

1. "Independence can be meaningful only if it becomes an instrument for the expression of our culture." What do you understand by this quote? Explain.

Approach

Candidates can start the answer with highlighting recent exchange of words between executive and judiciary and then write about issues and share the views on existing system.

Introduction

All nationalist political parties and freedom fighters had a single aim, to get independence and to drive the British away. But what independence means and how we are going to develop our country and our people, are the most important issues. In this light, Deendayal Upadhyaya made this famous quote.

Body

Independence and expression of our culture:

- As per Pandit Deendayal Bhartiya cultures main feature is that it views life as an integrated whole, as against the Western culture, where life is treated as various parts which are mended together.
- Deendayal Upadhyaya firmly advocated that "one culture policy" is this policy that can preserve the unity and integrity of India and can solve all our problems. The base of our culture is diversity and plurality.
- Deendayal emphasized Independence is closely related to one's own culture. What one means by independence is being dependent on one's traditions, religion, life style, behaviour, history, principles etc.
- So, independence must give freedom for each person to express his/her culture. It shouldn't be curtailed. Only then, independence of India will contribute to our progress in future.
- Build a culture like any thing is to unleash creativity and invention the first step in innovation. For creation and innovation, Independence should be emphasized and developed before creativity, because the one is an enabling condition of the other.
- Folks should not be forced by the government or by any other agencies to follow a culture. So, independence must give freedom for each person to express his/her culture. It shouldn't be curtailed. Only then, independence of India will contribute to our progress in future.
- Certain cultural practices may not be useful in later phases of a country. Forcing to stick to the old culture/ traditions and not being adaptive is a loss of cultural independence.

- Independence can be summarized as the amalgamation of all the elements that create what we are at a given point of time. Not being able to adapt ourselves like this is a loss of cultural independence.

Expression of any culture must restrain:

- Fake news spreading false news implicating anyone in violent activities.
- In the era of developing thoughts and new culture, it is rather difficult to identify and classify any content as obscene or indecent.
- Several secessionist groups and anti-state elements use this right as a free pass to spread their rebellious ideas among people and cause disruption

Conclusion

Cultural values of life which are the source result as well as measure of our national life and are also extremely valuable for the entire world. To acquaint the world with this culture should be our supreme national goal.

Q -2 In your opinion, what are the three most important qualities of great leader ? why ? substantiate your response.

Approach -

In this question candidates are expected to write about important qualities of great leader and why these qualities are important .and substantiate their thoughts .

Introduction -

Effective leadership is crucial for the growth of any state or organization . A good leader has long vision of future and knows the path which can help achieve the goals of organization .

Body -

A good leader has long vision of future and knows the path which can help achieve the goals of organization . A good leader needs to have some necessary abilities ,

- Leadership is defined as the action of leading a group of people performing a particular task.
- It involves the art of motivating people so that they will strive willingly and enthusiastically toward the achievement of group goals.
- Leaders act to help a group attain objectives through the maximum application of its capabilities.
- In today's world the role of leader is also to instil values – whether it be concern for quality, honesty and calculated risk taking or concern for followers.

Following are the three most important qualities of leader ,

Inclusiveness :

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- A leader needs to cater to everyone's need in the group he/she leads and realizes the need to take everyone together. the quality of including many different types of people and treating them all fairly and equally.
- Gandhi Ji was able to lead mass movement because he was not seen as leader of a section of people but of all people of India from diverse backgrounds .

Farsightedness :

- Farsightedness in a leader is the ability to envision and articulate a successful future in a compelling and inclusive way. It's one of the essential qualities we look for in a leader.
- If a leader can't tell us where he or she believes we can go, what we can accomplish together, we hesitate to follow him or her. A good leader does not have myopic vision for future but acts in a way to ensure good of people in long duration .
- Martin Luther King was far-sighted. If you only read or listen to his “I Have a Dream” speech, and know nothing else about him, you'll know that's true.

Responsible-

- Responsible leadership refers to leaders who are deemed to properly and justly meet role, normative, ethical, and moral obligations they have with respect to defined stakeholders, and are willing to be held accountable for the consequences of their actions and behaviors.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri took moral responsibility of train accident and resigned from his job to set a high precedent of government office .
- A leadership based on inclusiveness and participatory decision making can be more engaging and democratic
- Inclusiveness not only builds trust between the leader and the community but it also effectively grooms the next line of leadership.
- With inclusive leadership one can develop and strengthen mutual respect among the diverse perspectives found in a community.

Conclusion-

An effective leadership not only directs the present generation of community members towards productivity, but it also offers essential foundations for grooming progressive, inclusive and empathetic leadership in the generations to come. This is what then keeps on transforming society for better.

Q-3 What are the effects of social media addiction on Indian youth? Is social media depleting the values of the young generation ? critically examine.

Approach -

a simple straightforward question where candidates need to write about what are the effects of social media addiction having on Indian youth and is this addiction depleting values of young generation. examine it critically .

Introduction -

Young individuals spend excessive time on these applications with Facebook and Instagram having largest user base in India, with growing dependency on social media it leads to depletion of moral values in youth .

Body-

Social media has become a part and parcel of our day-to-day life. It's affecting us even without us noticing.

- Many surveys show that social media the impact on their children's values and moral development and hinder the development of morals and healthy values
- Social media was started with the intent to create a forum to allow people from different social and cultural backgrounds to interact regardless of location and time. But, unfortunately, there's a lot more negative impact on the youth from social media than positive.
- Youngsters have become so addicted to scrolling infinitely on Instagram, refreshing constantly for new content, checking likes & comments, updating every minute of our lives on social media.
- They get influenced by other people's posts, their success stories. This might make them feel insecure and dejected. They end up hating their own lives.
- The constant craving for likes, followers, comments, subscribers is really bad, it leads to losing confidence when you don't get them and why are we constantly looking for someone's approval or attention.
- Youngsters follow these memes and influence's and get inspired by them and we start assuming what we are doing is morally right though it is not.
- People act differently online, compared to how they would in real life. Which makes people act in an immoral way while still viewing themselves as a moral person.
- Not least the low level of agreement that social media can enhance or support a young person's character or moral development.
- Whilst parents acknowledged that positive character strengths, including moral virtues such as love, courage, and kindness, are promoted through social networking sites, they were reluctant to agree that these sites could have a positive impact on their child's character."
- We can deduce from the results that parents attitude towards social media is largely negative, 40% of them agree that social media hinders a young person's character or moral development, they were concerned or extremely concerned about social media having a potentially damaging impact on children.
- Parents who use social media have found that it lacks important positive characteristics for youth such as self-control, humility, and honesty, rather they see a lot of anger and hostility on these social media sites.

- It's not that we should completely stop social media, rather we should use it for the betterment of our character, we can use it to gain knowledge or even to enjoy some healthy humor.
- There's a lot of negativity spreading across these social media so don't get easily influenced by such content.

Benefits of Social Media-

- Social media is allowing the democratization of knowledge and broader communication.
- The rise of the virtual world provides voiceless people unprecedented opportunities to assert themselves and experience a sense of belonging.
- Social Media has also evolved as a tool to counter the hegemony or narrative of traditional players.
- Social Media has also bridged the distance.
- Today Social Media has empowered common people to directly interact with the government and avail government services directly.

Way forward-

- Social media is not going away, so by learning more about this relationship we should be able to maximize the benefits of social media use and avoid the pitfalls
- Exploring the relationship between social media and virtues in more depth, and hopefully offer a more constructive outlook on how social media might impact on a person's character and moral values.

Conclusion-

Depletion of moral values will have large ramifications on society at large hence big tech firms and everyone must be held accountable for their actions which have wide social ramification.

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