

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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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।

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

This is a story of two farmers that lived in a village prone to floods. One of the farmer was very worried about ~~eff~~ destructive effect of floods - it will destroy crops. So he sowed ~~no~~ less crops and often complained about future certainties, that it was not in his fate to earn more.

while the other farmer lived in present. To mitigate flood, he created embankments around field and put his efforts to increase crop productivity, every single day. At the end, he earned more and remained happy over his efforts.

What does the above story tell us. It is about how ~~one~~ ~~took~~ one perceive its time. When one farmer always engaged in questioning tomorrow, the other one dropped this question and make profit from every day to shape its destiny. Every single second is like a opportunity to us but we often lost it to the questions of tomorrow.

But what is this "tomorrow question" and why it needs to be dropped, since tomorrow can be as early as next few seconds and stretching to few months, years or even decades. It is simply called the "future".

And this future is full of our dreams, aspirations and goals. And it is good to have such dreams. But one should not get too much involved in these and start day-dreaming. Now this becomes the dangerous part. How?

By day-dreaming, one may get happiness of arriving at destiny but in that process, tends to waste our present time. The time is precious and limited. Once gone cannot be recovered. The only thing left was regret and guilt. Often students think more about what will they do after exam and put less focus on exam. As a result, their performance gets affected. That's why the questions of tomorrow needs to be dropped.

For this, we need to live in present. Because today is an opportunity to make profit of our efforts. It gives us a chance to shape our tomorrow. By putting baby steps, we head towards realising our

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goals. when Sunderlal Bahuguna put his effort to save trees, he simply started by hugging them. He did not what lies ahead in future of this action. But he continued his efforts in present and in future, become mass movement.

Further, dropping the questions of tomorrow becomes necessary because the fate is not in our hands. It is uncertain and unpredictable, so we can focus more on our present-day actions that is very much in our control. when COVID-19 pandemic strike the world, future was not known to anyone. No one knew that it will lead to stalling of global Economy. That's why nations focused on lockdown - what they can do in present, in event of uncertain future.

Moreover, thinking more about fate brings up anxiety and leads to distraction from present. The problems of today can not

be solved tomorrow. It has to be solved today with present efforts, for it may lead to grave injustice. For instance, Raja Rammohan Roy acted against evil sati practice in present time and not waited for future to solve automatically.

But staying in present is easier said than done. It is the natural or human tendency because mind is like a see-saw that oscillates ~~like~~ up and down! So how can we stay in present? What needs to be adopted and followed? Is it possible? The answer is YES.

For this, we need to practice good values like dedication, meditation and bring behavioural change in our life. All these help in increasing concentration of mind and weed off distraction & anxiety. This brings clarity of thoughts. This is the reason why Gautam Buddha meditated for several years only to attain Enlightenment - to know the answers

of life - the most unpredictable future for all of us.

secondly, we can learn from great personalities and their richful experiences. Their story and messages tells us about how they cultivated the seeds of present that turned profit and leave the question of tomorrow to the fate. Leaders like Nelson Mandela put his efforts for 27 years in still only to see independent South Africa in future.

So, the tomorrow is full of unknown surprises. But can it be ~~control~~ entirely dropped to fate. Is leaving everything on luck is a wise decision at all? The answer is certainly No.

Not all can be left by saying that- what is going to happen will happen. Can climate change be left to its fate. OR unsustainable exploitation of resources - be it

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increasing air, water pollution can be blamed to fate. Never because fate itself depends upon our actions, efforts that we put today reflects tomorrow. The world order may collapse if ~~there~~ no efforts were put today.

likewise, we also shape our fate. for this we planned things, create a strategy and roadmap to realise our vision. This helps in deciding meaningful steps of today. Take the case of Five Year Plans by Planning Commission after Independence in 1947. It was the planning - to remove poverty, accelerate industrialisation that made India sustaining the largest democracy even 75 years of Independence from British rule.

Also, our rich ancient text talks about Karma philosophy. It also entails that our fate is decided by our actions. That's why we need to focus more on our present efforts not only to make profit

today but also to solve the questions of tomorrow. Hence putting equal adherence to means as well as ends as said by Gandhiji will guide us towards a better future.

So this brings us to an inflection point where past present and future meets. This can be aptly summed up as

"The best way to predict future is to create it"

Future is not known to us but its key - present - is in our hands. For this let us do the present work diligently and let it paint the future. But it is not easy to put efforts.

For this, our youth with a lot of Energy start to work. Let the fear go out and work selflessly for a bright future. A future where everyone is

happy, free from poverty, full of inclusiveness.

As we have seen in introduction Story, the second farmer shaped its fate by ~~the~~ focusing on today and planning for tomorrow's challenges. Moving ~~this~~ like this, the vision for "Atmanirbhar Bharat" by India and Vasudev Kumbhakar for the globe needs to be followed from today. ~~only then we can say that the future is shaped~~

Present and future are like <sup>two</sup> handles of a bicycle. Retaining balance of both will ensure a safe journey for all of us. As wisely summed up

Past is experience  
Present is experiment  
future is expectation

use your experience in experiment to shape expectation.

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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।

8. Act as if it were  
impossible to fail

on 9 January 1915, Mahatma  
Grandhi returned to India from South Africa.  
At that time, mighty colonial rule was  
established in India. Before his arrival,  
1857 Sepoy mutiny was already taken  
place and Extremists were also waging  
mini violent attacks against the Britishers.  
But they were not successful in achieving  
the result.

Out of this league, Grandhi choose to act in a non-violent manner. He stressed upon Satyagrah, peaceful mass movement through Non-cooperation movement, civil disobedience movement and finally launched Quit India movement. At the end, Britishers had to leave India independent since 1947.

What makes difference in these two strategies above. Grandhi act in a manner that involves nearly every sections of society - be it women, peasants, students etc. Through this it becomes impossible to fail these peaceful uprisings. Because he act as if it were impossible to fail.

But what does we mean by "Act" as discussed above. An act can be anything that defines our actions. The actions which put our thoughts in motion. And it is a natural tendency to act. In fact, all of us perform actions in one way or another.

But the real question arises here how do we act in such a manner that yields success. How can we prevent failure as end result.

First of all, we need determination, and positivity in our attitude. This will bring us energy to do work. This will also negates the ill-beliefs that may come to our mind during the process. It was certainly the determination that made Dalbath Manji (Mountain man) to act and manually climbing a mountain in order to connect two places.

Further, self-belief and conviction entails confidence and enhances will power while performing an action. This step up our courage and weed off fear. During the cold war era, India showed courage of conviction and proceeded to act in a neutral manner. As a result Non-Alignment Movement was initiated

by India ~~and~~ that broke the possibility of failure against Capitalist v/s communist bloc.

Moreover, it also depends on our perception and persistence on how much we are putting efforts. After all, many of us can interpret the world impossible as "g'm possible". This is because of our perception.

But here comes one question, what qualifies as an impossible thing. Are certain task really out of our scope. What are they?

Impossible remains a very subjective thing. For one person it may be impossible but for another, it is possible. A lot depends on who is performing action. For instance, it is possible for Usain Bolt to run 100 m in 9.58s but for a majority of population, it is next to impossible!

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Nevertheless, certain things are equally out of reach for all of us. This may be due to lack of advancement in our knowledge.

For instance, it is not yet possible to live on outer planets like Venus, Mars for any of us.

This now brings us to next <sup>discussion</sup> ~~question~~ which talks about ~~how~~, no matter how we act, there still exists a possibility of failure. Not all actions achieve success.

Take the case of League of Nations that was formed after World War I to prevent another war. But this action failed and the globe witnessed World War II. Also, even after WW II, institutions like UN, WTO still faces challenges in terms of achieving peace - be it Russia - Ukraine war or trade war between USA - China.

But the question here arises

why we fail. Are failures inevitable? What are the reasons for failure? Let us look into this part.

Firstly, lack of vision and dedication can be a root cause. Due to this, our actions got distracted and results in failures. It leads to wastage of our energy. This might be the reason for defunct WTO and blame-game deadlock in finalising climate change agreements.

Going ahead, lack of discipline and not learning from past failures is also a big reason for failure. This leads to repetition of mistakes and thus ends at failures. ~~For example~~

However, not all failures are bad. Some of them also give us new learning experiences. It is up to us to embrace such failures. As certain things are not in

our hand. This can be aptly described in words of Thomas Edison

"I have not failed 10,000 times. I just discovered 10,000 ways that do not work"

So failure is part and parcel of our actions. It is bound to occur and can happen at any stage. All that we needed is to learn from their experiences and improve our efforts with time.

But one thing we must be cautious here. Does all acts justified? No matter how hard we try, are all acts good for us? What will happen if such efforts were directed ~~towards~~ ~~against~~ to inflict harm? The answer to this is undoubtedly No.

we need to understand that our actions must not be directed against humanity. The acts of terrorism, crimes, scientists working hard towards nuclearisation

of globe, programmers using their intelligence to develop apps like Deepfake etc. are at all not justified. This represents the case of misguided acts.

That's why there is a need to embrace values like compassion, suspect towards not only humanity but also for wildlife, resources and in general to Earth. Only then our acts will aim for the welfare of all.

For this progressive and inclusive acts are the need of the hour. We all need to act endlessly to correct historical wrongs. Be it granting recognition to transgenders as 3<sup>rd</sup> gender, ~~Red~~ Rainbow revolution to sustainable development as way of our life.

Ultimately, it all depends on how we act. One can start at individual level, we can learn from a child, who despite falling several times during learning bicycle, steps up everytime to learn. This never-say-die attitude is what gives key to LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) Campaign that requires us to achieve successful life - life in harmony with nature.

At last, we need to keep moving forward. In words of Martin Luther King

If you can't fly, then ~~walk~~ Run,  
If you can't Run, then walk,  
If you can't walk, then crawl

but whatever you do  
keep moving forward.

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## Space for Rough Work

① what is an act

② how we act

③ How to act as if it were impossible to fail

Gandhiji non-violence

④ what needs to be done

wake up from imagination → put actions in reality

Breaks the spell of inertia

make the wheels moving

⑤ ways/methods

⑥ get up fail

⑦ Test of our inner strength

⑧ Are failures end of our act

⑨ They give us learning

⑩ failure part of our act

⑪ Ultimately achieve the goal

⑫ conclusion

⑬ Act for humanity to make mother Earth sustainable

⑭ Are all acts justified

⑮ what if act of terrorism, crimes

⑯ Guide our acts for benefit of society, humanity

⑰ what if act of terrorism, crimes

⑱ Guide our acts for benefit of society, humanity

⑲ what if act of terrorism, crimes

⑳ Guide our acts for benefit of society, humanity

㉑ what if act of terrorism, crimes

㉒ Guide our acts for benefit of society, humanity

actions  
↑  
Act as if it were impossible to fail  
↓  
put wholeheartedness in actions

Right actions

positivity, will, determination  
deep conviction  
belief in oneself

achieve success

Stop wars (Russia-Ukraine)

India Constitution

Transgender grant recognition

COVID-19 crisis

knowing is not enough, we must apply  
willing is not enough, we must do

climate change (needed)

Martin Luther King  
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