**GP Essay Outline - Science and Technology**

**Too much responsibility is placed on science and technology to fulfill the hopes of modern society. Discuss.**

**Type of question - DYA**

**Thinking aspect:**

For this question, the focus of this question is to examine whether there is too much expectation for Science and Technology to solve the problems and achieve the dreams of modern society. To examine this, we need to show how the different features of science and technology will affect modern society and whether these hopes of modern society can be achieved.There is also a need to elaborate on the responsibilities placed by modern society on science and technology and identify the reasons why the expectations are not fulfilled. For the do you agree type of question, the relevance of the question is seen from the paragraphs that help to explain the supporting view and the rebuttal in response to the opposing view.

**Introduction**

Modern society, compared to society in previous times, has different hopes unique to its time and place. Over the years, we have achieved much with science and technology to overcome a perilous environment and reduce the casualty of disasters and have deployed it to raise the comfort, conduciveness and betterment of life. Consequently, we have an expectation that sees Science and Technology as novel solutions to achieve our hopes of modern society. While there is no doubt that science and technology has made our lives easier in countless ways, allowed us to live longer, and has created a true global society, the critics against Science and technology have this firm belief that they can cure all that ails mankind is one that is excessive and unsupported. In view of these controversial opinions, this essay takes the stand that too much responsibility is placed on science and technology to fulfill the hopes of modern society.

**Main Body**

Point 1 - Opposing view

Right now, much has been invested in the research and development of vaccines and cures for many terminal diseases. It is true that in the face of these diseases, the only viable solutions are science and technology as how they can be solved by solutions of any other nature is rather inconceivable.

Point 2 - Rebuttal

Although these scientific and technological solutions are effective, there are underlying issues which are economic in nature, hence limiting the ability of science and technology to become the problem solver for the ills of modern society.

Point 3 - Supporting view 1

We are placing too much responsibility on science and technology to solve our environmental problems as a way to not hold ourselves accountable and taking the easy way out to not adopt actionable steps to solving the issue.

Point 4 - Supporting view 2

Science and Technology has placed a huge role in empowering the people in developing countries through technology. However, too much responsibility should not be placed on it as it is also important to use other methods to empower the masses.

Point 5 - Supporting view 3

In addition, we place science and technology on such a high pedestal and we fail to realise that science and technology themselves create problems which they cannot solve, at least not in the foreseeable future.

**Conclusion**

Some of our hopes may require science and technology to be fulfilled, and can only be fulfilled through such methods. Other hopes need to be complemented by other means such as our own human effort, something we at times realise and at other times do not. Science and technology may also lull us into a sense of complacency, deluding us into thinking that they are our answers; alternatively we may just be using them as convenient excuses to shirk our responsibilities. A proper sense of responsibility would mean that we acknowledge that science and technology is a tool we should use, but also that there are some hopes modern society has that cannot be fulfilled by anyone or anything else but ourselves.