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FIAS - MGP 2023 – (C-13 Alt) – Essay Test (FLT) #4

Time Allowed : 3 Hours
समय : 3 घंटे

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अधिकतम अंक : 250

ESSAY / निबंध

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Q.1			2. Write two essays, choosing one topic from each of the following Section A and B in about 1000 - 1200 words each. खण्ड A व B प्रत्येक में से एक विषय चुनकर दो निबंध लिखिए, जो प्रत्येक लगभग 1000 - 1200 शब्दों का हो।	
Q.2			3. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it. एक प्रश्न/भाग द्वारा किए गए अंकों की संख्या इसके सामने इंगित की गई है।	
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MARKING SCHEME

Parameter/ criteria	Aspects Considered	Marks Allotted	Essay 1	Essay 2
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		

Parameters	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
Coherence				
Language				
Handwriting				
Pre-writing				

Very Good	Good	Average
120 and above	100-120	Below 100

1. Before the board सीमाओं को तोड़ने
2. Talent and pass them up. प्रतिभा और जुनून लिए कार्य नैतिक
3. The opportunity world. अंतरधार्मिक संवा
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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।

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin

After hatching from the eggs, the little birds are very carefully scared by their mother. However after few months of looking after and feeding them it is time for them to take the leap of faith. The little birds are scared of the height with their under developed wings. However, the

sight of watching their mother fly and a really hungry stomach eventually makes them step out. While they fall, tuck and barely flap their wings, it is the point of their independent journey from then on. One who don't step out, become prey to eagles.

The above anecdote pulls focus on the importance of the start. While goals may seem lofty or beyond reach, unless we take the first step, we would never know if it was attainable. Just like birds of a nest.

Thus, in this essay, we would examine the significance and hurdles of a beginning, and notion of impossible. We would then examine different

dimensions of possibility and beginning
and conclude by looking into ways
of taking the first step towards the
impossible journey.

First of all, we need to look at
what is impossible. Hundred years ago,
nobody thought that diabetes was an
curable disease or we could touch the
moon. Further, thousand years ago, it
was almost impossible for imagining
that we could fly or even communicate
from one part of the world to another
in seconds. However, the journey was
long but everything was possible in end.

Thus, nothing really is impossible.
If we can think about it, then it is
possible. It is our imagination and

mental constraints that makes possible-
impossible.

No matter how big the imagination
or goal had been, the first difficulty
was the beginning. "We never know
how strong we are, until we fight".

Thus, beginnings shed our misconceptions
bring us new challenges and revelations
that challenge established notions.

However, more often than not, we don't
begin "begin" in the first place. One
reason, could be fear of the unknown.
We are so bound of our comfort zone that
it creates a mental barrier which is difficult

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to surpass. We all want to lose weight,
but find it inconvenient to hit the road.
We don't like the job, but like the
security it provides so we don't quit and
so on.

For women, if we ask, most are
so bound by their responsibilities of
families that they bury their passions
and journey. Other times it is the
unavoidable circumstances like financial
handships that compels children for child
labour leaving their dreams unfulfilled.

Despite the challenges, there are people
who did take that step towards impossible.
Just with a vague idea, 15th century
sailors like Magellan, Christopher Columbus
and Vasco Da Gama sailed out and
their journeys changed the world.

History has been an evidence what that just step, a leap of faith and taking a risk could do. The Revolt of 1857 was a bold beginning to face the immense challenge of forcing out British. Even though they did not succeed in immediate events, yet in the journey of next 90 years, what seemed impossible was a reality.

Further down the line, when Britishers challenged the Indians that they were incapable of forming a constitution, it was a beginning. What began as Rehman Report of 1928, culminated as the day of 26 November 1949, when we achieved and gave ourselves the Constitution of India which has shaped lives of billions of Indians till this day.

When we became independent, the country was struck with all sorts of poverty one can imagine. In the middle of that, a small step was taken by Homji T Bhabha, with a vision. What seemed impossible to not just the world, but Indians too, was made possible in 2023 when India finally touched the Moon and ISRO shares same platform as USA's NASA.

While circumstances may make the journey seem impossible but the attitude of defiance, courage and perseverance can make the person take first step. In spite of disability, Deepa Malik became the first woman Paralympic gold medalist for India.

Despite being shot in the head point blank, Dr. Lalita Yousufzahi took the step against entire tobacco industry. Despite being born without senses, Helen Keller decided to defy the norms.

Had it ~~be~~ not been the dare to begin, Mahendra Singh Dhoni would still have been sewing in railways imagining about his impossible journey of being a cricket champion.

Having recognized the difficulty of beginning, Government too has taken initiatives like Beti Bachao and Beti Bachao so that every parent and individual could contribute in nation's journey of Gender equality and Gender Justice.

Sometimes, it is easy to begin the journey but the "well begun is only half done". The obstacles often make the path impossible to carry on.

The constant bombardment of failures, "mental health issues and expectations" become too much to endure. Every year, we see this scenario with the children committing suicide in the city of Kota, leaving their journey unfulfilled.

Another dimension observed is the indecision we have while beginning our journey for impossible. An instability of purpose can be devastating. Nuclear science, began as a quest of curiosity by a simple "Gold Leaf Experiment" and was made possible too, but the reality took a turn in form of nuclear arms.

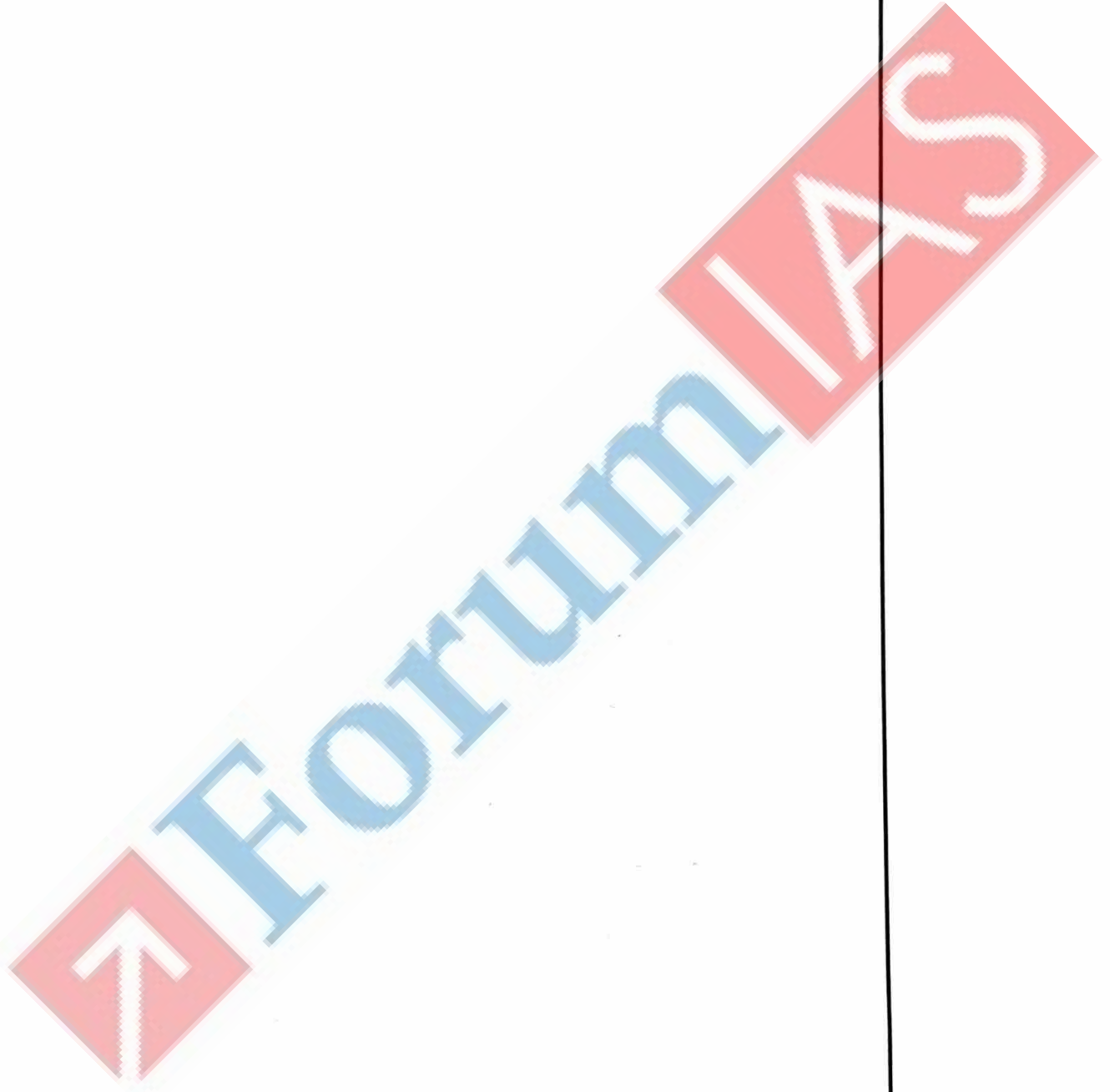
We also need to inculcate the qualities of Justice and Tolerance which enable us to speak out the grievances and courage, which allows us to act on them. It was the spirit of Enquiry and Reform that enabled Europeans to start the journey of Renaissance, which Article 51(A) of Constitution ^{also} wants the citizen to follow.

We have already begun the journey to the impossible in many areas of life like Climate Justice through Stockholm conference in 1972. We have achieved cranion supermassy and abilities of artificial intelligence to Genome editing which are paving the way for our future. Yes, we don't

know what it can lead to but the difference in our present and the past is, we have accepted the ignorance and shattered the idea of "impossible"; thus, always looking ahead to begin the journey.

Lastly, stepping back, nothing really had been impossible for us, be it at individual level, societal or Global level. What has mattered is the dareness to step out of the protective nest and jump to take the leap of faith just like the little bird. To attain the impossible, Dr. ARI Abdul Karim says, "In order to shine like a sun, you must first burn like a sun".

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।

Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know.

Before the discovery of microscope, it was generally accepted that the diseases were a curse of God, or result of past karma. People prayed to god, made animal sacrifice, did elaborate Yajnas and what not to eliminate the suffering. However, the microscope changed everything.

We now understand it was SARS
CoV 2 that caused pandemic, that was
the tube shaped bacteria that caused
tuberculosis and that bacteria is present
everywhere. Instead of offering sacrifices,
we now buy a 25 paracetamol
and continue with our lives -

The above anecdote explains,
that we often ignore and dismiss or
simply can't comprehend what we
can't understand. If we don't understand
and it simply doesn't exist. As a
result, we either accept it as it is
or form a superstitious explanation.

Thus, in this essay, we shall
look into multiple dimensions of what
our eyes can see in relation to what

Our mind knows or don't know.
We would would elaborate on this
complex interaction and conclude by
developing a scientific temper and
looking at things how they should be.

Thus, an essential question arises,
that why, despite having ability to
visualize, we tend to curse it or
simply ignore it. The answer lies in
our perception. Our level of understanding
and knowledge expands our horizon
to obscure things. There was a time we
never even imagined that 'air' existed,
despite breathing it constantly.

It was however, after understanding
of our chemistry and knowledge about
molecules, that we started seeing this
hollow space as "air" full of complex
elements like Oxygen and Nitrogen.

Yunus Akbar Haqqani in his book
"Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind"
explores the dimens behind it. It was
the "Cognitive Revolution" or the "Tree of
knowledge" that enabled humans to
think and perceive what they saw. Further,
it was "scientific Revolution" that
gave the ability to see things that
the mind wasn't aware of, through the
rational thinking.

There are many things today,
that if we think about, we can't really
see because we don't really know about it.
The workings of our "conscious"

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"Ubiquitous ideas mind" or the idea behind
the time frame or even the best
science of our mythology like Brahmastra,
Space shuttles that throw us into
deep imagination and confusion at
same time.

Finally, even for very simple things
a child cannot see because the
mind is still underdeveloped. A
child is confused when in a state
of anger or sorrow or tends to
misinterpret what others say. However,
as they grow up, they understand the
idea of emotional intelligence and once
the time spent with mother and her
care becomes visualized as the mother's
love and affection, just as other emotions
manifest to the eyes -

At other times, our mind does know,
but our eyes cannot see. The instance
of Climate Change provides the scenario
where we do understand the emission
of Carbon, deforestation and blue & grey.
However, just because it is a long term
process, we are ignoring it. Despite
the mind knowing, we are dismissing
what we can't see, like the rise
of sea level or the temperature as it is
happening at a minuscule but significant rate.

At times, it also happens that despite
having the knowledge and understanding,
we consciously unsee the things around
us. The recent sexual harassment
in Manipal were brought to front
by and everybody saw but did not react.

Similarly, social evils like child marriage, female foeticide and untouchability, despite having a stark manifestation are unseen in many parts of India. The reason behind is the mind accepting the false beliefs blindly and normalizing them.

On a similar note of mind knowing and eyes seeing, the events like Russia Ukraine war. Despite the violence, they are overlooked and unseen due to geopolitical interests. While everyone knows that wars are detrimental but USA asserts its dominance by funding the war on the other hand India is maintaining strategic autonomy due to interest with Russia. Thus, the relation of knowing & seeing is complex.

One of the reasons why eyes cannot see or see differently is the conditioning of the mind. The classic case of Religion and science has been an example of this. While one uses materialism and scientific bend of mind to see things, the other uses faith, belief or superstition to create own visual and understanding.

This difference of understanding has created multiple conflicts. In one instance of conflict, the Astronomer Galileo through mathematics saw the Earth revolving around Sun, the Church's Ptolemaic ideas of Earth's centrality led to imprisonment of Galileo.

However, it is not always a blind acceptance of what eyes can or cannot see. The quality of curiosity has always been a transformer of perceptions. While the people were unable to comprehend the reasons for poverty and inequality, it was Karl Marx who shed the light on the central factor of Capitalism and enlightened the minds of people.

Similarly, while nobody noticed things falling, the curiosity plunged Newton into research when apple fell on his head. Nobody saw Gravity until he discovered. Charles Darwin through his book 'Origin of Species' opened the eyes to the fact that the apes were our ancestors, which the minds

of ordinary people never could have comprehended.

There are times, when our
mind knows and our eyes also see
the reality, but there is lack of acceptance.

Today, we live in a multicultural
and plural world and nations co-exist
- there is the most desired order but
the instances of communalism and
religious nationalism is a rejection of
Tolerance. The recent communal violence
at Muh shows that despite the
attainment of knowledge, literary and
framework of laws, we still can
indulge in this sort of violence.

Thus, we understand that what else we see or witness depends upon the level of perception and knowledge we have. We can say that we are restricted and limited only by our mind. Once we decide it exists, we manifest it in one form or other. However, it is important to cultivate a mindful manifestation of our thoughts.

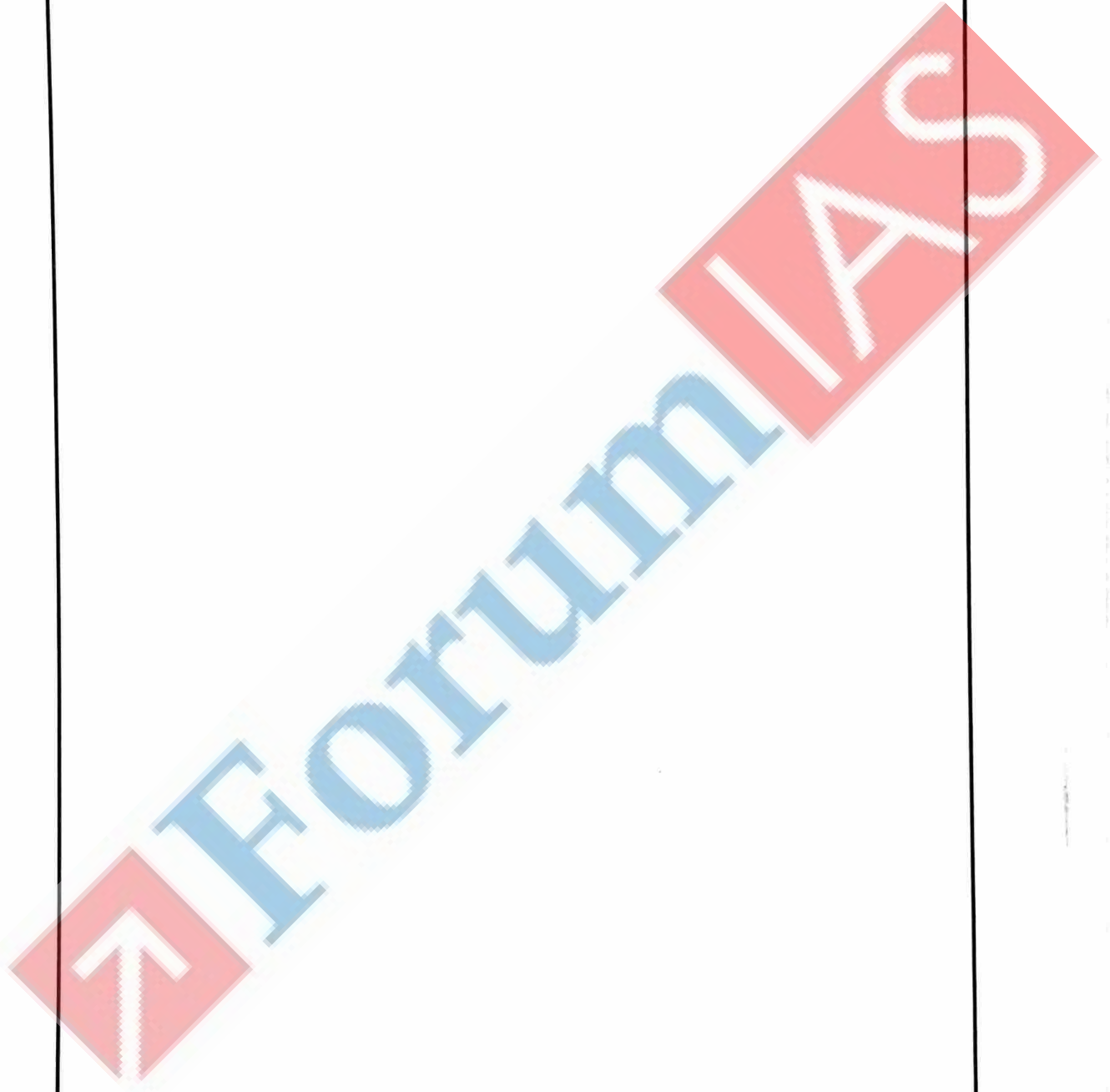
Aristotle once said "An unexamined life is not worth living". The first step to seeing things, through eyes or perception is actually seeing within. We need to ask ourselves if our way of seeing things right or wrong. We are using logic or

dogma.

Similarly, the ~~an~~ practice of meditation holds immense power of seeing things what were previously invisible to our eyes. It involves deep observation and cultivating our mind to look beyond the conventions.

Lastly, the capacity of 21st century research and development must be utilized at full scale and inculcating the spirit of inquiry and a rational bent of mind from level of schools while also imparting a moral point of view. We must remember that we must constantly shape our mind to see the best in every thing because how we see, eventually defines us.

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The only impossible Journey is the one you never begin.

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Taking the first step is the hardest.
Journey is impossible before you begin.

- Must begin it early, slowly.
- Give time to begin
- Try and try until you fail.
- Woods are lovely, dark & deep.
- Small efforts everyday. adds up to big results.

Why we never begin.

- ↳ Fear
- ↳ Indecision
- ↳ Laziness
- ↳ Indiscipline
- ↳ Distraction
- ↳ Comfort zone
- ↳ Lack of purpose.
- ↳ Family pressures - child labor, women

Indian space program.

Indian Constitution

- ↳ Journey to begin
- ↳ Criminal Justice.
- ↳ Same sex Marriage

- ↳ Not just beginning but intention too
- ↳ Nuclear

Robert Frost - The Road not Taken = dilemma about beginning & impossible to begin.

Magellan / fall of Constantine - Journey of Europe.

Indian Nationalism.

To involve the beginning - behavioral change - Beti Bachao.

How to begin.

- ↳ Fabianism.
- ↳ Mishkama karmus & Duty
- ↳ Introspection
- ↳ Leap of faith
- ↳ Faith in oneself
- ↳ Acceptance

Deepa Malik - Disabled Malala Yousufzai. Helen Keller

Nothing has been impossible for woman in nature.

Importance of beginning
↳ Forward looking

Some journey should never have been started = World War

Sometimes easy to start a journey - but difficult to carry - civil

service, Nelson Mandela. = woods are lovely dark & deep.

Role of failures - Help make every beginning easier

Intro = A bird in a nest

We have begun the journey

- ↳ Criminal Justice.
- ↳ Women empower
- ↳ Quantm / AI

Eyes cannot see what mind does not know → **Forum IAS** cannot understand quality without knowledge.

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① Karl Marx = Capitalism.

② People who show the world - Darwin

③ Yunal Noah Horeasi - story of humanity -

④ Emotional intelligence - mind needs to know for eyes to see.

⑤ Mind knows but we still unsee - caste / discrimination.
↳ Complex - Geostrategic factors - India - K War.

↳ Hypnosis - Mythology - Alien -
↳ Telepathy - Tealpathy - Subconscious mind - Time Travel - Brainstorm.

⑥ We see but we don't want to accept
↳ Terror, religious nationalism, communalism.

⑦ Eyes cannot see but mind want to see that
↳ Indian independence.
↳ India's economic view @ 100.
↳ Curiosity → invention

⑧ Newton - Gravity

⑨ Mind do not know, but eyes can see.
↳ Form superstition
↳ Curiosity

⑩ Why this happen → how our eye and mind work.

⑪ Eyes cannot see what mind does not know.
↳ Telepathy - Mysthery.

⑫ We are only limited by our mind - visionary people.

⑬ Mind knows but eyes still cannot see
↳ Climate change
↳ Hellen Keller

Level 9

• How can we train our mind
↳ Curiosity
↳ Research & Develop. How to see
↳ I'll experts

I hear I say
I see how
I do - understand.

- Superstition
- Curiosity
- Rationalism

Meta

↳ Diseases, microscope, knowledge.