



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 distract 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 situations
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"
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"A - Glass Half-Empty"

is all about the reference frame,

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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 British claim it to be their civilisational mission and the white man's burden. Here we have a single event which 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 environment 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 the Industrial revolution of 17th & 18th century. The attention of international 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 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 matters 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 Guarantor 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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thereby decriminalising Homosexuality and ensuring a life of dignity for all irrespective of gender and sexual orientation.

The past can be viewed either as an Iron Incription 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), Pandemic (covid19)

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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 atleast 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 blame and defect to justify our action but it is the time we human start reflecting on our activities & 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.”