



SMARTWORK LABS

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THE ESSAY
COACH
PROGRAMME
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Time Allowed – 3 Hours

Maximum Marks – 250

Table of Marks			Instructions Set		
SECTION	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED			
SECTION A	125				
SECTION B	125				
TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED					
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MACRO FEEDBACK -

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ESSAY 2



Write **TWO** Essays, choosing **ONE** from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: $125 \times 2 = 250$

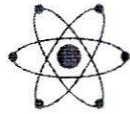
Section – A

1. In a gentle way, you can shake the world.
2. Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.
3. The power of imagination makes us infinite.
4. The best way out is always through.



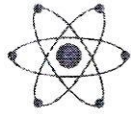
THE POWER OF IMAGINATION
MAKES US INFINITE

“According to Biologist, CHARLES DARWIN, in his seminal work ‘Descent of Man’ argues that modern man (Homo Sapiens Sapiens) has evolved from Apes. Then, what makes the modern man different from Apes? Is it the size of the brain? Partially YES. But majorly, it is the POWER OF IMAGINATION of man which differentiates itself from all the other life forms present on the earth.”



when all other life forms were wandering here and there in isolation, man imagined to live in a collectivity and hence, it established the base for today's modern society. It started an established form of living on earth.

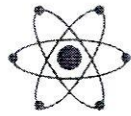
Moving further the wheels of time, man is settled, invented agriculture for its survival and prosperity. At the same time, man was also surrounded by the nature throughout. It struck its imagination that why do stars shine at night?
why do we see sun in the



day? why moon comes at night?
what might be beyond Sun, Moon
and stars which do not meet
our eyes?

And here this imagination
led to the 'advent of astronomical
studies'. We had astrologers
like 'Copernicus' who gave the
'Heliocentric theory' that there
are various planets like Earth in
the solar system which revolves
around the sun. Close to
home, we had 'Aryabhata' - the
great Indian Astrologer who
discovered Shunya (Zero).

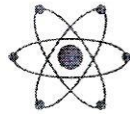
Man's imagination is not
just limited to 'up, above,



on the sky". But, it is also going downhill to the deepest points of ocean. In the "Deep Sea Mission", we are going 5000 metres deep into the sea.

The question comes why? To explore what might be below the sea? For knowing the secret of formation of earth or for secret minerals? or to find some new life forms?

The questions are innumerable and the only thing binding them together is the "POWER OF IMAGINATION".



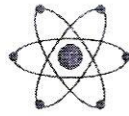
When the other life forms are happy living on earth, we are trying to land on other planets. The recent Chandrayaan-3 by India not just landed our rocket launchers on moon, but, it is also trying for landing human on moon in future.

Who knows Chanda Mama (Moon) may not remain dur ke in few years, or few decades or century. But what is making that possible for us, humans - one of the last life forms which came on this planet is the POWER IMAGINATION HOLDS.



The power of imagination not just makes us infinite in terms of potential in the field of Science and technology. But also in society;

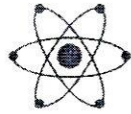
The society during the medieval period was marked with nithcraft, superstition, conservatism. But, we had people who at that time IMAGINED a completely alternate way of life where individual will have LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FREEDOM. to develop themselves fully. we had MONTESQUIEU who advocated



Separation of powers between various organs of government when having a government was a rare phenomenon that time.

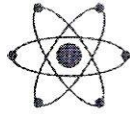
we ~~had~~ had Voltaire, Rousseau advocating for giving liberty to individual at that time. Because they imagined what life would be with it.

Coming home, we had "Jarabai Shinde" who during Medieval India wrote 'Stri-Purush Tulna' wherein she imagined what is to have a life where men were doing household chores and women are working outside the homes.



during that time, her imagination did not make sense. But it is making today! Women now can work outside and have occupied leadership positions by breaking glass ceiling like Falguni Nayar (CEO of Nykaa) and many others of her ~~like~~ like. Also, men are taking household chores due to emergence of symmetric families based on idea of companionship not domination.

and who might know in future her imagination comes true? and men might do all the household work and women outside of it.



The Socialism of Karl Marx is termed as Utopia by many. Socialism refers to when society collectively owns the resources and there are no rich and poor. Being termed as utopia, but it is another imagination of an egalitarian society.

Who might know, it may come true tomorrow? Who knew during the feudal times that the future is marked with big factories, industries, smoke?

Hence, imagination of man/woman knows no bounds. As can be seen.



from the form of government we live under is DEMOCRACY.

But, it is also not vested upon us, it has been evolved by trying many other forms.

Thus, Winston Churchill says that "Democracy is the worst form of government out of the all which have been tried till date". Hence, the evolution of democratic government also had a mix of imaginations during older times.

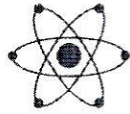
However, there is also an anti-thesis to it. Yes, indeed the power of imagination is something which



makes humans infinite or has the potential to do so. But, this power should not make us so self-ignorant and egoistic that we don't consider others.

The rapid destruction of environment by humans due to technological advancement is prime example of it. Hence, we must use this power of imagination in SUSTAINABILITY with the environment, ecosystem and other life forms.

It should be used for 'COLLECTIVE WELL BEING' of the



HUMAN KIND and prosperity of all.

As said by Chanakya

“Any power without principles”

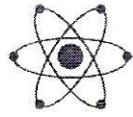
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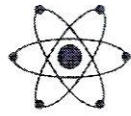
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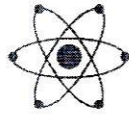
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Section – B

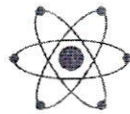
1. Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.
2. The past has no power over the present moment.
3. Fairy tales are more than true; not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us dragons can be beaten.
4. It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.



THE PAST HAS NO POWER OVER
THE PRESENT MOMENT.

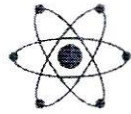
e During 1965, Pakistan attacked on India. It had the loss of India in the Sino-India war, 1962 (3 years back) in its mind. Pakistan was in full hope that past of India had reflected loss in war. And thus, it might be golden chance for them to attack on KASHMIR. †

However, for INDIA, did its past reflected anything? ABSOLUTELY NOT, was the answer. And with this clarity, Indian soldiers fought the war. And Pakistan got humiliating



defeat at the hands of tired
Indian soldiers who've just come
out of another war. However,
they were tired due to the past,
but not lost. why? Because for
them PAST WAS HAVING ^{ABSOLUTELY} NO POWER
OVER THE PRESENT MOMENT?

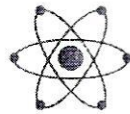
In this essay, we will
see as to why past has no power
over the present with examples
from different walks of life. Then
we'll look at, what then shapes
the present? And, towards the
conclusion, we will look at the
ANTI-THESIS when past do hold
certain power over the present
moment.



Coming to the theme of the essay that past has no power over the present because every-day is a new day and a new beginning takes place. And one can shape ^{it} in the way he/she wants.

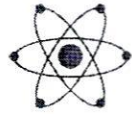
For instance, it does not matter how much thin or obese you were in the past. The day you decide it with utmost dedication and commitment, that matters the most.

As said by GAUTAMA BUDDHA as well that "Pain is inevitable but suffering is optional". Hence, life will definitely



be having moments of pain, sadness for everyone. But the way one deals with it varies. Whether one lives in the present and forgets the past by learning from it, or one clings on past pain and turns it into suffering.

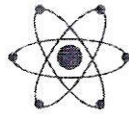
It's not just only about individuals resolve, but at the level of SOCIETY as well, if the collectivity wants to change anything, it can. The ancient India was marked by occupational based segregation due to caste system. However, today society has moved towards egalitarian and equal society. (Art 14 - Right to equality and Art 17 - bans untouchability).



In the arena of politics, India became not just a democracy but also a REPUBLIC. Hence, the low literacy of merely 12% at the time of Independence did not stop India from adopting Universal Adult franchise and became role model for other countries.

At the time of Independence, India was a poor country with more than half of its people living in ABSOLUTE POVERTY. It was dependent on other countries for its food security, USA PL 480 programme. But today, we are net exporter of foodgrains to the world.

It was only possible because during the entire time

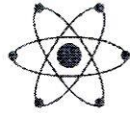


"India kept its face towards the sunshine, without looking at the shadow of the past."

The shadow of the past do not hold power if one is progressing by keeping present in mind and face towards sunshine.

The recent success of soft landing of CHANDRAYAN-3 MISSION on the south lunar (Moon) surface shows that despite India's scientists limited success during Chandrayan-2 mission, that past did not stop them to achieve laurels in future.

Not just in the field of science, where every new progress is marked with ignorance of the past. That is why, we



get new theories in science which contradicts or sometimes completely reject the previous ones. It can also be seen in sports. where we see athletes like Sumit-Antil who brings medals in the para-olympics. He ~~got~~ had an accident which led to removal of one of his leg. But that did not stop him from continuing his sports in the present.

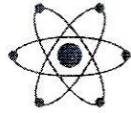
The main reason as to why past hold no power over the present is because societies are continuously evolving and shapes the present by the contemporary values, principles.

In the past, the



LGBTQI+ community had little to no rights. But in the present, across the globe, more than 40 countries have recognised same-sex marriages. And in India, Supreme court has decriminalised homosexuality (sec 377) to give them equal rights.

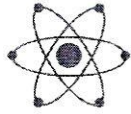
By all the above examples, we have seen that past has no power over the present. Then what actually shapes the present? The present is shaped by an individual's perspective, clarity of thought and an indomitable will to succeed.



That is why it is said that " those who live in the present, never regrets in the future and those who lives in the past never enjoys the present."

Thus, an individual's perspective towards future shapes its present. "THOMAS EDISON" failed 1000 times before inventing the bulb. But when asked upon, he said that " he "I did not fail 1000 times, the bulb was an invention with 1000 steps."

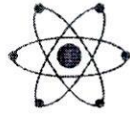
Hence, had he would have been taking the baggage of his past failures, would he be able to succeed? The answer



is NO! Another great scientist like him was 'ALBERT EINSTEIN'. Not many people know but he was expelled from the school due to his different perspective towards studies.

But, did his past stopped him from inventing the 'general theory of relativity'? Again the same answer comes, NO. Thus, to make the past hold no power over present, one has to fully make sense of the present and shed the past achievements and failures in the present.

However, there are times at which past hold power over the present when

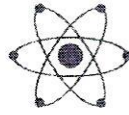


it acts as guiding mirror for the present. One should learn from the past so as to succeed.

If one does not learn from the past, then, "History repeats itself, first as a farce and then as a tragedy", as said by Karl Marx.

However, this anti-thesis hold value only when one can differentiate what to take from the past in the form of CONTINUITY and what to CHANGE. And when one resolves towards CHANGE, PAST holds no power against it.

Therefore, towards the conclusion, let's go back to the

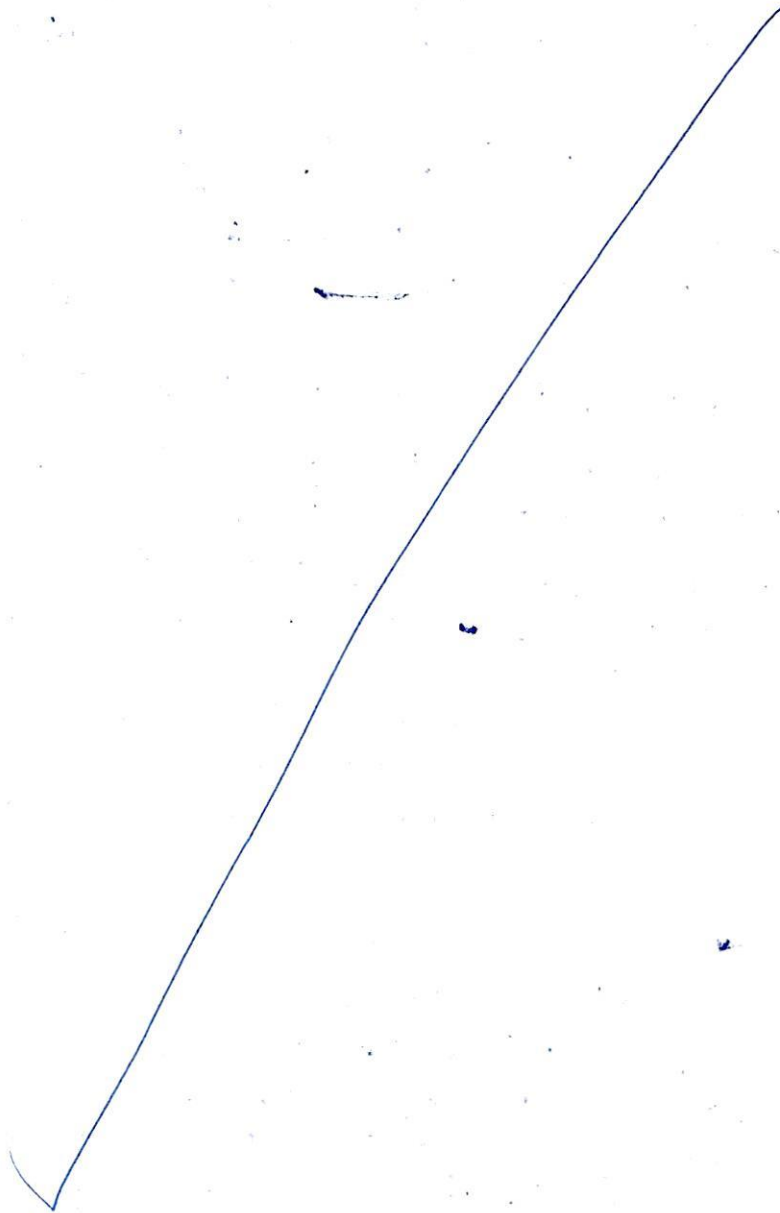
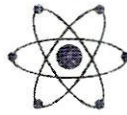


India at the time of Independence, marked with poverty, food-insecurity, poor military, sliding GDP and low literacy. However, it did not had any power against the resolve made BY THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD WAS SLEEPING, BUT INDIA AWAKE to achieve its dreams of a robust GDP (3rd largest in the world in terms of purchasing power parity), strong military - (3rd strongest in the world - SIPRI report), DEMOCRATIC society marked with peace and harmony.



The lacklustrous past of India at the time of Independence could not stop it from shining with glitters in future. It has become an Amanishbas country with significant diplomatic presence in the form of its Strategic Autonomy. Hence, as said by External Affairs Minister that New ^{ee} People want to listen to India and want to be seen with India".

All because, India has never let its past become "the" destiny-maker of its present."



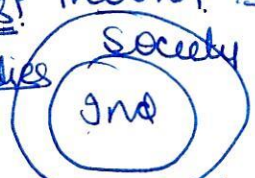
The power of imagination makes us infinite (HSS)

Rough Work

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When ~~animals~~ all other life forms were wandering here & there, man imagined to live in collectively, hence it established today's base of today's modern society. It started an established form of living life on earth.

what might be present on stars? moon? solar system?
↳ advent of Astronomical studies
↳ Copernicus revolution



- His
- Geog
- Society
- Polity
- IR
- Eco.
- SA
- Env.
- Ethics

↳ Deep sea Mission → going 5000m deep.
↳ why → to explore what might be below the sea? The secrets of form of earth? or the secret minerals? or some new life forms? as are innumerable but only thing binding them is the power of imagination.

↳ Society marked with witchcraft, superstition in Medieval era. we have people who imagined a totally alternate way of life where ind. had liberty, equality & freedom where one can do whatever they want?
↳ Tarabai Shinde? - Stri Purush Tulna.

↳ Mondragon, Voltaire, Rousseau

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↳ Winston Churchill

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Rough Work

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ENV → never thought of connecting

(The past has no power over the present moment.)

Rough Back

During 1965 war b/w I & Pak, Pak attacked on India having in mind the loss of India at the hands of China in Sino-India war, 1962 (just 3 yrs back). ~~But did the past of India ref~~ Pak was in full hope that past of India has reflected loss in war. And thus, it might be golden chance for them to attack on Kashmir. However, for India, did its past reflected anything? ~~Absolutely~~ The ans. was abs. nothing. And with clarity, Indian soldiers fought the war & Pak got a humiliating defeat at the hands of tired soldiers who've just come out of another war. However, they were tired due to past but not lost. Because for them, past was having absolutely no power over the present moment!

In this essay, we'll see ^{why to} why past has no power over the present? And, then what is that which shapes the present? ~~At the end,~~ ^{not the end,} ^{towards} we'll also look at the anti-thesis - when past do hold some power over the present.

Coming to the theme of the essay, the past has no power over the present moment b'coz everyday is a new day & a new beginning takes place. And one shape it in the way he/she wants. For instance, it doesn't matter how thin or obese you were in the past. The day you decide to change it, that matters the most. Also, the dedication & commitm

of present matters for future results.
~~not past to~~ Pain, Suffering

↳ 2) ~~In society~~ It's not just about ind's resolve, but a level of society as well, if the collectivity wants to change anything, it can.

↳ (eg) Caste system, ban etc.

↳ 3) pol. → not just democracy + also a republic.

↳ 4) eco → food imports → net exporter

↳ 5) Tech → Rocket launch from bicycle to Chandrayaan-3

↳ 6) In legal sphere → rights to LGBTQ people.



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In above we saw → past hold no power when will of human is indomitable and substance is clarity.

↳ when past ~~so past should hold some~~
 Past holds power over present as it acts as reflecting guide in the form of mirror → reflect upon past mistakes & change it

Rough Work

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