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### निबंध ( ESSAY ) - 6

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#### प्रश्नपत्र संबंधी विशेष अनुदेश

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	निबंध विषय संख्या (Essay Topic No.)	अंक (Marks)
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खंड-B Section-B	(8)	39
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3. Content Proficiency (विषय-वस्तु दक्षता)
5. Conclusion Proficiency (निष्कर्ष दक्षता)

2. Introduction Proficiency (परिचय दक्षता)
4. Language/Flow (भाषा/प्रवाह)
6. Presentation Proficiency (प्रस्तुति दक्षता)

Dear student, Please go through following feedbacks:  
(Section-A)

### Strength :

- Language of your Essay is simple & clear.
- The content of your Intron is rich & insightful.
- Presentation of essay is commendable.

### Scope of Improvement :

- Your essay lacks diversification → You have not addressed the theme of Que → Try to breakdown theme of Que into numerous dimensions → Eg: Why to Resist fear? How to cultivate Courage?
- Need to work upon structuring of Essay → Please read Good Essay Copies.
- Use heading to your Para → it will structure your Essay.

### (Section-B)

- It is Good that you have attempted both the Essays.
- Your Handwriting is legible.
- Some of your points & Arguments are insightful.
- Put forth Questions which you might answering over course of Essay.
- Try to use relevant examples & Quotations etc to fetch more marks.
- Try to write as per demand of Que → Try to understand Que first.
- Need to work on flow of Essay.

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All the best.....

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COURAGE IS RESISTANCE TO FEAR,  
MASTERY OF FEAR,  
NOT ABSENCE OF FEAR

Once Mahatma Gandhi was asked,  
What made him keep doing, to face all  
those adversaries, How did he manage  
to remain firm stand even after so many  
years of jails? Then Gandhiji replied

that - " I do things because I

fear them and that's how I

overcome failures, weaknesses, and

limitations." He said that he did

not fear the British, the

rich and the powerful, but that

was not sufficient until one

Good way to start intro!

insightful intro!

unless he face the injustice. And truly  
that is the true courage is.

In this essay, we shall deep  
dive into some fundamental questions  
of courage like- "what is courage?, How  
it is related to fear?, why should  
one be courageous? etc. Apart from  
this we shall also have some  
insight into some other aspects also.

The Great Greek philosopher,  
Plato suggests four cardinal values  
for a virtuous person that will  
be required to achieve eudemonia  
(happiness). And those values are-  
wisdom, tolerance, courage and prudence

Good  
analysis  
of  
topic

उम्मीदवार को इस  
हाशिये में नहीं लिख-  
चाहिये।

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Good

- What is Courage?

Innate virtue of Brave to face fear head-on,  
confront challenges.



This shows that  
you have understood  
the essence!

Relevant  
point

Another Greek philosopher, Aristotle  
suggest middle path (Golden mean) to

live a virtuous life. And for him

courage is a golden mean between

cowardness and recklessness. Hence, it

is clear that courage is something

good value (virtue) that is essential for

a moral life. Nice

In Indian philosophy also  
courage is found in positive side.

Bhagavad Gita says that one who

stand against the injustice, face

the evil is courageous persons. According

ly, Ram in Ramayan and Randavas in

mahabharat were courageous.

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well  
written  
points.

But here it is remains a question  
that is this (courage) have any  
relation with fear because many  
says that not fearing is to becoming  
courageous. But this is half truth.

Because when you donot fear water  
or height or loneliness, it doesnot  
make you courageous person. Because,  
people who dive into deep oceans,  
jump from the tall mountains are  
true courageous. And there are many  
examples to Edw substantiate it.

Edward Snowden is considered  
the most courageous person in the  
field of cyber space. He was not afraid

Courage  
begins  
with  
recognition  
of  
fear  
↓

- Not  
recognising  
fear makes  
one  
reckless.

Valid  
argument  
presented

of anything but it does not mean he was courageous. But when he went against the USA NSA to disclose the cyber espionage being done by it - he risked his life to resist injustice and mastered his fear. That instance made him courageous.

Smooth transition

Similarly, Mira Bai (Bhakti

saint) and Hellen Keller (a disabled

girl) has fear of social customs,

society, familial pressure and

inferiority complex respectively. But

they not just resisted their fear

but did mastery in it, and

that is what made them courageous

lady of the patriarchal society. Try to understand the Demand of Quc.

Good use of examples to describe your content!

↓  
it is applaudable

You can add New Dimensions to your Essay to make it look Diversified & Engaging.



Break down the theme of Que into various Dimensions & sub-dimensions.



In the same way, everyone has fear of getting failed, But the most successful people are those that stand against their comfort, their fear. ~~The~~ It is a famous saying -

"If you want to win, defeat yourself."

The modern era of start ups, entrepreneurship works on the same principle. If you want growth, take risk otherwise you remain status quo. Fear of failure can be overcome not just running away from that way/path but to

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Nice  
points

Fair  
points



# New Dimension - Mastering of fear!

- It is process of harnessing energy of fear & using it to fuel positive actions.



tie your belt against the rising waves of failures. "The greatest sailors are those who sail into storms."

Durga Shakti Nagpal An IAS officer is known for his fearlessness and courage. When all earlier officers feared the send mafias, she stood against those and then eradicated them from root.

Now, the question is why one should be courageous? The answer to this lies in the philosophies of west (Greek scholars) and Indians. Because courage is the virtue, it is the path of righteousness. It is the

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Good use of Quotations

Good analysis

Good understanding

Not Absence of fear!

→ New heading



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↓  
- Being without fear may lead to recklessness, over looking risk.

- True courage is recognising potential danger & weight of situation.

Rich content!

value that make one stand against the unorthodox and unjust society.

Further, people fear that politics is the dirty game that is why the good and intellectual people avoid it. Thus, leading to criminalisation of politics (43% MPs

with criminal charges in 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha), muscle power politics, dispotic and existing autocracy of politics. Here there is a saying -

"The world will not be destroyed by the evil, but it will be destroyed by those good people who remain silent during evil."

- Even Great leaders  
too fear before leading  
to masses.  
Eg: Gandhi, Mandela  
etc.

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Hence, the good people have to  
make a lead into politics to  
make it a game of justice rather  
than muscle power.

they said  
that it was their fear  
which helped them in  
leading successful events.

Similarly, there are rising

instances of intolerance in the society,  
rapes, crimes etc. According to NCRB,

86 womens are raped everyday in  
india. If we fear the criminals, or

become fearless but not resisting them

the injustice won't stop.

Also, at economic level,

the cases of tax evasion, rising

scams (2G scam, Ponzi schemes), tax

heavens etc. poses threat to a nation.

This points  
are  
not  
rich  
in  
content.



Remaining status quo or not leading the hand will not solve the problems - it is the courage that is required.

Similarly, the climate related disasters are increasing. The recent disasters and casualties caused by Earthquake of Turkey shows humans unpreparedness to deal. But to remain silent and fearing the disasters or to not fearing and getting preparation is not what courage is. The courage is the mitigate the disasters by our efforts. Rather than investing on preparedness and restoration we need to undo

Avoid writing long & monotonous para.

Try to diversify your essay  
↓  
You can use different dimensions also

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नाहिये।  
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# - Why we Need to Cultivate Courage?

↳ Courage is Not inherent or innate → it is Cultivated & Nurtured.



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हार्शिये में नहीं लिखना  
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The harms and losses caused  
to the nature by humans'  
greed.

Finally, the true courage is  
far beyond the absence of  
fear. It is the prudence to  
deal with the situations effectively.

Be it the societal issues, economic  
problems or environment challenges,  
the courage is always required  
to confront our fears, our  
weakness and bring change  
in the society.

India's vision of becoming

Fair  
points

66 Courage is <sup>not</sup> absence of fear but rather the assessment that something else is more imp. than fear!

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The 'Vishwa Guru' again will be  
founded based on the foundations of  
courage - courage to deal with  
terrorism, courage to establish  
peace in the confronting global  
interest of the parties (i.e. Russia  
and Ukraine), courage to establish  
gender equity (SDG-5), courage  
to bring the developed and  
underdeveloped countries on the  
same page to face injustice.

VASUDHAIV KUTUMBHAM (Earth a family)  
will be secured through courage  
about what Gandhiji talked about.

Decent  
concluding  
points!

You can use  
relevant quotations  
to your conclusion.

MS → Train  
T, Brown →

Cardinal value of plato



"I do things because of fear Khan → That's how I overcome failures"

What is courage  
Relation b/w courage & fear

But antithesis  
↓  
courage is the  
prudence  
to deal with  
the situation  
And sometimes  
it is the  
fear something

eg →  
Durga Shakti  
Nagpal (IAS)  
Sand mafia

Who is courageous

हे लोड,  
तुम्हा लोड दे  
रीको ही युद्ध  
वर्तमान है

How one can  
↓  
to mastery

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear

my experiments with truth  
① MS → was once asked → What  
did you keep doing → alluded to  
adversaries that you faced → How you  
managed to get up again and again →  
even after too many years

what is courage? how it is  
related with fear? what  
makes one to be courageous?  
Why should one be courage  
How b/w it be overcome?  
how can one be courageous?

③ fundamental two → Aristotle  
4 cardinal value to make one  
virtuous → EDWARD SNOWDEN  
Aristotle → middle path b/w two  
extreme → cowardice & recklessness

④ fear & courage  
↳ Durga Shakti Nagpal  
↳ Hellen Keller  
↳ Anthea → nevertheless

⑤ why should one be courageous  
↳ differences, the injustice  
↳ when some political crisis  
"good"

How one can  
↓  
to mastery

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लफ्टी में को लिखना  
चाहिये।

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- Hellen Keller  
↳ fear of infection
- Mira bal  
↳ fear of social custom
- Kabir Day
- Fear entrepreneurship  
↳ courage of risk taking
- fear of getting  
destroyed by natural  
disasters  
↳ courage

- fear of  
political crisis  
नीज है  
↳ आसोज नीज है  
That's the  
courage
- Edward Snowden

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social justice  
economic, env. debate  
Humane environment etc.

THE WORST THING IS NOT THAT THE WORLD  
IS UNFREE, BUT THAT PEOPLE HAVE  
UNLEARNED THEIR LIBERTY

In Ancient times, there were  
some castes or people whose human  
rights were violated. There was  
inhumane treatment with those  
people. For example, in India shudras  
were the people who suffered the  
most. Actually, there was no freedom  
to these people.

On the other hand, in the  
modern times when th almost  
all the people of the world

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Intro  
is  
Decent.



have got their freedom, there are documents of liberty given to people like Bill of Fundamental rights etc., but still there is mass violation of human rights.

In fact, almost all the free people fear from getting arrest, getting destroyed or getting molested in the next movement.

These two contradictions shows that ~~even~~ in the ancient times when even people were not free there was less danger than in the modern world of freedom and free choices.

You can keep it short.

Thoughtful Argument.

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चाहिये।  
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Hence there is worth saying that-

"The worst thing is not that world is unfree, but that people have unlearned their liberty."

In this essay, we shall discuss the aspects of freedom in modern world like - Is the world a unfree? , what is safer - a unfree world or people world of unlearned liberties? and so on.

And in the meanwhile, one might come across the meaning of liberty and its difference with freedom.

Avoid rephrasing of question words!

Good analysis of topic

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हाशिये में न  
चाहिये।  
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write on this

A famous western scholar said, "The man is not free, he is Good everywhere in chains." This quote

justifies the unfree world.

Here, the man is not free because although he has got the

political freedom but it the society, family, other persons' rights,

nature etc. that control his freedom. The 'social contract' of

J. J. Rousseau talked about the

restrictions put by humans themselves

on them just to avoid the

safety threats and survive in the

naturalised world.

Valid points & Arguments

What is it? Kindly write in 2 lines

## Erosion of Liberty :

Due to Global<sup>n</sup> & tech- the world have become Global village with vast amount of info. → this lead to threat on privacy.



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But that is half true. Because these a restrictions are the result of free choice of human himself/ herself. ~~But~~ And in real sense, the world is free because people enjoy their rights - right to vote, right to food, right to healthy lives etc.

The next ~~meq~~ major question is - what is more safer - a unfree world or a free world with unlearned liberties?

Nice

To some extent when we look into it is the unfree world that seems dangerous. Th And

Avoid writing long & monotonous paragraphs!



This is true to much extent. For example, in Ancient and medieval times the poor and lower castes were unfree. And the treatment with them by upper caste people, were that much inhumane which is unimaginable. They were even sacrificed just for mere entertainment of the rich. The forced labour, begari, gender injustice etc. were the manifestation of the same.

Nice { Jaki Kanya Smdar dekhi, Tea pe  
Jaye dhari Talwar (whose girl was beautiful he was attacked) shows such a maltreatment with girls.

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हाशिये  
चाहिये।  
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# - Unlearning the Responsibility of Liberty :

↳ People's getting disengagement from their responsibilities in democracy contributes to erosion of freedom.



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Also, Indians ~~were~~ sacrificed in freedom struggle, why? Because to get freedom. This shows that exploitation and human right violation was to that extent that people even did not fear to die for the sake of the freedom.

Decent points

However, understanding (view) that unfree world is more disastrous is true only in narrow sense. Because we look into broader perspective, it is the world of learned liberties that is more dangerous. And this can be substantiated by many examples -

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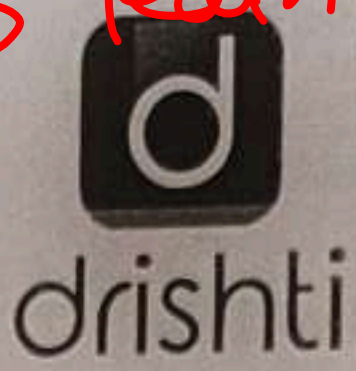
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# Need for Re-awakening?

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- Promoting democratic values, civic edu. etc is crucial in empowering individual to learn value of freedom.



The rising crimes, rape cases, terrorism etc. ~~shows~~ endangers

the masses. And these are the

free fit people who are criminals,

rapists, and terrorists. According

to NCRB, every 3<sup>rd</sup> women face domestic violence but most of the cases remained undisclosed.

This shows the mass violation of human rights by free people who have unlearned their liberties.

Similarly, the environment is being exploited by whom?

Isn't it is the free human who wants to dominate the nature? GOOD

Avoid writing bigger points.

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New Dimension

What is free world vs unfree world?



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The climate related disasters, bio-diversity loss, global warming, sea level rise, ozone layer depletion etc. which are endangering the whole humanity is because of free human only.

Good use of connecting words

Further, the cyber attacks, criminalisation of politics, moral degradation, crony capitalism etc. are all manifestations of the free choices of free humans.

Hence, there will not be any problem to say that humans have unlearned their liberties and that is the greatest threat.

this empowers the individual to make informed choices



You can add this dimension

Reasons behind people unlearning liberties?



But there is also a good side of this coin, and that is not all people have unlearned their liberties. In fact maximum people follow the restricted liberties. Even the Indian constitution provide liberty with some restrictions (Article-19). There are a lot of among us that follow the law of the land, law of the nature (example- Maldhari tribe), and the law of the humanity. The divine command theory drives their actions in good will.

Good

It is advisable to explore extra-dimensions of topic

Decent points

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Try to  
rephrase  
them  
in  
better  
manner.

In totality, it is the  
truth that people with unlearned  
liberty are the worst thing on  
this planet. But it is also  
true that in the end - good always  
win over evil. So keeping that faith  
in mind the unlearned liberties  
can be learned again.

Complex  
sentences  
?

Try to  
write  
English  
meaning  
of it:

It is the Hindi saying  
that - Bhatka hua insan sham ko  
ghar aa jaaye toh wah bhatka  
hua nahi mana jata. Similarly, the  
people can be inculcated the  
real and restricted use of their  
liberties. Through moral values at

childhood in schools, the rule  
of law (stricter policies) etc. The  
 humans have to learn that  
 their liberties should be used in  
 a manner that they do not  
 harm anyone - be it nature, human  
 or animals. Legal rights to nature,  
protection of victims of injustice  
with true spirit are the way  
 ahead.

The world seem connected more than  
 ever before, yet people seem drifting  
 away from essence of liberty.

Poor  
 content  
 in  
 conclusion.

~~If~~

A few doubts?

- ① how to maintain flow
- ② The ending → how can it be improved?
- ③ Is grammar okay?

① To maintain flow breakdown Question into  
Numerous themes? eg. Why world is unfree?  
Quality of free world etc.

② Summarise your essay in conclusion or use  
relevant quotations to end or you can use  
'cyclical approach' for conclusion i.e linking  
conclusion with intro.

③ Grammar is decent → there is scope of  
improvement.

Is the world not free, we have the people unlearned their liberties.



The worst thing is not that world is unfree, but that people have unlearned their liberties

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World is not unfree

→ A man is everywhere in chains!

Yes

No

- everywhere in chain
- control of state
- control of society
- circumstances

→ Ancient → Shudras were not free

Modern

→ Man is free but unlearned his  
Almost all the countries  
→ mass violation of human right

→ At least we know who is getting violated  
→ But now we doubt

Social Contract  
Nature  
Rights  
Human  
violation  
Osama bin  
Ladhen  
Niray  
Modi  
Criminalisation  
of politics  
The security  
most dangerous people are those  
that

It is not absolute that it is not absolute

- 1 follow rule & law
- 2 consider crimes
- 3 Terrorism

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How people will learn their liberties  
→ report to police  
→ education