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Time Allowed : Three Hours
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Basic Format	Introduction	10		
	Body	15		
	Conclusion	10		
Content	Topic interpretation	10		
	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
Organization	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
Language skills	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
Examiner's discretion	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
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Very Good	Good	Average
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SECTION - A

1. Before the borders are broken the minds are invaded.
सीमाओं को तोड़ने से पहले दिमाग/ सोच पर आक्रमण किया जाता है।
2. Talent and passion are only useful tools if one has the work ethic to back them up.
प्रतिभा और जुनून तभी उपयोगी उपकरण हैं यदि किसी के पास उन्हें सहारा देने के लिए कार्य नैतिकता है।
3. The opportunity of interfaith dialogue: modern solution for globalised world.
अंतरधार्मिक संवाद का अवसर : वैश्वीकृत दुनिया के लिए आधुनिक समाधान।
4. The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.
एकमात्र असंभव यात्रा वह है जिसे आप कभी शुरू नहीं करते हैं।

4. "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin"

It was around middle of the 20th century, United States of America was marked by racial discrimination and ghoray crimes against African-Americans. In one such heinous incident, a young girl of age seven (7) was raped. The incident turned the world upside down for the young girl.

The girl became mute for five years. She was filled with an intense rage and had lost the will to begin any journey in her life. Everything seemed dreadful and wrong to her. The girl was feeling like a caged bird. However, things changed when she met an individual, a great leader. The young girl was Maya Angelou and the leader was Martin Luther King Jr.

Maya Angelou got a new perspective and then began her journey towards being an artist, a writer, crusader for women's rights which seemed impossible due to her dreadful past.

In this essay, we will analyse why beginning a journey is hard; how the journey could be started; the path from impossible to possible and the development of qualities to brave the destiny.

The Dreadful start(s)

The human mind is very apprehensive of the uncertainties in any matter. The moment when humans are not able to decipher the path, the fear kicks in and that becomes an impediment in beginning the journey and it seems impossible.

The second reason that impedes the beginning at times is the fear of failure, the feeling that 'I would not be able to make it!'. This leads to anxiety, self-doubt; lack of faith in undertaking the journey.

Thirdly, the journey is difficult to begin due to lack of adequate opportunities and plethora of external challenges. For example, the women face several challenges such as patriarchal mindset, dual burdens,

discrimination in wage gaps etc. that dissuades them from beginning their journey towards their goal.

The another reason at times is the rigidity exhibited by individuals, organisations and nations that prevent them to see the need of embarking on a journey to herald a change. For example, the rigidity exhibited by dictators, authoritarian leaders leads to stagnancy and hinders the start towards the destination.

Taking the Leap of Faith

As we saw, various reasons that why the journey is hard to begin, we will now see how the leap of faith can be taken to

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begin the journey and embark on it

Firstly, one needs to shed every bit of fear and take a great leap forward towards the goal/journey. For example, our freedom fighters boared every wraith of the colonial power, empowered people to shed any fear of the colonial rule.

Secondly, one needs to embrace the failures as the part of the journey towards the destination. For example, Abraham Lincoln failed to win senate elections three (3) times, failed to get elected as Vice-President but he embarked on a journey by taking a leap of faith and become the American President.

Thirdly, one needs to break any shackles that are hindering their beginnings towards a journey and the destination. For example, D.D. B.R. Ambedkar fought against the caste discrimination.

and undertook various measures to break the chains that hindered people on the basis of caste identities.

Fourthly, one needs to have immense confidence in oneself and one's perseverance and perseverance. This would ensure beginning a journey which seemed far and full of impediments. For example, Thomas Alva Edison had this faith and embarked on a journey to invent the light bulb.

Impossible is Nothing

As we saw, how one can undertake the leap of faith and begin their journey, we will now see some journeys of individuals, organisations, countries that charted the course of dreadful beginnings to reaching their destination.

Savitribai Phule is one such individual. She undertook the arduous beginning of journey by getting educated after being married at the age of Nine (9) to becoming a female educator and activist who worked for ensuring education to young dalit girls.

Another individual that comes to my mind is Stephen Hawking. Diagnosed with a condition that rendered him wheelchair-bound at a young age, he continued his journey towards his passion despite all odds.

At the level of organisations, one such remarkable journey is that of Indian Space Research organisation (ISRO). From the humble beginnings, the organisation traversed the journey with great ingenuity, perseverance and recently become the First country to

land on the south pole of the moon with its
Chandrayaan-3 mission.

Also, at the level of countries, the
journey undertaken by India is perplexing the
world. From being ship to mouth economy
to becoming exporter of agriculture products;
from extreme poverty levels to increasing human
capital; from economic challenges to becoming
the fifth largest economy of the world
India has shown how the impossible becomes
possible.

Another case in point is the Rwanda,
a small african nation that witnessed decades
of civil war among Hutus and Tutsis,
various atrocities against women. But, the
country chose to begin the journey towards
reconciliation, undertook efforts to improve

the society, the conditions of women. The result is that today it is the only country to have a women-majority parliament and various ills of the society have been worked upon.

The courage and trust with destination

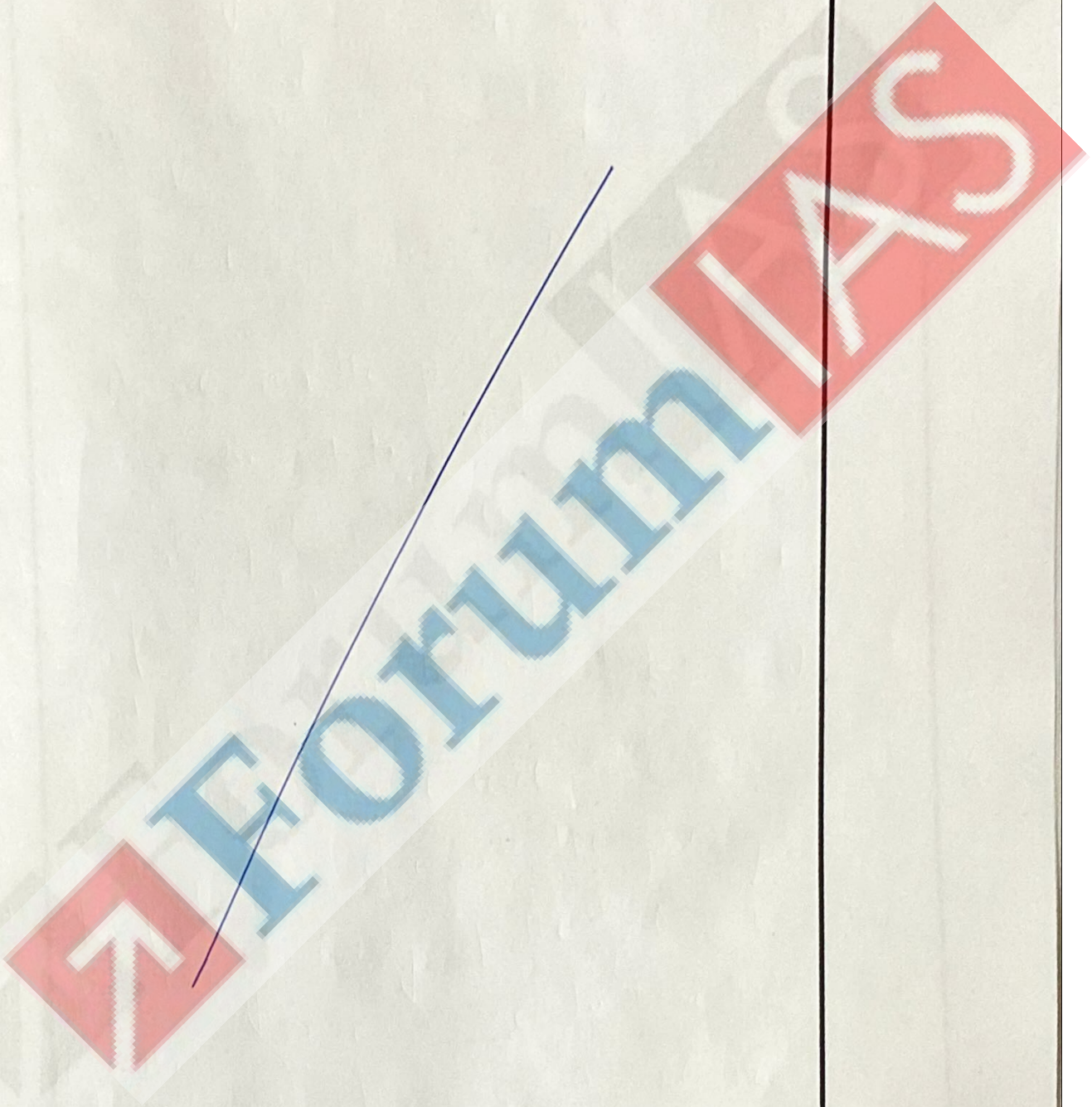
As we saw the journey(s) becoming possible, we also need to underline the effects, responsibilities, qualities of all stakeholders to ensure capabilities to bounce any impediments at the start, middle or towards end of journey.

At the individual level, one needs to develop qualities in line with the journey's demand, having clarity of the goal and finally the immense courage to have trust with one's destination. against all the odds.

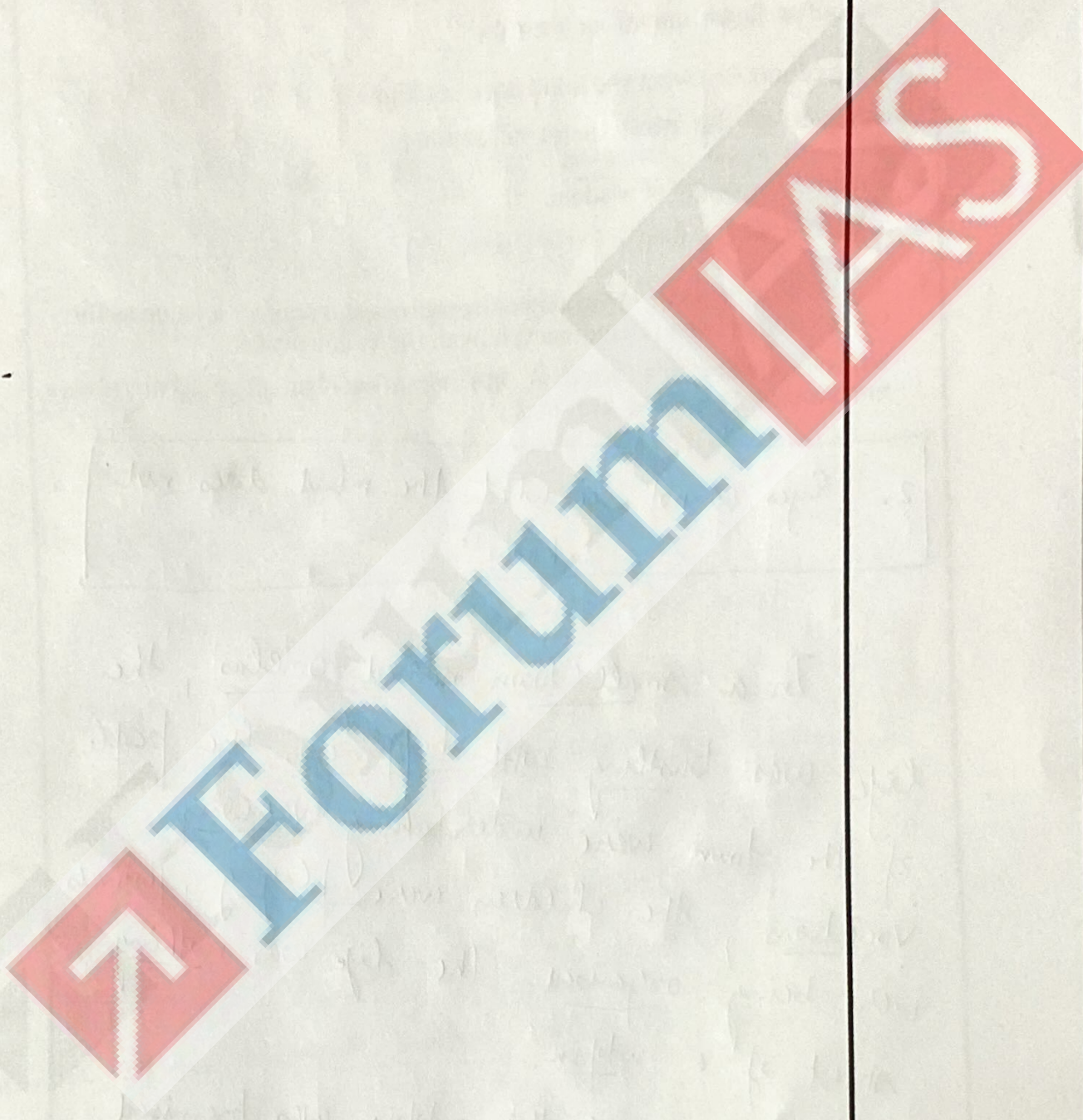
Further, it is the responsibility of stakeholders such as state to provide facilities that ensure development of capabilities, opportunities to embrace any journey without having any fear of beginnings or the path.

Also, the cooperation and collaboration among individuals, organisations, countries is the key to ensure that the journey is begun and one travels for by walking together. For example, cooperation for climate change is a case in point.

Any journey can be charted by following this mantra: 'You begin, You traverse and You conquer'. The success of this can be seen from the story of Maya Angelou.



FEEDBACK





SECTION - B

1. Science applied is the engine of humanity.
व्यावहारिक विज्ञान मानवता का इंजन है।
2. Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know.
आंखें वह नहीं देख सकती जो मन नहीं जानता।
3. Doubt is the origin of wisdom.
संदेह ज्ञान का मूल है।
4. The relation between environment, resources and conflict is same as the connection between Democracy, human rights and peace.
पर्यावरण, संसाधन और संघर्ष के बीच का संबंध वैसा ही है जैसा लोकतंत्र, मानवाधिकार और शांति के बीच का है।

2. "Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know"

In a small town named Omelas, the life was bustling with happiness. The people of the town were undertaking various vocations, the children were playing, festivals were being organised. The life was nothing short of a utopia.

However, all this utopia was premiered upon a dystopia that involved imprisonment

of a child in a dungeon. The imprisoned child was the necessary condition for the happiness of the people of the city.

The people of the city however were not aware about the child and some of those who were did not have the understanding of the effect of imprisonment of the child. Everyone chose to not see the discrimination perpetrated on the child.

The above anecdote highlights the fact that eyes only see what our mind is ignorant of or what we choose to take ignorance of. In this essay, we will the reasons why mind is unaware of various things, the effect of this unawareness, and how a mindful manifesto can be developed. and also at times deliberate unseeing despite awareness of the mind.

The oblivious mind

Mind is the state of our cognition, active or passive that is shaped by knowledge, experiences, innate personality etc. The oblivion in mind sets because of various reasons as we will see.

The first and premost reason is the lack of knowledge or awareness about the object, thing or phenomenon that results in eyes not seeing the cause or effect of it. For example, the issue of mental health today is becoming a 'silent pandemic' due to the lack of awareness about mental health issues and the treatment options.

Secondly, the unawareness is because of the 'mis-knowledge' or half-knowledge of the thing or phenomenon. For example, people

today surrounded by technology, social media do not have complete idea about its working and consume 'half-baked truth' or 'fake news' as real knowledge.

Thirdly, the mind is in a state of oblivion because of the reason that mind is accustomed to a particular scenario or behaviour pattern and becomes rigid. For example, the patriarchy is so engrained in our society, that various gendered attitudes are seen as common and as a norm, even by youth.

Similar is the case with casteist attitudes that have become so engrained that the upper caste feel it is their right to be privileged and the lower castes have been

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subjugated for so long that they also have accepted this as a norm.

Fourthly, the mind remains in a oblivious state because of the deliberate denial of the thing or phenomenon. The example of this, can be seen from the climate change talks, where developed countries tend to go in a denial mode and refuse to take responsibility of their historic emissions.

Fifthly, the mind becomes oblivious because of the fact that it tends to stay in a state of equilibrium and any deviation is regarded as abnormality and is vehemently opposed or efforts are made to ensure it is not seen. For example, the LGBTQIA+ community is treated with discrimination, regarded as 'mental illness' in various conservative societies.

The effect of unawareness or deliberate 'unseeing'

The unawareness of mind results in a situation as Michael Foucault says, where we are unaware of the consequences of our actions or behaviour, that what they do to others individuals, the society and the nation.

For example, the patriarchy results in shackling of women in various chains that inhibit them from achieving their goals or ambitions. This happens because of various challenges such as 'Motherhood penalty' - where the burden of taking care of child is on women or the phenomenon such as 'glass ceilings' in the workplaces.

The unawareness or deliberate unseeing leads to perpetuation of discrimination in the society hindering individual agency, capability

and access to opportunity. For example, the caste-
based discrimination, practices such as untouchability
have led to subjugation of dalits for centuries
leading to low development indicators and
systemic exclusion.

Another effect of unawareness or eyes
not seeing is the unleashing of ghastly attacks
or atrocities on a particular set of people.
For example, the concentration camps by
Hitler to carry out genocide of Jews led to
killing of thousands of innocents.

Further, the effect can be seen by the
amplification of problem or the issue which
could have been tackled. For example, the
climate denialism has brought the world to
a tipping point and as UN secretary-general
has said, 'we have entered into an era

of global holding! This is the result of continuous
deliberate unseeing of an impending crisis.

Developing a mindful manifesto

As we saw the reasons of unawareness
of mind, deliberate unseeing of things by eyes
and the effect of these, we will now see
what can be done to ensure awareness of the
things, their effect and keeping eyes wide open
against Ignorance.

This can be ensured by developing
feelings of empathy and compassion towards
all fellow living beings. The exhibition of
Kindness should be the premost goal of us as
a human.

As Margaret Mead says, kindness is
the first marker of a civilisation. She

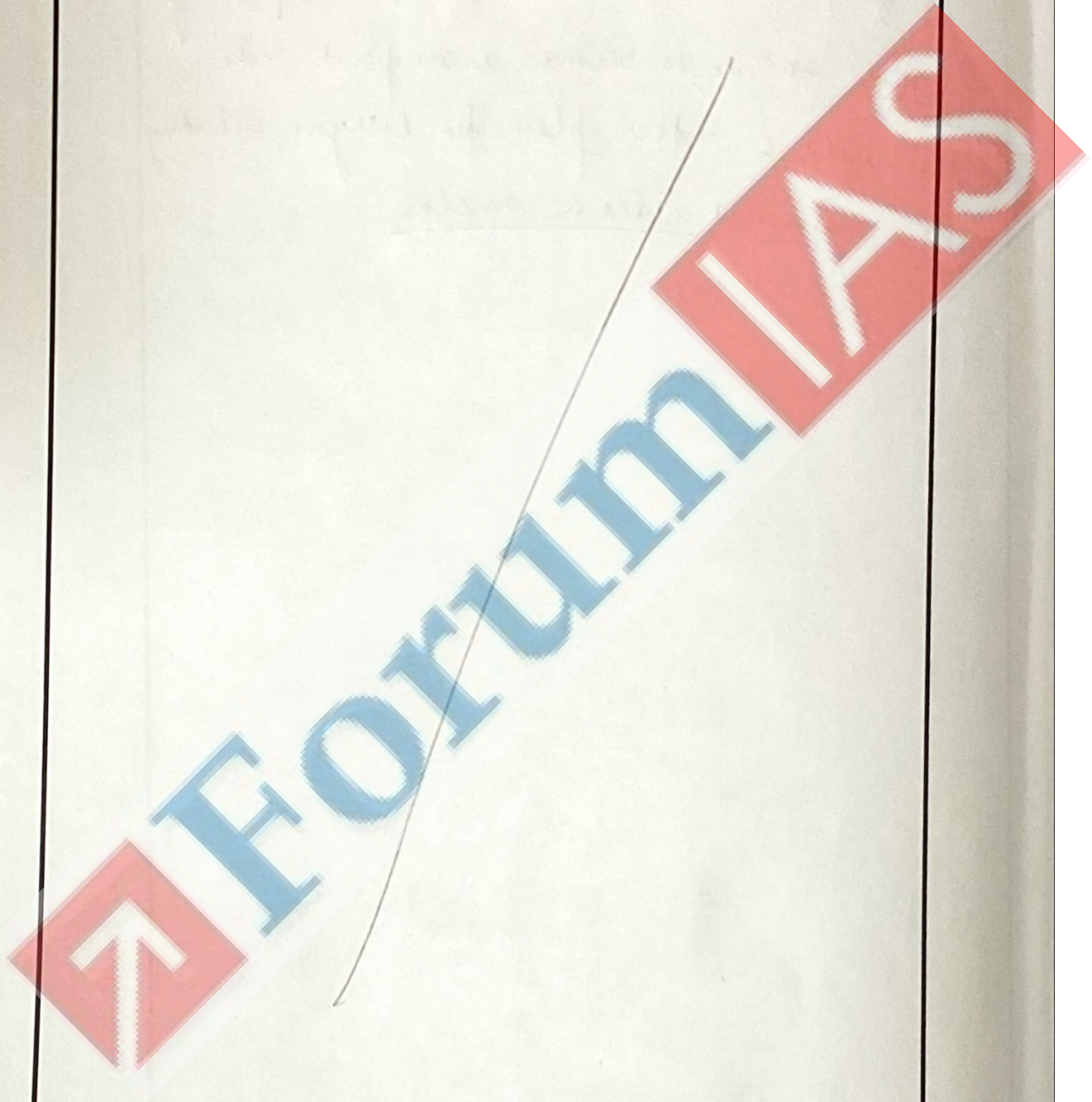
gives the example of the 'healed femur' as it shows the injured person was taken care of and nurtured.

Further, the another important thing to have mindful manifesto is the attainment of knowledge, awareness. For this, people should read widely, travel, undertake various experiences. For example, interacting with LGBTQIA+ individuals than judging 'book by its cover'.

Also, the states ^{should} ~~can~~ undertake efforts to ensure that enough safeguards are provided, especially to vulnerable sections that protect them from any discriminatory effect due to unawareness or deliberate unseeing of others.

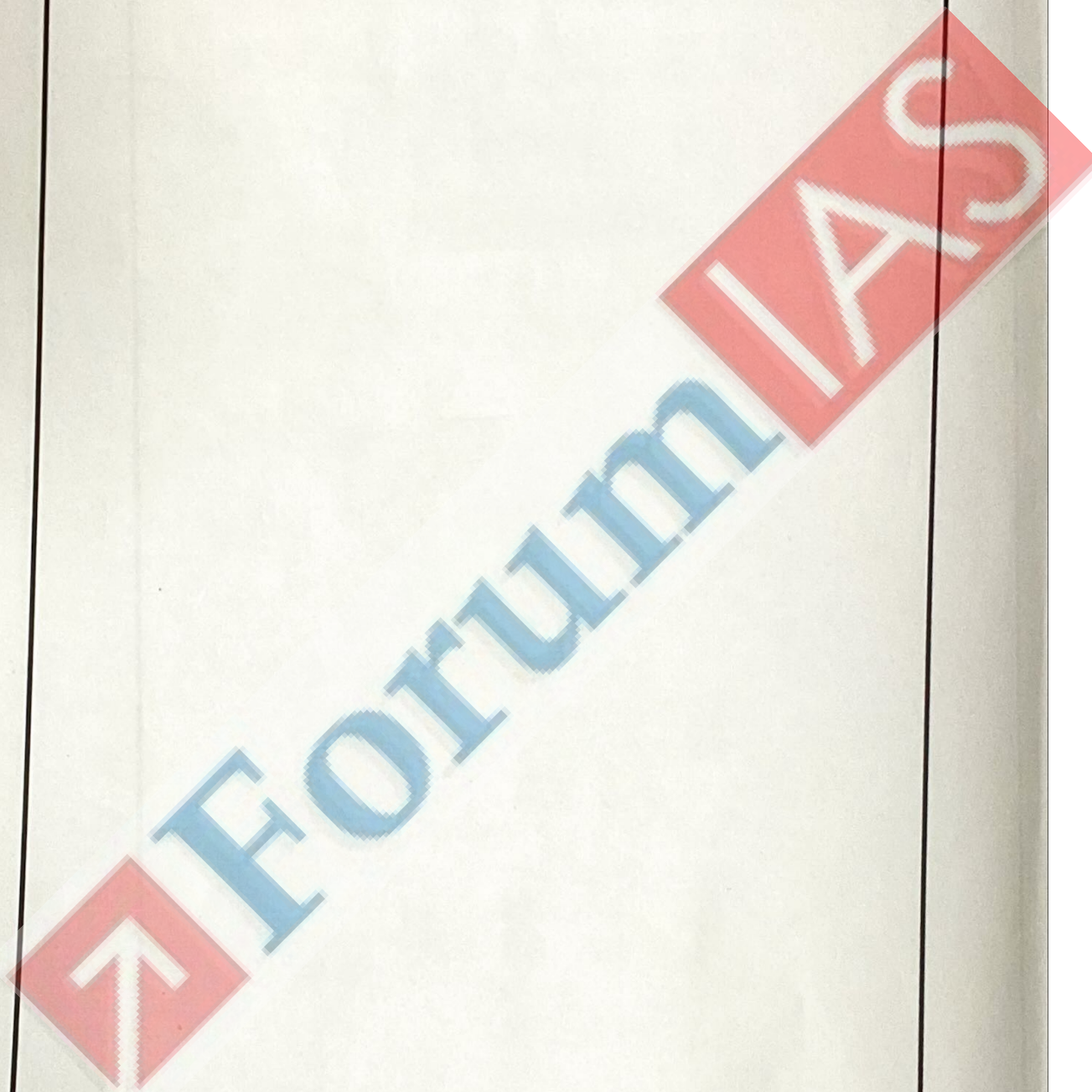
Finally, we must pledge as responsible citizens, humans to make efforts to report any injustice we see or become aware of and make this world a better place for everyone, including the imprisoned child in omelas.

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Human ingenuity

In divided organizations
→ Nations
Rest all are possible?
Shun to Kuro

Leap of faith

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin

Anecdote

Maya Angelou → Mute - huge rage, alot but when met MLK found new perspective
Rwanda miserably decades of civil war was shrouded in human affair, & human development
↳ SA → Truth & reconciliation commission
Anti-slavery
women rights

Offs Helindet 1976 → Before birth

ISRO success

1st moon landing difficult, then afterwards many countries

Why beginning is hard?
Unknown path
Fear of failure
Low confidence
External challenges
↳ Women, Dalit
Low acceptance

What happens you start? Challenges
↳ Taking leap of faith
↳ Pursuing your goal
↳ Impossible becomes possible
you gain pain
Destination reached
↳ Early success

→ Thomas Alva Edison
→ Stephen Hawking

Books

Paulo Coelho → सारी दुनिया / कारनाम लाग जायगी शुरू तो करो।

Peter Frankopan → New silk Roads :- Plugge and Europe after
Jared Diamond → Guns Germs Steels :- Some inventive mind ev. matters

Conclusion

Shed the fear, brace the destiny, courage to have to get with destiny
↳ Responsibility of stakeholders to develop
↳ fairness in children, valuable sections
↳ Come together & start journey to face global challenges

Rajja Kum
Neha Kum

You will ^{stay} be blind to things which you are unaware of

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know!

Anecdote → Walking away from incels
those who → Impoverished child

How to make mind know

→ Gender inequality → Patriarchy clouding mind
→ Caste discrimination → casteist mindset

Continues

→ unawareness of effect of the discrimination

Comments

→ Kindness → Healed female

State of oblivion

→ Mental health

→ Best-trap

UNBTOZAT

→ Refugee crisis

We know what we do, why we do, but we don't know what we ^{do} does!

+ no idea about other's journey

In this essay, we will see how eyes observes what as per awareness knowledge
↳ various cases where oblivion

The oblivious mind

forming a Mindful narrative
↳ Empathy, Compassion

Sometimes, mind knows, but we tend to not see
↳ Kasturba eyes don't see front of cast