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# English Essay Practice

"We are Humans but not Humane"

## Outline

1. Introduction
2. Context: Defining terms "Human" and "Humane"
3. M.H.1: Factors Contributing to the Inhumanity Aspect of Humans

### Individual Level

- a) Human nature is selfish, focuses on personal gain, and materialistic  
(E.g. Thomas Hobbes on human nature and increasing consumerism)
- b) Increasing technology adoption leading to reduced empathy  
(E.g. Role of social media in reducing face-to-face interaction)
- c) Desensitisation to violence due to frequent exposure through media  
(E.g. Role of media violence)

- potrayal and violent video games)
- d) Rapid adoption of capitalistic ideals leading to pursuit of wealth resulting in moral decline

### Societal Level

- a) Growing disparities in wealth breeds inhumanity
- b) Cultural norms and practices devalue certain groups and regions (E.g. Caste system in India and Islamophobia in the West)
- c) Institutional failures to uphold humane values (E.g. Unjust Legal Systems)

### Global Level

- a) Global conflicts and wars causing widespread suffering (E.g. Genocide of Palestinians and Ukraine-Russia war)
- b) Economic exploitation of poorer countries by wealthier nations (E.g. British colonisation of

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Africa and Exploitive Labour Practices in China by Apple).

- c) Destruction of the environment by human actions (E.g. Developing nations like Pakistan suffering from severe climate change despite minimal carbon emission contribution)

#### 4. Pathways for Humans to become more Humane

##### Individual Level

- a) Focusing on personal growth through self reflection
- b) Education focused on promoting empathy and awareness. (E.g. Inclusion of Ethics training in School Curriculum)

##### Societal Level

- a) Promoting the concept of collective well-being (E.g. National Integration Policy)
- b) Addressing systematic inequalities (E.g. Advocating for anti-discrimination laws)

- c) Focusing on adapting responsible media practices (E.g. Reducing exposure to violent content and strict trigger warnings)

## Global Level

- a) Increasing international cooperation to address humanitarian crisis (E.g. UN aid and advocacy for Palestine)
- b) Ensuring environmentally sustainable practices (E.g. Paris Agreement)
- c) Raising global awareness about human rights and equality (E.g. International education programs and UN Human Rights Awareness Campaign)

## 5. Conclusion

# Introduction

The human population is increasing rapidly and at the same time, humane values are declining <sup>at</sup> the individual, societal, and global level. In today's world, Capitalism is dominant, humans are blindly pursuing wealth while disparities at the social and economic level are expanding. Despite rapid globalisation, societies especially in the South Asia still adhere to oppressive and unequal practices.

In addition, the current liberal world order has failed to attain peace due to the prevailing occurrences of wars, which have increased human suffering and desensitised humans from violence.

The concept of Imperialism has eroded but colonial mindset is still prevalent, leading to oppression and exploitation. Thus, there is dire need to address the inhumane

practices through targeted ethical education, promotion of the concept of collective well-being, adopting responsible practices, and by raising global awareness at the individual, societal, and global level to revive humanity within humans.

## Conclusion

The existence of humans is based on the concept and values of humanity. Due to rapid societal change through adoption of technology, humans have lost the humane touch.

However, the values of humanity were socially constructed norms by humans themselves and can be

revived at all levels through the concept of absolute gains and education.

Regardless of the inhumane actions in the recent history, there are and always will be personalities which have demonstrated exceptional ability to uphold humane values.

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Such personalities and actions provide hope to the entire humanity that ~~a~~ empathy and compassion are not utopian ideas. A collective effort to bridge the gap between being human and being humane should be made to achieve the greatest potential of humanity.