



Section A

ESSAY TEST 1 - 2021

1. Scientific Innovations in the Service of society.

Education which does not mould  
the character is absolutely  
worthless

The role of education as a harbinger of progress and empowerment is a much proven fact. Be it eliminating poverty or overthrowing a tyrannical ruler, the power of education to transform is unparalleled. It is this conviction that prompted Nelson Mandela to say "Education is the most powerful tool we have to change the world". ✓

Examples of such changes are many. Enlightenment in Europe set the course for renaissance. Educated middle class led our freedom movement thus



bringing us independence. In fact education is the great leveller to which we owe much of the credit of today's modern world. Yet ~~as~~ cautious and vigilant citizens of educated society, there is value in pausing to ask ourselves some crucial questions ✓

Is the knowledge we are imparted holistic? ✓ How important are values? ✓ Have we somehow left behind character development in our eternal rat race to seek relevance? ✓ These are questions that need answers before we claim that education truly makes us better human beings. ✓

Such a discussion becomes relevant in the backdrop of increasing violence and terrorism in the world. This





essay seeks to answer some of the questions alluded to earlier. We shall also see how the Indian scenario fits in and what more could be done to have an effective character oriented education system. ✓ Good intro but try to sum it up in two pages.

Education without character - a body  
without a soul. ✓

Theodore Roosevelt had rightly said - "To educate a man in mind but not in morals is to educate a menace to society." It is indeed true that education without character ~~creates~~ creates more problems than it solves. Every thread of fabric of society bears the brunt of such a hollow educated person.



~~Education which does not mould the character is absolutely worthless.~~

Politicians, the torch bearers of our democracy, need to have the perfect balance of knowledge and values and character. <sup>Let</sup> lack of character can turn politics into a playground for criminal crimes. If such individual would have developed their character along with education, much of our political spectrum would have been automatically cleansed.

Provide some of the examples to prove the thesis statement.

Lack of character also engenders attraction to corruption. This drains our public purse and impedes social and economic emancipation.

Tolerance is a virtue that one is taught from a tender age. Failure of the same creates an atmosphere of communal tension. Our country has been a constant witness to this maledy, thus ~~forming~~ furnishing our





global image ✓

With rapid strides taken in technology, education is indeed the great enabler.

Yet make this knowledge bereft of ethical realism and character, we end up with a dystopian alternative. Concern over unethical gene editing or tyrannical use of artificial intelligence seems a harsh reality ✓ **Good point.**

Environment takes a hit as education without character makes us "clever devils", when we find newer ways to circumvent government regulations and pollute our planet. We see industries being least concerned about large toxic wastes being dumped on a daily basis ✓

Today as we fight hard to mould our society into one that respects women as much as men, there is indeed the need for





introspection. We live in a world where being rude is the norm and politeness is the exception. ~~We live in a world where~~ ~~being~~ In this fast paced life, where time is the new currency, having an education without character would surely be penny wise and pound foolish. Hence education without values and character, as useful as it is, only unlocks partial potential. Hence we need a more holistic education. Link the statement with concrete examples to make it more valid.

Holistic education - a judgement of  
progress ✓ Good heading.

It is rightly said that "knowledge plus character" is the objective of true education. Absence or scarcity of either makes us rather incomplete. Most of the





### 3. ~~Duty~~ in diversity in Indian context.

bookish subjects would eventually be forgotten, but as ~~Vivekananda~~ Einstein remarked "Education is what is left after one has forgotten what one has learnt in school." ✓

It was because Gandhiji ✓ had the right balance of education and character building that he could take on the colonial might at national and global stage. The greatest leaders of the world are so effective and endearing as they refuse to forsake their strong value base. It is holistic education that made them so. We have examples in Martin Luther King Jr and Swami Vivekanand, just to name a few.

Mention  
Nayi Talim.

More often than not, we are in awe of Japanese progress and their extremely graceful





mannerisms. This exemplary good faith is the result of careful nurturing right from a young age. In Japan, the first 3 years are meant to build good manners and not to impart any bookish knowledge. Such beautiful concepts of ~~good~~ character building can be source of learning back home in India ✓

There is value in briefly observing how India is faring in the grand scheme of things.

### The Indian scenario

Since independence, we have made commendable progress, improving our literacy rate from under 20% in 1947 to about 75% today. But in terms of holistic education, we still have a long way





to go. ✓

The issue lies in overemphasis of bookish and mechanical knowledge. ✓ Educational qualifications seemed to have turned into an end in itself. Marks have become the sole currency to measure the quality of our education. This downgrades education to a mere exercise of conformity, standardisation and memorisation. We even learn to take shortcuts to beat others in this pursuit.

All this results in character building taking a backseat. We end up manufacturing batches of ethically poor graduates and undergraduates. ✓

But all hope is not lost and there have been persistent efforts to improve the situation. ✓





4. ~~Not just Women Development but Women-Led Development is the real need of the hour.~~

## Education and values - the silver lining

We have seen the importance of education with values and the concerns that can arise when character is not built along with acquiring education.

We must ask ourselves how we do this. Charity begins at home. So parents must make efforts to instill values right from an early age. Ideal of kindness and politeness need to age bar to be learnt and practised.

Value education in schools need a revamp. It must not be viewed as a mere appendage of other vital curricula but as an enabler to better appreciate the curricula. Today India spends only 2% of GDP on education. There is need to raise funding in order to improve the system





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Schools must teach gender sensitivity. Abhorrence to pollution and corruption must be important facets of character building. The destiny of a nation is shaped in her classrooms and that is where we must start.

Parents must be given awareness session on importance of teaching values to their children. Ethics training in office can be a good way to help build character - with a special emphasis on teachers. **Don't be repetitive, include other dimensions too.**

Such all round steps will help us reap greater returns from our potent demographic dividend. It will engender a more humane society and a generation of truly educated citizens. This will help us solve complex problems and improve our performance in UN's Sustainable Development Goals.





Such a model of growth would be in consonance with Gandhiji's talisman, that would emancipate millions of "spiritually starving" citizens the world over and in India. Together we can take the world in the direction of greater enlightenment. ✓

"Tamaso Mar Jyotirgamaya"

(From darkness to light)

- Sankarid shloka.

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Mention about Tribal education, Cultural education, Gender education, etc.

How NEP will help to achieve the required objectives, What Govt. is doing in this regard.

Prove your thesis with concrete examples such as Osama Bin Laden, Scientists developing weapons of mass destruction during World War 2, etc

Your Intro is good, flow of the essay is okayish, Conclusion could be better.

Keep Practising.

Your handwriting is also good. You have potential to score good marks in essay.





## Section B

1. ~~The biggest risk to growth and development is climate change.~~

Potential of tourism sectors  
to harness demographic dividend.  
[in India]

In many parts of the world, tourism is a major engine of economic growth. One only needs to turn the pages of history to see how countries have transformed their economies using tourism potential to the fullest. ✓

Over the decade, tourism has seen continued growth and more diversification.

Today India's tourism sector is one of the fastest growing. ✓

Modern tourism is closely linked to development and is a key driver for socio





economic progress. You can start with potentiality of tourism sector of India such as for landscape, biodiversity, historical importance, etc.

The growing influence of the sector as an economic powerhouse is irrefutable. Not only does the sector spearhead growth, it also improves quality of lives as well as helps to move closer towards tapping India's demographic dividend. Average intro.

Tourism sectors and reaping demographic dividend

More than 20 million Indians are directly and indirectly employed in the tourism sector. It has emerged as an instrument of income and employment generation, poverty alleviation as well as development.

Today tourism sectors contribute about 7% to national GDP.





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Tourism is an important source of developing strong foreign exchange reserves. This helps secure imports and indirectly acts as a safety net for smooth tapping of India's demographic dividend.

Tourism encourages multiple usages of infrastructure that benefits the host community, including various means of transport, health care, sports facilities etc along with the hospitality sector. This indirectly induces development of other productive activities that help reap our demographic dividend ✓

The tourism sector also helps promote peace and stability in developing countries like ours by providing jobs, income as well as cross-cultural awareness.





2. ~~It is time to re-examine the usefulness of globalization in today's world~~

These help promote peace and stability, which are vital conditions for reaping maximum advantage of demographic potential ✓

Tourism helps preserve many areas of historical importance by declaring them heritage sites. Archaeological Survey of India plays a vital role here. For example, the "Taj Trapezium" area actually helps reduce pollution in Agra. Similarly Ajanta and Ellora caves too have been successfully preserved. Also tourism helps preserve natural habitats and endangered species like we see in the Chilka lake region. All these supplement ~~the~~ the demographic dividend. ✓

You have to mention about Medical tourism, and the industry arising out of it.

Religious tourism, cultural tourism, etc.



Add dimensions to your essay.

Talk about historical angle as how Fa hien, Huen Xhang came as a traveller and popularized the Indian educational institutions, etc

Add some of your GS knowledge in your essay.



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The question that needs to be asked is if tourism sectors face challenges in helping India reap her demographic dividend.

Tourism and bottleneck towards achieving demographic dividend. ✓

Tourism activities may at times be a threat to the social fabric of a region. There can be a perceived risk of that place losing its identity. Let's take the example of Goa. ✓ Good. For 1960s to the 80s, hippy culture pervaded in Goa. This has indirectly led to issues today such as drugs, prostitution and human trafficking. ✓ It needs no mention that this has had a negative impact





on India's demographic potential. ✓

India's demographic dividend can only be reaped when adverse effects on environment and ecology are at its minimum. ✓ But one of the most noticeable adverse effects of tourism are the impacts it has on carrying capacity of the ecosystem in each of the tourist destinations. The recent water crisis in Shimla due to excessive inflow of tourists would be a case in point.

Flow of tourists to ecologically sensitive areas have resulted in destruction of rare and endangered species due to trampling, killing, or even disruption of breeding cycles. ✓





3. Potential of tourism sector to harness demographic dividend in India.

Noise pollution from vehicles and public address systems, water pollution, vehicular emissions, untreated sewage etc also have direct effects on biodiversity. All these dent India's potential to achieve true demographic dividend.

Unsustainable tourism caused a sense of lack of development in many areas. Unrest in areas such as Darjeeling do in deed undermine national security as well as lower the achievement potential of the local population.



One important facet of such a dividend is the level of skill possessed by the population. The number of adequately trained individuals for the tourism and hospitality sectors is a key challenge to giving visitors a world class experience and reap better our demographic dividend.

Tourism for demographic dividend - recent initiatives

Ministry of Tourism has launched many schemes for rejuvenation of this important sector. Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme





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and the SWADESH DARSHAN scheme aim to tap the vast potential of tourist sites as well as sustainable tourism.

There are initiatives to have a more facilitative visa regime by coordination of relevant ministries.

To help in developing our demographic dividend, the Incredible India 2.0 campaign of the tourism ministry marks a new chapter in marketing India's tourism potential.

Tourism for demographic dividend - forging the way ahead

The growth of tourist culture demands to practise tourism on a sustainable basis. This allows us to

Know India Programme,  
Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.



4. ~~The flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and most beautiful of all.~~

exploit tourist resources for a longer time and never bring a full stop to the creation of job opportunities ✓

An example of this is the induction of winter tourism ✓ and replenishing cottage industry products for sale in the next peak season.

Areas of Kullu and Manali in Himachal Pradesh have used such a model to generate greater revenue and pump these resources into efforts ✓ to tap the demographic potential

The dividend so reached will be beneficial for many generations.





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Using India's potential for tourism, we can indirectly meet Sustainable Development Goals or reduce the inter regional conflict ✓.

Do not use same linkages in both essays.

As a travel destination, few other nations can offer the diversity of products and experiences found in India. Yet challenges exist ✓. Alleviation of these challenges will add to India's global image and be in line with value based tapping of a potent sectors like tourism.

Include Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav phrase in the conclusion if possible.

"Jai He to Heaven of freedom,  
my Father, let my country awake"

- Rabindranath Tagore ✓.

Second part of this essay is quite good.  
Conclusion is also nicely written.

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