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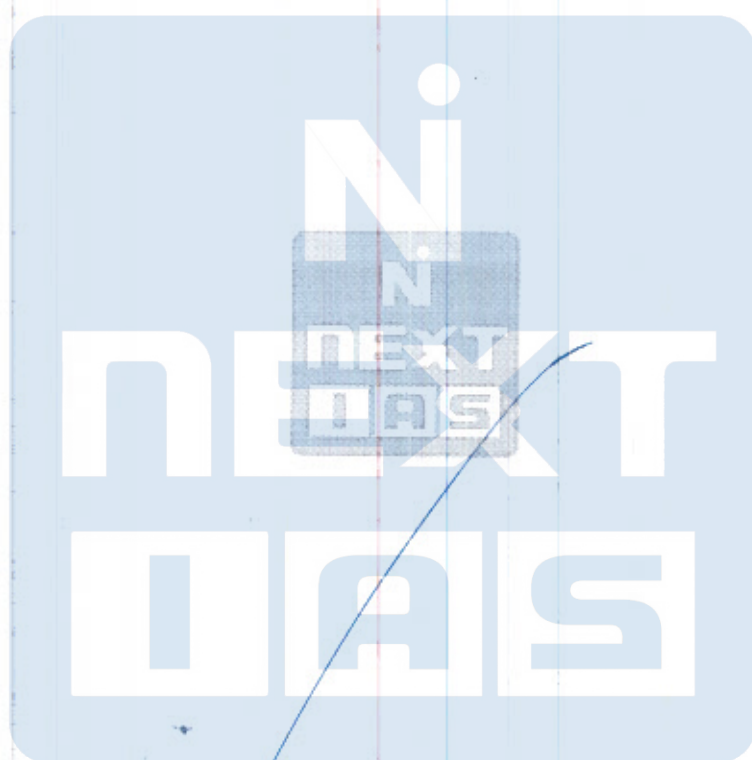
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- Q.1 Little strokes fell great oaks.
छोटे - छोटे प्रयासों से बड़ी सफलता मिलती है।
- Q.2 Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.
किसी व्यक्ति का मूल्यांकन उसके उत्तरों के स्थान पर उसके प्रश्नों से करें।
- Q.3 Great principles, great ideals 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।



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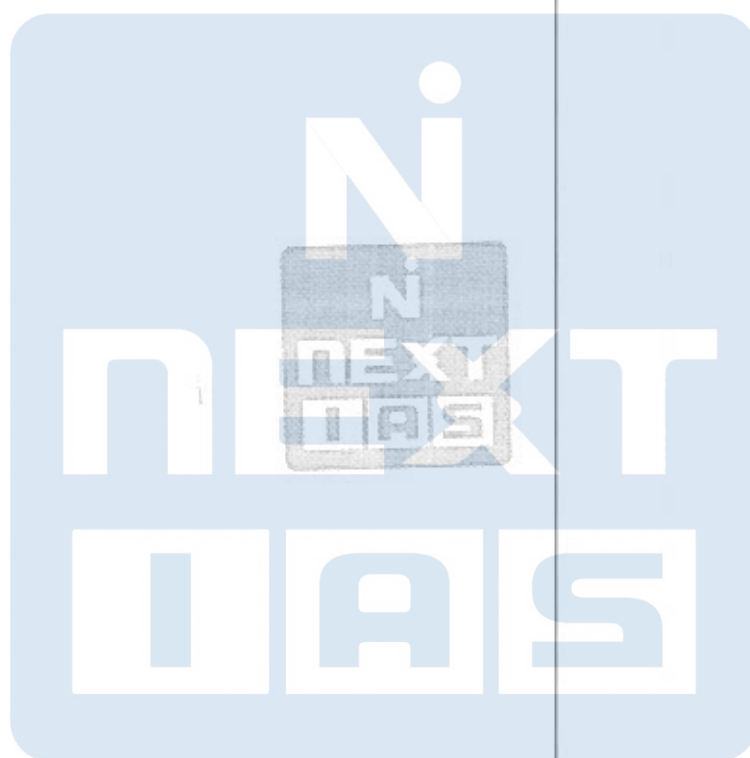
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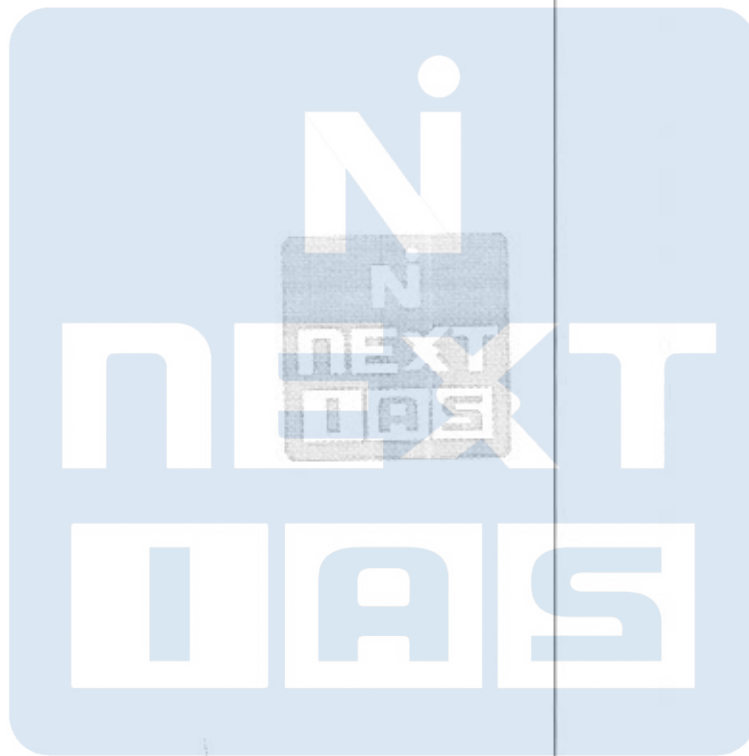
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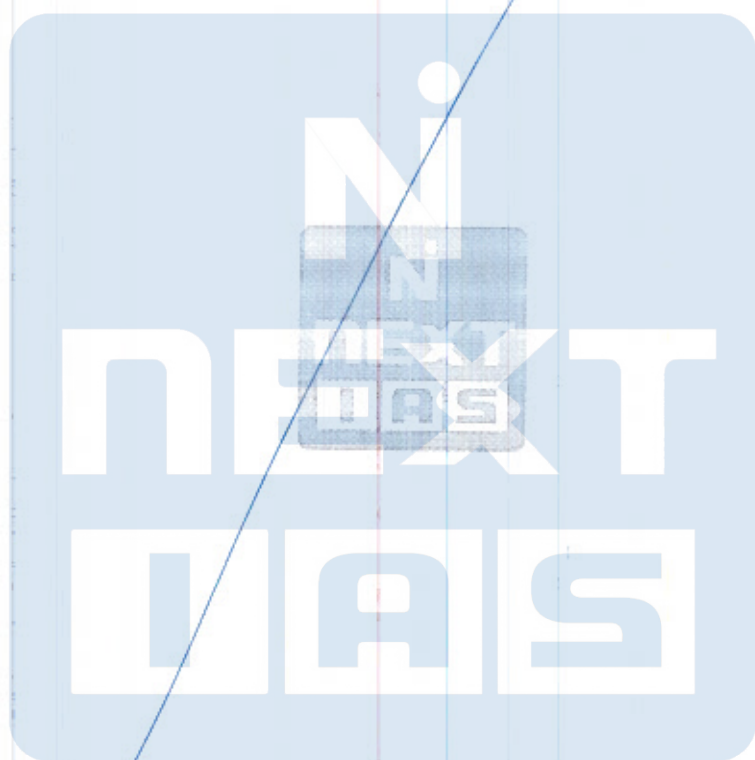
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खण्ड-B / Section-B

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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।

REALITY IS THE SHADOW OF IDEAS

Robert J. Oppenheimer, the nuclear physicist had the idea of creating a bomb with nuclear fission using fissile uranium. This bomb when dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, 1945, became a reality. This 'idea' on a piece of paper has become a reality for the world since World War II, in whose shadow we still live in, in the 21st century.

Reality and ideas

An idea is a thought, an imagination in the head that can be rational or irrational. Whereas Reality is the part of the physical world we live in. Reality comes into being only when an idea exists.

For instance, Isaac Asimov, the famous Sci-fi writer, had the idea of an autonomous robot.

Today, it is coming true as Artificial Intelligence.

But, one must bear in mind that ideas and reality are not the same. Reality is the implemented part of an idea and an idea can merely exist as it is without ever being a part of Reality.

The Reality we live in

The world we live in is abundant with examples, that we live in a reality that is the shadow of ideas.

In the 17th and 18th Century, thinkers like Montesquieu and Voltaire talked about democracy, Rule of Law, Constitutionalism and Separation of Powers. Simultaneously, during Enlightenment Rousseau talked about the idea of Equality.

Today, in the 21st Century we live in a Democratic Republic guided by a Constitution considering all citizens as equals. This shows how today's reality is the shadow of ideas developed over centuries.

Economically, we see this phenomena too. Adam Smith, in his book "The Wealth of Nations" talked about "laissez faire", free market economy and no State interference. It was Thomas Jefferson and James Otis who talked about Capitalism and fair taxation.

Today's reality is the shadow of these great ideas. Today institutions like World Trade Organization promote the above ideas leading to globalization and a closer world. Poverty is successfully declining and global economy is touching new heights of wealth creation.

Reality as shadow of
ideas manifests at no better place than in
the social realm. Feminism, as a powerful
movement emerged in the late 18th century
with idea of women being equal to men,
deserving same freedoms as men. And today,
the reality is that women enjoy the highest
levels of freedom they have ever enjoyed.

Similarly, ^{the} ~~is~~ ideas of
Buddhism and Ashoka's Dhamma forever
changed the landscape of reality that the
world lived in. From one idea, we see
birth of another idea in the form of
Dr. Ambedkar's vision of the Constitution. And in
this shadow, the reality is created.

Environmentally, rising floods
and declining biodiversity brought about the
idea of a global tackling to the
borderless problem of climate change
and Global Warming. This idea seen in the
infancy of a Conference room shaped the
World's reality.

The 1992 Earth Summit at
Rio, Brazil is when it came alive. It
led to formation of UNFCCC culminating
into Kyoto Protocol and Paris Climate
Agreement seeing the world coming together
to fight the challenge of climate change.
Reality had become the shadow of this idea.

It is in the International Sphere that ideas shape reality the best.

Post World War I, Woodrow Wilson, the then President of USA dreamt of World Peace and Cooperation. It was his idea that shaped the reality of foundation of the UNO in 1945 changing the reality of the global order.

Similarly, the idea of 'Global South' gained prominence as the Third World created institutions like NAM.

Today's reality is that these ideas of decolonized countries have led to institutions like BRICS, SCO and African Union changing the lives of billions of people.

But, despite this one
has to ask, Is reality always the shadow
of ideas? Do ideas always become the
reality?

To this we see that
many ideas, no matter how great, remain
just ideas and do not become a
reality.

The Bhakti Movement
was an idea to create an egalitarian
and unified society. But, despite the
brilliantness of it, the society still remained
orthodox and divided, full of social evils
like Sati and child marriage. In addition,
Women empowerment today still remains weak
and patriarchy strong.²⁶

Sometimes, reality is
even totally opposite to how the ideas
in the society are. The ideas of Human
rights and freedom gained prominence

in the 19th century with acceptance internationally.

Yet, we saw complete opposite practices with
slavery in the USA and viscious

exploitation through colonialism by the
United Kingdom.

Therefore, we see how
how reality is the shadow of ideas but
many ideas do not always become the
reality. To make our reality progressive,
free and just many steps need to be
taken.

Reality is the Construct
of a Collective Society. While ideas might
come from individuals, reality has to come
through the Cooperation of the Collective.

Therefore, the origins of
the ideas, firstly, have to be to create an
Inclusive and equitable Society. For this
we should take Inspiration from
Gandhiji's talisman which asks us to
Consider whether our actions will help
the poorest person of the society.

Lastly, the society
needs to Collectively and Consciously
build on these ideas to Make a

Successful reality, for reality is the shadow of ideas.

We need to move ahead in the 21st Century with the vision of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" - One World, one family to make our ideas as well as our reality, a prosperous one.

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Little strokes fell great oaks

The EIC, DoP, Duran as adventurists. From Bombay, Madras, ^{memories} Hyderabad & White of India. It was despite setbacks, little by little the nation of India fell to them.

Meaning - Little strokes, great oaks

does make a ocean

Pol. - Empire building - C. Munro, ~~Empire building~~

freedom fighter - Gandhi

Spots - V. K. Rajwade, Dhoni, Jadhav.

Eco. - FIC, C. S. S. A, Finance Dept - Bangladesh - Banking. ^{Discretion}

Soc. - Seti RRR, WRA - Wages, Maternity leave, SRA, ~~Constitution~~

Judl - for peace law → Indie rise → food crisis, unemployment → Gov. Rev. 1991 → 5th largest economy.

Envl - Plastic ban, ozone layer, HFCs, land degradation.

Security - Land Border Missiles - ~~Armed~~ defence, Indras, Nukes 1998, 1964

Sci - ISRO → Chandrayaan, Aditi, Ganga Ugr cycle to Moon

Does this always happen? - no

Non successful →

Space for Rough Work

Reality is the shadow of ideas

Robert Oppenheimer → idea of a bomb w/ nuclear fission using fissile uranium. Hiroshima & Nagasaki - 1945. Became a reality. This idea on paper became a reality for the world since 1945 & this is the reality we live in.

What is reality & ideas? → Difference, Can be seen as same?

How is reality SoI? → Polity → Democracy, RoL, Montesquies Voltaire SoI, Enlightenment, Rousseau equality. Today, dem. rep. w/ const'n

creation of wealth

Eco. - Adam Smith, Thomas Jefferson, James O'Neil
- Capitalism, free markets, laissez faire, taxation. → 21st c. → trade WTO.
→ wealth, poverty, ↓ State interf, glob.

Social - Women Struggles → feminism, ~~Ambedkar~~ Caste - Ambedkar → Constn.
- Religion - Buddhism, Dharma Ashoka, Gandhi - Trusteeship.

Env't - CC, Gwangju - 1992 → Rio Summit, UNFCCC → Paris CA
→ Kyoto Protocol

World Peace

Intl - LoN, Woodrow Wilson, Coop after WWI → UNO, NAM by Nehru.
Global South → BRICS, SCO, AU

Is it always the SoI? - NO, some ideas just ideas, not implemented

→ Resistance → Casteless Society ↓ patriarchy, women empowerment

→ Opposite of SoI → Human Rights → Still slavery in USA, Colonialism by Britain.

→ Bhakti Murt - Idea to create a just united society & reality → orthodox & divisive

Concl. - Society is a collective reality by this collective
- Ideas → just & reasonable society, that follows Gandhi's talisman
Vandana Kulkarni → One world, one family