



ESSAY

STRATEGY SESSION

For CSE 2027

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UPSC 2026 ESSAY PAPER

Section A

- Q1. Oxymorons reflect the ironies of life.**
- Q2. A grateful mind is very beautiful.**
- Q3. A thorn is a changed bud.**
- Q4. When two elephants fight, it is the grass that gets trampled.**

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Section B

Q5. Nature is the symbol of the spirit.

Test 4, Topic 1: One touch of nature makes the whole world kin (Essay Test Series 2026)

Q6. A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers.

Test 1, Topic 1: Without education, wisdom was lost; without wisdom, morals were lost (Essay Test Series 2026)

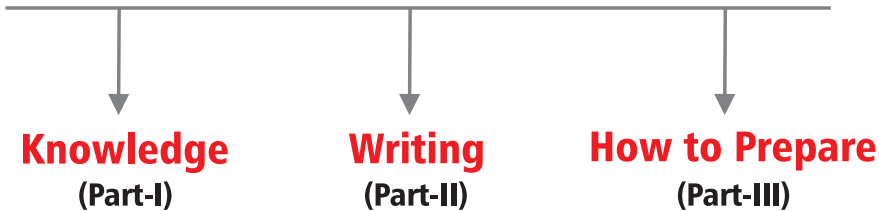
Q7. Shelving hard decisions is the least ethical course.

Essay Crash Course Day 3, Topic 2: The cost of being wrong is less than the cost of doing nothing.

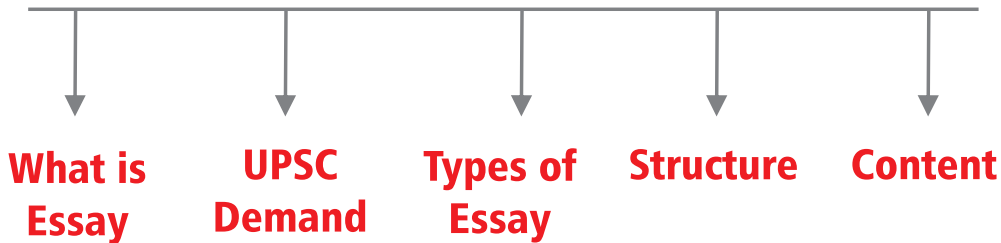
Q8. A good leader is one who follows the followers.

Test 2, Topic 1: A good leader is one who says 'we have done it'; not 'I have done it' (MIGP 2025)

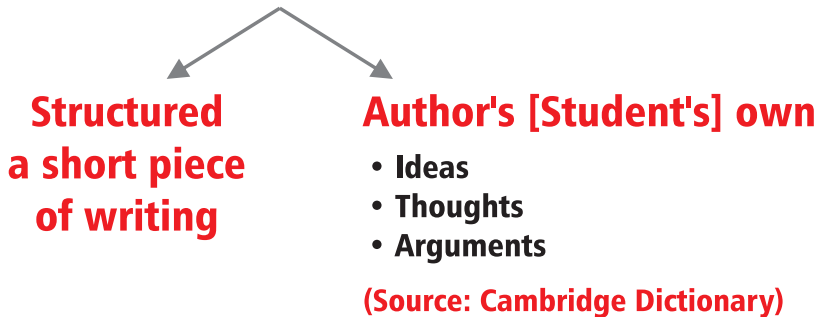
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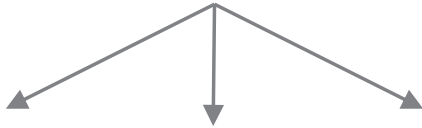
Part-I : Knowledge



Meaning of Essay



UPSC Demand (As per notification)



**Ideas
Arranged
in orderly
fashion**

**Content
is
Concise**

**Expression is
Exact or close
to the topic
and effective**

**= Originality
Analysis
Coherent
Perspective**

Types of Essay

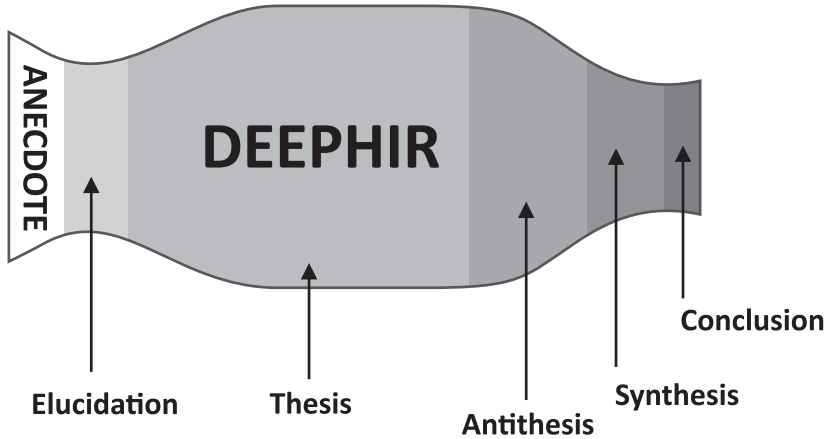
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Applied
Least
Philosophical

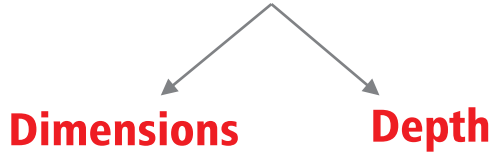
**Aphorism /
Phrases / Quotes**
Partially
Philosophical

Philosophical
Fully
Philosophical

Structure of Essay



Content



- Dimensions vs. Depth
- Structure vs. Content

Dimensions

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graph TD; Dimensions --> PESTEL; Dimensions --> DEEPHIR; Dimensions --> IM3;
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PESTEL (Old)

P – Political
E – Economy
S – Society
T – Technology
E – Environment
L – Legal

DEEPHIR

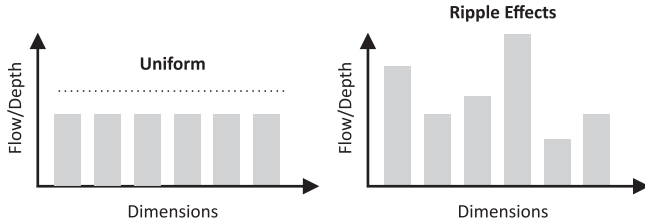
D – Dialectical
E – Ecocentricism
E – Economy
**P – Philosophical /
Psychological**
H – Humanistic
I – IR
R – Regulatory Governance

IM³

I – Individual
M – Micro Level
M – Meso Level
M – Macro Level

Depth

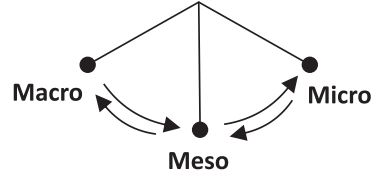
Content Flow & Analysis



Pendulum

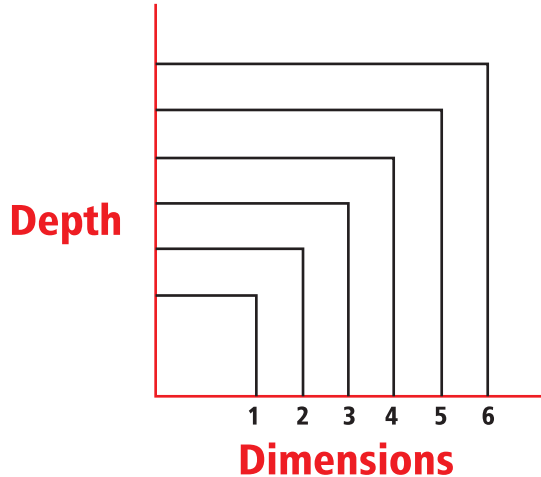
Each Paragraph to look like
Pendulum type

Argument Pendulum

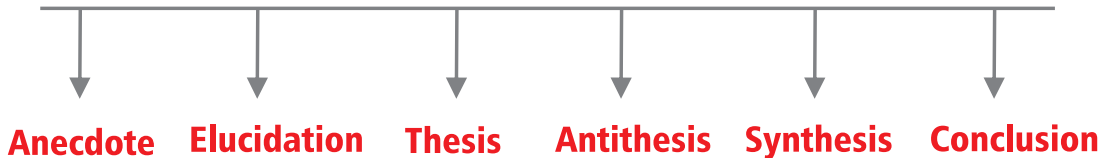


with a psychometric reflection

Dimensions **vs.** Depth

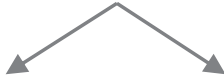


Part-II : Writing



Content - Applied X
- Philosophical ✓

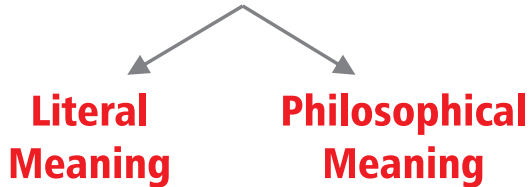
Anecdotes



**Analogical /
Historical / Mythological**

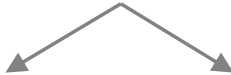
**Current Developments
based Story**

Elucidation



Elaboration

(PESTEL vs. DEEPHIR)



**Thesis
Dimensions**

**Antithesis
Dimensions**

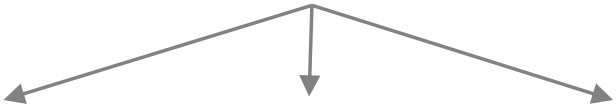
Synthesis & Conclusion



Middle Path
Doctrine of Mean

Futuristic / Optimistic
+
Quote

Part-III : Preparation



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graph TD; A[Part-III : Preparation] --> B[Themes  
(Popular Themes)]; A --> C[Resources  
• Quotes  
• Meanings  
• Leaders / Philosophers]; A --> D[Writing Practice  
Adequate Practice]
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Themes
(Popular Themes)

Resources

- Quotes
- Meanings
- Leaders / Philosophers

Writing Practice

Adequate
Practice