

**2023 – UPSC Mains Essay Paper****Total time: 3 Hours****Total Marks: 250 marks**

**Write an essay by choosing one topics from each section. Word limit: 1000 – 1200 words. [125 X 2=250]**

**Section A**

1. Thinking is like a game, it does not begin unless there is an opposite team
2. Visionary decision-making at the intersection of intuition and logic
3. Not all who wander are lost
4. Inspiration for creativity springs from the effort to look for the magical in the mundane

**Section B**

1. Girls are weighed down by restrictions, boys with demands - two equally harmful disciplines
2. Mathematics is the music of reason
3. A society that has more justice is a society that needs less charity
4. Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school