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Enlightening Minds, Lightening Journeys

FULL TEST - ESSAY III

Question Paper Specific Instructions

(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)

1. The ESSAY must be written in the medium authorized in the admission certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question cum Answer Booklet (QAB) in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
2. The number of marks carried by each question (or part) is indicated against it.
3. Word limit in questions wherever specified should be adhered to.
4. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Answer booklet must be clearly struck off.

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Write two essays, choosing one from each of the Sections A and B in about 1000-1200 words (125 x 2 = 250 marks)

Section A

1. Talk to yourselves at least once a day, otherwise you may miss meeting an intelligent person in this world.
2. If you feel like there's something out there that you're supposed to be doing, if you have a passion for it, then stop wishing and just do it.
3. Everything has been figured out, except how to live.
4. The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that I know nothing.

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"If you feel like there's something out there that you're supposed to be doing, if you have a passion for it, then stop wishing and just do it"

In the beginning of the ~~21st~~^{20th} century, Mobile phones had taken the world by a storm. These small hand-held devices had the capability to connect you and your loved ones who were separated by long distances. The Finnish company, Nokia was dominating the market. A man in California, USA was hard at work in his garage. He was passionate about computer science and software. He believed he could create a revolution in the mobile phone market which can potentially displace



the current behemoth - Nokia. In 2007, he was successful in his endeavour. He presented to the world, the first iPhone. Today, Apple is one of the most valued companies in the world, known for its high security features and new innovations. All this came true because one man had the courage to pursue his passion. He worked relentlessly to achieve it. His name is Steve Jobs. Every entrepreneur or ~~an~~ engineer aspires ~~for~~ to emulate him. His passion inspires millions of people around the world.

In this essay, we will examine the importance of following passion, what can be the impediments to follow passion, how one can overcome these impediments.



PASSION - THE CHARIOTEER OF OUR LIVES

Passion is a strong emotion that often compels an action. Human beings associate passion with some kind of activity which brings them profound joy and satisfaction. For example a person can be passionate about dancing, singing or service to society. Passion has the ability to shape our lives and the course it undertakes. Gandhi's passion for satyagraha - truth and non-violence, shaped his life and also our independence movement. He had a strong goal which was to obtain self-rule for his nation. His passion allowed him to chart a course to freedom which relied on non-violence. This non-violence helped us achieve ~~and~~ independence which was sustainable.

Passion helps us identify the values which are principal to our lives. It helps us stand

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up against atrocities in our society. ~~BA~~

B.R. Ambedkar passionately believed in the rights of the people belonging to scheduled castes. He was capable of taking action ~~BA~~ in order to fulfil the same. He designed the Indian constitution ~~to abrogate~~ and was able to legally abrogate untouchability and ensure protection of minorities. He wrote the book "Annihilation of caste" to spread his ideas far and wide.

Apart from standing up in society, passion also helps people achieve huge successes in life.

Famous author, JK Rowling ~~was~~ was always passionate about writing. Even when she was facing adverse circumstances in her life, she never gave up writing. Her first book ~~BA~~ in the "Harry Potter" series sold a million copies worldwide, turning her into one of the most successful authors of our generation. ~~Passion also makes~~

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Passion can also help us take unconventional paths in life. "Pewdiepie" — is one of the most famous YouTubers in this world. This Swedish man dropped his engineering degree in the middle, to follow his passion of gaming — which was not even a profession in 2010. In 2010, Youtube had ~~was~~ only started to gain popularity and he had started his channel. Today he has 111 million subscribers and is highly successful. His passion gave him the courage "to take a road not travelled by many".

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Passion helps us persevere in the face of adversity. As seen from the recent example of ~~the~~ successful launch of Chandrayaan-3. The previous mission Chandrayaan-2, had culminated in a failure. ~~It~~ Even though the scientists at ISRO were heartbroken, it only increased their resolve to pursue it with even more vigour. Their passion



allowed them to persevere through the failure. As we know "failure is the stepping stone to success", their next mission was a resounding success. The whole nation was filled with pride in their glorious achievement.

ROADBLOCKS IN OUR PATH.

Human beings are a species with a complex set of emotions. On one hand passion is a strong emotion that ~~keeps~~ compels an action but there are other emotions that hinder our ability to take these actions.

"Fear of failure" hinders most human beings from taking actions. Our passions might be unconventional or we may lack the ability to pursue them. This fear can lead to human being leading a dreary or mundane existence without satisfaction. As the famous saying



goes "Forsis fortuna adorat" - ~~fortune~~ favours the courageous. We need to develop courage ~~to~~ to follow our true passion.

Sometimes, we fall into societal pressures which prove to be a roadblock. For eg: a person might be really passionate about writing. But his parents may force him to become an engineer or doctor, thus his passion gets sidelined.

Lack of willpower and perseverance can also affect our ability to take action. A failure may leave many people dejected. But as Winston Churchill said "

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."

True perseverance and sheer willpower can help people pursue their passion.

In this era of social media, people are often conditioned by the idea that your passion

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should be commodifiable or income generating. But, more ~~the~~ often than not, this is rarely the case. We should let go of the idea that our passion itself should ~~be~~ reflect in our jobs. ~~Though~~ coincidence of passion and your job is indeed lucky but passion can also be something that you pursue in your free time. Pursuing your passion helps you connect with your true selves and achieve satisfaction in life. As Mahatma Gandhi said,

"Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in attainment. Full effort is full victory".

PATH TO ACHIEVE PASSION

How can human beings identify their passions and thus lead a life of joy and satisfaction? The answer to this question can lie in the childhood of human beings. As a child, we are curious and have a natural tendency to explore. Preserving this



natural curiosity can help us achieve ~~our~~ or atleast identify our passions.

Education system has a huge role in making a person aware about his capabilities and interests. Learning through experiments often brings about our inner interests and desires. A vibrant curriculum that not only focuses on essential subjects but also extra-curriculars can help ~~poor~~ students gain insightful knowledge about themselves.

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Often engaging in activities that are outside our "comfort zone" can help bring forth hidden capabilities.

~~Develop~~ After identification of our passions, we need to achieve them. Developing values like perseverance, courage, willpower help us in doing the same. Courage helps us conquer our insecurities and achieve our true potential. Man is a versatile animal.



Capable of ~~huge~~ summoning huge willpower
to overcome adversities and overcome ourselves.

~~We~~ We need to put in constant amount of hard work
and persevere through adversities to continue
taking actions that move us closer to our
passions.

As Martin Luther King said,

"If you can't fly, run
If you can't run, walk
If you can't walk, crawl
but by all means keep
moving!"

This shows the importance to continue to take
action no matter what the adversities are.

Because as one relentlessly pursues a goal

"The whole universe conspires to help you
achieve your goal."

~~The~~ Existentialist philosophers ~~after~~ discuss about



"Authentic existence of Man". An authentic existence is possible only when one is true to oneself and has the complete freedom or free will to take actions. To be true to oneself, we must know our passions and pursue them.

As Kierkegaard said we must take the "leap of faith" in order to achieve something in life. It should also enable us to keep taking actions throughout our life. As Swami Vivekananda rightly said,

"Arise, Awake, stop not till the goal is reached".

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Section B

5. Dignity consists not in possessing honours, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.
6. The ethic of conviction and the ethic of responsibility are not opposites, they are complementary to one another.
7. There is sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed.
8. Creativity is seeing what everyone has seen and thinking what no one else has thought.

There is sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed

In the past five years, Amazon rainforests have seen huge destruction. These rainforests are a reservoir of several resources, that mankind consider necessary for "development". Thus, this led to unprecedented levels of destruction of these virgin forests. The then President of Brazil, Bolsonaro called climate change a hoax and wanted to exploit the forests for resources. This man's greed has done irreparable damage to these rainforests which are often called the "lungs of the earth". Now the current President Lula De Silva is making efforts to recuperate the damages done to



Amazon. He has ~~for~~ formed an alliance with eight other Amazon countries to retain the pristine nature and save it from ~~for~~ further destruction.

This incident highlights how human beings' greed lead them to exploit nature which ultimately lead to extreme scarcity or extinction of several resources. It was Gandhiji who rightly said,

"There is enough on earth for every man's need but not even for the greed of one man".

This quote highlights the importance of preserving or living in harmony with nature and following minimalism in our daily lives.

WHY EXPLOITATION IS CARRIED OUT?

Human beings have always been curious in nature. This curiosity led to several innovations to make man's life easier and to make the maximum use of earth's resources. It was



at the dawn of industrialisation that exploitation of nature started crossing the limits and affecting the balance of nature. Coal and fossil fuels became the backbone of development in these industrialised countries. While this brought about rapid development, it also started degrading ~~our nature~~. An immediate ~~repercussion~~ ~~can be~~ occurred which was the "London Smog" which plunged the city into darkness and choked the people. But scientific advancements were not deterred and were carried out at full pace along with exploitation of nature.

As population increased, so did the demand for resources. Heavy mining, processing of ores, burning of fuels; all led to pollution of the earth.

"Water & air, the two most important fluids to sustain life became garbage cans of the world"

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~~After~~ After industrialisation, globalisation became the norm. In order to ensure connectivity and supply chains, we started exploiting our resources even more. Shipping traffic and air traffic increased. Air traffic accounts for around 2.5/16% global ~~of~~ emissions, thus causing severe degradation of our environment.

This "greed for resources" mostly by developed countries has not only affected the environment. But also resulted in colonisation of countries - eg: countries in Africa. Africa is ruthlessly exploited for its rich resources. This has not only affected the environment but also affected the human capital there. Most mines employ children for extracting resources from underground mines.

Isaac Asimov had once said, "Science advances faster than humanity gains wisdom"

This lack of wisdom and greed for purely selfish reasons have resulted in exploitation of the earth. For example; the cold war



between USA and Russia led to huge amounts of uranium mining and development of nuclear weapons.

often this exploitation occurs due to the lack of ethics and morality associated with scientific advancement. Our selfish needs and greed makes us forget that "The earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth".

Establishment of ethics and morals can put a restraint on the exploitation of resources. It can help us solve the dilemma ~~of~~ between development and preservation of nature.

*As Martin Luther King Jr. lamented

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men".

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GOLDEN MEAN IS THE GOLDEN RULE

The Brundtland Commission Report put forward the idea of "sustainable development". Sustainable development is the golden mean of development and preservation of nature. This practice helps us ensure the advancement of the human society along with preserving our nature.

The global community has united to tackle the challenge of "climate change" - which is the result of exploitation of earth and its resources. Countries are actively pushing for transition from coal and fossil fuels to ~~non~~-renewable energy sources or electric vehicles which cause minimal pollution to the nature. Multi-national companies are adopting green practices to become more eco-friendly, ~~and~~ thus displaying more

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responsibility towards the environment.

The COP summits are held every year to update and set new goals towards to keep climate change at bay. These summits have come up with SDGs. Intended Nationally Determined Contributions for each member country. It also recognised the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities - respective capabilities, thus ensuring equity between developed and developing countries.

Countries themselves have taken pledges to and efforts to attract the attention of their government. For example - India's National Forest policy - aims to have 33% of geographical area under forests - thus promoting afforestation. The Forest Rights Act 2006 also encourages 'Joint Forest Management' which enables community to cooperate with local state to identify best practices.

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- To conserve the nature.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi put forward the concept of Life - Lifestyle for Environment to emphasize the individual responsibility in following minimalism to protect the nature. This includes simple steps like not wasting water, electricity etc which when done by each individual ~~the~~ person can make a difference.

Several environmental movements has also helped stopped the exploitation of resources but also protect the indigenous people from exploitation. Namada Bachao movement & Silent valley movement are prominent examples for this. In the Chipko movement led by Sunderlal Bahuguna, women in Uttarakhand, hugged trees and refused to let them go thus stopping

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deforestation of these forests.

Despite such efforts at the global and national level, most efforts have been half-hearted. For eg: countries like USA + Canada pulling out of Kyoto protocol; Or the concept of carbon trading which allowed emissions as long as you can pay for the extra emissions. The transition to electric vehicles is also not a foolproof solution. As this has increased cobalt mining, which has led to severe deterioration of environment and also promoting evils like child labour. Developed countries who ^{have} peaked their emissions decades ago have still not achieved net zero, yet they are forcing developing countries to achieve net zero faster affecting not only their development and growth but also their ~~ad~~ ability to adapt to climate change.

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TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE

Nations and individuals must come together to promote measures that are effective in adapting or mitigating climate change. Development of environment morality and following the tenets of "deep ecology" can help us give primary to preservation of nature. This preservation of nature can only benefit human beings.

Mahatma Gandhi envisaged a "Ramrajya" where individuals lived in harmony with nature and each village was self-sufficient. This society had "minimalism" at its core to ensure the well-being of both human beings and mother nature. Though this is a utopian concept, it can be modified and made to adapt in our modern world to ensure a sustainable life on earth.



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It can also make us humans realize our responsibility of preserving the environment not only for the current generation but also for the future generation.

"We did not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrowed it from our children".

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