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Essay for Mains 2023

Essay Test - 03

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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Overall Remarks:

Dear Student,



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1.

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or

2.

A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.

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there is no exception.

'It is in the times of greatest adversity
that you can do greatest good, for
yourself and others.' - Dalai Lama.

~~It is in the times of greatest adversity~~ What do you do when
faced with adversity? Do you run
away or do you conform or do you
tackle it with the best of your
~~cap~~abilities? It is these situations
that define a person, as it is
rightly said 'when the going
gets tough, the tough get going'.

Hence, when faced with difficult situations, one must not shy away but try to find ways to resolve the situation.

But, how do you tackle it also matters. If someone oppresses you, do you take revenge or you win their heart? It is these actions that will decide the results not only in the immediate term but also build the thoughts, a precedence for future.

In this essay, we will see what are the various options when one is oppressed, the consequences of such actions, the fanatics war

and the importance of ethical principles for the present as well as future.

oppression creates war

Remember the consequence of Treaty of versailles? An oppressive treaty leading to. World War 2. But even the French revolution was an outcome of oppressive rule by louis XVI. Both these incidents involve an element of war, still we consider one as liberating and other inhumane. The reason is based on the values or outcome for which we used violence. Still, one could argue that even a

good cause doesn't justify violent methods and there could've been other way out.

There are numerous other examples where oppression in some form has resulted in violent acts: be it the marxal uprising against peasants oppression; or climate change causing havoc against anthropogenic oppressions and other symbolic or non-symbolic forms of resistance. But, a violent method still holds important ethical reservations, since 'an eye for an eye can make the whole world blind'.

Wars even without oppression →



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of conquer, hate, harm. So, what should one do?

Conquer your enemy with love and truth, not violence.
(case of being oppressed and No War)

When British were oppressive in ruling colonial India, what did Mahatma Gandhi do? or when Nelson Mandela was subjected to apartheid in his country by his very own countrymen, what did he do? These and numerous other cases show us that ~~where~~ ^{love} and compassion as well as righteous knowledge and actions



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can help us win over our oppressors
even without war.

They used the values of non-violence, truth, standing fearless in the face of adversity and guiding others as well as oneself out of difficult situations.

Even post Independent India has seen a state of war in many ways: food security war in case of PL-480 or nuclear threats by our neighbours. But, we came out strong with green revolutions and Mission Shakti, deterring oppressors with our



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capabilities, even without war.
Hence, there will always be situations
where you will be faced with
adversity → it is you who has to
decide to take the easy path
of violence to counter it or doing
the tougher task of changing
the values of society itself and
bringing social good.

Be the change you wish to see

But first, to change the societal
outlook on things, you must
yourself be capable enough to
withstand the challenges and
to follow Dharma in such times.



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It is only possible if you have the right action, right thought, right belief, right knowledge and are virtuous in character. Others might try to challenge you in ways or you might be tilted towards the easier option. But you must remember that what comes easy might not be right. You need to stick to the path of righteousness to be able to follow such actions when faced with difficult.

Your actions affect the future.
Why did Gandhi ji stop the Non-

- cooperation movement after
Chauri Chaura? even when we
could have attained Independence
earlier. It is because he did not
want to set wrong precedence.
He believed that 'Means are
as important as the ends'.

This is what our neighbour Pakistan
didn't learn → it used violence
means to forge its independence
demand, resulting into political
instability and military coups
over the years.

You always have a choice - the
choice we choose affect ~~not~~ only
us but also our future generations

and so it is important to value and follow principles at all times.

Adversity brings out the best in us → It gives us an opportunity to bring change, to use our abilities to the best to create history. But, we must be careful on how to use it.

Ashoka realised that a state of war is not right and changed his approach from Bori-ghosh to Dhammayghosh. Our honourable prime minister has said - 'This is not an era of war'

and that we must resolve via dialogue, diplomacy^{even} in tough times.

So, we must realise even though oppression creates a state of war (within our mind harming our mental wellbeing or in societal view, leading to violent methods), it is not true that there is no exception.

Where there is a will, there is a way - a way out of the chaotic violence that seems inevitable to a way which

follows love, truth, non-violence,
compassion, fairness; a way
which is humane in its
approach. Since, this is the
way which will create a
better society - one whether
faced with adversity or not -
brings the ethical values at
forefront and resolves it
to create a beautiful mind.

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Intro: what you do in face of adversity defines you.

③ oppression and no war → Gandhi, Mandela.

↓
Green revolution. nuclear power India. save your economy.

① oppression and war → right = french revolution. ^{geographically: Arctic/Himalayas.}

an eye for an eye.

↓ ^{live with you society.}
(But your means are as important as ends.) → wrong = WW2 (Germany refused).
^{conclusion}
Naxal.

② war even without oppression → environment; Rohingya; women oppressed since ages.

④ how to develop capability → knowledge, awareness, be the change, win the hearts,

⑤ your action affect future. → precedence, Chauri Chaura vs Pakistan, environment (Arthoka).

conclusion: adversity brings the best out of us.

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There is no exception.
war is not the end
there.

oppression → war: Osama, civil war.
→ other ways: Nelson, Gandhi
war → oppression
→ injury.