

**ESSAY PAPER: UPSC Civil Services Mains  
Examination – 2019**

**Instructions**

- Total Marks: 250 marks, Time duration: 3 hours.
- The essay must be written in the medium authorized in the admission certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this question-cum-answer (QCA) booklet in the space provided.
- No marks will be given for answers written in the medium other than authorized one.
- Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank, must be struck off clearly.

**SECTION – A**

**Write any one of the following essays in 1000-1200 words (125 marks)**

1. Wisdom finds truth
2. Values are not what humanity is, but what humanity ought to be
3. Best for an Individual is not necessarily best for the society
4. Courage to accept and dedication to improve are two keys to success

**SECTION – B**

**Write any one of the following essays in 1000-1200 words (125 marks)**

1. South Asian societies are woven not around the state, but around their plural cultures and identities.
2. Neglect of primary health care and education in India are reasons for its backwardness
3. Biased media is a real threat to Indian democracy
4. Rise of Artificial Intelligence: the threat of jobless future or better job opportunities through reskilling and upskilling.