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Roll No.....

Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
Course Code –CC1103

Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 40

Learning Outcomes

The students will be able to:

1. Identify different perspectives objectively.
 2. Explain interconnectedness of the issues and their impact at micro and macro levels.
 3. Recognize their own beliefs, biases, claims and assumptions.
 4. Evaluate sources, argue and defend effectively.
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(SECTION 1)

Across the globe, millions join biggest climate protest ever

Young and old alike took to the streets in an estimated 185 countries to demand action

Millions of people demonstrated across the world yesterday demanding urgent action to tackle global heating, as they united across time zones and cultures to take part in the biggest climate protest in history.

In an explosion of the youth movement started by the Swedish school striker Greta Thunberg just over 12 months ago, people protested from the Pacific islands, through Australia, across south east Asia and Africa into Europe and onwards to the America.

(The Guardian)

Q1- Do you think that global warming is most likely to be reduced by global, local or individual action? (10 marks)

(LO-1 & 2)

In your answer you should:

- Give reasons for your opinion;
- Give relevant examples to support your opinion (you may use your own experience);

(SECTION 2)

Source 1:

Teachers needed worldwide According to the United Nations

Obtaining a quality education helps to improve lives and achieve sustainable development. In 2015, 91 per cent of children attended primary school but 57 million children still had no access to primary education. To ensure all children obtain a quality education, more teachers and schools are needed in many areas of the world.

Extract from a UNESCO website

Source 2:

The benefits of good education have a significant impact on a child's life. This begins before children start attending school. Parents can help prepare children for education by encouraging them to talk, reading stories and playing games. This helps children to learn language by using words, songs and body actions. By the time they begin school they can communicate better and are more confident. Good education should continue at school and will have many positive effects. Children who receive good education are more likely to be healthy and happy, less likely to commit crime and more likely to get a well-paid job. There are also effects at the national level. Better educated children will be more productive employees in the future. They will also be able to fill important roles that a country needs, such as doctors and teachers. Education is also important for children to become informed and active citizens.

Adapted from a blog on education

Source 3:

Education, for most of us, is a necessary public good central to the task of nation building and, like fresh air, is necessary to make our communities come alive; it should not be driven solely by market demand for certain skills, or be distracted by the admittedly disruptive impact, for instance, of Artificial Intelligence. This form of education should be unshackled from the chains of deprivation, and "affordable" education, for instance in JNU, is vital to ensure access to even the most marginalized sections of our country. Education policy, in essence, must aim to produce sensitive, creative and upright citizens who are willing to take the less-travelled path and whose professional "skills" will endure revolutions in thinking and technology.

The Hindu, November 16th 2019

Q-2 A- Explain why the provision of quality education is an important national issue? — (10 marks) (LO-1 & 4)

Q2 B-

Your government wants to improve education for everyone in school. **(10 marks)**

The following areas of investment are being considered:

- Provide more money for school buildings and equipment
- Improve the number and quality of teachers
- Scholarships

-Which one of these actions would you recommend to the government, and why?

(LO 4)

In your answer you should:

- State your recommendation
- Give reasons to support your choice

(SECTION 3)

Elon Musk usually isn't one for advocating regulation and oversight.

But when it comes to AI, he doesn't mince words. AI is humanity's "biggest existential threat," he once proclaimed to some controversy. While that statement may be overblown, the fears aren't: AI will be the next technological force that transforms the face of society—for better or worse—much as the industrial revolution once did.

Q 3 -A.I. brings impressive applications, with remarkable benefits for all of us; but there are notable unanswered questions with social, political or ethical facets.

Is Artificial Intelligence a Threat to Humanity?.....(10 marks)

(LO 1)

- Give reasons for your opinion;
- Give relevant examples to support your opinion (you may use your own experience);
- Show that you have considered different perspectives.