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<i>Basic Format</i>	Introduction + Conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
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<i>Organisation</i>	Flow of ideas/ Absence of Deviation from the topic	25		
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<i>Examiner's Discretion</i>	Perception/ Innovation/ Engaging	25		

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
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<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>
120 and above	100-120	Below 100

LISTEN WITH CURIOSITY, SPEAK WITH HONESTY,
ACT WITH INTEGRITY

As the sun rose on the
battle field, with the respective Ashwa-gedha-Rakha-
Gaja bala on respective sides, Pandavas and Kauravas
are eagerly waiting to pounce upon each other in the
battle of Dharma. But Kurokshetra is not just an
arena of war, but also a test bed of values and
ethics that were taught to generations to come.

The battle field saw Arjuna,
a curious listener of the words of wisdom
lectured by Krishna through Bhagavad Gita. It
also figures the great Krishna who delivered a great
lecture honestly to uplift the cause of Dharma.

Finally, the war also witnessed both Krishna and Ajuna, who fought the war with integrity despite of family bonds with the enemies, solely for sake of Dharma.

So, one can observe that amidst this great war, we have been taught lessons of "Listening with Curiosity" & "Speaking with Honesty" and "Acting with Integrity", to set up order in the society which is Dharma. So, in this Essay we shall talk on why the above highlighted qualities are essential for orderly lifestyle and how they are getting diluted. We shall also throw light on some great inspirations from the past to develop the required etiquette.

LISTENING - THE SKILL THAT NEEDS TO BE
MASTERS:

As we live in a society,
we are surrounded and bound by multiple voices
within ourselves and outside us as well, that sometimes
might sound like Cacophony, but influences us in
our lives.

However, nowadays we are noticing a
phenomenon of "Less Listening - More Hearing", where
hearing is mere attention to voice, whereas listening
is more broader than it. All of us give ourselves to
TV screens to listen to prime time debates, where
people listen/hear to counter others, but, don't listen
out of curiosity. Ultimately it leads to a destructive
atmosphere of words, rather than a constructive
discussion of wisdom

As a whole, "Listening" as a communication skill is on verge of extinction. Robert Greenleaf in his famous essay "Servant Leadership" clearly conveys that "Listening with Curiosity" is a sine-qua-non for strong leadership.

Buddha, in his path of enlightenment, dedicated himself to "Listening others" after his royal renunciation. He kept wandering across country side, listening to words of Rishis, priests, commentators on Vedas, Upanishads and sufferings of poor, totally out of egotism to understand the world around him. Ultimately it led to his Enlightenment, based on the lessons he learnt in this process.

Similarly, the great Asadul Kalam, always was fond of listening to bids/students and talk to them, through which he derives greatest life lessons as he says.

In one of his conversations with specifically abled persons (PWD), he got to know about the unaffordability of physical aids, which motivated him to design an affordable Calipers along with his friend, which is popularly called "Kalam-Raju Caliper", serving persons with amputated limbs through prosthetic arms/legs.

So, one can observe the essence of listening with curiosity, as it reflects our Emotional Intelligence. It helps in developing qualities of Empathy - Compassion towards others. It strengthens our relationships and imbibes social capital based on principles of trust-harmony. We should also develop the ability to listen to our inner self with curiosity, through strong Introspection. All of us are always in deep adrenaline rush to react based on our emotions of love-greed-doubt-hatred etc. But

instead of reacting immediately, we need to stop
and listen to our inner voice patiently, such that we
can know the origin of the voice and deal with it
accordingly and act as per our Conscience.

Honesty In TALK : OBVIOUS BUT DIFFICULT TO
OBSERVE :

As the citizens of Rome
gathered outside the Colosseum to mourn the death
of Julius Caesar with along with his murderers.

Mark Anthony, rose to the occasion with his words

"My dear brothers and sisters of Rome!!", and his

thundering speech for the next 30 minutes motivated

Romans to take up sword and avenge Caesar's death

So, the signs of honesty in the
speech of Mark Anthony is what acted as an effective
tool of persuasion which needs to be learnt

A person's character can be assessed by his words and his conduct. So, speaking with honesty reflects an attitude of integrity and robustness in life. Off late we see people who invest more in impressing the people rather than helping people, entertaining people rather than educate, completely devoid of honesty, aimed at deceiving people. It is a hard fact that honesty in words, are hard to digest, ~~but~~ so they are not patronized by us.

When Satyajit Ray says "Audience in India are of medieval quality and mediocre", he is not intending to add disgrace to his countrymen, but convey to us that we need to change our perceptions towards films. Speaking with honesty is a difficult task to observe, but a much needed trait we need to possess.

We need strong leaders who speaks
with honesty such as A. B. Vajpayee, Sardar Patel,
J. P. Narayan, such that followers can believe in
them and the political process as well. We need
strong judges who dare to carry honesty to their
grooves to uplift people's trust in Constitutional process.
We need our parents/teachers to prioritize honesty
in their speech such that the children develop it and
become great citizens, uplifting Social Trust.

"I have no problem in people calling me a dog, I
am an Alaskan Dog, you can't tell an Alaskan
to not bite/bark, as it is its duty, My duty
is to bite/bark to promote honesty"

L. T. N. section in
his book "Burden of
my Life"

ACTING WITH INTEGRITY - THE STHITHAPRAGNA :Krishna in Gita defines

"Sthithapragna" as the person who is like an
unflickered flame undisturbed by external events.

He is a "Whole" which can't be divided. So,

Integrity is this "Wholeness", which believes in

consistency in thought-speech-action, which can't be
disturbed. It is the quality of doing the right thing
even when no one is watching.

When Professor Kurumpu, who
was a teacher at Mysore University, while examining
answer sheets of one of his student, who happens to be
his son, notices that he falls short of $\frac{1}{2}$ mark to
pass the exam. Despite of having chance to award
the half mark, he doesn't do that due to his
compliance towards his professional ethics highlighting
his integrity.

One needs to be completely honest and possess strong mental equanimity to act with integrity. As Gandhi says "I don't want others with their dirty feet to enter my brain". To act with integrity, we need to develop the qualities of Rectitude (Limiting oneself), Prudence (Guided by Reason) and Temperance (Emotional Balance), thus controlling our Reason-Desire-Emotion which guides man's conduct.

We come across great examples of personalities that have uplifted Integrity, such as V. Jagannathan IAS, who publishes his asset publicly, Rajni Sikkri Sibal IAS, who stood against death threats from politicians accused in Teacher Training Scam exposed by her and T.N. Seshan, who acted as watchdog of Indian Elections and promoted large scale electoral reforms.

Integrity reflects our strong

Emotional Intelligence and strongly links our attitude
and behaviour promoting consistency in our action.

While acting with integrity, we by default fulfill
our ethical-moral obligations and feel by the principle
of Social Contract.

LISTEN - SPEAK - ACT in DEMOCRACY

As we have talked about
all the three qualities and their essence, let us
stress the importance of them together in functioning
of democracy.

Firstly, we need our leaders to be strong listeners
of curiosity, either in opposition or in power, not
just during elections, but during their entire
public life. They should always keep their ears/
eyes open to hear/see public from whom they
derive their legitimacy.

They should have strong outreach programmes such as "Chai Pe Charcha" - "Citizenship Schools" to know the mood of the public.

Secondly, we need leaders who wear honesty on their sleeve and reflect it in their talk. The promises they give, shouldn't be just the words in their manifestos, but need to be given tangible shape. They should reflect their honesty in legislatures to fulfill the ambit of representational democracy.

Thirdly, we need strong leaders, institutions which act with integrity such as the Ministers - ITCAs and institutions of CAG - ECJ and Judiciary should collectively fight against the Moral - Legal - Financial Corruption by hinging on to branches of Constitutional Morality

Strong "Integrity Ecosystem" needs

to be created through Integrity Surveys - Pacts,

making it a side-que-ron.

PENDING NOTES

George Washington says that

"Justice in Cause, Honesty in Prosecution, Integrity

in Act", which serves the place of experience,

it shall be of great help to mankind". So

all the three qualities we discussed, together form a

collective etiquette that we need to equip ourself

with such that Civilisation takes right course

and strong leadership acts as pillar to it.

So, let us ~~note~~ ^{teach} Gadhiji's 3 monkeys not to

~~to~~ speake evil, but to speake honestly, not to listen

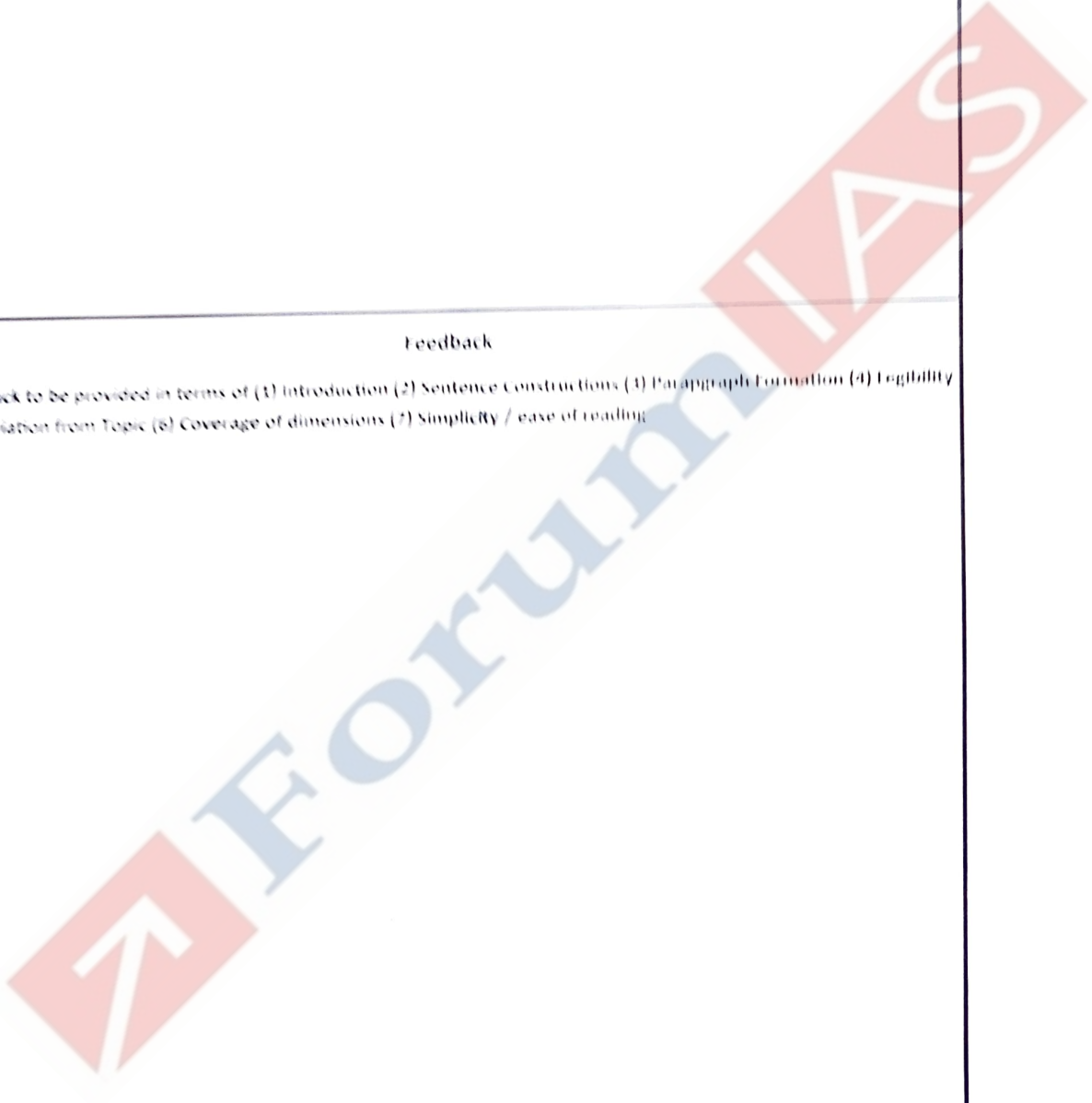
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with integrity but not evil.

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Those who wish to reap the blessings of liberty
must undergo fatigues of supporting it

When Bhagat Singh and his fellow comrades are going on an hunger strike in the jail for more than 50 days, the jail warden persuaded him to stop the strike, as their struggle for cause of swaraj is costing their lives. After few years, when they were awarded the ^{death} punishment, his father requested him to apply for many petitions to which he rejected with smile.

Bhagat Singh, replies to his father that, "The soil which gets soaked by his blood is the ~~seed~~ / inspiration we give to our fellow countrymen to enjoy the fruits of liberty in their relentless pursuit of Purna Swaraj, and for it

"we are ready to go to any extent". This

highlights the essence of our essay that, to reap the blessings of liberty, one who stands for it needs to undergo the fatigue in the process.

As Machiavelli in his political treatise says "Nothing great was achieved without any danger", the aim of achieving "liberty" is a divine / great task, and the fruits it gives us come out of fatigue greatest sacrifices.

So, in this essay we shall discuss on "Essence of liberty" and its "blessings" and the fatigue caused in the process of reaping those blessings, acting as an inspiration to others.

LIBERTY - THE NATURAL RIGHT - IT'S BLESSINGS

John Locke, a famous
Contractarian USA philosopher, says "Liberty" is
a natural right that a man deserves from his birth
and it is a hallmark of a free society. The
true definition of liberty is "Absence of Restraint" and
"Freedom to realize one's potential", with help of a
free socio-economic-political atmosphere. Liberty
enhances Social Capital and Human Capital, realising
autonomy of each and every soul.

Civilisations were able to
prosper due to this quality of liberty, and such that
it can take quantum jumps - Early man was able
to meet his clothing-food-shelter needs as he was
free to move without any restrictions.

Great society of Harappa,
Huang-He, Athens and Mesopotamia realised the best
 forms of development, as people of those times were
 freely able to conduct their operations - transactions -
living in harmony with each other, devoid of any
 central authority.

Today, we are living in a
neo-liberal world, largely driven by Market Economics
 for which Innovation is the hallmark, serving the
 mankind through revolutions in healthcare, transport,
communication and livelihood promoting ease of living.

So one can strongly assert that
Liberty, enhances fulfillment of man's potential,
 thus becoming a indicator of quality of society
 and quality of life. However, it became the
~~vulnerable~~ vulnerable victim of exploitation
 across time scales.

THE RIVALS OF LIBERTY

Greatest wars, liberation
struggles, revolutions that occupy great spaces in
chronicles of history are the "fight for liberty"
against the enemies who restrict it. The American
Revolution of 18th Century, French Revolution of 17th Century
and Indian National Movement of 20th Century, all had
the aims of freedom - liberty - independence against
the evils of Monarchy - Colonialism - Imperialism.

Jared Diamond, in his book
Guns - Germs - Steel highlights that we have created
institutions of State - Religion - Caste to regulate
man's social conduct and curb excess liberty.
Thus, as Societies grew, the ambit of these institutions
over Man's liberty grew by leaps and bounds.

Thomas Hobbes' "Leviathan", suggests that "State" ensures order in society by "social Contract" under framework of "Law", transforming people from "State of Nature" to "State of Law". Also the "Religion" as a institution, guided by scriptures/tracts laid by priestly class demanded orderly behaviour and compliance of people. The rise of Caste system based on "Hierarchy" led to violation of individual dignity and liberty.

Probably, all these phenomena created an iron clad around liberty, making it difficult to reach it, such causing fatigue in the process to reach it.

"Man is born free everywhere, but in chains"

↳ Rousseau

FATIGUE AND THE DIFFICULT TRIAL

Voltaire says that

it is "Dangerous to be right, when State is wrong".

and "I shall defend your right of liberty till death", which highlights his noble intention to realise liberty.

As we have discussed in the above passages, that to support liberty, we need to be ready to face the opposition to it in form of institutions.

Our freedom struggle based on the tenets of Poorna Swaraj, carried on for a century driven by lot of sacrifices - insults - treason in the fight with Mighty British. To gain freedom and liberty for the future generations, the then generation selflessly dedicated their lives to the cause of Swaraj.

It can be visible through the sacrifice at Jallianwala Bagh, the cruel trials of Gandhiji, Nehru, Sarda Patel in jails, the valour of Aged Hind Force against the strong British.

Similarly, Nelson Mandela's fight against Apartheid, led to his incarceration for 27 years in Taun, but he eventually became the BLACK SUN for the world leading to Racial Equality.

Also, during the Emergency Struggle, against the State in 1970s, lots of journalists, lawyers, students had to be jailed, but they valiantly carried their struggle for Political Liberty against Unconstitutionalism.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, had to face lot of criticism, insults from fellow countrymen in his pursuit of Casteless society and promote Social Equality by upliftment of Dalits. He faced social-political

Opposition and occasional boycotts, but however it led to drafting of a great Constitution that gave "Liberty - Equality - Fraternity" as a gift to us.

Recently, we can see many political activists, journalists, leaders being jailed under allegations of seditions under Sec-124, thus leading to their incarceration for years, without opportunity of fair trial, thus creating moral-physical enormous fatigue in them.

Laws, which aim at promoting orderly society, are aiming at curtailing liberty of people, acting as "refraction of liberty" as laid by Jeremy Bentham. In this regard, it invokes Civil Disobedience - sacred duty, inspired by Gandhiji as witnessed in Anne Hagan's holpa Movement.

NEED FOR QUALITY LIBERTY

We need to agree that Liberty is the hallmark of mankind, and it needs to be granted. But we must also ~~also~~ ^{see} ~~that~~ at what cost the liberty is being granted, as it is not absolutely ethical in nature.

Liberty, when not in right dose can create chaos in society. The rise of neo-liberalism and market Economy under pre-text of Leijze Fair did the damage as it gave benefits. It led to an asymmetrical distribution of wealth in Sovietics, diluted the Welfare State poles, thus making societies dwarf.

Also excess liberty can sometimes question the social contract and its legitimacy which aims at regulating conduct of citizens.

Rise of Hate speech, Mis Information,
Sedition aimed at destabilizing society, are
being legitimised under garb of liberty.

So, the supporters of
the liberty, as well as the State machinery should
largely base their gods of liberty within the
framework of Constitutional Monarchy. The narrative of
Statelessness or Anarchism, as laid by Proudhon,
Kropotkin and Bakunin are not so reliable
in present day society, as the dynamics of society
grow larger.

Demands of liberty should take
feasibility studies without disturbing the order in
society. We often come across so called supporters
of liberty who occupy public space in the name
of liberty but aim at winning political brownie
points.

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"Greatest of minds face the most violent opposition from mediocre minds", as has said by A. Einstein. So, in wishing to reap the benefits of liberty, we must learn to overcome fatigue caused by those mediocre minds. Only such fatigue makes the struggle meaningful and the goal/value of liberty relevant to be enjoyed.

It is this fatigue, that strengthened greatest souls such as George Washington, Garibaldi, Lenin, Gandhi, N. Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr., the greatest of all time, making them brand ambassadors of the noble trinity of "LIBERTY - EQUALITY - FRATERNITY".

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