

Essay for Mains 2023**Essay Test - 02****Time Allowed: 1.5 Hour****Max Marks: 150****Name:** TRILOK SINGH**Test Date:** 08/08/2023**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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Facts are facts and will not disappear on account of
your likes.

It was the era of discoveries and inventions.

A wide-eyed physicist was also in search of
some breakthrough. One day while conducting his
study he found a fact that was about to change

the view of how we saw the world. He expected

adulation and respect. Galileo Galili when wrote

that it was the Earth which revolves around

the sun and not the other way round; he was

convicted of hearsay. The church could not accept

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this true yet harsh fact which could alter
the understanding of humans. Galileo spent his
time in jail and kept saying "Eppur si
muove" (but the earth does move)

Facts as unshakable truth

The onset of science has led to ways which
can establish a certain thing as an absolute
truth. It has the verification apparatus to
back it's claim. The evolution of technology

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has meant that some facts can be upheld as ultimate and which can't be changed. The increased stigma towards AIDS patients was brought down after the fact that it was not a communicable disease.

The acceptance of facts is the first step to bring a change or build something better. The US scientists' report in 1980s about the eminent dangers of the global warming phenomena was the harbinger of climate change negotiations. The fact that the increased industrial activity

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was harming the earth sprung the people into

action. It is also important to verify the

source from which the facts are disseminated.

The state institutions and some global organisations

have earned the legitimacy of the people. The

hard facts enumerated in the "Towards Equality

report" of United Nations led to the resurgence

of women's movement in India.

Even the present statistics of the NCRB

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reveal that women are discriminated against.
despite the salience of "Women as shakti" in the
Indian society; the ground reality is different. It
will not be changed according to the whims of
the society but requires collective action to resolve
this "Peri Dichotomy"

Some societies which learn to live with the
reality emerge triumphant. It is their maturity to
accept the facts and adapt accordingly. The
country of Israel was a water shortage nation.
They could have ignored this fact and use

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water recklessly. But they integrated this
thing. They brought changes like Drip irrigation
system; cultivating horticulture crops and not water
intensive crops along with efficient "Grey water
management".

Lines blurred between fact and reality

The age of technology has made it difficult
to differentiate between the "black" and "white". It
is all grey. As Cephalus had observed "Nothing

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vast enters the world without being cursed".

The proliferation of deepfakes and propaganda has made the interpretation of facts difficult. The facts have been distorted according to the likes of some selfish people which has encouraged violence; mistrust and loss of life. The "infodemic" during the COVID crisis led to many prejudices being established.

Some organisations too have acted as appendages of some vested interest. The World Hunger Index which has named India as the worst in whole

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of south Asia is a mockery of India's efficient public distribution system. The methodology used by them was faulty and hence tarnished India's image.

Running away from facts

India is the 5th largest economy in the world and the most populous country. It is the leader of the global south; has a vibrant diaspora and is a strong believer of the international institutions. It also contributes the

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largest number of troops to the peacekeeping force. Despite
this the UNSC has been denying India the seat at
the permanent 5. It is nothing but outright denial
of the fact that India's time has come.

There is a need to face the facts bravely and
embrace change. The slowest climate action
has led to "global warming" turning into "global
boiling". It is the need of the hour to take
actions at all levels to initiate the necessary
changes. India's Mission LiFE can be a guiding
light.

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Triumph of faith over facts

It would be an overstatement to say that

Mahabharata and Ramayana are just mythological

tents. They are a part of the Indian way of

life and pervade all the spheres. The faith

doesn't require hard facts for it to stand tall.

The archaeological evidence of Ram Setu would

not bother a Ram devotee. He/she would be

immersed in the bhakti of his/her beloved god,
irrespective of that.

The Road ahead

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It is of crucial ~~most~~ to accept the facts
as they facilitate change and development.
They give us a reality check. It is their
imperative to show us the right path and
accommodate any changes if needed. Facts need
not always be taken at face value rather need to
be integrated with ground realities, like the
GDP growth of India has been phenomenal but
what is required is ameliorating the distress of
the people in reality. It is also required to
always verify the sources which will help

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curb the menace of fake news.

As Gandhiji had observed in his 7 sins;

"Knowledge without character" does nothing

but harm. Hence; it is the responsibility of

organisations delivering facts to uphold the highest

standards of integrity.

As Galileo's observations changed the world as

we see it; it underlines the significance

of tolerance and acceptance to face the truth

and decide our future course.