

**PREVIOUS YEARS' ESSAY TOPICS****Ref. Class Discussion**

<b>POLITICAL</b>		<b>2017</b> We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws.
<b>1999</b>	Reservations, politics and empowerment.	<b>SOCIAL AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES</b>
<b>2001</b>	What have we gained from our democratic set-up?	<b>1997</b> Judicial activism. Urbanization is a blessing in disguise.
<b>2002</b>	Responsibility of media in a democracy.	<b>1998</b> The language problem in India: Its past, present and prospects.
<b>2003</b>	The Masks of New Imperialism. How far has democracy in India delivered the goods?	<b>2000</b> The country's need for a better disaster management system. Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values.
<b>2004</b>	How should a civil servant conduct himself? Judicial Activism and Indian Democracy.	<b>2005</b> Terrorism and world peace.
	Water Resources Should Be Under the Control of the Central Government.	<b>2008</b> Urbanization and its hazards.
<b>2008</b>	National Identity and Patriotism.	<b>2009</b> "The focus of health care is increasingly getting skewed towards the 'haves' of our society". "Good fences make good neighbours."
<b>2008</b>	Role of Media in Good Governance.	<b>2014</b> Is the growing level of competition good for the youth?
<b>2009</b>	Are we a 'soft' state?	<b>2017</b> Social media is inherently a selfish medium.
<b>2010</b>	Creation of smaller states and the consequent administrative, economic and developmental implication.	<b>2018</b> Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere.
<b>2011</b>	In the Indian context both human intelligence and technical intelligence are crucial in combating terrorism.	<b>2019</b> Neglect of primary health care and education in India are reasons for its backwardness
<b>2014</b>	Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which slowed the growth of our country?	<b>2020</b> Patriarchy is the least noticed yet the most significant structure of social inequality
<b>2016</b>	Water disputes between states in federal India	
<b>2016</b>	Cooperative federalism: Myth or reality	
<b>2017</b>	Impact of the new economic measures on fiscal ties between the union and states in India.	
<b>2019</b>	Biased media is a real threat to Indian democracy	
<b>WOMEN</b>		<b>INDIA'S FUTURE / INDIAN ETHOS</b>
<b>1997</b>	Greater political power alone will not improve women's plight.	<b>1997</b> What we have not learnt during fifty years of Independence.
<b>1998</b>	Women is God's best creation.	<b>1998</b> The misinterpretation and misuse of freedom in India.
<b>1999</b>	Women's empowerment: Challenges and prospects.	<b>1998</b> The world of the twenty-first century
<b>2001</b>	Empowerment alone cannot help women.	<b>2000</b> Why should we be proud of being Indians?
<b>2004</b>	Whither Women's Emancipation.	<b>2007</b> Is autonomy the best answer to combat balkanization.
<b>2005</b>	If women ruled the world.	<b>2013</b> Is the Colonial mentality hindering India's success?
<b>2006</b>	Women's Reservation Bill Would Usher in Empowerment for women in India.	<b>2014</b> Fifty Golds in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India?
<b>2012</b>	Managing work and home - is the Indian working women getting a fair deal?	<b>2014</b> Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India?
<b>2016</b>	If development is not engendered, it is endangered	<b>2015</b> Crisis faced in India - moral or economic.
<b>2017</b>	Fulfillment of 'new woman' in India is a myth.	<b>2015</b> Dreams which should not let India sleep.
		<b>2018</b> Alternative technologies for a climate change resilient India.
<b>EDUCATION</b>		<b>CULTURE</b>
<b>1999</b>	Value-based science and education.	<b>1998</b> The composite culture of India
<b>2001</b>	Empowerment alone cannot help our women.	<b>1999</b> Mass media and culture invasion.
<b>2002</b>	Privatisation of Higher Education in India.	<b>1999</b> The youth culture today.
<b>2005</b>	What is real education?	<b>2000</b> Indian culture today: a myth or a reality?
<b>2006</b>	"Education for All" Campaign in India: Myth or Reality.	Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values.
<b>2007</b>	Independent thinking should be encouraged right from the childhood.	As civilization advances culture declines.
<b>2008</b>	Is an Egalitarian society possible by educating the masses?	<b>2004</b> Globalisation and its impact on Indian Culture.
<b>2011</b>	Credit-based higher education system status, opportunities and challenges.	<b>2006</b> Increasing Computerization would lead to the Creation of a Dehumanized Society.
<b>2014</b>	Are the standardized tests good measure of academic ability or progress?	<b>2007</b> How has satellite television brought about cultural change in the Indian mindset.
<b>2015</b>	Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil.	<b>1999</b> Mass media and cultural invasion.
<b>2017</b>	Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms.	<b>2010</b> From traditional Indian philanthropy to the Gates-Buffett model - a natural progression or a paradigm shift.
		<b>2011</b> Does Indian cinema shape our popular culture or merely reflect it?
		<b>2018</b> Customary morality cannot be a guide to modern life.

<b>2019</b>	South Asian societies are woven not around the state, but around their plural cultures and plural identities	<b>2018</b>	A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both.	
<b>2020</b>	Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication	<b>2018</b>	Reality does not conform to the ideal, but confirms it.	
<b>2020</b>	Culture is what we are, civilization is what we have	<b>2018</b>	A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.	
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
<b>2000</b>	The cyberworld: Its charms and challengers.	<b>2018</b>	'The Past' is a permanent dimension of human consciousness and values.	
<b>2004</b>	The Lure of Space.	<b>2019</b>	Wisdom finds truth	
<b>2007</b>	How has satellite television brought about cultural change in the Indian mindset.	<b>2019</b>	Values are not what humanity is, but what humanity ought to be	
<b>2013</b>	Science and Technology is the panacea for the growth and security of the nation.	<b>2019</b>	Best for an individual is not necessarily best for the society	
<b>2015</b>	Technology cannot replace manpower.	<b>2019</b>	Courage to accept and dedication to improve are two keys to success	
<b>2019</b>	Rise of Artificial Intelligence: the threat of jobless future or better job opportunities through reskilling and upskilling	<b>2020</b>	Life is long journey between human being and being humane	
<b>2020</b>	Technology as the silent factor in international relations	<b>2020</b>	Mindful manifesto is the catalyst to a tranquil self	
<b>PHILOSOPHICAL / RELIGION / INTERPOSED TOPIC</b>				
<b>1997</b>	True religion cannot be misused. The modern doctor and his patients.	<b>1998</b>	India's contribution to world wisdom	
<b>2001</b>	The march of science and the erosion of human values.	<b>2000</b>	The implications of globalization for India.	
<b>2002</b>	The pursuit of excellence. Modern Technological Education and Human values.	<b>2001</b>	My vision of an ideal world order.	
	Search for Truth can only be a spiritual problem. If youth knew, if age could.	<b>2003</b>	The Masks of New Imperialism.	
	The paths of glory lead but to the grave.	<b>2004</b>	India's role in promoting ASEAN Co-operation.	
<b>2003</b>	There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes.	<b>2005</b>	Terrorism and world peace.	
	Spirituality and scientific temper	<b>2006</b>	Importance of Indo-U.S. Nuclear Agreement.	
<b>2006</b>	Increasing Computerization would lead to the Creation of a Dehumanized Society.	<b>2010</b>	Preparedness of our society for India's global leadership role.	
<b>2007</b>	Independent thinking should be encouraged right from the childhood.	<b>2017</b>	Has the Non- Alignment Movement(NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world.	
	Attitude makes habit, habit makes character and character makes a man.	<b>2018</b>	Management of Indian border disputes - a complex task.	
<b>2008</b>	Discipline means success, anarchy means ruin.	<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>		
<b>2009</b>	'Globalism' Vs. 'Nationalism'.	<b>1998</b>	India's contribution to world wisdom	
<b>2010</b>	Geography may remain the same; history need not.	<b>2000</b>	The implications of globalization for India.	
<b>2012</b>	In the context of Gandhiji's views on the matter explore, on an evolutionary scale, the terms 'Swadhinata'. 'Swaraj' and 'Dharmarajya'. Critically comment on their contemporary relevance to Indian democracy.	<b>2001</b>	My vision of an ideal world order.	
<b>2012</b>	Science and Mysticism; Are they compatible?	<b>2003</b>	The Masks of New Imperialism.	
<b>2013</b>	Be the change you want to see in others - Gandhiji	<b>2004</b>	India's role in promoting ASEAN Co-operation.	
<b>2014</b>	With greater power comes greater responsibility.	<b>2005</b>	Terrorism and world peace.	
<b>2014</b>	Words are sharper than the two-edged sword.	<b>2006</b>	Importance of Indo-U.S. Nuclear Agreement.	
<b>2014</b>	Is sting operation an invasion on privacy?	<b>2010</b>	Preparedness of our society for India's global leadership role.	
<b>2015</b>	Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole.	<b>2017</b>	Has the Non- Alignment Movement(NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world.	
<b>2015</b>	Quick but steady wins the race.	<b>2018</b>	Management of Indian border disputes - a complex task.	
<b>2015</b>	Character of an institution is reflected in the leader.	<b>ECONOMIC</b>		
<b>2016</b>	Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed	<b>1999</b>	Resource management in the Indian context	
<b>2016</b>	Innovation is the key determinant of economic growth and social welfare	<b>2004</b>	Water Resources Should Be Under the Control of the Central Government.	
<b>2016</b>	Cyberspace and internet: Blessing or curse to the human civilization in the long run	<b>2005</b>	Food security for sustainable national development.	
<b>2017</b>	Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.	<b>2006</b>	Globalization Would Finish Small - scale Industries in India.	
		<b>2007</b>	BPO boom in India	
		<b>2008</b>	Special Economic Zone: Boon or Bane	
		<b>2009</b>	Are our traditional handicrafts doomed to a slow death?	
		<b>2010</b>	Should a moratorium be imposed on all fresh mining in tribal areas of the country?	
		<b>2012</b>	Is the criticism that the 'Public Private Partnership' (PPP) model for development is more of a bane than a boon in the Indian context, justified?	
		<b>2013</b>	GDP (Gross Domestic Product) along with GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) would be the right indices for judging the well-being of a country.	
		<b>2015</b>	Can capitalism bring inclusive growth?	
		<b>2016</b>	Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an outcome of economic reforms	
		<b>2016</b>	Digital economy: A leveller or a source of economic inequality	
		<b>2017</b>	Farming has lost the ability to be a source of subsistence for majority of farmers in India.	
		<b>2020</b>	There can be no social justice without economic prosperity but economic prosperity without social justice is meaningless	