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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।

WE CAN EASILY FORGIVE A CHILD WHO IS AFRAID OF DARK;
THE REAL TRAGEDY OF LIFE IS WHEN MEN ARE AFRAID
OF LIGHT

Ajay and Vijay were best friends during their childhood in their locality. They did most of their activities along with each other from morning to evening. On one day they decided to steal chocolates from nearby departmental stores in which they were successful as they are able to escape without being caught. ?

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In evening when both of them told about chocolates to their respective parents, it resulted in different behaviour and reaction. The parents of Ajay although ~~scolded~~ ~~him~~ forgave him but scolded him & taught him the lesson that stealing Bad virtue and it will have dire consequences in future. whereas parents of vijay appreciated the stealing that it was his skill and rightful gain without spending money.

In the above story we can analyse that although children were not aware of Bad Habit of stealing and they can be forgiven but the parents who were aware of light showed dissimilar behaviour. The attitude of parents of vijay reflects the real tragedy of life when men are afraid of light.

Although the person who is not aware of consequences of a Bad Act or nature of bad Act can be forgiven, but catastrophic events happen when men are aware of their bad acts & its consequences but still they perform it.

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Here we will be discussing different aspects like what ~~are~~ is the meaning of light & dark, why child can be forgiven and what are issues when men are afraid of light and much more beyond that.

FORGIVING A CHILD AFRAID OF DARK

The dark has wide and broad connotations. Here it refers to not knowing the realities of life. It is about lack of awareness about what is right or wrong. When child do not have ability to judge the rightness of a particular act, he can be forgiven as he cannot predict the result arising out of it. For instance, a child who is caught copying in the exam can be forgiven by teacher in 1st instance as he/she is not aware about ill effects of this act. But it is the duty of teacher to teach him the lesson of honesty, integrity and fairness so that such particular act are not repeated in future. otherwise it will be like men are afraid of light.

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Now Further moving on to other sphere we will enquire about what is light, why men are afraid of it and what is tragedy in this.

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TRAGEDY OF LIFE WHEN MEN ARE AFRAID OF LIGHT

The Men are matured adult who have grown up understanding various parts of life. Here the Man is knowledgeable Man who can differentiate between the correct or incorrect behaviour in a given situation.

In spite of knowing the bad consequences of being afraid of light, they choose to remain so, why? The first and foremost argument is the greed and personal selfishness in attitude of persons. For illustration, person are involved in corruption despite knowing the fact that it is unethical & illegal thing to do but they are involved in it for their personal desires, consumerist culture in society. The arrest of Joshi Loughy [IAS] in Madhya Pradesh reflect this tragedy.

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The second reason could be laziness and not putting up the required effort. As everyone is aware that Hardwork is key to success but a very few ~~that~~ do that actually. Take example of Vinod Kamble, naturally gifted cricketer and thought as more talented than Sachin Tendulkar. But he did not follow discipline, practicing for required hour which ultimately resulted in failure in his cricketing career.

Another reason could be the peer pressure, fear of being socially ostracized as the wrongdoing which is happening might have social or religious sanction. For example, in Patriarchal society, like India the practices of domestic violence, sexual harassment, dowry practice, female foeticide etc are overlooked by knowledgeable person and they take no actions against such act due to fear of social boycott, being ridiculed etc. This results in tragedies when men are afraid of light which is in form of women being suppressed and oppressed continuously.

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Moving Further to sphere of Environment and sustainable development, we all know the consequences of not addressing the problem of climate change like global warming, sea level rise and ultimately threat to existence of human civilization. But still we use excessively refrigerators, A/Cs, plastic and what not. This is due to the fact that we are not doing our fundamental duty individually and collective responsibility to preserve the nature as we are more focused on reaping maximum benefits without considering the future.

Similarly in the international sphere we all know that Disarmament, Peace, Discussion, Diplomacy etc are way forward to solve various disputes. But they are not followed actually in practice due to the fact that Nations/Leaders want to exercise dominance, the attitude of Ego superiority and lack of respect for human values. For Example the current Russia-Ukraine conflict is result of Policy of Aggressive Attitude on part of both NATO + Russia.

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Further, the men are afraid of light versions times due to fear of being punished or personal loss when they speak up or take action. For example, A MP who wishes to vote against a draconian law but not able to do it due to fear of whip & his loss of membership in parliament. Similarly many officials in Administration who are honest but do not speak up when they see corruption around them as they perceive it is not their duty or it will create unnecessary problem to them and bad interpersonal relation at workplace.

Sometimes, men are afraid of light because of lack of support or good cut or missing of a leader who can initiate to take action or might & power. For example, the Bystander effect is shown ~~the~~ noticed during Accident at roads where no one comes out initially to help the victim and ~~in~~ a initiator is needed to arouse people to help the victim.

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However it is not that always men are afraid of light, there are person who have changed the world with their individual action.

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Be the change, you wish to see in the world

The person with individual courage and Enlightenment have showed the way to world with their personal acts. For example, the story of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, who single handedly fought against the practice of sati and ultimately resulting in its abolition.

In the international sphere, India has shown similar zeal with focus on peace and stability across globe through its policy of Non-Alignment Movement, Panchsheel Principles, Neutrality Doctrine and Philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Now talking about instances where conditions are such that there was ~~not~~ not choice for men but only to be afraid of light.

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Hobson's choice - Afraid of Light only

There are instances when there is threat to life of a person. If he takes action, he will lose his/her life. In such circumstances, it is quite natural for most of men to be afraid of light. For example, the refugees who are persecuted in their country, flee to neighbouring country and enter illegally, but they had no other option.

In the wider perspective of policy Nation where they follow utilitarian philosophy - the greatest good for greatest number and but it sometimes inflicts injustice on few sections of society. For example, sedition law, AFSPA etc are necessary for National security but sometimes they result in unnecessary killings.

But overall it is a need to be understood that they are not afraid of light and they need to take their action accordingly and this need to be inculcated in society.

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Making Men Fearless of UGH

The initial step is to make men aware of right. The child at family and school level should be taught the difference between right and wrong. After the value of following the right path irrespective of any difficulties should be taught to child. For instance, APJ Abdul Kalam has said that if you want to make nation free of corruption free and of beautiful minds; the most important role is played Mother, Father and Teacher.

Further at social level, collective conscience of society need to be awakened for taking actions against wrongdoings only when ~~there~~ moral overhauling of society will be done, then only right action will be taken by individuals in society. For example, Japanese society work on ethical principles which as resulted in their rapid progress.

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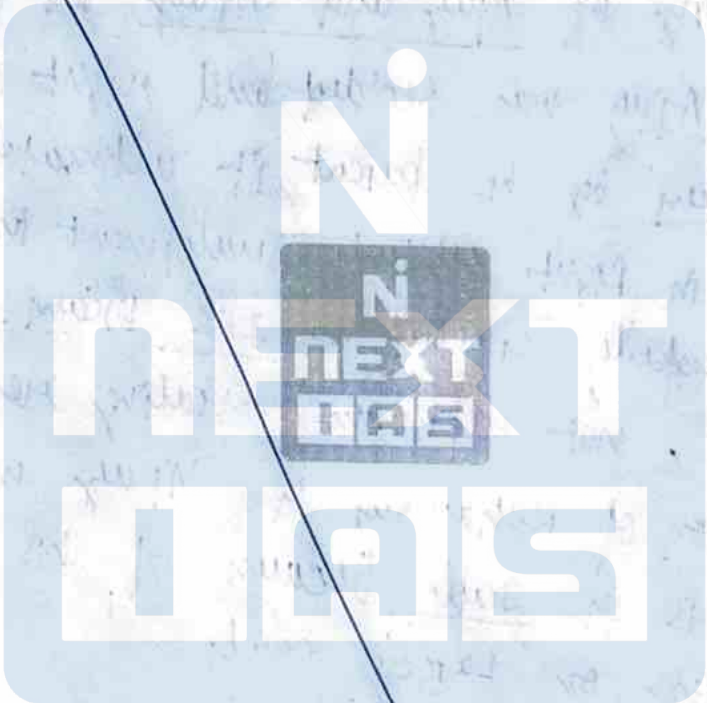
Thirdly, the Men are who are not afraid of light should be rewarded and appreciated instead of being ridiculed and Humiliation theory.

Now coming back to the story of Ajay and Vijay we found that as Ajay was scolded and right actions were taken by his parent, it ultimately resulted in Right Attitude development in him and successfully cracked the IAS Exam. On other hand, not suppressing stealing resulted in rebellion of behaviour in Vijay and today he is in Jail because of his Act of stealing on larger scale.

In final, it can be said that to prevent disastrous effect of being afraid of light, the men need to face and overcome the light. It will ultimately result in a More Just, Humane, peaceful society for human to live.

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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।

ACT AS IF IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO FAIL

This young boy saw India winning the 1983 world cup live and was inspired by it. He dreamt of repeating the same for India in his career. He practised hard with single handed focus on upgrading his skills, temperament and technique. With his sheer effort he was already known as god of cricket even before winning world cup for India.

~~But he was not able~~

~~to win~~

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In this manner he acted in a manner which it was impossible to fail. But despite these efforts he was not able to help India win world cup till his 5 appearances. However he kept on learning from mistakes and shortcomings, which ultimately resulted in India winning world cup at his homeground, Wankhede on 2nd April, 2011. This man was none other than the 'Master Blaster' Sachin Tendulkar.

From this story we can learn that we should act in a manner which is impossible to fail, which might not result in reaching goals sometimes but ultimately success is achieved through consistent efforts and learnings.

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In this exploration of our theme, we will try to understand what is success and failure? , how to act for getting desired result, what we can learn from mistakes and going beyond this.

SUCCESS AND FAILURES

Although generally conceived as opposite of each other everytime but it is not the case. Success is achieving your goals, getting what you desired, satisfaction with your efforts and inner peace and happiness within.

on other side Failure is not that you did not achieved your goal or met the target but actually it is you did not put up the required effort, conceded loss even before actual defeat came and not learning from your mistakes.

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Now we will explore why it is important to act as if it were impossible to fail.

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POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IMPOSSIBLE

The Actions we take, hardwork we do decides the result of our effort. If we work relentlessly with dedication and effort we can achieve the impossible.

For example, The Mountain Manjhi worked for years and years to cut the mountain so that his village can be connected to Town. In this manner he acted as if it was impossible to fail. ~~or that~~

In the sphere of National security and maintaining sovereignty of country it is important to be self-reliant and acting in a independent manner. For this policies and programmes of state need to be infallible to avoid any failure.

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For illustration, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, APJ Abdul Kalam ~~was~~ and others worked in plunder manner to make India Nuclear capable despite being threat of sanction. If India was not successful in this effort, it would have been impossible in future due to enhanced surveillance.

In my individual life, many a times we have limited resources or limited time to achieve our dreams or goal. There is no second chance many a times. Here example of IAS officer Govind Jaiswal ~~who~~ son of a Rickshaw puller who cracked exam in his first attempt. as he planned everything like number of hours per particular topic, & eating only halfiffin due to economic crunch. He was ultimately successful as he acted in manner which was impossible to ²³ fail.

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Further moving to context of disaster management it is important to act in a way that is impossible to fail. otherwise it will not be possible to bring people from death, they must be saved. For instance, during Kerala Floods of 2018, my IAS officer Prashant Nair planned so well with dedication to duty that it resulted in saving of 3 Lucky lives in his Kuttanad district.

However it is not always possible to not to fail or act as if it was impossible to fail. There are many factors which work behind them. We should judge actions on basis of efforts and intentions not only on the basis of result.

FAILURES! GOOD OR BAD?

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various times we put in effort & more than the required effort for achieving something but still we fail to achieve the success due to the factors which are uncontrollable. For instance, ISRO launched chandrayaan 2 with perfection of schedule, Machinery, Technicalities but still it was not able to achieve soft land on moon. This is due to the fact that environmental factors on moon were beyond control of anyone.

similarly in personal sphere, despite of doing best we are not given what we deserve as sometimes; someone might be better than us. For example, Amitabh Bachchan was rejected in Audition of Prasar Bharti for his voice but his effort were not less than anyone.

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Another aspect is that many times we maintain discipline, show commitment and do everything which is required for winning contest in various sphere of life. For example, Abraham Lincoln lost his first election.

However this is one side of coin, the other side of coin should also be explored. Many a times we do not act in a manner which is required and our efforts are bound to fail. No divine power in world can stop this from happening. For example, constant daydreaming about your goals ~~but~~ like ~~not~~ cracking IIT-JEE but not studying even for 2 hours in a day. It is already written that you will fail.

Further acting in a manner if it were, impossible to fail also includes learning from your mistakes, not repeating them and

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improving day by day. For example, in cricket if short Ball is your weakness and if you do not work upon it ~~and~~ then you will not be a successful batsman.

Now moving further, one thought came to mind of all is it always good to act as if it were impossible to fail. We all know it is not.

IT IS GOOD TO FAIL rather than acting selfishly to act as if it were impossible to fail

Various times we use wrong ~~the~~ means to achieve our ends. In this ~~way~~ we might get success but it would not be worthy success or long lasting. For example, some companies copy IPR ~~for others~~ for making huge profit but it will not be healthy in long term.

Further, the use of cheating, impersonating, or circumventing the law may result in success but

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It would not be worthy success. For example, the hoarding by shopkeepers during covid of ration etc although resulted in pecuniary benefits but they lost their characters.

Now we will be moving the discussion to how to act as if it were impossible to fail ~~without compromising the negative effects~~ with managing the shortcomings and ill-effects.

ACTIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT

It can be discussed that it is our action which decides our fortunes.

If we act in a manner if it were impossible to fail and still we fail but it is not the failure. For example, a civil services candidate despite putting all his energy ~~for~~ during his ~~in~~ attempts, he does not succeed but he is destined to get success in other

spheres of life. ²⁸ He is successful already through his effort.

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Another fault is that we should keep striving for best ^{even} when positive results are not achieved. As it is consistency and perseverance which helps in overcoming the failure and achieving successfully ultimately. For instance, Amitabh Bachchan became Megastar despite 13 Failures due to his perseverance.

There should also be zealous attitude, to learn - learn from mistakes of yourself and others. They will help you in winning. For example, Thomas Edison ultimately invented Bulb despite thousands of failures as it is learnt from them.

Hence it can be said that we need to have the attitude to act in a manner in which is impossible to fail - which is giving our best effort.

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The children, society and people need to be told about this it is important to ~~put~~ ~~in~~ put in the required hardwork, learning from mistakes, showing perseverance and ultimately achieving the success.

Indeed it can be said that it is very important to ~~as~~ ~~out~~ out in a flawless manner to achieve success in life. The effort might not result in achievement of goal post immediately but ultimately you will reach it if you show effort, perseverance and learning from the shortcomings.

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SECTION-A

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of dark, real tragedy of life is when ^{man} are afraid of light"

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1. What is dark & light?

2. Why we can forgive a child

Policy of appeasement
women oppression
climate change
National Movement

3. Why men are afraid of light?

4. What is the tragedy of life when
what happens when are not afraid of light?

5. Sometimes when need to be afraid of light?

6. How we can we make light light?

Examples

① Corruption

② NOT-Doing
the right

③ Climate change

④ Nuclear war / war

⑤ women

⑥ student Exam

⑦ Innovation / Risk Taking NOTICE

⑧ ignorance, contempt

⑨ pollution ground water

Be the change you want
to see in the world

① Injustice

② NOT speaking

③ up

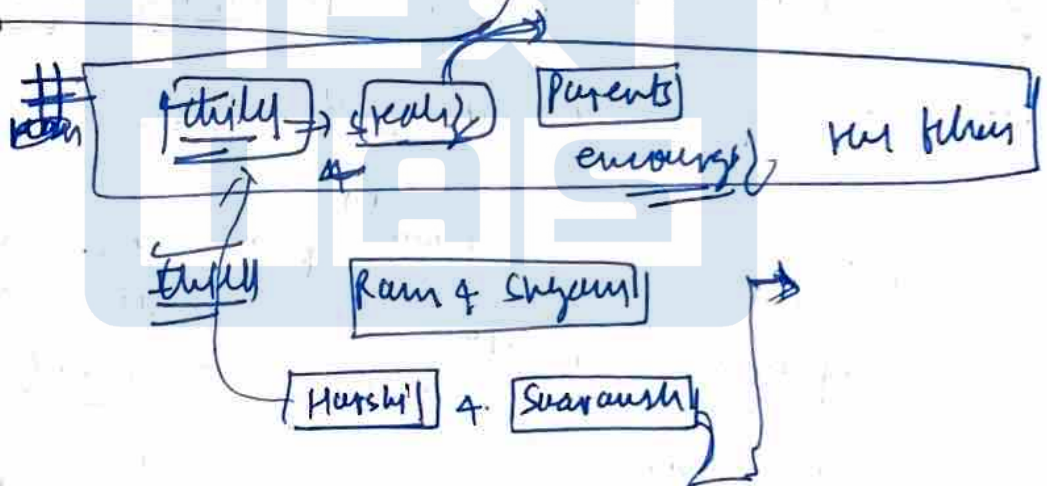
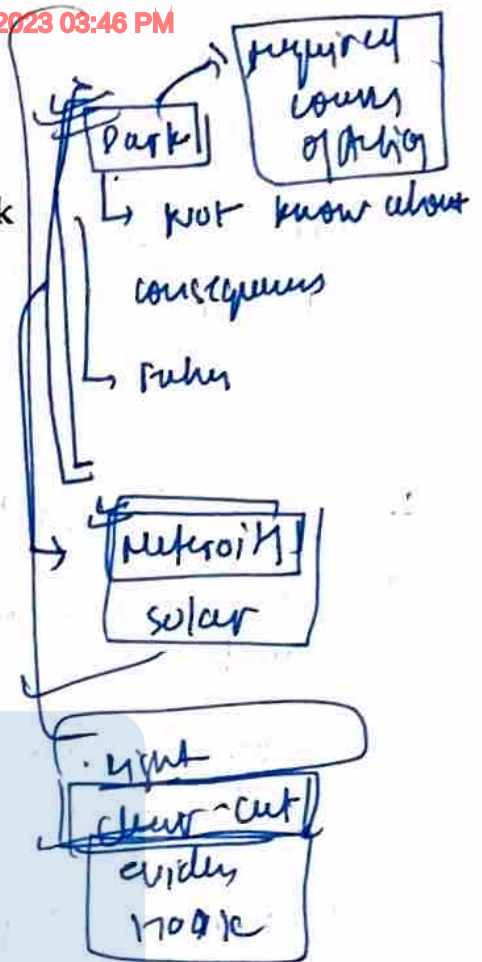
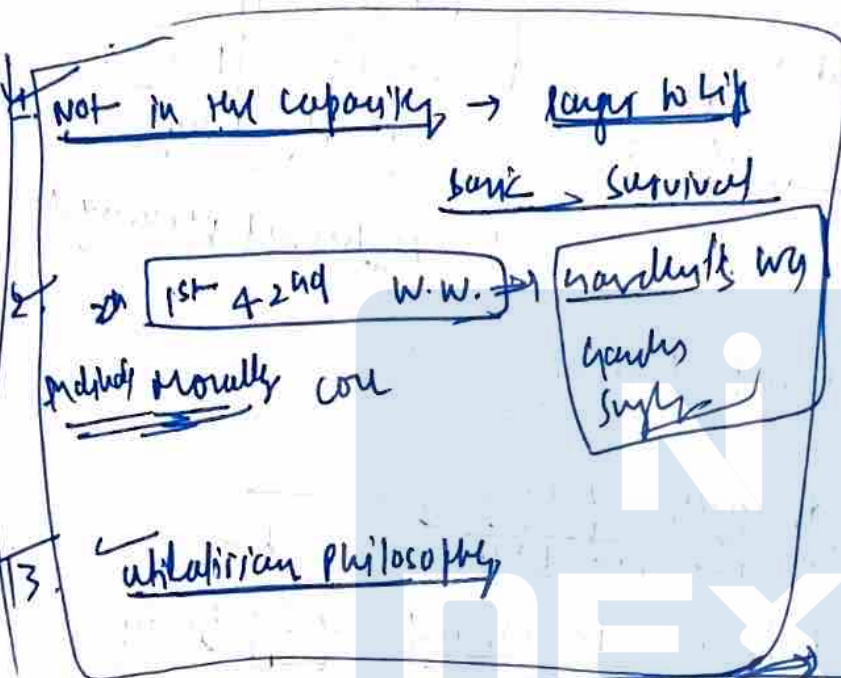
④ Pravara Law

⑤ Policy 3rd

⑥ Policy without
Principle

⑩ Business without ~~not~~ morality

⑨ Neglect, Delay → Health Problems
Space for Rough Work
Sports, Arts Learn



Act as if it were impossible to fail

(A) What is Failure? → 0.5-0.5 Pay 2 P
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Act as if it were impossible to fail → Success

(C) But failure is inevitably Success → means of failure

(D) 3 Page → main Ethical

Synthesis → 2 Page

(E) way forward → 1 Page

(F) Conclusion → 0.5 Page

- Failure
1. UPSC → Efforts
 2. Bureaucracy
 3. China's war
 4. Bureaucracy
 5. Chandrayaan-2
 6. A Brahman
- Bad Failure
1. Not fully in effort
 2. Resignation
 3. Corruption
 4. Lack of perseverance
 5. Consistency

- Success
1. India's war - Pak.
 2. Manglu the mountain
 3. Military Phelps
 4. China India (Sorrow)
 5. Nuclear Program
 6. Bay Success
 7. Healthy → (ROM)
 8. Medical Mean
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