

ESSAY PAPER (MAINS 2024)

Time Allowed: 180 Mins

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS


1. Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
4. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.
5. Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.
6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO

Write **two** essays, choosing **one** topic from each of the following Sections A and B, in about 1000 - 1200 words each: 125x2=250

SECTION A

1. Forests precede civilizations and deserts follow them.
2. The empires of the future will be the empires of the mind.
3. There is no path to happiness; Happiness is the path.
4. The doubter is a true man of science.

 **SECTION B** ®

The Reliable IAS

5. Social media is triggering 'Fear of Missing Out' amongst the youth precipitating depression and loneliness.
6. Nearly all men can stand adversity, but to test the character, give him power.
7. All ideas having large consequences are always simple.
8. The cost of being wrong is less than the cost of doing nothing.