

ESSAY TEST

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2) Divided → caut'etaw

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Group - man & stick.

① Struggle → M & E
→ divide & rule

② P → rolip →
→ Ideology dir. - coalition

③ E → Cold War → capitalism vs communism. } world dir.

④ S → India - plurality → dir.

⑤ → caste eq. ethnic:

→ ~~family~~

⑥ → marriage: divorce, n dir.

→ gender: inequality, patriarchy

⑦ → class: Marx - revolution.

⑧ → urban - rural

→ regional inequality

⑨ → Indiv aspect → nots: syncretic

⑩ → IPR protection. → conflict

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⑭. right vs wrong ^{ruson} _{various}

⑮. democracy
tolerance: 3 slat
⑯. individuality _{law}

⑰. changes.

Marx: Great Refusal.

Conclusion

• ~~no one way~~

• ~~world Dir.~~
situational

• vaudaira
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Write one essay, choosing one from Section A in about 1000-1200 words.

Section A

1. Putting more bars in the prison is not the answer to the problems faced by society.
2. "A house divided against itself, cannot stand."
3. "The eternal struggle between two principled - right and wrong - throughout the world."
4. Politics is just perception.

2) "A house divided against itself, cannot stand."

There was once a man who had four sons. They were constantly fighting among themselves. The villagers would take advantage of their arguments and further the bitterness by pitting the brothers against one another through rumours. The father could not stand the mockery of his family:

He called his sons, one day,

Good use
of a
familiar
story.

well
introduced.

and gave them each, one stick. He told them to break it, which they did easily. He then handed them a bundle of sticks and asked them to break it too. All of them tried but to no avail.

The father then explained, it is easier to break someone if they are alone. If the house is divided, it will not stand. It is only in unity that strength comes.

A glance at history, provides multiple examples of this - A division within, will lead to downfall. For instance, during the freedom struggle there was a growing divide between Moderates and Extremists which eventually led to the great split.

Good use of historical event.

But, it would be better to convey your own understanding of the topic

This split made the struggle less effective as British used Divide and Rule. A divided freedom struggle was not able to counter British policies leading to no significant activity.

in this Paragraph. This content can be used later in the essay.

Similarly, even today a division creates friction and inertia causing downfall. This is clearly witnessed in coalition politics - a division within the party led to collapse of government. The most apt example would be of Morarji Desai government. This is the reason why parties issue whips - to contain internal divisions to promote stability.

→ Mention about the importance of stability of government for Policy continuity. Then, talk about turbulent period of Indian politics during coalition era and support with example.

Also, in the economic arena a divided world will lead to financial collapse. The cold war,

a fight between capitalism and communism eventually caused world division into two blocs. The economic crisis that followed was inevitable.

convey the message in the beginning of the paragraph.

A division within can lead to cracks which will lead to eventual collapse. This can be viewed in terms of society as well. Taking the case of India which is a pluralistic society, divisions within the country has led to collapse of various structures.

For instance, The recent kuki - Meitei conflict highlights the divide within the broader North-Eastern identity. The horrific conflict has shown that without unity, without tolerance, society will not be able to stand.

Similarly, the increasing gender divide has led to breakdown



of families and marriages. For instance, during covid a ~~new~~ phenomenon called the shadow pandemic emerged - domestic violence against women increased drastically.

The gender divide within family sustained by patriarchy, led to breakdown of families. Divorce rates increased along with single motherhood.

Any form of division can hinder unity and contribute to instability and downfall. This is even witnessed in class societies. The increasing class divisions within society promote inequality and prevent changes.

Karl Marx's famous slogan - "workers of the world unite" clearly highlights the issue. According to him,

Address all the women related issues at once and try to keep it short within 120-150 words.

unless class divisions are removed, the current inequality will persist as workers will not take a united action for revolution.

Very
Good paragraph -
Well
Balanced -

Similarly, divisions within a region can cause stagnation and de-growth of that region. For example, the current sons of the soil theory is causing conflict in Maharashtra. Marathis consider migrating Biharis as alien - creating a divide which manifests itself in the form of riots. This prevents economic growth due to loss of life and property - Divisions within will not allow growth.

How
does this
part
show
the
fallouts

This can even be seen in the collapse of health institutions during covid. covid was like an X ray that revealed the fractures in society.

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the huge loss of life showed the improper focus of government on health - a meagre section of the budget is only allotted for health.

The loss of lives and negative impact was more in rural areas due to low health facilities, lack of oxygen cylinders etc. The rural - urban divide led to breakdown of rural society.

Divisions promote cracks and weakness. In the growing world we witness problems without passport - such problems that do not respect national borders. Climate change is one such biggest threat.

The world is divided over climate change - one section claiming that it is a farce, the other pleading for urgent action. The net

of division and the benefits of union?

Good

This part of your essay deals with the environment (at dimension) where you have aptly

discussed about the division -
But, you need to balance
it with concerted efforts like UNEP, CDRI etc.
result being lack of adequate action.
Capitals like Jakarta drowned, heatwaves
are on the rise, Arctic is melting - yet
the division does not permit action.

This division might lead to collapse
of the planet itself.

Similarly, even in the

for this part too, follow the above mentioned suggestion.
international arena, we see
divisions within the region can allow
third parties to take advantage of
the situation for own benefit leading to
erosion of autonomy.

For example, Afghanistan
acted as a buffer zone for two
superpowers US and USSR for furthering
their own ideology. Why Afghanistan?
- division within the region causing
conflict between elected government
and autocratic Taliban, led to its
breakdown.

Such divisions are not only external to us. Sometimes, an individual itself is divided causing cognitive dissonance. The interplay between 'I' and 'Me' is central to our daily life.

Focus on work or family is one such division we face internally - causing no proper work-life balance, anxiety, stress etc.

But is being divided wrong? Should we always follow a suited approach - is it possible or even desirable?

Sometimes, we have to stand alone even if others are against it. In the debate of right vs. wrong, we have to choose right, even if it means going against the entire society.

Malala Yousofazi, did this -

she chose to fight for women's education, even after being shot. She was on one side of the division, while the entire authoritarian regime stood on the other side.

Similarly, division and dissent is the essence of democracy.

Here, division is important as it leads to check on tyranny of rulers through opposition. In a one party country like China, there is no division and hence no democracy.

Also, divisions can promote tolerance — it is not necessarily negative. Dalai Lama once said —

“In the practise of tolerance, one's enemy is the greatest teacher”.

Without divisions, tolerance will be reduced, a homogenous society

will create an all imposing uniformity - diversity will be lost.

Herbert Marcuse talks about the Great Refusal - it is necessary to oppose society, to create divisions in order to keep alive the spirit of plurality. A blind acceptance of any regime will cause more suffering than internal divisions will.

Division is not synonymous to weakness. It can show a democratic attitude, a vibrant pluralistic society, an opinionated citizenry. It is important to realise that there is no one way.

There are certain situations which demand opposition, while some demand unity. Too much division, however, can pose a threat to society's stability.

You have put more emphasis on the division part. one half of the essay seems to be unaddressed.

well
concluded

In today's world, unity has become more important as divisions are causing downfalls. The global theme that echoed ^{today is that} ~~in~~ was of Vasudaiva ^{Vasudhaiva} kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family.

It drives home the idea -

"United we stand,
Divided we fall"

Positives: -

- Conceptual clarity.
- Depth in content.
- Good language and flow.

Suggestions: -

- Address both parts of the Essay.
- Also, Refrain from using too much knowledge of optional paper.

Keep writing.

All the Best.