**General Paper – Prelim 2018 – RI**

Answer one question.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1. Examine the extent to which fashion can be considered art.

2. ‘Surveillance of the people is a necessary evil.’ Discuss.

3. Evaluate the claim that statistics is more misleading than helpful.

4. ‘Women have never had it better.’ How true is this?

5. ‘In today’s society, people are slaves to technology.’ What is your view?

6. ‘Money and sports should never mix.’ How realistic is this position?

7. ‘The cost of quitting social media is too high.’ Discuss.

8. ‘Young people celebrate the wrong heroes.’ How far is this true in your society today?

9. Assess the view that international organisations are mostly ineffective.

10. Consider the argument that the world would be a better place if people put their faith in science rather than in religion.

11. ‘Now more than ever, it is challenging to lead a healthy life.’ To what extent is this true in your society?

12. ‘We travel a lot but learn very little.’ Is this true of tourism today?

4. ‘Women have never had it better.’ How true is this?

Nature of discussion

Manifestation of the phrase – “have never had it better”

* Proposition – Women have better opportunities, status, enjoyment, education, independence and freedom, restrictions

Types of question – EOA, DYA

Category – Social, Economics, politics, education, values, culture

Structure of discussion

Type A – DYA

1. Introduction

* 1.1 Observation – general view
* 1.2 Perspectives
* Women can have it better
* Woman are still suffering or restrained
* 1.3 stand

Main body

1. Opposing view – linking sentence

1.1 The manner of argument

* Constraints and restrictions faced by women
* How it will be detrimental to them
* Why it is difficult for women to attain betterment

1. Rebuttal – linking sentence

* Prove why the opposing view is wrong

1. Supporting view. Economics

What is the reason for woman to think that women are having better life from the economic angle?

* Focus on explaining the manifestation of better life – rather than on the reason (no wage disparity, equal employment opportunities, lesser discrimination)
* Eg – SMEs set by woman, career of women, employment opportunities in different fields
* 3.2 Social
* Social values, social expectation, social status and social interaction
* Eg – freedom to socialize and break away dogmatic social restriction
  1. Politics (supporting)

Voting rights (citizenship), personal protection, entitlement to social welfare

Political leadership –

Conclusion

* Repeat your stand
* Depending factor – why certain women from certain communities have it better – because of modernisation