

## ESSAY QUESTION PAPER - UPSC Civil Services IAS Mains - 2023

*Time allowed: 3:00 Hr.*

*Marks: 250*

### QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

**(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)**

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 a medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Write two essays, choosing, choosing one topic from each of Sections A and B, in about 1000 - 1200 words each: (125x2=250)

#### SECTION 'A'

1. Thinking is like a game, it does not begin unless there is an opposite team.
2. Visionary decision-making happens at the intersection of intuition and logic.
3. Not all who wander are lost.
4. Inspiration for creativity springs from the effort to look for the magical in the mundane.

#### SECTION 'B'

5. Girls are weighed down by restrictions, boys with demands - two equally harmful disciplines
6. Mathematics is the music of reason.
7. A society that has more justice is a society that needs less charity.
8. Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.