

Essay for Mains 2023**Essay Test - 01****Time Allowed: 1.5 Hour****Max Marks: 150****Name:** TRILOK SINGH**Test Date:** 23/07/2023**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.

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The image of Prime Minister hugging K Sivan

after the failure of Chandrayaan-2 ~~was~~ still

fresh in the memories. After the debacle; the

team came together and set out to build

Chandrayaan-3. The hopes were high; so was the morale.

Necessary adjustments were made; calculations were

factored in and the whole team waked day and

night. Just before the launch; the project team

visited the Tirumala temple to seek the blessings

and ensure that divine calculations are also

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in place. The launch was successful as the
vehicle soared into the sky.

Dedication and devotion

The ancient idea of work was equated with
duty. A service not a mere profession. Heide in

his theory of justice has highlighted the importance

of treating the work as a duty. As A.P.J. Abdul

Kalam had observed "Dreams are not those which

you experience in sleep but those which don't let

you sleep". Everything we do has to be done

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with utmost dedication and devotion. Not even an
ounce of energy should be left out. Mirabai had
dedicated her whole life to Shri Krishna and her
devotion is the epitome of commitment.

The Need of divine Intervention

There are times when the individual or the society
is in darkness unable to seek its way out. In
times such as these; the religion acts as an
anchor to hold us. The times of COVID-19 were
unprecedented. It was the prayer and belief
of people which let the world tide over the
crisis.

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When Asoka had plundered the kingdoms; slain
his counterparts; he was standing over the ruins
of his greatness. He was empty. It was the path
of Dhamma which showed him the light and he
followed it with utmost devotion.

Pushing the limits of human effort

The 1965 war between India and Pakistan was
raging. Flying officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon was
checking his equipment when the enemy planes soared
above. He quickly sprung to action as the outcome

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of war depended on his actions. He bravely
fought off 6 Pakistani Sabres downing 4 of them. He
changed the course of the war.

Malala Yousafzai put up a strong resistance to
the terrorists as if the children's education
future was dependent on her resolve. Her fight
inspired the world and brought focus on education
of the underprivileged.

Working as a newspaper boy; as a sand miner
and now as a JCB operator; not much was
going Akhil's way. He had lost faith in
the divine. He had to chart out his own path

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as the maker of his own destiny. He toiled hard
in the day and wrote short stories in the night
ultimately bagging the Kerala Sahitya Akademi
award.

These instances show that the individual
resolve and the belief that the control of
one's life is in one's own hands makes us work
hard. As Nainanish Rai Bachchan had written
in his poem "Agnipath"; it is the path of
fire through which we shall walk; not
resting; not deviating and work continuously

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as the outcome solely depends on us.

Individual's pledge and Nation's growth

The idea of fundamental duties is enshrined
in our constitution. Even this emphasises that
the destiny of the nation depends on the citizen's
efforts.

What if Rajendra Singh "The waterman" had
thought that no small effort can lead to large
change? The condition of rural Rajasthan would
have been water scarce.

The pledge taken by Lal Bahadur Shastri and

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all the individual Indians led to averting of
a huge food security disaster. It also ensured
crucial supply for our forces. Just the one time
giving up of meal led to India's victory in the war.

This has manifestation in the recent content
as the nation's future depends on us. The act
of keeping our surroundings clean; following
Mission LiFE will ensure a prosperous India for
future generations. Giving up of subsidy by one
person can light up the home of a village.

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Even the small acts of refusing dowry; showing
up on the voting day and refusal to involve
in bribery can alter the fortunes of the
country.

When everything fails; God shines through

The 4 children who got lost in the Colombian
forest had logically no chance of surviving the
dangerous Amazon forest. The prayer of their family
and millions across the world saw them come
out of the situation.

Believing in the divine not always entails

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a miracle. It has significance in giving the people an identity in this consumerist world.

The belief that there is an external power has helped people come out of anxiety; depression and their darkest fears.

Balancing rationality and faith

One beautiful coincidence which shows this synthesis is that in Indian culture goddess is treated as "shakti". Science has showned that the mitochondria or power comes from mother in the baby's zygote. This shows the parallels between

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expertise of our scientists down at ISRO ; we
all pray that Chandrayan-3 lands successfully
this time on the lunar surface.

Way Forward

The vision of India at 2047 and the idea
of "Amit Kaal" calls upon the devout citizens
to work in their own capacities as the future
depends on them. Then as our duties are
performed ; we can only pray and wait as
the efforts bear fruit.