



ESSAY Test_TS - 3 (APSC Mains 2023)

Duration: 3 Hours

NAME	YUVRAJ GOGOI	PHONE NO :	
DATE	23/04/2023	APSC ROLL NO:	3600602
Email Id:			

(Please fill your details correctly)

Medium:

English ☒

Assamese ☐

INDEX NUMBER			INSTUCTIONS
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		
1			
2			
Section - B	125		
3			
4			
TOTAL:	250		

Remarks:

Signature of the Student:



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)

① A Ship in Harbour is safe, But that is not what ship is for.

In the ancient India, among many royal kingdoms where the royal members like the King, the Queen and their relatives possess all the resources and luxuries; they tend to live a safe and secured life.

Gautam Buddha, a royal prince was also blessed with all the amenities to live his life. But during his adolescent age, he realised that these luxuries cannot answer his questions about 'Life'; then he decided to walk out of the royal pleasures and attained 'Nirvana' under a Bodhi tree.

Just like the story of Gautam Buddha, many people in today's world are blessed with

comforts, but some people have successfully managed to work on their true potentials and have succeeded to conquer in their respective fields.

In this essay, we are going to discuss about the moral of the given phrase, i.e. why a ship should continue its journey despite the comfort in the harbour; the consequences of harbouring a ship; how to find the right time to sail; how to sail across the extremities of the sea and the importance of the sailor throughout the journey in the sea.

The phrase mentioned signifies that the necessity of its journey towards its destination outweighs the comfort in the Harbour. This type of approaches can be evident in the success stories of the developed nations in the

world as well.

After the 1st and 2nd world war, the whole European countries were devastated with destruction of infrastructure and with diminished ethical values towards one nation from the other. However, despite against all odds, the leaders of those countries figured out a common way to unite all nations by establishing the institution called the 'European Union'. At present times, these countries have no restrictions for trade and have a common currency.

This led to the emerge of 'European Union' as a global leader in terms of economic and cooperation related achievements. The success stories in thriving towards common good can also be evident in India context as well.

Durga Shakti Nagpal, an IAS officer posted in Uttar Pradesh also showed great courage and non-partisanship at an young age. When the sand-mafias were exploiting the resources of the local people, she stood up for a greater cause of common good and successfully eliminated all the ill-doings in that region.

Similarly, Jadhav Payeng; a villages in Jorhat district of Assam witnessed decrease in trees and other flora & fauna in his locality. For the sustainability and for a greener world, he single-handedly planted thousands of trees in his backyard. Now his forestry provides shelter to many wild species of animals and birds. During his plantation drive, he proved everyone that great decisions always turns into great.

achievements if it is done with purity.

If we look at our nationalists during the colonial period, the story of Dadabhai Naoroji is truly remarkable in investigating the exploitation done by the Britishers to India. Naoroji was provided with all the comforts and privileges by the British. But he was more affiliated to make contributions to his motherland and to stand for Truth. In his book "Poverty and the un-British rule in India", he revealed the true colonial and exploitative nature of the British.

Even in the context of Assam; Nalinivala Devi, a great assamese poet and Sahitya Akademi Awarded winner; during her early days, he lost her husband and two sons. Despite all the negative circumstances,

she started to compose poetry and provided the Assamese community with new literary tastes. She thrived towards her potential and against all odds; established herself as one of the great writers in Assam. The same determination to sail the ship against the tides is also witnessed in modern technological world as well.

Elon Musk, a entrepreneur and a successful businessman stood up for a world, & made pollution-free and environment-friendly electric vehicle "Tesla" a great success. His success story inspired thousands of young entrepreneurs around the world to innovate new ideas and to make it happen. But, if we look at the other aspect i.e. the consequences of harbouring a ship in the harbour, what it would be?

Harboring a ship without any plans for future; i.e. sticking with a normal life — will lead to a safe and secured life. But to change the world and to realise one's true potential, he/she should continue the journey. It will certainly motivated others and bring new possibilities into reality.

The Right Time to sail

When a person is in his comfort zone and hesitated to move forward, then it's very common to hear him, saying, to be positive and to go forward. But the biggest question is the ability to identify the right time to sail.

The right time is almost completely dependent on the mindset of the person. If he is motivated and determined enough, then there is no such thing about the

right time. If the vision is clear, then anyone can become the change within himself. But, how about the concentration needed to steer the ship to approach the destination?

The world is full of materialistic desires and distractions. For example, the great athlete of US, "Michael Phelps" after his eight-gold medal winning performance in Beijing Olympic in 2008, he was overjoyed and was addicted to drugs and other narcotic substances. Later on, after meeting his coach, he was greatly motivated and determined enough to make a comeback in the next Olympic. And, in the London Olympics, 2012, Phelps won many gold medals for his brilliant performance.

Thus, a mentor or a guide in any form is required to steer the ship in its direction. And, this requirement is also evident in the life of great Archer of Mahabharata — the "Ekalavya"; when he built a statue of the "Dronacharya" (~~at~~ the person that ~~Ekalavya~~ wanted as his mentor) and practiced archery in front of that statue.

Also, there is a greater responsibility of the sailor, who is in command of the ship in its journey. In today's world, the society and the state should be like the sailor who can navigate the citizens for better utilization of human resources. In Indian context, the Government of India is formulating many schemes like — Start-up India, Make in India, Atmanirbhar

Bharat to provide the youths the right guidance and assistance to boost the manufacturing sector and indigenous production. Many young entrepreneurs are emerging with their own & unique ideas as a result.

Just like the ship with two options available — either to rest in harbour or to make its journey; similarly Life has given everyone two choices — either to rest or ^{to} continue. So, even if there is no one backing us, we should realise our potential and to move forward to accomplish our goal as one of Great Indian poets quoted, "When there is no one around you, still you have to push yourself forward". And,

in our biggest journey, called 'LIFE', one
of the great masterpiece of movie —

"Shawshank Redemption" stated — "Get Busy

Living or Get Busy Dying."



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)

④ Be the change you want to see in others.

Mahatma Gandhi, after completion of his studies in South Africa came to India. when he started to travel throughout India he witnessed the oppressive colonial rule and felt the tears of the Indian people who were deprived from their basic rights. At that period of 1910's, there was not any united platform in India to raise the voices of the helpless Indian people.

Gandhiji realised that if he wants to see the change in the status of the marginalised people, then he has to be the change. Accordingly, he fought for the rights of the Indians in many occasions

like Champaran Satyagraha, Non-cooperation movement etc. And, finally in 1947, with the leadership of Gandhiji along with the sacrifice of many nationalists, India became free from the British rule.

In this essay, we are going to discuss about bringing the change within itself to see in others along with various related aspects like the values needed to make the change, possibility of future consequences, involvement of people in the change etc.

The above mentioned phrase suggests us that one should be the change that he/she wants to see in others. One great event in world history completely gets fit in this case — "The Emergence of Non-Aligned Movement".

After the devastation caused by
in 1945
World War II, Almost every nation in the
world was divided into two blocs — one
bloc led by USA and the other by USSR.
It possessed the challenges in front of a
newly independent nation like India to
make its decisions. Then the Indian PM,
Jawaharlal Nehru came with the idea
of "Non Aligned Movement" — i.e. not to
support or involve in any of the global bloc
and to remain neutral.

Later, many developing countries joined
India in this movement, and it showed
the world that India is true believer of
global peace and harmony. Thus, India
was the change that it wanted to see
in the world. Even ~~is~~ many great

personalities of modern India also carried the change within themselves.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, a great Indian Reformer witnessed many social evils like Sati, female infanticide, restrictions on widow remarriage in the Indian society. Despite all the possible negative reactions that could be regenerated among public; he strongly opposed these traditions and along with Governor-Generals of British like William Bentick, Raja Ram Mohan Roy abolished those social evils.

Following his footsteps, many reformers like Ishware Chandra Vidyasagar, Jyotiba Phule stood against discrimination towards

women and marginalised people. This movement inspires people still today. Many movements like Chipkoo, Narmada Bachao Andolan are evident in India in current times.

Even during the period of ancient India, we came across the Mauryan empire. Emperor Ashoka, after witnessing the bloodshed in Kalinga war; he wanted not to engage in any war and lived a ascetic life till his death. For propagation of non-violence, ~~he~~ started the change within himself and later on millions of people followed his ideology of 'Ahimsa'. The approach for bringing the change from within is also evident in the events of medieval Assam as well.

During the war with Mughals, Ahom general Lachit Barphukan was in fever. When the Ahom soldiers were retreating from the battlefield, Lachit stood up against all the disabilities. This created positive attitude among Ahom soldiers and they retained their motivation. And, it helped Ahom to win over the Mughals in famous "Battle of Saraighat."

'change within oneself' is the biggest motivation for anyone to lead and inspire others. Severn Suzuki, a 12-year old young girl from Canada experienced the global warming and the degradation of planet Earth. She delivered a speech in the Earth Summit held in Rio-de-Janeiro

in 1992. This event motivated the global community to work for saving the world and also contributed many environment-related protocols like Cartagena Convention, Nagoya protocol etc.

But, there is a question which is quite common in this discussion — that how to become the changes or what are the values needed to be the change?

The most accepted and simple answer for this question would be 'honesty'. If someone has stood for a greater cause of humanity, then it is certain that people would engage to make it happen.

when Swami Vivekananda led his mission for 'universal brotherhood' and

'unity'; during initial days — he had only handful of companions. But when people realised the soul of the mission, thousands of people became his followers. Thus, it supports the quote that "Truth Alone Triumphs".

What if other people are not the part of the Change?

There might be some possibilities that despite of the change within oneself; people may not be a part of it or follow. In this case, the only solution is — "Time". Since the world is changing rapidly, a change for one person may not ^{look} taken out to ~~be~~ like a change for other persons. ~~So~~ But, if a person is determined and focused enough,

then it is certain that the change would be visible to others as well.

Possibility of the Reverse

what if, a person/organisation tries to bring the change among others without implementing the changes in its own?

'Volkswagen' - a automobile company of Europe designated itself as "Environment-Friendly" and inspired other car companies to make low-emission producing cars. But later during an investigation, it was revealed that Volkswagen cheated by using a device - which shows false reading about this emissions.

This incident decreased the popularity and trust among public overnight. Thus,

to bring
a change among others without
making changes in its own is a bad
idea and completely unethical.

"Change is the only constant in this
World." Hence, change is inevitable but
it is our moral responsibility that we
make the change for a greater cause of
society and humanity. And, along with it,
if the change is its own, then it is a
creation and long-lasting. For example,
when an egg-shell is broken from the
inside, it leads to a creation of a ~~it~~
New Life, but if it is broken from
outside, it kills a Life.

