

खण्ड-A / Section-A

उम्मीदवारों को
इस भाग में
लिखना नहीं है।
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Q.1 If you look into someone's face long enough, eventually you feel that you are looking into yourself.

यदि आप किसी के चेहरे को काफी देर तक देखते हैं, तो अंततः आपको महसूस होता है कि आप अपने भीतर ही देख रहे हैं।

Q.2 We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

हम उस बच्चे को आसानी से क्षमा कर सकते हैं जो अंधेरे से डरता है; जीवन की वास्तविक त्रासदी तब होती है जब लोग रोशनी से डरते हैं।

Q.3 It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.

बोलना ज्ञान का क्षेत्र है और श्रवण करना बुद्धि का विशेषाधिकार है।

Q.4 Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you.

यह प्रश्न छोड़ दें कि कल क्या हो सकता है, और हर उस दिन को लाभ के रूप में गिनें जो भाग्य आपको अनुमति देता है।

2. We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

In a remote village in Uttar Pradesh, it was a regular incident of domestic violence in a family of three where the husband was always drunk, the wife was a daily wage worker and a little son, who struggled watching the violence. The child was not in a capacity to understand why it was happening and with fear in his eyes would go to the neighbour's house to hide. The worrisome thing is that the neighbour was a well educated family who knows the social evil of domestic

violence. They would let the child come to their house. However they did not stand up against the husband to help the victim. They are of opinion that it is not related to them so why interfere.

In this essay, we will try to explore the meaning and essence of the phrase a child who is afraid of dark. Also we will try to elaborate the role of forgiveness. Then, we will try to understand what a man afraid of light means in today's world, and what are the effects that it can create. Finally we will try to suggest some solutions and way forward to make man lead a life where everyone embraces light and keep check of the darkness.

In the above story, the child represents everyone who is unknown and oblivious of the ill intention and corrupt thoughts that is present in the world. It also represents individuals irrespective of age who are not capable or competent enough to deal with a crisis. It is reasonable for

them to be afraid at the time of crisis. They are the people who are inexperienced and not capable to take an informed decision. If even if they make a decision it may be with rashness on an action which may be taken without considering the consequences. They look forward to a leader or a role model who they follow and aspire to walk behind.

Such individual may be a child, a young boy, a working women or an old person. They are not in a position to face the crisis which depends on the nature of crisis. Suppose there is an officer who is corrupt. He was caught in action by his son who is just 11 years old. The son did not know what corruption is and is unaware of its evil effects. Thus he is in the dark. However in the same situation if the officer is caught in action by an employee, then it is the duty of the employee to stand upright and speak against the action. ~~Another situation~~

Another situation may be that the same employee ~~is~~ has seen one of his colleague working on a computer. However he did not realise that ~~he~~ the colleague was manipulating the accounts of the office. Thus he takes no action. Here it is the case where he is unaware of the unethical actions.

From the above cases, one can see that the same man who knows what is right and wrong can be a child ~~and~~ unaware of the situation. It is also possible that the child who represents individuals who cannot stand up against evil due to lack of power or competency may be afraid. In such cases, forgiveness plays a very important role. To forgive others is to free oneself from the prison of negative emotions of hatred and vengeance. It is not worth thinking how the 'child' may have prevented the situation. To forgive does not mean to forget the action but to move forward in life.

Here, to move forward can be taken in the sense of making the child fight against the darkness and move towards the light. It is possible for unknown individuals to learn how to fight evil and help each other in time of need. Initially they did not know how to handle a crisis. However, with certain guidance and making their path clear, they may be brought ~~back~~ towards the light away from the oblivion. For example, the child who could not see the domestic violence and run away may be taught how to help the mother by contacting the nearby police station,

But the real tragedy in today's world is when a man is afraid of light. Here the man signifies individuals who are capable, who understand what is right thing to do and who are competent enough to take decisions which can bring change in today's society. If they turn a blind eye and want to remain silent knowing what is wrong, it will lead to fall of society and ultimately the nation,

Such men who are afraid of light can be seen in various aspects of life and in various dimensions. They may be seen in social aspect where people are silent about the various social evils prevailing like female foeticide, dowry system, child marriage etc. The people who know that such practices are evil are afraid to stand up against the community as they fear to be outcasted or separated.

Similar activities can be seen in ^{administrative} ~~corrupt~~ aspect where a public servant may be involved in corruption. There may be sincere officers who are honest. However if they do not stand up against the corrupt practices of the officers, they are no different than the corrupt ones. It leads to a system of domino effect where by seeing one in corrupt activity, the others too started the practice.

Similarly, today there is rise in money laundering and terrorist funding. There are various ~~over~~ above ground workers who helped them even if they know it is wrong. This led to a system where evil ~~per~~ prevails because the ones who know what ~~is~~ is good and what is bad are silent.

Moreover such problems are not limited to these aspects. It spreads in other aspects like environment too. Everybody knows the ill effect of producing carbon and recent rise in global warming. Understanding the climate change and not actively participating in preventing and mitigating such action are also similar to one turning a blind eye.

Therefore, there is a need to change the attitude of such men who are afraid of darkness, persuade them to embrace the light and act as a role model to guide others in the way of light. In order to achieve this, certain initiatives and actions needs to be taken.

Some of the initiatives which will help child to face darkness and move to embrace light can be started from grassroot level and move upward till the top. For a child, the main influences are the family members and school and educational institutions. Therefore, it is needed for the parents and teacher to make an environment where the child learns values and knows its importance. Values like compassion, honesty, not harming others, empathy and tolerance if inculcated in early age may lead to a society where everyone embraces light i.e. well being of people.

Such initiatives are now noticed by experts and with the growing importance of value based education, the Government of India brings the New Education Policy 2020 to inculcate ethical literacy along with ability to read write and do arithmetic.

It is easy to change a child however the most difficult task is to change the attitude of men, it is already fixed and their preferences are hard to be changed. For such, different persuasion techniques may be used like reaching their emotions, bringing logic of the change or involving credible personality to bring about the change.

Some of the initiatives taken by government are using celebrities ~~to~~ to know the importance of using pad for women in time of menstruation, the need to use toilets and make open defecation free with ~~swachh~~ Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and awareness programme like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. One ~~to~~ exemplary model of this initiative is the Jhunjhuni Model of Rajasthan. It is also not only government but the citizen who need to actively participate to persuade others to change their attitude and perception.

From all the above cases, it is important to realise that it is okay to forgive a child who is unknown and afraid of dark. They can be taught how to move forward with proper guidance. The real concern is when educated men and women who are able to ~~to~~ identify good from bad and what is wrong from right conduct their life in such a manner that it turns a blind eye on the issue.

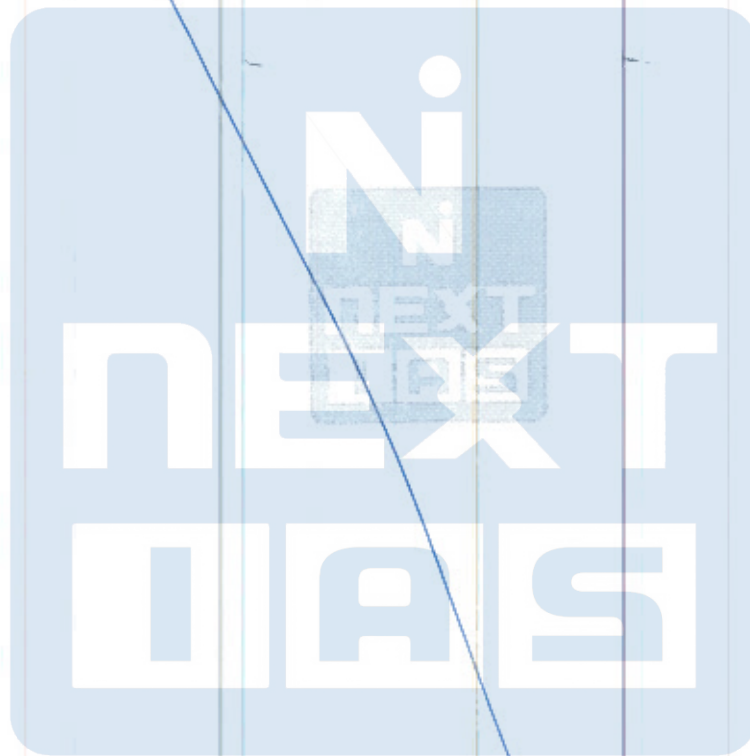
Thus, there is a need for ~~for~~ inculcating ethical principles, ~~for~~ human values and make individuals examine their life in order to make them lead a good life and feel for the welfare of others too.

As Socrates once said:

~~'A life unexamined is not worth living'.~~

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

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- Q.5 Truth, like a torch, the more it is shook, it shines.
सत्य, मशाल की तरह है, इसे जितना अधिक हिलाया जाता है, यह उतना ही चमकता है।
- Q.6 Art is I; science is We.
कला मैं है; विज्ञान हम है।
- Q.7 Only the dead have seen the end of the war.
केवल मृतकों ने ही युद्ध का अंत देखा है।
- Q.8 Act as if it were impossible to fail.
कार्य ऐसे करें जैसे कि विफल होना असंभव ही था।

1. Only the dead have seen the end of the war.

Before the onset of World war I, there were many battles and struggles which led to the war. One such was the Balkan war. The Balkan war was fought in two phases, The first Balkan war was fought with the idea of Pan-slavism and forming a Balkan league of countries like Serbia, Rumania and Greece. It was against the Turkish empire in Eastern Europe. After the Balkan League won the first Balkan war, a second war started. However this time it was among the Balkan states for territory and superiority. It led to the fall in power which was one mighty when united. Afterwards with other events following, it ultimately leads to the first world war.

In this essay, we will try to explore what is war, the rationale behind the war and different types of war. Then we will try to see how war has evolved and what effects does it create. Finally we will understand that war is never ending and it only brings chaos. Also, we will try to shed some lights on how war can be prevented and why people should move forward for welfare of human kind.

There is no definite answer to what is war. However it may be considered as a violent conflict between ~~two~~ states or nations, it may also be between communities. Thus war takes different forms. Many scholars around the world and different Nations have different school of thoughts behind the rationale of war. Some of the schools are extremes while others are a balance of perception.

The school of thoughts behind the rationale of war ~~to~~ can be categorised as pacifism, amoral realism and just war. Pacifism are the ones that views war as absolute evil. There is no room for war in the society as it only brings losses and damage. Peace is the only answer in this world.

On the other hand, there are those who thought war is necessary in order to gain power and make the world live in peace. Amoral Realism is that branch of thought which indulge in such thought. Peace can only be achieved after war.

There is another version which is between these two school of thought - that is just war. Here, it is believed that war is evil but it is necessary to protect nation's sovereignty, security and citizens. It is in order to achieve greater good.

Whatever may be the reason for a war, it is never an optimal choice, whoever wins or loses, the ultimate price is paid on both ends. This can be seen after the end of World War, even after winning the war, Britain and France were in shambles. Their economy was broken, there was no trust and administrations were not functioning properly.

War has various effects on various aspects of life. From the ancient time, war led to downward movement of society. In India, till the Vedic period, women were worshipped, they took part in administrations and meetings and were playing key roles in society. However with onset of war, the greed for expanding territories, it led to deterioration in status of women and from then the societal status of women went downward with practices like Sati, poor conditions of widows and patriarchy mindset started spreading.

The negative effect can also be seen with the downfall of great kingdoms. One such example is the turpitude struggle between the Palas, Bahikas and Rashtrakutas, the ambition to gain power and control led to demise and downfall of those kingdoms which otherwise may have prospered.

War is like a forest fire which when started spreads uncontrollably and burns all those who are in the way. This can be seen from how competition against nations for control of power leads to World War I. Even after experiencing brutal outcome of the war, it ultimately led to World War II. The casualties were uncountable and all suffers from the war. Those who participated actively suffered severely, but those who do not participate also suffers.

With the realisation of what war caused and how it hampers life, different international institutions started forming to move towards humanity and peace. This can be seen with the formation of WHO, United Nations, World Bank and IMF. Such institutions are formed as a pillar to humanity and aid the countries developed and aims to achieve welfare.

However, War does not know when and. With the evolving society, war also evolves. From war which is fought at front, it changed into proxy war where one country attacks other indirectly. Example of Pakistan's attack in India can be seen as proxy war. They indulge in supporting terrorists and hampering other nation's security and instill fear in citizen of the nation.

Also, there was cold war which divides the world into two blocs of power. There was not a forefront war however, many small ~~and~~ internal wars were going on. This led to the creation of Mujahideen in Afghanistan. Also, it created Taliban, which is now the cause of downfall of Afghanistan.

With the rise in technologies and emerging new discoveries and innovations, war is now fought digitally. War takes the form of cyber security threats like cyber crime, cyber espionage, cyber terrorism etc.

With passing of time, there is no end to war, only it evolves along with time to serve human's greed. The want of power, the desire to control, the feeling of hatred, anger and revenge are the factors that lead to different types of war,

With the evolution of never ending war, it is high time for people to understand that no one wins in a war. The recent Russia Ukraine crisis, the attack in Pakistan and situation in Afghanistan are living example of it. In the Russia Ukraine crisis, various innocent lives are lost, Also, there is rise in refugees around the world.

It is important to value the moral worth of human being. It is crucial that we respect the human dignity and feel for others. We should ask ourselves if we would want the same thing to ourselves. When people realise that all human beings are one, only then can there be a pause in the never ending cruelty and after effect of war. People need to be made aware of how others feel if they are victim to the effect of war.

This is similar for those who start war. The recent terrorist attack in Pakistan can be considered as the nation digging its own grave. It was them that encourage terrorist to attack other nations. Thus it is now the time not to identify good terrorist and bad terrorist.

From all the above cases we can see that war is fought through different methods and they are never ending. It destroys people's life and worth. It also disrupts trade and economic activities thus hampers those who are not participating actively. Therefore there is a need to spread awareness, change perspective of people towards war. They need to be made aware that war is not the only answer. Things can be solved with talks and discussion. It is also worth noting that for both initiatives to be accomplished effectively there is need for people to be trained with ethical values and moral principles.

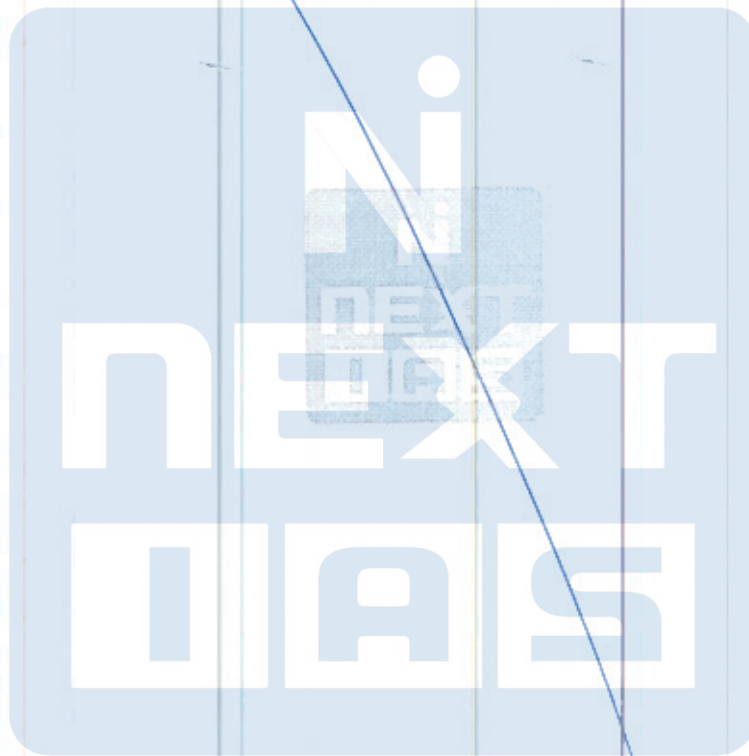
Only through ethical principles and moral values, one can understand other people and think about the welfare of others. It will make them realise that war only brings destruction. Until everyone realises that war is due to individual's greed, it will never end. It will only end with the end of one's life.

Every individual must remember: ~~that~~

"Never think that war, no matter how ~~water~~ necessary, nor how justified is not a crime",

It is we who could change the world and together, we can make the world a better place by choosing our actions considering what is right and wrong. And war is never right.





Space for Rough Work

⊗ Balkan Wars.

The European Struggle

War: ?

Reason for war

War is never ending → Evolution

Effect of war Types of war

School of thoughts on war

No one wins in a war

Intro: Balkan war

War → what is war?

War is never ending → WW I
→ WW II
→ Cold war
→ Russia & United States

Types of war →

Effect of war →

School of Thought → Realism
→ Human Realism
→ Post-war

Conclusion → No one wins in war.

Peace is the only way

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village → domestic violence → son → afraid, neighbour
City → ~~shop~~ → robbery → gunshot → child → ~~did not know~~

① what is happening, afraid of gun sounds son away,
An educated employee → late → know the situation may have called
Police for help instead son away.

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③ importance of forgiveness.

④+5 child afraid of darkness?

⑥+7 men afraid of light

⑧ Tragedy → Political
Social
Economic
Administrative
Environment,
⑨ 1901/12 → some ethical.

Only the dead have seen the end of the war!

1st Balkan War → 2nd Balkan War → 1st Balkan War
Pan Slavic → Serbia, Russia, Greece
v/s Turkey.
Army Balkan States

war? → Rational → Just war,
Amoral Realism,
Pragmatism.
↓
Effect → women, society, Nation, human rights, refugee.

Tripalite war → Raskolnikovs, Rocka, Trulibeng

World war I → world war II → Russia Ukraine

Novus Culm