

Essay for Mains 2023**Essay Test - 03****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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A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.

The flags with the tilted Swastika had occupied the streets. The Nazi trucks were filling Jews like sheep and transferring them to the "camps". one man whose business was in profit was not happy; his conscience shaken to the core. He made a list of some people he wanted to save from this extermination. Initially; it was just 13 people but soon it grew. He sold every last penny of his to strike a deal with Nazis. He

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was successful in saving them. The man was
oscar schindler whose message of love stood tall
against the Nazi hate.

The enigma of love

love is an universal virtue. There is no debate
around the acceptability of love. It harbours
trust and harmony among the people. It focuses
on the globe as one family that is "Vasudhaiva
Kutumbakam". The message of love by John Lennon
against the Vietnam war helped in diluting the
conflict's intensity.

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It is the love which deives both Hindus
and Muslims annually to undertake the "Phool-
walon Ki sair"; a beautiful floral festival
underlining the inherent harmony of humans.

Love can manifest itself in different
ways. It doesn't differentiate according to caste;
creed or colour. The tribal way of life shows
their love for nature. They don't even pluck
anything directly from the forest until it falls
down. It is this underlying love which
prevents Chenchu and Bihari tribes to plough

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the field as it would hurt mother Earth.

It is not merely the monetary benefits
that inspire people to guard the frontiers
of the nation. It is their love for the mother-
land that has seen valiant bravehearts
lay their lives in country's service.

All humans were born equal and hence need to
be respected equally. The stigma around the LGBTQIA+
community has been effectively countered by the
"Rainbow Pride Love" which beautifully captures

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the diversity of human race.

Knowledge as the guiding light

Love is no doubt ubiquitous but requires the right intentions and knowledge to become effective. Rabindranath Tagore's literary might has made "Gitanjali" as a reference of love around the world. It was the understanding of the cross border relations and effective advice which led to Atal Bihari Vajpayee's outreach to Pakistan in form of a cricket series and Bus service.

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Even though a lot of philanthropists share their love to uplift the marginalised ; The Bill and Melinda Gates foundation has been largely successful. It was because of their extensive social studies and integrating with public policy that their efforts became successful.

Past experiences and connect also plays a role in making such efforts successful.

Kailash Satyarthi's initial struggles equipped him

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with the required understanding. His love for the
children took the form of "Bachpan Bachao Andolan"
and saved many young futures.

Knowledge without love is disastrous

A lot of people are geniuses in their own kind.

But it's not a guarantee that their intellectual
prowess would always benefit the humanity as
a whole.

Osama Bin Laden was a brilliant civil engineer

and had a good upbringing. He had great
organizational ability but all went down the drain.

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He was not inspired by love rather hate
which destroyed many lives.

Nuclear energy has the potential to alter
lives in a positive way. It's huge energy
potential holds a promise. But the Manhattan
project was built on the foundations of revenge
and led to the Hiroshima disaster.

Inspiration and message of love

love has the potential to change people's
hearts. It was the love and compassion

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of Gautam Buddha which showed Angulimala

the path of non-violence and he became a saint.

The present world is strife with conflict
and war. Ethnic and inter-state wars have

savaged the human lives; the economy and the

idea of "one family; one future". The idea of love

given by Asoka, centuries ago is the message

the world needs to stop conflict especially the

Russia - Ukraine war.

Kabir's message of "soothing words" or

"meethi vaani" is required to curb the menace

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of hate speech and subsequent violence.

The growing spread of technology and print media has created awareness in the masses. But the negative outlook of events has undermined the individual's trust in society and fellow beings. There is a need to spread the message of optimism and good events. The "Good news" initiative of DD India does just that to keep the hopes

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of humanity alive.

The embrace of love should not be limited to the humans alone. The message given by Amrita Devi in her "Chipko" initiative needs to be heeded to champion the efforts of conservation. Even the stray animals need love and attention. It is the responsibility of individuals as well as administration to take concrete steps.

Towards a good life

Actions inspired by love and guided by knowledge always provide inner peace and

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satisfaction. They constitute a good life and
are the essential ingredients.

"Love will blossom everywhere

In the most unexpected places

Peeping through the cracks in darkness

like an oasis in a desert

It needs a little push; someone to tender

Soon it engulfs the universe"

Oscar Schindler's message of love uplifted the spirits
of people. Though it was unable to stop the war;
it triumphed in its actions. There is no victory or
defeat in the pursuit of love; only love remains.