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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

2. Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that ✓

"Darkness can not drive out darkness, only light can do that; hate can not drive out hate, only love can do that." These words of Martin Luther King Jr. said during civil rights movement signified his feelings that hate was too great a burden to bear. He rightly said it since in order to end discrimination based on race, he did not want to sow the seeds of another hatred. With positivity, his vision was to make all citizens of the USA equal. ✓

Good!

In order to counter injustice, discrimination, orthodoxy based on any issue, it is equally important to not create more kinds of the ill's one is supposed to end. This is the essence of Martin Luther King Jr's words. His idea resonates very closely with the idea of Mahatma Gandhi as he was inspired by Gandhi's leadership in Indian National movement based on the ideals of truth and non-violence. ✓

Try to underline only key words!

Remarks

Mahatma Gandhi faced the "darkness" in the form of racism, travelled across India and witnessed the poverty widespread in India. He also saw the response of extremists and revolutionaries to the evils of British rule. He was of the view that violence and hatred will not end up in Swaraj for Indians. If we change government authorities through violence, we will again be ruled by people capable of murder.

② We have witnessed this in various political events in history. After French Revolution, we witnessed Reign of Terror which did not create a good life for people. In fact there was much more atrocities. Even in Soviet Union, formed with the promise of a land of equality and peace, millions were killed in "Gulags" and by war communism.

Gandhi, therefore, took a path of non-violence. It was the "light" that drove out the "darkness" of hopelessness and weaknesses in people. He inspired the

Remarks

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masses, helping them rediscover their inner strength and fight for Swaraj in a totally innovative manner - i.e., - Satyagraha.

Have explained leadership role!

This is how new ideas become beacons and their proponents become trailblazers to drive out darkness. There can be no better exemplar to this than Bhagat Singh. Although he took the path of revolutionary nationalism, he was convinced that to bring freedom, it was important to remove all ills of society such as poverty, inequality and exploitation. He famously said that bombs and pistols do not make up revolutions but the sword of revolution is sharpened on the whetting stone of ideas. His ideas prevented people from falling in dark pits of communal movements and inspired for a free, secular and equal nation. These were bright ideas which are relevant even today.

Good!

To counter negative ideas with positivity is important to achieve a harmonious end result. Peace is one of the highest virtues a society can hope for. What would.

Remarks

≡ section 1 to 4 explains the theme of the essay well!

have happened if Nelson Mandela would have happened not inspired the South Africans with his vision of a Rainbow Democracy? After ending the domination of whites, it was easily possible for indigenous Africans to be lured by the darkness of revenge. But as a leader, Nelson Mandela inspired his people to value freedom and democracy. South Africa formed a truth and reconciliation committee and ended all past divisions with a new constitution. Without such motivated guidance, it is easy to be stuck in a vicious cycle.

depiction
of
subject
of
essay
is
good.

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Vicious cycle - an eye for an eye?

Despair, hopelessness and humiliation became the breeding ground for Nazism in the inter-war period Germany. The Paris Peace Conference at the end of World War I was held at Versailles, not to make sure that such wars do not happen again but instead to exact revenge against Germany.

Remarks

To end the darkness of war and the destruction it caused, another set of hateful and revengeful measures were taken which eventually helped the rise of Hitler and the second world war. Perhaps, a positive, harmonious approach would have helped avoid such tragedies as the ones witnessed in holocaust, Pearl Harbour and Hiroshima. No society benefited from the war. It only gave brought darkness in many lives.

Here explained
ills of
darkness!

Driving out social orthodoxy

Reactions to orthodox tradition, exploitative practices and discrimination arose in nineteenth century India. Some became transformative such as abolition of sati and child marriage, women education, widow remarriage while others became revivalist and tried to bring back old divisions and decadence in response to British rule. Some, therefore, provided a path - lit with hope and freedom for weaker and downtrodden sections, and others brought in divisions

in society such as the Two-Nation Theory leading to partition of India and death of millions. Focus on social reform should be based on moral progress and inclusive world view rather than exclusivist mindset where people hate other communities and are not even afraid or ~~bold~~ to act violently against them.

Many think about social ills and constantly bring it to attention of masses. It makes us sad and disappointed, often helpless to know that there is child labour, water shortage and illiteracy in India. We engage in talks and exchange our views. A depressing dark attitude comes to our minds thinking about all this. But some decide to vanquish this darkness.

Kailash Satyarthi, Sonam Wangchuk, Rajendra Singh, Anand Kumar are such people. They refused to wander in the dark and decided to become the light at the end of the tunnel for the

It is not clear what point you are trying to make.

Argument should follow by example within same paragraph.

unfortunate and of unprivileged. Kaitash Satyarthi quit his engineering career and for decades rescued trafficked children. Sonam Wangchuk and Rajendra Singh solved water woes in Ladakh and Central India with innovation and leadership. Anand Kumar in his Super 30 institute produced engineers and scientists who are ^{the} glowing stars in the technological world.

A template for contemporary struggles.

Contemporary movements such as Feminism and Environmentalism has some sections who are becoming unhealthy for these important movements. Alienating men as equal partners is against the goals of both genders as equal partners. Similarly, there is always a need to practically recognize limitations of people's aspiration to develop and responsibility towards environment. Sustainable development is based on inclusiveness and all stakeholders need to engage for best the best solutions.

So light
can
drive
out
darkness!

Be it social, personal or political life, the world needs more bright positive attitudes rather than constantly creating conflicts between rich and poor, men and women, west and east or right wing and left wing. Gandhi, King and Mandela have shown that great causes are not achieved through parochial means.

We as citizens of our countries and inhabitants of the world need to become the guiding lights for individual, people and planet, including one's own self. Then only, to borrow King's words, we can rise from the dark pits of despair to the sunlit path of happiness and prosperity.

Nice connection of Intro with conclusion.

- X-----X
- Structure is good
 - Can cover more dimensions like political & its effect
 - Presentation of thoughts convey idea of topic

Remarks

- see last page (1329) for more remarks.

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SECTION - B

3. Winners are not necessarily true and ethical

"Winning is not everything, its the only thing." - Vincent Lombardi

This statement strongly stresses on the importance of winning. Vincent Lombardi, as a sports person and coach, means this as a matter of virtue. To win it is important to have discipline, commitment, hardwork and teamwork. Winning helps us to become leaders and cause important changes in society. But to achieve this goal, what means we choose may not always be true and ethical.

The relationship between becoming a winner and being truthful and ethical is a debatable and subjective one. Some view goals as the all-important objective in life, others give a higher importance in the ethical way of spending their lives. It is based on the value hierarchy of people and what makes them happy. It is also based

what is value hierarchy? Try to

Good opening of the essay & briefly explains the topic.

Remarks

Substantiate

what kinds of values are encouraged and rewarded in any society.

In our society, success is valued. People who achieve it are applauded and looked at with respect. Our education system is based on tough competition for a few opportunities which are highly rewarded. Similarly, power and related status in society is considered winning. But are all of these winners truthful and ethical?

So structure ends and not means

Discusses why winning is so important

Education system is fraught with unethical practices. Engineering, medicine and government jobs seats can be easily obtained using bribery. The story behind many successful engineers, doctors and public servants is not totally based on truth and ethics.

Power structures and status based on incomes and political patronage involves a lot of corruption in our governments and even in businesses. Winners are made in many cases based on money and muscle power

Remarks

not clear where the intro ends.

alone.

All forgiven in pursuit of goals?

One can argue that in self-interest people have right to choose what means can make them winners. But that is not the essence of ethics. There would be no point of values and morals in life, if only goals will be valued more than how we achieve it. This world will become a chaotic place where our lives would be "nasty, brutish, and short". Lies and deceit, when justified to achieve goals will erode trust between people, communities and institutions. That is not the kind of winners we should aim to become.

Focus on
→ End
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is not
ethical

Winning is nevertheless attractive

People pursue to become winners because it is attractive. It is a proof of hardwork and skills and provides high degree of fame, power, money and social recognition. In the quest of such recognition, people

Remarks

so sports
ethics
are
compromised
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undertake all kinds of methods. Lance Armstrong became cycling champion for years. Later he ~~committed~~ accepted that he was using artificial means to win. He said multiple lies in his illustrious career which disappointed fans and critics alike. It was not only a matter of personal shame but also hurt the sport. It eroded people's trust in the hardwork of athletes. The lights of hope, motivation and joy of sports followers is suddenly extinguished.

Pursuit of political power leads people in creating electoral fraud. Illegal funding, nexus with criminals, gerry mandering, and many other unethical means have created electoral winners all across the world. This ~~undermine~~ democracy and goes against liberty, equality and fraternity values which need to be upheld.

This sets a bad trend and motivation for future generations as they tend to

Remarks # sections 1 to 3 + good dimensions covered!

incline towards the same means. "History is written by winners" - is the attitude they develop. But unethical means and lies are exposed sooner or later such as the methods used by Stalin to suppress all kinds of dissent during his regime.

Nice thought

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Can winning and being unethical stay separated and co-exist?

Numerous instances exist where a person is highly ethical in professional life and is a winner and yet be highly deceitful and unethical in personal life. Reverse is also true. V.S. Naipaul was a celebrated author. He was a winner in the literature world. Yet he was untrue to his wife and also tortured her based on many accounts. Conversely, a government employee may be highly corrupt and corner public money for himself. But he can at the same time be ethical and truthful at home fulfilling all his family responsibilities.

good dimension

So, contradiction exists in various spheres of life personal, professional

Remarks

This coexistence gets blurry in the world of diplomacy. Every country needs to focus on national interest. They want the good of their citizens first and in that pursuit they can lie and use unethical statecraft and realpolitik. The USA is considered powerful and a winner in that sense. Yet they have engaged in interference in other country's sovereignty multiple times. They are also notorious in tortures conducted against state enemies in Guantanamo Bay. Certainly all their wins are not truthful and ethical.

→ ^{so} ethical conduct depends upon national interest

India may not be as strong a country in economic and military sense as the USA or China. Yet India is seen as with a goodwill. India's actions in the global arena is based on democratic values, diversity and transparency. Such soft power generates goodwill among global players and India

Remarks

→ good discussion | at the level of nations

is gradually becoming a winner in many fields.

Strong value system

Dedication, commitment, hardwork, courage and teamwork when combined with truth and ethics become an everlasting legacy of a winner. Gandhi never compromised between ends and goals. He inspired many in India as well as outside based on his values of truth and non-violence.

Sachin Tendulkar never waited for an umpire's signal if he knew he was out and would walk back to pavilion on his own.

True winners are true inspirations when they inspire people with such value systems. They prevent societies from slipping and sinking into an amoral abyss. They are the beacons and the trailblazers for today's humanity as well as tomorrow's.

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Remarks

Section a & b: The essay lacks a progressive way forward. Discuss how winning can be made ethical.

A real champion is, therefore, someone who enjoys the art of competition and cherishes the value systems which make the world a better place and provide society the moral progress.

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X ————— X.
Good Luck

- Structure is good
- Examples are substantiating Arguments
- Have covered multiple dimensions but can add some: more like environmental etc.
- Presentation is quite eye-catching, have kept it simple
- Can improve the endy: by discussing
 - way forward:
 - individually - inculcate morality
 - strong will power to stay ethical
 - socially → respect honesty
 - see winning as continuous means of learning

Remarks

- Can also discuss the dimension of features

Essay I

Can enrich the essay by discussing

- retributive justice
 - 'eye for an eye'
- Restorative justice
 - understanding the law breaker
 - harmony b/w society & law breaker
 - restores his life to an ethical life

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