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## [SECTION - A]

The start may be a chance, but finish is CHARACTER

12<sup>th</sup> FAIL, a movie based on real - life story of an IPS officer - MR.

MANOJ SHARMA. He was born in a

very poor family, lived his childhood and teenage years without basic

facilities like electricity, education, shelter and the like. (His START

was a CHANCE. However, he went to

Delhi, where he sponsored his

education on his own through

cleaning utensils, being a librarian and the like.

After several attempts,

he cracked the civil services exam

and got into the Indian police

service. Therefore, his FINISH reflected

Direct  
Conclusion  
with the  
prompts

This  
gives a  
real  
illustration  
of the  
distinction  
b/w  
circumstances  
at the  
beginning  
and  
character  
at the  
end.

Chance  
means  
circumstances  
over  
which an  
individual  
has little  
control

highly  
relevance

good contemporary Indian  
example

Avoid  
excessive  
listing  
and  
come  
quickly  
to the  
point

not well  
written  
as far  
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His beginning  
was largely  
determined by  
circumstances  
beyond  
his  
control

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his character. His start was marked  
by poverty & lack of basic amenities.

However, his character reflected

resilience, fortitude, a real to

do good in life which ended up

marking his fate in a beautiful

shape of his destiny. all these qualities making the anecdote relevant. - You explained why his ending reflected character.

In this essay, we will unfold  
various dimensions of this facet.

We will reflect upon how how  
people whose start was based on

chance ended up good due to a

good character. On the other hand,

people with a good start but who

fattered on character, met their

own consequences.

So, let's begin!

unecessary

conceptually relevant to the proverb

caste discrimination  
↓  
adversity  
↓  
character  
↓  
social transformation  
↓  
constitution

Very direct connection with the proverb - these lines clearly establishes the central contrast - Start = chance circumstance  
Final character

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We have time and again listened that 'Character is the highest virtue'. Various individuals through-out our life have reflected that.

B.R. AMBEDKAR, the architect of our constitution, was born in a MAHAR family. He faced the brunt of caste discrimination from his childhood. He was made to sit differently in class. But it was his character which led him to fight the exploitation against caste and led his way as the chief draftsman of the sacred - constitution of India.

Individuals like him led to societal

This example is relevant for this topic.  
His intellectual discipline, courage & commitment to social justice were cultivated through his choices.

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changes and made a mark in history. Similarly, RATA RAMMOHAN ROY who faced his family, whose own mother disowned him for his

Difficult  
opposition  
moral  
courage  
social  
reform

stand against SATI. But it was

his character of standing up for the right things, which led to the abolition of SATI in 1829.

useful  
pair

However, there have been kings like MOHAMMAD SHAH RANGEELA

who had a wealthy life, a very good start to life. But, it was his character of being devoted to materialistic things in life, catering just to his whims and fancies and not caring about the needs of the masses, (which led to his dethronement)

privilege  
wealth  
indulgence  
downfall

→ not a good factual claim.  
He was not simply dethroned because of his indulgent lifestyle.  
He remained Mughal with his death in 1718.

you need to be careful with the specific claim that mother disowned him because of his opposition to sati

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Moreover, it won't be wrong to say, POLITICS is where your character is tested on an everyday basis. But, people like NELSON

is relevant to leadership, power, compromise & ethical decision making

Use of Mandela is appropriate

MANDELA, who even after being in jail for 27 years, facing a torturous start against his fight of APARTHEID, did not react with

vengeance when he came out of

Directly comes with "finish is character"

jail. This character of navigating patiently through chaos led to

not the right word as the end of

the abolition of apartheid in South Africa.

apartheid resulted from multiple factors - internal resistance, international pressure, economic conditions, negotiations etc.

↑ good opening 4 can work well

Moreover, the INDIAN CONSTITUTION

itself reflects the essence of upholding the true character of secularism, federalism, sovereignty,

justice and equality (chance is missing from these examples)

Mandela could have emerged with vengeance but this approach towards reconciliation illustrates character

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Moreover, there have been times where the society has been in upheaval ECONOMICALLY. For instance, the

global financial crisis of 2008, which originated due to the negligence of LEHMAN BROTHERS in the U.S. But,

its effect on India was a matter of chance. How Indian economy dealt with it, showed the structural strength of it. It was the character of Indian economy which led to

the GDP of 3.5 trillion today. Moreover,

the BARTER SYSTEM came into being as a matter of chance, but the discovery of MONEY reflects a sustained character of sustainability and innovation.

(Moreover, a SUSTAINED ECONOMY comes from a balanced ENVIRONMENT.)

example is good but you jumped from money to environment — no bridge.

This is an overly direct causal claim

Strong example

Two technical issues here

① The crisis is generally associated with the collapse of Lehman & the broader US financial crisis, not simply "negligence of Lehman Brothers"

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The mother earth being affected by anthropogenic reasons, due to advancements in technology or developments has been a matter of chance.

However, countries responding with policies and commitments like COP (Conference of Parties) and Net Neutrality by 2070 showcase a country's character to how much value it attaches to a sustainable environment.

Moreover, in a world of technology, recently RITHUPARNA RS, a young girl from Karnataka, was featured by Rolls Royce she could secure her seat in NEET & UPSC but it was her character of hardwork, resilience which made her main in life. She developed a ROBOT which could cater to agricultural

Strong environmental application

The contrast b/w anthropogenic and environmental damage and the response of nations is effective

You should have a good shift from collective to individual

MEET UPSC example has embodied value

net-zero emissions

you need to have verification

failure to resilience

innovation to social utility

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needs in absence of farmers.

Similarly, how can we forget THOMAS

EDISON who (failed a 1000 times to

discover the BULB) Once, his lab

was ablaze with fire, with all

his experiments, burnt, in such a

situation, he called his son - 'Call

your mom, she wouldn't have seen

such a bonfire.' This is the kind

of character required to win in

life.

hastly, it is very much evident in

sports. The movie CHANDU CHAMPION

is a real story of MURLIKANT PETKER

also known as CHANDU. It was

purely a matter of chance where

Chandu lost his legs and wasn't

eligible for olympics - which was

his dream. But, his character

Better write

he conducted numerous unsuccessful experiments

Loss of circumstances does not necessarily determine the outcome response reveals character

Strong example chance vs character

a good example of character after adversity

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of perseverance, dedication towards his goals, and fortitude which led him to win GOLD MEDAL in Paralympics.

However, while CHARACTER is central, its essential to recognize CHANCE does INFLUENCE OUTCOMES - access to education, health, and safety can shape opportunity. For many, structural barriers are too strong to be overcome by character alone.

However, it only reaffirms the need to create systems where character is rewarded and not punished - where institutions support those who rise through merit, ethics and hardwork.

In life, none of us choose the conditions of our birth. But we

Opening  
up

It  
prevents  
the  
essence  
from  
becoming  
simplified

More  
shift  
from  
individual  
responsibility  
to  
institutions

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choose how we respond. The essence of human potential lies not in the randomness of origin but in the consistency of effort, the strength of integrity and pursuit of purpose. Given any situation, the finish reflects who we are WITHIN, not what we were given in the start.

Hence, as said by WILLIAM E. HENLEY;  
'I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul'

Indeed, our start may be chance, but our finish is, and must be character.

*The conclusion  
relates to the  
central metaphor*

*very  
appropriate  
ending*

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