑤ GRAND THINKERS - Society's Problem's  
Verjesh Kurien

③ Stand up in Time of adversity  
Sachin

④ Achieve expertise that no one else has  
NASA & ISRO

Summ.

Conclude

Operation Flood

Cooperatives

Management principles

Intro:

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Mausam & Look East Policy

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BIMSTEC, Indian Ocean Rim - ARC

(IOR-ARC)

Mekong-Ganga

BBIN

MVA

Trilateral Highway

BCIM

ASEAN membership

East Asia Summit

Vietnam → military aid, coast guard, oil exploration

Bangladesh

Myanmar - Kaladan

Iran → Chabahar port.

Infrastructural Initiatives  
Connectivity

Economic Initiatives

→ oil exploration

→ trade

→ ASEAN membership

→ RCEP

Cultural Initiatives

ASI in Myanmar & Cambodia

Buddhist Circuits

Ramayan Circuits

Border Haats with Bangladesh

'Gandhi days'

Military/ Security Initiatives

Exercises - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia

Cyber

Thailand - Myanmar