

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

UPSC CSE MAINS 2025

MAXIMUM MARKS 250

ESSAY

QUESTION PAPER

Write **Two** essays, choosing **one** topic from each of the following Sections **A** and **B**, in about 1000-1200 words each:

SECTION A

- Q1.** Truth knows no color.
- Q2.** The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.
- Q3.** Thought finds a world and creates one also.
- Q4.** Best lessons are learnt through bitter experiences.

SECTION B

- Q5.** Muddy water is best cleared by leaving it alone.
- Q6.** The years teach much which the days never know.
- Q7.** It is best to see life as a journey, not as a destination.
- Q8.** Contentment is natural wealth; luxury is artificial poverty.