

ESSAY TEST- 2

TEST CODE: 1002

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 250

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Kindly indicate your complete and correct details in the answer sheet in **BLOCK LETTERS** (Full Name, Date etc.)
- For rough work, blank pages have been provided at the end of this booklet.

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)

- Essays must be written in the English medium only.
- Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

To be filled by the Candidate.

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	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Section A	125	
Section B	125	
Total	250	

EVALUATION PARAMETERS

		Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good
Introduction	Context & Element of Interest				
	Scope				
	Thesis statement				
Body	Logical flow / Continuity				
	Content Relevance				
	Dimensions				
	Objectivity				
	Arguments				
	Supporting facts/examples				
	Writing style (Persuasive, Creative, Language etc.)				
	Originality of ideas				
	Analysis				
	Handwriting				
Conclusion	Logical Structure & Presentation				
	Overall Summarisation & Reinforcing Central Idea				
	Vision				
	Tone				



OVERALL OBSERVATION / FEEDBACK FOR THE CANDIDATE : SECTION A

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OVERALL OBSERVATION/ FEEDBACK FOR THE CANDIDATE : SECTION B

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Section-A

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1) The flame that burns twice as bright burns half as long.
जो लौ दोगुनी चमकती है, वह आधी देर तक जलती है।

Or

2) "The unexamined life is not worth living."
"जीवन के रहस्य को जाने बिना जीने का कोई अर्थ नहीं।"

"Don't go easy into that good night. Rage ..." exhorts the poet, who sees little meaning in living a ~~fit~~ life unfulfilled. He exhorts for the flame, that is our spirit to burn deep into that good night.

And as the soul burns with passion towards goals set, distant places untraversed and dreams that beckon bodily wear and tear, perhaps the fuel that sustains the flame runs low. In a reality bound by 'finiteness' and 'brevity', is it not but a natural corollary to find it burn only half as long?

Through the discursions in this write-up, the semantics of a fuel that burns will be illustrated through specimen whose tales are eternal, whilst throwing caution to the wind that, on occasion, it is preferable for a half lived flame

Of Men and Mountains

Cassius Clay, surmounts the pinnacle of the boxing world to have his name covered in glory. While not the first black man to cement his legend, he is the most glorified among the lot. With a new moniker, Mohammed Ali, wages a battle against the USA's government of the day, concerning the Vietnam war conscription efforts, and cements himself as an eternal face of resistance

He burns bright for the few years to be suppressed later by his government. He was soon to be diagnosed with Parkinson's, a disease he was afflicted by owing to the many hits he took on the boxing arena. His flames begin to flicker then and their virility is lost too. But this is the tale of an exceptional genius, whose flames enflamed courage, hope and resilience among youth.

When ^{the} Mountains wouldn't go to Mohammed, Mohammed went to the mountains. His flame is long extinguished but his is now a legacy of greatness. Would the argument then not follow, that it is preferable for a raging fire to enlighten minds, than a mere flame that lights up a dark room?

The revolutionary methods and means

The theme of a burning flame is all too recurrent an idea for the revolutionary. Spanning from the heroes for the Independence cause such as Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Azad whose lives were terminated prematurely, to the glory hunters that set sail to do unassailed activities, the notion of a burning flame being short lived is an accepted reality.

Bruce Lee's short lived yet vibrant life is his message to the world. "Be like air, my friend" said the illustrious martial art champion even while he burned like a netherworldly fire. The renowned magician Houdini, too would be taken early in ^{his} ~~their~~ life.

These individuals with their revolutionary contributions have lit up the sky of infinite possibilities. Each of them initiators of a revolutionary process that spurred reimagination of ^{more} existence. It appears the price to be paid for such definitive contributions, is paid for in blood.

Do the stars have a message

Sagittarius, a distant galaxy much like ours, houses stars that burn much brighter than our sun. Scientific estimates also suggest their lifespans to be a fraction of our morning star. Is there not a rational basis to this proposition of all things natural dying earlier if their magnitudes are higher?

The earthquakes that cripple multiple generations follow a similar theme. The greater the intensity, the shorter lived the primary waveforms are. While the drawn out earthquakes continue to hit cities chronically, in a long drawn out dance.

Or of all the apex species that dominated the biosphere, the giants among them quickly lost while the termites that are humanity as a collective have a stranglehold over mother earth. The monumental elephant bows before its mahout, perhaps because the elephant's strength was easily countermanded by a mahout who waited for her to tire, before he ensared the most gigantic of earthly beasts.

Of emotional spirits

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Jacinda Ardern, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand, resigned from her office while announcing that her "tank is empty". The fearless lass from the small island of New Zealand, who placed her country, which until then was a peripheral figure in global politics, to the very heart of global polity suggested that her mind had tired.

The European queen who tasted victory at the Tennis US Open at the mere age of 23, hung up her boots while pointing towards fatigue of the mind, ~~not~~ the body. Much like the proverbial candle with the wax, is the human mind the limiting agent for the

human body?

In an age where acceptance of deficit is in itself treated as weakness, when illustrious individuals speak of the tempest of a burnt out soul, is it not a flame that has burnt too brightly?

Taken too soon

Swami Vivekananda's life was cut short, not having crossed the middle age. The immense persona that is Narendra Dutta, however did not succumb to mental weakness. His body laid in, where his mind would never.

Ramanujai's early extinguishment of an illustrious career, or Stephen Hawking's affliction with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis are evidences of the body perishing where the stubborn mind doesn't.

Wrested from humanity, at the height of their mental prowess. Then must it be the body is the limiting agent, where the mind isn't?

Of Drunken Rivalry without the Chivalry

The Epicurean school of thought among the Greeks who perhaps borrow from Dionysios exuberant lifestyles have a tale to tell. They perceive life to be a passing wave that must be tamed.

Extravagance is the word, as every sin recorded in the religious texts are permitted, nay proposed as good for the soul. The Charraka school of thought among the lokayatas seem to agree as well. What good is life lived, if not fully lived with finery? Is this not a call for the flame to burn bright than long?

The Outliers

The principle of a burning flame being fast extinguished does not hold true in all frames. For every Ardern, there is a Thatcher who held on firmly to power unwilling to concede. For every individual with mental fatigue, there is a Leander Paes pushing 50, or a Dhoni pushing 45 wondering why the flames must not burn twice as long as well as twice as bright.

If we are to take a leaf from our neighbors who are determined to make this the Chinese century ^{who} have been biding their time while burning twice as hard with their industrious labourers and workforce. ^{And} What of the ancient civilisations of Egypt and Mesopotamia who burned bright twice into every night and kept burning for centuries. There



need not arise a dichotomy between burning bright and lasting late into that long long night.

And even where the flame burned hard, and was extinguished, it lit a fire that ensured the flame burnt eternal. ^{So} What if the lives of Bhagat Singh and Azad were short? Their passion lives on in the millions that defy their sacrificial spirit.

When the Param Vir Chakra awardee shouted 'Dil Mange More' as he captured a critical military outpost, his short lived flame lit up millions of candles that night. Is there glory in a spirit ~~to~~ that burns twice as bright but will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of commoners? Who is to say a relationship based on lust alone that enflamed the loins will not last till death does them part? There is ^{no} dichotomy.

in this sphere of pedantry.

Hear the Oceans Speak

The environment that bleeds today forewarns us of the tragedy that is to come when mankind burned the fossil fuel to kindle his flame of luxury ridden with fanciful ammenties. It is perhaps wise to curtail such wasteful extravagance while continuing to burn through the night.

With Kalam's vision of wings of fire we may burn long into that night full of promise for the Indian dream. The Chinese may have their century, while India ^{has} ~~have~~ its millenium.



SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

Robert Frost

Fire & Ice

The flame that burns
burns half as long.
"Gone too soon"

Apr. natural corollary
to extinguishment of
fuel

→ Mohammed Ali → C. Lewis Clay
If mohammad. mountain.

→ Bhagat Singh, Azad, Sukhdev
revolutionary model →
FDR MLK Jr

→ Jacinda Ardern → early
retirement → fatigue.

→ Solar system → if sun
larger ^{brighter} → calamitous

→ Bruce Lee → be like air <sup>but her
burning
like fire</sup>

→ Magician → Moudini

→ Don't go easy into that good
night.

→ Vivekananda → at 39 <sup>wrestled at
the peak of
prowess</sup>
Ramanujan much earlier

→ Height of prowess →
Stephen Hawking → AML.

twice as bright
Anarch ^{choices} ^{neoliberalism} ^{capitalism}
The British ^{monarchy} ^{Capitalism rebirth} ^{neoliberalism}
The outlaws.
oborn through
the night,
London faces,
Don Bradman
long past there
seven song,
The curtains
come

• A leaf from the
neighbours.

→ Bide your time

→

Brave

• Fortitude

• The flame burns eternal.

Ideas ^{lives on} → carried forward.

⇒ principles of American
freedom struggle, condensed.

↳ Shows the way

⇒ Holds the light

→ If I ^{could} see further → I've
stood on the shoulders of

giants.

anyone who paid a dearer
price
Newton to a fellow
engineers.

⇒

zenith → mount

Epicurean Lifestyle of
^{Dignified}
~~Producers~~ → Chavaka.

→ Alexander's retreat

soldiers sought to turn back.

→ Emotional spheres →

A relationship based on lust
- alone, that burns the
midnight flame, is surpassed
by one made of grit,
commitment ⇒ even towards
longevity → "till death do
us part" it says →

→ Hear the oceans speak → fossil fuel crisis
↳ Nature's bounty halved.

⇒

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Indian century, burn
brightly burn long.
Kolan's wings of fire
tonemingly high.

The point of burning trees
long? → reduced if
not for with purpose conviction
greater good

⇒ The Epicurean life
Taken under 30, Major
Kargil ⇒ "Nil Manje Mare
screens eternal"