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DAILY ANSWER WRITING CHALLENGE

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- Write your answers in the comment box below by specifying the Question date and number.
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QUESTIONS OF THE DAY:

1) During the Indian national movement , constructive work played an important role in Gandhian strategy. Discuss outcome.

2) “She is a goddess to millions yet helpless on the streets. The solution is in the mindset not laws”. Discuss.

(IMPORTANT: To Make Space For New Answers, Today's Answers Will be deleted tomorrow night. But your answers will be published be accessible [here as PDF also](#))

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lakshmi prasanna

July 22, 2013 at 4:53 pm

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1. Gandhian constructive programme was the mantra of socio-economic development. In his view India's greatest curse was poverty. To combat this he evolved the constructive programme, originally addressed to the members of Indian national congress. This programme called construction of purnaswaraj or complete independence by truthful and non violent means.

Constructive work played an important role in the Gandhian strategy. It played a crucial role during the passive phase in filling the vacuum created by the withdrawal of mass movements. It provided an alternative of continuous and effective work. Parliamentary and non-parliamentary work can be done by relatively few, constructive work could involve millions.

From the nineteen twenties until his death in 1948, Gandhiji gradually shifted the emphasis of his work from non-violent resistance to constructive schemes for the welfare of all. The constructive programme focused upon constructive ways of rebuilding a demoralized society. The constructive programme includes nurturing communal unity, abolishing untouchability, fostering adult education, systematizing village, upliftment of the peasant, development of Non-violent labour unions, promotion of cottage and small scale industries, eradicating evils, prohibition of alcohol, promotion of khadi, promotion of basic education, upliftment of women, promotion of education in handicrafts, hygiene, propagation of rastrabhasa, treatment of lepers.

Gandhiji devised his constructive programme and setup a number of constructive work organizations. From this created the cap

violent resistance called non-cooperation and civil disobedience. This work would raise the status of people and bring home to the violent social change for the ending of exploitation. The outcome of this programme involves for revival of cottage and village industries was formed, untouchability has been abolished by law after independence, women of India participated in satyagraha, adivasis joined in freedom struggle etc. The constructive programmes if carried out in the right direction, Gandhiji believed would Sarvodaya Samaj.

thanks sir for this thrilling experiment

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lakshmi prasanna

July 22, 2013 at 4:57 pm

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2)“She is a goddess to millions yet helpless on the streets. The solution is in the mindset not laws”. Discuss.

Answer – The word “Culture” is derived from Latin word cult meaning – cultivating and refining – cultivating and refining a thing that its end product brings admiration and respect. It’s Hindi word “Sanskriti” which is derived from word kriti meaning – to do formation of 3 word “Prakriti” – basic matter, Sanskriti – refined matter and Vikriti – modified matter.

Today, our society is modified and bringing “Vikriti” of minds than Sanskriti. This is the Vikriti which are establishing their feet looking at woman as an asset rather than as goddess. Looking at the root level why our society is being modified – reason –

- a) Poverty – Family are helpless to nurture culture and provide good education (what is right and what is wrong)
- b) Violence – A child who has brought up in the environment where he only learnt violence, he is liable to see violence in future crime.
- c) Westernization – The effect of other culture which is mingling with our culture.

Taking consideration of above point, government of India has introduced many Laws to curb crime against women. In fact there National commission for women, Ministry of women and children development has come with many strict laws and rules but still Focus should be to eradicate the crime not the criminal, and that could not be done by laws. Even Supreme court of India in the case “Gang Rape” has ruled out reducing the age of juvenile, which has sent clear message that by only reducing age will not solve the

Solution lies on nurturing the basic matter to make it Sanskriti. It is the responsibility of society how and in which environment shape.

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Geetika Enani

July 22, 2013 at 8:16 pm

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Ques:”she is a goddess to millions yet helpless on the streets.the solution is in the mindset not laws”

Ans: the above comment fully describes the importance of a girl,her helplessness and the change that could improve her image in In this the girl has been compared with the goddess,the one who have given birth to humans just as mother do.

Despite of this similarity ,both are seen with different perspectives.Where a goddess is being worshipped in all houses and streets,;

dominated and humiliated by man in houses and seen with bad intentions on the streets, where she seems to be helpless, The fault of this discrimination is of our society. People of India have a mindset that Indian society is a man-dominated society. So to change society, one has to change his mind, no laws can do anything and then an equal status will be achieved by a woman.

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Anjali Motghare

July 22, 2013 at 8:31 pm

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Along the side of Non Cooperation movement Gandhiji launched the constructive program. His aim was to make people emotionally aware about their rights. Gandhiji's strategy was of satyagraha nearly passive resistance, for that one needs to be strong within adversities without enmity towards opponent. So on the constructive side he urged people to develop spirit of discipline and self-sufficiency. He wanted to make people economically independent, so he asked people to set up spinning hand weaving and use of Swadeshi goods and in second phase after Civil Disobedient movement, he mainly focused his constructive work on the upliftment of Harijans. Gandhiji's constructive programme ushered enthusiasm in people. In the silent phase of national movement it prepared people for it. It improved economic standard of people made women economically independent. People started using Swadeshi goods so it helped to grow. In the second phase it helped in making Harijans aware of their rights.

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Asha Goud

July 22, 2013 at 10:31 pm

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Q During the Indian national movement , constructive work played an important role in Gandhian strategy . Discuss its nature

A. During the Indian national movement different ideologies like socialist, communist, moderates, extremist developed. One am Gandhian Ideology . Gandhian Ideology gave preference to connect with the masses and work towards a united society .

Gandhiji after his return from South Africa took up fight for the rights of peasants, workers who were until now neglected. Gand violent method of struggle, Satyagrah. Gandhiji always stayed connected to the masses and worked with the masses.

During the Non cooperation movement he called for boy cott of foreign goods and called people to take up khadi and spinning. He muslims during Khilafat and urged for shunning the religion based divide among people. During 1933-34 he took up the cause c propagated the removal untouchability .

All these ideals were together Gandhian ideology that unity among the masses. Serving the downtrodden, helping the poor, upli women, spread of education etc. These ideals were taken up by the no-changers, and they conducted such constructive work on l ground level.

The leaders and masses were brought closer to each other which led to spread of ideas of freedom, unity, brotherhood, democracy of a stronger and more united society . Large scale participation of the masses was witnessed during non cooperation, civil disobedience movement, and it can be largely attributed to the constructive work done at ground levels.

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Biman Ghosh

July 23, 2013 at 12:45 am

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you are most welcome sir!...its my humble request you to keep evaluating our answers...it would encourage us as well as make u again!

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Keerthi Narayan

July 23, 2013 at 12:55 am

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1. The Indian National Movement can be clearly distinguished into 3 phases. The Moderate, The Extremist and the Gandhian phase. During the Gandhian phase that it reached its mass character, widespread outreach and brought common people into the struggle phase was so successful because of crucial strategies like non violent satyagraha and constructive work amidst the rural folk.

Constructive work:

Gandhiji clearly understood the nature of mass movements. He said by their nature itself, mass movements are not possible to sustain for long periods. People's ability to sacrifice and undergo repression are not unlimited. Hence to keep up the spirits of the people and to keep their nationalistic sense glowing during the non-struggle years, he suggested constructive work among the masses.

Constructive work:

During the times of freedom struggle, there were lots of social problems in the Indian society like poverty, untouchability, child labor, etc.

inequality. Gandhiji advised that Congress should take up such constructive work amidst the masses which would help in overcoming problems and use such opportunities to infuse nationalistic spirit among the masses. He taught people the use of the spinning wheel which helped them to make money from handwoven cloth. He campaigned against gender inequality. He toured the country and brought to the attention of the masses the inhuman practice of untouchability.

Effects:

The strategy of constructive work yielded fruitful results. It served both the purposes. While keeping the masses engaged in constructive non-struggle phases of the national movement, it also brought in significant changes in the social problems addressing. Particularly, the country became politically aware, participated in the national movement events widely. Though significant change was not seen in untouchability, the inhumaneness of the social evil was realised by the untouchables themselves and other sections of the society. The strategy of constructive work brought in rural folk into large numbers into the national movement and gave it a true mass character.

2. The statement reflects the paradox pervading the Indian society. In India, on one hand, femininity and womanhood are worshipped as women goddesses, sacred rivers are given feminine names, on the other hand, the real women who come down to the streets as a prostitute undergo physical and mental abuse.

Worshipping womanhood, sanctifying a woman's various stages of life like attaining puberty, marriage, attaining motherhood etc. are part of Indian culture. Indians have been worshipping mother goddesses since time immemorial. However, there is a marked contradiction. Indians view a woman as a society and as an individual. As a society she is revered, considered as a symbol of fertility. But as an individual, an Indian man's way of seeing a woman on the street, a co-worker and a film actress are not so decent.

Laws cannot be effective in curbing those acts which are taken as 'normal' and 'casual' by the underlying mindset. Hence, more emphasis should be given in changing the attitude that takes women for granted. Such change in mindset should be brought in in the family and in the premises of teaching morality. When this is achieved, stringent laws combined with good policing can bring in safety and peace for women in India.

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Biman Ghosh

July 23, 2013 at 2:27 am

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Britain, that ruled and exploited economically India for over 200 years is twenty times smaller than India and ten times lesser in area than India. It could be possible only, due to the very success of their notorious "Divide and Rule" policy. They succeeded in their policies by deteriorating economic and political situations of India day by day. The British government used the significant "vacant unity space" as their handy tool to consolidate their cruel rule for over the centuries in the subcontinent.

Gandhi is among the ones who recognised earlier the mind of Britishers behind their policies. He held the lack of unity as the success of the British regime. He knew very well that, it was well aware of the mammoth Indian mass, which will do his job to expel Britishers from the subcontinent. He also got the point, that his task is only to construct a well-informed and aware masses, which are aware about their freedom and ultimately, about the "game-plan" of the Britishers to keep them apart from their brothers and prevent their inevitable for getting freedom. Gandhi threw his entire energy to create masses and induct them into movements against British rule. He was familiar about the power of mass-based movements. This was an important characteristic of Indian national movements, led by C

he fell in full swing to educate people about the exploitation being done by the British rulers and its consequences. He also emphasised religious unity. People also learnt well by the magnificent Gandhian ideas and lectures and gave reply positively. Their ultimate goal – "to get freedom at any cost". British rulers left no stone unturned to suppress movements, but it was too late for them to suppress such large-scale mass movements with determined nationalism attitude. Frequent mass-based movements under the regime compelled them to flee from the country. Ultimately, they understood that Indian people is not in mood to tolerate them and done with his job and resulting we got our Independence in 1947.

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Biman Ghosh

July 23, 2013 at 3:12 am

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It's nothing more than hypocrisy, that on one side we organise most of our Pujas as "Goddess pujas" with utmost majesty and holiness and on the other side our police stations are flooded with hundreds of women harassment cases every day. Sometimes it creates major disputes over some minor offences against the goddess, while we make women feel obscene by our offences against them and force them to raise their voice to ensure their safety. It's most unfortunate and frustrating to see growing crimes against women on Women's Day.

Recent trend of growing crimes against women compelled our lawmakers to enact strict laws against offenders of such crimes. But they are hardly going to drag down the figure of crimes against women. Because the roots of such heinous crimes lie in the mindset of

by the research that, a such offender hardly think about the consequences of his heinous acts. he simply goes to commit, what he l generally, it has been seen that he had enough reasons to back his wrong doings. his mind retains the ambiguous reasons in supp attitudes rare not sudden product of his mind, instead such thoughts develop over the period of time. Pornography, religious thou outlook towards women, lackness of proper education, etc. are a few of such factors to influence and motivate a man towards such considering such a large population of our country, it would be futile to impose more strict punishments in IPC, rather than to cul about women and their majesty in the generations. once we are done to cultivate moral values in our generation, it would help pe mentality towards women. they would start to pay more respect to women, whom they see as their ideal and offer pray with imn form of various "Goddess".

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July 22, 2013 at 7:11 pm

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- 1) Again answer 1 has 270+ words and answer 2 has 350+ words – though answers contain all valid points, it is important to st saves lot of time. Hope you take it positiv ely .
- 2) First answer is very good. But you should have emphasized more on why it grew and how it opposed colonialism (good point is below); mention of evolution of economic class as a political entity, their support of Gandhiji and Congress, Bombay Plan, fundin etc.
- 3) second answer, point 1 is wrong – long before Fukushima, not Japan, India itself tried to convince Japan to sign civilian nucle Indo-US), but Japanese parties opposed it. Even now they are opposed, but Shinzo Abe is said to friend of India, so he is pushing fo would benefit India more than Japan.
- 2) Joe Biden who is in India, will be giving a talk on India's importance in the Asia Pacific region.
- 3) India is the largest 'democracy' in the region – from Japan to Australia, every one wants India in the region – for trade and st
- 4) It is India which is cautious, but certainly, its importance is on the rise in the region because of its economy and democratic ci

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July 22, 2013 at 7:14 pm

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In fact, post Fukushima, there is lot more opposition to nuclear deal than it was before.

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2012/09/27/india-s-role-in-asia-pacific/e2sx>

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09700160701740546#.Ue03GdJkNvQ>

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Keerthi Narayan

July 23, 2013 at 12:18 am

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About point no.2: Business class support to national movement, Bombay plan etc came to my mind. However, I thought it would mention those points as they would be irrelevant to the question's context. The question is about the growth of Indian economic colonialism, so it would be unnecessary to involve its association/relationship with the national movement.

About the second question, I would like to know the difference between "critically examine" "critically comment" and "critically different should be the answers in viewpoint in these 3 cases?"

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mahendra

July 22, 2013 at 7:40 pm

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thank you very much sir..

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July 22, 2013 at 8:51 pm

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Very good answer 😊 Good argument.

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Keerthi Narayan

July 23, 2013 at 12:17 am

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Thank you..! I should have given reason for its growth during the period, yes..!

I too, at first instance, thought of writing a pro-India answer. However, after seeing the words “Critically analyse”, I thought of answer in critical tone. I have a question too. I would like to know the difference between “critically examine” “critically comment” “critically analyse”. How different should be the answers in viewpoint in these 3 cases?

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Keerthi Narayan

July 23, 2013 at 12:21 am

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Sorry.. This is a reply to Insight’s comment and not to Anjali’s. (No deleting comments option.. please note insights)

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Biman Ghosh

July 23, 2013 at 1:21 am

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“critically examine” refers to inspect the issue very closely, conclusion is must in such questions.”critically comment” urge to comment on the significance of issue, associated be it negative or positive, but aspirants r advised to keep their comment a absolute balance between

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July 23, 2013 at 9:09 am

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1) The question demands both ‘in spite of’ and ‘in opposition to’ – so the support of economic class to the national movement should show they were opposed to colonialism.

2) Critically Analyze, Critically Examine are the common phrases we encounter in Mains questions. There is a fine difference between Critically:, Critically means making a careful, unbiased, fair judgement about the good and bad qualities of something.

Examine : it is a careful study (inspection/observation) of something trying to know if there is anything wrong and find the cause.
Analyze: to examine methodically the structure or nature of something by separating it into parts and studying their relationships.
If asked to analyze, you have to examine each part of the problem. It is a broader term than ‘Examine’.

Now, when you are asked to,

critically examine: you are asked to make a fair judgement by observing or inspecting both good and bad qualities, and find their

Example: “In the context of the growing demands for the ban of endosulfan in the country, ‘critically examine’ the issues involved and what should be done in the matter?” (2012, Paper-I)

Here, you need to carefully judge whether ban on endosulfan is justified. Both good and bad of endosulfan use and its ban. After c

find the cause and offer solution.

Critically Analyze:

You need to judge based on the examination of all parts of the question/problem.

Example: “Analyze critically the ‘interlinkages’ between the Convention on Biodiversity and FAO treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in Agriculture.”

As analysis involves separating something into parts and examining their relationship, the question directly demands the same ‘interlinkages’. So, first examine CBD and FAO treaties separately, then observe if both are in harmony with each other or there are conflicts between them (they are in harmony). Then conclude your answer with your fair judgement.

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