

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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- Q.1 Reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form.
तर्क सदैव अस्तित्व में रहा है, परंतु हमेशा युक्तियुक्त रूप में नहीं।
- Q.2 The opposite of poverty is not wealth.
गरीबी की विपरीत स्थिति केवल दौलत होना नहीं है।
- Q.3 To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner was you.
क्षमा करने का अर्थ है अपने भीतर के एक कैदी को मुक्त करना और यह पता लगाना कि वो कैदी आप ही थे।
- Q.4 A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.
जो व्यक्ति ऑर्केस्ट्रा का नेतृत्व करना चाहता है उसे भीड़ से मुँह मोड़ लेना चाहिए।

"The opposite of poverty is not wealth"

Some time ago a old man aged about 70 years reached to an old Age home in Agra which is meant for the destitute abandoned and lonely aged people. the old age homes are generally the places for the people who are poor and ~~supported~~ do not possess the resource to live their own dignified life in their way of choice. However the contradiction here it is that the old man reached to the centre neither was poor nor destitute. In contrast, he was a rich man

with over 30 crores of Rupees worth property; having a ~~societal~~ family which comprises of 3 children, one being Industrialist, other being a serving IAS officer and daughter also married in respected & influential family.

The above story narrates that the opposite of poverty is not wealth. moreover, this story is not exception in itself, we have heard about the grandparents of an IAS officer committing suicide in chalkhi - Dadei village of Haryana. hence, the questions arises. If not for wealth, what is poverty?

What are its implications? Why it is not desirable? , Why wealth is not opposite to poverty in absolute sense? , what other values and qualities of a person which are needed to make him rich? . We shall be dwelling into these questions in this essay.

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Now the question "What is poverty?" has plethora of answers and approaches which ranges from simply lack of money and resources, to lack of capacity to make choices (Amartya Sen) to the state of not having a fulfilled life.

For a materialistic point of view, money is the ultimate mean to remove the poverty however it does not encompass the whole dimensions of poverty. A person may be poor in materialistic sense simply living a basic life however if he has sense of fulfillment of life, belongingness with

others and leading a dignified life; he may not be called poor as the objective of the life is fulfillment and self-containment.

for example, when Lord Rama went to forests for 14 years, shabri, a poor forest dweller

feed him with the fruits which she collected from the forest. It was not only the fruits which made shabri rich, it was her devotion, and a big heart to share whatever she had which made her rich.

similarly, we have heard a lot of examples of people having lots of money but bereft of things which make them rich or opposite to poor. We routinely read news of people treating fellow people in indignant manner, not respecting others, demean their househelps, these people may have money, but they live in the ocean of poverty which make them bereft of qualities like empathy and compassion, humanity and tolerance.

so now as we have understood what is poverty in the true sense just not money. the essence is being rich is living a happy life with self-satisfaction which may be with money or without money, for example

saints lead a happy life without materialistic things.

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Now, about the question is why poverty is not desirable? Is money pre-requisite of coming out of poverty? - the simple justification of the question is that the ultimate aim of the human life is to fulfill own life and poverty snatches this very aim. To alleviate the poverty, money is desirable but not the necessary thing. In this materialistically increasing world; money is just one mean off to the end of life fulfillment.

With money or without money, the values of tolerance, humanity, empathy and compassion makes the people rich. For example, a lot of people in the world have large sum of money but handful of philanthropists like Bill & Melinda Gates foundation with 11 others have pledged

to donate for the betterment of humanity on the earth, this is not only money that make them rich / non-poor but the capacity to think about fellow human-beings and their suffering.

similarly a person may be rich but he may not have intellectual capacity leading to intellectual poverty. similarly a person may be devoid of character. hence in the personal sphere of life, apart from money, several things/qualities are needed to make life of person rich i.e. opposite of poverty.

Moreover, this phenomena is not limited to personal lives to people but also transcends ~~and~~ society and nations. for example, if we see in many nations including India which are developed or developing; there are signs of increasing intolerance, hate-crimes and increasing racist tendencies. the increasing per capita income

of these countries is making them rich, bringing out of poverty but they are losing on their social cohesion and social capital which keeps them in perpetual fragile situations.

this trend is also visible in the international arena that several countries which are rich, developed and technologically advanced do not have concerns for the poor and underdeveloped countries. this can be understood from their unfulfillment of promise to climate finance and technology transfer when the small island countries are facing an existential threat.

their non-waver on Intellectual Property Rights regarding Vaccine for Covid-19 put the poor countries on risk. Despite being rich materially, they lack compassion for poor countries making them poor in non-materialistic sense. similar attitude has been observed in allowing refugees

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into their territories.

Now, once when we talked about that money is not everything to bring people out of poverty; then one question is whether money has no significance or little significance. It is not so, money is also a important factor in removing poverty.

Money enabled the peoples to make choices with respect to life, build on their capacity and generate further capacities to live a fulfilled life. with money, people are able to save time which they can invest on themselves like keeping themselves healthy and fit. they may also use the time to engage in activities that make them happy - it may be talking to friends, engaging in fun-activities, leading life of devotion connecting themselves with the supreme being i.e. God.

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they may also take tours to religious and aesthetic places which add colour to the life.

The lack of money forces people to focus on earning it. hence; their lives becomes directed towards survival which leaves them with no choice but to give their whole time earning livelihood. Because of lack of money, people are not able to get the benefit of healthcare. As our President Smt. Droupadi Murmu once said, 'It is most of the economically poor people who face the brunt of system as they do not have even small money to spend.' for example lakhs of people are in prisons because they do not afford lawyers, can not furnish bonds or sureties for their bails.

hence it is understandable that money

is a desirable, sometimes pre-requisite to end poverty but is not alone capable to end poverty. There are other qualities and parts of life which are equally needed to be rich. It is the intersection of the mental well being, economic well being and emotional well being which make a person rich.

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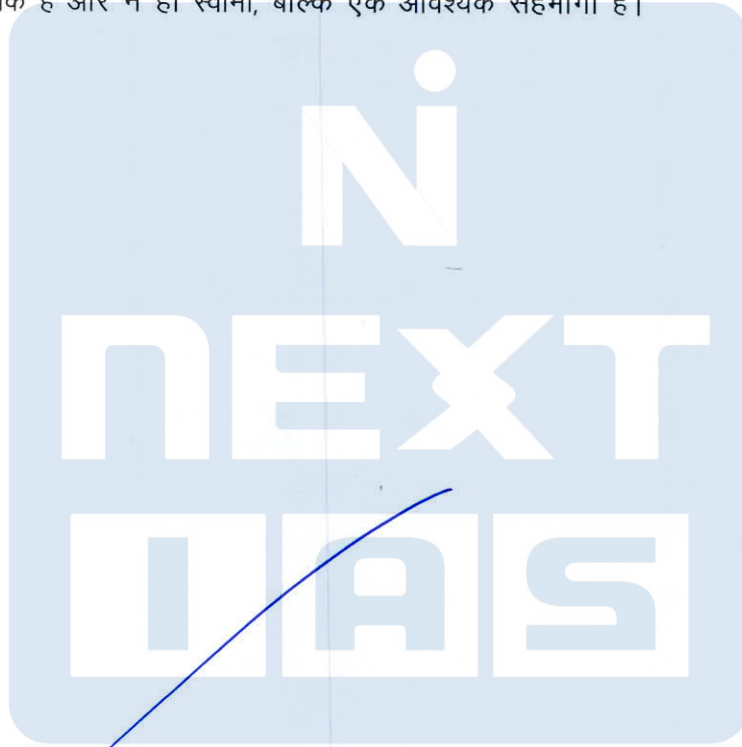
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खण्ड-B / Section-B

- Q.5 International Trade is a good indicator of National Security.
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का एक अच्छा सूचक है।
- Q.6 It is not that we use technology, we live technology.
ऐसा नहीं है कि हम प्रौद्योगिकी का उपयोग करते हैं, हम प्रौद्योगिकी को जीते हैं।
- Q.7 There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.
जीवन में केवल अपनी गति बढ़ाने के अलावा और भी बहुत कुछ है।
- Q.8 Nature is neither a servant nor a master, but a necessary partner.
प्रकृति न तो सेवक है और न ही स्वामी, बल्कि एक आवश्यक सहभागी है।

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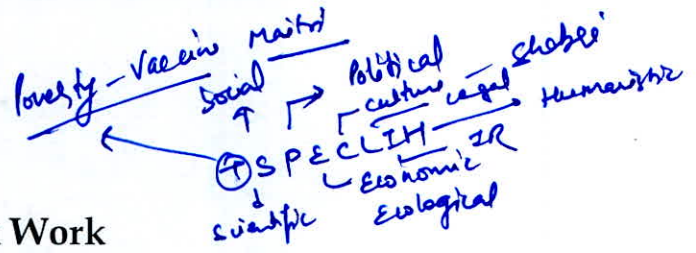


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Space for Rough Work

The opposite of poverty is not wealth.

what is poverty?

what are its implication

how is poverty antithetical to wealth

why does not wealth, what else

↓
non-materialistic things

Intellectual poverty

material things

compassion

happiness

belongingness / loneliness

charity, humanity

character

Tolerance

Individual -
social level

→ cohesion
disharmony
intolerance

National level

international Relⁿ — Global south / north

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It is not we use technology, we live technology

There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.

Nature is neither a servant nor a master.

→ what is life. what does it mean to achieve

