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Section-A.

(1)
Ans.

Peace hath her victories no
less renowned than way

It is intrinsic human nature to prefer peace over war at all times. An average human being always strive for harmony in his or her life and is averse to any kind of situations that brings disequilibrium in his or her life. But, History has not done justice to this state of mind especially in the cases where war has lead to more renowned victories and a common greater good.

This intuitive nature of humans has been questioned

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based on the situations where war was preferred over peace. A corrupt person, indulged in greed and lust of power will always choose war when there is a choice.

The presumption is that "Peace delays victory", and humans' inability to delay gratification leads them towards war.

Be it Nazis under Hitler, or the army of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, they choose war to achieve the fastest victory.

The Apostle of peace, Mahatma Gandhi also acknowledge that Peace delays victory but he stressed on the "nature of true victory". According to him, India could have achieved

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Independence through war,
as the one happened in 1857,
but only to be free like a
devalued and distressed colony,
~~of the population of that will soon~~
disintegrate. He said that
though peace delays results
but ~~the~~ it gives more sustain-
able and long lasting outcomes
than a war.

King Ashoka of the Mauryan
Empire also realised the fallacy
of war, that it leads to quick
results, after his conquest of
Kalinga. That was his last
war and he gave up the
policy of war to conquer
kingdoms and adopted a pacifi-
cistic attitude towards all his

subjects.

Similarly, The Indus valley civilization also was a peace loving society with no trace of war and violence. Existence of harmony among the people of Indus valley increased their prosperity. There was no army, and no large scale manufacturing hubs of weapons; people were peace loving and stayed happily without any outside disturbance.

They are the "goodwill of Peace".

Despite of inheriting a peaceful civilization, our society has experienced clash of cultures in the past. War between different cultures often leads to polarization in the society. It takes us towards radicali-

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ization and characterization. Whereas,
Peaceful coexistence with a
"mutually agreed degree of tolerance"
will surely lead to harmony
through cultural hybridization.

The Bhakti and Sufi movements
which ~~are~~ ^{were} the epitome of
during Peace had led to the
spiritual awakening of common
man and raised him towards
higher level of satisfaction
with his life. A peaceful
atmosphere paved way for
creative thinking. It nurtured
the development of Art.

This is evident from a rise in
literature of love and
mutual harmony during these
movements.

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Why Peace is not available as a
chose way becomes inevitable.
Why duty leads to death of loved
way cannot be stopped. In
such circumstances it is very
difficult to stop a way as it
becomes the only way to sustain
long term peace. Mahabharata
is a perfect example. ~~the~~
Lord Krishna had to deliberately
choose way to sustain peace.
So there might be instances
why war will lead to more
glorious results than Peace. In
such cases to maximize the
greater good way has to be
chosen. We cannot make
peace with terrorism or other
forms of organised crime. But

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when you do it will only harm the society without causing any good. The world had made peace with Taliban and it is widely known to us the conditions of women and children in Afghanistan under its rule. So "Peace is not always the best choice especially when war can give you glory and harmony."

Making peace with climate change by adopting climate resilient, adaptive and climate neutral policies is necessary to sustain. But it is not sufficient. An active continuous war against Greenhouse gases, Global warming and other degenerative environmental

practical is required for a better future. way against climate change is as important as peace with climate change.

Only then we will have a strong and resilient economy.

In social perspective Peace may give enormous victories, but what is the cost of delay? delaying the fight against terrorism by deliberately choosing Peace could have very dangerous results. So, though way will give unsustainable results, sometimes peace is undesirable to avoid the huge cost of delay.

This dichotomy between War and Peace is similar to that

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of "means and ends." ~~It~~ Just means are necessary to judge the morality of an action. Just means will always lead to more prosperous ends than unjust means. A moral action will always lead to prosperity. So, Peace will always lead to prosperity. Whereas, war (unjust means), the ends are uncertain, especially the resulting nature of ends and their sustainability. Mahatma Gandhi proved this through his peaceful struggle for independence. Despite knowing that war ~~was~~ against British could give a faster independence he decided not

to choose that path. A peaceful and just freedom struggle is the reason for a prosperous India. We are celebrating 75 years of our independence, when all countries in the middle east that used unjust means (war) to achieve the same independence are struggling with social and economic unrest (Arab spring).

If war leads to violence and loss of human life, then peace will always be advantageous. But in situations where war is the only way to achieve greater good, though morally ~~uncomfortable~~, even they courageously choosing peace will lead to

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long term sustainability and
renowned victories as desirable
and fruitful as war.

Peace may look as a desired
best choice, especially when the
glory and prosperity from it is
uncertain. As in the case of terror-
ism. But, showing the
courage to choose Peace and
follow a peaceful response
will give us as glorious and
prosperous results as with
war, in fact more sustainable
and with a higher human
welfare.

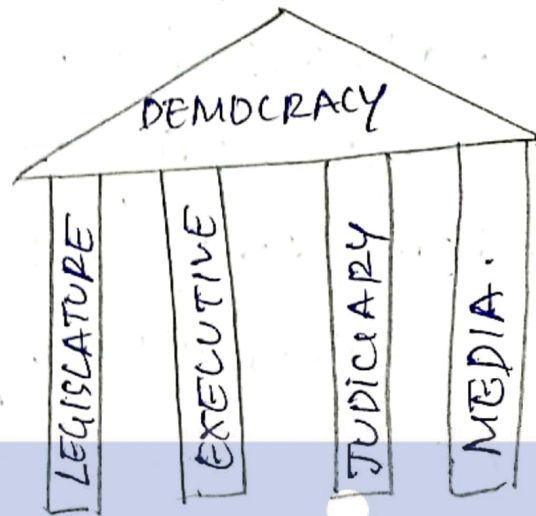
Section-B

(6) Growing crisis of credibility of
Indian Media - Hype or
Reality?

Media plays a very important role in democracy. It is responsible to convey public perception to the government, hold the government accountable and fight against the injustices in society. Media is not a source of information, it is a public tool to ensure transparency in governance.

The wide role associated to media has made it the

fourth pillar of the democracy.



Each and every pillar is equally responsible to uphold the values of democracy. Through checks and balances, and separation of powers liberty can be ensured. But, is the fourth pillar in India as strong as it should be?

Media is very powerful. Sometimes it can perform miracles in socio-political sphere. It can wide the net of the

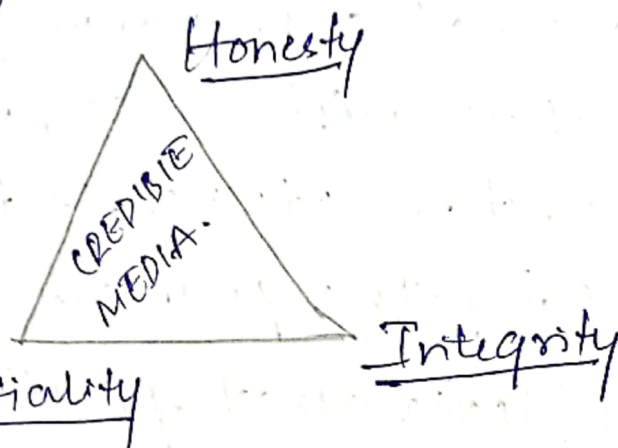
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government, favour the powerful and let injustice thrive, where as, the same media can expose scam in administration, scrutinize the public policy and strengthen people. Media can also influence people and change their way of thinking. As it is widely said "You become what you see". Media with impartiality and favouritism is detrimental to democracy.

Therefore, A credible media is the sign of strength. ~~and~~ A credible media will only make the fourth pillar strong. But, what decides the credi-

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Utility of Media!



A credible media is the one which reports honestly. It is the one that ensures highest level of organisational integrity and the one that diffuses impartial opinion to the public. If any one of this principle is compromised, then media may lose its credibility.

A dishonest media propagates fake news and spreads misinformation. It may display

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creative news leading to communal disharmony and social unrest. It can incite and nurture editorial views in the public.

Media that practices partisanship influences public opinion, thereby impacting election outcomes. Partisanship interferes with the electoral process and leads to unpopular government by subverting democratic principles.

Media without integrity is not sensitive to public issues. Its main purpose is to perceive personal interests and extract as much profit

as possible. Every kind of media only works to increase "TRP" and at the cost of fairness.

Indian media is not immune to above practices. The Press Freedom of India; ranks Indian media at the bottom percentile. This is a cause of concern as it displays the degree of autonomy prevailing media that reflects its credibility. Supreme Court in its various rulings has rightly emphasized the importance of a credible media to uphold the constitutional morality. A corrupt media curtails freedom of speech by denying opportunity. It also

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Violate the fundamental right
to true information ultimately
affecting the Right to dignified
life.

Indian media has recently
grown ~~insent~~ insensitive to
public issues. There has been
instance ^{when} ~~where~~ media channels
were reluctant to display
the conditions of flood and
drought affected areas. Most
of media channels have turned
~~but~~ for sensational news bites
and fashion influencers.
They constantly report on
Hollywood happenings
ignoring the more serious
world in hand.

The decline of Investigative media, and the rise of propo-
gative media is the sign of
media losing its credibility.
India has very few news channels
that do investigative work.
Media houses in Western societies,
like Reuters, equally give
importance to investigation
and information. It credits
media as the one which inves-
tigates before publishing or
reporting anything. Investiga-
tive journalism lies at the
core of credibility of media,
which is highly missing in
India.

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Media channels in India have been hijacked by political ideologues. This has led to selective choice of panelist and turned media debates into mockery. Media has turned into a platform to launch political attacks and fulfill personal ambitions. Anchors, journalists and editors are not conforming with the code of ethics. Few of them have lost integrity which has impacted the image of media as whole.

Despite its challenges, Indian media actively supported the fight against COVID-19

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Pandemic. It has performed its role by criticising the inefficiency of government response to pandemic. It has ^{also} helped the government in diffusing true information about the availability of hospital beds and oxygen cylinders during the second wave of pandemic. It has played a central role in circulating COVID responsible behaviour among the public through carrying out awareness campaigns.

Media also helped the students stuck in the Ukraine during Russian invasion. It helped them communicate with their parents and Indian embassies in war hit areas.

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A strong media in the past
has successfully exposed the
scams and ~~thought~~ ^{enforced} accountability
of government.

It is high time that
media be considered as a public
service and journalists as public
servants. The ultimate goal
of media must be to promote
public welfare. Media must
also actively help the government
in identifying public issues. It
must also take responsibility to
~~ensure~~ investigate and provide
solutions. A strong fourth
pillar is the one that sticks
to highest ethical standards.
We all must collectively strive

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to build trust in media and
repair its lost credibility because
a credible media will definitely
lead to strong democracy.

