



APSC MAINS TS'24_Test 8 (Essay)

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TOTAL:	250		



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Parameter / Criteria	Aspect Considered	Total Marks	Essay 1	Essay 2
Basic Format	Introduction + conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
Content	Data/ Facts/ Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
Organisation	Flow of Ideas / Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
Language skills	Punctuation/ Grammar/ sentence Formation / Spellings	25		
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Section A

3. Discipline means success, anarchy means ruin

A satirical scene in a Hollywood movie starts with a morning in a military base camp. Every soldier in the camp is busy doing their morning rituals — to make the bed in a certain manner, fold his clothes in another, clean his shoes in another. The soldiers are being spectetored by a commander. The commander is ensuring that his battalion must turn out the best, thereby shouting at his soldiers even at the tiniest of mistakes. The soldiers seem in a hurry, as well as with a latent annoyance within. Amongst all, is a soldier named Peter who is always left behind others. The commander knows that Peter is a simple yet thoughtful guy. But he cannot tolerate a thinking

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philosopher in the army. You get orders, you execute. Who waits to learn, pause, and think? — commander asserts. That morning, commander approaches Peter thinking that he'll again be left behind, ineffective; and it would be the time to shout again. Well, to his wonder, Peter was already done with his chores. Commander was shocked and ^{he} asked Peter, "how is it that you're [^] all done today?" Peter replied, "I found the way Sir. I stopped using my brain. I only follow your orders now. It's easier this way."

This apparently comedic scene in the movie depicts a fundamental way of life — to live with discipline. Had a soldier with an incumbent duty been wondering with his freedom in the woods as Peter usually did, a day when he gets shot arbitrarily was no far; ensuring his ruin. Freedom that is ultimate random and without any control; emerges as an anarchial liberty that finds a way to ruin without discipline governed success.

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Discipline can be simply interpreted as order in sequencing of work, thoughts and actions to attain success. It arises from a duty oriented or Deontological approach to life. Emanuel Kant's 'Duty for the sake of duty' is

is followed only when discipline governs the duties. To fulfil life's four Purusharthas 'Dharma, Artha, Kam, Moksha', one needs to follow disciplined approach, i.e. an approach in order with respect to its temporal and spatial as well as object-oriented specificity. Discipline also refers to cycle, or repetition. Our cell cycle repeats once in a day in our body, so does different phenomenon in nature and cosmos. It is the ability to repeat a cycle of work during a mandated process again and again.

Discipline as an ability has been cherished once the concept of success became a desired norm in society. In

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pre-historic times, success was a
favoured possibility in the realm
of randomness. A group of hominids
either got success by killing a pig to
eat; or they simply did not. But,
in today's resource star limited
world, success generates survival, in fact
a better survival amongst sustenance.

A wage labourer who shows up at
work everyday, can maintain his health
to work for tomorrow; ^{can} make his
possibility of success over at least
three meals a day through discipline.

An established cricketer like Virat Kohli
is hugely appreciated for his maintained
form and physique. Kohli emphasises on
the power of discipline behind his
revered success.

Kohli ⁱⁿ one of his recent
interviews talked about ~~ten~~ a
time when he was playing in the
national cricket team but was not

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fit, rather overweight. He used to
binge on junk food and spent his days
without a routine. He said that
neither he was evicted from the team,
~~but~~ nor he played his worst. However,
the apparent freedom he enjoyed took
him to a worsened mental state,
almost to a state of ruin. Here comes the
concept of anarchy, or absence of control
with a delusional sense of freedom.

Existential philosophers of west says-
" Discipline is freedom "

While our Geeta also asserts on
" Nishkam karma " as a
path towards " moksha " or
mukti, i.e. freedom .

Freedom is often oversimplified as
the ability to do whatever one wants
to do ; ~~no~~ however, several philosophical
domains across the globe asserts that
freedom is rather the ability to do

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Whatever is needed, joyfully.

Sadguru talks about 'passion's slaves'.

He says that it might be miserable for a person to be able to do only what he likes fuelled by an anarchial freedom, how wonderful it could be if he could do his duty with joy, without the sense of curtailed freedom.

The concept of anarchy finds its original resonance in political philosophy. Mahatma Gandhi talks about a final anarchial state. However, it is based on human aspirations to become and remain inherently good, with a duty oriented personality.

Duty finds discipline. Gandhian anarchy on the contrary, is not about ruin. Instead, it talks about building a nation with inherent goodwill and of men.

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Nations reflect its adherence to discipline in its political and economic systems; as well as in international footprint. Democracy as a political system demands discipline of the representatives towards rule of law, separation of power, safeguard of citizens and effective go and ethical governance. Pendency of cases in the judiciary finds it reasons in deviation from disciplined measures such as irrationally long vacation of judges, long vacancy of judges, crossing of 3 adjournment rule. Excessive state interventions in corruption regulatory bodies reflect- weakening of disciplined process. Criminalisation of politics and its due address represents flaws in a disciplined democracy, thus hampering its (success) as one of the oldest-democratic nations.

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A nation's machinery represents its societal framework. Indian society is challenged with several instances of anarchial freedom. For example, several sectarian communities and khap panchayats, irrational societal sanctions are not efficiently debarred by legal restrictions as disciplinary measures, which results in ruining of equality, women empowerment, security, communal harmony, growth and development of scientific temper. e.g. Anarchial autonomy of sectarian community / Sabhas to alienate members owing to inter caste marriage.

Society's most fundamental unit, the individual has few ways to subscribe to or except discipline as a path to material, social and spiritual success. Geeta and Babita Phogat, India's two female wrestlers

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share their story of childhood when they used to get annoyed at their father for making them wake up very early and forcing them to rigorous practice as a part of discipline. Both the wrestlers consider their father being the force of discipline behind their success.

Discipline allows one to develop resilience, endurance, concentration, multidimensional intelligence, patience, positive attitude and inculcation of values towards deontological approach. Current provocation of maldives in several attributes of India — and on the other hand, India, maintaining its diplomatic diligence and calmness to maintain cordial relationships; nothing but a disciplined thought-process

towards ensuring security in the Indian Ocean, rather than portraying anarchial and reactive stance.

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However, human mind dwells in
quest. It questions whether discipline
is a form of coercion this world
imposes on us because of its complex
fabric. ? Son of a wealthy
lives and dies in anarchy, are the
worker class blinded by a routine only to
never rise ? and never live freely ?
Answers to these questions might be
many, however, as JS Mill said ,
" Better to be a unsatisfied human
than a satisfied pig"

or, Socrates'

" unexamined life is not
worth living"

... reiterates the near fundamental
fact Heracitus said, " it's impossible
to know everything" ; but if to live
it is to be, then being disciplined
in the most-liberated form of
being rather than being in the
delusion created by anarchial freedom.

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Section B

6. A night is not someone gives you, it's what no one can take from you.

Otto Frank visits the secret attic they lived once. His family with his two daughters, his wife and the friends he had once in the beautiful town of Amsterdam is only in his memories now. A man who survived a brutal genocide, way bit ~~they~~ then he ever was; questions his survival ~~no~~ in the lonely attic. The innocent smile of his two daughters, his loving wife — in fact the playful cat — all haunt him for a while in the attic. He touches their old stuff — his daughter's toys and clothes, books; and weeps. He finds a worn out diary, flips a page only to discover that it was his younger daughter Anne Frank's diary named "Kitty". Rest ~~is~~ is a history known to all. Anne Frank's diary bore a little girl's life in the

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time of Hitler's brutality against
Jews. Jews at that time were
deprived of all the basic amenities to
life, rights, over their ethnicity and
identity, freedom of culture and speech.
Otto Frank's family hid in a secret attic
for some time. All the family
members died laterwards in the
Auschwitz concentration camp in a
horrible situation, somehow Otto
Frank survived. What Hitler took
away — right to live for a little
Jewish girl, now overturned by her
survival through Anne Frank's diary
in everyone's mind, something cannot
be taken away. As another survivor
of concentration camp, Viktor Frankl
rightly said, "

Of all things man can be snatched away,
the last of human possession remains
is what cannot be taken, the right
to an attitude.

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The attitude of seeing 'right's as not-
gifts or considerations, but as a basic
 tenet of one's existence. This is what
 reflected in the spirit of our Constitution
 as well. It debarres the state
 from curtailing fundamental right to
citizens, a set of claims that cannot
be taken away. Also, the constitution
 of India regards its citizens as
sovereign, thereby not 'giving' rights
 by state to citizens, rather reciting
 citizen giving right to themselves
 themselves,

" We the people "

... give ourselves this constitution ... "

For example, the right to life under
Article 21 cannot be taken away
 except- procedure established by law.
 In addition, Article 20 cannot be suspended
in emergency declaration in the country.

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Actualising the dimensions of right
has also been crucial to ensuring that
rights are protected. Right to Free
Speech and Expression under Ar (19) (1) is
incomplete without Right to information
(Raj Narain Case, SC). If one has to
make an appeal for protecting his right
to free speech, one must also be aware
that right to information is also
implicitly or explicitly therein with him.
Right to equal treatment to LGBTQA
community was ascertained by
decriminalisation decriminalisation of
IPC 377, that is too, through actualisation
of another right under Ar 21, i.e.,
right to privacy under Navtej Case, 2018.

'Right'; throughout different dimensions
emerge out- with the necessity of
awareness. An antagonist in
a Bollywood movie by Zoya Akhtar
in scene says, "I allow my wife

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to do a job.", when the protagonist—
questions, who's allowing whom to do what?
As radical as it may sound, but it is
indeed a question whether the man
in family holds discretion over allowing
or not allowing his family members?;
especially women's choices. An aware
citizen might notice a part patriarchal
tone in his apparent allowance; and
inspite of his approval towards his
wife working in a job, might sense
future apprehension regarding it.

However, if we flip the coin of
'right'— we get duties Right and
duties are complimentary to each other.
citizen's right to clean water is
the State's duty to follow DPSP.
Similarly, citizen's duty and adherence
to fundamental duties is an implicit
right of the State to remain
responsible. The sense of duty can ~~be~~
also be perceived as a "right to be
dutiful"; which cannot be taken away
as well. 'right' balanced with

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'duty' can do away to with radical feminism that may distort a family, or excessive regionalism, communalism or chauvinism, that pose threat to nations.

Nation's machinery with religion and State is interesting when it comes to secularism ensuring rights. Both western and Indian secularism does not curtail right to religion, but adopts different means to deal with it. A country like France views right to religion not to influence state, but Indian secularism believes in Sarnadharma Samakhana.

Indian take on secularism reflects right to religion as a fundamental one, thereby ensuring a sense of security. However, strict separation of religion from state in France has faced challenges as this right to religion appeared a concession or consideration currently in at risk.

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Moreover, world country's stance in different matters ensuring its strategic autonomy reasserts that right is not a matter of consideration by someone else. India is under constant influence to join NATO. However, External Affairs minister S. Jaishankar in his book The India Way says that India is powerful enough to aspire for a multipolar world, and has a right to remain strategically independent through multinuclear diplomacy.

A controversial yet noteworthy event accounts of a teenager named "Greta" who questioned on current ^{childrens'} generation's right to ruin their future while referring to 'climate change' [!].

Is the current generation entitled to exhaust all natural resources since its available, and make best-of its survival? The notion of sustainable development, and the humanitarian

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obligation comes into play, once we consider right of the coming generations as well.

It brings us the dilemma between rights vs. rights - whose rights are greater to serve and never to take away when two rights are in conflict?

The indigenous communities of Nagaland has right to preserve their culture that is aged old, and includes hunting.

The biodiversity of Nagaland has right to get utmost protect, which no one should take away. An intricate balanced

approach only may preserve some of the rights to both, if not all.

Eviction of communities for development must be balanced with provisions as that in FRA, 2006.

Apart of all other dimensions, and individual is often conflicted with dilemma between different sets of rights. A corporate worker who

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works overtime has an identity of
someone's son, brother, husband, father
also. It is his right to be with his
family, also his rights extend to
excel in his career as well. Both

rights are his own manifestations; not
consideration and both cannot be taken
away. Especially, a women is expected
to be a nurturer as well as a progressive
society expects her career progression. Recent
advertising companies show women as
'supermothers' or 'supernatural beings'
'who does it all'; together. When on
one side it has an empowering message,
on the other hand it undermines her
right to a work-life balance, which
is often compromised.

~~thing~~ This brings us to realise
that rights without cooperation
is futile; often results in an
excessively entitlement oriented society.
Indeed rights cannot be 'given' in
consideration, but it can be nurtured

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in cooperation and balance as well -

If rights are regarded as something that can be snatched away, people will develop a sense of insecurity and fear. One needs ~~of~~ to realise that rights are more than possessions with respect to state or society, it is actually a reflection of our being that is inseparable.

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