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Test-1

Time: Three Hours

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INSTRUCTIONS

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(Write Two Essays, Choosing ONE from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 Words Each.)

125 × 2 = 250

SECTION-A

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Scene 1: Two girls - post a comment on facebook regarding huge bandh in Mumbai after Mr. Bal Thakrey's death. They get arrested. Scene 2: A serious debate starts on facebook and twitter on Net Neutrality. Scene 3: Prime Minister Modi goes to US and tweets a message. He gets huge support from Indians." What is common in all these scenes is the medium of communication used and the lightening speed at which it impacted the nation. This is nothing but the social networking in its full bloom.

Social networking is an umbrella term which encompasses a spectrum of technology driven utilities such as facebook, twitter, Google plus etc. Here the contents are mainly generated by users for other users. By virtue of its spread, all over the world, social networking has impacted almost all sphere of life. It is the speed and coverage which gives it an upperhand and ~~ties~~ ties the whole world. All age groups has been a part of social networking with exceptional participation from youths of present generation.

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definition

The central idea of this essay is to

evaluate its positive and negative impacts on today's world and carve the road ahead for social networking.

Social networking is a relatively new phenomena which has spread widely all over the world by virtue of technological advancements. Networking has eventually connected many of us virtually and has taken us from past and telegraph era to digital era where time and distance has been drastically reduced.

The expansion of these social networking sites has been supported by growth of internet. Presently more than 50% of the 7 bn world population are on one or the other social networking site.

Having seen its spread & coverage, let's examine the positive role played by social networking and its interactions with today's generation.

The biggest contribution of social networking is the connectivity being provided to the present generation. Presently, most people with access to internet are connected with all their near and dear ones. They do not need to send them telegraph or

That is a good sign of writing.

Post like older days. This connectivity serves as emotional cushion for youths in today's fast and fragile, competitive and untrusting world. Everyone stays connected all the time and are aware of happenings around the world.

Social networking provides them an opportunity to connect with people of unknown origin. This at times leads to cross-culture marriages, better understanding of others's view point, exchange of cultural ideas and establish peace in society. Culture aspect is well dealt.

The connectivity provided by social networking also allows people to form interest groups like professional networking (LinkedIn), R&D collaboration forums (ResearchGate), Close Knit groups on facebook, educational group etc. This helps them to study together, grow together and achieve together.

Moreover, presently many educational and business institutions like "studytogether", "ForumIAS", "SuperProf" etc use only social networking sites to conduct their activity. It is economical, cheap, accessible and interesting way to educate people and conduct business.

When we look at the economic side of social networking, we find almost all companies are now having their facebook sites. This increases their penetration and reach in customers. Customers also are benefited by information.

Moving on, we also observe huge interactions now a days between politics and social networking. Now our Prime Minister ~~mak~~ and other politicians are making a serious use of social networking to spread their views. This has actually enhanced the participation of today's generation in our politics and has made it healthy & vibrant. It also gives citizen an informed choice.

Impact social networking is now not just limited to urban areas. It has spread in far-off areas and has tried to fill the gaps between haves and have not's by creating them all metigems.

It is only the charm of social networking that youth are also getting motivated to remain in village and do agricultural work. Else, everyone was attracted by the glitter of city life. Now social networking has brought a part

of that glitters to villages. It also helps disseminate information on good agriculture practices all over the world. This will benefit the farmers.

Moving on, apart from these connectivity utilities, social media has played an important role in providing voice to voiceless. It has acted as a catalyst to raise awareness, improve people participation etc. For ex - the debate on net neutrality by social networking sites led to appointment of comt. to analyse the proposal of TRAI. This shows the power of social networking.

Apart from this, social networking has also acted as a tool for information delivery to our vast population. ~~And~~ And as information is power, it has led to improvements in governance, accountability and transparency.

Having seen the benefits of social networking, now let's examine the fallouts of social networking too, as it is not without its limitations and ill effects.

reach by its cost, infrastructure and literacy. This limitation on one hand empowers people with information, at the same time creates a ground for exploitation of those without access. In fact it has widened the gap between rich and poor.

Secondly, social networking at times is violative of privacy and ethical conducts. At times it leads to defamation and also to crimes as most of our personal information is available on social networks.

Thirdly, social networking tends to promote consumerism and material culture. It tries hard to make today's generation click on ads by tracking their behaviour. It has two disadvantages - (a) the best minds of world are involved in researching on how to do this, (b) our personal choices are made public and we are forced to use certain products by trap.

Fourthly, social networking creates a virtual world. In this world, a person may get involved so much that he loses connect with real world.

At times a like or dislike on facebook has led to travesty of life - Suicide.

Fifthly, its limitation of reach creates severe problem in policy making. For ex- Net neutrality was hugely debated on social networks. But was the outcome reflective of whole society? The clear answer is no. A huge mass of rural people were left behind. This makes it elitist.

Sixthly, it is technology oriented and is not for illiterates.

Seventhly, social networking ~~at~~ on occasions has been used to create social propaganda and spread misinformation which has costed society dearly. For ex- here is using social media for its recruitment & ideology propagation. In case of Muzaffarnagar riots, it was used to disseminate false/morphed photographs to provoke communal violence.

Eighthly, social networking are used by many thugs and cheaters to trap innocent people. For such activities have led to ^{troubled} marriages, suicide etc.

... , having examined both positive and negative impacts of social networking on today's generation, it seems that social networking is no boom or bane. It has both aspects. It is upto us to choose, how we want to use it.

Our govt. has done several things in order to keep social networking under check & promote it for betterment of society. ~~and~~ for example, Govt brought IT Act 2008, which criminalises the defamations propagated by digital forums. Recently it has tried to come up with National Encryption policy in order to arm itself against misuse of digital forums. In order to promote the social networking & digital forums, our government has launched Digital India programme and is taking lead in popularising social networking by announcing some important decisions on PMO twitter handle.

Not only government but our vibrant civil society and several NGOs are also taking important steps to spread and utilise the power of social media.

Some other measures, which are needed for creating a healthy environment for social media are.

Firstly, the National encryption policy criticism should be handled with care. It should not be allowed to totally junk the policy. The policy has inherent advantage of securing citizens' need and should be there.

Secondly, there should be ~~stricter~~ punishment under IT Act for colprits and better clarity of laws and regulations.

Thirdly, Govt should invest seriously on infrastructure building and educating citizens to make them competent enough to rip benefits out of social networking.

Fourthly, enough competition should be ensured between the service providers to prevent any foul play.

In totality, it can be said that social networking is a part of social media which has immense role in making India vibrant, harmonious, participative and dynamic. ~~It is But,~~

will cut in both directions. For it to cut in right direction, sufficient measures must be taken now before it's too late. With these precautions & measures taken, there is no doubt that social networking will lead to a society where mind is free, head is held high and humans are free from shackles of time and distance.

→ you have well substantiated your arguments.

→ Structure of essay is apt.

→ points mentioned have relevance

→ you have potential to write a good essay

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SECTION-B

- ⑦ Public servants should not only have integrity but also efficiency,

Public servants are the iron frame of our society and vibrant India. It is the most important institution as it has touched upon almost all sphere of life, be it social, cultural, political, economic or anything else. It ensures continuity and stability in governance. It is the real interface between citizens and government of any nation. It is assigned with important tasks of policy formulation, implementation, which is the backbone of governance.

In order to do justice to these immense responsibilities, several rules, regulations and orders have been created. Apart from these, some virtue, value, morality etc. has also been envisaged to support the endeavour of civil servants. The famous Nolan committee of UK suggested for 7 such values - Leadership, openness, objectivity, selflessness, Integrity, Accountability and Honesty. All these

push for bureaucratic efficiency and effectiveness, which is the real motive ~~of the~~ ^{underlying} essay emphasises ~~com~~, why civil servants should have these values including integrity and efficiency?; what are the hindrance in their path?; How these challenges can be tackled and the road ahead.

The importance of Civil servants ~~and~~ in India is evident from the position, power and respect they command. It is the civil servants who are the true decision makers in all spheres.

Firstly, let us examine the case of corruption in India. Corruption has plagued India from top to bottom. Right from top to bottom, everyone in civil services is seen to be party to it or at least with some suspicion. The reason for this is decline in moral character, which has led to decline in integrity i.e. honesty, ~~truthfulness~~ to ones job, consistency in ones behaviour and character over a period of time. Not only integrity, but the lack of openness and efficiency shrouds the whole procedure of bureaucratic work. Time delay & red tapism

increases, which again breeds the ground for bribery and speed money.

For example, the biggest of recent scams like 2G scam, Vyappam scam in M.P., Coalgate etc. are the blackspot on civil servants. In case of 2G scam, it was the integrity of civil servants which was under question as they allotted spectrum on first come first serve basis without proper notification.

Secondly, moving to law and order situation in the country, we observe ~~that~~ that it is the civil servants who are responsible for rules and regulation formulation and implementation. A police officer has immense power ~~to~~ which he can use to create harmony in society as well as distrust and punish an individual. For ex - a police officer can misuse his power by arresting an innocent and harassing in jail. Although rules require him to present the arrested person to magistrate within 24 hrs, but it is ~~the~~ his integrity which prevents him from harassing the arrested. ~~At~~

Another example from present Aneshi Talwar murder case emphasises on how much important is efficiency and integrity. Till today, after 2 years, the case has not

Thirdly, with respect to society and day to day interaction with common citizens, we find integrity & efficiency to be of utmost importance.

Observation Civil servants need to do a number of jobs everyday. For example, issuing of death certificate, birth certificate, caste certificate, and registration of land, property transaction etc. There is shortage of civil servants and work is piling up. Under this scenario efficiency becomes utmost important.

Fourthly, with respect to programme implementation, ~~it is~~ a very important role is played by civil servants. They identify the beneficiary, locate them & provide service to them. If a bureaucrat lacks integrity, ~~then~~ then he can go for favoritism & nepotism. This may also lead to inclusion and exclusion errors of beneficiaries, which will ultimately lead to failure of programme and wastage of resources.

For example, in case of PDS delivery

System, the most important aspect is identification of beneficiary. Lack of integrity in civil servants will lead to ghost beneficiaries and channelisation of PDS grains to open market.

Again, in case of MGNREGA, if identification of daily labourers is not done properly then the resources provided for by taxpayers money will end up getting wasted.

Fifthly, civil servants are given responsibility to bring marginalised people & illiterates into mainstream. If they do not possess the virtue of integrity and skills of efficiency, the marginalised section can be subjugated as they are illiterate and helpless. For ex - it is at times reported in many newspapers, how tribal lands has been usurped by others with help of administration.

Sixthly, regarding the economy, the real backbone of our nation, civil servants are especially important. All decision making posts are manned by civil servants in almost all secretariats. It is the policy decision of these persons which leads to better or poor economic show. If they act without integrity and efficiency, the economy will be devastated. For ex -

costed us dearly.

Further, without these virtues, a nexus will exist between business community and bureaucrats, which leads to crony capitalism, again a disaster for the economy of our nation.

Senthy, in context of foreign relations, it is the civil servants on which it hinges. It is the calibre and skills of officers which govern & prepares the background for relations with foreign nations. A lack of integrity costs the nation dearly and takes nation backward. It also debases nation of its soft powers and image in the world. For ex - lack of integrity by Devyani Khobragade, left led to bitterness in relation between India and us. Another case in point is Saudi Arabia diplomat rape charges of Nepali women in India.

Having seen the importance of integrity and efficiency for civil servants, let us examine the hindrances, limits and challenges to these virtues.

Firstly, the integrity and efficiency of civil servants are challenged and limited by their limited autonomy and role following mindset. They give preference to role compliance, than effective service delivery.

Secondly, political interference in day to day working of civil servants, leads to many compromising decisions. For ex - police officers are asked to release the criminals and not to follow rules with respect to powerful persons of society.

Thirdly, civil servants are also inherently human. They do have preferences, desires, interest etc. This leads to favouring their own and misuse of discretionary powers.

Fourthly, a desire for safe and healthy retirement, leads to undue favours by them to politicians during their final years of service. Many of them join in politics and are even made ministers after retirement. For ex - former home secretary R.K. Singh, is currently an member of parliament.

In order to ensure that these limitations are overcome, the govt has taken several steps like (a) Oath is administered to civil servants at start of their careers, (b) Civil Services rules are there, (c) code of conduct & code of ethics has been formulated, (d) Lokpal & Lokayukta act, 2013 has been enacted, (e) RTI Act, 2005 has been enacted to ensure transparency.

Our Civil society has also contributed significantly in order to bring values and efficiency in bureaucracy. For example social audit has been instituted; now social media is highly active and pursue all cases with zeal against bureaucrats.

Apart from these, few more steps are needed in order to ensure integrity & efficiency in civil servants. These are (a) spiritual training (not religious) of civil servants, (b) Comprehensive evaluation of their performance, (c) taking serious note

of graft charges against civil servants,
(d) training them for attitudinal changes.
(e) Workshop and sensitization towards weaker section of society, (f) Reducing political interference.

With right implementations of all these measures, the civil servants will become servant to our nation in true sense and will no more act as masters of our society. In nutshell, it is these two pillars of integrity & efficiency which will transform our civil servant from being iron frame to steel frame and as earlier quoted by Rajiv Gandhi, the ^{allotment} ~~delivery~~ of 100 paisa leads to only 15 paisa delivery will change. In fact, now the delivery will become 100% effective.

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