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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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	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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1.

All oppression creates a state of war, there is no exception.

or

2.

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

1.) All oppression creates a state of war,
there is no exception

This quote was made by Simone de
Beauvoir in her famous book The

Second Sex which set off the Second

Wave Feminist Movement in the

West. The quote made in the

context of contemporary Gender Struggle

discourse is relevant universally - considering



the fact that the Author is herself
considered a contributor to the
Existentialist School of Philosophy. Both
second wave Feminism and the
Existentialist school came into being
in the context of the second world
war and the atrocities therein, created
a strong reaction to human oppression
of other humans.

What is oppression?

Oppression refers to the unjustly

cruel treatment of one ^{sentient} entity by another sentient entity. But this leads us to

another important question: What is the need for one being to oppress another?

Oppression leads from Corruption and Corruption emanates from the fear of losing power (Isaeng sang syu Kyi).

Why do humans preserve power?

Power is a means of control and

through control it is a desire to seek the best outcomes for one's own

Interest (Hedonistic Principle). But power



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can only survive in a hierarchy
which at times can only be sustained
by oppression. When the enforced hierarchy
becomes too rigid, it entails breakaway
attempts by those oppressed, which
in other words implies a state of War.

- when someone is denied his basic
right to life

- He has no choice in becoming an
outlaw

- Nelson Mandela

Are there any Exceptions?

It is said that one man's freedom



fighter is another man's terrorist. This

quote raises a question of Perception

of Oppression. How do we identify Oppression?

Oppression is unjust treatment, But

what is just?

Early attempts at defining
Justice were by Confucius, Buddha
and Aristotle, without defining justice,
they pointed at Virtue, Dhamma or
Heavenly Mandate. But Again who is to
define these terms? Modern Justice uses
a similar term of Reasonableness or



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Public Interest, the meaning of which

has never been the same in all

cases.

Wars of the Medieval Period were characterised by the use of jus Bellum

or a justified war (Hugo Grotius). A just

War was to 'liberate' a population

from a Oppressive or Tyrannical Ruler,

akin to 'Putin's War' in Ukraine, and

history is witness that the goals of

these actions are far from noble.

So have we been able to arrive at



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a definition of Oppression!

Reaching a Partial Consensus

After countless wars and rebellions, the human species has some Consensus over the definition of political oppression, such as the inviolability of human Rights. But what about other forms of Oppression like labour, gender and even animals.

Karl Marx called democracy an exercise where we get to choose our oppressor periodically. He pointed that



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oppression was not vertical (from the state) but horizontal (from the 'HAVES').

It believed that class antagonism (oppression) was due to be overthrown by a 'proletariat Revolution' (War).

The Feminist Philosophy raises a similar argument which aims to break away (overthrow) from the control structures of men (oppression).

A state of No Oppression

The feminist movement as per Mary Wollstonecraft is not to gain power



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over men but to re-gain power over seivs. To break free from the relentless cycle of oppression and Revolution (war), it is important to break the pyramid of Power and not just re-shuffling of power. This was the vision of Mahatma Gandhi when he envisioned a blissful Anarchy, a confederacy of equal units without structures of power.

In the ultimate analysis we can say that the ways of reaching the common utopia of Gandhi and Marx are many. But



the fundamental nature of human
beings stands in the way. As long

as there are things or resources

to be competed for, Power will Always

Find its way to the Top. and the

message in quote of Simon De

Beauvoir will remain alive and

relevant.

[In the struggle between those
seeking power,

— there is no middle course

— Tacitus.