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

Section A

1. "The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there."
2. "The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable."
3. "Honesty is the first chapter of the book wisdom." — Thomas Jefferson
4. A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on.

The truth will set you free, but
first it will make you miserable

It was a day after the world renowned poet Rabindranath Tagore lost his youngest son — ^{the} an untimely death of the child had shook him to the core — it seemed to him as if the world has come to an end — like any unfortunate father would feel after losing his son. He was travelling by a train, it was evening time and ~~the~~ last

Very
Good
introduction.

You can try to keep it short. Content is very good.

rays of the setting sun falling on the vast paddy fields beside the railway track had created a beautiful sight. He suddenly realised that nothing has changed ~~for~~ this world - everything is going on in the same pace as it used to earlier - the birds ^{were} singing, the ^{were} rivers rushing towards the ocean, people were returning home after a busy day at work - it was only for him that the world ^{seemed to ~~seem~~ have} come to an end - For the rest of the world it was just business another day. - this idea made him miserable at first - 'what matters most to me, means nothing to the world' - but then, it occurred to him that how



Small and irrelevant our desires and hopes, happiness and sorrow was one to the world - it led him to create many songs and poems on this idea of the irrelevance of our tiny self in the vast cosmos - it had, indeed, set him free!

In this para essay we would endeavour to see what truth means, what is meant to be set free and if at all and why it makes us miserable before setting us free.

Truth, as many would agree is a perception based on one's knowledge and understanding - while ~~it~~

There are some truths that are proved by facts and ^{hence} ~~then~~ agreed to by

Good use
of
question.

It is good that you have mentioned many facets of the truth.

all, there are some truths that come to us in form of realisation.

The truths that are proved by facts are easily agreeable and hence there is no point in discussing how that set us free because those form a part of our cognitive self. The ones that set us free are necessarily the ones that occur to us in form of realisation, like it occurred to Rabindranath Tagore as mentioned.

When ~~As~~ a child is born and growing up, he forms few perceptions about the world around him. The first step of forming this perception comes from his idea of his family. If he falls down while running, he first looks up to his parents to gauge the



seriousness of his fall, if he finds them smiling or not anxious, he also gets up quickly and ~~continues~~ continues to run, if he finds them anxious, he starts crying. The perception that my parents know it all and they will be there forever to look after me and protect me ~~it~~ comforts him. But then while growing up he realises that parents might not always be correct in their decisions or as they grow old, they will not be able to protect ~~us~~ ^{him}, instead he will have to look after ~~him~~ ^{them}. This ~~idea~~ ^{thought} of truth that ~~our~~ ^{his} parents will not be there one day is unsettling, it makes ~~us~~ ^{him} miserable, but then this is how life goes on and as ~~we~~ ^{he} learns to accept this fact and deal with it, life becomes easier and it sets him free.

Read this paragraph again and try to re-frame it in a coherent way.

Steven Truth sometimes comes to us in form of disappointing self actualisations also. One has to accept find out one's laddings and accept them first and then be ready to work on ~~that~~ the weaknesses to ~~make~~ ^{turn them} into ~~it~~ his strengths. Steven smith, the famous australian cricketer had started his ~~life~~ career as a bowler, but he had failed miserably. He realised his mistakes and changed his strategy and started afresh as a batsman — later he went on to become the captain of the Australian Cricket team. It must have been hard for him to accept the truth that ~~he~~ he is not a good bowler — but his acceptance of the fact and his dedication to work



on his weakness is what ~~a~~ set him apart from millions of failed cricketers worldwide - his acceptance of failure had set him free on the right path.

Another way that can set one free is ~~to~~ by living in the moment. There is a wonderful philosophy named 'carpe diem' that means 'seize the day'. We have to understand the fact that we cannot control our past or our future - all we have at this point is this moment and what we do at this moment ~~is~~ decided how will our future moments be. The learning of being in the moment, not ~~worry~~ complaining about the past or our surroundings or worrying about what

Thinking of 'what' rather than 'what ought to be' or 'what was'.

You should support this paragraph with an example

future beholds, only focusing on the present moment is another truth that we need to know and accept. It might make us miserable to know that we are not in control of many situations - but it is relieving to realise that we do not have to be in control all the time - we are not supposed to be on top of all things at all times - we are supposed to be present and striving in this moment - and the future will automatically take care of itself. this realisation will set us free.

Another truth that we need to realise is the ~~last~~ truth of tolerance. There will be people of

different faiths, different opinions around us — we need to understand that we can ~~do nothing~~ not be against someone only because they have a different opinion or value system — and ~~these~~ all those opinions and values can be true at the same time — without making our values or our opinion insignificant or lesser than other's opinion. It might be unsettling to digest at first, but once we cross the psychological barrier, this leads us to the emotional path of freedom and happiness.

At the end, we can think about the beautiful poem 'if' by Rudyard Kipling that stresses

Here, you can refer to ancient religions philosophies. In example, you can mention about India showcasing a classic example of tolerance and presenting the view of unity in Diversity.



on the importance of accepting
life as it is and continuing to
strive and move on with whatever
we have left —

Well
concluded.

"If you can make a heap
of all your winnings,
and risk it...
...and lose..

~~you~~ and start again
and not have a sigh about
your loss

— yours is the world and
everything that's in it.."

Dear Aspirant,
You have written a very
good essay.

- Sometimes, you have not
used example.
- use theory and example



Simultaneously in the paragraph.

— In few paragraphs, coherence is missing. Keep re-emphasizing on the topic to make your point clear.

Keep writing.

All the Best.