

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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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।

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" Have you ever watched kids,
On a merry go-round?

Or listened to the rain,
Slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's exstotic
flight?

Or gazed at the sun fading
into the night?

Ever told your child,
we will do it tomorrow?

And in your haste,
Not see his tomorrow?

When you run so fast
to get somewhere,

You miss half the fun of
reaching there.

When you worry and hurry
through your days,
it's like an unopened gift
thrown away."

This poem portrays the message
that in the worry of tomorrow,
we all are missing the best gift
given by the god in the form of
present. We are not grasping the
opportunities or taking the joy

and fastened your actions to get the results without enjoying the process.

And in the end everything fades away.

Therefore, it is important to live in the present and why it is, we will explore this along the questions of why people worry about tomorrow, how this will affect them. We will also understand the importance of sometimes giving a thought about the tomorrow and how we can make it fruitful. Let's start.

Being in the present is not a cup of tea generally for most of the peoples. Human Mind wanders in every direction, often

in the uncertainties of future and sometimes also in the mistakes of past. For instance, A person ~~is~~ starting an startup often thinks about that what if it does not succeed rather than focusing on to make it succeed.

Being in the present is important as it contributes to our energy levels and motivation to achieve our goals. It channelises our energy in the right direction, prevents it from going here and there.

It can also be deduced from the philosophy of 'Nishkama Karma' of Bhagavad Gita. It emphasises on working hard and with

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dedication to just make our present better, without worrying about the tomorrow.

To illustrate, if we want to grow a tree, we just have to focus on giving it water daily without thinking about that it will grow or not.

Focusing on present also gives an individual a feeling of self satisfaction at the end of the day. This self satisfaction comes from accomplishing the tasks.

Accomplishing tasks require working on to improve oneself better day by day and acquiring new skills.

Thomas Edison invented the bulb

after 1,000 failed attempts. However, he was satisfied that he has done his work each day and learned one new thing every day.

So, focusing on present is also a learning process and it provides deep thoughts and knowledge by which one can move forward.

Further, present day also provides each individual an opportunity to interact with different persons and develop interpersonal relationships.

This happens as while doing a task, individual is stuck with some difficulties and in that time will seek emotional, physical, material help

of others. This prevents an individual from the feeling of isolationism. It also provide love and care which are the basic necessities of a person.

Now, let's devolve into the dimension of what happens when we think of tomorrow? First of all, when we worry about the uncertainties, it brings depression, distraction and reduction of joy of life and of the everyday process.

It also results into lack of action which leads to a sense of guilt inside the person and it sometimes turns disastrous for a person. This can be seen from the

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instances of student suicides that are happening due to thinking about the failure in the future exams..

Worrying about the tomorrow also results into destruction of relationships as generally we only tends to focus on the negative aspects.

It leads to a situation where an individual is living a life only for namesake with no charm or light in it. There is a famous hindi proverb for this which says "chinta aur chita ek saman hai" which means worrying is similar to funeral.

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However, even after knowing that thinking about the uncertainties can hamper one personality and self-growth, then why people still do it.

one of the main reason is high societal or parental pressure to prove oneself in the life. Society only measures success in the terms of career achievement.

Like, In India civil services is one of the prestigious service and society gives utmost respect to it. Hence, students without judging oneself that they are suited for it or not, giving their whole young life

to it. Hence in this process, as uncertainty is high, they fail to enjoy the joy of process and the opportunities that each day provides them.

Sometimes a person also sets ~~uncertain~~ uncertain goals for themselves because every other person is striving after it. This prevents them from charting out their own journey and own path.

Like, Buddha was a prince, however, he understood that his day to day joy will be in spreading the knowledge and resolving the dilemma of common people. Therefore he left his kingdom without worrying about what ^{will} happen with him in the next day.

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Now, one question that comes to my mind is that, ~~the~~ giving a thought to the future is always worrisome.

No, it's Not. However, one should have a sight vision ~~and~~ which motivated oneself to do task with utmost dedication and prevents oneself from distraction.

It also needs proper planning and strategy, resource, self-assessment to work in that direction. Like Mahatma Gandhi had a vision of free and independent India. He moved in that direction day by day with the values of Truth and Non-violence. We made a big trust with destiny and finally destiny favoured.

Having a proper vision also gives opportunity for self assessment and improve upon our mistakes. Like, Gandhiji learned from the mistakes of Non-Cooperation Movement which turns into successful implementation of Civil disobedience movement.

Hence, to summarise we can say that an individual should just focus just on making the present better while enjoying the joy and learning of the process but with a right mindset and vision.

By doing this, we can enjoy the joy of butterflies flight, sound of rain and music and also reaches to our destination without exhausting in the process.

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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।

Q.8 On Act as if it were impossible
to fail

On 7 June 1893, a young lawyer
practising in South Africa was thrown
out off the carriage of a train
which was only reserved for Whites.

On that day, this young man
decided to end these atrocities and
to break the shackles of colonialism,
whatever it takes. Firstly, in South
Africa and later after coming to

India, he led various struggles and movements, faced the wrath of colonial master and went to jail several times but was so determined and driven by the vision that nothing was able to stop him.

His actions were always in the direction of achievement of goals which we finally achieved in 1947 in the form of Independence and this man is now recognised as 'Father of the Nation'.

This shows that we should not be deterred and feared by the obstacles and shall move ahead like it is impossible to fail.

We will explore in this essay that what it takes to act in this manner. Why we sometimes fail

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despite acting. Is failure is always non-desirable and what it takes to overcome from it. Let's start

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first of all, one should have
a proper vision of the goals to
make it impossible to fail. Because
it is the vision which motivates
oneself to act with determination
and dedication & to move ahead.

This vision also prevents
oneself from distracting here & there
and guides them on the right path.
Like, Homi Bhabha saw the vision
of nuclear powered India at that
time when India has nothing in the
name of nuclear technology but he

always acted like it is impossible to fail due to this vision and finally he was able to setup the Three stage Nuclear Reactors for India.

Now, when we talk about right vision, it can be set by different reasons. One of them is the prevailing circumstances, situations and conditions of a particular time and space.

Like, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar decided to give the life of dignity to Dalits and other oppressed sections because of the atrocities imposed on them by the upper caste people in the name of religion. This results into providing social justice to them in the form of affirmative action by the state.

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Further, sometimes the goals are also driven by interests of the individual. This can be self-interest or public interest. To illustrate, an civil service aspirant can be driven by self interest in the form of authority, perks or social recognition provided by civil services or to work for the downtrodden sections at the grassroot level can be another motive.

Now, the another thing that is required to act is right guidance ~~was~~ acquired in an right manner and not by the way of deceit.

Like, In the Mahabharata Ashwathama was able to win the war because he has acquired knowledge

from Gurus Dronacharya according to the norms. However, on the other hand Karna who was more able than Arjun had to face defeat because he had acquired knowledge from Guru Parshuram by deceit and hiding his identity.

To continue, having sufficient resources in terms of humanpower, material power and skills is also necessary to act in an unwavering manner.

Here, we can talk about Revolt of 1857 which failed because the revolutionaries lacked material resources, skilled ~~the~~ soldiers. They were nothing but peasants in uniform. On the other hand, Britishers were well equipped with proper

planning and strategy. Therefore, they were successful in defeating the revolution.

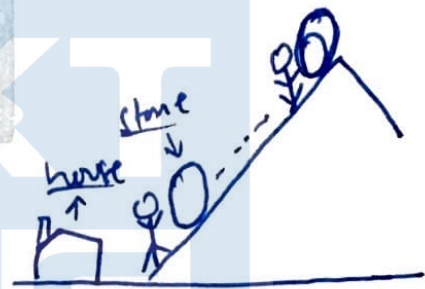
Lastly, we can also say that consistent adherence to one's values & principles, no matter what the situation is also makes it impossible to fail.

Here the foremost example comes to my mind is of Gandhiji whose unwavering adherence to the values of Truth & Non-violence even in the front of evil & violent opponent, made the impossible task of independence comes true.

So having discussed enough about that what it takes to act. Now let's explore the dimension that why we sometimes fail despite having right vision and actions.

The most important issue for this to happen that human beings have a nature that seeks result in a short span of time. They fix their limit of patience, tolerance at very minimal and when it reached all the hardwork go in despair as at this time they stopped taking further actions.

Like, if we look at this picture, this person has made it all the way up by pushing the stone to protect his house. However, when it needed just an extra wedge he stopped and all the work go in despair.



This shows that sometimes we are so close to achievement of goals. However, that required an extra wedge and we failed at that moment.

Another issue is that an Individual sets ambitions sometimes either by societal or parental pressure or sometimes because everyone doing it. They don't check their strengths, weakness, interest, passions that they are suited for it or not. Even when somehow they got it, they will not be able to do the justice and ultimately it leads to their destruction.

Like, if Sachin Tendulkar becomes an administrator and T.N. Seshan becomes an cricketer. Then our country will be deprived off the God of Cricket and people's administrator.

Moving on, another issue is that sometimes an Individual initially

Set the motion in sight path and move on that with determination however in the middle of that he/she gets distracted and became lost. This can happen due to various reasons such as complacency, vested interests, wrong assessment of oneself, feeling of superiority and much more.

Like, in the famous tale of Rabbit and Tortoise, Hobbit could easily win had ~~he~~ ^{it} ~~doesn't~~ ~~became~~ ^{become} complacent and ~~made~~ ^{made} wrong assessment of Tortoise capabilities.

Lastly, if we do not get the support of family, friends at the Individual level, community at the societal level and other nations at the International level then also

We can fail despite taking actions. Support is very essential for the overall well being and wholesome development.

Now, the question is that is failure always bad. The answer is No.
 It is the failure which motivates ^{one} to work hard even more and improve. Failure should be seen as a guiding torch which shows the future path. It should provide the fuel to move ahead.

Our whole Nation was in tears when our Chandrayaan-2 mission got failed. We have seen the images of Isro head in tears and PM Modi consoling him. However, Isro as an organisation is example in itself

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to learn from failures. They have shown that success is built ^{only by} upon the bricks of failure and they have successfully recently launched Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

To conclude, we can say that to act in a way that it is impossible to fail, we just have to break the spell of inertia and frustration. We have to act boldly and unseen forces will come to our aid.

Bhagwat Gita also held that "To the faithless, to the ignorant, there is no happiness to the self-doubting".

Hence we should be faithful, aware and happy so that we can move on the path of Buddha who says "Appo dipo bhava" which means "be your own light".