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

Time Allowed : 3 Hours  
समय : 3 घंटे



Maximum Marks : 250  
अधिकतम अंक : 250

### ESSAY / निबंध

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Q. No. प्र.सं.	Max. Marks अधिकतम अंक	Marks Obtained प्राप्तांक	1. Please do furnish Name, Email, Roll No and Mobile in the answer sheet. कृपया उत्तर-पुस्तिका में नाम, ईमेल, रोल नंबर और मोबाइल नंबर भरे।
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।
Total Marks/कुल अंक			4. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. उत्तर प्रवेश पत्र में अधिकृत माध्यम में लिखे जाने चाहिए, जो कि दिए गए स्थान में इस प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यूसीए) पुस्तिका के कवर पर स्पष्ट रूप से लिखा जाना चाहिए।
Remarks/टिप्पणी :			5. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to. प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, यदि निर्दिष्ट हो, का पालन किया जाना चाहिए।
			6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum Answer Booklet must be clearly Struck off. प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़ा गया कोई भी पृष्ठ या पृष्ठ का भाग स्पष्ट रूप से काट दिया जाना चाहिए।
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**MARKING SCHEME**

<i>Parameter/ criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Marks Allotted</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
<b>Basic Format</b>	Introduction	10		
	Body	15		
	Conclusion	10		
<b>Content</b>	Topic interpretation	10		
	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
<b>Organization</b>	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
<b>Language skills</b>	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
<b>Examiner's discretion</b>	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<b>Coherence</b>				
<b>Language</b>				
<b>Handwriting</b>				
<b>Pre-writing</b>				

<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>
120 and above	100-120	Below 100





### 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

Helem Keller, when born to a  
middle class family in Alabama,  
U.S.A in 1885 was a seemingly  
normal infant. But, 18 months later,  
the baby becomes severely sick and  
loses sense of sight- & hearing.

Despite against all odds and with the help of Ms. Sullivan, Helen Keller not just learned to write, read & understand but also mastered the art of effective communication. It has her strong will power, constant effort and indomitable persistence that made her successful in life. She went on to become an esteemed writer and women rights activist - all due to the effort and chances she took.

effort and chance with some amount of preparation can do wonders in making a person and the absence of it can also break the



person to the core.

In this essay, we will try to find explanation to questions like what is a positive mindset and its connection with effort, what stops people from trying, How to assess failure or success and where to begin one's journey.

LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT : POWER OF TRYING

Theodore Roosevelt rightly said, "It is hard to fail but even worse to never have tried to succeed."

It is that "leap of faith" and "never say never die" spirit that made Thomas Edison invent Light bulb despite of failing more than 90 times.

Some belief in ones ability and the spirit of beginning the journey towards the destination can do wonders.

T.N. Seshan had a vision to eradicate the malpractices prevalent in Indian Election system. His Goal and courage helped him successfully cleaning the system with evils like "booth capturing", "corruption", "fake electoral-rolls" etc. His efforts saved the day, had he not tried India would not have been the largest Democracy today.

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Similarly, Today we enjoy our hard earned freedom like anything and take it for granted. This would have not been possible had Gandhiji and others <sup>not</sup> comm-enced the struggle for India's independ-ence from 200 yrs of Colonial rule.

Furthermore, Indian Philosophy like "Nishkama Karma" emphasises on the power of performing one's "Karma" as per the "Dharma" without thinking about end result's fruition. This was also preached by Krishna in Mahabharata to Arjuna. when Krishna asks Arjuna to do his duty and not to think of the consequences. This also forms the basis of Ethical theory of "Deontology", which

tells to assess the righteousness of  
the action via the means not the  
end result.

Leonardo Davinci said, "Great  
men don't sit and wait for things  
to happen but they fearlessly go out-  
and happen to things."

such is the power of trying!

Likewise, Goleman and Gardner in their  
researches on Emotional Intelligence have  
proved that Emotional Quotient is 80%  
responsible of one's success in corpor-  
ates along with the inter personal skill  
aspect. High Emotional Quotient is garnered  
-d through strong sense of belief in ones  
-elf, management of emotions for ones



benefit- and maintaining synergy betw  
-een the Affective, Behavior and the  
Cognitive Aspect of it.

This brings us to the question  
of what if one doesn't try due to  
the fear of failure?

FEAR OF FAILURE INHIBITING THE FIRST  
STEP TOWARDS THE JOURNEY

Rabindranath Tagore said, "One does not  
cross the sea by merely standing at  
the shore and looking at the waves"

Amrita Devi and the Bishnoi  
community took a stand for  
Environmental Ethics against British  
Capitalism. when she along with other

363 people became martyr in saving trees by muttering — "Sar Sante Sukh Rahe toh bhi sasto Jaan" meaning even if a tree could be saved at the ~~worth~~ cost of a head, it is worth it.

This collective sacrifice created a spirit and long journey towards environment conservation in the back-drop of climate change.

In a similar way, Raja Ram Mohan Roy did not shy away from offending the Orthodox sect of Hinduism, when he called for abolishment of Sati, widow re-marriage, eradication of child marriage among other social evils. This "first step" taken



almost two centuries ago for the betterment of the vulnerable section of Society has culminated into the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Community. Supreme Court delegitimised IPC 377 section, in the Nartej Johar judgement.

De criminalization of Homosexuality would have not been possible had Raja Ram Mohan Roy had not initiated the reform process.

On a similar Note, Had India not started its Space & Atomic energy department in the 1960s, ISRO would not have been able to become first one to land on the south pole of the moon despite of coming from a third world country with more than

300 mn people in multidimensional poverty.

Here on the issue of poverty also, despite of inheriting mass poverty was a part of colonial hangover post independence,

India was able to lift 415 mn people

out of multidimensional poverty due to

its constant efforts towards "Garibi

Hatao Campaign."

However, story of taking the first step is not all glow and glitter.

Sometimes, people couldn't take the first step due to various reasons like lack of funds, opportunities

and awareness. This results into

unhappiness and cognitive dissonance

viz person doing one thing but mind is set on something else.



This leads to people taking adverse actions. For instance, "A" wanted to buy a car but he could never make the journey towards the purchase due to paucity of funds. Now, he has resorted to stealing cars just to realise his dream.

Such instances result into moral dilution of society with increased crime rates. Thus, Not just higher Emotional Quotient but deeply rooted value system is required to make the journey complete.

Thus in this Essay, we saw the importance of taking the first step towards the journey without thinking of failures, How that

first step can shape current- situation along with the situation of generations to come and the ill-wills of desire without action leading to unhappiness and unsatisfaction.

This brings us back <sup>to</sup> the story of Helen Keller. She has become an epitome of "trying without expectation philosophy". She proved that with patience and persistence anything and everything is possible.

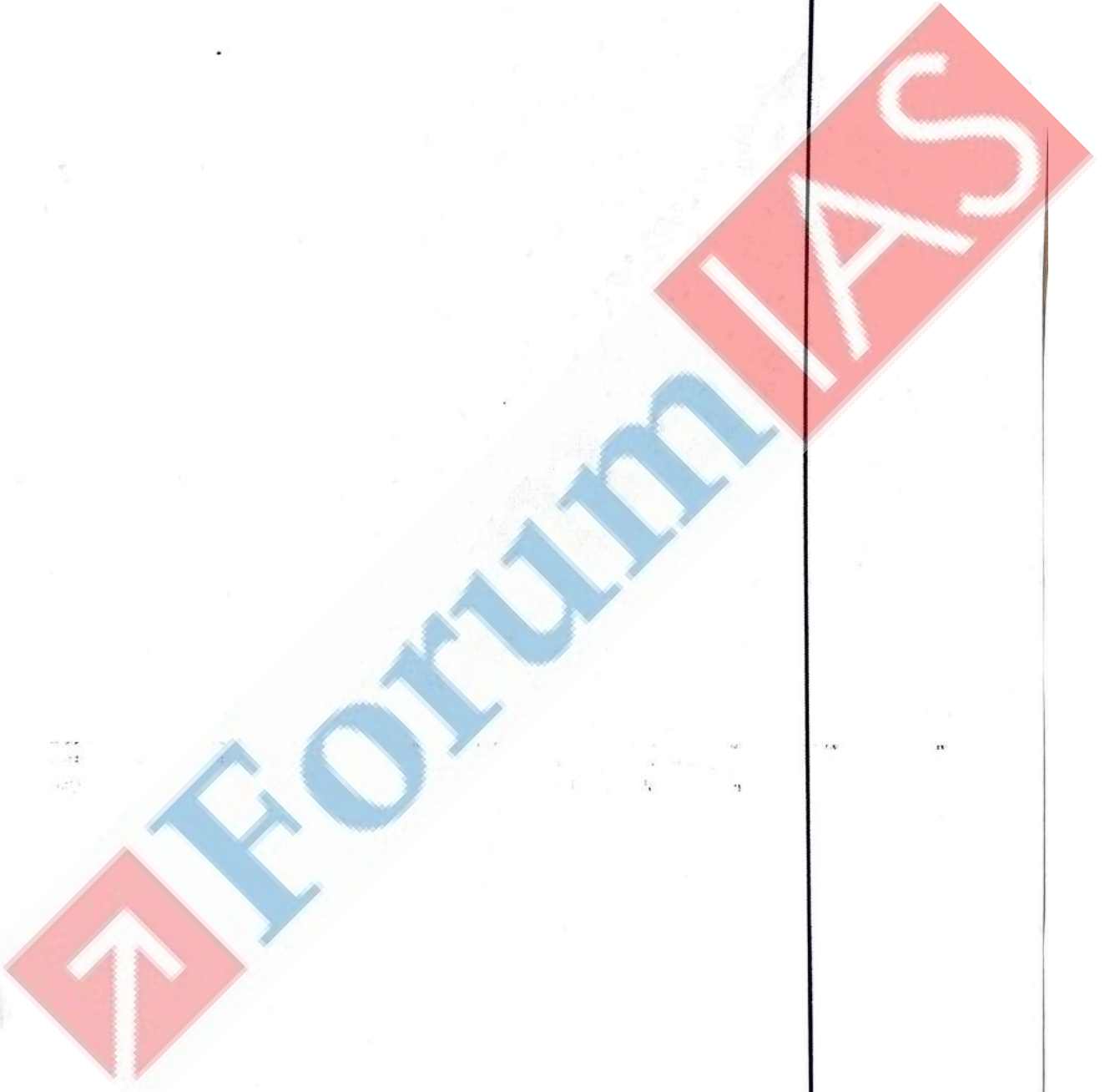
To Conclude, MLK Quoted

"if you can't fly, run  
if you can't run, then walk  
if you can't walk, then crawl  
but by all means, keep moving"

Thus, the journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step.



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**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।

THE RELATION BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND CONFLICTS IS SAME AS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE

In June 2023, Supreme Court of the United States faced a peculiar case where the children of Texas state dragged the state of Texas in Court room. These children of age ranging from 4 yrs to 16 years alleged that Texas government is promoting coal industry for Capitalistic gains at



the cost of environmental degradation.

This will be harmful not just for the present generation but for the future generations as well owing to climate change.

This case presented a crucial connection of Democracy resolving conflicts due to exploitation of environment -ent by extracting excessive resources thereby try to establish peace for the human rights.

In this essay, let us try to examine the inter-relation between environment, resources and conflicts and then the linkage between Democracy, Human rights and peace. Lastly, the intertwined nature of lasting democratic peace due to conflict resolution of Environmental issues.



## RELATION BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND CONFLICT

Environment and resources are mutually reinforcing. For instance, Environment provides resources like coal, minerals, petroleum etc among other things. At the same, via Oxygen cycle, water cycle, decomposition like process of natural resources rejuvenates the environment to create balance.

However, this balance gets disrupted when the exploitation of resources takes place. So quote, Mahatma Gandhi, "there is enough for everyone's need but not for anyone's greed".

Capitalistic greed for profit made people settle & nestle anywhere



and every where. This lead to mind  
less industrialisation leading to  
All sorts of pollution i.e. Air, water,  
soil etc, Global warming, Biodive  
rsity loss, Ocean acidification, melti  
ng of glaciers among others.

This conflict is pushing  
the tween tipping points of irrevers  
ible climate change to its edge like  
forest fires of Canada's Boreal forest,  
loss of Arctic Ice, Amazon fires etc.

As a result of this we are  
past the point of no return, in terms

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of average temperature rise arresting  
the growth to 1.2°C from pre industrial  
-alisation levels.

Such phenomenon have led to  
blurring of lines between Human beings  
and other organisms. As a result of  
which, Novel diseases like COVID-19  
wrecked havoc on humanity whose  
millions of people suffered loss of lives  
and livelihood alike.

Similar, relation continues between  
Democracy, Human Rights and Peace,  
Let us examine the same below.

How DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
ENSURE PEACE AND HARMONY

So Quote Thomas Paine, "The rights  
which one enjoys due to the virtue



of Humaneness or just being Human  
are called Human rights."

However, Thomas Hobbes  
gave a narrow depiction of Human  
Rights, where he restricted it to  
only "right to life" that is "survival"  
is the only goal. He calls to make  
a state with rule of law to end  
the chaotic anarchy in the state of  
Nature.

Thereby, his search to identify  
the roots for democracy leads us  
to Athens (Greece). where Socrates  
tried to identify the reason of loss  
of Athens over Sparta in Peloponnesian  
War.

Socrates argues, his country men  
did not enjoy many rights like right  
to equality, right to education unlike

Spartians and that made Athens  
a failed state.

Thus, it is clear from above  
discussion that Democracy and  
human rights mutually reinforce  
each other and the imbalance  
between the two causes chaos.

With time, the horizon of both  
have expanded. For instance, Democracy  
evolved from mere mobocracy to partici-  
-patory, representative and Direct  
democracy. Likewise, Human rights  
evolved from mere rights of survival  
to Lock's three principle rights of  
Life, Liberty and property and finally,  
to the version of Dignified life foster-  
ing human rights was guaranteed  
by Universal Declaration of ~~Universal~~ Rights.  
Human



This delicate relation between Demo-  
cracy and Human Rights have time &  
again caused dis harmony between  
the society be it the persecution  
of Jews by Hitler in Germany or  
Uighers by Chinese government or  
of Rohing'iyas by Myanmar's Junta.  
Conflicts due to Radicalisation, Communalism and regionalism also seen

This brings us to the question  
of what is the right balance for  
endoring Peace?

Asian value Debate on Human  
Rights highlights the subjectivity of  
these rights and difference of Eastern  
and western way of life. One size does  
not fit all, if the west thrives in  
individualism at the same time the East

finds solace in collectivism.

However, some universal values like Love, Peace, Harmony, Inclusivity should be made common to all despite of the Geographical divide. Otherwise

Persecution of vulnerables like SCs, STs, LGBTQIA+ Community etc. would persist.

Thus falling the vision of our forefathers like BR Ambedkar, Pt. Nehru, Gandhiji etc

Let us now examine the intertwined nature of Democracy in resolving Environmental Conflict.

### THE MUTUALLY OVERLAPPING AND COLLECTIVELY EXHAUSTIVE RELATION OF DEMOCRACY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

These days nature of conflicts is becoming complex day by day.



To Quote A. Edgar

"when the things look tough,  
as sometimes they will  
when the paths you're treading  
seem all up hill,  
when the funds are low & debts are high,  
You want to smile but have to sigh"

Edgar here calls for the spirit of  
trying and Not Giving up.

Similarly, On the face of Global Crises  
pertaining to war and environmental  
ism, International community has  
devised ingenious ways.

for instance, institutions like  
World Wildlife Fund, UNFCC, World  
Meteorology Organisation, World Econo  
-mic forum etc have provided

Common forums for collaboration and cooperation to deal with the issues.

As a result, solutions like Outer space treaty (OST), UNCLOS treaty etc for global commons like space, high seas etc could be devised.

India gave Mantra of LiFE at UNFCCC COP-26 (Glasgow) for sustainable living.

Similarly civil society has also played a crucial role in democratic conflict resolution of environmental problems like Narmada Bachao Andolan - gon against Dam construction, Chipko Movement etc.

Thus, this essay explained the relation of mutual reinforcement between the environment



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and resources alike which needs similar to inter dependent nature of democracy and Human rights. It also showed the role these play in Conflict and Peace management.

This brings us back to the children of Texas Vs State of Texas legal feud.

21st Century requires pro active and responsible action from the government for sustainable development.

Such that the demand of present and future generation

could be balanced. Aristotle's Golden

Mean or Buddhist philosophy of Madhyam margin fits here as a solution, where Bad is not the enemy of good but best

is. Thus, sustainable and Pro-Planet, Profit and People Practices need to be adopted.

**FEEDBACK**

