FLM 210 - Ten Films That Changed the World - Assignment 1

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**A Complex Childhood**

Character and story familiarization:

This story is based on an event that occurred in the life of Sampreet Klair, so he is the protagonist of the story and there are more characters consisting of his family but are not much discussed or talked about. This event consists of his 11th and 12th standard education where he prepares for the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) and how he deals with the pressure it brings being one of the hardest tests in the world.

Story:

It was the 28th day of December 2004 and just two days prior a devastating tsunami hit the eastern Indian ocean and had cause a plethora of destruction. But for us this day is not remembered because of the tsunami, but because on this day in a small town - Khamanon in the beautiful state of Punjab a boy was born. The boy we are talking about today is known as Sampreet Klair legally and the same by his loved ones. Sixteen years passes by and nothing significant happens in this boy’s life. He was just a regular school student, but an irregular thing in this boy’s upbringing was that his parents were very supportive and were eager to go out of their way to make sure that their son is getting the best possible education. This is also supported by the fact that Sampreet was studying in the best and most expensive school in the town as well as getting the most expensive coaching or tuition outside the school classroom just to make sure that his basics are clear, and he can get to advanced level very easily. Justifying his parent’s investment, he took the NTSE exam, secured a provincial rank of 152 and got 93% in his 10th standard CBSE Board exam. After achieving such impressive feats during his early time as a student he was on the cloud nineand decided to prepare for JEE Advanced (known to be among 5 toughest exams in the world and taken by Indian students at the end of their high school or 12th class). To his surprise, the year he started to prepare was the same year the Covid-19 pandemic started and a student who was used to be studying live directly from the teachers now had a layer of camera and monitor screens in between. Nevertheless, he started to prepare for the examination and soon the student who was among the toppers was now feeling that he is the back marker of the class. All this preparation that he was doing was not done through his school education, but he was attending a coaching institute specialized in getting students admitted in the IITs (the college which has acceptance rate of around 2.5%) and the school in which he was enrolled was for the purpose of only taking the high school exams. That means, he was studying for IITs (the syllabus for IIT preparation is much vast and difficult as compared to high school syllabus) throughout the year and at the end he gave the high school examination in the school premises by his own preparation. Months passed by and the syllabus got more and more difficult. Several of his friends started to give up and the ones still preparing were struggling as well. Almost after 2 years of preparation, it was the time to take the test. But just a week prior, just out of curiosity, Sampreet asked his father to apply in a local college for a certification course in Computer Science. His father was taken a back at that moment and asked him, how can he go from dreaming to be in IIT to getting a certification from a local not much known college, he told him to try his best and give 100 percent in the test. Sampreet took the test and after returning to home told his parents that he gave 100% of his efforts but cannot guarantee how the result comes out to be. To his surprise, his father had already prepared for applying to some foreign colleges as a backup plan and within days they applied for Computer Programming course at Seneca College in Canada. Weeks passed by and the date was September 11th, 2022, it was the result day and the whole family was sitting in front of the computer monitor looking at the split screen where one window displayed in bold, “Sorry, your application at IIT has been rejected” and the other window displayed, “Congratulations, On behalf of all of us at Seneca College, we're delighted to offer you admission to Seneca for the Summer 2023 semester”.

The End

Importance of this event for a wider audience:

I think this event is very important for a wider audience because, a plethora of people are unaware of hard exams that high school students prepare and take across other side of the world. By bring this event to light for the western audience we can give them an unusual and unique story which can be of great interest even though it might not be as relating to them.

Style of the film:

According to me, the best style for this kind of film is a short film, the candidness as well as the low budget nature of the film will suit the style this story carries. I would like this film to start with much saturated and bright colored frames and then gradually would like to desaturate the frames to show the early enthusiasm and later disappointment in the eyes of character.

Distribution of the film:

I would like this film to be distributed on a streaming service. This is a very household and candid type of film, and I would like that people would watch this movie sitting on their living room couch and watching with their entire family while enjoying their evening snacks.