

PREVIOUS YEARS' ESSAY TOPICS

Ref. Class Discussion

POLITICAL

1999	Reservations, politics and empowerment.
2001	What have we gained from our democratic set-up?
2002	Responsibility of media in a democracy.
2003	The Masks of New Imperialism. How far has democracy in India delivered the goods? How should a civil servant conduct himself?
2004	Judicial Activism and Indian Democracy. Water Resources Should Be Under the Control of the Central Government.
2008	National Identity and Patriotism.
2008	Role of Media in Good Governance.
2009	Are we a 'soft' state?
2010	Creation of smaller states and the consequent administrative, economic and developmental implication.
2011	In the Indian context both human intelligence and technical intelligence are crucial in combating terrorism.
2014	Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which slowed the growth of our country?
2016	Water disputes between states in federal India
2016	Cooperative federalism: Myth or reality
2017	Impact of the new economic measures on fiscal ties between the union and states in India.
2019	Biased media is a real threat to Indian democracy

WOMEN

1997	Greater political power alone will not improve women's plight.
1998	Women is God's best creation.
1999	Women's empowerment: Challenges and prospects.
2001	Empowerment alone cannot help women.
2004	Whither Women's Emancipation.
2005	If women ruled the world.
2006	Women's Reservation Bill Would Usher in Empowerment for women in India.
2012	Managing work and home - is the Indian working women getting a fair deal?
2016	If development is not engendered, it is endangered
2017	Fulfillment of 'new woman' in India is a myth.

EDUCATION

1999	Value-based science and education.
2001	Empowerment alone cannot help our women.
2002	Privatisation of Higher Education in India.
2005	What is real education?
2006	"Education for All" Campaign in India: Myth or Reality.
2007	Independent thinking should be encouraged right from the childhood.
2008	Is an Egalitarian society possible by educating the masses?
2011	Credit-based higher education system status, opportunities and challenges.
2014	Are the standardized tests good measure of academic ability or progress?
2015	Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil.
2017	Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms.

2017	We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws.
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SOCIAL AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

1997	Judicial activism. Urbanization is a blessing in disguise.
1998	The language problem in India: Its past, present and prospects.
2000	The country's need for a better disaster management system. Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values.
2005	Terrorism and world peace.
2008	Urbanization and its hazards.
2009	"The focus of health care is increasingly getting skewed towards the 'haves' of our society". "Good fences make good neighbours."
2014	Is the growing level of competition good for the youth?
2017	Social media is inherently a selfish medium.
2018	Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere.
2019	Neglect of primary health care and education in India are reasons for its backwardness
2020	Patriarchy is the least noticed yet the most significant structure of social inequality

INDIA'S FUTURE / INDIAN ETHOS

1997	What we have not learnt during fifty years of Independence.
1998	The misinterpretation and misuse of freedom in India.
1998	The world of the twenty-first century
2000	Why should we be proud of being Indians?
2007	Is autonomy the best answer to combat balkanization.
2013	Is the Colonial mentality hindering India's success?
2014	Fifty Golds in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India?
2014	Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India?
2015	Crisis faced in India - moral or economic.
2015	Dreams which should not let India sleep.
2018	Alternative technologies for a climate change resilient India.

CULTURE

1998	The composite culture of India
1999	Mass media and culture invasion.
1999	The youth culture today.
2000	Indian culture today: a myth or a reality? Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values.
2003	As civilization advances culture declines.
2004	Globalisation and its impact on Indian Culture.
2006	Increasing Computerization would lead to the Creation of a Dehumanized Society.
2007	How has satellite television brought about cultural change in the Indian mindset.
1999	Mass media and cultural invasion.
2010	From traditional Indian philanthropy to the Gates-Buffett model - a natural progression or a paradigm shift.
2011	Does Indian cinema shape our popular culture or merely reflect it?
2018	Customary morality cannot be a guide to modern life.

- 2019** South Asian societies are woven not around the state, but around their plural cultures and plural identities
- 2020** Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication
- 2020** Culture is what we are, civilization is what we have

TECHNOLOGY

- 2000** The cyberworld: Its charms and challengers.
- 2004** The Lure of Space.
- 2007** How has satellite television brought about cultural change in the Indian mindset.
- 2013** Science and Technology is the panacea for the growth and security of the nation.
- 2015** Technology cannot replace manpower.
- 2019** Rise of Artificial Intelligence: the threat of jobless future or better job opportunities through reskilling and upskilling
- 2020** Technology as the silent factor in international relations

PHILOSOPHICAL / RELIGION / INTERPOSED TOPIC

- 1997** True religion cannot be misused.
The modern doctor and his patients.
- 2001** The march of science and the erosion of human values.
The pursuit of excellence.
- 2002** Modern Technological Education and Human values.
Search for Truth can only be a spiritual problem.
If youth knew, if age could.
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
- 2003** There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes.
Spirituality and scientific temper
- 2006** Increasing Computerization would lead to the Creation of a Dehumanized Society.
- 2007** Independent thinking should be encouraged right from the childhood.
Attitude makes habit, habit makes character and character makes a man.
- 2008** Discipline means success, anarchy means ruin.
- 2009** 'Globalism' Vs. 'Nationalism'.
- 2010** Geography may remain the same; history need not.
- 2012** 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.
- 2012** Science and Mysticism; Are they compatible?
- 2013** Be the change you want to see in others - Gandhiji
- 2014** With greater power comes greater responsibility.
- 2014** Words are sharper than the two-edged sword.
- 2014** Is sting operation an invasion on privacy?
- 2015** Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole.
- 2015** Quick but steady wins the race.
- 2015** Character of an institution is reflected in the leader.
- 2016** Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed
- 2016** Innovation is the key determinant of economic growth and social welfare
- 2016** Cyberspace and internet: Blessing or curse to the human civilization in the long run
- 2017** Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.

- 2018** A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both.
- 2018** Reality does not conform to the ideal, but confirms it.
- 2018** A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.
- 2018** 'The Past' is a permanent dimension of human consciousness and values.
- 2019** Wisdom finds truth
- 2019** Values are not what humanity is, but what humanity ought to be
- 2019** Best for an individual is not necessarily best for the society
- 2019** Courage to accept and dedication to improve are two keys to success
- 2020** Life is long journey between human being and being humane
- 2020** Mindful manifesto is the catalyst to a tranquil self
- 2020** Ships do not sink because of water around them , ships sink because of water that gets into them

INTERNATIONAL

- 1998** India's contribution to world wisdom
- 2000** The implications of globalization for India.
- 2001** My vision of an ideal world order.
- 2003** The Masks of New Imperialism.
- 2004** India's role in promoting ASEAN Co-operation.
- 2005** Terrorism and world peace.
- 2006** Importance of Indo-U.S. Nuclear Agreement.
- 2010** Preparedness of our society for India's global leadership role.
- 2017** Has the Non- Alignment Movement(NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world.
- 2018** Management of Indian border disputes - a complex task.

ECONOMIC

- 1999** Resource management in the Indian context
- 2004** Water Resources Should Be Under the Control of the Central Government.
- 2005** Food security for sustainable national development.
- 2006** Globalization Would Finish Small - scale Industries in India.
- 2007** BPO boom in India
- 2008** Special Economic Zone: Boon or Bane
- 2009** Are our traditional handicrafts doomed to a slow death?
- 2010** Should a moratorium be imposed on all fresh mining in tribal areas of the country?
- 2012** 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?
- 2013** GDP (Gross Domestic Product) along with GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) would be the right indices for judging the well-being of a country.
- 2015** Can capitalism bring inclusive growth?
- 2016** Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an outcome of economic reforms
- 2016** Digital economy: A leveller or a source of economic inequality
- 2017** Farming has lost the ability to be a source of subsistence for majority of farmers in India.
- 2020** There can be no social justice without economic prosperity but economic prosperity without social justice is meaningless