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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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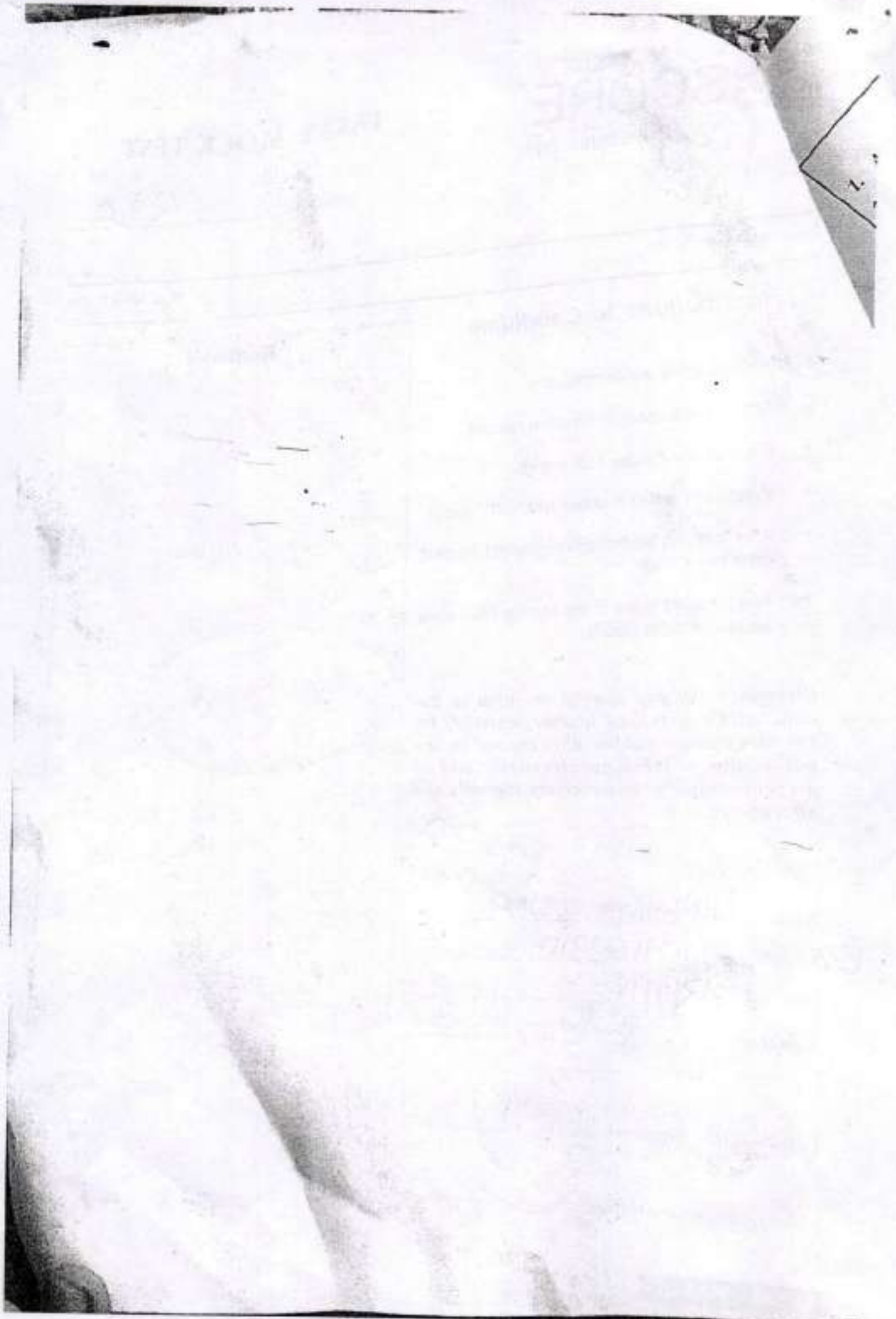
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Remarks

① 63/125

② 70/125

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† SECTION - A

GS SCORE

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.

Science is a beautiful gift to humanity;
We should not distort it.

Science refers to a systematic & ~~irrational~~ study of a field. In the Bible, it is mentioned that Humans are the top of the creation. In other ~~words~~ words, humans represent the pinnacle of living organisms & their evolution.

If there's one very obvious & most

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important distinction between animals & humans it has to be the sense of discrimination & the rational outlook of humankind. A natural corollary of this rationality is inquisitive & innovative nature of the humans.

This ^{nature} has prompted him to seek systematic understanding of issues & phenomena he observed using his sense of discrimination. Therefore, man is by nature SCIENTIFIC.
He has been blessed with a scientific outlook.

Please add a paragraph that speaks about how science is a gift to humanity and periods of its possible distortion.

The discovery of fire by early men to the invention of wheel are a consequence of ^{early} man's inquisitiveness & scientific inclination. Later,

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We had settlements where people started to interact with each other, therefore developed a need for systematic study of social, cultural & political interactions. ~~leading to the age of soft sciences~~ Hence, developed the foundations of Social Sciences & Political Sciences.

Spiritual inclinations of the humankind lead to a rich literature of Religious & Spiritual Sciences. India itself was the most important centre of religious studies with universities like NALANDA, VALLABHI, UJJAIN etc.

How the spiritual quest and religious philosophical speculations lead to development of science & technology?
↓
Questionable
Historical developments like Renaissance and melting of the hold of Catholic church on nationality spirit of inquiry and scientific temper set the foundations for scientific revolution during the subsequent period.

over state and society, led to mushrooming of critical research in spirit of inquiry and scientific temper, that later set the foundations for scientific revolution during the subsequent period.

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Similarly, Material sciences, as witnessed in the rich Indus valley culture to hard sciences from works of Pythagoras, Aryabhatta & other scholars are very well recorded.

Science has not only enriched our understanding of morality, ethics, religion & societal interactions but also transformed our lives in fundamental ways. ~~From~~ Architectural Sciences have made our habitations as beautiful as ever. Physics has given us inventions like Electricity, engines, ~~and~~ quantum mechanics etc which form foundations of modern vehicles, electric appliances etc. Similarly, Biology & Chemistry

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have improved our understanding of animal & weather human body & matter respectively

Medical sciences have been like 2nd "Second God" giving us life security.

Not to mention, Biotechnology has improved our agricultural productivity

(eg: Green Revolution) & ~~it~~ even ventured into domains of creating new beings by Cloning technology. Computer

Sciences have lead to a new rev revolution of sorts. ~~attaining~~

It has lead to shrinking of geographies & connecting people.

The contribution of Sciences to human kind is so vast that

Relevant examples

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no aspect of human life has been left untouched by it. ~~from~~ Therefore, an attempt to quantify & list the benefits & of the gifts of science would be an exercise in futility.

^(Deconstructionist)
Post modernist scholar, Derrida says that All understanding is a misunderstanding. Therefore, we must also delve into the other side of the coin. By definition, science is a systematic study of things & therefore science demands to look at it critically as well. In fact, criticism lies at very heart of scientific disciplines. ~~However, there is a difference in criticism~~ helps to further

good one

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By your definition
History should be
called as
Historical
+ Sciences.
Please check
whether social
science stands
justified as
sciences.

improve our understanding of the
issue. For eg: Political Sciences like
a flourishing science because of
the varied understanding ^{interpretation} of fundamental
-al terms like Justice, equality etc.
Similarly, critical analysis brought
us from Newtonian Mechanics to
the Quantum field theory in Physics
today.

However, there is a world of
difference in Distorting & criticising.
While, the latter ~~if healthy~~ leads
to the growth of discipline the
former pulls it down. Distortion
of sciences creates a negative,
fatalistic & pessimistic environment

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Don't write anything
in the margin

for the people. ~~For~~

① Nuclear Technology is a case in point. Nuclear sciences have contributed to our understanding of the atomic world & has had multiplier effects in areas of nano-technology, medical sciences & energy studies. Yet, the world recognises Nuclear as the greatest threat to mankind. Nuclear weapons, no doubt, are ^{one of} the greatest threat to mankind but to blame the technology & the science for the ^{possible} debacle is like throwing the Baby with the tub. ~~Since~~

Similarly, the Industrial Revolution is being blamed for the crisis of

Para (1)
While the mankind is not oblivious of the immense potential of nuclear technology in addressing various problems, the concern shown is towards the ~~misuse~~ ^{misuse} of technology in its application and not in the concept per se.
Nuclear accidents eg- Chernobyl necessitate additional safeguards but not simply dispensing with the technology.

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Climate change & global warming.
Biotechnology innovations have been distorted by highlighting the possible "Genetic Contamination" by unnatural gene cloning.

Then, there's this futuristic yet quite fashionable debates ~~on~~ immulating the plot of a Sci-Fi movie ~~like~~ like THE Matrix. There is the fear of Machines colonizing humankind.

The school of thought believes that excessive scientific progress could cause machines to become so smart that they would actually control humans than vice-versa.

To be clear, concerns about

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Nuclear wars, ~~the~~ global warming, biotechnology, machines & other issues are perfectly legitimate.

✓ However, our diagnosis is correct but prescription is faulty.

~~Man is~~ ~~my~~ Despite man being rational & scientific, he is also simultaneously ~~greedy~~ & ^{quite} paradoxically unrealistic, ~~was~~ fatalistic & Chauvinistic

We are ^{at times} so self-centred & narrow minded that we fail to look at the complete picture. Human kind fails to realize that

✓ SCIENCE IS JUST A MEANS, & NOT AN END in itself. Therefore, abandoning science or distorting

recurring point

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Science for our narrow political, religious or cultural chauvinism is a bad idea. More so, hiding behind this distortion of science, is our failure & inability to accept some very bad decisions that human kind has committed.

The decisions have been driven by greed, lust & conquest for power. Nuclear wars were not because of the sciences but because of ~~our~~ man's extremely narrow power pursuits. Sciences became

the MEANS leading to the

END i.e. destruction of enemy country. # Use of Darwinism theory to annihilate human race by Nazis can be cited as an example.

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We must, therefore, wake up as there's never a bad time to accept our shortcomings & do remedial measures. Let us pledge, not to commit what Gandhi ji outlined in his 7 sins concept.

We must strive to build up a COSMOPOLITAN world order, ~~which~~ ^{reduce} inequalities & create a world on the foundations of love, care & responsibility.

If humankind stops shooting the messenger & sheds its bias for looking at science unfavourably, it will realize that the ~~the~~ SCIENCES ALONE are the SOLUTION.

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to all its problems. Let's not get back to irrationality & pessimism & use cutting edges sciences & technology to solve the pressing problems facing mankind from climate change to inequalities to food security

If we are ^{at} the top of the creation, let's behave like ^{the} one.

instead of the word 'spirituality' use 'Ethics & morality'
Remember, Science & Spirituality

are complementary to each other, if used with HUMAN TOUCH this world has the potential to create a UTOPIA. wrong word chosen

Paper provides a more balanced view in the conclusion.

Apart from some digressions in the beginning you were focused to the central theme.

Good conceptualisation, proper structure, good command over language.

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Don't be
instructive

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People decide their own destiny,
fortunes are made or unmade by karma.

In 1960, John F Kennedy visited the NASA centre to evaluate the progress for the Apollo Mission. Everyone was aware of the President's visit & detailed plans were being chalked out to present to the President. When the president arrived, he observed a Janitor cleaning the floor late at night. When he politely asked him what he was doing so late at night, he replied - "I am working to put a man on the Moon".

good beginning

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The commitment of the NASA staff right from the top management to the Janitor & there ~~belief~~ ~~was~~ work-ethics was what lead Neil Armstrong to become firstman to step on the moon.

The Bible says - "Ye are the temple of living God". ~~is you~~
In other words, Man has the ability & potential to achieve the standards of God. Infact, 'God' resides within ~~us~~ us & it's only upto us to rekindle the divine light. Similarly, Swami Vivekananda says "Kai Labshya manusha be sahas se badia

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nahi, hara vahi hai jo lada hai"
(No goal is unachievable for one
who tries & perseveres) # Humanism

Therefore, humans have endless
potential yet we observe that
there are ~~to~~ people who achieve
big in life & others who end
up with very little in hand.

There are winners & achievers on
one hand & losers & failures on
other. ~~But~~ Many are stranded
between the two extremes i.e.
they have achieved ~~little~~ &
performed but not ~~fully~~ to their
full potential.

Some say that Luck or fortune

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is the deciding factor. There are spiritual - religious justifications on the basis of past deeds or positioning of the planetary system etc. Yet, in the hearts of hearts we all know that human life is an input-output function.

If the input is hardwork & perseverance, the output will be success. In other words, if we do the right Karma in accordance with our goals, we will succeed sooner or later.

Despite our understanding ~~that~~ ^{and} consciousness to the consequences of

Good elaboration

famous quote
It is always good to be intelligent but it is also intelligent to be good

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the Karma game, we still observe that there are people who work hard but ~~still~~ don't achieve the desired result. This is where the "chasing our destiny" ^{part} comes into the picture.

Albert Einstein said - "If you make a fish climb the tree, she will die believing that she is incapable". Therefore, not only do we need committed & hardworking orientation of the individual (Karma) but also the Karma in the right direction & proper channeling.

Then, there's this nature vs nurture debate of whether capability

good analysis

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is gifted or developed. ~~Therefore,~~
This school of thought would
say that you can become a
good cricketer with your perseverance
& hardwork but to become a
Tendulkar you would require
some natural abilities. This
amounts to saying that there is
some supernatural / ^{divine} ~~natural~~ talent
inbuilt in some individuals.

There might be some truth in
this theory but as some one said -

"If intelligent doesn't work
hard, Hardwork beats intelligence".

Therefore, if committed & dedicated,
one might have to run the extra
mile or two but ~~perfection~~ ^{Success} will

Good that
you are
aware of
appropriate
quotes.

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come with ~~do~~ practice.

Karma when coupled with a strong character, positive attitude & optimistic outlook for life can offset ~~his~~ huge voids & ~~bring~~ ^{make} mountains seem like plains. It was the extraordinary commitment & hardwork of Grandhi ji that he was able to mobilise the masses for the Indian independence. Grandhi ji chose his destiny & dedicated his life for fulfilling it. He is, therefore, a prime example of the power of Karma.

In the BHAGWAD GITA, Krishna suggests Arjun to ~~go~~ adopt

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NISIKAM KARAM. It means that human must do his deeds but not worry about results.

This is ^{in a way} an acknowledgement of the limitations of humanly control over the world. This is where the fortune or luck comes into picture. It is true that luck is beyond human control but it is also true that luck favours the brave.

~~The~~ Success is 99% hardwork & 1 percent luck. The 1% luck can ^{also} be affected by ~~can~~ extra hardwork & perseverance.

It is this attitude that made

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Napoleon say that "Impossible is in the dictionary of fools".

Let us acknowledge that humans are the drivers of their respective buses. It is their self belief & commitment to their final goal which is the single most deciding factor in their lives. The ~~most~~ important thing to note here is that "Winners don't do different things but do things differently".

Therefore, ~~blatant hardwork~~ man must also utilise his creative & innovative nature to fulfil his goals. ~~For~~ While there are no shortcuts to success, there ~~are~~ ^{surely} are ways to avoid the thorny paths & move on a smooth

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read. This would be called
"SMART KARMA" ✓

So, it is clear that there is no
secret to success. The recipe of
success ~~finds~~ demands basic abilities
(which have to be developed over time)
& hardwork as the prime
ingredient. If we add positivity,
strong will power & our creative
abilities (smart karma) to the recipe
our dish will come out to be
well baked & ^{tasty} ~~well cooked~~.

Professor Dumbledore in Harry Potter
movie said to Harry Potter -
"Harry, it's not our abilities but
our choices that define who."

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we ultimately become". Therefore,
let's pledge to tread a path
of hardwork & Nishkam Karma.
Let's not worry about the
fruits of our deeds ~~for~~ as luck
will ultimately have to bow
down to a persevering man.

We must also strive to achieve
excellence. I choose our destiny
according to our subjective interests
& inclinations. Once chosen, there
must be no looking back.
Distractions shouldn't be an
impediment. We must be like
the traveller in the classic

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Robert Frost poem - "The Road not taken"

"The woods are lovely, dark & deep.

But, I have promises to keep
& miles to go before I sleep.

Let's keep the promises we made
to ourselves & rise to achieve
excellence!

OBSERVATIONS & SUGGESTIONS

Good essay that encompasses ample illustrations, proper flow & structure.

Examples could be drawn ^{not only} from the individual activities or personal achievements/ failure but from group endeavors as well. Like struggle for Independence or Mangalyaan etc.

Keep reading, thinking and writing.

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