

# **G|S|SCORE**

**An Institute for Civil Services**

## **IAS TOPPER'S**

### **TEST COPY**

### **ARNAV SHIVENDU**

**RANK - 283**

### **GS MAINS ESSAY**



**www.iasscore.in**

## ESSAY

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

### ***Instructions to Candidate***

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt one essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

*(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).*

### **Remarks**

: Name ARNAV SHIVENDU

Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Arnav

1. Invigilator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Invigilator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION - A**

1. Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
2. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
3. Death is not the greatest loss in life; the greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live.
4. People who are in a fortunate position always attribute virtue to what makes them so happy

**SECTION - B**

1. The only answer to climate change is "change"
2. Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response
3. Universities should be a place for 'creativity', 'out of the box thinking' and 'ideological disruptions'
4. Development means only human development; all other measures of growth are misleading.

3  
Sec A -

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Ram, a civil services aspirant, desires to serve the society. He has failed the examination twice but continues work hard, diligently and finally emerges successful in his third attempt.

Abraham Lincoln after the loss of his fiancee was bedridden, lost 7 elections. But emerged successful in becoming the President of the United States. He led the civil war successfully and abolished slavery ~~was~~ even when after suffering many reversals.

Remarks

The above two cases are simple illustrations of failure, which proves that failure is just a stepping stone to success. In this essay, we shall examine what is glory and failure, the relationship between the two. Over the course of the essay, we shall also highlight various success stories across history and geography. Ultimately, we will focus upon the causes of failure and how to overcome it.

### Glory and Failure: Definition

Glory, in general sense, signifies a state of achievement sensed by an entity whether an individual or a society. It is a consequence of one's constant effort to achieve a goal with zeal and passion irrespective of the adversities. It gives immense joy and happiness.

Remarks

failure, on the other hand, is a transitional situation that marks the inability to achieve a desired goal. It causes despair and dejection but opens a new avenue.

Both glory and failure are a part of one's lifetime. Let us now examine the relationship between the two.

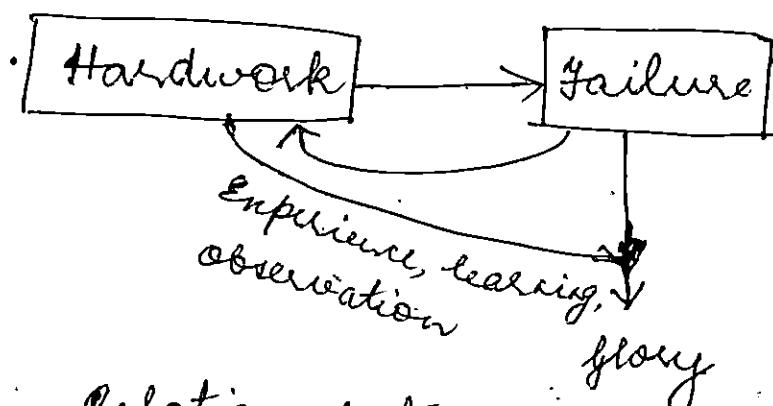
### Glory and Failure - Brother in Arms

Glory for different people has different meanings. For some it is winning an event (sports, art etc), for some it is winning an election, some find glory in serving humanity while others look for glory in nirvana.

But none of these people can escape the reality. All of them are bound to face adversities.

The only thing that differentiates them is how they face the failure, learn from their errors to rise like a phoenix from the ashes to attain glory.

Let us now look at some real life instance



Relation between hardwork, failure and glory

Let us now explore some real life examples to better comprehend the meaning of glory and the means employed by different entities to broaden our understanding of failure - glory cycle.

### Failure to glory - DESPAIR TO DESTINY

During the Indian national movement, from the 1857 War of independence to Swadesi movement, from the Non-cooperation to Quit India movement, the goal of independence remained unfulfilled. But throughout them, as a consequence of the struggle, came out one national consciousness, social reforms across religions, emancipation of woman and depressed classes.

Remarks

Finally, when the independence was won in 1947, did all the failures and the learnings come to build the very foundation of the Republic of India.

Throughout history, women are seen as the other gender. Since the French revolution till today, the demand for equal civil and political rights, demand of a more egalitarian society continues. Some places countries have given them rights while many middle east nations continue to deprive them but the struggle continues.

Similarly, after over 100 years of war, did the European nations, <sup>after 2nd world war</sup> realised the importance

of peace and social harmony. These times were also important as it led to the destruction of old empires, gave workers and women equal status in many nations. With the formation of United Nations, world pushed towards a more peaceful and egalitarian world order.

In the economic sphere, nations measured development based on gross domestic product. It led to the neglect of the overall well-being of the society. Hence As a result, the idea of Human development index and global gender inequality index was proposed to achieve prosperity and glory of mankind as a whole.

Remarks

Lastly, the Tsunami of 2004, was a wake up call for nations to strengthen themselves and cooperate with each other. This resulted in the formation of RIMES to secure nation's glory.

These illustrations that we discussed will now help us to examine as to why achieving glory is difficult and what are the challenges one to needs to overcome.

### Glory - A DAUNTING CHALLENGE

First, we tend to blame others for all our mistakes instead of accepting and understanding our mistake and finding solutions to our problems. Case in point being Kambli who criticised Sachin for not helping him.

Remarks

Second, we tend to be emotional instead of being rational. We start questioning our belief and end up eroding our self motivation. This hinders us to adopt a fresh path to start afresh.

Thirdly, external factors may not be conducive. There would be criticisms from all around the corner, lack of people to support and motivate during our tough times.

These challenges now lead us to the question as to how do we overcome these challenges. Let us explore a few options.

## OVERCOMING FAILURE → TOWARDS GLORY

Whether it is a nation, a society or an individual, the first attribute one needs to inculcate is self belief. This can be done by surrounding oneself with people or things that bring positivity and desire to succeed.

One should not only learn from positive stories but also learn from mistake of not one's alone but also of others.

Last but not the least, as Gita enjoy it says, enjoy the process rather than the consequences.

Only when these methods are adopted can we solve the contemporary issues of climate change, terrorism, poverty, malnutrition, loss of biodiversity etc. and achieve glory.

Remarks

## CONCLUSION

Even our founding fathers realised the importance of failures and adaptation and thus, provided Article 368 to keep our constitution a living document to and to help India ~~reach~~ fulfil its potential and reach<sup>its</sup> glory.

This, glory, to conclude, we can say is a never ending process. It is a zeal to learn and fulfil one's destiny. To quote Edison,

"I did not fail 1000 times,  
I just learnt 1000 ways to  
make a bulb (read glory)."

Sec B

The only answer to climate change is change

66

"Earth has enough to fulfil our needs but not enough to fulfil everyone's greed"

— Gandhi

Case 1 Gyoti wants to be a doctor. Cyclone Phailin strikes her home, destroys her family. Her plans lie in ruins. She is a victim of climate change.

Case 2 Bawant Rao, a farmer from Vidarbha, takes a loan expecting a bumper crop. But no rain arrives. He is stuck in a debt trap. He is a victim of climate change.

In the above two cases, we observe how climate change is impacting all of our lives. In this essay, we shall examine what is

Remarks

climate change, factors causing climate change, consequences of climate change and how can and what can be "changed" to solve climate change.

### Climate change - DEFINITION and CAUSES

climate change is long term change in the average temperature of earth, weather and rainfall.

Historically, earth has always been in a cycle of climate change. i.e. alternative cycle of warm and cold ~~weather~~.

However, recent scientific studies show that 97% of the climate change is anthropogenic. The present geological age in the scientific

Remarks

community is being termed as "anthropocene".

After having discussed

few of the factors (anthropogenic) and the associated consequences are as follows —

### ① Social practices

- ⓐ Social rampant poverty and deprivation forces communities to utilise fossil fuels contributing to global warming.
- ⓑ Slash and burn agriculture practised by many traditional societies causes destruction of carbon sink and loss of habitats → unsustainable agricultural practices.
- ② Since the advent of industrial revolution, world community has become materialistic. This has led to indiscriminate use and exploitation of natural resources.

Remarks

Nations across the world are going for economic expansion without focusing on long term consequences.

Thus, ~~we see~~ after having examined the factors responsible for climate change, let us elaborate the associated consequences in detail.

### CLIMATE CHANGE - CHALLENGES AND CONSEQUENCES

- As per studies, every year a piece of land equivalent to size of Maharashtra is being cleared in Amazon basin. The result is that it causes -
  - ① Loss of biodiversity and habitat for life forms present on earth.
  - ② Carbon sinks are lost, thus, contributing to rise in greenhouse

Remarks

Gas warming.

Rise in global temperature is melting ice caps and glaciers. This will sink low lying small island nations and areas.

As per a NITI AAYOG study, 600 million people in India would suffer because of scarcity of water.

International studies show that the lack of its impact of climate change will result in a refugee crisis worse than the one in Syria.

Agriculture would be severely handicapped resulting in food insecurity, poverty and malnutrition.

All the above mentioned consequences if become a reality, it they would further aggravate the inter-state

Remarks

disparity. Some scholars even predict a conflict among states within the country. Thus, the only solution to handle this is change.

Let us examine and discuss a few probable solution to tackle climate change.

### CLIMATE CHANGE - CHANGES TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

Countries in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit pledged to fight climate change. However, it remains a distant dream. USA, leading contributor to climate change never ratified the Kyoto Protocol. It has even pulled out of Paris Climate deal.

Remarks

Only if leading nations agree to the common but differentiated principle and change their development agenda can the above mentioned agreements ~~can~~ be ~~measur~~ implemented in full measure.

Nations and civil societies should invest and innovate in new technologies. Developed nations should ~~not~~ assist the developing nations. UN climate fund should be obligations of \$100 bn should be fulfilled.

Sustainable agricultural practices should be adopted which is less resource intensive and eco-friendly. India, recently, adopted sustainable action agricultural management plan on similar lines.

Remarks

World community should force policy makers and industries to adopt renewable resources such as wind and solar energy.

Similar initiatives like International Solar Alliance (ISA) should be adopted.

People should adopt a lifestyle that strikes a balance between consumerism and sustainability. Their changed lifestyle should be characterised by 3Rs - Reduce, reuse, recycle.

World wide, every society should try and adhere to the Sustainable Development goals. It can be accomplished by changing the

Remarks

economy to accommodate green economy practices such as green skills, green accounting etc.

### CONCLUSION

Change, as it is said, is the only constant in life. To tackle an evergrowing, impending disaster to the size of climate change, the only solution is to mark our approach in all walks of life with change or rather, "revolutionary change". All each and everyone of us needs to realise earth is not our inheritance given by our forefathers but it is a loan from our future generations.

Therefore, we should adopt changes in life to ensure that the future

Remarks

of individuals like Jyoti and  
Bawant Rao, <sup>at the beginning of essay</sup> is full of happiness,  
achievements and joy.

Remarks

---

*Remarks*

---

*Remarks*

--	--

*Remarks*

---

*Remarks*

--	--

*Remarks*

---

*Remarks*

---

--	--

*Remarks*

---

*Remarks*

---

*Remarks*

---

---

*Remarks*

---

--	--

*Remarks*

---

*Remarks*

---

--	--

*Remarks*

The only answer to CC is change

Case 1 - Jyoti, wants to be a doctor, cyclone Phailin, destroys her home & her future → Victim of CC.

Case 2 - Baswant Rao, a farmer, Vidarbha, no rain, no livelihood.

Examine ① def<sup>n</sup> of CC

② Factors causing CC

③ Consequences of CC

④ Sol<sup>n</sup>

Def - CC = <sup>long term</sup> Change in temp, weather and rainfall. Scientific study - 97% by anthropogenic factors.

Earth - a history of CC i.e. alternation

fa. cycle of warm and cold weather.

A.F accelerate it — ① Industrial revolution  
deprivat<sup>n</sup> → burning ② Socially, poverty &  
of fossil fuels ③ Globally, accelerated eco  
dev by nations. → unsustainable agri  
practices

Remarks

- Consequences —
- ① Loss of BD & ES destruc<sup>n</sup>
  - ② Melting of glaciers → Amazon being cleared/yr to a size = to Mah
  - ③ 600 mn ppl with no water in Ind → Inter-state conflict
  - ④ Int'l studies, refugee crisis worst than Syrian
  - ⑤ Affect agri; compound malnutrit<sup>n</sup>, poverty & inter-state disparity.

- Sol<sup>n</sup> —
- ① Countries need to cooperate
    - a) Kyoto protocol & Paris agm<sup>n</sup> in full measure
    - b) US should lead UN Climate fund non-fal.
  - ② Adopt Sustainable agri practices.  
In Ind, SAM.  
Every nation and respective state to implement Climate Act<sup>n</sup> Plan
  - ③ Adopting renewable resrcs such as solar energy & wind energy.  
ISA → A step forward.

Remarks

(4) ~~for~~ sensitising ppl towards ~~a~~ — strike a bal b/w consumerism & spiritual sustainable life style — Adopt 3Rs

(5) Innovative tech <sup>reduce, reuse, recycle.</sup> and tech transfer to achieve common but differentiated responsibility.

Conclusion —

Need of hr — Change to transform our approach to save Earth as it ~~gadhe~~ is not our inheritance from our fore fathers but loan from future generations.

Remarks

Sect A - Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall

- Intro - ① Civil services aspirant  
 ② Abraham Lincoln failing & times.

Body - ① What is glory? ; failure  
 → various interpretations

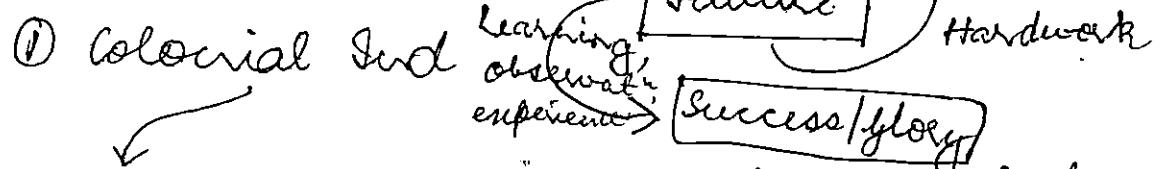
excelling in winning elect  
 sports      nirvana social ser

② Rel<sup>~</sup> b/n glory & failure  
 a state of achievement sensed as a consequence of one's effort to achieve a goal in life by either a nat<sup>~</sup>, individual, society.

Failure - a situation that marks the inability to reach a desired goal.  
 Makes one dejected, despair.

But only those who rise like a phoenix from the ashes <sup>to</sup> attain glory.

### Illustrations -



Failure in multiple instances but taught them new means to adopt. Success finally achieved in 1947.

- ① Colonial Ind <sup>learning, observing, experiencing</sup> → Hardwork → Success/gloey
- ② Female movements to seek equal civil & political rights; fight against patriarchy
- ③ World suffering havoc <sup>in aftermath</sup> after WW II; learnt from mistakes → format <sup>"</sup> of UN to achieve world peace & harmony.
- ④ Eco sphere → GDP as measure of eco growth; now HDI & GII intro'd
- ⑤ 2008 depression → globalisat<sup>"</sup> challenged. Call for SDG.
- ⑥ Disaster → 2004 Tsunami → strengthening & cooperation among nations by forming RIMES & AWS.

Remarks

Why glory difficult? <sup>understanding</sup>

- Failure in accepting one's mistake.
- Resistant to change and adopt a new path; lack of belief & self motivation
- External factors - ① Conducive situation not available
- Emotion v/s reason ② Not able to handle criticism

How to overcome failure?

- Incubating self belief.
- Learning from failures; +ve stories
- Enjoying the process rather worry about consequences - bite
- Surrounding oneself with positivity
- Desire

Discuss contemporary issues -

- ① CC - Cooperat<sup>n</sup> & accommodat<sup>n</sup> - man made
- ② Trans - nat<sup>n</sup> al terrorism → Pluralism → culture relativism
- ③ Poverty, hunger and malnutrition → Social
- ④ Biodiversity → Amazon being cleared  
loss of biodiversity

Conclusion - Even our founding fathers recognised failures, thus, gave A 368.

~~To achieve glory is not the only motive but the zeal to learn & enlarge the envelop of life.~~

Remarks To quote Edison, "I didn't fail 1000 times, I never just learnt 1000 ways of making a bulb)  
using process