

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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- Q.1 Little strokes fell great oaks.
छोटे - छोटे प्रयासों से बड़ी सफलता मिलती है।
- Q.2 Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.
किसी व्यक्ति का मूल्यांकन उसके उत्तरों के स्थान पर उसके प्रश्नों से करें।
- Q.3 Great principles, great ideals know no nationality.
महान सिद्धांत, महान आदर्श किसी एक राष्ट्र से संबंधित नहीं है।
- Q.4 In struggling with misfortune lies the true proof of virtue.
दुर्भाग्य से संघर्ष करने में ही नैतिकता का सच्चा प्रमाण निहित है।

1. Little strokes fell great oaks

In a world often driven by rapid results and instant gratification, the age old adage "little strokes fell great oaks" stands as a timeless reminder of the immense power of consistent, incremental efforts. It encapsulates the notion that small actions, taken consistently over time, can lead to monumental achievements that might have seemed insurmountable at first glance. As we navigate the complexities of life, this principle resonates across domains, illustrating

the seemable impact of small steps, that the twinkle take against the rabbit in scale, in the journey towards achieving greatness.

Even the nature, surrounding us demonstrated this fact in entirety. It is the small steps that sand and water takes, although tiny, but cuts the surface and make valleys. They transform the landscape with continuous efforts. The same can be seen from the heights of mountains. Through collision, they are growing just 1-2 cm a year but have reached as great as 8488 m.

Small steps often look futile at the beginning but they are not. Because when repeated, can make things possible. Their cumulative effort builds the desired outcome which reflects in results. Think of Jadav Payeng, known as "forest man of India". He went on to plant saplings and seeds along

a dry sandbar by Brahmaputra. It was seen as an obscure exercise. But with this, he created a forest that stands at 550 hectares today!

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Moreover, these consistent and persistent little steps when performed collectively can solve the global problems. little strokes by each of us marks the big step of humanity. With this, the ozone layer started healing itself, though it had taken over 3 decades. This became possible because of little steps enshrined under Montreal protocol followed by every nation. Small efforts like these also hold the potential to solve challenges of climate change in future too.

But the question arises here how these little steps help in overcoming the barriers. How they help in achieving the goal? What role does these steps play?

The answer itself lies in these small steps. By making small steps, we are targeting one difficulty at a time. It is like solving a challenge by dividing it into parts. Through this, it becomes easier to solve challenges. When India got independent in 1947, multiple challenges in form of poverty, secessionist tendencies, lack of funds etc. stand in front of us. But India tackled one by one, with planning, we targeted ~~industrialisation~~ agriculture first then industrialisation and so on. These little strokes cumulatively resulted today in uplifting around 415 million out of poverty.

Also, focus towards a goal plays a crucial role. By channelising our energy to a point, we can achieve great outcomes. Everyone saw the picture of how ISRO used to transport Rocket parts on bicycles. But with their focus and continuous efforts,

today the same ISRO is going to land rover (chandrayan-3) on moon anytime soon.

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These small steps created a domino effect. Just like a stone in water creates ripples, these baby steps started the process of transformation due to which results becomes inevitable. It reflects our desire and dedication to arrive at destiny that surpasses any hurdles blocking our path. When Arunima sinha was thrown out of train in 2011, no one can think of future ahead. But her zeal to climb heights of mountain today made her the 1st female amputee to scale Mount Everest.

But can it be said that all little strokes fell great oaks. If it is so, then why most of us fail? Why certain little steps do not reach their destiny?

Sometimes we need to tweak

~~tweak~~ our efforts. Trying to get different results with same efforts of failure yields no progress. That's why learning from failure and improvisation become necessary. It will help in improving on next time, to make improved little step. Be it Thomas Edison who failed 10,000 times or be it wright brothers, the ground breaking discoveries suffered failures before actually getting success. They improvised in every step only to remove defects in process.

Also, sometimes we may get distracted from our path. By doing so, no matter what little or hard steps you take, you are certain to fail. In Movie, Bhaag Milkha Bhaag, even though Milkha Singh had taken every single little step to win medal in olympics, but got distracted by a ^{love affair} ~~girl~~ in Australia. This act as a reminder of how one has to be remain concentrated

while placing its every single step.

This now brings us to a discussion where a question arises as how to make little steps. why most of us are not able to place its 1st step. Even after that, it becomes difficult to follow consistency in this journey, why?

To remain consistent and persistent one needs to be calm like M.s. Dhoni remains in a match with peace in mind, one is able to understand the situation better and would be able to plan his/her next step. His performance in finals of 2007 and 2011 world cup is a testimony of how he placed every decision with calmness for winning the match.

Next ~~step~~ is patience. These little steps are also slow in progress. But one needs to bear that. No matter how much time it will take, one should continue to place small steps.

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without doubt. Patience is what gives energy to Nelson Mandela, who, even jailed for over a decades, continued his step to fight for independence.

Further, Dedication holds the key to continue this journey. One should have a reason to follow the path. Be dedicated like Phogat sisters, who put their sweat every single day despite the societal, gender stereotypes. At the end, they showed what these steps can bring not only to them but ^{also make} ~~also~~ the nation proud.

Learn like a child, who falls everytime, but tries to stand and never stops trying. That's why we must keep on moving and improving. It may happen that initial steps might not ~~feel~~ comfortable, but our result, goal lies beyond this comfort zone.

There is a need for all of us to take little steps. For not only for self, but it also motivates others to follow. One can solve his/her problems. But certain global issues require action of all, be it the threat of terrorism, rising hated in society or increasing ~~over~~ misuse of Emerging technologies like AI etc.

As wisely said by Swami Vivekananda,
"Rise, awake and not stop until the goal is reached."

This can strengthen ourselves, energises the youth and cultivates the innate potential of all. Though Big steps requires enormous resources but little strokes can be performed by all. If a turtle can beat rabbit with few steps but with consistency,

what human beings can also reach the collective goal of peace, tolerance and sustainable future. This can be learned from famous donna.

Karut Karut Agyas Ke
Jadmati ho Siyaan
Rassi aavat jast te
sil par parat Nishaan

(Through practice, even a thick-brained fool can become intelligent)

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

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- Q.5 The whole purpose of Education is to turn mirrors into windows.
शिक्षा का सम्पूर्ण उद्देश्य दर्पण को खिड़कियों में बदलना है।
- Q.6 To dwell is to garden.
निवास करना बगीचे के सामान है।
- Q.7 Reality is the shadow of ideas.
सच्चाई विचारों की छाया मात्र है।
- Q.8 We can not despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings.
हम मानवता से निराश नहीं हो सकते, क्योंकि हम स्वयं भी मनुष्य हैं।

5. whole purpose of Education is
to turn mirrors into windows

Till 17th century, the church
and state made the public to believe that
Earth was the centre of universe and all
the planets, even sun, revolves around it.
These were the beliefs and learnings of the
state that gets reflected, just like a mirror
does, to the society.

But one scientist, Galileo ~~clearly~~
used the Education as a tool to dismantle

this wrong belief. For Galileo, Education and learnings opened up the endless opportunities and new horizons. Through this he gathered facts and evidences of heliocentric theory of universe. He used education as a window to look beyond what was taught. At the end, he convinced everyone about the truth.

The above incident is a gentle reminder of how Education has the potential to transform the world. The ultimate aim of our learnings and gaining knowledge is not ~~just~~ limited to limited perspectives but to convert them into unknown possibilities. To make our minds open, just like ^{an} ~~the~~ open window lightens the room, Education enlighten us in our ~~all~~ journey of life.

It is difficult to see the reality if our minds do not acknowledge that. This results in following the

Prejudices and Stereotypes already prevalent in the society. In absence of education, practices like patriarchy, feudalism, gender stereotyping prevails. It can be seen from the disbelief that transgender suffers. The mis-conception that their sexual orientation is due to mental illness is a notion gets reflected through mirror of society.

Further, the mirror presents us a limited outlook. It displays the things of which we are comfortable. We got too much focused on the self that we fail to realise the actual happening in surroundings. The reason why mindless consumption or materialism is on rise is due to the fact that these mirrors are blocking our horizon to look beyond the room, our own issues overshadows that of society.

That's where Education comes into play. It ~~let~~ mirrors to transform into windows, to see diverse perspectives, to question the existing beliefs. This churning of thoughts is what make human beings to become humane.

Through Education, one can inculcate scientific temperament, to know about the logic behind every happening. To analyse the observations before their adoption. Personalities like Mahatma Gandhi and Raja Rammohan Roy used education as a window to stop inhumane practices like untouchability and sati practice. They questioned existing misbeliefs, showed religious texts to prove that the mirror of misbeliefs was blocking their education.

Moreover, looking through the window, one recognises that the sky is the limit. This opens up never ending learnings which results in fostering innovation and discoveries. From Industrial Revolution to Internet Revolution of 21st century, Education act as a fuel to drive the engine of growth of human civilisation.

Education prepares us to learn. And when we try to learn by looking outside the window, we realise that a human can do anything. Looking to the sky, one can question when birds can fly, why can't human. when fish can swim, why can't human.

It is the Education that made us to believe that we can fly, we can swim or even go to outer space like Apollo 13 mission landed Neil Armstrong on Moon surface. If one thought

like a mirror, that life exists only in room, one may not think of exploring universe.

But here one thing that should be kept in mind that while transforming mirror into windows, it should be easily accessible to all. For there will be increase in divide if only certain minds have access to education. ~~Also~~ By making moves to digitalise education, we are promoting innovative learning but should be equally available to all. The rising digital divide as evident from Ministry of Education report highlighting that only 10-1% rural schools have equipped with ICT tools in 10 states.

Also, just opening the window will not suffice. what if curtains act as a blockade. Can it serve the purpose. Certainly not. Curtains block the access of new ideas.

flowing freely outside. The partial ban by taliban on Afghan girl's education or compartmentalisation of education like limited access to Western literature are examples of this.

But can it be said that all dimensions of a mirror are bad? Does mirror while ~~self~~ reflecting ourselves do ~~not~~ reflect our wrongs too? The answer is Yes.

Mirror can be the best reflection of our wrongs. Through Education, one is able to recognise that what are the actual mistakes. And this part of Education is equally necessary. when we are able to rectify our own mistakes, we can also be at good position to help others too. As Socrates described it

"I know only one thing
that I know nothing."

Nevertheless, after improving self, the window holds the opportunity to help others. And this is ~~what~~ the ultimate aim of Education. But how can we do that? How to turn mirrors into windows?

To start with young minds would be the best approach. They are young, aspiring and can be cultivated like buds to a full plant. Here policies like New Education policy with ~~not~~ focus on critical thinking can help. ~~to make our~~ ~~young children~~ ~~competitive~~ one can learn from how Japan and South Korea utilised Education to make windows of skilled Population can fuel growth of a society.

Also, focus more on practicality of what we learn through books. By doing so, new solutions would emerge

and help us making the educational system more attractive and inclusive.

Further, Education needs to be dynamic, so that size of window and its location can be changed as per the demand. New developments like Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning, Quantum technology etc. warrants dynamic approach. This will help us in making spectacles through which ~~we can see~~ area outside ^{window} ~~the~~ could be seen easily.

Education can act as a ladder through which one can reach window easily, no matter where it will be situated. So, we have to equip our future generation with capabilities so that they can build their own future.

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Thus, we can say that, Education becomes the foundation for social mobility and building of inclusive societies, it can shatter the mirror, opens up new possibilities for learners. Let the young minds dream to their fullest potential. To make their own window of progress.

The only person who is educated
is the one who,
learned how to learn

how to change mirror into window
of endless opportunities...

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Rabbit-furter story (short)
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Small steps
often look futile
in beginning
but they are
not!

Little strokes	fell	great oaks
consistency perseverance patience practice Belief	to achieve → overcome → surpass → challenging barriers	success tough sailing peaks

550 hectare of forest today
Plant saplings along desert
Tadav
payeng
↓
Created forest map of India

That's how
river ~~cars~~
makes its valley
↓
Mt. building

Child standing up
every time s/he fall
Grandhi's Independence

✓ Rabbit-furter story

✓ Edison

✓ space → Chandrayaan-3
ISRO
from transporting
rocket in a cycle

✓ Ozone Recovery

✓ Upliftment of poverty (NRI)
India after Indepen.
→ Green rev
→ Planning Commr

How little strokes
fell great oaks
(one-example)
↓
But why these
little steps matter/
require

Asanuma
wright brother
slow process
pushed from a running train
transformation takes time
democracy is a
result of
little strokes
→ +ve attitude
→ efforts
→ ripples in water

✓ Life Mission

✓ climate change

How they fell or
overcome barriers
↓
But when they fell
results are inevitable

But they do
so the question
how to make little steps
↓
Motivation

Calm like Dhoni

have patience like
b/c little steps
are slow
Nelson

Nelson Mandela

conclusion

Karat Karat Abgas ke (though practice)

Tadmati Ho sujan

Rasni Aavat Jaat te

Sil par parat Nihan

even a
thick
brained
fool
can become
a intelligu

But sometimes
these little steps do
not end in result
why?

fail to
learn from
mistakes

Then scroll

we improve

Thomas Edison

when we learn

Space for Rough Work

