

Test - 6

Section - B

⑦ The lamp of history destroys the darkness of ignorance

Start writing from the below line:

World War - I ended with the most important historical event called, "The Treaty of Versailles". This treaty is often cited as an important contributing factor for the happening of World War - II, due to its harsh terms underscoring the importance of fair and sustainable peace agreements.

Few decades later, conflicts

emerged between Egypt and Israel. The historical lessons from Treaty of Versailles helped in making a sustainable peace agreements. According to the treaty, Israel agreed to return back Sinai peninsula to Egypt in exchange for peace and normalised diplomatic relations. Not very impactful

This very peace agreement destroyed the ignorance of expansionism, conflict, harsh peace conditions and became a precedent to the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, by the guiding light of historical lessons.

History is not merely a record of past, rather an essential tool to navigate the present and future. The lamp of history provides the knowledge to make wise decisions to dispell the darkness of ignorance. Therefore the lamp of history must keep burning to reveal us the paths for better and enlightened future.

However, ~~at~~ the ~~lamps~~ of distorted history might push us into the wells of ignorance if we are not careful. apt! good!

Before we proceed to explore the various dimensions of the essay, let us try to understand the metaphors given in the topic. "The lamp of history" represents accumulation of human experience, knowledge etc which will help to navigate the complexities of present and future

On the other hand "Destructing the dark of ignorance" refers to taking right decisions to avoid conflicts, misunderstandings, stagnation, exploitation etc. → Context is set!

Now let's delve into the core of the essay, Why and How the lamp of history destroys the darkness of ignorance? keep it different!

As rightly said by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr,

"History is a great teacher"

History teaches valuable lessons about human nature, society and consequence of our actions. The events of past serves as case studies to understand how we have confronted various challenges and what are the outcomes. This very analysis of Cause - Effect relation holds greatest lessons.

"Express it most effectively"

For example, many historical revolutions such as French Revolution, American Revolution etc happened due to exploitation of state, unequal treatment and lack of representation. These very causes lead to social upheaval. Learning from those events, America emerged as first democratic nation and France promoted the new ideals of equality, liberty, Fraternity.

These historical lessons even today holds as much as relevance as it was before. The darkness of on going ignorance

in the form of military coups in African nations,
Instability in Bangladesh, Military rule in
Myanmar. can only be destroyed ^{by} the lamps of
democracy and more democracy. → Not very impactful!

When we understand the cause and
effect relationship based on past actions,
our current actions can be either re-inforced
or deterred based on past outcomes. These
two aspects can be understood by analysing
Smallpox vaccination drive and the Great Economic
Depression, 1928. → apt!

With the co-ordinated efforts of countries
and institutions like WHO (World Health Organisation),
we have eradicated smallpox. This very positive
outcome re-inforced global community to come-
together in fighting the recent challenges such
as Covid-19 pandemic, Tuberculosis eradication
drive etc. → apt

on the other hand events like Great

Economic Depression, deters countries in making haphazard economic planning and reckless expansion of economy. Therefore these re-inforcements and deterrents will to destroy the darkness of ignorance by the guiding lamp of history. → Not very impactful!

Not just at a global level, even at personal level, history or the past of an individual holds greatest lessons to make tomorrow a better tomorrow by the learnings, experiences, wisdom etc.

This aspect can be clearly understood by looking into the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi during his time in South

Africa faced racial discrimination, injustice etc as working as a lawyer. All those learnings and setbacks helped in leading a non-violent struggle against British through his principles of Satya and Ahimsa to get us Independence.

Similar to Grandhiji, the past of peoples like Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill, Malala

Yousafzai played an important role to work on the darkness of ignorances such as racial inequality, disastrous campaign, human rights violation respectively. by their learnings from past. Express better!

As we have seen about how history can help in destroying our ignorances, lets look into the question, "What will happen if we don't learn from the lamp of history?" As

rightly said by Winston Churchill, "History repeats itself if we fail to learn from it."

This can be understood by looking into various British colonial policies in India. The very important reason for the Great Famine of 1876-78 is the export of grains by the British during the time of low agricultural productivity. This led to millions of hunger deaths. As Britishers failed to understand

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and formulate better policies, the history got repeated itself in the form of, "The Great Bengal Famine, 1943."

Therefore when we don't learn from past, we tend to perpetuate the darkness of ignorance in present and future. At times our ignorance multiplies due to the aspect of "Distorted History." Distorted history ~~off~~ refers to misrepresentation, manipulation or selective omission of historical facts to serve specific agendas or narratives.

Eventoday many European powers call their colonial expansion as "civilising missions" and upholds the concepts such as "White Man's burden" without holding themselves accountable for exploitation, cultural destruction and violence.

The recent war time propaganda during Israel-Hamas war is yet another example of historical distortion.

As a society if we can adjust our lens and carefully look into past by clearing our distortion, we can find solutions to the current age problems from the history.

Often leaders like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar called villages as den's of ignorance due to presence of 'caste domination', 'patriarchy', 'status quo'.

The camp of Indian history showcased the presence of local self governance during the Chola period. This inspired in formulating 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments by creating panchayats and municipalities.

This very step led to the destruction of ignorances in Indian villages by empowering women and minority sections like scheduled castes and tribes.

However some argue that historical decisions are time specific and situation specific and they cannot be replicated.

in the current times due to changes in socio-economic-political and cultural aspects.

This section of people argue that our approach should change to destroy the darkness of ignorance with changing times.

This dimension can be understood by looking into India's foreign policy journey. After ~~after~~ independence based on the historical lessons we took Non-alignment as alignment created parties and conflicts ap such as world war. With change in time we have moved from non-alignment to multi-alignment to protect and promote our country's interest.

In a broader philosophical sense, the lamp of history signifies the importance of wisdom and human pursuit of truth. Just a lamp must be kept burning.

to continue providing light, our understanding of history must be a continuous effort.

It is not enough to learn history once, it must be revisited again and again to gain new perspectives

Good

Ultimately, the lamp of history dispels the darkness of ignorance by fostering understanding, promoting critical thinking and encouraging a deeper appreciation of the complexities of human existence. It reminds us that while we are products of our past, we also have the power to shape our future, if we are wise enough to learn from the lessons that history has to offer.

"The lamp of history sheds its light,

Destroying the ignorance from our sight,

"In its glow, our past is clear and bright,"

"Guiding us towards a future of
itsight."