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## SPACE FOR TEACHER'S REMARKS

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Write TWO Essays, choosing ONE from each of the Section A and B, in about 1000-1200 words each:

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## ESSAY TEST – VI

### Section - A

1. The success of Indian democracy.
2. Banking sector crisis and its solutions.
3. The Turkey question can change the US games in middle East.
4. The US Presidential elections have brought to focus humanitarian issues.

### Section - B

1. They fall who endeavor: they need fear no fall, who make no endeavor.
2. The Iron lady of UP and the failed mission. ✕
3. The poor women have no respite: neither in her parental home nor in her in laws' home.
4. Tropical forests and CO<sub>2</sub> absorption.

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## THE SUCCESS OF INDIAN DEMOCRACY

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Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru highlighted a number of aspirations and challenges facing a free India in his "tryst with destiny" speech in 1947. While the nation was rejoicing a new era, many western political commentators predicted quick demise of Indian democracy. They expected Nehru's 'tryst' to turn into a 'terrible' outcome.

Despite these prophecies of crumbling of Indian democracy, it has emerged as a 'benchmark' for a successful democratic polity. India is looked upon as

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a vibrant, growing and powerful world force. This success of Indian democracy has been rooted in a strong institutional foundation, a diverse and fearless civil society and a progressive outlook towards humanity as a whole.

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Indian democracy - an institutional success story: /

The Constitution of India is the foundation of its democratic structure. It is a complex, visionary and holistic document that has successfully guided the ship of Indian democracy in turbulent times.

It has laid the principles of justice, equality, liberty and fraternity

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in the preamble that act as moral compass of our democratic functioning. These ensure rights for all sections of the society, thereby giving concrete shape to a democratic society.

Constitutionalist Granville

Austin declared the Indian constitution as a document of "social revolution".

This 'social revolution' was envisaged through the provision of state's directive principles, <sup>fundamental</sup> rights and duties, & a solid legislative, judicial and executive framework. Without these, Indian democracy would cease to even exist.

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Election Commission is another institution that has earmarked the success of Indian democracy.

The first election to Lok Sabha was a massive undertaking, laden with ~~burdens~~ burdens like communalism, regionalism, lack of infrastructure, illiteracy and so on. The Americans called <sup>first</sup> Indian elections as "a futile" attempt to make dumb millions elect a democratic government.

The <sup>general</sup> first elections turned out to be a massive success.

The Indian election machinery has emerged as role model for aspiring democracies across the world.

The participation rate in 2014 Lok

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Sabha elections was a whopping 64% , even over 80% in some states. Nothing can be a clearer indicator of success of the election

Commission in facilitating democracy in India.

Challenge against anti-democratic forces:  
Indian democracy has

been a success also because of its resilience against anti-democratic forces; India's armed forces, along with its brave people have fought against attempts and conspiracies to destabilize democracy.

Indian armed forces'

That democracy is a gift from God. It is not a right to be demanded but a responsibility to be achieved. The Indian armed forces have played a vital role in the achievement of Indian democracy.



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valiant sacrifices in 1947-48 war in Kashmir, 1962 Sino-India war, 1965 Pakistan-inflicted war and in further wars ~~against~~<sup>by</sup> non-state actors (terrorists) have ~~attempted to~~<sup>reinforced and protected</sup> ~~our~~ our democratic spirit.

These wars adversely affected India's economy and political stability. The impending threat of nuclear conflict worked as a demoralizing force.

Despite such aggressive and hostile attacks from foreign soil, India has preserved its democratic nature. Contrast this to floundering democracies, like Iran, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan and many others. While other

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Countries in similar conditions have failed to uphold their democratic values, India has only emerged stronger through crisis's.

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Even internal democratic crisis such as imposition of emergency in 1970s failed to destabilize India.

This was perhaps the greatest test of India's democratic character. Its

public institutions were suspended and power became concentrated in hands of a few individuals. The country was on path of becoming an autocracy. Suspension of <sup>people's</sup> rights, revoking <sup>many</sup> courts' autonomy etc. ~~They~~ were decisions that could

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have led to demise of democracy.

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These fears were put to rest after <sup>the</sup> general elections. People

voted against autocracy and for democratic functioning of India. Future

governments further strengthened the democratic features to make national emergency harder to impose. India's <sup>litmus</sup> democracy had passed another test and established even stronger democratic credentials.

Diversity & Vibrancy of Civil Society → key to democratic success:

Diversity of India has often been seen as a roadblock to democracy. Political scientists have routinely predicted a clash

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within Indian social structure. ~~It~~

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~~It~~ ~~has~~ India's multi-lingual,  
multi-religious and multi-cultural  
society <sup>has been</sup> seen as an antithesis  
of democratic governance.

Indian democratic experience  
has shown that nothing could  
be further from truth. India's  
diversity is a force that strength-  
ens ~~it~~ <sup>an</sup> democracy. This strongly  
opinionated <sup>& active</sup> society keeps a check  
on communal factors, misuse of  
power and anti-democratic elements.  
For instance, the state governments  
vehemently pursue <sup>& concerns</sup> rights of their

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people in central parliament. Representatives of people are held accountable by their electorate. Media consistently exposes corruption, misuse of power and brings to notice varied problems of people.

There is no denying that these mechanisms are not perfect.

However, the vibrant civil society of India is evolving & contributing to the success of its democracy.

The success of civil society in ushering Right to Information Act (RTI) and Lokpal Act are shining examples of its democratic nature.

The Economic Success of Indian Democracy:

Success of Indian  
democracy is also reflected in

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tremendous gains in education, health, gender rights and overall economic well-being of its people.

India had a 11% literacy rate <sup>Oh</sup> at the eve of independence. The life expectancy was a poor 35 years. Literacy among women was only around 3-4%. Child marriage was a common practise. Its economy was dependent on foreign imports, famines were common and poverty & hunger had decayed experience of human life in India.

Today, much of this has been reversed. Education (literacy rate)

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is over 65%, life expectancy is over 62 years, malnutrition & hunger have been drastically reduced. Famines are a thing of the past. This could not have been possible without a committed democratic structure in India. Achievement of such <sup>capital</sup> human improvement is a testimony to India's democratic

Success:

Challenges: Success of Indian democracy is apparent, but so are the challenges that it faces. The sustainability of its success relies on addressing various roadblocks standing <sup>in</sup> its path.

Indian democracy's biggest hurdle is biases of caste and communalism. It has been

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noted that in India, "people don't cast their vote, but vote their caste." ✓ This is a bitter truth of Indian democracy. Its success hinges on people's ability to rise above caste and vote for ~~the~~ public interest.

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India also faces the challenge of money power that is eating into democratic values. Votes can be bought for meagre sums, and vast advertising can sway voter ~~to~~ decision. As noted by Law Commission, such money power has potential to "kill the spirit of democracy" and usher in



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neo-liberalism.

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In face of these challenges,  
India's polity should continue to  
reinvent and re-engineer itself.

India's institutions such as police,  
election commission, court system etc.  
should continue reforms. This will

further strengthen its democratic  
structure, & if not done so, it  
could fall into decay. Similarly,

the civil society and people  
have to shun vested interests  
and raise voice for reform.

Their increased participation through  
panchayati raj institutions could further

strengthen the democratic features.

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India also has to fight the challenge of terrorism and Naxalism. Above all, focus on tolerance, diversity and human development would further enhance democratic functioning in India. As written by a poet once, " woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have miles to walk before I go to sleep..." India has already been successful as a democracy, ~~but~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ <sup>Now it</sup> has ~~many~~ <sup>long</sup> distances to cover along this journey. to preserve & promote it further. ✓

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The world rejoiced human success when Edmund Hillary and Tenzin Norgay became first to ever climb Mt. Everest. They showcased absolute human Courage / Stamina / strength and endeavor to achieve such a high milestone. Few noticed that behind this climb, there were hundreds of <sup>unsuccessful</sup> attempts. Before making it to <sup>the</sup> top of the world, both men had fallen from rocks, glaciers and trekking paths. However, what separated them from the rest was that they endeavored.

Endeavor is the human quality of persevering, attempting,

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aspiring and looking forward.

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It is the ability to dream of the unthinkable when others are looking for the average. Endeavour enables great men & women to actually become great. If these extraordinary stories of success have one thing in common - it

is that they all endeavored towards their goal while others quit.

Endeavouring requires

risk taking. Those who do not persist

and endeavour for higher goals, often take a comfortable path.

This does not involve risk. It is more like 'settling down' for

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the attainable goals. In contrast, those who chose to endeavor for their goals, aim high. They accept the risk of falling in this attempt to succeed.

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Wright Brothers showcase this very risk and aptitude to endeavor risk in their flying attempt. They had created a <sup>of plane</sup> prototype that could rise upto 50 meters in the air. However, they could not find a single person to attempt flying. In the end, the Wright Brothers undertook many flights. ~~They~~ The prototype mal functioned ~~at~~ multiple times. They faced not, only physical injuries but also society's mockings. The

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Wright Brothers endeavored. They fell Do not write in this space  
They got up again, and eventually  
took the first human flight.

'To endeavor' is also  
a quality found in nature. Organisms  
that endeavor to survive become  
'fittest' of all and emerge as  
winners. Alternatively, those who  
don't endeavor take a path towards  
extinction.

The little spider is a  
pertinent example. Spiders undertake  
immense hardships and risk to build  
their cob-webs. They climb high  
branches on trees and <sup>attempt to</sup> build  
very intricate webs. In this process,

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Spiders fall from branches multiple times. often they face predators. However, consistency of effort and dogged hardwork eventually results in <sup>elaborate</sup> webs. These are one of the ~~most~~ safest habitations in the known biological world for a species.

The rewards of endeavoring are great despite multiple falls on the way.

Many species that fail to improvise, adapt & endeavor become extinct. The 'Dodo' bird is a prime example of this. It did not endeavor, and paid the price of this when it became extinct.

This quality of 'endeavoring'

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has a strong social dimension as well. Societies are composed of individuals. They reflect the value system, habits, cultures and such other characteristics of these individuals. Societies that endeavor to reform themselves, reinvent their customs in face of adversity <sup>are able to</sup> ~~not~~ ~~survive~~, survive, while other societies decay.

The crisis in West Asia reflects this lack of endearing quality. In the past, societies around Syria, Iraq, Iran and other middle-eastern countries were

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Cradles of scientific development, trade, religious tolerance & human thought. This was possible because these societies endeavored against radicalism, orthodoxy and stagnation.

They embraced change even if it meant periodic tensions in society.

They were not afraid of 'falling' and constantly modernized themselves.

Today, the lack of this 'endeavoring' attitude has led to the social decay in these countries.

In attempt to ~~be~~ blindly sticking to outdated values and customs, they forgot to endeavor for change.

This has led to much religious, ethnic

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and institutional conflict in these countries

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Struggle is an essential component of endeavoring. Struggle comes with its own risk of both failing and ~~success~~ succeeding. Without struggle, success is almost impossible. Struggle also leads to growth in conscience. It enables greater awareness, resilience and vibrancy.

The Indian freedom struggle was a prime ~~struggle~~ endeavor for achieving dignity for millions of Indians. The freedom fighters fell many times in a century long fight against the British imperialism. The Surat split in

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Congress in its young years threatened demise of the struggle. Despite this fall, the freedom fighters persisted. They even set higher goals for themselves in future sessions. Similarly, despite valiant efforts of Gandhiji & many others, non-cooperation movement, Satyagraha & Quit India movement did not lead to immediate freedom.

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Despite this, the Indian  
society endeavoured & pushed its  
fight against colonialism. In the  
process it also reformed itself to  
a large extent. Women came out

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of their homes, untouchability was frowned upon, brotherhood was promoted and so on. The freedom struggle was full of 'falls' in its endeavour to <sup>achieve</sup> a better & freer society.

life of many leaders, <sup>& scientists</sup> shows that falling and getting up to fight again was key to their success. It would be difficult to pinpoint even a single world leader, scientist or men/women of importance who achieved heights of success without falling along the way. Mahatma Gandhi was attacked by his own

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follower in a South African jail, and faced criticism at many points in his life. Despite this, he endeavored to practice & preach non-violence.

Thomas Alva Edison failed almost 2000 times before finally inventing the light bulb.

These great individuals were not afraid of 'falling' in their journey towards the greater good.

They endeavored on the path less travelled.

It has been famously said that "falling is the first step towards a life of learning." Individuals & societies that embrace learning & change also fall and tumble along.

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Each path. These 'fallings' are full of learnings that eventually shape the character & conscience of these individuals & societies. Without these 'fallings' & consistent endeavor, individuals & societies face decay and corruption. This eventually consumes them, and leaves not much space for improvement in the human life. Endeavoring & falling is a natural process. Those who embrace it face fear but also emerge ahead of those who don't.

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Success: The same example should be repeated