

Essay for Mains 2023**Essay Test - 01****Time Allowed: 1.5 Hour****Max Marks: 150****Name: ANINDYA PANDEY****Test Date: 25/07/2023****Email Address: _____****Mobile: _____****Important instructions:****Write an essay on any one of the following topics:**

- Stick to the word limit: **1100-1200 words.**
- Ideal time: **1.5 hours.**

	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Understanding of Questions					
Structure & Flow					
(a) Introduction					
(b) Conclusion					
(c) Overall					
Subject Knowledge					
Presentation					
(a) Underline					
(b) Paragraph					
(c) Overall					

Overall Remarks:

Dear Student,

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Pray as though everything depended on god, work as though everything depended on you.

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After years of hardwork and dedication when it was the time for the launch of Chandrayaan-III, we saw the pictures of ISRO's scientist praying to the almighty as though everything depended on the god.

However for that moment to come, they had to work day in day out as though everything depended on their hardwork

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When Anirban Bhattacharya, arguably the biggest superstar of Bollywood, was fighting for his life due to an injury on the film set, his fans and followers were tirelessly praying to their respective gods. While the doctors treating him were putting their absolute best. The fans were praying as if everything depended on god and the doctors were working as if everything depended on their hardwork.

The Superstar finally recovered and fans thanked the gods and doctors. It showcased

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Low hardwork as well as spirituality are essentials for a happy life.

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We often pray to god when we have exhausted all our options. God seems like light at the end of the tunnel and helps us in times of need. Infact it is our own will which gets us through the toughest times, god just reminds us of our indomitable spirit.

Praying to god without doing one's duty is a sin. Gandhi considered worship without sacrifice as a sin. By sacrifice he meant getting rid of our vices like anger, hate, envy, etc.

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It is a widely known saying that "God helps those who help themselves". This shows the importance of our own hardwork. Without doing our bit we cannot hope for the stars to align.

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We would still have been a British colony had our freedom fighters only prayed to God for India's Independence. It was their relentless hardwork that won us the freedom.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, front line workers had to put their lives on line in order

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to protect our country from the invisible monster. Their insurmountable spirit and dedication towards public service helped the country withstand the colossal challenge. They had to work hard and believe that everything depended on their hardwork.

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On the other hand praying to god gives us a sense of mental calm. It gives us assurance and the strength to fight adversities. Praying to god is a very personal affair. One may visit a temple, mosque or, church or any other religious place to pray while some just

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close their eyes and connect with the Supreme being.

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God is the controller of uncontrollables hence we often seek god's blessings during ambiguous situations when we think that outcomes are beyond our control. For instance when a student writes his/her exam and returns back home, he/she submits him/herself to the outcome. At best the student can pray to the almighty.

The society has established a false binary of work and pray. They feel that those who work do not pray and those who pray do not work. This

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is far from the truth as the earlier example of ISRO scientist praying the success of the mission does not discount their hardwork.

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Unfortunately in the name of prayers people have been spreading superstitions and ritualistic dogmas. This has led to a situation where people surrender themselves to the will of god and do not perform their duties.

The above phenomena can be understood by the acts of corrupt officials and politicians who give a portion of their black money to religious

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shrines and absolve themselves of all the ills they have committed.

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A balance of work and spirituality is considered as a desirable trait. As in Vedic literature a balance of Arth, Kaam, dharma will lead to moksh. Excessive focus on any one and subsequent neglect for the others will result in an undesirable life. As we have seen multiple examples from our lives as well as lives of others

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that just praying and neglecting
hardwork will not yield desirable
results and just working without
praying may result in alienation
from oneself and push thyself
in dystopian thoughts.

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It is often said that
hardwork beats talent when
talent doesn't work hard. This
emphasises on the importance
of hardwork and belief in one's
capabilities. It can also be understood
from the Rabbit-Turtle story.

Whatever saved Anitabh
Bachchan's life, be it the prayers
of the fans or hardwork
of the doctors, both were

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equally important for the mental sanity of the parkes involved. That is prayers gave the fans a sense of fulfillment while doctors by performing the procedure felt content.

Hence when praying one must pray though everything depended on god when working one must work as though everything depended on you.

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