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Theme of Survival in Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*

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ABSTRACT

The present paper aims to analyze the Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*. Martel exposes the survival battle of young boy and tiger. Though many people accepted the realistic idea of Yaan Martel's *Life of Pi*. Because he depicts the survival of common man and animals. The philosophical ideas and relationship between a man and animal is well discussed. It is a combination of philosophical Fictional ideas and this novel revolves around the characters Piscine Molitor Patel (aka-Pi) young Indian Boy and another important character is Richard Parker a Bengal Tiger. The background of the novel suits with the Indian Tradition and follows the cultural ideas of Hindu religion when he gets an idea from the old man in India. Pi is the protagonist and a narrator of this novel. This novel depicts the story of a young boy who survives 227 days after a shipwreck with a Bengal Tiger. Martel says that this novel is inspired from *Max and cats* (1891) by Moacyr Scaliar. It brings out the philosophical theories from the novel gives an idea of response and stimulus theory. This paper points out the idealistic view of survival.

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Martel exposés the survival of young boy and the tiger. At the beginning of the book, we learn about the Pi's childhood life in India. Pi's father Santhosh Patel owns and runs a zoo in the Pondicherry and Martel portrays Santhosh is an Atheist and he had no faith on God, but Pi is a Optimist He had a deep faith on God and he practices Hinduism, Catholic, and Islam. When he is 16, due to the economic crisis his family decide to close the zoo and sell the Animals and immigrate to Canada. So, they travel to Canada in a cargo ship. A Terrible storm occurs during the voyage, so shipwrecked and sinks into sea. Unfortunately, all are dead except a Zebra, a Hyena, Monkey, a Tiger and Pi. Pi and other animals are safely settled in the lifeboat. The Hyena kills the Zebra and a Monkey, and a Tiger kills the Hyena The lifeboat consist the sufficient Biscuits and water. It was enough to a Pi, But the Tiger is a carnivorous so Pi wants to search a food for a Tiger. He does not love tiger literally he hates it. But if he fails to gave a food for a Tiger it will eats him, so he searched food for a Tiger. He caught a fish by the net and he kills the fish and he felt sad because according to the Hindu mythology the fish is an Avatar of Lord Vishnu (Matsya). The Tiger jumped into a sea to search a food that time Pi had a chance to kill Tiger but he didn't kill the Tiger because it is his only companion. If he killed the Tiger, he will be getting alone so he saved the Tiger. And There are many sharks are roaming on the sea but they didn't attack the pi by the flying fish Richard parker got an enough food These all this made pi get stronger and it increases the hope on God After a while Pi looked down at the sea and there, he gets a glimpse about aneco-system. Herbivores are eating the

plants and omnivores eats the herbivores and carnivores' animals eats the omnivores There All the animals eat each other it is the circle pi realize the reality of the nature, and he starts to love the Tiger and he tries to Train the Tiger. The tiger also starts to respond pi but still it is the wilderness animal and it is the nature of the animals it will never change After a while Pi faced another storm and he get unconscious. When he wakes the boat was landed on the strange Island. He found a fruit with the human tooth on that Island and he realize that the whole Island is a carnivorous by an undetermined amount of time passes Pi and Richard Parker landed on Mexico. The Tiger runs into the wild it doesn't look back the pi .so he was felt sad about the action of the Tiger and is never seen again. Pi was saved by the local peoples and Pi was questioned by two officials from the Marine Department in the Japanese Ministry of Transport, Pi says a different version of story to them. In this Novel water lead an important role pi's name piscine molitarpatel represents the French swimming pool And the Tiger's real name is "Thirsty" And the whole story is happening in middle of the ocean. water is considered as a holy thing in all Relegions and it will be common to all the character pi also practices the three Relegions so the are all interconnected knot by martel This novel Life of Pi gave a faith in God to the readers.

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