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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।

3. Great principles, great ideals know no nationality

Dalits were oppressed in India, Womens were oppressed in Afghanistan, Blacks were oppressed in South Africa and America;

It was against this oppression, leaders like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in India, Malala Yousafzai in Afghanistan, Nelson Mandela in South Africa and Martin Luther King Jr. in America led their

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struggle. Though the situations were different, the conditions were different but the common link was giving life of dignity and protection of rights of these sections. All leaders fought for providing social justice to these sections.

Hence, we can see that though nationalities were different, leaders were same, i.e., social justice. Therefore, it is true that great principles and ideals see know no nationality.

But what makes these ideals and principles ~~was~~ great? Why they have universal relevance? Are there ungreat principles also which are universal? We will find out in this essay.

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Ideals & Principles : What makes them great ?

firstly, great ideals and principles are those which leads to nourishment and emancipation of human souls. They relieve all their sufferings and make them free from all sort of dilemmas.

Like, Buddha has shown that the cause of suffering is desire and to be able to free from this suffering one has to follow the eight-fold path. Though, Buddhism was originated in India but now all of South-East Asian Nations, Japan, Mongolia pursue Buddhism.

Secondly, those principles which gives priority to larger public interest over self interest can be called as great. Because the ultimate goal of life is to

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achieve happiness. Now, one can get this happiness by fulfilling one's own interests. However, this is kind of selfishness, real hapiness is one which comes by serving others and devoting oneself to others.

Whether it is Marian Wright who says "Service is what life is all about" Or Muhammad Ali who says "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth" all have emphasized on serving others.

Thirdly, ideals which motivates oneself to continously & dedicately remain true to their goal undettered but by following pure means can be called as great.

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Here, we can talk about Immanuel Kant's deontological approach or Gandhiji's emphasize on Truth & violence, both have given priority to means over ends.

Lastly, protecting the rights of the vulnerable sections be it women, minorities, transgenders and even that of innocent animals and environment is the message of great principles & ideals.

Whether it is Hindu civilisation in India which held that "Yatra Nariyastu Pujante Ramante Tatra devata" (Deities reside where women are honoured) or Christian civilisation in West which held that "Women shouldn't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" all emphasized on

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protecting the rights of women. Now, having been diswssed about what makes the principles great. Let's explore that what makes them universal.

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Ideals & Principles : Universal in Nature

The basic fundamental reason is that we all have evolved in the same way whether we are Indians or American, we all are homosapiens. Hence, the rational thinking and human nature will be same.

Like, Machiavelli gave similar ideas to his prince as ~~them~~ Kautilya gave to Chandragupta Maurya though both differ in time and space. Both wanted consolidation of their motherland hence, give specific principles and ideals to promote their Nation's interest.

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Further, no society or nation is infallible. All have gone through ups & downs, so the peculiar responses to the adverse circumstance also generate similar ideas irrespective of nationality.

Like, whether it is American Civil Rights movement or Indian freedom struggle movement, ideas are protection of rights of the individuals.

Moving on, exchange of peoples between nations also led to universalization of ideas. When an individual is exposed to different civilisations, he try to learn all the virtuous thing and make them proliferate in his own backyard. To illustrate, a ~~prince~~ Brahmin from South India named Kaundinya established

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Cambodia as a new nation based on Indian civilisation values.

Lastly, every person dream to bring prosperity to his nation, community, family. Hence, these dreams also pushes the human beings to remain committed, dedicated and thinking rationally which become principles of every individual and every nation.

Like, every country wants to know the origin of earth and interplanetary observations then each have to invest in space technology hence it becomes the Universal norm.

Now, the question that comes to my mind is are the great principles only universal in nature? The answer is big No. Ungreat principles are ~~Universally~~ equally universal if not

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more.

In present times, there is a tendency to fulfill self interests at any cost. This gives rise to greed, consumerism at individual level. Communal clashes at societal level and wars, terrorism in form of proxy wars at national level.

further, there is a decline of democratic values everywhere and rise of authoritarian tendencies limiting the liberties of the individual, curbing their freedom to express and making them a mere spectator.

We can see this explicitly in the African continent where there has been coups in four countries in last one year.

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Also, there is a proliferation of atrocities against the minorities in the name of religion, caste, ethnicity, gender etc. which is opposite to the universal great ideals and principles of liberty & fraternity. This can be seen in the recent cases of violence against black peoples whether it was George floyd or Nahel Merzouk in western countries.

Lastly, there is destruction of natural environment all over the world for fulfilling the self interests in the name of development. This has given rise to numerous challenges such as climate change, Ozone depletion, Global warming. This has happened because we have not followed the great ideal of "Prakriti Rakshti Rakshtah" (Nature save those, who save nature)

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Having been sufficiently ~~been~~ discussed about the ungreat values and principles, we can understand the importance of great values and principles not just for an Nation but for the entire humanity.

These universal values should be the basic framework of all the curriculum of the students. These can further be proliferated by promoting the ideas of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Swami Vivekanada and also philosophers like Socrates, Rawl's (theory of Justice) and many more.

Emphasis should also be given on the civilisation values like rationality of Greeks, Conserving nature of ~~Indians~~ Bhutanese, Hardworking of Japanese,

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Spirituality of Indians. Every nation should accept these values because it is only through these values we can bring peace and prosperity to the whole world.

Hence To conclude, we can say that it is the result of these universal values and principles that humanity have survived the 70000 yrs from evolution, with various ups and downs but undeterred due to guiding path of these values.

Therefore, we should protect them & cherish them so that we can further achieve the goal of

"Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah
(May all be happy
Sarve Santu Niramaya"!
(May all have well being)

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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।

8. We cannot despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human being

Relations between India and Turkey have been not going well from last few years because Turkey wanted to become the leader of Muslim world and for this, it gave unconditional support to Pakistan on the issue of Kashmir. Turkey has raised arguments against India at various platforms be it UN General assembly

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OH OIC. However, Recently Turkey & Syria Were hit by a Intense Earthquake which has magnitude of 7.8. It has taken more than 50,000 lives alone in Turkey and affected a large area.

At this time, irrespective of the nature of Relations, India Was the first Country to Send humanitarian assistance in the form of Medical team, Medicines, food and personnels for Search & Rescue Under "operation Dost".

This shows that Regardless of the Situations & circumstances, we Cannot forgot humanity because it is the highest moral value

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and also because we ourselves are human beings. Now the questions that arises are that what is the meaning of humanity in real sense? Why we cannot despair of it? What are the consequences of despairing it and how it can be enhanced? Let's explore.

Humanity : Highest Moral Value

Humanity in its simplest sense means that understanding & trying to eradicate the pain and sufferings of others. We can only understand this pain by putting oneself into the shoes of others and feeling that what it would have been if we are in similar situation.

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Now, we can say that one should observe or ensure humanity because life is the most precious gift given to mankind by almighty god. And the purpose of life is to get happiness. This can be achieved through materialistic means in the form of pleasure.

However, in reality it is a illusion. The real happiness can be achieved by devoting oneself in the service of others, whatever it takes. This can also be inferred from Leo tolstoy who held that "The sole purpose of mankind is to serve humanity and nothing else".

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Our religious scriptures also be it Bhagvad Gita, Quran, Bible, Guru Granth Sahib have given the same message of sacrificing oneself at the alter of others. According to Rig Veda, "Prithvim Dharmam Dhritam" which means Dharma (Duty) is one which holds life on this earth and the most important duty is to serve humanity.

Similarly, this sacrificing nature to serve humanity can be seen from the lives of great personalities like Swami Vivekananda who held that "Service to mankind is service to god". He himself started Ramakrishna

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Mission in 1897 and built various Orphanages, hospitals, schools to help poors & destitutes.

Further, Mother Teresa also devoted all her life to give life of dignity to the poors for whom there was nobody to care for. She founded a order called 'Missionaries of Charity' which provided humanitarian assistance all around the world.

In addition to this, humanity can also be ensured by showing masses the right path which protects them from deviating towards darkness. Gautam Buddha has shown the path of humanity by spreading the message of Unity and service to others.

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Lastly, we can also ensure humanity by protecting the human rights of the people. Nelson Mandela held that "to deny people their basic human rights is to deny them humanity".

Now, having sufficiently discussed about meaning of humanity and why we cannot despair of it, let's move to the second question that why humanity is in decline and its consequences.

Humanity: State of decline

At the Individual level, humans in 21st century gives more priority to self-interest at the cost of public interest or part is prior to whole.

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The pleasure seeking nature of humans or consumerism force them to ignore human values for the sake of profit. This can be illustrated by the incident of COVID-19, where on one hand people were dying because of lack of medicine, oxygen cylinder and on the other hand people were hoarding essential medicines and giving priority to profiteering over human lives.

At the societal level, communities are indulged in the battle of superiority or inferiority in the name of caste, class, race, ethnicity, language, gender and so on. This promotes the value of hatred, religious fundamentalism, communal clashes, caste

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atrocities and the ancient values of social brotherhood, unity in diversity, communal harmony are in decline. This can be inferred from the instances of George Floyd & Nahel Merzouk showing racial discrimination against black people in the western countries.

At the national level, there is a decline of democratic values & liberties, rights of people and rise of authoritarianism and totalitarianism. This can be inferred from the recent instance of Military coups in Myanmar, Mali, Burkina faso, Niger etc. and Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. This has severly impacted the human rights of the

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people living in these countries. Like, Taliban imposed complete ban on the education of females and their participation in labour force. Similarly, Russia-Ukraine war which is going on from ~~last~~ more than one year has impacted the humanity all around the world in the terms of food, energy and lives etc.

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Humanity : A Road to just society & harmony

As, we have seen the cause of despair of humanity & its harmful consequences, it is pertinent that we take efforts to ingrain it into the hearts and minds of people.

This should be started with the family itself because family is the

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first institution of socialization of a child. Hence, they should inculcate the values of tolerance, goodness, respect, love in a child.

Further, the educational institutions should promote value based education rather than just rote learning. The real motive of education ~~is to~~ should be character building, humanistic attitude other than knowledge. They should also teach childrens about the values & lifes of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther king, BR Ambedkar & so on.

Moving on, religious societies should shed the value of religious fundamentalism & orthodoxy and promote

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the path of "Sarva Dharma Sambhava" or religious tolerance. This can be done by better religious & social cohesion.

Lastly, Nations should base their policies on the civilizational value of 'Vasudhaiva kutumbakam" and democracy to bring peace & prosperity for all. Multilateral institutions like UN, WTO, IMF should also be strengthened in this direction.

Therefore, to summarise we can say that it is the humanity which binds us together for peace and progress and we cannot despair of it or also said by Mahatma Gandhi that "Humanity is like an ocean, just because few drops are dirty does not mean that whole ocean is dirty".

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