

**1 - WIL MAINS TEST SERIES - 2020**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

- The ESSAY must be written in English medium only.
- No marks will be given for answers written in any other medium other than English.
- Write two essays, choosing one from each of the following Section A & B in about 1000-1200 words.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the question cum answer booklet must be clearly struck off
- Second essay has to be started from page no-15.

Remarks :

good score, (2nd essay needs to be attempted well)

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**Duration: 3 Hour**

**Total Marks: 250**

Write two essays each in about 1000-1200 words, choosing one from each of the following two sections:

**SECTION-A**

1. We can give hope and laughter to others endlessly
2. Conscience is the perfect interpreter of life
- ✓ 3. Colours, a powerful language and dominant feature of our lives
4. He who has a why to live, can bear almost any how

**SECTION-B**

- ✓ 5. What would be the state of Indian agriculture in 2030?
6. Focus on youth: for a developed, safe and beautiful India
7. Indian malnutrition problem: Not just more, but growing with time
8. There can be more than one belt and one road for world progress

## EVALUATION PARAMETERS

|                                  | Adequate | Fair | Absent |
|----------------------------------|----------|------|--------|
| <b>INTRODUCTION</b>              |          |      |        |
| 1. Context & Background          | ✓        |      |        |
| 2. Element of Interest           | ✓        |      |        |
| 3. Outline of Core Argument      | ✓        |      |        |
| 4. Thesis Statement              | ✓        |      |        |
| <b>BODY</b>                      |          |      |        |
| 1. Coherence                     | ✓        |      |        |
| 2. Clarity of thoughts/Concepts  | ✓        |      |        |
| 3. Diversity of Ideas            |          | ✓    |        |
| 4. Linkages between Ideas        |          |      |        |
| 5. Transitions and Connectives   | ✓        |      |        |
| 6. Originality                   |          | ✓    |        |
| 7. Reasoning                     | ✓        |      |        |
| 8. Arguments                     | ✓        |      |        |
| 9. Counter Arguments             | ✓        |      |        |
| 10. Facts/Examples/Illustrations | ✓        | ✓    |        |
| 11. Persuasion                   | ✓        |      |        |
| 12. Objectivity                  | ✓        |      |        |
| 13. Sub-headings                 |          |      | ✓      |
| <b>CONCLUSION</b>                |          |      |        |
| 1. Reiteration of Main Argument  | ✓        |      |        |
| 2. New perspective/ Insight      | ✓        |      |        |
| 3. Completeness                  | ✓        |      |        |



1. > you have written an excellent essay on such a challenging topic.
2. > structuring of the essay is absolutely fine.
3. > your skill to maintain flair in writing is appreciable.
4. > Day to day life examples have been used aptly to convince readers.
5. > good-flow has been maintained. & organised the ideas in an orderly fashion.
6. > However, you can still work on improving effectiveness of the essay & bringing in impressive expressions.

The negative aspects of colours could be ~~more~~ emphasised more.

7. > Overall, excellent essay.



1. > Introduction & conclusion parts  
are apt.
2. > Structuring of the essay is good
3. > Try to make use of current  
affairs based examples to  
highlight plight of Indian  
agriculture. It also helps to  
bring effectiveness to your essay.
4. & makes it interesting.
5. > make use of govt schemes  
in the solution part adequately.
6. > Try to world best practices &  
models in agriculture like.  
Israel model - Dry land farming  
Brazil model - AI use in agr  
etc
- > Overall, good attempt, effectiveness  
needs to be improved.



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## SECTION-A

1. We can give hope and laughter to others endlessly
2. Conscience is the perfect interpreter of life
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[3] Colours, a powerful language and dominant feature of our lives.

### PLOT FROM PK - THE MOVIE

PK, an alien who has just entered our world is both enthusiastic and confused while understanding it. He finds a woman wearing black suit and saying to be a Parsee-widow. However, when he applies the same 'colour logic' to a Muslim woman wearing 'Burqa', he fails miserably. Similarly, he gets confused with white dress of a Hindu widow and Christian bride. Such is the power of colour in our lives. It is not only an intricate part of our world but also have connotations which might be not same for everyone !!

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This essay seeks to underline colours and their meaning in different spheres of our lives. It would reveal the dominance that these colours have on our lives. It would also highlight how colours have been misused for various purposes.

Fair  
thesis  
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ment

When a child enters his/her schooling years, he/she is taught to identify colours correctly, fill colours in various objects drawn and most importantly to learn their spellings. Little do they know, what these colours are going to mean later in their lives.

Later in his/her life, the child uses knowledge of those colours to play Ludo or Colour, colour! what colour!! and by the time they learn how we see those colours, an all new world of colours has been revealed to them.

good



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From differentiating 'redness of face' as anger to redness while blushing colours emerge to become a powerful language in our everyday lives.

very good  
Colours of rainbow might be beautiful for a child but for an adult it becomes symbol of free-will as they are associated with LGBTQ community. Flags of the colour, being unfurled after Narthy Johar judgement of Supreme Court would mean an altogether different experience for the person belonging to that community.

Similarly, power of colours and its dominance can be seen in our National Flag. In that flag, Saffron colour stands for 'sacrifice' of our soldiers and freedom fighters and the 'sacrifice' that can be expected from us citizens for our country. White stands for peace for our nation and world as a whole. Green colour in the

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flag stands for 'prosperity'. Such is the power of colours that it can connote the very basic ideals of our country through a simple combination.

Similarly, red coloured flag stands for communism, the power of which could brought about Russian Revolution. The 'Lal Salaam' (Red Salute) stands for spirit of revolution for the followers of Leftist ideology supporters.

At right

Black coloured flag apart from connoting ominous signals stands for protest or outrage for crowd. How powerful that is for people told to wage their voices peacefully! Even without violence, it can speak thousand of words and depict the anger of the crowd.

All these are areas where we see 'coloured' flags being used for different purposes and forming dominant narrative.



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APt In a similar way, we see the use of colours defining WTO subsidies where green, Amber and Red can connote whether government can provide subsidies to farmers or not. Here colours can define such complex things as that of subsidies. This reflects the strength of colours and its dominance.

One can also see use of colours in 'Red' Data Book of International Union of Conservation of Nature. The 'red' itself connotes that it is something associated with danger and it denotes Threatened, Endangered and Extinct species. It could have been defined in 'words' but 'colours' can denote the 'THREAT' more powerfully!

But how do we provide meaning to that colour? That might not just be the 'instinct' but lot more than that. These colours have traditions, rituals and culture associated with it.

Excellent!



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Red stands for 'danger' but same 'red colour' becomes 'pious' when associated with goddesses and becomes 'custom' when associated with women's husband. It becomes 'love' when associated with colour of a bride's dress. Similar, is the case with white, which denotes 'purity' but becomes 'ominous' on the days of death in Hindu rituals. The very fact that we have so many meanings attached to 'one colour', signifies its dominance and importance.

However Festival of colours - Holi - is not just a day to put 'abbeer' / 'gulal' on each other's faces but connotes more than that. It shows that just the way these colours mix and mingle with each other, we people, irrespective of caste, creed, religion can intermingle and live peacefully.

However, colours have not remained what it had been so in the past!

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Negative  
Aspect  
of  
Colours

Difficult standing for 'sacrifice' has come to be associated with right wing extremism of the country. The 'bhagwa' clad people are using it to usher in a reign of 'terror'. Green colour is now being largely associated with 'terror' apart from just Islamic flags. Such, communalisation of colours is not new! but is an utter misuse of the power of colours.

Such 'communalisation' must be stopped as soon as possible. Colours are beautiful as far as we use them to connote good notions and signify its power in the same way. They must remain to the kid learning those colours in childhood as 'innocent' as they were when he/she learnt them. The kids should remain free to 'choose' the meaning it so they would 'impart' to those and this must not be 'imposed'.



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As is visible from the nature,  
"Sun appears the most beautiful when it has scattered all the constituents of the colour and only red remains to be visible. This can be seen at the sunsets. Similarly, the colours of our lives must be scattered as much as possible to make it look beautiful."

Similarly, sky is white but appears to be blue! Colours should not be allowed to deceive people or to spread communism.

Wonderful!

Beautifully concluding the essay.

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## SECTION-B

- ✓ 5. What would be the state of Indian agriculture in 2030?
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[5] What would be the state of Indian Agriculture in 2030?

SCHOOL DAYS → REPUBLIC OR INDEPENDENCE

DAY → Children preparing for the function to be held on the respective day. First song that comes to our minds for the day is "Mere Desh Ki Dharti Sona Ugale, Ugale Heere Moti" (The land of my country yields gold, pearls and diamonds). This is an evergreen song - highlighting not only the fertility of the soil of our country but the hardwork that farmers put in to make that happen. In addition to this, it also reveals the primacy of agriculture in our country. Fast Forward to 2030: This song would surely be in the choice list of the children and so would be the importance of agriculture in India or world!

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This essay seeks to highlight the present state of agriculture, problems therein and what can it become till 2030. It will also try to highlight the challenges associated with imagining a bright side of the agriculture.

Fair  
thesis  
statement

Agriculture and its primary has always been the subject matter of ancient or medieval texts and the concern area of the British officials. Ancient texts such as Sangam literature, Atharvashra, Guthasattasai, Anguttar Nikaya highlights the variety of crops grown in India and the surplus region that India was! Similar matter is highlighted by Ashul Fazl → 'Ain-i-Akbari'. During British rule, there emerged different types of land revenue system to collect revenue from peasants. The demand used to be exploitative often leading to uprisings such as Deccan Riots, Indigapavott etc. So, history of Indian agriculture has been of mixed state.

Historical  
aspects



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After Independence, several reforms were undertaken for Indian agriculture and to address the shortage of food during crisis. It also sought to achieve socio-economic justice for the farmers. These reforms include → Abolition of Zamindari system, land ceilings, distribution of surplus land to small and marginal farmers and Green Revolution with High yielding Variety seeds and irrigation.

This brings us to the present state of Indian agriculture system. About 65% of people in India are dependant on agriculture as Economic activity. India is the largest producer of succ, sugarcane, wheat, pulses, etc. The wide variety of soil of our country supports equally wide variety of crops. India had faced food shortages in the past but now is a self-sufficient economy in terms of agricultural yields. However, this is just one side of story, other side is that of a gloomy picture of an agriculture.



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About 70% of our farmers holds land less than or equal to 2 hectare. Farm mechanisation in India is just about 40% as compared to 70% in Brazil, 80% in UK and 60% in China. Farmers suicides, the sad story of our country is a common scourge. About 2 lacs of farmers have committed suicide in about a decade. In a country, where death of a celebrity causes so much of furore, is mostly silent on the question of farmer suicide!

The gloom of agriculture is not just limited on fields. They also face problems in marketing of their produce. APMC mandis, initially designed to protect farmers has become a new way of exploitation. They are not being able to provide suitable price of the produce to farmers. The middlemen charge large amount of fees in these APMC mandis.

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In addition to this, farmers in India also face soil and climate related issues. With excessive use of fertilisers and indirect subsidies dependant on the amount of usage of fertilisers and irrigation has resulted in salinity of soil making it unfit for agriculture. With climate crisis already home - amount of extreme weather events → floods, droughts, erratic rains are now a common site.

With such a picture in mind, it is an uphill task to imagine the state of agriculture in 2030 and to decide whether there should be an optimism or pessimism. Full of optimistic scenario and a mix of pessimism, one can draw a picture of factors associated with Indian agriculture and their state in 2030.

Apply  
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Till 2030, it is not a surprise that extreme climate events, by then would have been increased to a new height. Erratic monsoon, droughts and floods ~~would~~ would be more common than today. However, given the progress of science in our country and various technological missions such as Artificial Intelligence, Nanotechnology, Quantum Technology, we would have already taken means to address the issue. India must have formulated solutions to mitigate the impacts, if not completely prevent such events.

In addition to this, we can imagine India to be one of the developed or close to the developed state of countries. For this, population dependent on agriculture would have been reduced. More people now employed in allied activities such as food processing, animal husbandry and other such contribution to GDP.

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According to United Nations predictions, we might have overtaken China in population. So, this means there would be more people to be fed and that would surely increase pressure on land and agriculture. For this,

India would have surely utilised Biotechnology and Hydroponics to increase the yield of agriculture to feed the population.

Given the loss we usually have in food storage, it is imaginable that India must have already taken out solutions for the same. Present Agriculture Marketing (Trade and Commerce) Act is in correct direction in this regard. Also, with Contract Farming Act, farmers must have been utilising their rights and incentives to by the businessmen to increase their profit, Cold storage facilities, steel silos and negotiable warehouses would have become a commonplace by then.



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This would make our agriculture more remunerative for farmers, incomes of whom must have already doubled by 2022. We might surely be looking forward to tripling or quadrupling their income.

To imagine such an optimistic picture, India is taking correct steps in this direction. Schemes such as PM-KISAN, PM-KUSUM - for solar energy irrigation, PM-Formalisation of Food Processing Industries. To increase food processing industries are some of them. We also have launched Soil Health Card - to judge the quality of soil and take proper fertilisers addition.

India is also the largest producer of tractors, we are taking steps to increase mechanisation of Indian agriculture. These include rotavators, laser levellers, in situ seed/crop residue management, custom-hiring centres for hiring those implements.

Alright



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India is also investing in skill development and diversifying employment opportunities for farmers and their children. We are already witnessing situations where son/daughter of farmer are securing new heights in life. This is also being expected till 2030 - enhanced SOCIAL MOBILITY.

However, imagining this optimistic picture, also has certain caveats associated with it. First is acceptability of such reforms by vested interest groups over and above their partisan thinking for welfare of farmers. Second, is the stoppage of stubble burning by the farmers to prevent air pollution and third, most important factor is the reach of these reforms to the real beneficiary - OUR FARMERS.



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To make, "Mere Deeh Ki Dharti Sona Ugaile"  
true to its words and for the children  
of 2030s to understand its true meaning,  
it is really important for all of us  
to join in a country-wide campaign  
for a BRIGHT AGRICULTURAL FUTURE!

Nicely  
concluded

the  
essay

To make it so bright that future  
of this demographic dividend not just  
see themselves in big firms, companies  
but in agriculture, too as was imagined  
in Christopher Nolan's movie - INTERSTELLAR!!

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## ROUGH SHEET

③ Colours, a powerful language and dominant feature of our lives

[PLAN]

[PLOT FROM PK]

- Why are rainbows so beautiful? → Colours.
- What make rainbow powerful → LGBTQ community

→ Thus, Colours are almost everywhere and unlike what we used to see in childhood, is different!!

→ Child → learning color's name → painting, drawing, fixing colour.

→ Adult → how they see colours.

→ P:

• Thesis statement.

✓ Colours of flags.

✓ Colours of WTO →

✓ Colours of goods defining it.

✓ Colours of Religion - Saffronisation - White.

→ Dress of death - differentiation.

② Colours festival - Holi ✓

→ Why is black ominous? Danger signs.

③ Green Data Book - IUCN.

④ Colours associated with bride ✓

⑤ Sindoor, bangles,

⑥ Sky is white but still appears to be blue? Deceitful.

⑦ Sunsets are red →

→ Faces turn red! when scared! angry! but when we shy/blush the red is different that with



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What would have been changed till 2030?

- (12) → Climate Events - extreme. → <sup>should have been stopped.</sup>
- (13) → India might be emerging as developed countries.
- Farmers income must have doubled by 2025. 2020 level.

→ lesser population dependant on agriculture!

More food processing! More remunerative!

→ big farmers. Small farmers - <sup>neither sold</sup> growing cash crops. remaining crops.

Keep → More population to serve. provider of food.

→ How can this be more mechanized?

→ HYV seeds. → ~~more demand~~

→ solar irrigation.

What would be needed?

→ Active support - Farm bills in clear regard

- ✓ → PM KUSUM
- ✓ → PM Formalisation of FPE
- ✓ → Soil Health Card.

✓ → Smart Agriculture.

✓ → ~~PM~~ Fortification.

✓ → Drought resistant variety crops.

✓ → Use of drone.

✓ → Laser levellers.

✓ → Skill development.

✓ → Employment opportunities.

Resistance to climate change

Challenges

- (19)

Conclusion

- (20)



## ROUGH SHEET

What would be the state of Indian agri in 2030?

→ "Mere desh Ki dharti" - Sona ugle  
✓ Soil of my country yields gold, diamond and pearls!

① What does this mean? → Farmers' hardwork and devotion.

→ Fertility. Only one side of the story, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> farmers' suicides!! - Common.   
 what?   
 → Past what is present state - seeks to look.   
 → what can it become.   
 → Challenges.

→ Thesis statement

→ Present <sup>③</sup> Past → Agricultural state in Ancient, India and Medieval India

④ → Modern world - British rule.

⑤ → After Independence → How did we emerge from deficit to surplus? land reforms undertaken? Jalus!

⑥ Present state → How what percentage of GDP and population? → India - largest producer of many crops.   
 → what are shortcomings?   
 → MSP rates   
 → Monocropping / single crop. } ⑦   
 → Not remunerative   
 → Losses due to improper storage.

Excessive use of <sup>⑪</sup> fertilisers and Irrigation. ⑩

farmer guides

APMC mandis

Trading

Climate change ⑧

→ How can we overcome - how we are trying.   
 ⑨

⑤ Soil Health Card scheme   
 ⑥ Agri Reforms Bill ✓   
 ⑦