

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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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।

1. Reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form

"Everything happens for a Reason"

The quote is often used to signify or give solace on occurrence of a certain event. There is always seen a rationale or reason behind a occurrence. Reason may be there in manifest or latent form. Reason may also exist in a form which may not be considered reasonable by a large no. of individuals. But still, Reason was there, albeit not in a reasonable form.

Throughout the history of mankind, there are instances which signify the above quote. Taking the instance from the epic Mahabharata, Karn sided with the Kauravas against the Pandavas. This despite the fact that he knew that Kauravas were on the wrong side of things. It may appear unreasonable. But there was a reason. The reason was Karn's rivalry against Ayudh. He wanted to defeat Ayudh at any cost. In the same epic, one more instance can be seen. Shri Krishna exhorted Ayudha to attack Karn when Karn was unarmed. Krishna reasoned that Akshimaynu was also killed by Kauravas when he was unarmed. Although the reason given by Krishna may not sound reasonable, but still death of Karn was necessary for the expedition's closure of the war.

Similarly, in the early centuries, there was the rise of Caste system. The institution of caste came as it was reasoned that it was mentioned in the scriptures. This Reason for existence of caste was found to be unreasonable. But the upper caste felt the reasoning as fair as it helped in maintaining the purity of blood.

Coming forward in the middle of 16-17th century. There was growth of a new economic system in the form of capitalism. Capitalism was about savings, reinvestment of the savings. Capitalists lived life like ascetic. It was quite surprising and looked beyond any reason that why someone lived a ascetic life after earning so much. It was actually later that Max Weber conducted a study on this phenomenon.

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Max Weber in his study, Protestant
ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
^{asserted} that it was the Protestant ethic
which provided the spirit for the
rise of capitalism. It was Protestant
ethic of savings, discipline that
led them to live a simple life.
Reason albeit, not manifest, but still was
there.

Perhaps it was the extension
of the system of capitalism that
impacted the world in the early
20th century. They were the world
Wars. The W.W I started on
the pretext of assassination of
Archduke of Austria in Bosnia. It
was alleged by Austria that killing
was planned by Serbs. They retaliated
and this marked the beginning of
WWI. While killing of an individual
can lead to a world war may

seem a flamed reason. But behind all this, there was a competition among the major powers to acquire the different colonies to ensure the smooth functioning of their capitalist system.

In the same light, Hitler's decision to attack USSR during 2nd w.w when he had already signed a Non-Aggression Pact with USSR, was found to be without any reason. But the reason was there. It was Hitler's hatred for communism that made him take such a move. His policy against the Jews was also based on hatred.

The Russia, which was the centre of USSR, is presently also involved in a war. The war against Ukraine has going for about 1.5 years.

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While Russia has called this a special military operation, but there exists a reason behind such a move. The reason is Russia's desire to shield itself from the influence of NATO. Ukraine's proposed membership to NATO was a major reason. Although it may seem unreasonable, but still there is a reason.

Coming from geopolitics to politics. In politics, there has been a tendency of caste based noting that is taking place. While it may seem unreasonable why anyone would note on basis of caste, rather than noting for development. But the reason is that in India people drive greater satisfaction from caste, religion etc. than to the idea of nation as a whole.

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Similarly, in our society there is seen a preference for male child. women have done equally well as men in different spheres of life. But still son preference is anti-reasonable. But a son is considered important for ritual, economic & other reasons.

Like, the son is supposed to take care of parents. He has to the last rites also. While all these can be performed by daughter also, but it is the social and cultural norms that provide reasoning for sons such preference.

Even in the business world, this trend is anti-existent. Women are not given important positions in the organisations. They are denied

positions citing same reasons. All these seem very much unreasonable. Reasons can be many. But one of the important reasons is the patriarchal mindset that is not receptive of women playing leadership roles.

On the same lines, reasons are given for not criminalising marital rape. It is said that this can have the effect of causing the breakdown of family. No empirical evidence supports the above reason. Unreasonable as it is, marital rape is still not legally recognised same kind of discrimination is faced by the transgender. They are denied their basic entitlements citing procedural issues while denying a

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community, its legitimate rights,
just on grounds of procedural
issues may seem to be unreasonable.
But a latent cause of such
denial is ~~that~~ a feeling among
the section of population that
such a behaviour is against
the law of nature.

But there are things
that occur for no reason
and are quite unreasonable.
For ex: unprovoked use of
force by Pakistan against India.
This is through giving shelter
to forces that are against India.

India has always
followed a policy of peace,
friendship and harmony. But
still Pakistan, for no reason,
is involved against India.

while some provide reason in form of Pakistan is wife for Kashmir, but it is unreasonable as it is beyond doubt that Kashmir is an integral part of India.

To conclude, many things may not be visible when seen subjectively. Objective analysis of a phenomenon is required to understand it. Like the existence of religion. People worship for the simple reason that they find solace, helps in reducing their anxiety. While religion is reasoned as a myth, but this myth exists for a reason. Thus, as long as there will be mankind, there will be reason. As unto mankind to see it!

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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।

6. It is not that we use technology.
we live technology

Technology is commonly
defined as application of scientific
knowledge to solve the problems
that one encounters. Technology
is omnipresent in today's world.
It has become such an important
part of our lives that we
may get a feeling that we live
technology rather than simply
using them.
It is usually believed
that technology is being relevant.

for modern world only. But, technology, albeit primitive one was also used in ancient time. The ancient man used primitive tools. These tools were an important aspect of his existence.

Through these tools, primitive man got things which he required for survival. It provided him a sense of control on nature that was seen too overpowering at times. The level of civilisation, the mode of production is defined by technology. Like the development of tools used in ancient period, led to a change in mode of production from ancient to feudal period. Better tools helped in better civilisation of land. This led to the development of agriculture.

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Development of aquaculture was a watershed moment. It helped in dealing with food scarcity and allowed the man to live a settled life. This settled life in turn promoted growth of civilization. Technology, thus, was instrumental in shaping the civilization.

Gradually, there was a more sophisticated development of technology. Invention of power loom, steam engine, better construction technology etc led to the industrial revolution. This led to the growth of Capitalism. Capitalism required a mobile force and it helped in breaking the feudal system which required attachment with land.

But this tremendous growth in technology led to unfavourable events also.

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Technology was used to develop sophisticated weapons. The development of these weapons and the urge to expand industrial base, were one of the latent reasons for the world wars.

These wars showed the destructive potential of technology. Even after the wars, there was an arms race. Development of nuclear technology, space wars etc were features of the cold war era. It gave a image that we are not using technology but it is the technology that is using us.

Even in today's time, technology is present in every sphere of life and leading to tremendous changes. Like the use of technology in

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the modern day politics. Technology like social media, smartphones etc. are used by political leaders to connect to the voters. But the same technology is sometimes used to excite communal passions

by spreading fake news. We are so much surrounded by messages transmitted by technology that sometimes we have a feel of living in a virtual world. Technology has allowed the vulnerable section to raise their voice. It is a tool which has enabled them to live a empowered and meaningful life.

On the other hand, the technology has been used to bully women. cyber crimes have also risen. What is a source

of empowerment at one instance, becomes a source of fear and suspicion at the other.

Similarly, technology like DBT JAM Trinity is used by the government to provide benefits to the needy. One has become simpler for those who previously had no access to these services. They could experience the transformation that has been caused by the use of technology.

But at the same time, underprivileged and digitally illiterate have been at a receiving end of things also. Cyber frauds have brought suspicion in their minds about the utility of such technology.

Technology has also been used to enhance the

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security of the nation. men at
borders are replaced by Drones
and satellite based monitoring.
Continuous monitoring of borders
using these technologies has
helped reducing human casualties.

Surveillance using
these technologies can be used
for mischievous ends also like,
the recently Pegasus issue.
Here it was alleged that
spyware was used for surveillance
of opposition leaders and other
personalities. This is a grave
threat to privacy. Technology
generated a deep sense of
insecurity among these people.

technology is used by some
states against the other states.
Like, alleged Chinese sky attack on

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the electronic grid of India. Space
based weapons are also used
to target other states. Thus,
technology is affecting life not
only on earth but also in space.

One of other profound
impacts of technology has
been to bridge the gaps between
people. Use of word / video calls
to connect with our loved ones
who are far has kept us
bringing the world closer. It is
as if, we see our loved ones
only through the digital tools.

But this also meant
that the warmth and affection
that individuals experience is
physical interactions is missing.
we live in a virtual world
where messages are conveyed but
meanings are not.

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India as a nation has tremendous benefitted due to technology. earliest benefit was seen in terms of Green Revolution. The use of HYV seeds saw tremendous increase in food production. But it also led to increasing consumption and lead to anomie.

Then came the telecommunication technology. It brought new boost to economic development in the country. It led to better integration of India with the rest of world.

Gradually, there was development of nuclear technology. when it served to increase the security of nation, it also led to suspicion among the neighbours. This lead to arms

race in' sara' only.

Technology has the tendency of bringing together people at the cost of their diversity. It has a homogenising tendency. It also is a agent of social change, but the effect on change is slow.

To conclude technology is simply not a privilege that can be used. But it has become a necessity. Individuals, community and nation seem incomplete without the presence of technology. It empowers at some instance, cause damage

at other. Man actually creates new technology and then lives in a world driven by technology. Technology has become a way of life, rather than a way to ease of living.