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SECTION - A

- Q.1 A sign of intelligence is an awareness of one's own ignorance.
 Q.2 Inclusivity and plurality are hallmarks of a peaceful society.
 Q.3 The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.
 Q.4 The best way to predict the future is to create it.

Inclusivity and Plurality are hallmarks of a peaceful society

After a joyful and merry evening of celebrating the warmth of companionship, an Israeli family retired to sleep, only to be woken up with loud crashes of death and destruction. The TV broke the news, "Israel faces worst terrorist attack". The nearly century long struggle of inclusivity and peace, suffered a deathly blow, yet again.

Every society is heterogeneous. As Aristotle said, "the worst form

of equality is to try to make unequal things equal", because humans as a group are different. The leaders who recognised this basic truth, are still revered as the greatest of all time, from Achoka to Anbali; and from Obama to Jacinda Ardern.

Every peaceful society is marked by serenity of inclusivity of plurality, as differences within us, helps us to mutually accept the good and discard the bad.

This essay will explore how inclusivity and peace contribute in fostering the diverse elements of cumulative peace.

Beginning chronologically, individuals are the atoms of the society. The very definition of individuality lies in diversity of behaviour, preferences and activities. At the most fundamental level of individuality, the acceptance of plurality fosters tolerance and respect for inherent differences.

Just like no two body parts perform the same function, no two individuals can perform identical functions, but that is what actually helps in sustaining the peace within and outside. To exemplify the point, Jawaharlal Nehru was diverse in his individuality from Bhagat Singh. Former was a socialist-Gandhian,

while latter is remembered as a true revolutionary. Yet, despite their plural personalities, both are dignified as immortals of our Great freedom struggle. Both contributed towards the development of a peaceful and free India, without cross-cutting each other's path.

Individuals are the cells of the family. Every family is a microcosm of societal undercurrents and values. Within a family, diversity exists. The family which supports their young's ambitions, without the standard parameter of success, creates individuals which are peaceful, content and well-equipped to contribute to the formation of a peaceful society.

The braveheart, Capt. Vikram Batra,
revered today as the hero of the
Kargil war of 1999, was as different
from his biological twin, as chalk
and cheese. Yet, their differences were
never source of conflict, yet only the
root of respect.

such familial plurality and its subsequent
inclusivity marks the creation of a
peaceful society. Society is the patchwork
of multiple castes, genders, religions,
ethnicities and much more. The diversity
of any society can be its pillar of
growth or the ditch of destruction.
To illustrate, the parallels of Nazi
Germany and post-independence India is
a case in point. Hitler's Germany was
intolerant of the Jews, which became
the bone of contention for the entire
world, leading the World War II, and

the reverberations of a century old European guilt is still heard in middle east, in the sounds of rockets and gun shots. On the other hand, the the newly independent India was the amalgamation of centuries old civilization, harbouring linguistic differences. But the Indian leadership banked on the pillars of inclusivity, through acceptance of plurality, which led to continued unity and solidarity of a fragile diversity. Therefore every peaceful society is undisputedly, not without its disputes, but the acceptance to resolve them amicably, rather than caging it in chauvinism and suppression, is its uniqueness. Only the peaceful local elements of society can eventually build the feelings of a larger nation.

Every nation, which promises democracy, needs to peacefully accommodate its diversity. Since Independence, India's political evolution has witnessed a wide spectrum of leadership. From the leftist Nehruvian era to the rightist incumbent, it was the acceptance, accommodation and appreciation of plurality and vested interests, that has enabled India to cultivate a culture of peace and vibrance of its democracy. It is the freedom to demand diverse needs, and the trust that our citizens have in the accommodative constitution, that has proved to the entire world, that indeed 1.2 billion diverse punjabis, Bengalis, Marathis and Tamilians can live together as 'Indians'.

lastly, different nations picture together on the world map, where exists the global society, polity and economy. since the beginning of human history, we have witnessed wars, rooted in protecting one 'identity', which is often veiled in desire for homogenous supremacy of one's kind. From the recent Armenia-Azerbaijan showdown, Russia-Ukraine conflict, Vietnam war, Yom Kippur war, the list to prove this is endless. sadly, the only commonality in this list is the absence of ethos of inclusivity and peace, which killed peace the most.

As we stand at the inflexion of the century, question which persist is, can a society without the morals of inclusivity and plurality, continue to flourish?

The answer is no. If entire societies, nations, and eventually the world, moves towards sectarianism and homogeneity, the growth of humans will cease, and standing water is inevitable to perish. Without the diversity and plurality of individuals, families, society, nation; challenges to authority and established will be dead and so will be the evolution of the homo sapiens.

As Buddha had imagined and as Ashoka verbalised his imagination, peace is the outcome of tolerance for diversity. Conflicts exist between every group, but the politics to harbour the divisiveness to proclaim 'purity of identity' is like a domino, the cascading effects of which will

invite death and destruction.

As responsible citizens of a common world, it is the moral duty of each and everyone of us to put a stop to this wave of seclusion, and to accept the underlying differences, rather harnessing it to learn from the good of others and to teach the world, that inclusivity and plurality is the only staircase to an evolved and peaceful human existence.



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Write one Essay, choosing one topic in about 1000-1200 words each:

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SECTION - B

Q.1 Not all who wander are lost. (CSE 2023, PYQ)

Q.2 A single drop never feels responsible for the flood.

Q.3 Science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.

Q.4 There is no such thing as a good war or a bad peace.

Q2. A single drop never feels responsible for the flood

Veiled amidst the thick forests of the towering snow-capped Himalayas, a small village in Kashmir narrates the potency of collectiveness. Back in 1990's, this village was the epicentre of drug abuse, alcoholism, radicalism and violence. Today, it is the epicentre of budding cricket culture, where the community decided to harness the power of sports to foster healthy spirit of the productive youth.

The point of this story narrates how single elements of the society, make up the gigantic force, which induces, either the waves of destruction or the rainfall of prosperity.

As it is said, a single drop never feels responsible for the flood. This statement is both true and false.

While it is true that an individual alone cannot bring revolutionary changes, without the collective power of masses, on the other hand, any magnanimous event can be dissected, only to reveal the power of single individual, who contributed to the whole.

This essay will adopt an argumentative approach to delve into the paradoxes of individual prowess.

How every single drop is not responsible
for the flood?

Every great event in human history
has never been the outcome of an
impulsive momentary reaction. Never
can ~~be~~ a single moment in time
be blamed for the catastrophes of
civilizations. To illustrate, the
Sri Lankan civil war was the
violent symbolisation of a long -
drawn culture of brutal
suppression and the suffocation of
diversity. The LTTE, though
committed gravest human rights
violation, represented the unmanaged
failure of Sri Lankan society to
foster inclusivity and tolerance.

Similarly, it is the autonomy of every individual component of the society that will decide the direction and the strength of winds of change. The Arab spring protests of the Middle East is a case in point. Historically, being the subjects of monarchy and authoritarianism, the individual demand for democracy burst through the high flood gates of centuries long subordination. Hence, the point that every force is constituent of several small forces, which captures the historical undercurrents and decide the flow of revolutionary waters.

~~Just like every event is not an impulsive reaction,~~

similarly, no great empire falls in a day. As the droplets of water accumulate to cause a devastating flood, it is the accumulation of several mistakes that

dictates the fate of history. often, Mikhail Gorbachev is blamed for the fall of Soviet Union, due to his ambitious 'glasnost' and 'perestroika'. what

one fails to realize, is that the structure of the Soviet was already termite-ridden and Gorbachev's

reforms exposed the hollowness of the same. similarly, the economic

recession of 2008 wasn't caused in a day's stock market crash, rather the cumulative blow of a deeper problem.

Moreover, the accumulation of problems is never not indicative of a future disaster. It is the intelligibility of the system to recognise the signs of warning to actually take corrective measures. The report titled 'Limits to Growth' was published by the Club of Rome in 1987, to indicate towards the growing unsustainability of our environment. It was the continued ignorance of the warning signals, that the Great New York city sinks under flood and the agricultural hubs of India, China and Pakistan perish under droughts; where the desert of Sahara is overlain with layers of snow and the Canadian glaciers melt under heatwaves. Thus, no single drop can unexpectedly cause a flood, it is the

repetitive dismissal of the problem that induces a greater change.

^{hence} Nevertheless, it is not any single drop which alone has the potential of change, but the cumulative of power of all that can break a dynasty to mud and build a stone to castle.

However, let's examine the flip side of the coin to establish the potency of a single drop to break the floodgates.

How every single drop is responsible for the flood?

The first drop that finally breaks the barriers of protection captures the importance of leadership in initiating the winds of change. While it is true that, it is the accumulation of societal undercurrents that drives the change, but is the individual

unbridled force that is capable of harnessing the societal energy to cause the floods. Here, the example of Mahatma Gandhi suitably explains the point. The feelings of nationalism and anger towards the foreign rulers had been accumulating for more than 100 years, but finally, it was the force of Gandhi that provided direction and an outlet for the feelings of grievances into action. Parallely, post World War I, the feelings of humiliation of Treaty of Versailles and the impoverishment of Germans was brewing, but it was the oncoming of Hitler, who captured and misutilised it towards breakdown of European peace. Hence, sometimes, all it takes is a unitary element to cause the fire of change and floods of revolution.

Moreover, every revolutionary momentum develops in the mind of a single individual, who is capable of igniting entire villages. Every flood begins with the 'single drop', which then attracts and mobilises the rest to initiate the waves of unrest and overhaul. For exemplification, Raja Ram Mohun Roy was the harbinger of realisation that female empowerment was necessary for the development of a modern society, thus starting a wave of cultural renaissance in a stagnated traditional Indian society. Parallely, the myth of nuclear might was unheard of, until Dr. Robert Oppenheimer developed the first atomic bomb, capable of causing a tsunami of disaster and

destruction.

Therefore, the power of a single drop is dual edged sword. Alone, it might inflict shallow wounds, but if joint together, it is capable of piercing through the tallest of walls and deepest of dams. What determines the flow of water, is the level of development of society, the empowerment of marginalised and the objectives of the leadership.

Just like the small village of Kashmir, it is the choice of individuals and support of leaders, that will inevitably determine the kind of society that we create.









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SECTION - A

Q2. Inclusivity & Authenticity are hallmarks of peaceful society.

Intro: Israel-Hamas war description.
↳ explain how divisiveness stems from intolerance. ⇒ Explain imp of inc. & plu. → eg:

~~achoke~~ - Obama

Dimensions: Elements of peace

① ^{Societal} Growth ⇒ when all sections of the society are included in betterment. ⇒ Harmony.

Eg: France & its negative secularism.

② Economic development - reaching the last mile. Eg: Tribals etc.

③ Political ⇒ in terms of Ideology. ⇒ cap, comm., left wing, right wing etc. Eg:

④ Ethical.

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SECTION-B

A single drop never feels responsible for the flood

Intro: small village in Kashmir < 1990's - drugs, death, terrorism
today → youth engaged in sports.

⇒ Interpretation: single elements make up the gigantic force, which induces the waves of prosperity or destruction. ~~give~~ ~~off~~

Dimensions: Argumentative approach

~~How a single drop is not responsible for the flood~~

① single drop → ^{society} not a momentary incidence ⇒ any change is an outcome of historical evolution.
Eg: Sri Lanka crisis & civil war ⇒ continued suppression of Tamils by Sinhalese; secondly ⇒ Arab spring protests of Middle East. ⇒ accumulation of mistakes (1.5) ⇒ years of economic turmoil & miscale. ~~undercurrents~~
② ~~any flood (negative event)~~ is backed by ~~undercurrents~~.
⇒ fall of Soviet Union (not just bec. of Gorbachev). & Economic crisis of 2008.

③ Before a flood strikes, it gives thousands of warnings and indications ⇒ dependent on intelligibility of the person to take corrective steps.
Eg: climate change ⇒ now wreaking havoc.

How a single drop is also responsible for the flood

⇒ individuals make up the society & leadership will harnesses that energy. Eg: Gandhi, Mujib - UR - Rehman etc. ⇒ single dam which unleashes the potential.

④ Importance of autonomy ⇒ individuality remains supreme ⇒ every ind. holds the power to change direction of wind. Eg: popular protest against US's invasion of Vietnam.