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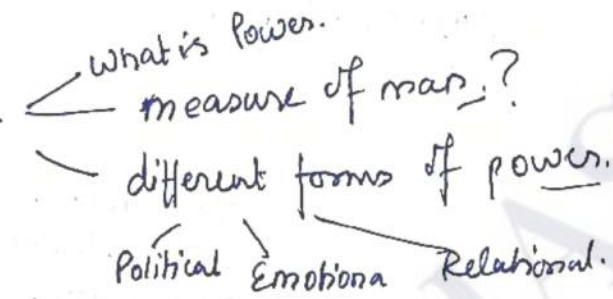
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measure of man  
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with power.

- Shiv Shakti:

- Explain the topic  
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- PESTEL.



Importance of Power. - not using it.  
do not escape.

How to use it.

Nischankshya  
comingly  
decided



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

Section A

1. Social media is more about psychology than technology.
2. The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.
3. It is always the simple that produces marvelous.
4. The measure of a man is what he does with Power.

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THE MEASURE OF A MAN IS WHAT HE  
DOES WITH POWER

In Swaparyug, there were kings of Kauravas and Pandava lineage. In one of their assemblies called ~~Aty~~ Dhrit Sabha a game of gamble was held. With deep animosity with the other side, a Kaurav prince Suryodhan deceived them and Pandavas lost everything. They lost their power over their wife, Sraupadi, as well. Consequently, Sraupadi was dragged



in the Sabha out of revenge. While attempt was made to disrobe her, there were two scenes. One side used their power to quench their malignant thirst of <sup>her</sup> humiliation. Other side, Pandavas and other ~~to~~ elders like Bhishm Pitamah Guru Dronacharya were helpless and did not use their power to save her.

Both of the above scenes displayed a very poor and nasty use of their powers. By the measure of how they used their power, it can be noted that <sup>they</sup> were not counted among the greats. All ~~the~~ of them were seen in bad light.

The maxim that measure of a man is what he does with power is indicating the role of power in the



life of a person. On one side when power gives strength, authority and ~~ex~~ so on, on the other side it demands responsible use of it. Without power - of any kind, life would be missing on e thing. That is 'Action': with power one gets the vehicle and fuel to do something. So, ultimately the quality and measure of life depends upon how we use it, where we take it and so on.

In this essay, we will delve into the concept of power, to seek why a man is measured and how, and last but not least, the different manifestation of the power across fields.

So, what is power? This is a contested concept with several meanings and interpretation. In ancient Indian philosophy, it is appeared as a concept.



of shakti. That which gives one the strength and ability to perform actions as per our will. The life-form is itself is a power, that enables one to exist. This itself is considered a boon across fields and faiths. Next is the iccha-shakti - that is the will power.

It refers to the 'free-will', a kind of intelligence that only man has as of now. It separates man from animals.

Similarly power can be understood as the ability to influence others, dominate and enable them to work in one's favour. Usually this has been linked with the power of might.

Power also can be modulated and changed. ~~where~~ At times it becomes 'soft' and subtle. Other times, it is

desired to be increased. After all, the years of penance of sages and saints or of any seeker was after their inner or outer power.

This brings us to next understanding of how man and power are linked. It is believed that man is essentially a power-seeking animal. Power can be good or bad, but power is needed. Some penimistic scholars of Post-Modern period like Nietsche, one said that man can forget the death of his father but not the loss of his property and power.

That is why to measure the life of a person, it is imperative to see how he uses power. That is also the reason why power of most kinds are not freely available. One has to work hard





and show his/her ability to become worthy of tasting power. For it is rightly said 'with great power comes great responsibility'. Look at the lives of men and women, who are considered to great inspirations today. Out of many yardsticks of judging their lives, one was how they used their power.

Grandhiji's influence and power was such that millions were ready to sacrifice their lives. But his power of mass influence was never misused. Not even once. He used his power, almost<sup>all time</sup> to bring best out of a situation. Be it the Dandi March or Direct Action Day, when he was in Calcutta, on a fast, to pacify the Hindu-Muslims fight, his life was measured how he used his power.





Similarly, throughout the ages the idea of dominance in form of power has shown the measure of not just a man, but of the entire man-time, his humanity, his species etc.

Take for example, the intelligence of human was to understand the balance of nature and man. His power to use fire and control fire indeed made him the victor. But what kind of power display is this, when today more than 40% of the wild animals/species are on verge of extinction. (A study by UK's Centre of Evology), and this is due to 'killing' alone!

On the above note, another form of power was derived from scientific realm. The power to decipher the material is our advantage. In fact, the

measure of good life, with no diseases and more comfort is to a great extent due to power of science. The way scientists used their intelligence during COVID-19, to prepare the vaccine in the shortest span of time, was special. It showed the humane side of power.

Well on the note of scientific sphere, discovering of equations like  $E = MC^2$  was also a note worthy event. It led to formation of Nuclear Bombs, ultimately giving tags to country's strength based on this power. Today, nuclear powered nations are measured how ~~their~~ they posture their power. India, for instance is a very responsible player, for it believes in 'power-restraint'.

Furthermore, the measure of a society's ~~by~~ progress is based on how





much is the progress of its women. This was said by Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Truly so, and to realise this progress, another aspect of power of power is seen. Power to dominate either through force, physical strength, fiscal ability etc. has culminated in society as patriarchy, misogyny, slavery etc. For example, take Iran - it is failed state for how it is treating the woman. So is Afghanistan where woman are mere objects.

Similarly, for a nation to be measured, power calculus is need.

Grandhiji said - that state is great which uses minimum power. Rogue states like

North Korea has, for instance curbed

the power of its citizens. It is nothing

short of failure. On this theme, the

concept of concentric circle of power

can be noted. It is the least power concentrated state with most of its power democratised, stands best of the test of time.

Today, the power and its meaning is even more important as we become more connected and interdependent. The power's display can be manifested either in form of sanctions, internet shutdowns, war, aggression and so on.

The idea is to culminate the concept of power with intelligence. Recently, the Indian mission of Chandrayaan landed on a spot near South pole of moon. It ~~is~~ is named





as Shiv-Shakti. That is power  
or strength is mixed with the  
intelligence and intention of welfare.  
This culminates as success and  
Strength — a right measure  
of man's life.

Ultimately, the power-seeking  
man should know that he is  
not cursed, but blessed with  
the virtue of power. Taking the  
lesson - from ancient time to  
this time, one wish to be measured  
well. Hence, use power well!