

UPSC MAINS 2024 ESSAY

MAXIMUM MARKS 250

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

ESSAY

QUESTION PAPER

Write **two** essays, choosing **one** topic from each of the following section A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: $125 \times 2 = 250$

SECTION A

- **Q1.** Forests precede civilizations and deserts follow them.
- **Q2.** The empires of the future will be the empires of the mind.
- **Q3.** There is no path to happiness; Happiness is the path.
- **Q4.** The doubter is a true man of science.

SECTION B

- **Q5.** Social media is triggering 'Fear of Missing Out' amongst the youth, precipitating depression and loneliness.
- **Q6.** Nearly all men can stand adversity, but to test the character, give him power.
- **Q7.** All ideas having large consequences are always simple.
- **Q8.** The cost of being wrong is less than the cost of doing nothing.