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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।

2. "The opposite of poverty is not wealth"

Ramesh and Suresh are two friends. On the one hand, Ramesh is very rich and has all amenities. Suresh barely able to meet his ends.

However, Ramesh is so busy that he doesn't get to meet his children. He is a regular patient for chronic diseases. Suresh, on the other hand, gets to play and spend time with his family, regularly walks and exercises.

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The question arises, if given a chance, who would you want to be born as, Ramesh or Surush? This short story reflects the importance of non-tangible things in life. Wealth is not the solution to poverty. It has a much wider connotation ranging from education to health to happiness in life.

Going forward, we will try to explore the meaning of poverty and wealth. What is the opposite of poverty and how that can be achieved. At the same time, why or when is wealth important. Poverty is viewed as absence of wealth by many while it is a much wider concept.

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Poverty : Hydra Headed Demon

Poverty encompasses lack of material and social well being.

It represents a state of being sad, irrespective of one's assets. The perpetual state of feeling deprivation ranging from familial love, respect to good times constitute poverty.

While wealth in common parlance is associated with physical or tangible assets in cash and kind.

The other forms of wealth such as health of family to support of friends, fans to good wishes from people around are also

important. A civil servant ensures

proper implementation of schemes derives sense of being wealthy by helping poor.

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An individual experiences different kinds of poverty at different stages of life. While a child is looking for someone to play with (companion), an adolescent looks for validation from peers, family and society. At same time, people in middle ages look for earning money to keeping their family happy while old age requires love and companionship from family.

All these highlight the different forms of being wealthy and physical wealth is not only thing. Lord Rama left his home to uphold the wishes of his father, leaving all the material wealth for his brothers. He is being revered in society today.

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Similarly, Lord Buddha went on to become parivaryak, leaving all the wealth behind. History is filled with numerous such stories such as Chandragupta Maurya going for Santhara.

All these instances are testament to fact that the opposite of poverty is much more than wealth. It is a sense of self satisfaction and happiness. Wealth is only of the means in removing poverty but not the only means

A sportsperson is not rich because of all the wealth earned. It is due to love of fans and skill in game. This is reason why Vishwanathan Anand in Chess to Kapil Dev or MS Dhoni in cricket

are rich. They are loved by one and all. Same is the case with film stars. While the wealth of Shah Rukh Khan can't be compared with Pankaj Tripathi, both are rich due to their craft, skills and love of audience.

This raises an important question on how to measure poverty then.

This has been explained by adopting different approaches such as Basic Necessities to Well Being to Development approach.

Presence of basic needs in form of food, shelter, clothing makes one rich. Others argue for social wellbeing also to presence of good health, education and the eradication of social evils.

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All these approaches define poverty and wealth at societal level. In larger context, a rich society is synonymous to value based society. Where people are helpful towards each other, compassionate, this automatically eliminates poverty.

Presence of racial bias in developed countries define their lack of values. Recent riots in France to movements like Black lives matter in USA highlights dismal state of affairs despite being a developed country.

Concept of Multidimensional poverty index is a step towards capturing different forms of poverty moving ahead.

The recent report highlighting fact that more than 30% people in India are multidimensionally poor despite rising per capita GDP.

This again ascertains the fact that having wealth does not eradicate poverty even at national level.

Rather, increase in wealth of country may exacerbate inequality as seen from fact that top 10% in India own more than 50% of wealth, as per world inequality report.

The continuous infrastructure projects may lead to increase in GDP of countries world wide but the environmental damage is beyond reparable. Rising incidences of climate extreme such as the

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great dome in North America,
droughts in Europe to land
subsidence in Jashimath raises
 important question of whether
 this race for wealth is good or
 not?

"We have not inherited Earth
 from our ancestors but borrowed
 it from our children."

Had the wealth been the
 only solution to poverty, all this
scientific advancement would not
 have taken place. This shows the
 importance of wealth of scientific
temper as equally important. It
 led to development of rockets,
 robots, mobiles making our lives
 easier and happier. Our constitution
 also highlights the importance of
 scientific temper in term of the
fundamental duties.

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Silver lining in Dark Clouds :
Importance of wealth.

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Although, not the only factor, wealth is required to tackle poverty also. The technological advancement requires resources. This is ^{the} reason why NASA is ahead in space exploration with Mars rover.

To deal with health issues, money becomes primary in getting good treatment. The out of pocket expenditure ^(OOPE) of around 47% is a predicament to this. Wealth drives an individual, helps in goal setting and constantly moving ahead. All the major world powers are at current stature ^(USA, China) because of good economies, enabling population to think beyond food and basic needs.

So, the question arises on how to tackle poverty in all its dimensions.

Firstly, skill development of individual to ensure basic standards of living.

Our Prime Minister has rightly said "We need job creators, not job seekers".

Along with this, value based education to ensure holistic development of individual. Ethical values and training can ensure that being rich is seen in wider context, promoting happiness.

Mahatma Gandhi has rightly said "Education that does not mould the character is totally worthless".

Role of NGOs, Civil society organ-
isations, pressure groups become

paramount in reducing poverty, resolving conflicts and wider consultation on policy making.

Ensuring the corruption free implementation of government schemes ranging from RTE Act, 2009 to NFSA, 2013 to National Health Mission to schemes like Startup and Standup India.

In the end, the concept of revisiting utilitarianism ensuring (By J.S. Mills) greatest good for all ensuring quality of happiness captures the idea of being rich.

[Gandhiji's Talisman] and isins can provide guiding light to Ramesh in ensuring happiness despite being rich and to millions of people across the world as well.

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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।

"There is more to life than
simply increasing its speed"

After the Kalinga war, Ashoka was filled with remorse when he saw the blood red Daya river. This led to the adoption of policy of Dhammagasha instead of Berigasha. The realisation that life is more than just conquering kingdoms highlights the importance of quote.

Ashoka's realisation to serve the humanity forms the basis of different

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parts of life. Life involves not only materialism, it should be lived with bigger purpose. Life involves caring for humanity, self introspection to enjoying every small victory. Always being in a hurry to achieve some aims doesn't fulfill the purpose of life.

Different scholars from Plato, to Socrates to Swami Vivekanand and Buddha highlight the virtues of life worth living for. In a similar way, we will see these virtues from different spheres of life - Be it political, economic to entertainment. We will see what more constitutes life and how it can be achieved in long run.

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from teaching of vedas to the different philosophical interpretations of life by Samkhya, Yoga, Vedanta, Vaisheshika, all point to the need for stillness in life.

The virtues of "Pratyaksha", "Anumana", "Upmana", "Shabda" form the basis of life instead of running towards success. Yoga points to "Ashtanga principle" which shows the importance of self reflection, meditation in one's story. From Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to Ramapujacharya, spiritual or devotion to God is one of elements to achieving success and happiness. Siddhanta left his home to become a parivrajak. If he had

been focussed on increasing speed of his life, he would be conquering kingdoms and fighting wars. However, realising that life is about serving mankind, we know him as lord Buddha today.

Similar philosophical approach by freedom movement leaders, especially Mahatma Gandhi led to its success. They focussed on Struggle - Force - Struggle strategy, giving masses time to recuperate, to focus on other things in life. If it had been a constant protests and violence freedom movement could have died earlier.

The famous speech "Toyst with Destiny" by Jawahar Lal Nehru

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with focus on enjoying independence highlights fact that life is more than just constant struggle.

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This constant struggle although present in form of economic development needs to be kept in check with environmental degradation.

"Economic Development and Environmental Conservation are two sides of same coin".

This highlights the fact of sustainable development. Fast paced development has led to ozone hole over Arctic to climate change and weather events such as urban floods, cyclones etc., as per IPCC Assessment reports. It has to be seen that development just like life involves conservation as well.

While this conservation is seen in form of Paris Agreement to Montreal Protocol internationally. The memories of world wars shows the narrow minded approach of global leaders. The creation of United Nations has ensured regulated pace of development and global peace at large reflecting on broader spectrum of life.

This international cooperation in Scientific advancement such as nuclear fusion (ITER) to ChatGPT use to space race again needs to focus on living a sustainable life. Increasing pace of development and industrial revolution has created many issues. This requires everyone to look inwards, realise what is more important. The open letter

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on [AI and Chat GPT] by technology leaders is testament to fact that life is more than just speed.

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This race in corporate world is reflected in startups. The life of startup with focus on just growth and valuation leads to [poor corporate governance] as seen in BharatPe. On the other hand, companies like Infosys and Tata Group built on multitude of values are rock solid.

An [individual] who focuses on just increasing her pace in corporate world tends to ignore family and health. This doesn't yield desirable results in long schema of things leading to anxiety, loneliness, depression etc.

The sports person who enjoys every small victory, gives importance to life outside game sustain for long as seen in case of Nishu Anand to Ms Dhoni.

Similarly, film stars such as Amitabh Bachchan are ~~very~~ relevant even today because they focussed on their family and health equally as their growth in films.

This fast paced life has led to fast food culture leading to more than 60% Non-communicable diseases from heart attack to diabetes in India. Fast paced life has led to rise in social media and spread of fake news. The physical meetings have been replaced by Zoom calls, leading

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low sense of self affection.

Life is more about discussion and deliberations as seen in any form of legislative process to judicial pronouncements. Increasing pace of judiciary may lead to unjust or incompetent laws.

There is no doubt to fact that increasing speed is equally important for growth or achieving aims and objectives in life. Had the response of India been slow in 1971 war or kargil war against Pakistan, we would be in a different situation. Sometimes, the speed of nuclear proliferation has led to peace and other virtues of life. ~~worth~~.

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Similarly, the rollout of COVID vaccines or service delivery by civil servants need to be in constant increasing speed to ensure public welfare and objectives enshrined in constitution.

At same time, we need to keep our focus on other aspects of life as well where speed may be one of dimensions in achieving ~~those~~

Other than speed, use of e-governance can lead to better service delivery as seen in form of UMANG app to COWIN portal. focus on [meditating] aspects can bring sense of satisfaction

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looking out for role models and their work, reflecting on different virtues such as Golden Mean (Aristotle) can help in realising different aspects of life.

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Our past and cultural traditions reflected in fundamental duty can also act as guiding light to understanding life. Teachings of Bhagvad Gita "Nishkam karma" shows that man should do his work, without worrying about result. This is what life is - working diligently and honestly.

Once everyone realises that life has multidimensionality and

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is not just about increasing
pace for self growth, India
will be able to fulfill the

Panch Sans envisaged by our
Prime Minister and become a
developed country by 2047.

This realisation will be help us
in moving from.

Astoma Sadgamyā

(UnRighteousness to Righteousness)

Tamsoma Jyotigamyā

(Darkness to light)

Muityoarma Amritangamyā

(Mortality towards Immortality).

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The opposite of poverty is not wealth.

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Intro - Ram Ramesh / Swish Fiction

What is poverty / what is wealth / what is opposite

Poverty Defⁿ How to eradicate it?

Indi - opp. of poor meaning / wealth

Diff Approaches Basic Necessities fulfilled
Devel Asp.

Sportsp. → love of game / Actor. - Manoj Pantay Tripathi vs S.R.K

Society - Values. - Help each other Daily Soap

Village vs cities / Rich in France

Concept of MPI. - India Anti-vacc America

Buddha / Mahavira / Mawya

GDP / (Imeq) Dictator - N Korea

SECC: Men vs Women Social Issues

COVID - wealth

gntⁿ - Sci. Accumen (FD)

goutⁿ Schemes

Conclus - NGOs / Civil Soci / Eduⁿ / Policy Making

COMMENTS: ESSAY SECTION-A

Int of wealth

Tech Adv.
Health
Ambitious
World Power

Eduⁿ mould
Char.
worth.

Env and
eco.
are
same sides
opp.
of same
coin

Proposed
from over
children

Env. - UNFCCC Deal
IPCC.
Heat Dome NA
Drought EU.
Cyclone in India
Jeshimath

Revised Utilitarianism

life - carry others
 Grijay
 Reflecting self

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COMMENTS: ESSAY SECTION-B

There is more to life than ^{simply} trying its speed

Intro

Ashoka - early war.

What is speed How + water is more to life.
 How to achieve.

Historically - Philosophies Samkhya, Yoga, Nyaya -
 Chaitany | Ramayana.

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Climate chng | ozone hole | melting | Cyclone/floods.

(Int'l coop. - WW - loss of lives - UN - Dev vs Dupy
 IMF | WB

sci coop. | ITA to that GPT. Race
 Space Race.

Race in Corporate - Fail - Bharatle. vs Infosys | Tata
 to Corp. Governance

Ind. in corp. - Reflect on Family | Griya
 Imp of Socialis.

sports person - Griya | Maintai | Vicky to Mr Dhoni to
 to Ent. stars - Bachan - Health Conscious

Fast food - Try pace (60% NCA)

Political Laws - Thought | Dismissure | Organic Const

Judge slow - Griya - Pt to Privacy | Dedition | Law Commis.

CS - Local Issues - COVID.

Imp of Speed - Aims | Obj. | World Peace | Arm Race
 - Growth of Ind. (Cold War)
 - Semi War | Kargil 1997 | war

Mid. | Value based Edu'n | Role Models | Tradition and Culture (FD)

Dev. India and Panch. Asan - Nishkam
 Karma.

Ashtama Sadganga