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1. Contextual Competence
2. Structure and Flow
3. Dimensional Coverage
4. Language Competence
5. Length of Essays
6. Creativity Competence

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Evaluation Parameters

- Understanding of Topic
- Introduction Competence
- Body of Essay
 - Dimensions Covered
 - Shortcomings
 - Value Additions/ Missed Dimensions
- Conclusion Competence
- Organization of Essay
- Language and Expression

Macro Comments – Essay 1

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Macro Comments – Essay 2

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All the Best

खण्ड-A / SECTION-A

If you cry because the sun has gone out of your life, your tears will prevent you from seeing the stars.

Joy was a very bright student in the final year of his 4-year engineering course. He was inquisitive and innovative. However, due to family reasons, he could not submit his final project in time. He was denied graduation that year. He felt devastated. For him, his entire world came crashing down before him. He got depressed and could not recover from this shock. Finally, he committed suicide.

This was the story of the character 'Joy' from the movie 3 idiots. Despite the immense potential that he had

inside him, he could not realize it due to inability to move forward. This shows that how crying because the sun has gone out of life, prevents the person from seeing the stars.

The discussion in the coming essay will revolve around how inability to let go is a deterrent in person's progress. But first we must clarify the meaning of the 'suns' and the 'stars' in life.

Sun and stars: Setting the foundation

In the essay topic, the sun can be compared with the long-standing desires that a person has. So, sun going out of life is akin to inability to fulfill the desire. This can take many manifestations as described below.

For a student, it can be failure in competitive exams like IIT-JEE, NEET, UPSC CSE etc. For a scientist, it can be consistent failures in the experiments. For an individual in general it can be a loss of loved one. In short, the various adversities in life.

On the other hand, stars signify the success one achieves overcoming the adversity in life. It is akin to making a comeback, from one of the worst phases to achieve something extraordinary.

For exemplification, one can look at the character of movie 12th fail. Despite failing the 12th class, the protagonist goes on to becoming a civil servant clearing UPSC CSE. Similarly, the story of Sanjay Dutt overcoming his drug addiction and

gaining Bollywood success is another example.

Moving forward, the next issue to be addressed is the causes of people 'crying' over failures. The issue of how it prevents a person from 'seeing the stars' also needs clarification.

Crying over failures : Causes and its detriments

It is quite natural to feel sad over one's failures. After all, human beings are emotional. It also helps a person vent out frustration created due to any adversity. But it is the inability to move forward that is the real devil.

One reason for such inability to let go is the strong emotional attachment. It is not easy to lose a loved one in life.

Even Lord Shiva carried Sati in his arms everywhere after she jumped into a pyre. Similarly, even Lord Rama wanted to end the world when Goddess Sita got immersed into the Earth.

Another cause which prevents humans from progressing ahead is lack of courage. Courage to face failures if they come again. Fear of being labelled as a failure in the eyes of the society.

This is probably one of the most problematic cause. It is because it causes depression, stress among individuals. This is what is driving youth suicides in Kota. According to NCRB, suicides have grown at annual rate of 4% in the past 2 decades. This loss of young lives hinders them from achieving great success in life.

Another effect of such strong attachment to the past failures is that one cannot focus on present. This in turn prevents a person from working for the future.

There are so many people who underperform in life just because they cannot overcome past events - death of spouse/parents, failure in exams, loss of business. It is precisely this attachment that prevents the people from 'seeing the stars' in life.

Having seen the issues with crying over past and not letting go, let's focus on the other side. What happens when one overcomes the past? What kind of success can one achieve in future by letting go of past adversities?

Getting over adversities: Uncovering
the silver lining

First of all, it freezes up
the mind of past baggage to
concentrate upon future. One
can excel in his/her previous
field pre-adversity or altogether
find success in a completely
new arena.

Here we need to see 2
examples, one from each.
First is Sandeep Singh. He was
a player in Indian hockey team
before a gunshot paralyzed him
waist below. However, rather
than crying over his fortune,
he persisted & persevered and
became a legendary dragflicker
post-recovery.

Another example is of
Arunima Sinha. She wanted
to be part of national sports
team. However, a train accident

caused her to lose a leg. But she did not give up. She found interest in a completely new field - mountaineering. She worked hard and became the first female amputee to scale Mount Everest.

The above 2 examples show how one can spot the stars in the same desire or develop a completely new desire. The only requirement is - to persevere and let go of the adversities and failures in life.

Not only this, such success achieved post-difficulties can prove to be beneficial for whole society. It can prevent others from facing the same issues that one person has already faced.

One can take the example of Dasrath Manjhi. He lost his wife due to absence of proper

connectivity to his village which delayed essential medical aid. But rather than glooming over past, he chose to fight the present. Working alone, he dug a road through the mountain bringing connectivity to his village.

Another thing to be noted is that one should not just ignore the past mistakes. Rather, lessons should be learned about how they shouldn't be repeated in the future. Otherwise the one will not be able to see the stars.

When India lost the 1962 war with China, the leadership did not just let go. Deficiencies were identified by the Henderson committee and remedial steps were taken. This is the reason why today India is able to stop China in its nefarious activities like the

2020 Galwan clash.

Other than this, people who overcome adversities become role models for the society. They provide inspiration to the younger generations to follow through.

Example of Anudeep Dwivedy, the CSE 2017 topper is an example. He cleared the exam in his 5th attempt with rank 1 and is the highest scorer till date.

Thus, we saw how overcoming the past baggage propels a person forward in life. So, we need to then know how can one develop this 'never give up' attitude?

Never give up: Charting the course ahead

The first thing to keep in mind is perseverance. As has been rightly remarked -

'Rome was not built in a day' similarly, one must realize that failures are stepping stones to success. One must keep working hard to achieve success.

Next is development of positive attitude. Thomas Alva Edison used to say - 'I have not failed, I have just found ways that don't work'. This difference in attitude can work wonders in how one perceives failures.

Another way ahead is to realize that by consistently mourning the loss of loved ones, one is dishonouring their legacy. The best way to honour them is to achieve glory and success that they desired.

At last, one can conclude by quoting the great philosopher Swami Dayanand Saraswati -

'Those who persevere will see
the light sooner or later'

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खण्ड-B / SECTION-B

To know what is right and not to do it is the want of courage

Let's remind ourselves about the infamous 'cheer-haran' scene of Draupadi from Mahabharata. Draupadi was being derobed by Duryodhana. Everyone in the court were just watching without raising a voice. Even her husbands failed in protecting her. Ultimately Lord Krishna had to himself come to save the dignity of Draupadi.

This scene from Mahabharata is clear example of lack of courage. All the spectators knew the right thing was to raise voice against the act which was outraging the modesty of Draupadi. Despite this, none of them spoke. All because of lack of courage to stand up against Duryodhana.

In this essay, there will be a discussion on failure to do right as a result of lack of courage. But first we must understand this - What do we mean by courage?

Courage : The meaning behind

At superficial level, courage is the ability to withstand adversities or challenging conditions. For example, our soldiers standing guard at Siachen display exemplary courage. Despite sub-zero temperatures and possibility of frostbites, they defend their country with all their might.

Courage is also the strong will to stick to one's principles despite the consequences that it might bring. Ex-IOCL Employee, Shanmugam Manjunath displayed such courage. He exposed corrupt activities in IOCL due to which

he was shot. Such leaders show true meaning of courage.

However, courage also means standing up against injustice. It is an act of defiance against the evil deeds of the state and society. One can give example of the Iron Lady Irom Sharmila who stood up against human rights violation due to AFSPA. Similarly, Jyotirao Phule stood against caste-based discrimination.

In general sense, courage is doing what is right, what is ethical. It can be towards oneself or towards society. A student, aiming to clear a competitive exam but not studying hard and procrastinating, also displays lack of courage.

Now, having gone through different dimensions of courage, let's move on to the next part.

There is a need to understand the reasons behind such want of courage. What causes people to lack courage?

Want of courage: The demysti-
-fication

There are many reasons for it. At individual level, such lack of courage can be understood by hedonism. In other wise, the propensity to look for personal profits over societal interests.

To justify this, we can look at the 2008 financial crisis. Many people knew about the subprime loans being given by banks. But nobody dared to call it out. This was because bankers were busy getting commissions and those who knew, went for short positions to maximize profits.

At societal level, the lack

of courage is mostly due to fear of social ostracization. Any attempts to do the right thing through reforms is met with retaliation.

One can consider the case of Savitribai Phule. She started a school for girl's education, against the social customs. But she had to face strong societal pushback. People used to curse her and throw mud at her. But she displayed courage and continued with her aim.

Another reason for this lack of courage is the diffusion of responsibility. This is especially evident in case of groups. Everyone knows what is the right thing to do, but the responsibility is transferred to others in the group. Bystander apathy in case of accidents is a clear example of this.

Some individuals also lack

courage because they have the 'don't care attitude'. They are so engrossed in their comfort zone that they lack the courage to come out of it and do what is right.

Now, the question that arises because of these issues is - what are the consequences of such lack of courage? So, let's look at some of them.

Lack of courage: The dark side

First and foremost, any lack of courage is detrimental to the idea of justice. Due to this, injustices happen in the society, as rightly remarked by Napoleon Bonaparte -

'The world suffers a lot, not because of the violence of the bad, but because of the silence of the good'

One can look at the increasing crimes against women to justify this. According to NCRB's 'Crime in India' Report 2022, crimes against women increased by 4% compared to 2021. Many of this is due to lack of courage in women to report it. Even the family and neighbours don't intervene in such issues.

An example of such a case came in Ujjain, MP recently. A girl was brutally raped. She walked on streets half-naked with blood coming out but nobody paid attention. Finally, a temple priest came to her rescue. This shows lack of courage in society.

Similarly, the increasing violence against Dalits is another example. Such violence increased by 1.2% in 2021 compared to 2020.

according to NCRB. Much of this is because Dalits consider this as retribution for past Karma. Others lack courage to report due to retaliation fears or economic dependence.

Secondly, it is precisely this lack of courage that causes gross violation of human rights.

Although enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR 1948), human rights are often neglected by the world due to geopolitics.

The current persecution of Gazans by Israel is a clear evidence. Although Hamas' terrorist attack on 7th October 2023 was inhumane, Israel's response is even more so. Over 40000 Palestinians have been killed, but the world is a silent spectator. All because US backs Israel in the war.

Same is the case with the Rohingyas. Brutally persecuted in Myanmar, they take on arduous boat journeys for refuge. But they end up being turned away by countries. Moreover, the world is not doing enough to force Myanmar to stop this persecution.

Such lack of courage is also one factor for the current environment degradation. IPCC

AR 6 report talks about 1.15°C rise in average surface temperature compared to pre-industrial era. All sorts of pollution, be it water, air, plastic is harming the environment.

However, despite all this, people don't want to end the consumerist culture. They are devoid of courage to come out of comfort zone and live a simple life caring for environment.

At the same time, one should also consider other reasons for not doing right despite the knowledge. Sometimes, the time is not right and patience is required. The strategic move of Sam Manekshaw of delaying the 1971 war was not the lack of courage.

In addition to this, many a times people lack authority to do what is right. Many people disapprove of the communal politics done by political parties, but they can't do anything. This is not due to lack of courage but due to absence of power to punish parties for doing such politics.

Now, having seen the issues that arise when people lack courage to do the right thing, let's move to the final question. What can be

done to inculcate courage among the people to do right when they know it ?

Inculcating Courage: The Way Ahead

Firstly people must be taught that courage does not mean lack of fear. As Nelson Mandela has rightly said -

'Courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to triumph over it'.

Everybody feels fear, but it is those who conquer it, that emerge courageous.

For this, one must be exposed to stories of change brought about by courage. One such example is Rosa Parks, a black lady whose small act of defiance sparked the civil rights movement in the US.

Another step is reformation of justice system so that people don't fear litigation. Many a times, lack of courage stems from the fear of getting stuck in litigations and proceedings. A swift and strong justice system will encourage people to stand upto injustice.

Further, there should be development of scientific humanism as said by Jawaharlal Nehru. Courage alone cannot help in doing right things. Right knowledge and humanism are also required to combat injustices like patriarchy.

Thus, courage mixed with humanism will increase the social consciousness and enable us to bring the long sought Ram Rajya into the country.