



ESSAY Test_TS - 3 (APSC Mains 2023)

Duration: 3 Hours

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Medium:

English ☒

Assamese ☐

INDEX NUMBER			INSTRUCTIONS
Q.NO.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained.	Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting the questions: - Essay paper will consist of two Sections, each Section containing of 2 Essay topics, out of which the candidates will be required to write one topic from each of the sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each. - Each Essay will carry 125 marks. - There will be word limit and page limit for the essays. - The duration of the test is 3 hrs.
Section - A	125		
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Section - B	125		
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			Remarks: Signature of the Student: <i>Madhura Dihingia</i>
TOTAL:	250		



Brief report of Performance Evaluation of student in the paper

Parameter / Criteria	Aspect Considered	Total Marks	Essay 1	Essay 2
Basic Format	Introduction + conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
Content	Data/ Facts/ Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
Orgainsation	Flow of Ideas / Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
Language skills	Punctuation/ Grammar/ sentence Formation / Spellings	25		
Examiner's Discretion	Perception / Innovation / Engaging	25		

Parameters	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				

Detail Feedback

Section - A

1. A Ship In Harbour Is Safe, But That Is Not What Ship Is For
2. You cannot Step Twice In the Same River

(1200 words)

You cannot step twice in the same River

In the phrase it is said about the River which is continuous in flowing. And in a flowing river we cannot touch the same water twice. This is a superficial way of depicting and comparing River water with time.

Time & tide wait for none

Time doesn't stop for anyone. And thus river water & time is very much comparable. Both once gone can never be returned.

In today's world of competition if people cannot overtake time then someone else would do so. This doesn't only compare only with competition but with all aspects of our life is related to a specific time. Thus it is very much advisable to complete our doings in due course of time. Otherwise delaying may make us loose the opportunity.

This can be explained with phrase

"What must be done, must be done today"

This phrase explain us about value of today. Because once we opt for tomorrow there is no better tomorrow. This can be understood

with the incident of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam testing Nuclear power. If he would not have done it then, now we would have to be signatory under NSG and would never have realised our potential of being a nuclear weapon state. Similarly, we can relate to Mahatma Gandhi's effort of freedom movements. If he would not have stood up for India then and fought with Britishers then we would have sure still be under Colonial Rule.

Without use of power & time
one cannot realise his/her potential.

It is thus said that "Value of Time is realised when it is gone". This phrase explains similarly the importance of time which cannot be reverted.

Example of a student preparing for civil service examination, if she doesnot work hard daily with consistency then she would never be able to clear the examination. And once the time and age is gone she would have nothing but only regrets.

The same can be explained through an incident about a person I read about in a book,

he was residing in abroad while his sick mother was in village. During her last days she wished to see her son for one last time. But the son could not manage time to come over. Later, when his mother passed, he realised the warmth of mother he can never receive again in life. But it was too late for him to do anything there.

This story can be related to the phrase "Pain of hardwork is less than pain of regret, so choose your pain wisely"

When value of time is not understood and we waste our time thinking that we have tomorrow, then often we realise that few others have utilized the time we did not value. This is the main parameter which makes people regret. Time is the main parameter which creates boundary between victory & defeat. All such persons who have been tagged as successful have utilized best of their time and work accordingly.

Value of time can be also learned from the sports held in limited time, examination with time limit. Though those bounded & limited time decide our faith of winning & losing, yet the main victory lies on the time that was utilized to practice before the main day of match or examination.

Misusing time and wasting time ~~can be~~ is always a nature of common people. However, a positivity is related to this is that we can always start fresh. This can explained from phrase "It's never too late to start something new"

this explains the positive note of time which allows us to get another chance of trying. Even if people are sometime defeated by time yet, best part is that time gives us an another chance to prove our worth. One who keeps trying never fails. One day or other he/she would taste victory. People easily get demotivated when they ~~are~~ face failure but it is positivity of time that constantly remind to keep trying. In this

regard, best example would be of
J.K. Rowling (author of Harry Potter)
 whose book was rejected 45 times
 before actually it became a
 world wide most lovable novel.
 on fiction series. This shows her
 determination, perseverance & best
 utilization of time to rectify
 herself constantly despite of all
 challenges. Also we can give
 example of the owner of KFC (Kentucky
Fried Chicken). He was 65th years
 old when actually his recipe
 was recognised world wide.
 Now, we see many outlets in whole
 world. These people are best

example of successful stories who fought against time to create their mark. They are an inspiration to prove that sometimes despite many efforts & correct utilisation of time one confronts with failure. But positivity of time is that it allows us to try again & again. Though we don't get the same time twice yet our past time stands as lesson & learning to us which constantly help us to see better version of ourselves. Thus we can conclude that time is a teacher which

teaches us importance of today. When isn't valued punishes us, with regret and pain of failure. But when utilized reward us with best fruit of self content and happiness. It also teaches us with negativity of losing moments and never getting it back again. But also shows us the positive path of trying hard one last time again. It teaches us every aspect of life and creates example for us, learning us to

decide what & how we want to live our life. Time also teaches us biggest lessons & each time of action teaches us with new experience to keep doing better every next time.

Thus every one must treasure the value of time and act accordingly.



Section - B

3. Best for an individual is not necessarily best for society
 4. Be the change you want to see in others

(1200 words)

Be the change you want to see in
 others

"Change make people grow and
 see better version of ourselves"
 — Anonymous

In the phrase it is described about the dreams of changes that we want to see in our surrounding and environment must start from ourselves. When we start changing ourself according to the dream we proper, it helps people automatically follow the vision. It help us to set example.

this phrase can be better compared with the incident that we all know about Father of our Nation Mahatma Gandhi. M. Gandhi was a person with sweet tooth. But one day a mother came to him with her son & asked requested Gandhi to advise his son to leave sweets. Before advising anything Gandhi asked the mother to revisit after 1 week. After a week when she returned, Gandhi advised the child to not consume sweets anymore. Mother was surprised & asked Gandhi why he took a week just to advise this. Gandhi replied that before advising

the young boy, he himself first stopped eating sweets for the week. This small incident carries a big lesson of Gandhi's life where before advising anything to others he made sure that he follows the same thing.

The same way an Individual while wanting to change world must before try to change himself. In social aspect, if an Individual wants to remove discrimination on basis of caste, class & want to uplift the weaker & marginalised section of society then she herself must first never discriminate & help poor & women to bring reforms.

In this regard we may give example of Bimubala Kikha from Assam who wanted to uplift status of women in society and thus fought for cause to stop Witch hunting that is practised by society even in present times. Also we can give example of Raja Ram Mohan Roy who fought for same cause of women and thus by going against the norms of society he helped abolishing SATI practice from society.

Similarly, in political aspect if an individual wants to bring reforms then he/she must first

act as a good citizen and bring reforms in good governance. Dr. can here give example of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam who wanted our India to shine as a nation. Thus he helped India being strong even in Nuclear Sector.

Even in Economic aspect if we want to make our economy strong then we must on our part try to bring self dependency & help others too in such. Ela Bhatt is a remarkable example who founded the NGO SEWA which helped housewives and women to become self sufficient. With her, she helped thousands of other women who

were incapable to earning livelihood by own.

We can also ~~not~~ mention about efforts of public servants like Kannan Gopinathan, IAS who has been seen doing remarkable works during Kerala flood. Sanjukta Parasai, IPS, Assam who fought with bravery to remove insurgents. Laxmipriya IAS, Bongaigaon Assam who started project Sampoorna to fight malnutrition in childrens. These people are an example for commoners to work on ourselves first and step forwards towards action. Without self introspection if we try to

change others then it would be just a superficial way of understanding.

The changes we want to see must be required through first by understanding the benefits of the changes and how much people would be benefitted from it. Second we must try to shape ourself in the direction of change. Third we must self introspect ourself & try to develop such changes. Fourth, when we are sure about the benefits of changes we faced then we must try ^{to help} others see those changes & constantly persuade them to accept the changes.

This can be explained with example of Educating girl child. First, we must understand the benefits of education and how it helps a woman in long run to be self-sufficient. Second, we must try to shape our thoughts towards positivity of education. Third we must self introspect ourself & make education my necessity first. We must educate ourself before. Fourth, when we are experiencing the importance of education & knowledge that we gained by education then we must persuade others.

We must create awareness among society about benefits of education. How it can bring constructive reforms and that benefit we ourselves experienced by education. Slowly thus persuading we will be able to spread benefits of education to maximum number of people.

Every game changer who at some point of time had brought reforms in some aspects of life have before thoroughly experienced the changes or learned about the benefits. In this regard we can give example about an

IPS Officer Kiran Bedi. She always
 wanted to bring reforms in adminis-
 -tration. Working to ^{constantly} fight criminals
 she understood the importance
 of creating attitudinal changes in
 the prisoners who commit crimes.
 Even when she was given punishment
 posting in Tihar jail, she fighting
 all odds brought changes in
 the management. She started giving
 education to the criminals there
 & showed them path of right
 and differentiated wrong. Have
 not she reform herself in field of
 education, she would have never

been implement it to correct others.

Thus we can conclude that every person has vision to bring positive changes in society but without implementing the same for oneself it becomes difficult to attain the goal. The thin line between the one who brought reform & one who couldn't lies in the lack of changes he/she could bring in himself/herself.

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You cannot step in the same river twice.

1. Time & tide wait for none
Here river depicts time which keep going.
Same water in river is not got
Same way time doesn't come back] 1 page

- 2A. In present time of competition on thing that matter is time
Student doesn't study in time can never return] 1 page

2. What must be done, must be done today] 2

- 2B. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam realised that if not done then, then now we must have been a signatory of NSG.] 1 page

3. Value of time can be realised when it is gone

- 3A. Individual aspect
Learn & acquire everything on time.
Start preparing for UPSC] 1 page
Family/Society
To adapt to new culture

- 3B. M. Gandhi National movement if not started then we would have still be under colonial rule.] 1 page

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- Must do everything with expecting the result

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Be the change you want to see in
others

Changes make people grow & — ①
helps see better version of yourself

- M. Gandhi - before advising child to leave sweets, left himself first. — ①

- Politically don't to see change in govt. must first practice role of good citizen. — ②
[eg] Helping SWB Modi

Socially want to uplift weaker section in society must first always be ready — 1
to help others.

Economically [eg] Bimabalan fields watch hunting
Rajya Rani Mohan Rany (SATI) — 1
want economy to boost must learn to

be self dependent & help country.

" Ask what not country can do for you. — 1
Ask what you can do for your country."

John F Kennedy.

SEWA
by
Elabhatt

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