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Q.1 You can't serve data on a hungry man's plate.
आप किसी भूखे आदमी की थाली में डेटा नहीं परोस सकते।

Q.2 AI is overcoming our mental limitation but not expanding our mental horizon.
ए.आई. मनुष्य की मानसिक सीमाओं को नियंत्रित कर रहा है, किंतु मानसिक क्षितिज का विस्तार नहीं कर रहा है।

Q.3 We are using environment for politics, not politics for environment.
हम पर्यावरण का उपयोग राजनीति के लिए कर रहे हैं, न कि राजनीति का उपयोग पर्यावरण के लिए।

Q.4 The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.
असमानता का सबसे बुरा रूप है असमान को समान बनाने का प्रयास।

The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal

Recent headlines were made when it was reported that a physically handicapped woman was forced to remove her prosthetic leg, while bypassing the security checks at an airport. This is an example of not just an inhumane and insensitive

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outlook towards the disabled, rather highlights the worst form of inequality, which tries to make unequal things equal.

Making and treating unequal things equally is the worst form of inequality because it does not take into the different needs of an individual or a society. To elaborate, it is said that, "one is not born a woman, rather one becomes a woman." This quota sums up the injustices and discrimination and their impact on shaping women. Right from ~~birth~~, or perhaps even before birth, girls are denied equal

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opportunities, as compared to their male counterparts. India is reported to have 48 million missing girl children, over the last five years owing to the high prevalence of female foeticide in the country. Growing up, girls as denied equal opportunities to education, healthcare and other basic facilities. Annual Status of Education Report [ASER] by NGO Pratham highlights that while 50% of boys attend private schools in India, the number starkly drops to 39%, when observing the same for girls. Given that girls from a very young age, have faced several facets of Inequality,

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it is only ingust to ~~make~~ ~~them~~ provide them with equal support.

The lifecycle of injustices faced by women escalates further with the prevalence of the glass ceiling. 10% of India's ministers are women. 12% of Members of Parliament are ~~women~~. 14% of judges in the Indian judiciary are women. This is the outcome of making unequal things equal. It only exacerbates existing divides, and in the case of women, solidifies the walls of gender biases and concretizes the glass ceiling.

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The Indian constitution guarantees the right to equality under Article 14. Yet, the lines of equality and inequality are blurred without Article 14 ~~to~~ being supplemented with Articles 15 and 16, which allow the state to make special provisions for the more vulnerable sections of our society.

Equality does not mean making unequal things equal. Equality encompasses equity. Equality means correcting for historical injustices, understanding the contours of inequality across social groups and

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accepting that various facets of inequality persist.

The COVID-19 pandemic saw an additional 71 million people slip into extreme poverty, 80% of which were in India. Poverty is among the gravest forms of inequality present today. An approach towards discarding the prevalence of ~~the~~ unequal circumstances merely worsens not just the economic divide, but transcends into exacerbating digital divide, gaps in living standards, varying opportunities and access to health, education, etc. What is this, if not the worst form of inequality?

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An example of India's efforts to counter this worst form of inequality is India's role as the Voice of the Global South. In the present decade of geopolitical chaos, there is a continuity of the colonial rule, enshrined via facets of 'neo-colonialism'. Ranging from the unequal, undemocratic and archaic structure of the United Nations, to the uneven burden of climate changes, developing nations continue to live in the realm of inequality. This stems from efforts to make unequal nations equal. To counter this inequality, India

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is leading the way in demanding common but differentiated responsibilities of all.

The way ahead lies in going beyond just accepting the nature of inequalities and rather making efforts to create a more equitable and not equal space for all. It has been seven decades since India achieved independence, yet we are still struggling for freedom from the worst form of inequality. The vision of new India, in the upcoming Amrit Kaal

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must be to ensure that nobody is left behind.

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Q.5 Existence is a science, living is an art.
अस्तित्व एक विज्ञान है, जीना एक कला है।

Q.6 If the truth shall kill them, let them die.
यदि सत्य से किसी की मृत्यु होती है, तो उन्हें मरने दो।

Q.7 The only way to go beyond things, is to go through them.
हालातों से परे जाने का एकमात्र तरीका उनसे होकर गुजरना है।

Q.8 Dream for the best. Be prepared for the worst. Enjoy life in between.
सर्वश्रेष्ठ के लिए सपना देखें। सबसे बुरे के लिए तैयार रहें । इसके बीच के जीवन का आनंद लें।

Existence is a science, living is an art

Italy of Renaissance was inhabitated by the renowned artist, Leonardo da Vinci and his lesser known neighbour, Carlo. While Leonardo was full of spirit and exemplified 'progress,' Carlo was just another cog in the wheel. Leonardo worked tirelessly day in and day out, perfecting his skill with each passing hour.

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Leonardo is now well known for his achievements. On the other hand, Carlo ~~to~~ had an ordinary life, the outcome of which is perhaps not known to many.

Leonardo lived a life, not just as an artist, but also as an art. Carlo's mundane life however, was a science — methodological, constant and confined within expected norms. Now while Carlo may be imaginary, his spirit is certainly not.

The quote is explicitly differentiating between 'existence' and 'living', by comparing them to the fields of science and art. Existence, like science, is procedural

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in nature. It follows the norms of science and yields expected results. It is restricted to the binary domain of black and white, without much scope for shades of grey. Living, on the other hand, like art, encompasses broader aspects which are open to interpretation. Art does not have a definitive answer to every question and is not tied to any limits. The purpose of art is to add 'richness' to one's life.

Existence is confined within societal norms, just like science is bound by the walls of theories and laws. An example of the distinct characteristics of

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'existence' and 'living' is evident in Khaleid Houssaini's novel, "A Thousand Splendid Suns." Set over a period of 40 years, the novel, through its protagonists, Mariam and Laila, highlights the impacts of the oscillating political regime in Afghanistan. In the dictatorial regime of the 1970s, Mariam's life is a symbol of mere existence. Living in a hut right next to her father's palace and carrying the guilt of her mother's death in an oppressive regime, Mariam's life is about all the opportunities which she could never have. She was existing and not living as her role was defined by her class,

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her gender and her background, just as how science defines the role of every atom in the universe through its individual properties.

Contrasting Mariam's life, Laila lived in the democratic era of Afghanistan in 2003. Her life was like art, in the sense that it was liberating. Laila, not just lived a happy life, she also had access to education and countless other opportunities, which were not limited by society or other political factors. Laila's beauty contrasted with Mariam's paleness, just like their childhoods. This is analogous to the beauty of art, which provides space for

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creativity, interpretation and gives freedom of thought and expression, contrasting with the definitive nature of science which allocates roles, rules and perhaps, ways of living.

However, existence and living, just like science and art, are not mutually exclusive. A testimony to this is Robert Louis Stevenson's novel, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," where he utilizes the concept of 'polar twins' to distinguish between Dr. Jekyll, the scientist and Mr. Hyde, the monster, yet the creation of Dr. Jekyll. Dr. Jekyll's

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life, barring his creation of Mr. Hyde, is procedural and scientific whereas Mr. Hyde represents an artistic monster. The co-existence of good and evil, of 'existence' and of 'living' shows how science and art are perhaps two sides of the same coin as is not science, just another form of art?

Finally, it is said that "when winds of change blow, there are ~~s~~ many who build shelters, yet only some who build windmills." A scientist perhaps would focus on existence and build shelters as a first priority, yet an artist may

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build windmills, which are perhaps not the norm, not what society expects, and certainly not a characteristic of mere existence. Windmill, though a scientific concept, embodies the traits of living and of art.

Ever since, there have been many winds of change, in the form of wars, pandemics, crises, revolutions, yet Leonardo has built many 'windmills' and lived a life of both literal and metaphorical art, while others like Carlo continue to build shelters for the science of existing.

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Ⓐ Worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal

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~~Intro~~ — (1) eg of inequality → Prosthetic leg removal at olympics

[What it means] → (2) equity not equality
~~give examples~~
→ does not take into Environment → inequality if developing & developed — [does not take into account diff capabilities]

CBD

~~(2)~~ Women & men → gender lifecycle of injustices → does not take into account diff needs

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other sections of society ← ~~disabled~~

(3) ~~POOR~~ → IR & environment

- India as voice of global south

counter → nuclear?

[Way forward] —

Polity
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~~Intro~~ (Ind)
→ Women (Soci)
~~Intro~~ Inequality (Rich/poor) (Econ)
→ International.
→ conclusion → Way forward

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Heading - Forgot.

- Race.
- winds of change
- Leonardo/Vasco
- Nobel
- Nuclear bombs

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(3) Existence is a science living is an art

Intro → Leonardo
Hall of Renaissance
(1) lesser known — Carlo — cog in the wheel.

while ~~Leonardo~~ Carlo may be imaginary, his spirit isn't

Meaning → existence = science = Procedural
living encompasses broader aspects → introspecting, growth, open to creativity & interpretation.

(2) Chinar & Safeda — GROWTH + INTRO
it is the choices we make.

(4) ~~India → existence →~~ Dr. Jekyll & Hyde
~~thousand splendid suns~~

(5)

~~Further~~ → existence as an art → Pakistan → ~~blood India a thousand suns~~
NOT mutually exclusive.

Conclusion → winds of change → windmill → science, art.
→ Leonardo & Carlo