

NEXT IAS**ESSAY-Test 1**
निबन्ध-परीक्षा 1
CSE 2024कार्यालय के प्रयोग हेतु
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खण्ड-A / Section-A

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- Q.1 If it costs you your peace, it is too expensive.
यदि इससे आपकी शांति छिनती है, तो यह बहुत महँगी है।
- Q.2 In the flood of data, the thirst still remains.
आँकड़ों की बाढ़ में, प्यास अब भी बाकी है।
- Q.3 A star has to burn to give light to others but that's what stars are meant for.
एक सितारे को दूसरों को रोशनी देने के लिए जलना पड़ता है, लेकिन सितारे इसी के लिए बने हैं।
- Q.4 The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
किसी व्यक्ति का अंतिम मापदंड यह नहीं है कि वह आराम और सुविधा के क्षणों में कहाँ खड़ा है, बल्कि यह है कि वह चुनौती और विवाद के समय कहाँ खड़ा है।



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Q The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moment of comfort & convenience, but where he stands at times of challenges & controversy.

Siddhart Gautam was born in Lumbini. During his birth many sages were invited to bless the child. While many of them blessed him with great & luxurious life one of the astrologer predicted that either he will be a Great King or a monk.

This prediction disturbed his father who never wanted Siddhart to be a monk. That day he decided that he will provide all the comfort, convenience & wealth to his son, and Siddhart was never allowed to leave the palace.

One night, Gautama decided to go beyond the walls of palace, so he went out on his horse "Kantak" while he was out he saw a sick man, a saint and a dead body.

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He saw the suffering of people and his subjects this impacted him so much that he left the palace and went on in search of Truth.

Later after attaining Nirvana, he came to be known as Gautama Buddha who later preached the ideas of peace, dharma and law of nature.

Thus, what comfort and convenience could not teach him that challenges and controversial way of life did. This indicates that a true nature of man can be seen more in distress situation than in situation of comfort.

In this essay we will look at various dimensions of when & how have circumstances changed and shaped human character & how has that impacted humanity and contributed toward revolutionary changes.

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It is said that -

"A ship is safe in the harbour, but that is not what it is meant for". Similar is the case of humans, we assume comfort and a smooth journey are the best, but there are the controversial phases of failures & challenges that shape the character of a man.

Virat Kohli is the best example to understand this concept. He is one of the Greatest cricket players of all times but even he has seen the worst challenging phases in his career. Recently in an interview after winning the T20 world cup he mentioned how those challenging phases have shaped his character not only just as a ~~cricketer~~ cricketer but also as a man, because those are the times of introspection & hardwork, one who overcomes that tackles most of

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the problem on their own.

Every and anyone can uphold moral principles when the situation around is convenient, but to still stand by those principles during time of challenge is an exhibition of strength of character.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, lived in a patriarchal society when he raised voice against oppression of women through practices like sati & advocated for widow remarriage, he had to face backlash from upper caste in the society, Dharma Sabha was formed by upper caste members who even approached the court. But Roy remained adamant on his principle ultimately leading to ban on sati in 1828. This exhibition of strength of character is the ultimate measure

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of kind of man he was, this is why
he is known as father of renaissance
in India.

It was easy for him to chose
a life of comfort & convenience &
to go along with the nature of Indian
society, but NO!! He stood for what
was right and not what was normal.

In this regard there is a very
famous quote by Socrates who states
"Unexamined life is not
worth living"

Man must refine his character &
must have courage to ~~set~~ step out of
his comfort zone and gear up for the
challenges. This is the ultimate
measure of man.

Similarly, post world war II
victors of the war assembled to
ensure the world peace which led
to establishment of the multilateral

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Institutions like United Nations,
Bretton Woods Institution, etc. which
was supposed to ensure world peace
& help the poor & developing states.

During COVID-19 when Pandemic
struck the world, there was
chaos all around, poor & developing
nations were facing the worst
crisis because of multiplicity of
burden. During such crucial time
the victors of world war the so
called "Developed nations" went
on to practice - Vaccine Nationalism

During this time India, based
on its principle of Vasudha Kutumbha-
kam under vaccine Maitri program
helped the developing & poor nations
to manage the pandemic. These
challenging times reveal the true
character & true intention of
these nations.

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Thus it is rightly said that Good times makes us happy, but tough times makes us strong.

Today in this globalised world climate change is an international problem. The forerunners of industrial revolutions like :- Britain, America, Japan, France, etc which are also known as developed nations have reaped the fruits of benefits while today the onus is on developing & least developed economies to mitigate & adapt to climate change.

To ensure a level playing field international community came up with the idea of "common but differentiated responsibility" but the developed nations hardly feel that it's their responsibility to help the countries of global south to

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tackle the issue. which is very evident from the fact that - the sum of \$bn 100 which was proposed during Paris climate deal (2015) is still not a reality.

Thus it is rightly said that when one wants to measure the character of a man/nation that can be seen during complex & challenging time like these.

The easiest way is to follow the path that has already been created without analysing the positives & negatives but it's not easy to chose the tough path where one knows that he/she might have to walk alone because not everyone has strength to face the challenges but those who do, they are the ones

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who create the history

Robert Frost in his poem - The road not taken has beautifully expressed this sentiment in the last line where he states -

" I chose the one less travelled by and that has made all the difference."

Doing the right thing when everyone is watching is easy but still upholding the moral principle when no one is watching is a symbol of integrity & is the ultimate measure of man.

Nature provides a very beautiful example for this corollary - when dead & decaying matters are deposited the form humus - when they are subjected to years of high pressure

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and temperature it forms fossil fuel like coal, petroleum, etc & when it is further exposed to even adverse condition it becomes Diamond.

chemically - humas, fossil fuel & diamond are all same i.e., they are made up of carbon, but their worth varies, their value varies reason being their ability to face & survive the harsh condition which converts them into valuables.

Thus, it is true that ultimate measure of man is not where stands in moment of comfort & convenience but in moment of challenges & courtoisnesses, Had Giddhart Gautam not chosen to step out of his comfort he would have never become GAUTAMA BUDDHA.

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had Virat Kohli given up during his phase of bad performance India would have lost one gem of a cricketer, had Raja Ram Mohan Roy overlooked the challenges faced by women, had India overlooked the plight of small & developing nations during COVID-19 we would have a more gloomy picture of the world today.

Hence, we must understand that the roadblocks / speed breakers are not for disturbing our better experience of driving, rather these are to avoid worst from happening to us like accidents.

So, humans must keep striving to be a better version of themselves and for that we need to step out of our comfort zone.

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As Mill says:-

"It is better to be a Socrates dissatisfied
than a pig satisfied".

Humans must keep nurturing them-
selves both through the tough &
the good times, because it is the
ultimate measure of the man.

खण्ड-B / Section-B

- Q.5 Civilization begins with order, grows with liberty, and dies with chaos.
सभ्यता व्यवस्था के साथ प्रारंभ होती है, स्वतंत्रता के साथ बढ़ती है, और अराजकता के साथ समाप्त हो जाती है।
- Q.6 A single drop never feels responsible for the flood.
एक बूंद कभी भी बाढ़ के लिए खुद को उत्तरदायी नहीं मानती।
- Q.7 Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another.
प्रकृति और बुद्धि अलग-अलग बात नहीं कहते।
- Q.8 Present demonstrates the lessons of history, albeit the hard way.
वर्तमान इतिहास के सबक को दर्शाता है, यद्यपि कठिन तरीके से।

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A single drop never feels responsible for the flood.

Riya visited her grandmother during summer vacation who lives in Umanchal Pradesh. One fine day when all her cousins had gathered, they decided to go for trek. They packed their food stuff and left the next morning.

On their way they were hungry and decided to have food. After they were done - they started looking for dustbin around, but couldn't find one, when Riya said - "Let's leave it here by the side, these are just few packets". They did as desired and went ahead.

Similarly so many families visit these places for trek, have fun, enjoy & dump their wastes assuming what harm will these few packets of plastic cause. Ultimately this has

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led to creation of huge garbage
mounds in these ecologically fragile
region - impacting the ecosystem &
biodiversity of these areas.

From the above case study we
can conclude that Riya assumed
that her contribution as a single drop
won't cause floods & so did others
which has ultimately become a flood
now. But individuals don't consider
it their responsibility for the havoc
they have contributed to.

In this essay we will be exploring
various aspects & dimension as to
how a single drop contributes to flood
and how important is every single
drop in formation of an ocean. We
will further be substantiating our
argument with suitable examples.

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Recently elections were held for the 18th Lok Sabha, which led to the formation of government at the centre. It has been found that more than 53% of sitting MLAs have criminal cases pending against them. When it comes to fielding a candidate for election political parties work on agenda of vote bank politics assuming that their party is fielding only few such candidates & this won't create a larger impact.

But, in reality every party contributed to their share of drop which has now become a flood of almost 53% of MLAs having criminal record. The issue of criminalisation of politics - raise concerns over India's democratic process as law breakers become law makers.

Thus, not a single person consider themselves responsible for

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Issues they create. This is avoidance
of one's own responsibility towards
nation building.

When the Government of India
banned single use plastic from July 2022.
The negative impact of plastic was
highlighted to increase awareness
among people regarding the impact on
environment, but still even today
we see few people freely using
plastic carry bags, as they are of
view that a single bag won't
create much difference, -but this
has reached to a level that a
great pacific garbage patch has
been created in world ocean.

The negative impact of plastic
is not only limited to aquatic /
marine ecosystem but is a severe
threat to humans themselves as

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these plastic enter human body as microplastics & keep on accumulating in various tissues which will ultimately impact human health.

Since every single action of human are leading us towards some bigger consequences and each and every effort therefore matters. Though we don't pay attention so that

Today the world is entering into era of digital revolution with inventions like - Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning, etc. Recently an AI robot sophia was inaugurated. The statement that caught the attention was, when she smirked and said "AI will rule the world." This may seem impossible as of now but this can be the 1st drop indicating towards a flood, and

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It's has created a wave of alert amongst the owners of these companies like OpenAI.

Every single efforts matters & this can also become a cause of positive change as quantity with time convert into quality. It just takes a single man to transform a violent & enthusiastic mob into a peaceful, non-violent protestors like Gandhi who completed his journey from Chauri Chaura to non-cooperation & civil disobedience movement.

It takes a single man to advocate for rights of women like BM Malabari which led to the passing of Age of Consent Act by the British.

When a single tree is planted on a barren land, with combi-

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more efforts and consistent plantation
it can be converted into a lush
green forest while at the same time.
when a single tree is felled it is
just the beginning of a bigger
flood i.e. deforestation which will
further lead to desertification &
land degradation.

It is rightly said, when you
wish to change the world, begin
at home. because a single drop
finally adds up to create ocean.
when in a family a man is raised
to treat women equally & with
respect, he will grow up to create
safe space for women not just in
his home, but at workplace or any
public place he visits and thus
an effort by a single man can

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echo for a bigger change.

when a single women is educated in a family, she will create ~~an~~ not only educated family & further rather an educated generation. thus a single step in right direction can lead to big behavioural changes.

But a single person never believes in his/her own potential in bringing large scale transformation and thus never consider themselves as source of the flood. There is a need for broader understanding of our own actions which can create an everlasting impacts.

there is an old saying which goes like - "Boond Boond se sagar bharta hai" ie, single drops together form the oceans.

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Thus to bring revolutionary changes
there is a need for one drastic step.

The events in history are best
reflective of this statement - from
every single revolutions the world has
seen like - American revolution, French
or Russian revolution, It just took
one event and one man to educate
the masses which led to overthrow of
big adamant dictatorial regimes

The incidents of Brutality
like world wars were also held
because of single immediate event
like Attack of Austria on Serbia led
to world war I & further Germany's
imperialist stance became the
cause of second world war &
ultimately the reason for world
war 2.

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Thus, single drops at times become cause of flood and at times a small act of kindness & empathy becomes a reason for flood of generosity in the world.

Thus human beings are capable beyond, their imagination & every single incident in nature are also reflective of this understanding. The pressure that creates within the earth over several years becomes the cause of earthquakes & volcanoes changing landscapes & impacting lives in nooks at a very large scale.

So, it is clear understanding that we must develop that every being on this earth matters, every incident has a consequence and every action has a reaction & all of this

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adds up to create large qualitative
changes.

"When the last tree has been cut down
when the last fish has been eaten
when the last river has dried

when the last man breathes the
air on this earth" — maybe

then we will realise that every
action done with continuity will
have a lasting impact on this
earth and that we all need
to be cautious of what lies ahead
of our actions.