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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।

2. The opposite of poverty is not wealth

Radha, a girl from a small village in Rajasthan wants to became an IAS officer. However, her father is an small farmer and his income is not enought to provide good education to Radha so that she can pursue her dreams. On the other hand there is a girl named Tina from Jaipur city of Rajasthan.

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She also wants to pursue her dreams and wants to became an Air-hostess. However, Although her family is well off and rich enough to afford her education and training expenses, however due to the conservative and patriarchal mindset of their parents Tina was not able to pursue her dreams as her family did not allow her to do a job and they married Tina after she completed her graduation. These two stories provides the message that deprivation is not always in terms of economic resources but can be of other types like deprivation of values and thoughts as we have seen in the case of Tina and her family.

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In this essay we will try to understand what is the real meaning of poverty, different facets of poverty, factors behind the deprivations and what can be done to improve the wholesome environment.

What is Poverty?

According to World Bank, "Poverty is a multidimensional concept and represents relative deprivation in well being and reduction of choices to pursue freedom and aspirations." These relative deprivations become an hurdle in the lives of many millions of people to enjoy ~~achieve~~ life to the fullest and achieve excellence. Hence, the most precious gift given to the mankind by the

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almighty God became worthless due to unfortunate circumstances. These humans who can otherwise would take human civilization to new endeavours ended up becoming a burden on the society. This condition is equally applicable at the level of society and Nation. Having discussed about the meaning of poverty, let us know try to understand its different facets.

Different facets of Poverty

As we have discussed that poverty is not only the deprivation of economic resources, so we will now discuss different facets of it to prove our point. Firstly, the most subtle deprivation in 21st century is of

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ethical values and morality which leads to conflict and crisis in the society and the state of peace, love and brotherhood is in danger. It can be seen from the recent case of Delhi in which a boy stabbed a girl multiple times in front of public and noone dares to stop him. This shows the classical example of ethical poverty that prevails in our society.

Secondly, we can also talk about social poverty that prevails all over the world in different forms. for example, in India it prevails in the form of caste based attrocities against SCs / STs, likewise discrimination against black people in the western countries and the universal harassment

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of Womens and other genders. Social poverty leads to violation of their basic human rights and their survival with dignity.

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We can further talk about the cultural poverty faced by mainly developing countries of Asian and African continent. Even after breaking the chains of colonialism and reaching to great heights, they are still seen as barbaric and uncivilised civilizations by the western countries and they try to impose their cultural hegemony.

Moving on, there is a saying that "USA is what it is not because of who ~~they~~ it is but because of where it is situated." It means USA has various advantage in terms of resources

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and geography and on the other hand countries like small Island developing Countries and other Asian and African countries are deprived of resources which led to their dependent on others. Like India is dependent on Middle-East for its energy security similarly African Countries are dependent on Europe for its food security.

Lastly, we can also talk about various societies become stagnant stagnant due to deprivation of intellectual thoughts and belief in their traditions and Conservationist culture. Here we can talk about Taliban takeover of Afghanistan which leads to destruction of the Countrie's progress as they impose various restriction including Women's education.

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Now, having been diswssed different facets now we can talk about the reasons for these deprivations and their larger implications.

Reasons for poverty and its implications

As we have seen that poverty is a multidimensional concept, the reasons which are responsible for this are also multifaceted. The most important reason ~~which~~ in my understanding is the "Drain of wealth' which was done by colonial masters and their faulty policies which was made keeping in mind the interest of their Nation. Due to this Countries like India which was once known as 'golden bird' is at present home to largest poors of the world in economic sense.

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further, after Colonialism the second most important factor is giving primacy to self interest over others and rise of materialism and consumerism which leads to inequalities and feeling of isolation without enjoying the true meaning of life.

Moving on, the feeling of superiority of one's culture, religion, gender or caste is the major reason for decline in human values and fissures in the social harmony. We can also talk about the decline of value based education which was prevalent in ancient times playing an important role in increasing ethical and social poverty.

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At last, the power seeking nature of man which translates into power seeking nature of Countries also play an important role for various deprivations. Like we can see in the case of Russia-Ukraine war, there is implication for the whole world in terms of energy resources, food resources and the civilizational and global values.

The Silver Lining

Having been diswssed comprehensively about poverty and its larger implication, the feeling is that all is grey, however this is not the case. Human civilization have progressed from a small species in the African continent to the one that reaches to the moon, so we can do a lot but

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Some Coordinated efforts are needed. Firstly there is an important and Urgent need of Value based education and training through Religious teachings and lives of great personalities like Gandhiji, Nelson Mandela etc. to tackle Ethical and Social poverty.

The Civilizational value of 'Vasudhaiva kutumbkam' needs to be promoted all over the world so Countries connect with each other in a friendly manner and not with the intent of exploiting the other one.

There is also an need of strong affirmative actions by the State for the weaker sections and better and effective implementation of its policies like MGNREGA,

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Beti Bachao Beti Padao, PM Garib kalyan Yojana. The government has taken various steps and brought 415 Million people out of poverty between 2005-06 to 2019-20. However, much more has to be done.

Further, society should be open to new thoughts, ideas and innovations for moving ahead so that all kind of deprivations can be eliminated and young and energetic girls like Radha and Tina can pursue their dreams, live their life to the fullest and contribute to the growth and development of the Nation.

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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।

15. International Trade is a good indicator of National security

Both India and Pakistan became independt at the same time in August, 1947. Both the countries have more or less same type of society, both have the same set of challenges in front of them and resources in terms of per capita were more with Pakistan. However, if we talk about the present situation our neighbour Pakistan is miserably failing on all fronts be it economic, political

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in terms of forex crisis and unstable government which comprehensively leads to deteriorating national security situation. On the other hand, India is emerging as a new superpower in the world and making its mark dominantly in every field. for both these situations the most important factor that played the role is the International trade of both the countries. While Pakistan's total trade in 2022 is around 110 $ Billion whereas India does a trade of 1.17 $ Trillion which reflects the security situation of both the countries. Hence, International trade leads to National security. How? will be our main area of focus, Other than this we will also see that what can be the other indicators of National Security and how sometimes

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International trade restricts the option of countries and become hurdle in National security. Let's explore. Before moving further, we will first try to understand what is National security.

National security of a country in its broadest sense means that protecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country and the lives and rights of its citizens from all kind of threats be it internal like crimes or external like war and terrorism. It is the duty of the government of the day of any country to fulfill these imperatives by using economic, political, cultural, diplomatic, military or any other means

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Having been discussed National Security, we should also understand the meaning of International trade. It is the total value in monetary terms of all the imports and exports of an country in a particular time period. Now, let's try to understand its role in National Security.

International trade: Pillar of National Security

To start, we can say that International trade fulfills the necessities of each country. No nation is self-sufficient on this planet, hence there is always be surplus of some things and deficit of others and hence to fulfill these defiits comes the role of trade. Like if we talk about India, we are

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dependent on Taiwan for semiconductors. It is an crucial element for all the electronic and communication devices by which we ensures our internal security.

Moving on, trade helps countries to strengthen their bond with each other which promotes cooperation and address the vulnerabilities. To illustrate, RCEP is an regional organisation primarily focused on strengthening economic ties through better trade relations. At the same time, it provides a platform to discuss the bilateral issues and dilution of crisis.

further, International trade helps in increasing the market access particularly for the developing countries which provides them the forex reserves

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by which they can strengthen their economy and promotes socio-economic development of the people. Here, we can take the example of Bangladesh who is consistently increasing its textile exports and earning major forex reserves which lead to better socio-economic growth and strengthen its National security.

To continue, we can also say that International trade not only brings investment but also brings new innovations, technology transfer which is of utmost importance in 21st Century.

As, today "we don't use technology, rather we live technology" therefore new cuttingedge technologies are helpful in military equipments like drones, promotes new avenues of

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investment like Cryptocurrency, increasing agricultural productivity all culminates into better National security.

International trade provides countries various type of essential securities like food security, energy security. If this ~~case~~ is not ~~happen~~ the case the India will never be able to electrify houses of 140 cr people and Africa will have to sleep hungry everyday and night.

Lastly, We can also provide that International trade provide some relief in emergency situations and helps to maintain some relations between adversary countries. To say this, in the covid era due to trade, supplies of essential medicines and equipment was

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possible all over the world. Likewise, even after the border clashes between India & China at Galwan Valley there is cooperation and coordination between the two and trade plays an important role behind it.

Now, having sufficiently discussed about the role of trade in ensuring National Security, we should ask ourselves that is it the only indicator or there can be more? Let's ponder upon this.

Other than trade, Geography plays the most important role in ensuring National Security. It is said that "USA is superpower because of its geography" as it does not have much bordering countries and large sea coastline providing huge resources.

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On the other hand, their is India which has adversary countries on North West, i.e., Pakistan and on North and North East in the form of china.

After geography, other indicators of National security is the formation of alliances. Some countries are not having such resources that they can build their own military and economic prowess and here, grouping helps in ensuring their National security. for example, NATO and former Warsaw pact.

Moving on, the political environment of the Nation also ensures the National security of the Nation, if the environment is stable. However, if there is unstability then the country will be susceptible to various threats.

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Such as in Ancient India, Mauryan Empire was able to survive external threats even that of Alexander due to strong political environment. However, if we see Pakistan at present, it is suffering from insurgency and extremism due to unstable political nature.

Lastly, the human resource development of the country also plays an important role in the National security. If the country invest heavily in Capacity building like health, education, skill development then the country will reach to great heights and they will easily survive any kind of threat.

Now, coming back to International trade, the question comes to my mind is that is it always good indicator of ~~International~~ National security or

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Other Way around. Let's see.

Trade creates dependence of some countries on others and then this will reduce the bargaining power of trade deficit countries and gives power of exploitation to trade surplus countries.

Other than this, large volume of international trade also gives rise to smuggling of weapons, drugs, humans and even in animals which will bring illegal resources in the hands of non-state actors and that will compromise the national security of countries.

further, to increase the trade countries have to increase the share of production. for this, ~~the~~ many countries violates the basic human rights in terms of low wages, using humans like machines and exploiting their circumstances. This is violation of the ~~Ver~~ ~~very~~ human

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dignity which is an essential part of the personality of a person.

From all the discussion, we can infer that International trade is indeed ~~the~~ one of the most essential indicators of National security and it has to be strengthened by Reforming Multilateral bodies like WTO, UN and many others. Also, the increase of production for trade should be in a sustainable manner without violating the human dignity. The other indicators should go hand-in-hand with international trade for comprehensive National security and efforts should be strengthened to increase international trade because according to James Forrestal "for the only way in which a durable peace can be created is by World-wide increase of international trade."

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