

“Demo Essay Writing Note for Mains Exam 2025 Candidates”

Essay Evaluation Blueprint –

Essay Evaluation Blueprint has seven evaluation criteria, consisting of sixteen assessment aspects and their thirty-seven marking parameters.

Seven Evaluation Criteria

1. Format and structure
2. Organisation and order
3. Content
4. Form
5. Writing manner
6. Language
7. Examiner's discretion

Sixteen Assessment Aspects

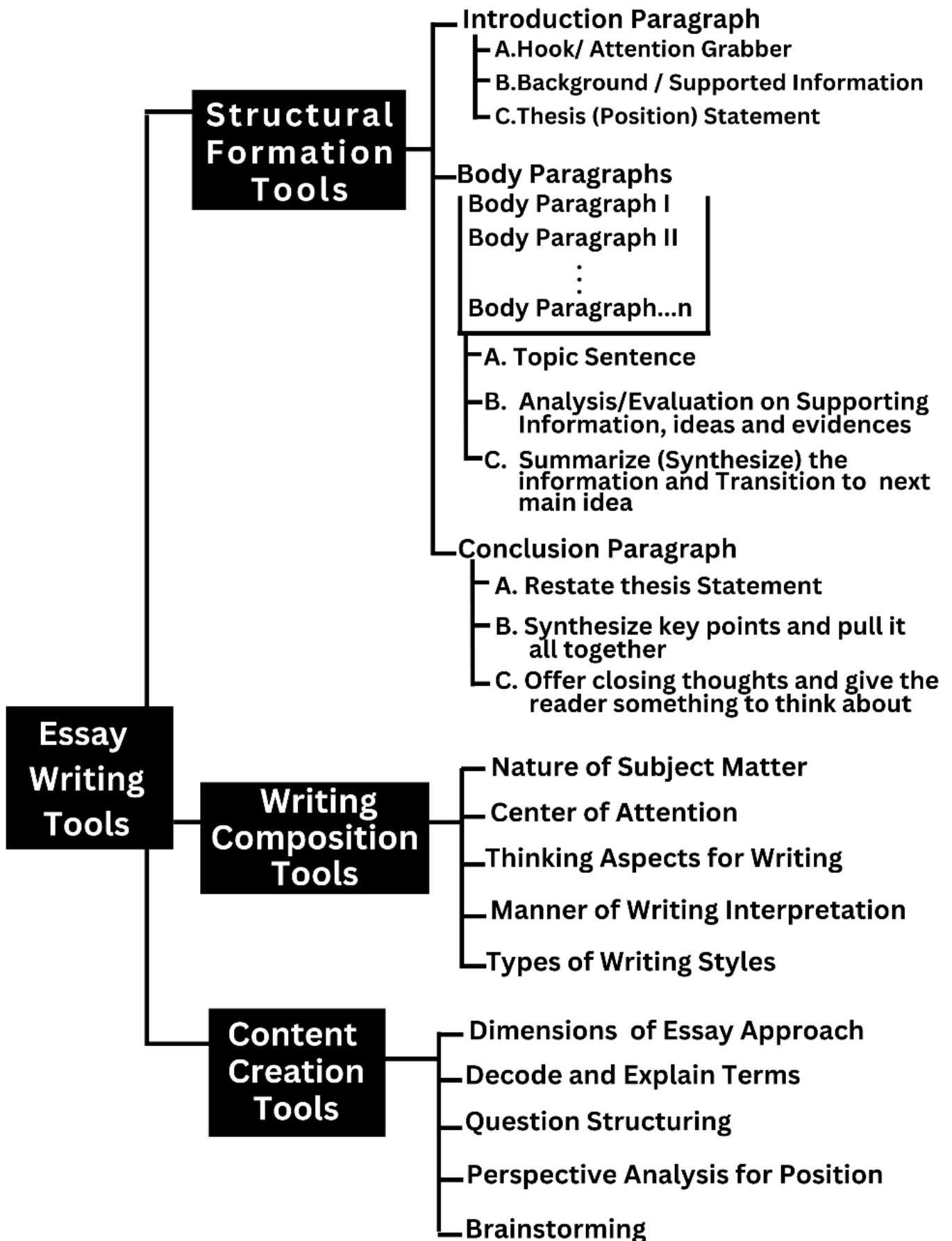
1. Introduction paragraph
2. Body paragraphs
3. Conclusion paragraph
4. Structural flow
5. Sequential flow
6. Interpretation of Information
7. Supported material
8. Point of views and innovative ideas
9. Presentation of content material
10. Technical correctness of content material
11. Way of prose writing
12. Covering aspects of topic statements
13. Meaning and tone
14. Spelling and grammar
15. Sheet instructions
16. Sense of writing

Thirty-seven marking parameters

1. Is the Hook (Introduced) statement concise and catchy?
2. Is there any background/supported information related to the topic statement?
3. Is there a clear position/thesis statement and is it justified by valid reasons?
4. Do the paragraphs support the position?
5. Do the paragraphs provide specific justification through supporting elements?
6. Do the paragraphs make a clear conclusion that summarizes and transitions to the next main idea?
7. Does the paragraph restate the thesis statement?
8. Does the paragraph synthesize key points and pull them all together?
9. Does the paragraph presents a concluding thought?
10. Is there a proper structural flow between paragraphs?
11. Is there a proper sequential flow of ideas and information within the paragraphs?
12. Is the interpretation of information and ideas in each paragraph consistent with the context?
13. Is the interpretation of information and ideas in each paragraph be appropriate and accurate?
14. Do the supported elements match the context and not biased?

15. Are the supported elements proven?
16. Do the supporting elements help the claim or argument?
17. Are the Point of views and Innovative ideas helping to understand the issue?
18. Are the Point of views and Innovative ideas engaging and unique?
19. Are Point of views and Innovative ideas are logically correct?
20. Do Point of views and Innovative Ideas reflect thinking skills?
21. Are the content points justified with reasons?
22. Are the ideas, information, and supporting elements consistent and organised?
23. Is there technically correct use of criticism, analytical skills, argument-counter-argument development or comparison etc. in literary works?
24. Is the writing style consistent with the nature of the principle statement of the topic?
25. Is the prose appropriately neutral or formal?
26. Does the prose serve the purpose of the essay topic?
27. Are the key writing dimensions of the topic covered?
28. Is the Meaning of the language clear and precise?
29. Is the Tone of the language forthright and friendly?
30. Are the words spelled correctly?
31. Is the grammar of the sentences error-free?
32. Is the writing work performed in the space provided?
33. Is the answer (essay) written within the given word limit?
34. Is the sense of written expression well - written?
35. Is the handwriting understandable?
36. Are the information and ideas relevant to contemporary issues or problems and capable of offering solutions?
37. Does the writing reflect positive impact compared to others and is well structured?

Key Essay Writing Tools that make an Essay Outstanding-



Practice Example

Essay Topic

“Peace is the cornerstone element that brings all other elements into existence”

We are using this example to understand how aspirants should practice essay writing in the Novice Stage. We are comprehensively discussing every point of the essay writing tools, so that aspirants develop an understanding and thinking of essay writing. After practicing at least five (05) essays in this manner, aspirants do need to go so deep into the pre-writing task.

Pre - Writing Work

1. Writing Composition

1.a Nature of Subject Matter

The Subject of essay has deep meaning and containing comprehensive and universal phenomena. Therefore, the topic is categorised in Profound Essay category.

The understanding and knowledge of the subject can be examined and analyzed through beliefs, observations and justifications. For this reason the nature of the essay reflects Epistemological Philosophy.

1.b Center of Attention

Because the nature of the topic is philosophical and the goal of writing is to persuade the examiner towards the author's position and justification. Therefore, the essay can be classified as Reader-Centric.

1.c Thinking Aspects for Writing

Critically Examine to take position.

Critically Analyse to make judgement.

1.d Manner of Writing Interpretation

The nature of essay is philosophical and based on opinions, personal experiences and universal beliefs, so almost all sentences are composed in a Subjective Manner.

Very less writing part of essay is based on facts and proofs and reflects writing in an Objective Manner, specially where judgment based facts are required.

1.e Types of Writing Interpretation

- a. Philosophical Writing (approx. 45%)
- b. Analytical Writing (approx. 20%)
- c. Persuasive Writing (approx. 15%)
- d. Reflective Writing (approx. 10%)

Why Philosophical Writing?

Writing of essay subject includes original arguments, arguments reconstructions, objections and philosophical and ideological experiments.

Why Analytical Writing?

Uncover the deeper meaning of specific statements and evidences with critically illustrate the connections between diverse ideas and evidences.

Why Persuasive Writing?

Get the examiner to agree with your arguments and evidences.

Why Reflective Writing?

To make links between theory and practice; also between past and present understanding or knowledge.

2.Content Creation

2.a Dimensions of Essay Approach

- a. Philosophical Approach
- b. Psychological Approach
- c. Historical
- d. Social Approach
- e. Political Approach
- f. Contemporary Approach

Why Philosophical Approach?

Discuss arguments and reasoning on fundamental ideas of peace and it's relationship with human existence.

Why Psychological Approach?

Asses how peace could impact human conscious and reflects in human actions in different perspectives, (extremism, violence, war etc.)

Why Historical Approach?

Exploring context by looking at past events and trends relate to the peace.

Why Social Approach?

Examining the role of peace in existence of sustainable human society including community dynamics and cultural harmony.

Why Political Approach?

Exploring the importance of peace on political landscape for national and global stability along with security.

Why Contemporary Approach?

Analysing the role of peace at various levels of human existence (individual, social, political and international) through contemporary evidence.

2.b Perspective Analysis for Position and Thesis Statement

a.First Perspective Analysis: Analysis on Original Statement:

"Peace is the cornerstone element, that brings all other elements into existence."

When the original statement is analyzed two parts of statement could be found. First Assertion Part and Second Judgement on Assertion.

Assertion: Peace is the Cornerstone element.

Judgement on Assertion: Peace as a cornerstone element, brings all other elements into existence.

b.Second Perspective Analysis: Analysis on Hidden Context

Both the assertion and the judgment make two things clear: first, both are philosophical in nature and second, both have a Hidden Context. Both statements put two questions, when critically analyse for hidden context:

- 1) For whom is peace the cornerstone?
- 2) For whom does peace as the cornerstone element bring all other elements into being?

Because statement is philosophical in nature, therefore the opposite perspective should also be same as original statement. Opposite of peace can be violence (most appropriate), war, conflict etc. and in philosophical sense these all related to whether the human life or human existence. Therefore, opposite statement can be:

"Violence is the cornerstone element that destroys all other elements of human existence."

(opposite view point)

When both questions and contrary statement is critically analyzed, the hidden context of original statement may be human life or human existence.

New Form and Perspective of the original statement:

Assertion Statement: Peace is the cornerstone element of human life / human existence.

Judgement on Assertion: Peace is the cornerstone element of human existence that brings into existence all other elements of human life.

c.Third Perspective Analysis: Analysis on Metaphor 'Cornerstone Element'

Critically, this new statement poses two questions to analyse:

First Question: How does peace play a role as a cornerstone element in human existence?

Second Question: How does peace play a role in the existence of all other elements of human life?

As to analyze first question, values and virtues find the core elements of human existence that result from human actions based on mental state or consciousness. This mental state is the result of peace and scholars termed as inner peace.

The analysis on the second question concludes the existence of all other elements at different levels of human existence. Sustainability at the social level, justice at the political level and human rights at the international level are other elements result of peace. Scholars have termed such peace as external peace or outer peace.

New Perspective of the Original Statement

"Internal peace is the cornerstone element of human consciousness and develops values in human character while external peace brings all essential elements of sustainable societies, stable states and war-free international regions".

Therefore, the Position Statement can be:

"Peace is the cornerstone element of human existence that brings into existence all other elements at various levels of human life (individual, social, political and international)."

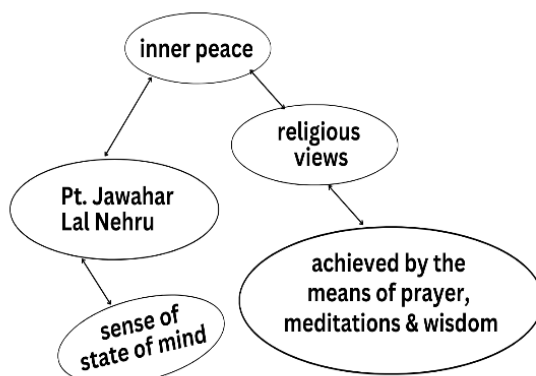
Explanation of Terms of Position Statement for Writing a Thesis Statement:

- 1) State of mind and endurance are essential elements of human's existence resulting from peace. (individual level)
- 2) Freedom is the essential element of prosperous society resulting from peace. (social level)
- 3) Justice is the essential element of stable state resulting from peace. (political level)
- 4) Human Rights are the essential elements of war free global regions resulting from peace. (international level)

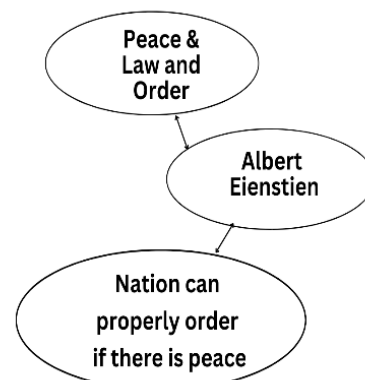
2.c Brainstorming

A. Cluster – Brainstorming

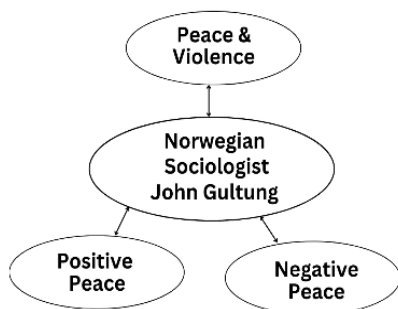
i. Clustering on Inner Peace



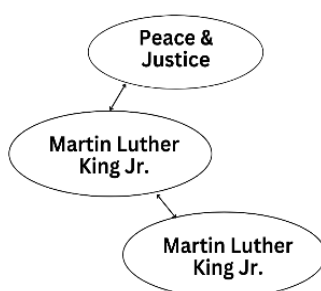
ii. Clustering on Peace & Law



iii. Clustering on Peace & Violence



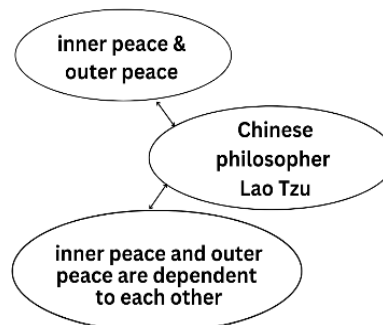
iv. Clustering on Peace & Justice



v. Peace & Human Rights



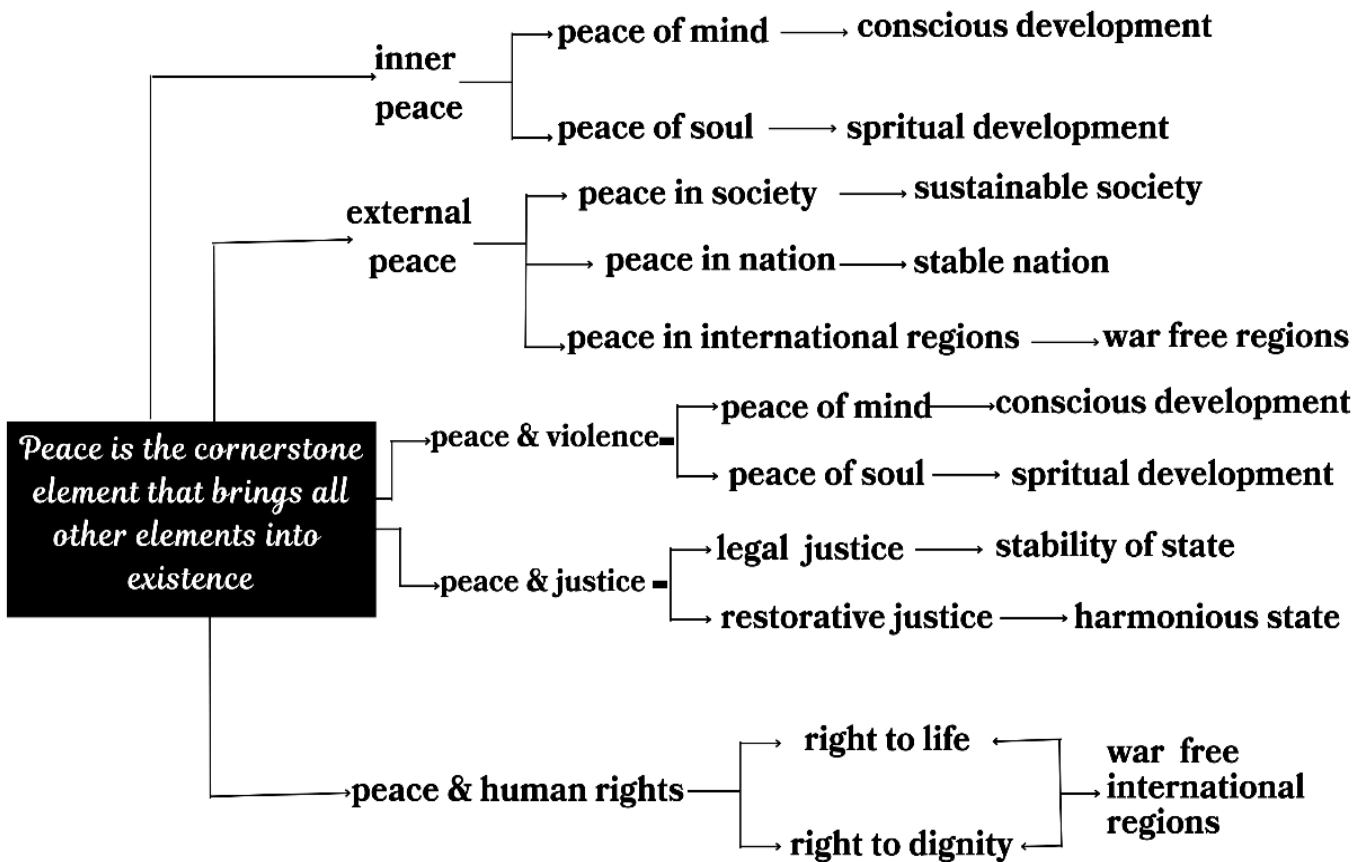
vi. Inner Peace & External Peace



B. Table (T) – Brainstorming

Key Element	Argument	Counter- Argument
inner peace and external peace are dependent to each other.	inner peace guarantees human existence while outer peace sustain that guarantee.	inner peace and outer peace are independent. individual development is the goal of inner peace while socio-political development is the goal of external peace.
inner peace is the core, the essence and the firm foundation of external peace.	if a society doesn't want conflict, war, violence then the people of society should search peace within themselves.	External peace is the sense of sustainable and secure society which plays an important role in supporting individual to get inner peace.

C. Mind Map – Brainstorming



Essay

“ Peace is the cornerstone element that brings all other elements into existence”

Introduction Paragraph

In the contemporary times of these global conflicts, whether it is the Russian-Ukraine conflict or the Israel-Iran conflict or many others, our understanding of peace is in the absence of war or in another sense in armies fighting wars to win peace. However, this is only one political view of peace but not the only meaning because during a time without war it does not mean that people are at peace and society is peaceful while problems or hostilities still exist. Other than a political perspective, philosophers and scholars from all walks of life through history, be they religious gurus or sociologists, have stated peace as the greatest and highest goal or hope and they wish to achieve individually and for society and the world.

Furthermore, when we study scholars and researchers around the world, we find that they advocate peace as an essential element of human existence from history till now, and bring all other elements according to the context of use. For example, state of mind and endurance are essential elements of a person's existence resulting from peace.

Moreover, freedom and human rights, essential elements of a prosperous society, and justice and security, essential elements of a stable state, can only be possible when there is a peaceful society. On the other side, if we refer to the state of a place or an atmosphere, peace means quietness and silence. Yet, to understand the true meaning of peace it is important to analyse how its various aspects bring all the other elements into existence.

Body Paragraph – I

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru emphasized on peace in the sense of a state of mind. He stated "Peace is not merely the absence of war but it is also a state of mind and peace can come only to peaceful people". Here, in his view peace is not a relationship between nations, rather it is a state of mind arising from peace of soul, scholars consider it to be internal peace or inner peace.

Internal peace is called by another word inner peace is peace of mind or soul. It is a state of calm, serenity and tranquillity of mind that arise due to having no sufferings or mental disturbances such as worry, anxiety, greed, desire, hatred, ill-will, delusion and/or other defilements. Internal peace is peace within oneself; it is derived from practicing or training of mind of an individual. Sometimes, a man can create and maintain his inner peace in the noisy surrounding or in the un-peaceful society. In the view of religions, this type of peace can be reached by means of prayer, meditation, wisdom and other ways.

Body Paragraph – II

Norwegian sociologist Johan Galtung linked the terms peace and violence and found that peace is the absence of violence and should be used as a social goal. Scholars have called it external peace or outer peace, which can be achieved through the attainment of all social virtues. Galtung further said that just as a coin has two sides, external peace also has two sides, negative peace and positive peace. Negative peace is the absence of personal violence while positive peace is an absence of structural violence or social justice.

Body Paragraph – III

The connection between peace and justice is intrinsic. The famous American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. also believed that peace is the result of the justice. In his view, definition of peace focusing only on the absence of unhappy situations was not satisfactory, but peace should also include justice in society because according to him, "true peace is not merely the absence of tension; this is the presence of justice".

Furthermore, Albert Einstein's perception to peace was almost similar, but he also mentioned law and order. He stated, "Peace is not only an absence of war, but it means or includes the presence of justice, law, order or government ". In his sight,

peace is an indication that the affairs of state is harmonious and properly ordered. It is a state of tranquillity, a sense that “all’s right with the world.”

Body Paragraph - IV

Beyond the level of individual societies and states, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama believes that peace must also be achieved at the level of humanity in the form of human rights. He, said” Peace, in the sense of the absence of war is of little value peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free”. From his point, we can say that peace means respect for human rights, wellbeing of people and freedom of individuals and nations.

Body Paragraph - V

According to Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu is both inner peace and outer peace are dependent on each other as the former guarantees and sustains the latter. In this context, the famous saying of Lao Tzu is, “If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations. If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbours.

If there is to be peace between neighbours, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart”. It clearly shows that internal peace influences external peace. It is like a big building which has to be grounded or constructed by the first brick and peace is also built likewise.

Body Paragraph - VI

Internal peace is the core, the essence and the firm foundation of external peace. Internal peace represents individual’s peace while external peace represents peace in society. It is well known that society is a combination of each individual. If society is good, it is useful for the development of the individual’s life quality. If each individual is at peace, society combined with each peaceful individual, has peace too. On the contrary, external peace in the sense of peaceful society or good society has an important role in supporting an individual to get inner peace.

For instance, Dalai Lama stated same in his statement, "We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves. That is, if a society does not want war, conflict, violence, loss, murder, then people in such a society are searching for peace within themselves. Internal peace is essential; it is generally regarded as true peace and as a real foundation of peace in society or peace in the world.

Conclusion Paragraph

Therefore, from history of human existence till now, peace appears to be a gift that brings into existence all the other elements like virtue and most importantly security which leads to creating free minds and sustainable societies. No doubt, inner peace and outer peace are two different but interrelated concepts but inner peace is the true basis of peace in the society.

Mahatma Gandhi concluded the same in his statement “Each one has to find his peace from within and peace to be real must be unaffected by outside circumstances”. Ultimately, just as environment is the reason for the existence of various aspects of human life, so is peace.

**HOW TO
WRITE? OUTSTANDING**

UPSC CSE ESSAY

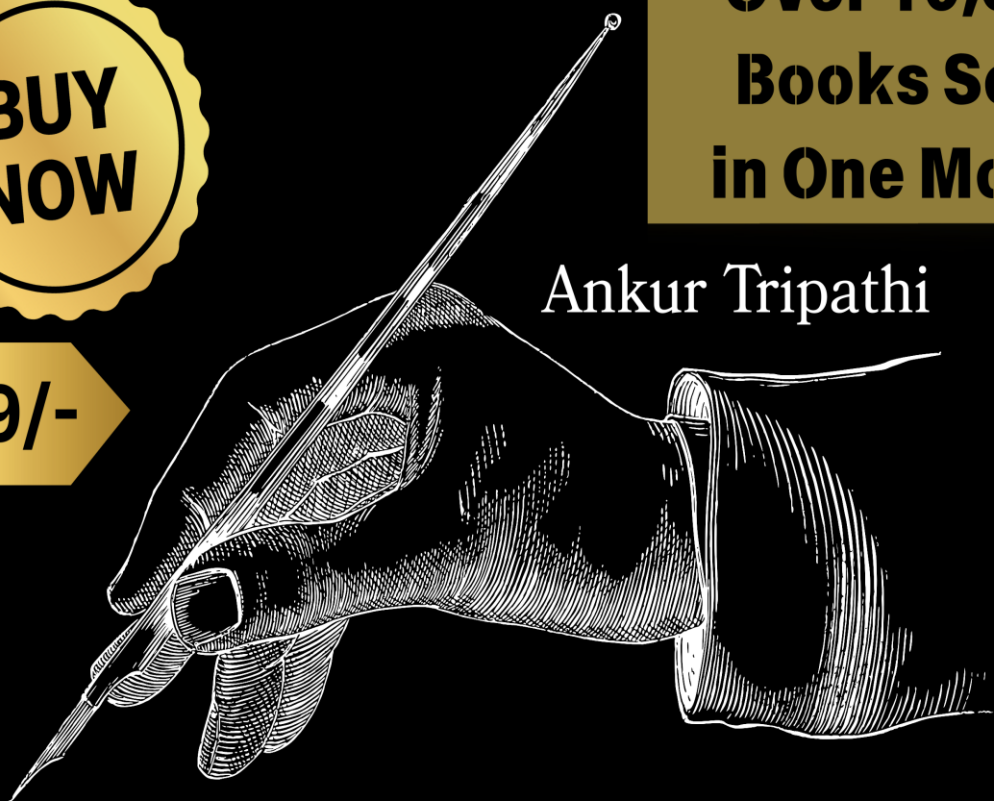
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