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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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Remarks

SECTION - A

1. A real champion is one who enjoys the art of competition and not its outcome.
2. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
3. ✓ Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God.
4. Science is a beautiful gift to humanity; we should not distort it.

SECTION - B

1. Situations do not make or break us; our choices and decisions do.
2. ✓ Man does not get two separate lives, one 'to struggle' and the other 'to live.'
3. Winners are not necessarily true and ethical.
4. People decide their own destiny; fortunes are made or unmade by karmas.

Section - A

- 3) Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God

Steve Jobs founded Apple Company. But, one fine day he comes to know that he is fired from the very company he founded & built. In a moment Board of Directors of Apple ~~had forgotten~~ erased Steve Jobs entire ~~works~~ life's work ~~his~~ ~~no~~

Steve Jobs ~~unknown~~ left the company uncertain about his future. He instead of living in his past & without taking tension about his future started from scratch.
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He built a new company called NEXT. This company became so successful whereas Apple in his absence was registering loss. Ultimately he was called back again to join Apple & to be its CEO.

This shows us the power of living in our present. He worked hard on his present, took getting fired from Apple as god's gift & became one of the greatest technocrats of all times.

In this essay we will look into what happens when a person starts living in past & future & how does living in present is god's gift & what benefit does one accrue from living in present.

Past A Good Place to Visit, But A Bad Place to Stay

There are some people ^{who} to spend excessive time thinking about ^{their past}. Some regret over their past failures in exams, love life or regret about wrong decisions which they had made in ^{their} past.

Such an outline provides better understanding regarding the course of the essay.

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Such people end up lamenting over past or become over critical of themselves, life & keep on blaming for their bad luck.

These people become slaves of their past & develop fatalism or depression. They develop a notion that past cannot be unwritten or rewritten. True, that past cannot be undone but it can surely be corrected and ~~they can~~ as a result they can redeem themselves.

Then on the other hand there are people who develop a wishful thinking about their ~~for~~ past. They consider past as a golden period & forget to work hard in the present which ~~ultimately~~ destroys their future. For eg) Later Mughal kings after Aurangzeb such as Muhammad Shah 2 ~~were~~ took their golden past for granted & didn't realise ~~to~~ that

→ Negative effect of positive & negative memories of ^{the} past

Remarks

have been clearly explained.

their power was declining in future.
 on the other end of spectrum are people who
 live in future.

Future: The unsolvable Mystery

There are people who waste lot of time thinking
about their future. Like the famous story of a
 farmer who thinks that he will buy one egg which
 will hatch into one hen & then that hen will
 lay 100 eggs which will result into 100 hens & so
 on

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 better
 Examples

Thus people like the above farmer waste their present
 due to day dreaming about their future.

Then there are people who always remain tensed
 about their future when in school they worry
 about entry into college, when in college they worry
 about job & when in job worry about retirement.

The problem with all this thinking is

that our future is mystery we ~~can't~~ really can't predict our future. Leave alone predicting our future we can't even predict whether we will be alive the next moment or not.

So instead of thinking about our future & forgetting to enjoy & live present we should focus on present.

Present: The Gift of God

Negative aspect of dwelling in 'daydreaming' need to be elaborated. Otherwise remaining arguments are fine.

Present is gift of god, as in present we can mould our actions as per our wishes. The biggest gift is that god provides opportunity to a person to redeem his past & mould his future according to his desire by taking appropriate steps.

A There have been cases where students who failed in their school or college time ~~without~~ have succeeded.

in cleaning civil services. As he didn't let their past overpower & demotivate them nor did they allow anxiety of future to stop them from not taking risk of investing their time in civil service preparations. They took their present as gift of god & as an opportunity to prove themselves to others & in their own eyes;

Present is also a gift as it provides opportunity to people to work upon themselves to develop their personality or work upon their career or develop hobbies such as dancing, singing etc.

Benefit of living in present is that it provides peace of mind to the person. It prevents person from developing anxiety about his future or depression about his past.

People who live in future people a balanced & happy life. They enjoy life to the fullest. They work hard during office timings, they ~~is~~ party hard when with friends & family members. So they live a fulfilling life.

Whereas people who live in ~~past~~ ^{future} think about party during office hours & those to live in ~~past~~ think about office work during party.

Thus such people develop cognitive dissonance & remain unhappy & dissatisfied with their lives.

Thus person should focus upon his or her present & act according to the demand of present situation.

.eg) In Gita also Lord Krishna tells prince Aryuna to do his kaarma & forget about fruit of his labour.

Thus we all should live in present & perform Nishkam Kaarma & leave future to god as future is a mystery which will only be revealed at the

Approach is opt. need to use more getting instances to prove the points

~~correct~~ at the correct time

Similarly the above concept is valid at the level of the nation & society also. If a country gives too much emphasis on past historical wrongdoings such as invasion, colonialism then it develops a sense of victimhood & hate among people towards their historical oppressor.

Or when a country overglorifies its history then it develops superiority complex amongst the public.

Thus since history is fixed & can't be changed so there is no sense in developing anger ^{or pride} over it as it would affect our present.

Thus the better approach would be to take lessons from historical mistakes & work ~~in~~ on our present.

For example Japan after World War II instead

of developing victimhood over bombing of Hiroshima

& Nagasaki took their present as god's gift & worked hard upon it & made Japan into

2nd largest economy in within 40 years by 1985.

Similarly Germany, instead of holding grudge against France, Britain, US post world war 2 became their allies & worked upon its present to redevelop itself from stratch scratch.

Thus similarly India also shouldn't keep on blaming British colonialism & Islamic Invasions rather it should consider present as god's gift & work upon its present to make New India by 2024 when we will be celebrating our 75th year of Independence.

Even at ^{technological} international level, ~~the~~ the importance of present can be seen. Tim Berners Lee the inventor of internet created Internet to improve communication between ^{different} organs of American Army. He himself couldn't have imagined that what internet would look like in future. Thus we can only work

upon ~~the~~ ^{our} present as what future has in store for us can ~~be~~ sometimes be completely beyond our wildest dreams & comprehension like in case of internet.

Similarly today with advent of Artificial intelligence there are supporters of AI like Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg but AI is being opposed by Elon Musk

who considers that AI will be ~~an~~ existential threat to humanity. Now out of which ~~what~~ these 2 what it turns out we only be decided in future. However, that doesn't mean that we stop using AI for benefitting our present.

As one can only concentrate on his/her present ~~work~~ & work with best of intentions to use any technology for greater good of humanity but how it turns out to be in future isn't in our hands.

(3) From (1) to (4) The instance describing the utility of present

Remarks

have been adequately covered.

Conclusion: Parting Words

One should learn from their past mistakes & also from others ~~history~~ past mistakes & also have a vision of about one's future. But, all these things should be utilised & used in our present. As people who avoid present for solace of golden past or ^{wishful} paradise of golden future end up rejecting god's gift i.e. present.

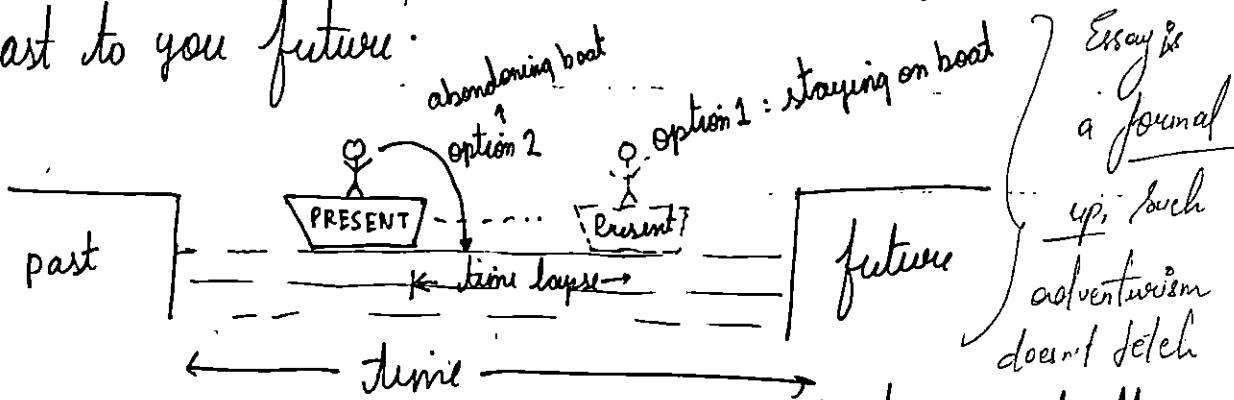
To live a happy, content & fulfilled life one needs to "strike the iron when it is hot" i.e. ^{prepare for} wait of the correct opportunity. But, one can only avail this opportunity if one is living in the present.

Sacrificing your present which is in your hands for past which can't be changed or for future which you don't control is like abandoning what you have for something which you can never get.

Remarks

→ How to live in the present while balancing the past & the future, is partially covered.

Present is like a Boat . which takes you from your past to your future.



So if a person jumps out of this boat of present then he will get drowned in the currents of time.

So instead of abandoning present we should control the direction of this ~~boat~~ god's gifted boat to us to reach the shores of our desired

future:

* Essay has been well-structured and clearly expressed.

* At some places, better examples need to be given. (refer comments)

* Following points have been adequately addressed ⇒

⇒ Negative aspects of Past & Future:

⇒ Significance of the Present

Remarks

⇒ Necessity of balancing Past, Present & Future.

Section - B

"Man doesn't get two separate lives one to struggle and other to live."

PV Sindhu at a young age of 10 years used to wake up at 4'o clock & travel 3 hours to Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad. So for such a young child practicing ~~is~~ daily for 7-8 hours & travelling for 6 hours to & fro ^{should be a} ~~was a~~ big struggle. But in her interview she confessed that she never felt it to be a struggle ~~is~~ as she enjoyed the process.

This shows that when one starts enjoying the process ~~or struggle~~ then even ^{the} ~~in~~ life struggle becomes fun.

Thus this attitude is needed to live a fulfilling life as everyone has been given single life & in that life everyone has to struggle at

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Introduction
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 regarding
 struggle
 &
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some point or another so we ~~has~~ need to develop habit of struggling & enjoying life at the same time:

struggle & life: 2 sides of the same coin

Noone in this world can continuously struggle or enjoy forever. To live a decent life one ~~might~~ has to struggle ~~while~~ ~~the~~ from the very birth - like: from struggle faced by infant to learn walking to child struggling to read to a youth struggling to make his career to a pregnant women struggling during childbirth to an elderly person struggling to maintain his/her aging health.

Thus struggle is endless in life from the very birth of a baby (labour pain to mother) to the very death of a person (pain to family members). Thus ~~is~~ even ~~before~~ ~~over~~ birth & death itself are associated with struggle.

Hence, since life is intertwined with struggle

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Have clearly mentioned the inevitability of the struggle

so we need to learn how to struggle & enjoy simultaneously.

Managing life & struggle

Different people have different ways of struggling & living life at the same time. Some like PV Sindhu start enjoying the struggle itself. For them struggle & hardwork becomes a "way of life". They start deriving pleasure ~~out~~ out of hardwork as they know that "The more they sweat during practice the less they will bleed during wars".

They realise that their struggle will help them in achieving their goals.

Then there are other people who maintain work-life balance they struggle i.e. toil hard during office timings & when they leave their office & go home they relax, spend time with their family & friends.

Like soldiers they put their lives ~~under~~ in danger to protect our border but during free time sing & dance with fellow soldiers in order to rejuvenate themselves.

They if a person only struggles & stops enjoying life then that ~~some~~ person will get burnt out very fast &.

Also purpose of life is to enjoy & be happy. So if a person remains unhappy then struggle will become a punishment & will become unbearable,

~~Thus~~ plus it will defeat the very purpose of life.

Some struggle for sometime with the hope of living a better life in future like youth struggling hard to make & establish his career with the hope of living a comfortable life in his 40s & 50s.

Then there are people who divide their life into different phases. Like they struggle for sometime & to earn enough money & then leave their jobs to follow their passion. For eg) Investment bankers

lead a very tough hardworking life & earn lot of money within 20 years. Later they burnout & then leave their jobs to follow their passions such as painting, music etc.

Then there are others who ~~work~~ ^{work} hard & in office & follow their hobby to relax. For eg) Ruchir Sharma a very famous global investment banker follows has a hobby of tracking Indian politics. He even wrote a book on Indian politics called "democracy on Road" based on his experience of travelling across length & breadth of India during election times.

③ Then for some like labourer, construction worker working 12 hours under hot sun daily 365 days becomes a habit i.e. struggle becomes so natural to them ~~it~~ that it ~~becomes~~ what might be considered as struggle for others becomes normal to them. Thus even in such conditions

they manage to live their lives by celebrating festivals.

There are many instances of people who loose their hand, leg but still continue to live life to the fullest.

Eg) wheelchair basket, paralympics, ~~para~~ wheelchair

bound women denying special cars.

Thus everyone struggles but how do we decide to face depends on whether we enjoy our lives or not.

& pessimist people will find negative in every happiest situation whereas optimist will find positive in every struggle.

Thus our attitude is what determines whether we look at struggle as a bad luck, punishment or as an opportunity.

Some people ~~deserve~~ derive pleasure out of struggle like ~~people like~~ such as Bear Grylls who is a

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wildlife summerial expert. He in his show "Man v/s Wild" undertakes journey into the harshest environments of the world from hot dry deserts of Sahara to wet dense jungles of Amazon. From low lying islands to loftiest of mountains. Such people derive pleasure, enjoyment & thrill out of struggling in such environments. & this is also true for adventure sports such as skiing, mountain climbing etc.

Thus whatever a person does, struggle ~~is~~ will always be a constant companion so it is important that person adapts ~~himself~~ himself or herself to enjoy while struggling. For eg) Mahatma Gautam Buddha meditated a lot, struggled a lot to achieve nirvana but couldn't attain it. He even fasted almost upto his death &

then he realised that one cannot get gyan / knowledge by torturing oneself. So he gave the principle of Madhyam Marg i.e. middle path. According to him a person to live a holistic life & to achieve enlightenment has to follow a middle path between struggle & life living the life.

Similarly in Hindu scriptures there is mention of Asram Vyavastha according to which human life is divided into three ashrams - Brahmacharya, Grhasthya, Vanaprastha. Out of these 3, in Grhasthya ashram, man is expected to live in life, enjoy material well being & fulfill all his needs whereas in the other two he is expected to struggle for attainment of knowledge & understanding the true meaning of life.

From Point (1) to (6) ⇒

How to lead a life while balancing

Remarks

Struggle and living have been comprehensively stated, but should've written just a point on the importance of struggle & its related issues in detail.

All Play & No Work

Opposite to people struggling all the time & are people who are only interested in living & enjoying their lives. They aren't interested in struggling. Such people are bound to doom.

Kautilya in Arthashastra writes that "person who indulges in excessive pleasure is bound to fail. even if he ^{is the} ruler of all the 4 corners of the world."

This history is replete of examples of ~~the~~ dynasties being destroyed because king is not willing to struggle as his ancestors did. Eg) Mauryan empire, Mongol empire, Roman empire all got destroyed as ~~the~~ ~~or~~ at one point they had a king ~~was~~ who due to their apathy towards their kingdom lost control over their kingdoms.

~~Even~~ We can ~~not~~ even see this today, ^{like} ~~as~~ today many politicians who are son/daughter of successful politicians of past are failing to win elections. Similarly in Bollywood & Business many heir to great names are failing because they are only interested in living & enjoying pleasures of life, instead of working hard to achieve it.

can write a better manner of realizing

One needs to realize that ~~is~~ as importance of light ^{is} only realised during dark, the way importance of money is only realised during dire need of money, similarly importance of joy & having fun is only realised during struggle.

like it. Can be fact over. that dictates life. Be specific about the example

This in absence of struggle there is no fun in fun it is when we struggle that we start enjoying fun. Eg) Suppose a person has sufficient money to buy ~~chocolate~~ his ~~desired~~ sweet anytime so he will not ~~realize~~ feel

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Importance
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on
balance

happy on buying shirt but suppose if he struggles
& earns money to buy shirt out of his own
hard earned money then that shirt will always
remain very special for him. As that shirt isn't
only a shirt but a symbol of his struggle &
hard work.

Conclusion: living a fulfilling life

To live a fulfilling life one needs to balance
both struggle & enjoyment, like p. sindhu,
Ruchi Sharma, Bear Grylls, Gautam Buddha
and many others. So ~~greater~~ one has to
utilise his single life to live a fulfilling
life & not dream about multiple lives where
in some he will only struggle & in other he
will only enjoy.

As without enjoyment, struggle is a punishment

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& without struggle there is no fun in enjoyment

Both are like ~~yin-yang~~, yin-yan, white & black,
good-bad which provide meaning to each others
existence & lay foundation to a meaningful life.

Conclusion is in line
with the
demand of the topic.

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* Have addressed the requirements of the
topic clearly and elaborately.

* Need to present certain points in a better manner
(refer comments)

* Also structure the essay in a manner where
importance of struggle & issues with it are
written before the points on how to manage life.

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Man doesn't get 2 separate lives one to struggle & other to live.

Swarna Basman, Hemis Das, Sindhu
 enjoy struggle in life { Gandhi } Mandela → jail 27 yrs.
 { Buddha }

→ Enjoy the process not destination

work-life balance.

→ struggle will lead to good life.

eg of soldiers → fight, dance, sing.

gift of god as Yesterday is history, tomorrow mystery, today gift of god.
we can do whatever we want with today

Past, Present, future

Yesterday history
today gift of god

- 1) live life to fullest
- 2) ~~blond~~ work towards future.

3) ~~Don't~~ but don't take lesson on wasteful drinking

3) we live in present this moment will never return use it to fullest
- career
- personal relationship
- hobby

4) we can repair our past mistake & secure our future by work in present.

5) Nishkam karma → not

But we can work to make Ind better.

1) Japanese work hard didn't cry abt WW2, bomb

tomorrow mystery

1) ~~Don't~~ waste time living in future → day dreaming
if 1 chicken gives 10 days eggs
10 eggs → 10 chicken → 100 eggs.

2) Daydreaming abt future

3) lesson abt future

4) ~~future~~ Nobody knows future ⇒ unpredictable
∴ no pt of day predicting it. we can only work hard in present
Nishkam Karma.

Can't don't know future

Yesterday history
today gift of god

2) Don't regret abt past -
"Past bad pt. Past / history good place to live but bad place to stay".

2) ~~regret~~ abt past → failures
- exam
- love life
- wrong decisions

2) living in golden past. Need to continuously work hard
↳ Mughals & can live in glorious past.

3)

No victimhood of Invasion British colonialism.

↳ by Japan

at level of person

at level of Nation / society

at level of world / nation