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# **ESSAY TOPICS THROUGH THE YEARS (2008-2020)**

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**YEAR 2020**

**SECTION A**

1. Life is a long journey between human beings and being humane
2. The mindful manifesto is the catalyst to a tranquil self
3. Ships do not sink because of water around them, ships sink because of water that gets into them
4. Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication

**SECTION B**

1. Culture is what we are, civilization is what we have
2. There can be no social justice without economic prosperity but economic prosperity without social justice is meaningless
3. Patriarchy is the least noticed yet the most significant structure of social inequality
4. Technology as the silent factor in international relations

**YEAR - 2019**

**SECTION A**

1. Wisdom finds the truth.
2. Values are not what humanity is, but what humanity ought to be.
3. Best for an individual is not necessarily best for society.
4. Courage to accept and dedication to improving are two keys to success.

**SECTION B**

1. South Asian societies are woven not around the state, but around their plural cultures and plural identities.
2. Neglect of primary health care and education in India are reasons for its backwardness.
3. Biased media is a real threat to Indian democracy.
4. Rise of Artificial Intelligence: the threat of jobless future or better job opportunities through reskilling and upskilling.



**YEAR 2018**

**SECTION – A**

1. Alternative technologies for a climate change resilient India.
2. A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.
3. Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere.
4. Management of Indian border disputes – a complex task.

**SECTION – B**

1. Customary morality can not be a guide to modern life.
2. “The past’ is a permanent dimension of human consciousness and values.
3. A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both.
4. Reality does not conform to the ideal but confirms it.

**YEAR 2017**

**Section – A-**

1. Farming has lost the ability to be a source of subsistence for the majority of farmers in India.
2. Impact of the new economic measures on fiscal ties between the union and states in India.
3. The destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms.
4. Has the Non- Alignment Movement (NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world?

**Section – B**

1. Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.
2. The fulfilment of ‘new woman’ in India is a myth.
3. We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws.
4. Social media is inherently a selfish medium.

**YEAR 2016**

**Section ‘A’**

1. If development is not engendered, it is endangered.
2. Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed.
3. Water disputes between states in federal India.
4. Innovation is the key determinant of economic growth and social welfare.



### Section B

1. Cooperative federalism: Myth or reality.
2. Cyberspace and internet: Blessing or curse to the human civilization in the long run.
3. Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an out come of economic reforms.
4. Digital economy: A leveller or a source of economic inequality

### YEAR 2015

#### Section 'A'

1. Lending hands to someone is better than giving adole.
2. Quick but steady wins the race.
3. Character of an institution is reflected in its leader.
4. Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil.

#### Section B

1. Technology cannot replace manpower.
2. Crisis faced in India – moral or economic.
3. Dreams which should not let India sleep.
4. Can capitalism bring inclusive growth?

### YEAR 2014

#### Section A

1. With greater power comes greater responsibility.
2. Is the growing level of competition good for the youth?
3. Are the standardized tests good measure of academic ability or progress?
4. Words are sharper than the two-edged swords.

#### Section B

1. Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which slowed the growth of our country?
2. Is sting operation an invasion of privacy?
3. Fifty Golds in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India?
4. Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India?

## YEAR -2013

### Section 'A'

1. "Be The Change You Want To See In Others" – Gandhiji
2. Is The Colonial Mentality Hindering India's Success?
3. GDP (Gross Domestic Product) Along with GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) Would Be The Right Indices For Judging The Well-being Of A Country-.
4. Science and Technology Is The Panacea For The Growth and Security Of The Nation.

## YEAR -2012

1. 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.
2. 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?
3. Science and Mysticism: Are they compatible?
4. Managing work and home – is the Indian working woman getting a fair deal?

## YEAR – 2011

1. Creation of smaller states and the consequent administrative, economic and developmental implications.
2. Does Indian cinema shape our popular culture or merely reflect it?
3. Credit-based higher education system-status, opportunities and challenges.
4. In the Indian context, both human intelligence and technical intelligence are crucial in combating terrorism.

## YEAR – 2010

1. Geography may remain the same; history need not.
2. Should a moratorium be imposed on all fresh mining in tribal areas of the country?
3. Preparedness of our society for India's global leadership role.
4. From traditional Indian philanthropy to the Gates-Buffett model-a natural progression or a paradigm shift.

## YEAR – 2009

1. Are our traditional handicrafts doomed to a slow death?
2. Are we a 'Soft' state?
3. "The focus of health care is increasingly getting skewed towards the 'haves' of our society".
4. "Good Fences make good neighbours"
5. 'Globalization' vs. 'Nationalism'



## YEAR – 2008

1. Role of the Media in good governance.
2. National identity and patriotism.
3. Special Economic Zones: Boon or Bane.
4. Discipline means success, anarchy means ruin.
5. Urbanisation and its hazards.
6. Is an egalitarian society possible by educating the masses?

## OTHER TOPICS:

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