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ESSAY MOCK TEST - 3

Roll No. _____

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).

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① 65/125
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Total

125/250

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that

A real stamp is one who enjoys the art of competition and not its outcome

View

Eudemonia Happiness

What it means is that we have to embrace the journey

Second if we focus on success is difficult

Outcomes are never final just lead to new challenges.

What is meant of competition - winning

morally → Do not enjoy ; lifetimes pass by
 Politically → Do your duty
Embrace life

Counter view

Outcome is also important
 Life is practical.
Talk doesn't cook rice

Process drawn too long becomes the punishment

pushing each other & ourselves to limit
 - gain, not to

Remarks

important } Do the tough work at the end pages and never forget to cancel that.

A real champion is one who enjoys the art of competition and not its outcome.

"The winner may or may not be a champion, but a champion is always a winner."

In this competitive world, the race to get ahead is perpetual. There is too little to go around and too many to claim it.

It is very easy to sacrifice the experience of the journey to reach the destination.

The most endearing lessons however are surely found along the way.

Definition of competition
 Competition is a process wherein, multiple individuals subject themselves to a test in order to determine who is the best. The art of competition is, however, a more complex

Remarks The purpose of competition needs to be highlighted. It is more about elimination.

concept. It is fairness, performance, skill, endurance and much more. It is to take defeat with courage and accept victory with humility. "To be merciful in effort but gracious in the end."

Good

A champion represents all of the above. A winner may display none. To be a champion is to push ourselves to a better version of ourselves, if we win, all the better. Competing honorably is thus the art of competition, and is what, makes one a champion.

In life we are too obsessed with results. Whether we will secure a job, win a contract or something else. We might consider doing wrong because we mistake result to be

Remarks : Define a competitive spirit, a combative mind and sportsmanship attitude.

more precious. Instead, if we focus on perfecting our skill and abilities, perhaps it will be more rewarding.

Results may be achieved through shortcuts or tricks. It may not reflect a commensurate ability. However if we put genuine hardwork into something it will surely reward us, maybe later if not today. By adopting the right spirit of competition we become better.

Honesty is the first requisite of a champion. She recognizes her abilities and endeavours to improve it. She will not choose the easy way. Next is fairness. To accept someone as better only inspires us to reach their level. Once we reach it, the satisfaction is pure and supreme.

Good.

Remarks The outcome of a competition might not be commensurate to the amount of hardwork put in but the attitude to handle failure is also important for survival.

Humility in victory helps us stay grounded. It also reveals a realistic world view, we all know - circumstances are as important as effort in success. Realism will help us to be a champion again.

Life is a continuous challenge. It keeps throwing surprises after surprises. It thus becomes even more important to enjoy the competition. If we just focus on the end, outcome, most of our life will be spent in a haste.

In present times this is even more relevant. We are constantly trying to get somewhere. Nothing is ever enough. Politically it translates into a constant yearning for more. One we have the right to do something

Remarks: Virtues of a Champion who can endure failure and celebrate victory.

We immediately want the next. If we focus on our duties however, our rights will be assured. For instance; if we all maintained cleanliness our right to clean environment is automatically assured.

The idea also gives us relief in defeat. Tendency of suicide, depression etc are rising today. We are too quick to judge ourselves or others who do not succeed as failures. It is a gross mis-judgement. Success is always built on the plinth of numerous failures. It is the fight that matters. If we give it our all in an honest manner we already win at the game of life. Hence if we recognized the satisfaction of a true fight we will not be susceptible to negativity.

1. Remarks Please mention the various unethical methods adopted for winning. Life is not about ~~win~~ a momentary victory but sustaining an attitude of the winner.

Good

The art of competition also protects us from fear of failure. Gita says we must do our duties without expectation of result. It is easy to dismiss it as an ideal or mere hypertole. It is however extremely practical. Success is determined by many factors. In an interview we worry about the views of the interviewer, their ideology, mood, attitude. All these create unnecessary anxiety. Anxiety which compromises our output.

If we learn to enjoy the competition itself, even our chances of success increase. We perform without undue pressures. Competitions also help build long lasting relations. Many sports persons who were fierce competitors in their heydays are dear friends today.

Remarks The Charon of the road to the destination rather than the arrival at the destination.

The art of competition is more important because winning is not always excellence.

A champion wants to excel. Winning may involve pragmatic decisions, excellence is uncompromising. To win a set or a game

in tennis is very satisfying but the thrill of even one blistering "ace" may be more joyous.

In a family, a father may work endlessly to provide for his family. But if he spends no time with his children, he cannot be their champion. Thus, the fight, the process, the competition is integral to winning in the true sense. Can it be a problem at times?

Remarks Citations are relevant and the explanations follow the text.

Too much of anything is bad. While the competition itself is of greater value, the results matter too. Many times in order to perfect something, we forget the importance of getting "it" done. We obsess too much over the way to get there.

It is thus important to always have the end in vision. A part of competition is its end. An boxing, too many times, due to over-confidence, a boxer is knocked out. Thus, the fight (process) is to get "somewhere" not too linger too long.

Many students research entire books and theses for simple concepts. It is a grave mistake. For a champion knows that pragmatism is also a part of the

Remarks Education and Competition are important aspects of the modern world.
 • Competition to tap their energies for better prospects.

Competition.

In the competition of life, results matter. It is important to have a roof over one's head and food in one's stomach. More talk does not cook rice.

It is thus clear that to be a champion is to be more than a winner.

It is to win, but in the right way, in the spirit of the competition. Results may or may not favour us. If our efforts are true, results are only a step away.

We should all set off our fears and compete with full dedication. It is an art and we the artists on our way to become champs. Good summarisation and a strong conclusion.

Remarks The essay is well tuned to the centrality of the topic. More and varied but relevant examples can make the topic more interesting. Competition, success, failure, social pressure, methods adopted (fair + unfair) and the presence of a constructive attitude makes difference. So...

Situations do not make us or break us, our choices do.

Introduction Law of karma and Sartre.

Fatalism vs: Sartre

why because its easy? ^{harder} _{avoids}

What happens if we believe situations do define us?

- Passive - Poverty we might
- Environment - Viscous cycle/addiction settle for
- Crime/Pollution - Even Society less

There is the other angle

Socio Economic Caste, Women, Old; Third world
economic Reform system

What if we chose to move on?

We could change the status quo: Asian breaks through
the bourgeoisie RTI Society - we can do better

Individual



Situations do not make or track us, our choices do

Law of karma occupies a prominent position on Indian philosophy. Simply put, it states that everything that happens is a result of our past actions. An modern western

logic it is termed as pre-determination.

Since everything is a chain of infinite cause-effect instances, everything is pretty much fixed. It is fatalism. The belief that what we do does not really matter.

Situation at any given point already determines what will come next.

Good example

Contrary to this thought is Existentialism. Well theorised

Sartre says we are "condemned to be free".

we must choose freely and bear the consequences. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son

Remarks Intro: Role of choices in our lives. o life and explain that our circumstances do not shape our individuality or personality but our choices and decision will.

he would have refused to do it. True, that it would waste time, but freedom is still there. Even Karma says that while we reap fruits of past actions, every moment we generate new fruits. The two approaches are a deeply personal choice. Like all things in life, the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

Man as master of ^{his} own destiny

When we believe that our lives are under our control, it overwhelms us with a sense of responsibility and fear. The fear of failure ^{however} we accept the fear and see past it ~~however~~, we are driven to action. We try to make our circumstances better.

Remarks He Explain the positives and negatives of constructive and destructive frame of mind

keep it simple

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Many in India acquiesced to British Rule.

But the enlightened amongst us saw the exploitation. They did not give up. Instead

they chose to fight, to struggle and to emerge free. Post independence every nation

was joining one or the other power bloc - NATO or WARSAW. Nehru saw differently, he believed he could change the situation.

He, along with others chose the Non-Alignment movement. It has allowed us to

maintain good relations with all and emerge as champions of the third world.

Who? Africa-Asia nation?
 is not very smooth and is not very healthy.

Not all women are like the same exceptions are there.

Everyday, women are told that they are lesser than men. A little girl could easily give into the pressures. Some do not. A Kiran Bedi proudly walks into a predominantly male bastion - the IPS. She makes us all proud as a beacon of

Remarks

courage and conviction. Women today have reached everywhere and outcompete men frequently.

Substance
abuse

Isolation, estrangement, nuclear families with both parents working are the norm in urban areas. Drugs, narcotics, smoking etc are a convenient escape: Not just from the alone but also the fierce competition.

Good
example

Some may even call it a natural stress factor. It is a mere illusion, there is a choice to be made. We can choose to eat well; exercise regularly and sleep to counter these or give in to vices.
- former makes us stronger, latter is being a passive fatalist.

For Governments, it is a convenient excuse to blame their predecessors. Rectifying the mistakes is the tougher alternative.

Remarks

The path to glory is never easy. It is full of obstacles and we must overcome them. Poverty, illiteracy, hunger, slums are all a reality. A government can however choose to make them better all it takes is political and bureaucratic will. One only needs to look at the success of Swachh Bharat Mission Pradhan.

Good example

Many states have become Open Defecation Free, a feat considered almost impossible in our Nation.

We always have a choice, but planning circumstances is preferred more often. There are many reasons. It lowers the stakes, we hedge our risk of hurt and failure. It is also very convenient, not doing anything is easy. It keeps us in the comfort zone.

Remarks life is mostly about response to adversity and prosperity.
 • Emotional balancing in decision making is important

Comfort and convenience solved no one's
 problems. It only defers everything for
 tomorrow. By not countering the situation
 we become passive, instead of actors we are
 merely spectators. Life is not meant to be
 wasted away. No great discovery was made
 by being within the status quo. If Copernicus
 believed what was prevalent we would not
 know heliocentricity. He chose differently.

Good example

- charges
no blasphemy

It takes courage to choose for oneself.
 It takes cold analysis of the situation and
 our strengths and weaknesses. A desire to
 act, to sacrifice and to risk failure. It is
 for the best amongst us to rise and
 challenge the status quo. That is how we
 make ourselves and the world a better version
 from its previous one.

Remarks Emotional balancing in decision
 making and withstanding the pressure
 of consequences arising out of our decision

For the multitude of things we can choose, there are so many that we cannot. Christian faith puts it brilliantly. "Lord, give me the strength to change the things that I can, the courage to accept the ones that I cannot and the wisdom to differentiate between the two"

Good and relevant

Everyone must choose their fights. No one can do it all, and all the time. Practical situations exist and mere wishful thinking cannot change them. Many things are determined by the accident of birth - race, color, social status etc. To be ignorant of these would be to live in denial. We have to see ourselves to things in any change.

Remarks discuss attitude as a major component of decision making.
 • An event is not equivalent to an outcome

Recognizing situations and their impact is also vital for growth of a society. The discrimination that various deprived sections of society faced actually degraded their ability. Caste system, patriarchy, colonial exploitation really did impoverish. Negating them would be a crime. Accepting them will allow us to correct them by extending reparations, reform social/religious customs and extend reparations (development assistance).

Availing reparations and making use of it as to social ladder.

Good example

Modern psychology too accepts the contribution of socio-economic, family status etc in an individual's development. Reformative justice puts the onus of criminality on society as much as the individual. Terrorists are not born in happy families, they are a result of war torn nations and self interested manipulation.

Remarks

Adversity can not define us but our survival strategy would define our existence.

Prioritization
 fixation

Therefore what is most important is to prioritize. - Post independence, our leaders decided that not all sectors can be developed at once, so most beneficial should be selected. Green revolution also targeted well off states. So situations can be overcome, but some at a time.

Life is dynamic, complex and unpredictable. There is too much to do and too little time. It feels as if we have very little control. We do however have some control. Every situation presents a number of options. It is pragmatic to realize what one can and cannot do. It is inspirational when one addresses the most important concerns. Success or failure is a

Remarks Well conceptualised and theorized. Entire essay turned to the central discussion point. Relevant examples and citations make it good. More examples could be used. Summarise better for stronger conclusion.

result of many factors, external and internal.
If we however believe that all will be well if
do our bit, it fills us with positivity.

It gives us purpose and drive. Many
things might remain the same, but we
always have the option of trying.

It is much better to try and perish.
It makes life worth living. And if things
do not change we accept them, which is
okay till we are ready to fight again.

This ultimately is the cycle of life. It is
what makes it a challenge and gives it
meaning.

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