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“Faith is of no avail in the absence of strength. Faith and strength, both are essential to accomplish any great work.” — Sardar Patel.

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Answer Hint

Faith, strength, self-confidence, determination, courage, leadership, perseverance, public service, collective action

Model Answer

Introduction

Sardar Patel's quotation highlights the complementary relationship between conviction and capability. Faith provides direction, while strength provides the capacity and courage to translate that conviction into action.

Body

Faith without strength can remain merely an aspiration. A reformer may believe in social justice but require courage, competence and institutional capacity to challenge entrenched practices. Conversely, strength without ethical faith may become coercive or destructive.

In public administration, a civil servant may believe in transparency and citizen welfare. However, implementing these principles requires moral courage to resist political or organisational pressure, administrative competence to design solutions and perseverance against obstacles.

At the national level, India's freedom movement demonstrated how collective faith in independence had to be accompanied by organisation, sacrifice and resilience.

At the individual level, faith generates motivation during adversity, while strength includes physical, intellectual, emotional and moral capabilities.

Conclusion

Great achievements require both **clarity of purpose and capacity for execution**. Ethical faith gives strength a worthy direction, while strength transforms faith from an abstract belief into meaningful action.

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