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Essay

Time Allowed: 1½ hrs.

Max. Marks: 125

Instructions to Candidate

- Attempt one essay
- The test carries 125 marks.
- Write the essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- 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).

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1. Politics without ethics leads to disaster
2. Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation.
3. The superior man thinks always of virtue; the common man thinks of comfort.

② "Leader is one who knows the way, goes the way & shows the way", as said by J.C. Maxwell sufficiently points towards "far sightedness" in a leader as a superior virtue. Leader is not known by how many elections he/she has won but by the no. of people or the generations he/she has inspired.

It is this very virtue, ~~why that~~ ^{because of which} leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Abraham Lincoln have been forever alive for the world.

A leader, would consider Elections only as a mean to achieve an ultimate goal, unlike others

who would treat elections as an end in itself. A leader, because of his superior leadership quality, would not be hindered by ~~his or her goal~~ an electoral defeat. For instance Abraham Lincoln never won a single election, before winning the elections for President.

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O. Tead states that "Administration is a moral act & Administrator is a moral agent". This is what distinguishes between a Politician, who may enter politics for his or her selfish purposes whereas a Leader would ensure that ~~even~~ Morality & Political Ethics is given precedence over any political act, even if it means electoral defeat in the coming elections.

For instance V.P. Singh Gout, despite huge protest & violence, implemented the recommendations of Mandal Commissions in order to ensure equality of among different sections of the society.

Similarly a true leader would treat elections as one of the many

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ways by which he/she can serve the country or society. And Electoral defeat will not deter his or her goal. or election itself would not mean much to him. For example Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi has devoted his entire life to save the children from 'child labour & sexual violence, by leading various movements around the world, without entering politics.

The above said discussion only points to the fact that, leadership is more than about the 'next elections' or election itself. Leadership is about something ever greater. Leadership is, rather about the "next generation". As Gandhiji stated

"Leader is not one who has many followers, but one who creates many leaders".

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A significant example of this leadership quality was manifested by J. P. Narayan in 1970s. It was ~~due to his mass~~ from his mass campaign, against the political authoritarianism, that various leaders like Mr. Lalu Prasad Yadav, Mr. Nitish Kumar emerged, who went on to become the CMs of Bihar.

A leader tries to inspire not the present but ^{the} coming generation also.

A leader may die but his or her work & actions becomes immortal. For instance Mandela's fight against Apartheid in South Africa, Lincoln's effort in abolishing Slavery in USA & Ambedkar's tireless pursuit for the upliftment of the untouchables in India, have inspired generations of commoners, academicians & Activists.

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Their efforts have led to the ornamentation of the values such as Equality, Human dignity & liberty.

→ "The best way to predict the future is to create it" as said by Lincoln.

A leadership would ensure that their efforts lead to a sustainable future. Leader would ~~have~~ have a vision in the policies he or she executes. This can be in the manifestation of :-

- Temples of Modern India of Nehru
- Unification of Germany by Bismarck.
- Ending the segregations of Blacks (Martin Luther King Jr.).

These are those visions, which ended up securing that futures, which these leaders envisaged.

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Politics, in the present times, has been made synonymous with a "bad word". This is majorly due to the lack of ethical politics in the contemporary times. A true leader, would ensure that a new paradigm is set, repudiating the old ones. An example it was J.F. Kennedy who said that "There is no responsibility more fundamental than maintaining the highest level of ethical behaviour".

Such efforts inspire the next generation of politicians & leaders, who ~~also~~ adhere & improve upon the set paradigms.

For instance, Mahatma Gandhi did set in a legacy of ethical ~~work~~ conducts which inspired people like Nehru, Jagjevan Ram, & others.

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The fore-said discussion tries to bring about the viewpoint that "leadership is not about the next elections, its about the next generation".

Such quality needs to ^{be} inculcated amongst the people. In the present times as we hardly hear of such kind of leadership. ~~However~~ This is pretty evident from the rising instances of corruption, maladministration, rising inequality & ~~the~~ politics devoid of principles & ideals. Presently the hunger for power & status has made people focus more on immediate pleasures ~~elections~~ (electoral victory) rather than on long term gains (next generation).

Therefore it is important that politics, activism, social work becomes more selfless & altruistic rather than just a job.

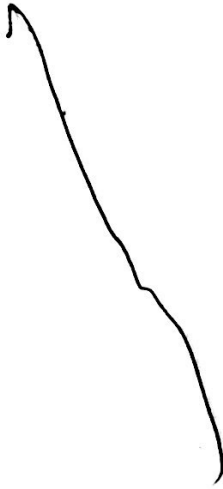
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Leaders of our part should become an inspiration for us & we should try to follow their path. And the beginning should be made from ourselves as "we should be ~~should be~~ the change we desire to see". & we should be the ones to light the candle instead of criticizing the darkness.

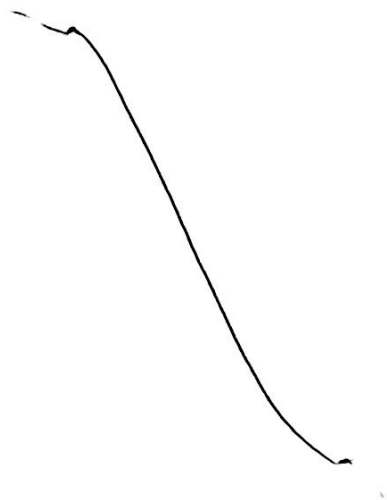
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