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Maximum Marks: 250

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1.	परिचय: विषय और संलग्नता की स्पष्टता। Introduction: Clarity of theme and engagement.	10		
2.	विषय वस्तु: प्रासंगिकता, विश्लेषण की गहराई और उदाहरणों/साक्ष्यों का उपयोग। Content: Relevance, depth of analysis, and use of examples/evidence.	25		
3.	संरचना और संगठन: तार्किक प्रवाह, पैराग्राफ संरेखण और विचारों की सुसंगतता। Structure and Organization: Logical flow, Paragraph alignment and Coherence of ideas.	20		
4.	प्रासंगिकता: विषय से विचलन की अनुपस्थिति, तर्क और प्रतिस्थापन के बीच संतुलन Relevance: Absence of Deviation from Topic, Balance between argument and substantiation	20		
5.	भाषा और अभिव्यक्ति: स्पष्टता, व्याकरण, वाक्यविन्यास, शब्दावली और अभिव्यक्ति Language and Expression: Clarity, Grammar, Syntax, Vocabulary and Articulation	20		
6.	निष्कर्ष: तर्कों और निष्कर्ष का प्रभावी सारांश। Conclusion: Effective summary of arguments and conclusion.	10		
7.	मौलिकता और रचनात्मकता: विचार और रचनात्मक अभिव्यक्ति में नवीनता। Originality and Creativity: Innovation in thought and creative expression.	20		
	कुल: Total:	125		

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Write two essays, choosing one topic from each of the following Sections A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each: (125 × 2 = 250)

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खंड-A/SECTION-A

Topic:

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Rome was not built in a day.

"A bamboo tree is watered, fertilized and nurtured for many years but what comes out of it is just a shoot with a small leaf. But, the farmer keeps watering and nurturing it. For initial four years it doesn't grow more than five centimeters. In the fifth year it grows 30 meters in just 6 weeks."

The theme of this essay can be inferred from the above story. Just like a farmer keeps nurturing the bamboo tree,



Rome, the city of morrels and the great empire, was not built in a day. Many kings, soldiers, workers, mothers, and many more worked religiously and sacrificed their lives. Only after that the Great Roman Empire was built.

In this essay we shall understand the meaning of 'Rome' at the very first place. After that we shall talk about why there are only a few Romes were built? At last, we shall analyse what are the foundation pillars of any Rome?

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To begin with, 'Rome' in this essay could be any worth goal like achievement of freedom, being successful in life, creating a business empire, developing a nation etc. Now, we need to analyse why only a few were succeed in building their 'Romes'?

In the history of mankind, we know crores of men initiated many thing but couldn't succeed because they didn't learn from their mistakes of the past. When you do not learn from the mistakes you keep repeating them. As Albert Einstein says - "you cannot get different outcome with the same effort."

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The second thing which restricts us is the COMFORT ZONE

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Every person, society or nation tend to live in their comfort zone as being in comfort zone make our life easy in short term. But, in long term this comfort zone looks like drugs which keep us addictive of the pleasure.

The next thing is Fear of Failure. Due to fear of failure many people even do not start an initiative. We know that a ship is safe in the harbour but it is not what it made for. Similarly this fear of failure has deprived many talented people of achieving their true potential.

The ~~last~~^{next} thing is, sometimes Conditions are not favourable to do great things. For instance in 1971 west Pakistan was facing violent attacks from the Pakistan Army but lots of people were entering in India. But, then Prime Minister did not intervene until the month of November as before that if Indian would have entered in the west Pakistan, Chinese army could attack from the ~~the~~ north-eastern border of India. When in November due to snowfall passes of the Himalayas were blocked, only then India intervened and was able to liberate the Bangladesh.

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In addition to the above, Sometimes lack of a good leadership also plays its role. For say - during the revolt of 1857, India was fragmented and no leader was there to navigate the struggle. Bahadur shah Zafar couldn't provide a good leadership and consequently, we lost, even when we were greater in strength and were more in numbers.

But, the next question which comes to our mind is what are the qualities we need to build 'Rome' of our life?

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Firstly, a positive attitude without positive attitude we destined to fail again and again. In 1914, at the age of 67, all the work and wealth of Thomas Edison was lost. In a chemical explosion his laboratory and the main factory burnt down. But he told his son Charles -
"There are great opportunities in a disaster. All of the mistakes of our ~~are~~ have ~~burnt~~ ~~burned~~ burnt in the fire. From tomorrow, we will start afresh!"

after 3 weeks
he invented 'phonogram'. we all need such kind of attitude, if we want to build our own Rome.

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Secondly, we need perseverance. A person or a society which ~~need~~ ^{want} to grow need perseverance. Without it ~~no one~~ can sustain for long. For instance, During freedom struggle, Mahatma Gandhi faced many failures be it of 'Non-Cooperation Movement' or 'civil Disobedience'. But he ~~kept~~ kept hustling until we attain the freedom in 1947.

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To become a man of perseverance quality we need to work with dedication. Our dedication towards our goal give us the motivation to keep working continuously. For



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example, When Barcelona won EURO Cup, a journalist asked Lionel Messi - what do you say about this overnight success? Then, he smiled and said - You have seen my today's success but you haven't seen the period from childhood to now, in which I have worked hard with dedication.

Similarly most of the civil servants doing their job with dedication to make the India great again. IAS Saumya Pandey canceled her 'Maternity Leave' and joined the office to serve the society during Covid-19 pandemic.

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In the era of 'T-20' and '10-minute Delivery' we need to inculcate the 'Never Give Up' attitude. We need to have patience and no giving up on dreams. Abraham Lincoln lost 13 elections, her Sweetheart, his business before becoming the President of USA. He never gave up on his dreams. In the same way we should not give up on anything if we want to build our own Rome. In addition to, we should develop courage or fortitude as during struggle.

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it is normal to become fearful.
As Will Smith in the movie 'The Pursuit of Happiness' says -
"Fear is not real. Fear is the outcome of our thoughts. Do not misunderstand me! The danger is very real. But our response depends on our perception."

Similarly we should face our fear courageously. The Soldiers and Kings of Rome also fought many ~~struggles~~ battles but they succeeded in building Rome because they fought with courage.

To sum up, to build Romes of our life we

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need to become like the Bamboo farmer. We need to learn having patience while we are on the path to achieve great things.

By leaving the Comfort Zone and by overcoming the fear of failure we can achieve our goals. At the individual level we need to inculcate values of dedication, perseverance and courage.

Similarly to make India great again we all must work hard and keep fighting the battles of poverty,

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Social discrimination, unemployment and corruption. Our golden history and literature can provide better insight for this. As famous Hindi poet said -

"Dheere Dheere Re Maine
Dheere Sab kuchh Hoy,
Maali Seendhe So Ghada,
Ritu Aaye Phal Hoy."

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Remarks for Essay-1

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खंड-B/SECTION-B

Topic:

6. Neutral Men are the Devil's Allies

Famous Hindi poet
Ramdhari Singh Dinkar has beautifully
depicted in his poem -

"Samar Shesh Hai,
Nahi Paap Ka Bhagi Keral Vyad,
Jo Hain Tatasthe,
Samay Likhega Unke bhi Apradh."

It means it is
a crime to remain neutral in
period of crisis. The above poem
explicitly depicts the theme
of this essay. Similarly, a Greek
is saying —

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"Darkest places of the hell are reserved for those who remain neutral when injustice was happening."

Remaining neutral means having indifferent attitude towards any event, act or idea.

And here the devil means the perpetrator of the crime or injustice.

In this essay we shall explore why people remain neutral? Why remaining neutral is not good in long run? Is it always bad to remain neutral? And at the last

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we shall talk about what should be our guiding light in this scenario?

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To begin with, sometimes remaining neutral is a choice but on the other hand sometimes it becomes a compulsion. Whenever being neutral is a choice, it comes from three reasons.

First one is Hate. Many people remain neutral when injustice is happening with the community, person or nation they hate. For instance, during resolution against Israel for Gaza attack, many countries with Islamophobia tendency remain neutral.



second one is Ego.

In the grab of ego many people remain neutral and do not help others when atrocities are embarked upon others. Many people have such type of ego due to patriarchal mindset, communal upbringing, and authoritative attitude.

Third one is Selfishness.

All western countries remain neutral towards slave trade during Eighteenth and Nineteenth century as they are gaining a lot of profit from the slave trade. Similarly, business class was with the Britishers in the beginning as their

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interest were aligned with them.
However, neutrality is not always a choice. Sometimes it becomes a compulsion.

The very first reason for this is 'Fear of Repussions'. This fear of repussions if we raise our voice against the evil, keeps many people quite in the moment of crisis. For instance, in China, most of the people do not raise voice against Chinese government for their atrocities in Tibet, as it may result in their execution or punishment.

The second reason is lack of power. Most of the time

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a common man does not have power to speak against the evil. Sometimes, evil becomes so powerful that people without any power destined to be doomed if they raise their ~~voice~~ voice. For instance, in present day Iran, many people got killed when they raised the voice for women's freedom.

However, remaining neutral cannot be beneficial in the long run. The reasons for this can be analysed with following arguments.

Firstly, remaining neutral perpetuates the evil. After the

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Second world war the Germans remained neutral as Hitler gave them the dream of 'The Great Germany again'. Initially, people did not oppose his acts for this dream but slowly he became so powerful that he started holocaust against Jews of his own country.

Similarly, Hannah Arendt in her theory of 'Banality of Evil' says most of the crimes are not done by any psychopaths but by the common man of the society because they remain neutral when evil use them to create injustice.

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Secondly, it is our duty to speak against the Devil by the virtue of being human. For instance, when Kauravas insulted Droopadi many noble persons like Bhishma Pitamaha, Veera Rodhe Karna etc remain neutral and didn't do their duty to save Dhoma.

Thirdly, according to the theory of 'Altruistic Hedonism', it is in our interest to help others as one day we might need the same help. But the question is —

Is it always best to remain

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neutral ? Lets try to find out the answer.

Sometimes being neutral is the best choice we have.

By remaining neutral, we can provide new options to others. For instance, after independence, India had option to join either the USA led group or the USSR led

Communist group. But India with Indonesia, Egypt, Ghana etc remained neutral and created

Non-Alignment Movement. By doing so India provided a safe option for the newly created African and Asian countries.

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As we have explored that ~~the~~ most of the time remaining neutral is itself a crime but sometimes it is a wise choice. So, what should be the guiding light in both the situation?

First guiding light is the fact that even a small voice of dissent is strong enough to destroy the empire of evil. For instance

seen to a white man and this led to a nation wide protest against Racial discrimination in USA. Consequently, the Govt of USA had to take major reforms to remove

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the evil of racial discrimination
The second guiding light is Gandhiji's Jantar. He suggested when we make a decision we must think what would be the effect this act will create on the poorest person in the society. By adopting this Jantar we might gain some clarity when to raise voice against evil.

third one is
Empathy. Narsi Mehta beautifully depicted this value in his Bhajan - "Vaishnav Jan To Paine Kahiye Je Peed Parayi Jane Re."

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It means human is the person who can sympath understand the pain of others.

To sum up, it doesn't matter how small your voice is, it can create ripples in the ocean of evil. Remaining neutral at the time of atrocity also makes us evil and it is our duty to fight against the evil. When we remain neutral it will come to us ~~at~~ sooner or later.

The above ~~of~~ discussed guiding lights

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Can show us the path
we should choose. we should
nurture a generation who shall
fight for the last or weakest
person of the society.

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Remarks for Essay-2

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Rome was not built in a day

Intro

Bamboo tree

धारे-धारे से बना धीरे-धीरे

Connecting Para

The theme of this essay talks about overnight success

the quality of having patience and working Why Rome ~~was~~ not built in a day religiously.

Lionel Messi

Era of 120

or 10-minute delivery

① Fear of Failure

Why do only a few able to create Rome?

Not learning from the Mistakes

② Sometimes Conditions are not favourable

③ Comfort Zone

④ How to build Rome

Qualities needed to ~~have~~ patience & build Rome?

① Perseverance → Mahatma Gandhi

② Positive attitude → Thomas Edison

③ Never give up attitude - Lincoln

④ Courage / Fortitude → Will Smith

⑤ Dedication - civil servants

Rome worthy goal
→ Freedom
→ Success
→ Business
→ Battle

समय शेष है

नहीं पाय का मागी केवल



उन्के भी अपराध-

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Neutral Man are the Devil's allies

Dunkar

Manch
pend-

Banality of evil

Hodocast

Darkest places of Hell are reserved
for those who remain neutral
at the time of crisis. — Greek saying

Guiding light
even small efforts
① even small efforts

Why man remains neutral?

- ① Fear of repercussions
- ② Hate
- ③ No power
- ④ Ego

Why we should not remain neutral

- ① ~~propagates~~ evil — ~~Hitler~~ Hitler
- ② Altruistic Hedonism
- ③ Duty

Is it always bad to remain
neutral? — no

India → NAM



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