



Essay for Mains 2023

Essay Test - 02

Time Allowed: 1.5 Hour

Max Marks: 150

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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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	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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Why distort a past that can no longer stand
up for itself?

"Two roads diverged in yellow wood
and sorry I could not travel both"
- Robert Frost

These lines by Robert Frost perfectly
signifies the struggles of present that
will one day become a past. The
difference between the two estimation
is that - In present we have choice
to make, but once a decision is
taken it become our past, which
can only be changed by future
course of action & never by revisi-
ting the past.

The characteristic feature

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of past is, that it is a series of
events already lived in time &
space and places in front of us
certain facts, which will always
remain a fact and not disappear
on account of our likes and dislike.
So, what do we understand?

Is history static??

Partly yes, because we cannot
change certain variables, but

partly no, because there is
always a scope for interpretation

"A - Glass Half-Full"
(or)

"A - Glass Half-Empty"

is all about the reference frame,

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में केवल
प्रश्न संख्या
लिखें।

Specimen Booklet

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इस हाशिप में
नहीं लिखना
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the perception and varied interpretation. Though the past is open for interpretation, but we must understand that the truth won't change. But then we must understand, there is no single truth there is a regime of truth.

Example, we know that India has been a colonial slave for almost two centuries, but Britishers claim it to be their civilisational mission and the white man's burden. Here we have a single event that has been interpreted by two different schools of thought & totally differently. But who

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could answer this best? The one who suffered or the one who caused the sufferings? The past definitely cannot stand up for itself and answer it, but it has left behind the trails of incident that help us verify the facts and arrive at the most probable truth.

Indians who have suffered the wrath of colonial rule were rewarded with "Civilisation mission of British" in form of huge poverty, underdevelopment, famines, dead economy and much. The sufferings of Mother

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India were to an extent that after Independence, the future we could see was all dark & clueless. But salute to the efforts of our constitution makers and visionaries that traced a path, which has led India to be the leader of Global South. Standing tall at its own pole.

The only problem with past is it won't stand up for itself. But then should this provide us with the right to distort it or to change it. It all depends on the way we look at it.

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Now, let us look at the environ-
ment today. Recently, UNGA chief
Antonio Guterres has remarked that

"The era of global warming has
ended; the era of global
boiling has arrived"

The issue of climate change is not
new, it traces its roots to the Ind-
ustrial revolution of 17th & 18th
century. The attention of interna-
tional community was brought
to the issue in the last decade
of 20th century.

Since then negotiations
have been carried out, but little
consensus has been achieved
between the developed and the
developing countries. Where

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both accuse each other for their negligence in past. But what is the point digging at the past when this ^{crisis} urgent solution requires future course of action to stop the mishap.

Definitely past won't stand up and clarify who has abused the environment more, but all we know is, the present and future demands action & not negligence.

In this way past has been moulded by people to justify their own good at several

instances, but what matter is what has been done to ensure progression and not degradation.

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In the same way the historical injustice suffered by the Trans-genders has been justified on being a time tested practice that dates back to ancient times which considers homosexuality as unnatural. So what is to be done?

Just let it happen because it has been happening since the past? or try changing the course of thinking in present and mould our future?

The Guarantee of Constitutional morality our supreme court decided to go on with the second option and thus struck down sec 377 of IPC.

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there by decriminalising Homo-
sexuality and ensuring a life
of dignity for all irrespective of
gender and sexual orientation.

The past can be viewed
either as an Iron Inscription
or as a mirror to our present
and gateway to the past. We
must chose it wisely not just
to suit of our interest our
justify our acts, but to ensure
that earth becomes a better
place to live.

Today in the 21st Century
the world is witnessing events like
war (Russia-Ukraine), arms race
(nuclear weapons), Famine (Sudan)

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terrorism (state sponsored), etc and all these evils have their roots in the past. Definitely many things have unfolded and are known to us, eg:- The reason of strife between US & USSR, the reason why Afghanistan became a breeding ground for terrorism. But yet there are certain mysteries of past that are yet unfolded and unknown.

which gives us an opportunity to look at the present to understand the past. That past anyway won't stand to provide justification for any incident but that will at least give us

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a lesson for future. It will help us to differentiate between short term actions and long term gains. Today if we look at the contemporary problems we know it's not like in the past and so does the solution.

There is no need to would and distort to justify our action but it is the time we human start reflecting on our achievements & accept that we need to change for the good, instead of looking at things with a purpose of blame-game.
"History won't stand for itself but we can."