

English Essay Mock - 02

2. Climate Change is the Ultimate Accountability Test for Humanity

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1. The world is facing a climate emergency.

2. The world is facing a climate emergency.

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It took humanity a few hundred years to disturb the Earth's natural equilibrium. However, it will take much longer than that to restore it back to its original state. Human actions are responsible for the environmental degradation of the

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Earth. Climate Change is one of the most significant manifestations of the consequences of human actions. It is only fair that the ones who are responsible for the problem should be the ones who are to be held accountable for it. Therefore,

Climate Change is the ultimate accountability test for humanity.

It is an issue which requires collective human effort to ensure justice to nature as well as present and future generations. Therefore, it is a test of humanity to not

not to

only address issues such as disproportionate effects of ~~the~~ Climate Change among present generations but also the problem of preserving and sustaining natural resources for future generations.

~~Humankind has shown commitment to address the issue by discussing the problem at global levels and devising mechanisms to solve it.~~

However, many challenges still prevail in completely mitigating the issue.

Nonetheless, they have taken up the challenge and are committed towards tackling it.

The first step towards ~~the~~ accountability consists of recognition of others' problems and acceptance of responsibility towards ~~it~~ Humans have not only accepted that the problem of Climate Change is a direct

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consequence of their actions but also taken up the responsibility to preserve it. The Brundtland Commission Report of 1987 recognized the role of human beings in environmental degradation. Later, the report triggered global action in the form of the Earth Summit of 1992. In this summit, the first international body specifically aimed at mitigating Climate Change was formed. The body was named United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which has been leading efforts of mitigating Climate Change ever since.

The realization of the negative effects of human action on the environment was also accompanied by the realization and acceptance that the developed and more

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industrialized world had a greater contribution in climate change which resulted in ~~the~~ disproportionate effects on the developing economies. This argument still stands true, as the top ten most vulnerable countries to ~~Climate Change~~ are developing nations (WEF, 2014). The concept of common but shared responsibility (CBDR) proposed at the Kyoto Protocol held the developed economies accountable for their actions while preserving the status of Climate Change as a shared problem.

In addition to the intra-generational inequality and assurance of accountability, inter-generational inequality was also very prominently mentioned in the global agendas. The concept of sustainability

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proposes fulfilling the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of the future generations (Brundtland Commission Report, 1987). Therefore, Climate Change is not just a test for accountability to the present generation, but to future generations as well. It is equally important that we take into consideration the future in addition to the present.

In order to ensure accountability, several global commitments have been made over the past few decades. The evolution of commitments from non-binding nature, such as Kyoto Protocol, 1997 to that of legally binding and more strict nature, such as the Paris Agreement, 2015;

shows the global will to address the issue of Climate Change in a promising manner.

Another proof of humanity's commitment to hold themselves accountable are the persisting efforts to tackle Climate Change by organising global meetings annually aimed specifically at addressing Climate Change issues.

Since 1995, conference of parties have been regularly held every year.

All these factors show humanity's commitment to accountability.

The commitments to hold themselves accountable for Climate Change are realized through devising tools to ensure accountability.

The proposal of cap and trade to ~~ensure~~ form carbon markets

that link carbon emissions to economy incentivises the carbon emitting entities to be more watchful and accountable. It is a carrot and stick approach that not only awards decarbonization in the form of increased carbon credits that can be sold but also fines in case of violations of regulations.

In addition to that is the promotion of green economies through governmental intervention. It is also a useful accountability tool to mitigate climate change by promoting more environment-friendly policies.

Accountability is not only important at organisational and corporate levels but equally, if not more, important at domestic and individual level. Every individual

~~must be held~~ responsible for their carbon footprint in the form of burning fossil fuels, using firewood, transport and other ~~mean~~ sources of carbon emissions at individual level. Mechanisms of measuring individual carbon footprints and their effect on global emissions is ~~an~~ a important subject of discussion nowadays.

Holding individuals accountable is another major component of accountability. ~~it~~ ~~conveys~~ ~~strong~~ ~~meanings~~

The efforts ~~made~~ that have been made to mitigate Climate Change are ~~very~~ commendable but nearly not enough. There are multiple loopholes in the existing accountability mechanisms. ~~the~~ ~~one of~~ ~~some of~~ the ~~examples~~ ~~is~~ ~~is~~

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carbon leakage, which is a ~~loophole~~ exploited by multi-national corporations to set up their production sites ~~in~~ in countries where the law are more relaxed.

This is a result of lack of uniformity of carbon market mechanisms. Moreover, carbon prices are so low that they do not deter these companies. For instance in Europe, only 100 euros are fined per excess carbon tonne emission. These

~~loopholes restrict accountability.~~

Developed countries such as the USA and China hinder accountability by setting negative precedents for other countries.

Trump has pulled out of the Paris Agreement consecutively in his two tenures. China, on the

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other hand, despite being a ~~part of~~ ~~part of~~ Paris Agreement remains the ~~biggest~~ global emitter of carbon dioxide due to its heavy reliance on coal. The global leading economies play a major role in the ~~success or~~ failure of ~~any~~ initiative. Therefore, unless they hold themselves accountable, the international accountability would be in vain.

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The ~~developing~~ countries face extreme economic and infrastructural challenges. They are heavily reliant on cheap energy sources such as ~~coal~~ oil and other non-renewable energy sources. Moreover, they are unable to set up expensive carbon absorbing infrastructure such as

as Direct Air Capture (DAC).

due to their limited resources.

These challenges are exacerbated due to the negative effects

of climate change that they

are subject to such as

floods. Therefore, the disproportionately

developing economies lag behind

in climate change efforts

and accountability.

In order to ensure that the accountability for climate

change is propagated in its

true sense, we must ensure that

awareness of the issue is raised

at grassroots levels

to encourage individual accountability.

This can be done by focusing

on climate change in school

curriculum, organizing educational

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programs and workshops. Moreover, a more effective approach such as community projects at the local levels like plantation drives should be used to inculcate a sense of responsibility and accountability.

At the organisational and global level, carbon cuts must be ensured by using strict compliance of regulations. This can be ensured by closing loopholes such as carbon leakages and indirect emission tracking. This is only possible if measurement mechanisms for carbon emission are improved. Heavy fines can also be used as a deterring mechanism to

regulate carbon emissions.

These mechanisms will not

only ensure improved accountability

but also a sense of responsibility
among the stakeholders.

The most important role

in ensuring accountability

of actions & can be

played by international

and regional organizations,

as done by United Nations

in the past with UNFCCC

and IPCC. Moreover, the

developed economies and

major emitters like China must

be active in ensuring compliance.

China is also the ~~biggest~~

producer and exporter of

renewable energy technology so

it must play an active

and leading role in making sure that this test is successful.

for this discussion, we will

discuss humanity as responsible

for the Climate Change so

they should be held accountable

of their actions and

actively work towards

addressing the Climate

Crisis. Humanity ~~are~~ are to

All the arguments show the

effort and commitment of

humankind in doing so. However,

the efforts are not enough

and immediate and appropriate

actions must be taken to

combat this challenge. It

is an undeniable fact

that ~~we~~ are the first generation

to feel the effects of Climate

Change and the last generation

that can do something

about it.