

ESSAY TEST

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house divided against itself, cannot stand → unity

Explain.

Why

What are the houses?

①

- Individual
- Family
- Society
- Nation
- extended firms
- Parliament → democratic system
- Company - public org

How are houses divided?

→ ~~ext~~ internal → against itself

external

②

Examples when it cannot stand - Why?

old times

- Swami Vivekananda, Venkay Shrivastava
- Congress movement
- Parliament No confidence - politics
- W.R. Wadia
- Communal/religious
- 3 users pickings at each other

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Are there examples when they can stand?

- protectionism of countries
- self learning, self improvement - reflection & self evolution.
- 'Jai Gop Shri...' —
- unity of souls

⑤

What should be the approach? How to keep all together?

- By listening to all. By giving them voice - representative to
- participatory approach, addressing demands of all & working towards the goal.



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

Section A

1. Putting more bars in the prison is not the answer to the problems faced by society.
2. "A house divided against itself, cannot stand."
3. "The eternal struggle between two principled - right and wrong - throughout the world."
4. Politics is just perception.

2. A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF,  
CANNOT STAND

Long back, there was a farmer who had four sons, who used to quarrel all the time. The old farmer was afraid about what will happen to them after he passed away. One day he bought a bunch of sticks and called his sons. He asked each one of them to break the 'bunch of the sticks' - surprisingly, no one - not even the strongest of the four could break the bunch of the sticks. The father then untied the bunch taking out one single stick and again

A good anecdote based introduction

While ending the paragraph, story you can re-emphasize on the topic by repeating the quote itself.

asked his sons to break it. This time, everyone could break the stick. The father then explained to his sons, that if they are united like the bunch of sticks, even the strongest of the problems would not be able to harm them, whereas if they are divided against each other - they will not be able to survive or live a happy life.

Good explanation

This simple story is a life lesson in itself. If it is a family or a society, a state or a country, an organisation or an organ of the democratic set up (eg. the Parliament) - if it is divided among itself - and the different parts are not aiming towards one single common goal but are working against

each other - it cannot survive. Division among oneself with the parts working against the other - is a definite formula of failure.

But why are the houses divided? what factors are responsible for the divisions? Are they external or internal? Let us try to find out.

Though there can be external forces that may try to harm a house - a family, an organisation or a country - there has to be certain internal factors that make them already vulnerable -

"A ship does not sink because of the water around it, it sinks because of the water that gets inside."

For instance, in today's superfast lifestyle, our societies are seeing newer ways of co-habitation and cession (es.

You should try to cover all these aspects in a single paragraph just after the introduction.

Prior to quoting the example you can mention family as an institution and the erosion of family values due to internal conflicts

live in culture) or erosion of the institution of marriage - which have been considered sacrosanct for years. While some blame external sources like westernised values of independence, choice & liberty for these - the reasons of the shift can be found inside the institution itself. There were problems of domestic violence, abusive marriages where women would only keep quiet and suffer to avoid the social stigma attached with divorce or simply because they are not economically independent to support themselves if they come out of the marriage. Hence, the reason of breaking of marriages and families were inside the institution itself - and an abusive marriage is no marriage at all - it has to fall and cannot stand if the partners are divided amongst themselves.

Similarly, if any top level executive of a private organisation is involved in 'insider trading' or similar mischievous acts, ~~comp~~ rival companies are sure to take advantage of that, and such a company is bound to fall because it has its parts working against each other.

Like wise, there are instances of ~~far~~ renowned & revered professionals like DRDO scientist Pradeep K. who ~~also~~ have allegedly given out secrets of multiple high priority DRDO projects, falling prey to a honey trap - it is dangerous for the security and safety of the country because National Security is duty of everyone - and <sup>even</sup> if one single person of one institution is working against it - it can cause serious harm to the whole security ecosystem, depending on the position and

This paragraph is about the value called 'integrity'. Mention about it, discuss the concern, give your recommendations, support with example and then end by re-emphasizing the topic.

level of access of that one person →

Having discussed in detail the reasons for division in a 'house' let us now look at some instances where division inside a house has led to its fall and an united house has tasted victory..

This paragraph is based on leadership.

The first instance can be of our own national struggle for independence. For a very long time from 1885 the establishment of Indian national congress, till the arrival of Gandhiji in 1915, our national ~~star~~ leaders were divided into ideologies like moderates, extremists and revolutionaries - all of them working in their own ways could not garner any much effective reforms in favour of India's freedom. But Gandhiji's ways ensured mass movements and involvement of





almost all national leaders in our freedom struggle - and this earned us our coveted independence - Here again - since there were divisions of between Congress and Muslim League we got independence - but with a partition - This in itself shows the importance of standing together in order to achieve our desired goal.

Similarly, in today's political scenario, if few parliamentarians feel that they cannot trust the current government to ~~take~~ work in the best ~~best~~ interests of the country, they can call for a 'No confidence motion' which can eventually topple the government if they cannot prove majority in the lower house of the parliament. This shows how, quite literally, a 'house' that has been divided amongst each other cannot stand.

This portion can be separately mentioned as religious harmony/unity.

Alternatively, you can talk about Co-operative Federalism.

unified  
action of  
global  
institutions  
to solve  
the  
contemporary  
problems

Talking about the international arena, the multi national forums like UNSC, WTO can function effectively only if the nations work together to achieve a common goal, for benefit of all countries. Instead if some countries use their veto power to stop <sup>necessary</sup> ~~some~~ reforms like blacklisting global terrorists as china had been doing in UNSC or like ~~delaying~~ appointments in WTO appellate body like USA, the organisations are bound to fail in achieving their designated mandates.

Likewise, there are some global issues like climate change, cyber security or pandemics like covid-19 which respect no boundaries. These issues need to be handled together by all countries. No country is capable enough to find out and



implement solutions to these issues on their own. But if there are ~~blame~~ blamegames between developed and developing countries about sharing the responsibilities of climate change, it hampers global efforts of working in unison. Moreover, there is need of participation from all levels of the society - all tiers of governments, ~~pub~~ private ~~organisations~~ civil society and citizens need to work together in an participative approach to solve these issues - otherwise these ~~issues~~ <sup>efforts</sup> are bound to fail.

However, are there any instances when one needs to walk alone instead of flowing obedient to the stream? Are there moments when divisibility works better than unison? Let us see.

Both paragraphs relate to same dimension. Combine it and make it short.

It is generally better to stick to your original stand

All the  
end of your  
essay to  
justify  
efficient  
and effective  
and exact  
expression.

There is a famous song  
by Rabindranath Tagore that says,  
"Jodi tor daak sune keu na ase  
tobe ekla cholo re" (walk alone  
if noone responds to your call)  
- There are indeed times <sup>when</sup> one has to  
stay true to one's calling and  
stand for the right even if  
~~ev~~ that means standing against  
everyone else - Raja Rammohan Ray  
fought the society ~~to~~ for prohibition  
of sati - in these cases it is good  
and needed to make the "house" of  
dead ~~ex~~ customs fall by working  
against it.

~~or take for instance, when~~  
~~someone is working on his own~~  
~~improvement~~

How At an individual level  
also, one sometimes need to seclude



oneself from the society to work on self improvement and reflect - however, in such cases also, the person's efforts, hearts, mind and goals should be ~~in~~ in sync - if these are divided and working against each other - the person is bound to fail in his endeavours.

Thus, we should always keep in mind the maxim of 'united we stand, divided we fall'

and work towards our goals as an individual, a society or a nation taking all counterparts in ~~our~~ our stride.

Dear Aspirant,  
You have written a good essay. Introduction is good. ~~but~~  
You can keep it short. You have mentioned sufficient dimensions in the essay. Content, examples and

Good  
Conclusion

language is also good.

Some suggestions: -

→ In the first paragraph after introduction, try to write your own interpretation of the topic.

→ From 2nd paragraph onwards, make it value based by using values like Integrity, leadership, Co-operation, Unity etc.

→ In each paragraph mention about the value, concerns regarding value, recommendation, Support it with example.

→ Also, keep re-emphasizing on the topic in the entire essay.

Keep writing

All the Best