

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।

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Somalia, a country situated on the horn of Africa. It ranks lowest almost on all global socio - Economic indicators. People here are living on Extreme poverty, suffering malnutrition, deprived of any Education, governments are also poor. In the face of it there is strife of Ethnic Violence, War and Threat of life.

on the other hand of spectrum, there is a country, USA.

It is technological, political, military powerhouse.
A Super power, with a high GDP per Capita,
people living a luxurious life with all
amenities.

The tragedy impacting both of them
is global warming, threat of rising sea level,
excessive rain and drought, decreased food
productivity, loss of livelihood, increased
risk of disease and pathogen.

The act of President Trump
administration to withdraw from Paris climate
deal cannot be forgiven. They are afraid to
see the truth that their industries are
creating havoc for planet. On the other hand,
People of Somalia are living in darkness of
poverty, malnutrition and other deprivation.

Both Countries cannot be
expected to act at same level to curb the
tragedy of climate change. Somalia can
be forgiven, but USA must see the
light and reality and provide climate
green finance and technology to
developing Countries.

The above described anecdote clearly describes that a child, who is not ~~above~~ eligible to weigh the harm and benefits, who is not grown up to understand fully consequences, if does some mistake can be forgiven,

But a man, who ~~he~~ is expected to have wisdom, rationality, ignores the impact of his action, turns his face away from the consequences of his behaviour, cannot be forgiven, must held accountable.

In this essay, we will explore, what is a child, what constitutes darkness, why men are afraid of light, and what happens when back is turned on light.

Untangling the terms

Child is any infant, not capable to make independent judgement, depend on others. child can be compared to a weak, powerless person or country. Darkness is our

inability or a situation of lack of clarity.
Light stands for truth, reality - good or bad.
Men are given up people, society, Country
who can discriminate between right &
wrong.

Elphing through the pages of history, to shed
light on lives of people

In ancient and medieval times, our society
was beset with many problems like Caste
discrimination, illiteracy, female infanticide,
child marriage, discrimination against women.

People were ignorant about
values of Equality, humanism, due to illiteracy
and lack of exposure. But reformers like
Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Jshwan Chanda Vohya-
sagan arose to end these evils.

They campaigned & against
these evils, but society turned away
from these reformers, faced stone in
street against them, threatened them
with life and property. They ~~was~~

The real tragedy was they were afraid to accept their shortcomings, they refused to see light. This continued abortion against vulnerable section, for which history will not forgive them.

Living in darkness, Exacerbating inequality

According to oxfam report top 1% of Indians, hold as much national wealth as by bottom 40%.

Corporates act as child, they pretend they are doing business in darkness, without any harm to society, they make this inequality a natural outcome.

But when we shed the light and do close scrutiny, Corruption, Crony Capitalism, unethical means like using child labour, displacing tribals, exploiting natural resources, there all comes to the fore.

Corporates, as an innocent, cannot turn away face from reality, they have to see light and act as

responsible Citizens, follow Economic, Social Governance (ESG) norms diligently. To End the tragedy of inequality, they must see light and walk the path of CSR responsibility.

Nanki Kali legacy of Mahindra trust is helping girl child to complete 10 years of schooling. other Corporates must see these illustrations, otherwise they cannot be forgiven.

Culture and heritage turned into oblivion as countries are afraid to see light

Colonial exploitation and deprivations are blot on face of many countries - UK refuses to recognize and apologize for Jallianwala bagh incident, refuses to see the reality.

Many countries are hoarding artefacts, exquisite carvings. In their museums, that were looted during

Colonial regimes. Instead of returning these and doing course corrections they are denying the return of these articles. This causes and increases the bravery faced by many countries in Asia and Africa.

Must see light of double edge sword nature of technology

Technology has impacted every domain of life ^{like} never seen before, from electric bench, to nuclear missiles. Now we have reached the stage of Industrial revolution 4.0.

With the use of Artificial intelligence, Internet of things, we are developing super machines, programs like ChatGPT, there are seek of technology surpassing human intelligence, called as Civilizational mistake by Stephen Hawking

But still developed countries, big tech corporations have turned a blind eye to all these threats, a seat

space is going on to build more sophisticated tools and applications.

Tragedy was seen in Cambridge Analytica Case, its impact on free and fair Elections on US, threats of social profiling & misused data.

Needs to be cured must see the light and take collective action, develop regulations and stop the unfolding tragedy.

Blind Children unable to see light

Children due to their age, lack of Experience, cannot interpret the things in surrounding. They need hand holding. Similarly social and countries due to their inability arising out of resource crunch live in darkness, they do not have means to travel towards light and understand tragedy. They up to some extent can be forgiven.

Ally men are afraid of light.

Many times people do not want to come out of comfort zone, want to preserve their knowledge, tend to act on selfish motive, they fear of losing advantages, this lead to social harm, loss to other, which cannot be condoned.

Today, Countries due to pursuit of self interest, have turned face away from the peak of war. Russia-Ukraine crisis is proving to be tragedy for humans. Rising food and fuel prices have lead to impoverishment of poor.

They are engaged on blame games to fix responsibility of tragedy on the other side. This eye for an eye will make the whole world blind. They are not willing to see the hardships faced by poor & developing countries, this is real tragedy of today's times.

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Do light at the End of Tunnel, Ends
to tragedy?

Many from darkness is saviour, prevents
tragedy, light leads to develations &
distraction. If man had remained
afraid of light of nuclear weapons, this
could have proved much beneficial.

To Summarise, the given topic
was based on wisdom that, tendency
to ignore the harsh realities, perpetuals
injustice, turns out to be a tragedy.
For this humans can not be forgiven.
They are not child who could commit
mistakes out of ignorance.

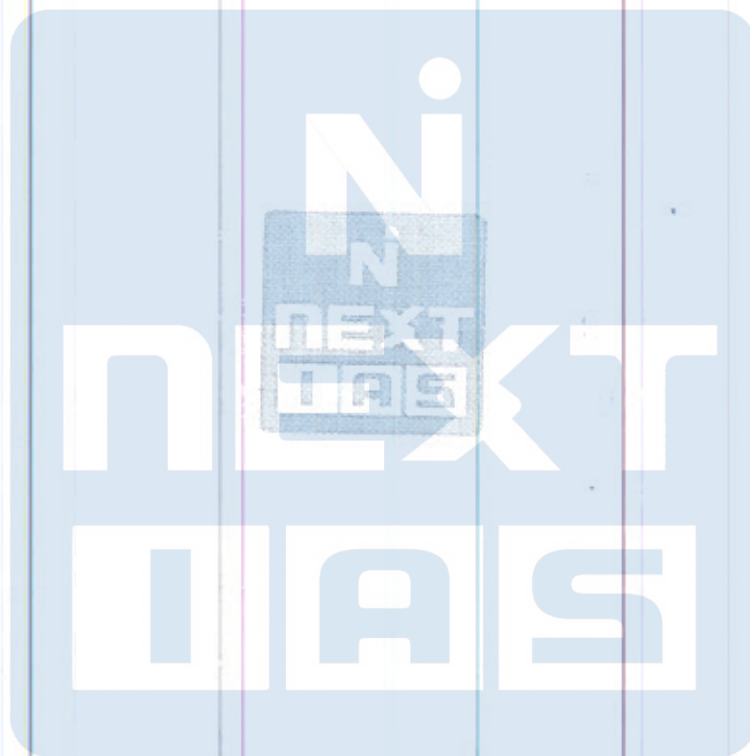
Today need is to turn face
towards reality, take accountability of all
our actions. This can be done by
educating humans on mind and morals.
This is possible by building a strong
character. Need to enhance our
knowledge, to act wisely

If today world looks at the tragedy brought by actions of base motive, greed, global warming can be controlled, of security outispects about the caste bias and patriarchy plaguing society, it will help in creating Egalitarian world.

We should not shy away from introspection, should turn the light inwards should do soul searching, this can well help to end brutal tragedies of human life.

This will save planet Earth and the Countries like Somalia will move toward brighter future, towards light and pollution caused by developing Countries can be forgiven if the peruse finances and technology

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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।

8. Act as if it were impossible to fail

Navigation Experts of Spain presented the View, that it was not possible to find out route of India by sea. It poses immense risk to life, voyage and End on devastation.

However, Christopher Columbus was determined to take on the sea, confronted by vast Oceanic challenges. He acted as if it was impossible to fail. He went on on his journey, he discovered the new world - America, hitherto unknown and aloof from other rest of the world. Thus, by his determination, Columbus acted as if it was impossible to fail.

The given wisdom is based on the importance of will, determination, persistence that is required to fulfil an objective. A task may seem impossible, chances of failure may seem high, but through determination and hardwork, we can achieve success.

A swan gliding through a sticky net, do not cut it due to its speed, but by its persistence and continuous efforts to make own path and by acting undeterred, it makes possible, the impossible task of cutting the hard net.

Failures in life are setbacks, possibilities of not achieving the objective, but can be overcome by sheer determination.

In this essay we will see importance of continuous action, determination, ways to overcome failure and lessons failure can teach. Let us explore!

Winners never quit, quitters never win

Many a times, when we begin journey towards a task, we are faced with a number of challenges, a multitude of difficulties comes on our path. But we should continue our effort with full vigour and zeal, we should defeat all obstacles, act in a way, that it is impossible to fail.

The hunger & thirst of success by continuing efforts was shown by freedom fighters and revolutionaries of our country. They acted and collided with the mightiest Empire, the British East India Company.

They suffered huge setbacks, Bengal was partitioned in 1905, Jallianwala Bagh massacre happened, there was violent crackdowns on Satyagrahis during Non-Cooperation and

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Civil disobedience movement, they were put to jails, tortured and hanged. But their determination to see eye to eye to all challenges, oppressions, led to fall of Colonial rule, with India getting its freedom on 1947. They acted as if it were impossible to fail.

Same remarkable zeal was shown by social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Jhawan Chandra Vidyasagar on removing disabilities, ends superstitions, on society. Their never say die attitude led to banning of sati, infant ^{female} infanticide, passing of widow Remarriage act.

In recent times, Covid 19 presented a never seen health & economic challenge. our Scientist acted with swift response as if they don't know the word impossible, this attitude led to development of vaccine, that saved lives of people.

It is rightly said, the way we
perceive our life, we will end up like
that only. If we remove the fear of
Setbacks, failures, it will unleash
a new Energy, catapulting on Success
and Excellence.

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam acted along
these lines when there was continuous
failure of launching and developing
missiles. But he acted as if it were
impossible to fail, continued his trials,
resulting in developing of missiles like
Pruthvi, Akash, Agni.

Sudha Murthy ^{has} shown
that to succeed one has to continuously
challenge failures, have to breach limits
to our actions, set by society. She
became the first female Engineer of TISCO at
a time when society focussed upon
women to get Education and Employment.
She acted against all odd social norms
& shown with Courage to act, it is
impossible to fail.

Another person that comes to my mind who stood on his feet after many failures is Abraham Lincoln, the most revered president of US. He was continuously defeated in Elections, but his Courage to continue and will of 'rock', finally succeeded and he became an iconic figure on pages of history.

What needs to Succeed? To act is Sufficient?

Doing same action, following same method again and again and expecting success is not realistic. To Succeed along with to act, we need knowledge, strategy, better understanding of challenges.

After forming a holistic picture, taking into account pros & cons of all actions, along with a zeal to succeed, will lead to miracles, as shown by science of ISRO from using cycle to transport rocket, to launching mangalyaan & Chandrayaan missions

Success has many fathers, failures have none

It is also important in our life, to stop, to reflect, to ponder over to check we are on correct course, merely running the race will lead to reaching wrong destination.

Many times we fail, we need to embrace failures ^{gracefully} ~~successfully~~, in game of life, failures are an intrinsic part, it is important not to fear failures.

Many times real sweetness of success comes after many failures. It helps us remain grounded and show gratitude. we should run the race to win, but if we fell due to rocks on path, we should stand up again & remain careful from next time, This was exemplified by Thomas Alva Edison, when he remarked "I have not failed but discovered 10900 ways which didn't work".

Unstoppingness to Continue Counts

India have become the most populous Country surpassing china. At the time of independence, we faced challenges of Socio-Economic growth. Many schemes were implemented on to face challenges of population.

This has resulted in India. becoming third largest Economy in PPP terms, Country with largest demographic dividend, a Country that is expected at world stage, a shining bright star in Economic domain when world faced slowdown. All these seemed impossible few decades back, but India acted as if failure was impossible, that made all the difference.

However, we still have 23 crore people living in poverty as per UNDP, NHPS 5 highlighted prevalence of anemia, Global hunger index ranks india 107, and gender gap at 135 rank,²⁶ notwithstanding these

problems is not impossible, so India must continue its journey and become developed country by 2047.

Today need is inclusive, sustainable and equitable growth.

Government has launched Make in India, Startup India, New Education Policy, Beti Bachao beti padhao, ~~show~~ to tackle socio-economic problems. Shows the zeal to achieve development and to persevere if we act ^{with zeal}. It becomes impossible to fail.

We should in our life and daily habits from schools to Entrepreneurships, inculcate, a habit of putting concerted effort and act if it were impossible to fail. And Success requires Embracing failures at the same time, do course correction and continue journey.

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It is not the End result, but our efforts, our persistence towards a goal that counts. No task is impossible to achieve, no mountain is as high that cannot be scaled, humans need to create belief on self, wonders will happen, every challenge will be over come, will continue to grow stronger and chart new path, just like what was done by Christopher Columbus by acting as if it were impossible to fail.

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