

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।

④ "Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you"

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"Zindagi ek safar hai Buhana,
Yahan kal kya ho kune jaana..."

These lines ^{sung} by Kishore Kumar aptly describes that beauty of life lies

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in the fact that no one knows what surprises it holds for us ahead in time.

In the movie "The Sky is Pink", this statement is further exemplified by telling the story of girl, suffering from a terminal disease. The girl's supreme desire to live everyday like it's a profit led her to write & publish a book telling everyone about her story. The book became a bestseller and continues to inspire generations.

"Drop the question what tomorrow may bring" shines light on the basic philosophy of life that it is fruitless to worry about things which are not in our control. The future is unknown and no one on this

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planet can escape the uncertainties of tomorrow.

"count as profit everyday that fate allows you" further elaborates it by explaining that "life is lived in the present". No matter how good or bad the present is, we have to live with it with peace. If it's a good day, enjoy to the fullest & if it's a bad day, work the hardest you can, but be thankful that you have been given the opportunity to live & excel one more day.

If you want to know the importance of something, ask the person who doesn't have it. Importance

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of one extra day in life should be asked to terminally ill people. They will tell you how they can do anything to live one more day, the same day that you have taken for granted.

This concept could also be seen as doing the right thing today and not worrying about its results in future.

In our country where debates relating to universal civil code^(ucc) are in limelight, political parties should stop worrying about what implementation of UCC will do to their vote bank tomorrow and if found justified, implementing UCC today.

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The world is facing severe
environmental crisis. The society should
form a united front in doing their
bit everyday to protect the environment.
Each new day gives us a new
opportunity to undo the damage
done to the environment in the past.

Each ^{new} day brings to us a
fresh start to live life in a way
we want. Oliver Wilde has said
"To live is the rarest thing, most
people just exist". Most people
spend their lives ^{just} worrying about
future. They forget to live ^{& enjoy} what
has already come in their life.
Recent Pandemic of COVID-19 has
helped a lot in making people realise

how uncertain the future is & how important it is to live in the present.

Gandhiji while leading the Indian National Movement focussed on his actions in the present. He focussed on the "means" rather than the "ends". It was his vision which won India its independence one-day-at-a-time i.e. small-small actions done everyday resulted in biggest victory of independence.

There are rising cases of depression, anxiety etc. in the society.

The world is moving at a faster pace, now more than ever, resulting in rise in competitive spirit but

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also anxiety about future. People are visiting Palm readers, Kundli readers just to know the littlest thing they can about their future.

This behaviour is unhealthy and unsustainable. There is a need to educate society about the importance of living in the present or else

India does not have enough hospitals to handle the number of mental health patients ^{that} this anxiety will create.

This concept of "living in the present" has shown some negative aspects as well in the present society. For some people have adopted this concept in its extreme form. There is a rise of trend

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in the younger population about normalising the use of drugs.

They have reasons like "you only live once". Menace of drug abuse and alcoholism is spreading like plague in the youth.

Some people also see it as "not thinking about the consequences of our actions taken today". They believe that if the future is so uncertain, then goals like "sustainable development goals" are worthless.

Massive increase in population, pollution etc. are due to people who are not ready to take responsibility of future as it is not their job.

technological advancements
like atom bombs, hydrogen bombs
etc. completely overlooked the impact
that they can have on society
tomorrow.

Political parties distributing
freebies during elections completely
overlook the repercussions on state
treasury. Their main focus is to
win the election today & drop the
voices that their actions will create
tomorrow.

Not worrying about future or
what tomorrow brings does not
mean not planning about tomorrow

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People using credit cards to fulfill every whim they have, not realising that they have to pay the bill eventually.

Students are taught this concept so that they can avoid developing anxiety about exams and study freely. Issue arises when students use this to escape studies all together.

What students fail to understand is that there is also a concept of "Doing the right thing at the right time."

Extremes of everything is wrong & that is what Buddha's middle path teaches us. There is a need for educating people

about the fact not worrying
about tomorrow holds true when
we are also doing the right thing
today. Right thing can be different
for different sections of society.
It can be studying hard for students
and maintaining fiscal balance for
political parties.

Paulo Coelho in his book has
written "The possibility of our
dreams coming true someday makes
this life worth living". So, if at all
you need to think what future
holds for you, think about it
with utmost optimism & hope.
This will help you in doing what

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you are doing in the present
with more enthusiasm & joy.

"Add life to days & not days to
life". Live everyday with being
the best possible version of yourself.



खण्ड-B / Section-B

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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।

⑤ Act as if it were impossible
to fail

David Hoggins, an ex-NAVY SEAL, shared his story on how he ran 100 miles in a day. While sharing his story, he told how badly he was hurt mid-way with blood coming out of his every orifice, how badly he wanted to just give up. But he didn't stop, he refused to fail and completed the

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100 miles. This vigour is needed to get things done and act as if it were impossible to fail.

"Act as if it were impossible to fail" basically means acting with outstanding dedication and high self-confidence while doing a job, as if not-doing the job is not even an option.

What does 'failing' even mean? It certainly does not mean ^{just the} inability / failure to complete a task. Stephen Richards said "The only time we fail is when we fall down & refuse to stand up again". Thus, Failing in a task is not a true failure, giving up on the task is the real failure.

Lewis Hamilton - 7 time Formula 1

world champion is a clear example
of people who act as if it is impossible
to fail. When an interviewer asked him
how he coped up after losing the chance
to win the 8th championship in the
final rounds, he replied "It doesn't
matter how you fall, what matters
is how fast you get up". This
attitude makes it impossible for him
to fail.

It was this attitude which
made rulers like Alexander capture
large territories in world. Rough
terrains, deep valleys, huge mountains
stood no chance against the valour
of these great rulers who passed
through them undefeated to fulfill

their gods.

Gandhiji gave the slogan "Do or Die" which pushed Indians to the edge of their full potential in the fight against the British.

Great freedom fighter Bhagat Singh fasted for more than 100 days to prove his point. Failing was not even an option for him.

As a society, we should use this vigour & determination in fighting the societal evils like untouchability, dowry system etc.

It is time to start movements against these evils with the clear intention of not stopping until these are eradicated.

Same movements can be started against environmental issues like pollution, global warming, animal poaching etc. Each individual fighting a war against these issues should also have a "Do or die" attitude.

There is war going on in the world and a small country like Ukraine is standing with utmost will against the nuclear power Russia.

Same display of sheer will was displayed by British air force in the World War II against the overpowering Nazi air force. The Nazi air force had to fly back despite being more in number. Words by Winston Churchill "We will not surrender" resonated in the whole of world. This display of

of strength in the face of adversities is a testament to ^{the} attitude of acting as if it were impossible to fail.

True strength of democracy lies in the presence of strong opposition.

India was majorly ruled by a single party in the 1950s-1960s.

The "Total Revolution" movement by J.P. Narayan was done with such brutal force and determination, that it led to the collapse of Indira Gandhi's government. Indian democracy was strengthened because some people acted with "do or die" attitude.

India is a country with booming startup culture. These startups are mostly started by

young entrepreneurs who does not even have vast experience but, there is one thing they have and that is, ~~there~~ sheer will to succeed.

Experienced investors are betting their millions of dollars on such entrepreneurs because ^{they know that} it is this sheer will which will make them successful.

People like Dashkath manjhi can break mountains with their attitudes, same way, flowing water in river breaks solid rocks when they know that failing is not an option.

As motivating ^{as} this concept may sound, but as Buddha said "extremes are always wrong, we should

follow a middle path". same thing applies here. The society now-a-days is full of motivational speakers who use these concepts to motivate young generation and fuel them with adrenaline.

Some youngsters take it in the wrong way. They overburden themselves with unnecessary works in influence of these speakers. When they are not able to complete those works they feel disheartened and curse themselves. This has lead to rise in cases of anxiety and depression amongst youngsters.

Also, some people turn this confidence into overconfidence and attain a

god-like attitude. This overconfidence in people have lead to great catastrophes. Hitler was so overconfident about his strengths that in attempt to capture more territory, he attacked Poland. This lead to the beginning of World War II whose destruction is still felt by people.

The Great ship Titanic was about to leave when someone asked the management about why there are so low number of life boats, they replied "even God cannot sink this ship". What happened later is no mystery now.

The theory of "Nishkama Karma" as given by Lord Shree Krishna in the Bhagwat Gita

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prohibits the thinking of result while performing an action.

It just emphasises on the present act and doing that act ethically and with full honesty. It is fruitless to keep the result in mind while acting as it is out of one's hand.

It is of paramount importance to have confidence and dedication in our thoughts and actions, but it is always necessary to mind the thin line that separates confidence & over confidence.

Younger generation should be motivated and supported

in fulfilling their jobs but at the same time they must also be taught to deal with failures in life.

when we act as if it impossible to fail we give our best performance and we may not achieve what we wanted, but that is no way a failure, as we did what we could do.

"shoot for the ~~stars~~^{moon}, even if you fail, you land amongst the stars"

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Act as if it were impossible to fail

① story of David Goggins / parkuatt manyhi

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→ People like Napoleon, Alexander the Great who captured large areas.

① Gandhiji: 'Do or die'

gave india independence

② Political - J.P. Naumyan's 'Total Revolution' led to fall of congress govt.

Economical

↳ startup with

the vigour of young entrepre-
nais millions of dollars

→ Flowing water in river
breaks large mountains
to pave way for its flow.

→ Acting with full vigour & ~~extreme~~ high self-confidence
to complete a task ~~even~~ as if non-completing
the task is not even an option.

→ environmental movements should use this.

India
Society — social reforms by reformers who
acted with vigour

World — Ukraine is facing a country like
Russia.

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People taking it too
hard on themselves,
causing anxiety, mental
illnesses.

→ German invasion
of Poland,
overestimating its strength
causing WW-II

→ Titanic management
was asked why they
are carrying such low
no. of safety bar

↳ ~~only~~ Even god
can't drown this
ship