

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।

WE CAN EASILY FORGIVE A CHILD WHO IS
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In a famous movie 'Sholay',
there is famous dialogue of Gabbar that
'Dur Dur Gaon mein jab bachaa rota hai
to maa kehnti hai so Ja beta warna Gabbar
aa Jayega', it means, in nearby villages
when child cries, then his mother says to him

that if you will not sleep then Gabbar will come. This reflects the ^{prevailing} attitude that afraid of a dark character like Gabbar was seen as normal and forgivable.

Also in same era, in Indian villages, girls were not allowed to go outside for education and employment opportunities. As this was against prevailing belief system and no one dared to break that system. This resulted in tragedy of relatively less Women Literacy rate, low FLFPR and overall marginalization of women.

Thus, forgiving a child for being afraid of dark is easy. But tragedy comes when men are afraid of light. So this brings us to the question that who is child. Then in its literal sense then a child is an individual in his early Adulthood or before that stage. But child

is also the one who lacks knowledge or wisdom Just like Newborn baby who does not know anything.

Next question that comes to our mind is 'what is darkness' and why it afraid of darkness by child is easily forgivable.

Then Darkness is state of uncertainty, challenges or chaos like children afraid of ghosts. Now afraidness of darkness becomes easily forgivable because of Accepted values that ~~an~~ an individual is afraid of something which he/she is not aware of. Like humans of prehistoric age were terrified from fire.

Then moving to next part, that 'who is man'. Then an individual having basic level of knowledge or wisdom. And 'why man gets afraid of light'. Here light reflects rationality, path towards higher degree of knowledge, humanitarism etc.

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As humans have general tendency to resist change and ~~where~~ embracing light requires embracement of change of values and existing practices, which is very difficult.

But this afraidness of the light leads to real tragedy. As American Society in 18th century resisted ~~adopt~~ abolition of slavery, as they fear that their privileges will go away and they will not get free labourers for their fields. This led to degeneration of status of Blacks and ultimately resulted in civil war taking way lakhs of lives.

Even ⁱⁿ ancient Indian society, Society was divided on caste lines, where people of lower castes were often subjugated on hands of upper castes. Various movements took place to eradicate the evil practice like Buddhism propagating for equality of all. But the fear of losing superiority by upper caste, made hampend them for adopting

the change. Resulted in continuance of caste based discrimination which is still prevalent.

Though history is filled with plenty of such examples, but if we look at ourselves as an individual, → story is same. We always prefer to stay in our comfort zone and acquiring knowledge a form of light requires us to take the discomfort of thought like Louis XVI who preferred to live with luxury instead of ~~the~~ working for people welfare resulted in french Revolution and famous 'Reign of Terror'.

Even in our family, men always takes the decision of family matters including of women's reproductive right like child spacing etc. And in order to maintain this status quo they resist modern values where both men and women share each other's responsibilities in family. Consequently leads to cases of domestic violence. and

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restriction over freedom to women

Now, Women marginalization and Subjugation in our society is result of the same. Rigidity of obsolete practices and ~~like~~ beliefs like Caste endogamy, prohibition over widow remarriages, dowry practices, Son-metro preferences etc results in tragedy of female foeticides, domestic violence over dowry demands, etc.

various orthodox practices are present in different religions especially in Civil laws sphere. These practices are contradictory in nature which often leads in communal clashes like Muh. Violence over Kanwaraja's procession in muslim belt. and Uniform civil code is the light through which these problems can be addressed. But on grounds of apprehensions for imposition of majoritarian culture over minorities, various religious groups are opposing for its implementation.

As all individuals collectively shape the national values. So this trend gets reflected there as well.

In west Africa, power is concentrated in few hands which leads to tragedy of dictatorship regime. Despite repeated calls and movements, these dictators

restrained from sharing powers. And all this eventually ended up in violent movement of 'Arab Spring'.

Even, the Administration is managed by people like us. And Max Weber rightly said 'Bureaucracy promoting Opaqueness and are Scentine, are in fact in thirst of power'. Hence, Bureaucrats create

hindrance in transparency efforts like digitalization, and As they fear of losing over their personal interests or of getting caught. But this results in tragedy of Bad Governance and poor Socio-Economic Development of People.

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In businesses, when controlled by men who resist light of fairness, Professional ethics etc. then such business results in tragedy of destroying lives of their employees, Shareholders and common people.

Harshad Mehta avoided values of fairness and transparency in his business ultimately end up in jail. His company got closed which caused loss of money of common people.

Not only businesses but even ecologically, on the name of economic development, Government is extracting as much as possible natural resources from forests, and environment. In this race of faster development, we fear taking the route of sustainable development because it might slow down the process. But this has resulted in global warming, frequent natural disasters badly impacting lives and property.

So far, we have seen tendencies resulting from men getting afraid of light and why it is easy to forgive child fearing darkness. But is it always wise to forgive child fearing darkness then i would say forgiving child for this is like men being afraid of light. It is so because, Journey from child to man passes through the forest of darkness - like Journey of APJ Abdul Kalam from poverty to missile man of India.

A child while facing the darkness will learn the essential values of courage, perseverance and garner essential wisdom.

Then these ~~man~~ child when become men are not afraid of light. As in movie Dark Knight Rises' it is said the shadows also betray us when we don't adopt darkness. Hence those child will always remain child and will have more materialistic tendencies to enjoy their comfort zone.

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Not lets see why all this is happening. So firstly it is due to Gradulation of values like 'So Ja Wana bhoot aa dayega' still prevalent in villages. This gradually creates attitude where children starts fearing darkness completely.

Secondly, Nowadays Parenting styles are also setting wrong impact as parents ~~ignore~~ ^{fulfil} all whims and fancies and neglect mistakes of child. As a result proper value development does not occur.

Thirdly, our education system focus on knowledge accumulation not on character building. Hence school parrot children are very brilliant but shallow within and these children will never have that courage to embrace light against prevalent system.

If we see at national level, then presence of vested interest like ~~the~~ power hungry mindset or financial gain motive, will always resist the

values of constitutionalism.

~~Finally~~ so isn't there any solution to this. Then the answer is yes. At family level, democratic parenting method will help in careful nurture of child's character. Just like Potterman does on pottery rotating over wheel.

Encouragement to face the darkness through observing role models like Gandhiji or through role playing can be done. Further Education curriculum should be designed in a way to induce curiosity among child. As Plato said 'Wonder is the beginning of the wisdom'. This curiosity will make child wise and will take them on path of light.

At National level, Government, Constitution, bureaucracy should be guided by the values of constitutionalism like respect to human rights, social justice etc. only then child will not be afraid of the dark and men₁₇ will not be afraid

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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।

ACT AS IF IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO

FAIL

Few years back, there was a village in Gaya District of Bihar, which was separated from main road by rocky hills. To go somewhere like hospital, fields or market, villagers had to climb and then cross the hill which was very dangerous.

Wife of one of the villages Dasrath Manjhi, was crossing that hill to bring ^{nearby} in fields for her husband who was working. While climbing, she accidentally

slipped and fell and unfortunately died. This news shook Dasrath manjhi from within. This mishap was not the first one but Dasrath manjhi decided to make it the last one. as he thought of paving the road through the hill. He sought help from villagers and government departments but all went in vain. So he took responsibility on his own and using a small hammer and chisel worked tirelessly day and night for years.

Ultimately, he succeeded in carving a road through the hill which in beginning was seen as impossible task. So, it was his 'Action' coupled with 'indomitable will' which made him 'impossible to fail'. Today he is also known as 'mountain man'. Thus, this brings us to questions of what is 'Action' and what is 'failure'. In simple words Action is 'doing something' towards ~~and~~ a 'predecided goal'. while 'Failure'

reflects inability to achieve the goal in their letter and spirit.

Now, let's figure out how should we act such that it become impossible to fail. Then we should see the Europe in early 19th century when France was facing multi front war from all sides led by Prussia. France was struggling to face war on all sides and was losing territories. There was only one way to stop this and this was by defeating Prussia. But this required crossing of ~~from~~ Alps during winter by French Army. During that time no one in the world could have thought of crossing it except Napoleon, who motivated, encouraged his Army to do it. He himself led his Army to cross French Alps and then they defeated Prussia. Hence this Act of Napoleon made it impossible for French to lose the

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war.

During American civil war, America was on the verge of disintegration and defeat of Northern by Southern States. But it was 'Actions' of Abraham Lincoln then the President of America, supported by his leadership skills, values of perseverance and fortitude which gradually made defeat of Southern States certain and failure of Northern States impossible.

Indian Freedom Struggle over Britishers, was the result of actions of many in forms of sacrifices like Bhagat Singh, getting jailed for repeated protests, which eventually result in India's Independence. In this journey Actions of Gandhiji based on non violence, truth, Self Sacrifice, Satyagraha etc made India's Independence a sure shot success. Motivated by his Actions, ~~many~~ ^{many} ~~thousands~~ said that

'Half naked man has defeated the giant mighty British Empire'.

If we see the Journey of Women movements, then we will find that the Actions of many over years have led to women Empowerment.

Actions of Raja Ram Mohan Ray against Sati Practices then, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar fight for education of girls and his actions against child marriages, resulted in improvement of women condition in the society. After that Kadambini Ganguly inspired many girls as she became first Women Graduate from India. Adding on to that development, many Ncos, today like Snehalaya, Jeevika, Kudumbashree^{etc} are working for social and economic empowerment of women. So it was collective Actions of many which made poor socio-economic condition of women impossible to survive.

Bringing development particularly Socio-economic development considering vast linguistic, ethnic diversity along with huge population and diversified geographical topography, was daunting challenge.

But actions of our constitution makers in drafting constitution which accommodated interests of all sections and provided goals to the government through DPSP. Then, focussed and targeted efforts of various governments at centre and state level through Five Year Planning, LPH, Schemes like Aspirational District, PMKSY Abhyaan etc, failed that daunting challenges and brought development to India. As poverty has reduced to 14% and GDP has increased to \$3.5 trillion dollar (5th largest globally).

~~Infact~~ ^{Nonetheless} during covid times, civil servants were facing enormous challenges in terms of saving lives amidst

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high infection rates and limited treatment facilities. These challenges were compounding because of reverse migration. Many journalists have predicted that India will succumb to Covid. But proving everyone wrong, not only Indian civil servants but doctors and other healthcare staffs worked day and night in ^{very} planned way motivated with spirit of public services, that failing against Covid become impossible and India presented one of the best examples in containment of Covid.

If we look in sports domain, then the hard work catalysed by consistency over years of sports person make them impossible to fail. Journey of Meeraj Chopra, P.V. Sindhu, Lakshay Sen are filled with such actions which

enabled them to bring medals to India.

Moving Ahead, question which now comes to mind that is not achieving the goal tantamounts to fail. Their answer to this is 'no'. As Aristotle said

'full effort is full success'. If someone

did best of their ability then it is

Success. Famous Indian Golfer Aditi

Ashok successfully overcome all the odds

of playing golf like limited infrastructure and unavailability of good coaches.

But unfortunately she managed to get rank 4 in recent olympics missing the medal.

But still this does not mean she failed.

Reaching to that level is itself a success result of her persistent actions.

So clearly Actions is imperative for getting success. As inaction maintains status quo or sometimes leads to further

degeneration. Inaction of Empires during medieval times, for ramping and strengthening their defences made them weak against Islamic invasion and made failure very much possible. Eventually, their inaction brought Persian and Mughal rule in India.

Sometimes, mere actions is not sufficient as well to make it imperible to fail. Like Excessive conforming to the rules by bureaucrats often leads in failure of outcome in terms of bad governance. Thus, along with actions, conviction, strong determination, etc are also required.

But ~~imagine~~ if our actions are goalless will it make impossible to fail. Then probably 'no' as action without ambition or goal often gets misguided.

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Sets on wrong path. And despite having all necessary ingredients we fail.

In initial stages of our freedom struggle, like individual revolutionaries, ^{or first war of independence} their efforts were of full ~~to~~ capacity but their goal were different. which led to limited

Success.

So far we analyzed how actions make impossible to fail. ~~But~~ Also, we analyzed different contours of Actions and Failure. But more often we see our action lead to failure. In addition to few points discussed above, other reasons are ignorance to do something. Nowadays trend of day dreaming is prevalent where we think of achieving a lot without moving out of comfort zone.

Then, degree of strength of will also play crucial ²⁸ role and act without

Required will is equivalent to inaction.
like Western world efforts in stopping
Russia - Ukraine war.

Next, we often keep on switching
between our goals this reduces the
impact of our actions and make future
very much possible.

So what's the solution of our
problem. Then firstly we should decide our
goal. Subsequently we need to
develop the necessary values like perseverance,
courage, determination etc. This can be
done by observing and reading about
various role models like Gandhi, Lincoln etc.

~~Then~~ Further need is of consistency in our
effort Just like Dadasaheb Phalke did.
In order to maintain consistency, motivation
guidance of guru and strong set of
values as discussed₂₉ above becomes

9 important .

Finally, we should follow the famous saying of Swami Vivekananda that 'Arise, Awake and don't stop till we get success'. ^{while} ~~Don't~~ ~~liberate~~ doing so our actions should always be based on 'Nishkama Karma' ^{along with} ~~but~~ utmost devotion to our duty that is our action. only then our Act will be as such that it will become impossible to fail.
