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ESSAY II

Question Paper Specific Instructions

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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.
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Conceptual clarity			/		
Structure			/		
Content			/		
Presentation & legibility			/		

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Write TWO Essay, choosing ONE from each section A and B in about

(1000 - 1200 words)

(125x2 = 250 marks)

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SESSION A

1. Time spent among trees is never time wasted
2. Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark
3. To reject one paradigm without simultaneously substituting another is to reject science itself
4. The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies and his rule begins

"Faith is the bird that feels the light & sings when the dawn is still dark"

This is the story of a young woman who lost her husband at a very young age. In despair, she lost her will to live. She did not find any reason as to why she should continue her life in this lonely world. At this point of life she decides to end her life. On her way to pursue her wish of ending life, she noticed a beautiful banyan tree standing alone with its branches

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and leaves providing shadow to the people underneath the tree. This very sight invoked the long lost faith in her which led her to planting trees, dedicating her life nurturing the same. At the age of 80, she planted around 10,000 trees & came to be known as "Mother of Trees".

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This is none other than the famous Padmasree Awardee Salunma Thimmakke who saw faith as the bird of light even when the dawn was dark.

In this essay, we shall discuss what the meaning of faith and how & why faith is the bird that sees light at the time of dawn. I would also like to know how can one attain faith & the potential issues of not having the same. Along with the same the question of does faith always lead to light will be dismissed.

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Let us begin the essay by asking the most fundamental question? What is faith? The answer to this question varies from person to person.

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In simple terms, faith is the belief that one possess when everything in life changes unexpectedly. Even if the situation is not in favour of the person, faith helps one strive through the obstacles to finally reach the desired goal.

This can vary from person to person. For a religious person, faith in God can help in removing sorrows of his life, whereas, for a sportsman faith in one's abilities can help him/her win a Gold medal in the game.

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Having discussed what faith is, let us dive deep into the topic: why is faith the bird that sees light when the dawn is still dark?

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A person having faith will strive towards their goal despite the odds of life by not taking refuge in comfort zones. In Mahabharata, when Arjuna lost faith in his abilities, Lord Krishna imparted faith which acted as a light in the darkness of Arjuna's self doubt leading to victory.

Faith helps one see opportunities even in the darkest of times. This is clearly depicted during the reign of Alauddin Khalji who made the economy

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progressive despite the rising inflection. It is the faith in him that kept him going.

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The Indian Independence struggle is an example of the combined faith of people and leaders like Mahatma Gandhi who saw the light in the phase of darkness.

Faith makes one resilient to failures in life. Even if people around you suppress your emotions & abilities, you strive for finding the light. The Suffragettes right of 19th century USA which aimed for voting rights for women clearly explains the same. Though they were brutally attacked, it is the faith that helped them to rise again.

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Faith gives humanity to rise from catastrophes in life to make a new life despite losing everything in life. The rise of people from pebbles post Gujarat earthquakes of 2002 and make a new living showcases why faith is the bird of light.

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When people go against you despite the righteousness in your actions, it is the faith in your abilities and actions that keep you moving forward. The strong stalwarts like TN Sesan who did not bend his knees before the politicians sets the example for the same.

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Similarly, when it comes to economy, we see that letting faith guide the path can help to remove obstacles & stay strong to make efficient decisions. During the 'Great depression of 1929', people lost hope & sense of good living due to economic struggle. However, the faith of Economic luminaries like Keynes gave a sound economic policy.

Having discussed these, let me take you through the question —
= Does faith always see light?"

The answer to this question is negative. Faith does not always lead to light. Sometimes it can lead to darkness as well.

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~~Without
Rationality~~

Blind religious faith & dogmas can lead to darkness in the lives of many. The prevalence of seti, untouchability in ancient & medieval India is an example of how blind faith in religious scriptures can lead to darkness shadowing light !!

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Having the wrong faith in one's superiority can also lead to potential issues. The prevalence of racism in USA, feudalism in France which led to suppression of human rights of minority sections. Hence faith must ~~be~~ not be understood as 'Matsya Nyaya'

Now this takes us to the question: "Does faith alone lead

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to light & removal of dark?

One might still exist in darkness despite having faith if they fail to perform the required actions. Had the leaders who fought for Independence did not perform the actions like Satyagraha, Dandi March we would not have seen the light of Independence!!

Also one must make sure that the actions are performed in the right manner which calls for a 'Guru' or mentor to see the light. Kautilya's aid helped Chanakya ~~was~~ establish Mauryan empire.

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How can one attain faith which is essential for seeing the light at the time of darkness?

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One has to have a strong affection towards the end result to see the light. BR. Ambedkar had the strong necessity to remove the darkness of untouchability which led to development of depressed class.

Perseverance is the another aspect that helps to imbibe faith in a person. For eg the story of rise of Chandrayan 3 post failure of Chandrayan 2 depicts the relevance of the same.

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Having a positive attitude to failures as stepping stones to success can make one cultivate faith in themselves. The story of the spidee Abraham Lincoln who won the election after successive failures shows how his positive attitude developed faith in himself.

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In the conclusion, we saw ~~how~~ what faith means is & why faith is the light that ~~see~~ do at the time of darkness. Along with that we discussed how bad faith leads to darkness & measures to develop faith in oneself.

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Hence we can say that right
faith is necessary in one's
life as seen in Salunke
Thimmekai's life where faith
played a role in removing
darkness & establishing light.

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So let me conclude by
quoting Maya Angelou's Still I'll
Rise

Just like moons and like suns
With the certainty of tides
Just like hopes rise
Still I'll rise

Good



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SESSION B

5. A morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion
6. The best brains of the nation may be found on the last benches of the classroom
7. I don't want to be at the mercy of emotions. I want to use them, to enjoy them and to dominate them
8. Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all others because you were born in it

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8. "Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all others because you were born in it"

In the movie Tojo Rabbit which throws ~~the~~ light to Nazi era, the young protagonist Tojo, who happens to be of age 7, shows a keen interest to join the 'Swastika club' which trains them to be Patriotic. It also depicts how Patriotism is inculcated in young minds by injecting hatred against the opponents like USSR, USA and thereby establishing superiority of Germany.

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Tojo thus takes pride in taking birth in Germany & sets to have a negative attitude towards the 'Commies' & 'Americans'

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This movie clearly depicts how patriotism is conceived as the superiority of one's country over others just because he/she takes birth in the same.

In this essay, I would like to take you through what patriotism mean and why patriotism is conceived as superiority of one's country by virtue of birth. I would also like to throw light on potential issues of such view along with the broad notion of patriotism. Along with that I would like to bring your attention to measures for curbing the same.

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Patriotism — A feeling of united
'Nation hood'...

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Patriotism, in simple terms, is defined as a sense of respect that one has towards nation which protects & provides for the needs of the citizen. Singing National anthem, celebrating Independence day, respecting the ideals of constitution are all means of expressing patriotism.

A person shows affection to the "mother nation" without showing allegiance to any foreign nation for protecting the sovereignty & integrity of the nation. Freedom struggles, protection of borders are all depiction of patriotism of a person.

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Patriotism — a conviction of superiority of birth over other countries because you were born in it.

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According to 'Social Contract Theory' of Thomas Hobbes, a person by virtue of his birth in the particular country obtain certain rights like Right to life, livelihood etc. In return for these rights, one is expected to give back duties like protecting the country during war and attacking the enemies.

The given view point develops a sense of superiority in one's mind which over other nations which is often termed as Patriotism.

In the ancient India, the kingdom was divided into different war groups like 'Ganas' who were

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required to sacrifice their life
for protecting their state. They
considered giving sacrificing their
lives for nation an act of Dharma.
This shows how superiorly feelings
of one's nation merely on the
basis of their birthplace translates
to patriotism.

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During the World Wars I & II
donating a child from family
for to the battle field was consid-
ered as an act of Patriotism
to establish their country's supremacy
over the whole world. Their birth
in that nation was considered as
holy and thereby they held pride
in thrashing the opponent.

In the education zone, we

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Can see that how the Independence struggle of India is dealt with a sense of pride & respect. Respecting leaders like Bhagat Singh who fought against colonialism to uphold India against World powers depicts how patriotism is an offshoot of one's birth in the nation.

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In the sphere of economy, various measures like taxpaying by citizens to take the countries to top the GDP list makes it clear that one's birth in the country makes one indebted to the development of nation over the other.

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How One former Prime Minister's
view on Pakistanism

"Ask not what your nation can
do for you but what you
can do for the nation"

clearly substantiates this view.

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Patriotism is just a glass ceiling
shelter against humanity....

This view is expressed by
Rabindranath Tagore who criticises
the wrong notion of Patriotism &
the potential issues of patriotism

If Patriotism is considered as
a superior feeling against another
country & by the virtue of mere
birth it can lead to attack
on humanity.

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The recent events of global wars like Russia Ukraine war, Israel Palestine war etc points on the grim reality of negative effects of partitionism.

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Partitionism can be misused by authoritarian & autocratic rulers to suppress the rights of refugees / minorities. The Holocaust murders during Nazi regime shows how Hitler used Partitionism as a refuge to propagate his personal agenda.

It can also lead to communal disharmony between nations through heated campaigns & border skirmishes as seen during the 'Golan clash of 2020'

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Protectionism in the name of Protectionism can lead to supply chain disruptions & trade wars affecting the global value chain development. US-China trade wars where both used protectionism as a means of for Protectionism shows the side effects of Protectionism.

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In the technology zone, we can see that the mere interests of countries protectionism is twisted for the mere interests of rulers to create security breaches in other countries like than seen in WannaCry cyber attack, zero day attacks etc.

It is because of this reason that Rebindereth ^{Tajul} takes refuge in

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the shelter of humanity & not
patriotism

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What happens if Patriotism is not
taken as refuge?

If people are not united
through patriotism, it can lead
to disintegration of different
communities and thereby the country.
The disintegration of USSR due
to absence of unity & patriotism
among people depicts the same.

Also people will fail to
perform their duty to nation in
the absence of patriotism. Failing
to pay taxes, creating communal
disharmony, violence against Women
are all explanations of the same.
Hence Gandhi holds duty above

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rights for development of nation.

From patriotism to cosmopolitan
outlook

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Cosmopolitan outlook refers to is
analogous with the 'Vasudhaiva
Kutumbakam' concept of India
where everyone must rise above
patriotism.

This can be attained through
the 'deontological ethics of Kant'
where humans are treated as
ends & not means. For this
to happen nations must unite
in the global forums like
United Nations, BRICS, WTO etc
to develop a sense of common
brotherhood.

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Proactive measures like anti
terrorism summits, Cultural
diplomacy and bilateral summits
can prevent the ~~wrong~~ wrong national
karate Patriotism to cosmopolitanism.

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To conclude, we discussed how
patriotism is defined in certain
different sense alongwith how
patriotism as a superiority over
others due to sense of birth is
conceived. The potential uses & their
relevance was also discussed in
detail alongwith the measures for
a Healthy world.

Towards ~~the~~ the end of Tojo Rabbit,
young Tojo develops a cosmopolitan
outlook and rises above patriotism.

Hence let's pray for
"Loka Samasthe Sugino Bhavantham"

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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

① faith is the ^{bird} light & songs when dawn is still dark

1 & 2 Intro — Sarinome Thinnelke story hope

3 — keyword — faith — bear at the pt. of despair, pain, suffering, true belief that everything will come to place

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4. Ancient History

why ^{how} faith is the bird that sees light when dawn is still dark 2

History — Mahabharata → Arjuna
Indian Indep. struggle
WW I & II

5. Geography / DM → Cetus kopfus → survival
society → Women dowry deaths - victim at

6. → Polity — ~~Parliamentary~~ ^{suffragette movement} ~~struggle~~ TV exam — elections failed
IR — Japan — WWII Hiroshima Attack
→ Covid 19

7. → Gov → 1991 LPG

→ Economy — 2008 financial crisis → BASEL Norms

8. → Technology — how to attain
Advantages of this aspect → positive attitude to problems
attachment to goal → spirit perseverance

9. → what happens if one remains in dawn → pain → suicides
→ agony → lack of interest to life

10. Advantages — Resilient failures

11. Conclusion → still I live

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Patriotism is the conviction that this country is superior because you were born in this.

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1. Intro: WWI → Movie — Tojo Rabbit — Tojo Swastika club

2. Patriotism — meaning

3. Patriotism — Conviction — you were born in this

→ Ancient Ind → Magadhe social context theory
→ Rome

4. WWI 5. identity 6. SLN → Ask not what

5. Potential → War + Quote
6. Issues → genocide → Rebindee neth Tazoe
→ colonialism
→ protectionism
→ Refugees → no cues.

7. Patriotism → not this alone

8. → ~~social context theory~~

→ needs
→ protectn

→ Mother's figure → Abaninde Tazoe
→ Indian Independence struggle

9. How Patriotism is composition outlook
Telecom, multiculturalism, Geo Vandave knt, Intellectual org,

10. How to ~~also~~ not develop patriots as in cultural dipl.m

11. Conclusion

— Like some the Sergio Kherandhu

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