

खण्ड—A / Section—A

उम्मीदवारों को
इस भाग में
लिखना मना है।
Candidates
must not
write on
this margin

- Q.1 You can't serve data on a hungry man's plate.
आप किसी भूखे आदमी की थाली में डेटा नहीं परोस सकते।
- Q.2 AI is overcoming our mental limitation but not expanding our mental horizon.
ए.आई. मनुष्य की मानसिक सीमाओं को नियंत्रित कर रहा है, किंतु मानसिक क्षितिज का विस्तार नहीं कर रहा है।
- Q.3 We are using environment for politics, not politics for environment.
हम पर्यावरण का उपयोग राजनीति के लिए कर रहे हैं, न कि राजनीति का उपयोग पर्यावरण के लिए।
- Q.4 The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.
असमानता का सबसे बुरा रूप है असमान को समान बनाने का प्रयास।



THE WORST FORM OF INEQUALITY IS TO
TRY TO MAKE UNEQUAL THINGS EQUAL

Get! Set! Go!

The 'Jungle Race' was about to begin. Everyone was so excited. The cheetah knew he was destined to win. The hare, deer and fox were confident and hopeful. On one corner stood the tiny tortoise who was willing to try.

But for the little goldfish and the grand crocodile, this was a race of relative deprivation. With a tear in their eyes, this race of merit cannot measure their merit, how hard they try. But still, with crying and weeping, they were trying.

and as we could foresee, the cheetah won and the goldfish died. Was this race among equals? Is having a common and equal treatment of all-real equality? How trying to make different and unequal things equal makes situation worse? If ^{yes} ~~not~~, what should be done?

Let us begin by understanding the notions of equality and inequality; the various ways which make us equal and unequal at the same time.

Yurac Noah Hargis in Homo Deus describes how even zygotic twins are different in each respect. They have different innate traits and talents. Their wants and wishes are also different. Overall even after having same womb, genes and nourishment, they are different. This is form of natural inequality within same species.

Further, Inequalities are also the products of society. The transformation of Sex to Gender has the catalyst of society. The unequal treatment of women and other gender (LGBTQ+) is a

manifestation of the same.

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To further accentuate, the unequal structures of caste, class, ethnicity, nations, tribes, race, religion are the creation of society. As McLever says, 'man does not create society, society creates man'.

Therefore, it is important to realise that we all are different-socially and naturally. Inequality is inevitable. However, what is required ~~to~~ is to accept natural differences, cherish them and at the same time, let not social differences increase the INEQUALITY QUOTIENT.

HOW AN EQUAL RACE MAKE THINGS UNEQUAL ?

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Having delved on types of inequality, it is imperative to now realise how an equal and same race makes things worse.

Firstly, it curtails freedom of and choice of individual. It kills diversity and pluralism. To exemplify, critics of Uniform Civil Code put forward this argument that FETTERS OF ONE LAW would curtail FREEDOM OF UNIQUENESS OF RELIGION

Secondly, with a common race, we tend to forget that there are different starting point

for different institutions and individuals. Everyone has a different time scale. Take the case of developed and developing countries. Both cannot be expected to 'equally' share the 'burden' of climate change. The developed countries had an earlier starting point and therefore must share 'COMMON BUT DIFFERENTIATED RESPONSIBILITY'

Thirdly, we also need to cater to the fact that along with different starting points, there are also different obstacles for different group of people in the race. As B. R. Ambedkar puts it

forward, making rewards and punishment equal is not enough. Making circumstances and opportunity equal is equality. The case in point could be women. On one side, female labour force participation rate is rising from 33% to 37%, however they are running this lonely race with obstacles of household responsibilities, child care duties & glass ceiling.

Fourthly, this PSEUDO EQUALITY also leads to loss of innovation and creativity. For example, mainstreaming of tribals as suggested by Ghurye has led to decline in tribal art in tribes such as Bhils, Gonds. According to

IISSR survey, they are facing identity crises and this attempt of making them EQUAL and MAINSTREAM has further marginalised them.

Last but not the least, this assumption and attempt to make equal and be equal can be destructive. Sanjeev Sanyal in 'Land of Seven Rivers' says that all nations are equal is a futile assumption to make. Every nation has comparative advantage in terms of resources and strengths. Our assumption of treating China as EQUAL and BROTHER resulted in the failure of INDO CHINA war by misassessing their intentions and capacities.

EACH ONE HAS A DIFFERENT RACE - THE RUN FOR EQUITY

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After examining the reasons why imposing equality could be detrimental, let us witness how supporting each one according to one's own customised race is important. This could be done in several ways.

The administrative and legal measures can provide the platform and opportunities to make the starting point almost same. Indian government's attempts in form of affirmative actions like NAI UDAN, NAYA SAVERA, Eklavya Model Residential Schools, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao are reflective of the same.

To accentuate, constitutional provisions like 'Equal Protection

of the law (Art 14), Art 15, Art 16, Art 37, Article 343 etc provide the support.

Further, creating an open society as envisaged by R.N. Tagore where each individual blooms to one's full potential is required.

"A writer is not made to sing and win
A singer is not forced to swim through
thick and thin."

Acceptance of different talents and aptitude and nurturing of the same is needed. This requires mental and societal flexibility and the internalisation of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas, Sabka Prayas (support, development, trust and efforts of all)

To add on, along with legal, societal, individual hand of support, what is imperative is RIGHT NUTURING and EDUCATION.

The prison of inequality can be broken through the strength of solidarity. Imbibing right value system from young age is ~~a~~ important. The clay-child must be taught to learn from others' differences, give a hand of support if you can. The values of fraternity and humanism which lie at the core of Equality & equity should be imparted. NEP 2020, Happiness Curriculum are a step in the right direction.

Now, towards the end it has been understood that inequality

to some extent is inevitable.
However, treating others like they want to be treated, not treating everyone similarly is required. Different needs need different approaches. The real equality is in accepting inequality and then working with consensus.

With this thought, the 'Jungle Race' reforms, the animals realise the fault in the race. The cheetah lifts up the fish. The hare holds hand with the tortoise, the deer sits on the crocodile - all hold hands and run together. The race ends. The medal goes to 'TOGETHERNESS' AND 'EQUITY'.

EVERYBODY WINS :)

DREAM FOR THE BEST. BE PREPARED FOR
THE WORST. ENJOY LIFE IN BETWEEN

"I am lost, what's the point of
life? I see no hope." said a girl
in tears to Swami Vivekananda.

The International Conference of
Religion was going on in 1893 in
Chicago. Swami ji said, "Life is
a game of snake and ladders,
one moment you'll climb, the other
you will fall, but what matters,
"Between the rise and the fall
is whether you smiled through it all
Ups and downs are part of life
Have confidence in every form of strife"

Swami ji's words

give a deep message of how one should approach life.

Being hopeful about the good things to come and simultaneously being ready for the unfortunate difficulties is the secret ingredient to add flavour to the dish of life.

In this essay we shall delve into the reasons and approach of dreaming for the best, being prepared for the worst and sailing through this life in between with a smile. In short, what makes the dish of life-tasty.

So let us start with realising that how life is a see saw between good and bad; happiness and sorrow. The dish is a happy mix of salt of sugar.

Therefore, accepting the inevitability of best and worst events to happen in life is the first step towards enjoyable life.

To exemplify, our life can be compared to ECG where a straight line without any up & down shows death. Therefore having understood the broader picture let us look deep into the reasons for dreaming for good and being ready for worse.

DREAM FOR THE MOON, YOU WILL
LAND ATLEAST ON STARS

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Why to dream for the best ?
I am even satisfied with the
good. This question may cross
our minds. But the answer lies
here.

Firstly, dreaming for the
best fuels in the virtuous cycle
of self fulfilling prophecy. Howard
Becker highlights this in his theory
of symbolic interactionism. When
we think for the best, it gets
registered in our sub conscious mind
and we start working towards it.
To substantiate, Our Economic Survey

2021 highlights this in India's aim to become 5 trillion economy by 2030. This is called Blue SKY thinking.

Secondly, thinking and aiming big further catalyses the process of success. It drives us to put in extra efforts and push our limits. Case in point could be The First General Elections of 1952 where the world challenged it to be 'Biggest Gamble in world history'. India's vision of 'something big' made it the largest democracy in the world.

Thirdly, shooting for the moon (high goal) in our

subconscious mind creates

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imaginative happiness. It is also said 'Everything happens twice, once in our minds and then in reality'. This imaginative happiness maintains our energy and motivation in our action.

Lastly, aiming for the best constantly pushes us to perform to our optimum and make us mentally sacrifice and pain ready. It develops our mental resilience. For example Martin Luther King's 'I HAVE A DREAM' reflects his high dream towards equality. His dream kindled the flame and kept him moving the hard black path.

FIGHT THE FALL - FAIL THE FAILURE

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Having seen the spillover effects of dreaming for the best, let us now explore, what preparing for the worst holds for us.

When we have foreseen the unforeseen and estimated the worst possible outcome, we remain resilient and calm to fight back. We ~~be~~ become the crazy ball which bounces

stronger & higher every time it falls because it ~~has~~ was ready to fight. The classic example is our very own Chandrayaan. "Being prepared for the worst, we left zero chances of non success" - Dr. Somnath (ISRO chief)

To add on, having thought of worst case scenario helps us to make our preparation stronger and foolproof. Having witnessed the wrath of wave 1 and 2 of COVID 19, India quickly adapted. It raised its health expenditure and production capacities of PPPs. This further helped in its V shaped recovery and leveraging lockdown dividend. (Economic Survey 2023)

To elaborate further, contemplated and prepared for the disasters (worst) could make our institutions and individuals more trustworthy. It instills confidence and courage to fight.

Case in point could be Odisha's
preparedness for cyclones with
zero percent casualty. Odisha

Model has become the best practice
of Disaster management under the
leadership of P.K. Jena (I.A.S.)

Therefore, what is
required in the dish of life
is to balance between the
best and worst flavours to
make it healthy.

Now, let us witness
the cooking and see how to
make this dish of life -
happy and tasty..

LIVE THE LIFE YOU LOVE, LOVE
THE LIFE YOU LIVE

In the constant ups and downs of living, spending time with yourself is important. Only when a person knows oneself, one can know others. Therefore, knowing one's likes-dislikes, strength and weakness is quintessential to enjoying life. As [Socrates] said, 'An unexamined life is not worth living'

After self introspection we will be able to find the purpose of life. Having a larger than & life outlook helps us in realising the importance of service to others. Going beyond

self gives us way of life. As

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Victor Frankl in Man's search for meaning says, 'He who has a why to survive, can survive any how!'

Having found ourselves and reason of being born, it is important to set ourselves free and feel this freedom - the enjoyment of being ourselves. As Ruskin Bond writes in the Room on the Roof - Enjoy the rising sun, Dance to the tune of winds, Sing the song of the soul, Feel the baby smiling, see the flower blooming - Experience yourself.

Hence, to sum up life is a present to be lived in the present. Being hopeful

for the good things to come and adaptive to the not so good things is the mantra to sail through. In this process, one should not forget to 'live' and just not exist. Each moment has to be captured and lived to the fullest for your life is your story. The essence of life is captured in these lines -

{ Aane wala pal, jane wala hai
Ho sake toh isme zindagi bita do
Pal ye bhi jana wala hai }

[Live life in small moments because these moments are transitory]

Dream for the best. Be prepared for the worst. Enjoy life in between. 13.

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Aane wala Pak Jaane wala Hai.
Ho sake to isme Zindagi Bita
do, Pal yahi Jane wala hai - conclusion . @

School work and prayer to conquer every way
Confidence & courage in every form
of strife

Swami Vivekananda anecdote

man ke
Haar Har

Snakes and

ladders

(2pg)

(1pg)

intro

- explain
ups and
downs in
life
inevitable.

DREAM FOR THE BEST

(2pg)

① imaginative happiness eg- India winning worldcup

② driving force - motivation

eg- I have a dream - Nelson Mandela.

③ puts in extra efforts
eg- ~~concrete~~ govt. machinery during election

④ setting higher goals -
Self fulfilling prophecy
(5 trillion economy)

PREPARED FOR THE WORST

(2pg)

① calm & peaceful to fight eg- Japan, ~~mang~~

② resilient to fight back - ~~over~~ Chandrayaan 2.

③ overcome faster - COVID

④ sense of emotional balance - have thought
of earlier → INDC targets, LPG reforms

Enjoy in between (2pg)

live the life you love
and love the life you live
jeena isi ka naam hai

actions is required

conclusion - 2pg. Buddha

① self introspect - likes, dislikes.
talents

② try to find motive / goal of life

③ service of others. - Robin Sharma who will cry when you die

④ Exploration outer

⑤ Be hopeful:

⑥ Larger than life outlook

⑦ Living in the present - gift

↳ sudha murty

The worst form of inequality is to make unequal things equal.

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Monkey to swim
crocodile to climb.

story (1 page)
-2
↳ end with story
join hands
ubuntu

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D1 What is inequality? How are we unequal?

↳ we are all born different. Even zygotic twins (3, 4 pg)

Natural inequality :- - personality different

- traits different
- talent different
- liking & non liking different

Home
Deus
land of
even
rivers.

(from
other
humans)

from other species.

other gender - through society (5, 6, 7, 8)

SAME RACE: DIFFERENT OBSTACLES, STARTING POINTS.

D2 How are we making things equal? worst form of inequality.

occupation

gender

religion

tribe

developing
vs
developed.

Indo-
China.

- ① imposing will on others.
- ② making rewards equal but not circumstances punishment Su. B.R. Ambedkar
- ③ hindering freedom and choice.
- ④ mainstreaming - loss of pluralism. (uniformity, unity)
- ⑤ Pseudo equality - Double race -> Tokenism
Different starting points.
- ⑥ Destruction

PWBD

Different Race : Equity (9, 10, 11, 12)

- ① Making opportunities equal. Bourdieu
- ② Structural measures - constitution
- ③ Treat others not like ~~they~~ you want to be treated. - put in their shoes.
- ④ Affirmative Action
- ⑤ Right to voice and choice.
- ⑥ Education of belongingness to each other.

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

- ↳ Learning from each other
- ↳ running together,
- ↳ holding together.

→ Accepting differences - inner peace.

Conclusion

Race Begins again!

⑦ We all are interdependent.