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MARKING SCHEME

| Parameter/ criteria | Aspects Considered | Marks Allotted | Essay 1 | Essay 2 |
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| Basic Format | Introduction | 10 | | |
| | Body | 15 | | |
| | Conclusion | 10 | | |
| Content | Topic interpretation | 10 | | |
| | Quotations and ideas | 10 | | |
| | Analytical skills | 10 | | |
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| Examiner's discretion | perception/ innovation/ engaging | 10 | | |

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Section - A

4 The only impossible journey is the one you never begin

A king who had riches under his control. His empire spreaded far and wide. But some part was still out of his hand. He wanted it for strategic reasons but never begin the journey. It was because of his fear, confusion, lack of confidence.

And finally, when out of compulsion he begin his journey, he faced a huge crisis and his empire fell. He was Mughal ruler

Aurangzeb who Deccan Policy caused him more harm than benefit because he never begin the forceful conquest.

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As Smith argues that Jeccan
was the grave of both Aurazeb
separation and body. So
journey is impossible if you never
try to go out of your comfort
zone and take the challenges.

So, in this essay we
will find out why if we not begin
lead to impossible journey? And
what are the reason for other
impossible journey apart from this?
And finally how to start journey
and make it so smooth?

Why Inertia to begin Journey?

The most significant reason to
not begin the journey is fear of

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failure. It stops the journey in its initial phase only. for example, congress during freedom struggle never begin the process of accommodation of Muslim masses as argued by Sunit Sarkar. This led to impossible journey of peace as seen in Calcutta killings (1946) and finally in partition honours.

Not only this, we often tend to be extra cautious to start something. This delay in execution creates a domino effect. Appeasement policy of Britain against Hitler was in this direction. To avoid horrors of wwI, Britain continued to give concession to Hitler. This led to Britain's impossible journey of world peace in form of wwII.

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Likewise, Journey of future become impossible when we feel excessive societal pressure. A child after passing class 12th takes science over his/her favourite humanities due to family pressure. A journey of great ~~scientist~~ ^{historian}, thus become impossible because he/she was never allowed to start.

often, nature of society prevent to complete journey. Patriarchal values, Casteism and racism are inherent nature of society. This prevent women, different caste and creed people to begin their journey of equality.

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Not only society, but multilateral institutions whose basic tenet are democracy and rule based order fail to change with time. Journey of reforms by giving equal representation to global south in UNSC has become impossible. It is because PS member veto prevent it to begin.

Apart from outsider factors, our cognitive biases and financial position prevent start of journey. Focus on development over science and lack of financial resources led to delay of India's nuclear and space programme. Not only India, many countries have been non starter in this regard. Only few nations are capable to send person in space.

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Journey to freedom and liberty is becoming impossible due to attack on media. Chilling effect on press freedom through surveillance, use of harsh laws has hampered the freedom journey. It can be seen when Global Press Freedom Index ranks India so behind in global arena.

Other Impossible Journey

Journey become impossible to only because we never begin but because of many other factors. Journey become impossible due to hurdles it face in it's course.

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India started journey of secularism by giving equal rights to every religion. It incorporated fundamental duties in constitution by ~~42nd~~ 42nd CAA, 1976. But this journey of fraternity has faced major hurdles due to frequent communal violence like Nuh violence of 1984.

Journey also becomes impossible if you start your journey late. While globalisation had begun much before, India started LPQ reforms in 1991. This late start has led to high unemployment rate of around 6.2%, stagnant manufacturing growth at 17%.

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Not only this, sometimes we
~~face~~ face failure in course of
our journey. African nations had
already begin journey to democracy.
But they had faced failure due
to frequent ~~failure~~ ^{in military}
coup like of Niger and Sudan.
These failures make journey
impossible despite starting it.

sometimes, journey is
forcefully stopped by those who
are afraid or jealous of progress..
Same thing happened when congress
of Vienna introduced concept of
Europe to prevent France from
going into path of liberalism,
nationalism and democracy.

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1 PATH AHEAD

To start a journey, we have to leave fear of failure first. As Captain Manoj Pandey, martyr of Kargil at age of 24 said "Some goals are so worthy, it is glorious to fail". The fear of failure has to be removed through accepting and making failure acceptable in society.

Like Mahendra Singh Dhoti said when he was asked about his cool mindedness and success. He replied that he always focused on process, never on ends. Even Gandhiji has said "The path of journey is as beautiful as journey itself."

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If citizens are not beginning the journey of equality, liberty and fraternity by upholding Rousseau's social contract. Their

government should give a push to this journey through legal and constitutional means. POSCOA Act,

Maternity Benefit Act, SC/ST Act are steps which aid in beginning of journey to equality.

After starting the journey, as we have seen, we may face hurdles, failures and opposition. On these junctures, every person should hold his ethical standards intact.

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Any situation in journey of peace should be met with peace. war cannot be the answer of war like ~~rape~~ ^{torture} can't be answer to torture. Like Mahatma Gandhi

in Hind Swaraj mention when extremist used violent method against British - "Any person who base on murder will never make nation happy".

He emphasized on balance of dharma and national interest.

Any action in order to obtain the success of journey should be in accordance with

Categorical imperative and

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Theological ethics of Immanuel Kant. Any inertia of journey can be removed if we believe in ourselves. Like Vivekananda said "If you believe in 330 million gods, and not in yourself, there is no salvation for you. Believe in yourself and stand on that faith. Ukewise, if Aurangzeb had belief on his commander like Raja Man Singh and had provided him with sufficient resources, destiny of Mughal could have been different. As Kabir said →

"Kal Kare so Aj Kar,
Aj Kare so Ab,
Pal Mai Puralay Hoyegi,
Bahuri Karoge Kab"

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Section-B

3 | Doubt is the origin of wisdom

When Vasco De Gama reached India in 1498, Calicut ruler Zamorin welcomed and gave him concessions. Soon, many European powers followed. Jahangir, Ferozshah gave concessions of trade to East India Company.

But Battle of Plassey and Plassey Plunder that followed it raised doubts over real intentions of Britishers. These doubts led to originating of "Drain of wealth" theory by Dadabhai Naoroji in his book "Poverty and Un-British Rule" in India.

Indians now realized that Britain was draining and bleeding

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India and that too for nothing.
This originated the wisdom and
Moderates linked colonialism with
Indian poverty which eroded the
moral authority of Raj.

A small doubt over
intention of British led to many
sustantiation later by fact, figures
and theories. So, if doubt was
~~over~~ such an immense impact,
we have to find out why
doubt occurs at first place?

Doubts are the result
of rationality, cognitive thinking
and ability to question the
authority. Humans are the most
rational creatures and most
doubtful in nature. This has led to
many scientific discoveries and
innovation.

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How Doubts creates wisdom?

Wisdom is finding the reality devoid of any biases. Doubts help in questioning the authority and established system. when Louis XVI of France fail to initiate reform, people of France questioned his capability. This led to French Revolution and wisdom of liberty, equality and fraternity was born.

going a century back, philosophers questioned the church authority. They doubted of benefit which church policies claimed. They realized only few clergy and aristocrat benefited from it. This led to Age of Enlightenment under leadership of Rousseau, Kant, Voltaire

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when doubts hover, reforms are followed as existing system is being questioned. In 1980's 'Aya Ram gaya Ram' politics raised doubt over electoral process. Voters doubted integrity of MP/MLA who defected. This created legislative wisdom and Anti Defection law (52nd CAA, 1985) was passed.

Doubts create cognitive dissonance in mind. This leads to change in attitude of person and wisdom is ensured. Rock edict XIII of Ashoka mention of how Kalinga war he faced crisis of conscience and adopted the most accepted policy of "Dhamma vijaya"

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Along with this internal process there also are some external process. Impact Assessment of laws raises doubt of their efficacy. This leads to amendment or new bills according to changing times. Recently passed Jan Vishwas Act will lead to ease of Doing ~~wild~~ business. It is ~~the~~ in line of modern wisdom of "government has no business in doing business."

Likewise, doubts lead to finding of wrongdoings. CAG audit has raised doubt over misappropriation of funds. It has exposed many corruption like 2G, CWC etc. As it is said that corruption is the end of wild wisdom of human being. So, doubt are in preventing it.

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In globalized world, when world is ~~over~~ interconnected, relationships are based on trust. But many countries break this trust and it creates counter measures. China's BRI led to doubt of 'string of pearls' among India. It originated the wisdom of policy makers and result is rapid border infrastructure creation and "Necklace of Diamond" policy".

There arose a doubt when LGBTQI+ movement started of whether ^{all} humans are treated equally and with dignity. These doubts were taken by judiciary. Judicial ~~was~~ wisdom led to

decriminalising homosexuality (Section 377) in Navtej Singh Johar case.

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Doubt is end of wisdom

On one hand, doubt imitate the progress toward wisdom but on other hand it destroys the wisdom through various means. Doubt creates conflict of interest. Whether to follow public or private interest is doubt every bureaucrat faces. Some choose private interest and it creates corruption like Chitara land scam.

Doubts erodes trust, break friendships, make relationship sour. Time tested friendship of India and Nepal was broken when Nepal doubted over "big brother" attitude of India. This created Lipulekh conflict and closeness of Nepal to China.

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Doubts also lead to vanishing of self belief and wisdom is lost. Aurangzeb doubted his capability during Ahom revolt and did not give enough resource to Ram Singh which led to his defeat in Battle of ~~at~~ Saraghat (1671).

Doubts create mutual jealousy, mutual disharmony which ultimately lead to end of wisdom. When Europe was divided into Triple Alliance and Entente in 1914, every single nation doubted other nation. And it led to wwI which completely destroyed the moral wisdom of so called "European civilization".

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Doubt leads to wisdom if it is backed by scientific proof. People doubted of possibility of water in moon. Chandrayan I confirmed water molecules on moon. Pragyani rover of Chandrayan III will ensure that no doubt remain of such possibility.

~~the~~ wisdom will be achieved when we are able to use and analyze our doubts without guidance of others. It was said by Immanuel Kant. He argued that Enlightenment is coming of the age when we are able to use our own understanding without guidance of others.

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Whenever in doubt, use of Gandhiji's Talisman is a highly beneficial. Gandhiji said during doubt, close your eyes and think of most vulnerable person. If your action will benefit him, you should choose that option.

Having self belief is another answer to our doubt. As Kabir said "Chinta Aisi Rakini,
Raat Kaleja Khaye" which means such a thief is worry, it eats away at the heart. So if we believe have belief in ourselves, any doubt we will have will lead to wisdom.

Doubts which lead to trust deficit needs to be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. Preferring soft power over hard power will ensure that doubts lead to healthy discussions instead of conflict and disharmony.

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Parliament is a place where opposition member should raise their doubt. Healthy debate is hallmark of any democracy. It will create laws and regulation which will be based on wisdom of all not on single ideology.

Thus, our doubts can be our enemy as well as our friends. It is our choice to choose love, harmony, compassion over mistrust, intolerance, disharmony.

Decisions should be based on critical thinking but guided on ethical grounds. Developing Emotional Intelligence will aid in guiding our doubt toward wisdom.

"In the era of self doubt, doubt which will bring humanness in human beings will ensure wisdom."