



## Contents

---

<b>INTRODUCTION TO THE ESSAY</b>	<b>3</b>
Forms	4
Approaches	5
Organisation	6
Style	9
Some do's and don'ts for good writing	10
<b>MODEL ESSAYS</b>	<b>13</b>
Paradoxes of Democracy	15
Democracy Implies Tolerance of Dissent	19
The Role of Opposition in a Democracy	23
Role of Judiciary in a Democracy	27
Judicial Activism	31
Corruption in Public Life	37
Politics and Religion	43
The Politics of Communalism	47
Should there be Reservations?	50
Women should have Reserved Seats in Parliament	56
Is India ready for a Uniform Civil Code?	59
An Apolitical Defence Force	62
India's Defence Needs in a Technological Scenario	68
United Nations—Role and Future	72
Can Human Rights be Universal Rights?	75
Human Rights and the Indian Armed Forces	81
Torture : The Living Death	87
The Changing Face of Terrorism	92
Can Terrorism be Justified?	97
Economic Liberalisation—Challenges before India	102
Privatisation of the Economy	107
India's Population and Its Economic Implications	112

---

---

The Two-Child Norm for Population Control	116
People's Participation in Development	120
Tourism : Potentials and Problems	124
The Changing Face of Indian Society	129
Changing Idea of Family	134
The Problems of Old Age	138
Law as an Instrument of Social Change	141
Morality and Law	147
Education in India—Lacunae and Remedies	151
Child Labour	157
Problems of Working Women	162
Violence against Women	166
Women need Empowerment	171
Ragging should be Curbed	175
The Rights and Wrongs of Free Expression	179
Advertising and Social Responsibility	184
Indian Cinema and Social Responsibility	189
Challenge Before Television in India	193
Television and Teenage Violence	197
The Scientific attitude rather than science is the need of the day	201
Are science and art antithetical to each other?	206
Science and Literature	210
Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind	215
Information Revolution	220
Cyberspace and Internet—Boon or Bane	223
Sustainable Development and Environment	228
Pollution	232
Humans are the worst culprits in environmental degradation	238
Biodiversity	242
What freedom means to me	247
Euthanasia : Can death be a therapy?	250
Non-Violence	255
Leadership	258

---

---

Leisure—Its Use and Abuse	261
If the British had not colonised India...	264
On Good and Bad Neighbours	267
Superstitions	270
Sports sans Sportsmanship	274
Ethics in Sports	279
Men have failed; let women take over	283
The Indian Republic	286
Generation Gap	290
The Child is the Father of Man	293
Compassion is the basis of all morality	297
Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds	299
Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole	302
Be the change you want to see in others	305
Truth may be eclipsed but not extinguished	309
Crime : New Dimensions	313
Capital Punishment	319
Material Progress and Human Values	324
Animals too have rights	327
Growing Flexibility in Gender Roles of Men and Women	330
Relevance of Gandhi Today	333
 <b>ESSAYS ON CURRENT ISSUES</b>	
Cooperative Federalism in India	339
Election Funding in India	343
Water Disputes between States in India	348
Digital Economy	352
Near Jobless Growth in India	356
Sting Operations: Issue of Privacy vs. Public Interest	360
Media Freedom and Individual Privacy	364
Can technology take over human beings?	368
Rising Competition and its Effect on Youth	371
Are we a racist people?	374
Should there be liquor prohibition?	379

---

---

<b>ESSAYS IN BRIEF</b>	381
History repeats itself	383
How free are we?	385
Democracy in India	387
Road Rage and Democratic Values	389
Laughter, Truth, and Universality	392
Protection from Internet Abuse	395
Terrorism can never lead to democracy	397
Is teaching just a job?	400
The world needs more tolerance	402
Criminalisation of Politics	404
Is the nation-state dying out?	406
The test of democracy is in the freedom of criticism	408
The great end of life is not knowledge but action	410
Why should smoking be banned in public places?	412
Education is Freedom	414
The tragedy of old age is not that one is old but that one is young	416
Is government going out of fashion?	418
Indians are non-violent by nature	420
Indians are not non-violent by nature	421
Death penalty solves nothing	423
Don't ban capital punishment	424
Violence on the Increase	425
Examinations are a necessary evil	426
Pleasures of Reading	428
Can television affect society?	430
Science: Blessing or Curse?	432
<b>FROM THE WORLD OF QUOTATIONS ...</b>	
Quotations	435