

ESSAY TEST

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Write an essay, choosing one from Section A in about 1000-1200 words.

Section A

1. Economic Growth means little unless it is inclusive growth.
2. The purpose of life is a life of purpose.
3. There are many humans, but no humanity.
4. Men are taught to apologise for their weakness, women for their strengths.

2. THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS A LIFE OF PURPOSE.

In the warfield of Kurukshetra, there were two armies standing. On one side, was the Kaurav Sena led by Duryodhan. On the other side was the Pandav Sena. In middle of them, stood Arjun with his Charioteer Krishna.

He was full of doubts unlike Duryodhan. He felt purpose-less and lost to realise that he had to kill his Cousins, Gurus, uncles and so on.

He pleaded Krishna to guide him. And then he received the Greeta Updesh. In the very end of the 18th chapter of Bhagvat Greetā, Arjun said - 'Sthitaśmi Nā Sāndheh', that is 'I do not have any more doubts'. He received the purpose of his life.

Good introduction

The above account of events encapsulates the essence of the maxim that purpose of life is to have a life of purpose. That is, when we attach a purpose in our life, we become steadfast, our life gets a direction and it becomes meaningful. Arjun understood that it was 'Dharm', for which he should fight. Similarly, a purpose-laden life present us the power

to achieve our goal.

In this essay, we would explore the meaning of purposeful life and how to find it, and what happens without a purpose and so on. Let's begin.

It is said we can ~~live~~ ^{live} twice, once, when we are born, and next when we know why we are born. To have a 'why' in life is to have a purpose.

A purpose is an end goal towards which we wish to drive our energy.

It helps us to transform from a wanderer to a seeker and we get channelised into a path.

From the early time, when humans started to settle, the purpose of finding a livelihood was met with agriculture and cattle trade. Later, with forming of

In this paragraph, think about the answers to these questions and write them in a coherent way

1) What is the purpose of life?

2) What is the life of purpose?

3) How to make the purpose of life, a life of purpose?

Brainstorm the topic on these lines.

civilisations, man started to question and raise doubts. why did a man die early - there must be a disease or why did lightning strike - there must be a god. Hence, without asking or raising doubt, one cannot come near to his/her purpose.

Good
use of
Historical
examples

After a series of questions, one gets attached, at times, to one idea or field. Excelling in that becomes the purpose. Therefore, we receive the award of excellent piece or work of art only by purpose-ful men/women. For example, Asuyabhat's zero, Sushant's Medicine Chanakya's Statecraft was result of ^{them} understanding ^{their} one's purpose.

Moreover, the search of meaning of



life has been always there. The inner world of our life too has received our attention. And hence, men asked - Who Am I, what is this life for. Thus, to fulfil this purpose came many paths like Jnanyog, Bhaktiyog, Karmyog. One of them emphasised on 'knowledge' to know our purpose, the other on 'devotion' whereas idea of 'karm' was to find purpose in our daily duties.

This brings us to question - How purpose is needed in our daily lives? For that we can ask what is life, first. Well, it cannot be explained in words, But for it means different to different people. Therefore, purpose is interpreted differently. For example,

for a hungry, the search is of food, for
a father, the need is to sustain the
family, for a mother, it is about
welfare of the child and so on.

Furthermore, to set a purpose
is also an art. While setting a
goal ~~is~~ like attaining 99% in the
exam is not healthy, similarly
imposing a purpose on others is also
not useful. In recent time, we see
cases of rising suicides. As per
National Crime Records Bureau, more
than 27% deaths occur due to failure
in examination or unmet goals. (in India)
And conditions become so severe,
that students feel battered. as depicted
in the famous movie '3 Idiots'.



Taking the discussion from previous note, a purpose should be self-driven. For once, we have our own 'why' we can ~~can~~ bear any 'How'. See, the examples from the young lives of martyrs like Bhagat Singh, Khudiram Bose. They did not even care for their lives; for they were fully dedicated to an objective in life. Or when S.C Bose said - Tumhe Mujhe Khoon Do Main Tumhe Azadi Dunga, he was in fact giving an end goal, a life of purpose to others.

Furthermore, without a purposeful life, we are not able to address so many problems around us. Paramhans Yogananda once said - 'what is the

benefit of mere existence. Millions are busy with just breakfast, lunch, dinner and getting entertained here and there. Instead, there is world full of needs, seeking us.

Take for example, the environment catastrophe is turning into Red Code Warning. The idea of Nationally Determined Contributions as pushed by UNFCCC (United Nations framework of Climate Change) gives a goal for nations. Young children like Greta Thunberg already found their calling.

Similarly, if the current generation does not set a purpose like Sustainable Development Goals, what could be the future of children? As per a UN report



by 2050, the world population will be 9 billion, and by the same time the crop yield would reduce by 40%. The purpose then, is to save humanity and for this many lives, many nations might have to follow same purpose.

In addition to that, the purpose of life, even though it may sound grandeur, can be very subtle also. For instance, Victor Frankl understood the purpose and meaning of life while he was in the Nazi Camps. For him, finding freedom of willpower is the real purpose. Isn't it the same idea was given by Buddha when he asked us to live a life without suffering.

by following Astang Maarg? The subtle idea is one can have many purposes. And one of them, could be the need to become a better human being

As popularly depicted in a song —

'Kisi ke Vaaste Ho Tere Dil Mein
Pyar, Kisi ka dard le sake,
To leh udhaas, Jina Isi ka
Naam hain 2

(To have love for others, to take others' pain, this is life.)

Finally, the nation itself is a life. It runs on the lives of millions, millions of dreams and purpose. India for Instance has now entered the Amrit Kaal of her independence - Soon, we would complete a century by 2047.

Thus, it becomes imperative to realign the purpose of nation with that of many aspirations.

When 150 million children, who are currently out of school get to a life of knowledge. Where the poverty and hunger rati does not bother

their lives. Where there is full of healthy food in their plates and

India is Kuposhan Mukti and so on.

Where there is Apsi Bhai-Ehara (brotherhood) and we become a

beacon of light to show that world can become a family.

Summarising, we can say that a purposeful life is what gives

In this way you can use the values like:
 ① Competition
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 Support it with the examples of Mother Teresa.
 ② Transformation
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 How a robber Agni Sharma became the Great Mahatma Valmiki after realising the purpose of life.
 ③ Leadership
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 How a normal



barrister practicing
law realised the
sufferings of
common men
and this way
the purpose of
life became
clear making
him Mahatma
Gandhi.

meaning to our daily lives,
our long-lived lives, and even
to the lives of nations.

It is said life is precious
gift and to use this gift one
should have a purpose.

As once said by Khalil Gibran,
in the end,
to see our life lived so far
with satisfaction, is to live twice.

'Have a Purpose - small or Big
Have a Life!'