

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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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 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।

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

The Europeans in the 17th Century embarked on a mission known as Civilization of Backward Communities. This mission was primarily based on the Rudyard Kipling's theory called as the White Man's Burden Theory. In this pursuit, Europeans tried to make Asians like white men because they thought themselves to be the superior race. While doing this, they created inequality which remained inequality in perpetuity.

This incident shows how in the pursuit of making unequal things equal, various forms of exploitation and misery follow and inequality never ends. Let us first comprehend the meaning of the topic in literal sense.

In the first phase: the worst form of inequality, the reference is towards the highest form of inequality which causes exploitation of the poor due to natural differences. The second phase: to try to make unequal things equal shows our efforts towards homogenising the entire universe due to some pre-conceived prejudices. But, how do we do it? Let us see.

Binary of Gender is widely prevalent in many societies. This leads to marginalisation of LGBTQ++ community. Their differences from the mainstream is

remarked as mental illness. In the pursuit of making them equal to men/women, sex assignment surgery is prescribed which deprives them of their right to self determination.

Likewise, tribes have been considered as primitive and backward by many scholars like CS Churne. These scholars vouched for the assimilation of tribes into the mainstream society. Now, what is happening as a result is displacement and alienation of tribes.

Not only this, due to Brahminical superiority as has been mentioned in various texts like Dharmashastra, an evil called untouchability is given birth. Sanskritisation or emulating the lifestyle of so-called upper castes has been prescribed as the method to make lower castes as similar

to upper castes.

Similarly, In a nation-state having multiple religions, the majority religion is considered superior. Efforts are laid to assimilate the minority religions into the major one. An example of making Hindutva Rashtree would be apt here.

At the global level also, this tendency to equalise the inequalities is witnessed. Developed nations want to export their culture to third-world nations for their economic benefits. This neo-imperialism is being witnessed in several Asian and African nations facing the issue of Apartheid.

We humans have not even spared machines. We are trying to make machines alike us in intellectual abilities and other loco-motor capabilities. This has

given way to the development of AI. Many scientists today fear that AI may overpower humans one day. Here, a question is very natural. Why do we tend to equalise the inequalities?

The answer to the above question lies in the social structure. We inherit this society from our predecessors. This society is full of natural differences. Society attaches value to these natural differences. Let us see below.

Natural differences like difference in age, colour, biology, sex, height, etc. are given different values and are arranged in a hierarchy. Now, those given upper ranks in social hierarchy think that they are superior and attach notion of inferiority to those at

the bottom of social hierarchy.

Since, those occupying upper ranks are considered superior. efforts are carried by different actors like state, so-called inferior to be like superior ones. However, in this quest, many unintended consequences are seen.

Firstly, the marginalisation of those considered inferior happens which leads to further vulnerability. For instance, inferiority complex is higher among women as compared to men or higher in LGBTQ community as compared to that of men/women.

Secondly, the fissiparous tendencies are observed in a nation. For example, Communalism and fundamentalism of a

community leads to demand for a separate state. This was faced by India during partition of 1947.

Thirdly, the homogenising forces are a threat to the diversity of cultures. This causes emotional and cultural alienation. Several tribal revolts like those in Assam are taking place due to threat of illegal immigration and turning them into minority.

Fourthly, the developing countries are hardest hit by the climate change. Development on the lines of first world countries causes global warming and threat of frequent extreme weather events. Submergence of many island nations in Pacific would substantiate this claim.

last but not the least, the

quest for narrowing down the inequality b/w men and machines has put the entire humanity under threat. The day is not far when AI may overtake humans as has been feared by many scientists like Elon Musk.

Moreover, the irony is that these inequalities b/w men and men, men and women, men of different ethnicities would never come to an end. Rather, these are only going to aggravate and come back to haunt us. So, how do we put an end to these inequalities? Let's analyse.

Multi-faceted approaches are needed to reduce the various inequalities. One thing that has to be adhered firmly to is that we have to reduce only

man-made inequalities. We as humans have limitations in reducing natural differences.

Firstly, the right to self-determination as has been provided by Art. 21 of the Indian Constitution have to be implemented in spirit. Microscopic minority like Transgender have to be given liberty to decide their sex.

The focus must be laid on respecting the diversity and not uniformising them. The culture of tribal groups esp PVTGs have to be safeguarded by pursuing their development on the lines of Tribal Panchsheel given by Jawahar Lal Nehru.

likewise, the essence of different faiths must be taken into consideration. All of the religions advocate peace and fraternity. Religion must be practiced as a

personal affair. Imposing Majoritarianism is only going to do harm. Thus, inter-faith dialogue is needed today.

In international sphere also, the differences in terms of vulnerability to climate change, differences in cultures etc. all have to be respected. Bhutan's cross national Happiness Index shows that there are multiple paths to happiness and not just the western development.

Lastly, the differences b/w machine and man has not to be forgotten while developing machines on the lines of human intellect. All the potential harms have to be taken care of from the first stage of development.

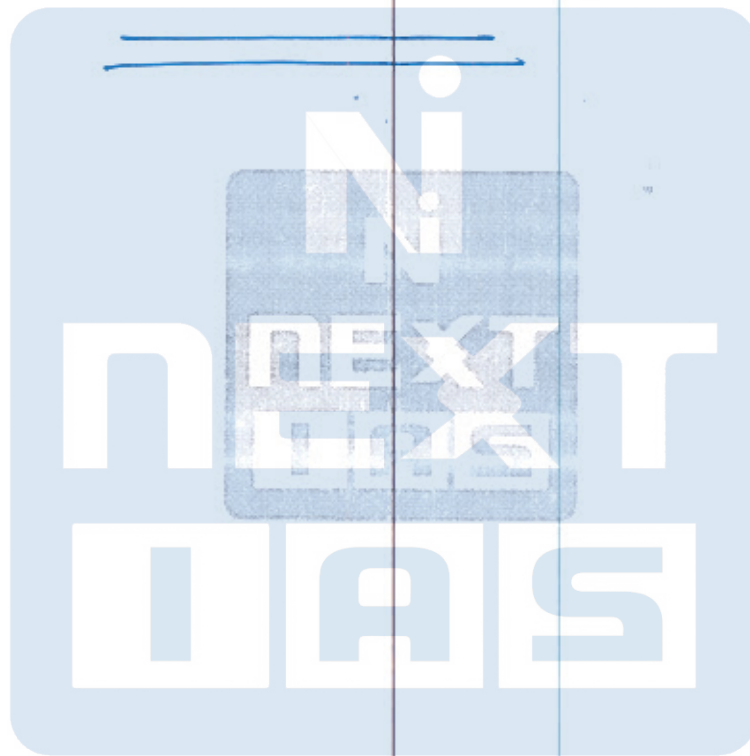
Therefore, we have to understand that differences are the reality. we

should not try to overcome them as it would backfire upon us in form of further misery and marginalisation. We can take a cue from this year's G-20 Presidency of India.

India is conducting G-20 meetings in different states of the country. This is in a bid to showcase the huge diversity of cultures present in India. The motto and theme of G-20 presidency is "Vasudhaina Kutumbakam" i.e. The world is one family.

And as we respect differences in a family, we need to respect various differences present in the society while working to reduce inequalities. We need to empower the communities, the nations and the earth to do so.

Yes, Inequalities have to be reduced,
But, Clones are not to be produced!
Empowerment of species is the key,
For this world to become evil free!!



खण्ड-B / Section-B

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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।

5. Existence is a science, living is an art.

The world knows the Holocaust of Nazi Germany for its barbaric, ruthless and apathetic attitude towards Jews. This dystopianism made the existence of Jews equal to non-existent. Among those sufferers was Viktor Frankl who chose to live and not merely exist. He in his book "Man's search for meaning" tells how a man can choose to live in peace even amidst gravest of the adversities. Truly, Viktor Frankl taught how to

live while leaving various adversities.

By the topic of the essay, we get to know that living is an art which means it is upto us how to live life. It depends upon our attitude.

Also, existence is a mere science that is we exist by virtue of biology, chemistry and other sciences.

The similar message has been given by Yuvak Noah Harari in Homo sapiens.

Humans came to exist due to evolution of apes. But their living in the ways they are living today became possible because of the experiments and their choices. Let us now go through the length and breadth of the topic.

The Art of Living :-

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Mahatma Gandhi devised various ways of living. He did many experiments on his life to come up with an ethical way of living. In his autobiography The experiments of Truth, he has shown how humans can choose to live in different ways.

As such, the animals also exist. They are born, they survive and they die. The living part remains missing in their time period of existence. The humans, on the other hand, can devise the various ways of living. Let us understand through examples.

It is said that "It is not your fault if you are born poor,

but it is certainly your fault if you die one. This means, humans can choose to live comfortably by working hard and identifying their talents. Barack Obama is an example who showed how a poor can climb the greatest heights of success.

likewise, as humans, we need to understand that troubles are part and parcel of life. Only thing we have under control is our response to the situation. For instance, Steve Jobs was expelled from his own company but he came back with a better version of himself.

Moreover, we are grappling with many complex troubles and the existence of earth is under threat. Climate Change is one of those problems. Still, it is

our hands, how we chose to live with this threat. we can either be aware of our lifestyle like Greta Thunberg or we can be ignorant and "consume the entire planet".

often a question comes to our mind, what is life. The answer is life is everything b/w the birth and death. But, the lives of different persons/groups vary as per their perspectives. We can understand it by taking few instances.

Hellen Keller was blind by birth. She could choose to blame destiny for her disability. However, she took resolve to turn her disability into her strength. She worked day in and day out to become an author. No wonder, her attitude towards life made her achieve her dreams.

At the country level, many countries like Pakistan and Sri Lanka are reeling under worst economic crisis. Their existence in a particular geography is scientific. However, the use of resources is in their hands. How they used resources led to what they are facing today.

On the other hand, countries like Japan, despite having limited size and resources have become among the developed nations. This is because they chose to create a different life for them which is free of poverty and fatalism.

Now, it has become pertinent to analyse the opposite of the topic of the essay. This is to say that if we focus only on the resources that we have with us and not on the choices available, then

what will be the consequences.

Firstly, our ability to overcome various obstacles would become weak. Since, our attitude towards life would be pessimistic, we won't see the positive side of it. Begging is an appropriate practice which makes one accept his/her existence as such and discourages work for better living.

Secondly, the tendency becomes of that of problem singer who keeps on speaking about problems. In this, he loses sight of the solution. Russia - Ukraine war is still grinding. This is due to their focus on respective problems and no willingness to find solutions.

However, here it is important to know that not all our privileged

enough to live life as per their own choices. As our society has various evils like Casteism, patriarchy and so on which mars an individual's ability to be master of his destiny.

An example of discrimination against women can be taken here. Even an educated woman remains unemployed due to the patriarchal structures. For her, living is not entirely her choice and becomes the art of the society.

On the similar lines, discrimination on ethnic, racial, caste basis hampers the social mobility. This has been explained by elite-self recruitment in David Glass's theory. Thus, what are the steps to make living really an art. It involves the effort of one and all.

Efforts by the individual :

The individual himself needs to find the purpose of life. and this purpose has to be fulfilled by exhibiting a particular lifestyle. A cue can be taken from Brahmakumari shirani's teaching where she teaches the value of "sankalp se suishti" (i.e. thoughts decide destiny).

At the individual level, meditation, yogic practices can help. At the same time, positive affirmations also help. It increases our strength to go through pain without realising the pain much. Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha emphasised on similar values.

Moreover, the art of living must imbibe the philosophy of "service of Mankind". The reason is that it is

the morality which makes us feel good afterwards and the immorality makes us feel bad afterwards. Also, the values of strong determination, dedication, patience, et.al are needed to imbibe.

Efforts by the Society:

As talked about earlier that social evils cast troubles in the path of individuals' success, they have to be weeded out by the efforts of state and non-state actors. For example: Educating the girl child, lifestyle for environment and so on.

Society has to come forward at the global level in this age of huge interconnectedness. For instance, Black lives matter movement became a global movement advocating for equality and justice for the blacks.

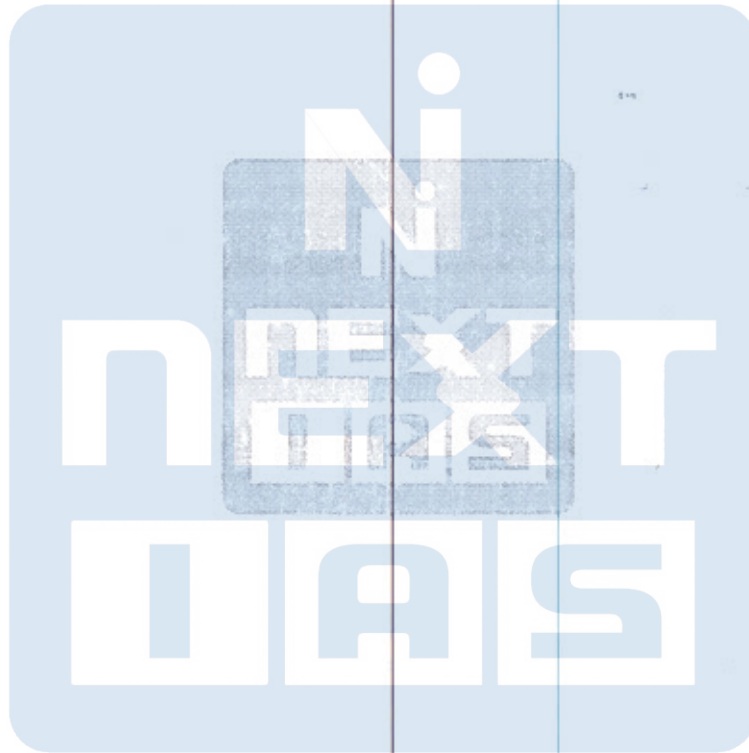
The scriptures like Bhagwad Gita which emphasise upon Nishakama Karma also gives an important lesson about how to devote life to the Karma without expecting anything in return. Swami Vivekananda's life ~~has~~ is testimony to this.

Living is truly an art. ~~Whose~~ ~~Art~~ will be more beautiful will depend upon the choice of tools by the artist. Artists like Viktor Frankle chose to paint the canvas of their life with valuable teachings from the existential crisis that they went through.

Similarly, our endeavour must be towards designing our life with beautiful colours as "We have choice in every moment"; said by James Clear in his book Atomic Habits. In this pursuit,

we can make this earth a better place
to live.

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Existence is a science

living is an art

Intro → Viktor Frankl

↳ Consequences

Meaning → Jugal Kishore Harari

How

- ~~atomic country level~~
- animals do exist
- Mahatma Gandhi → Experiments of Truth
- BK Shivani (brahmakumaris)
- ↳ suggestions

Why

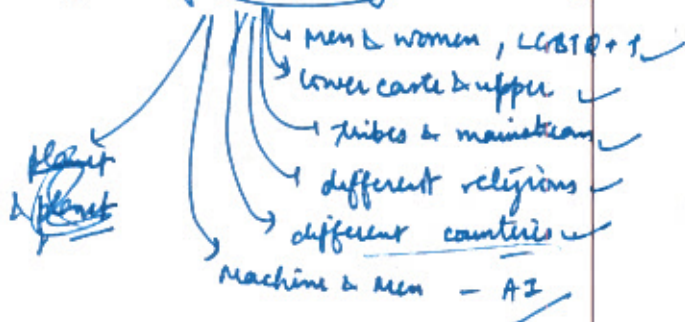
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Claims & their example

Space for Rough Work

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etc

Inequality is ~~not~~ natural

Differences are natural

Intro → ~~introduction~~ Colonialism → racial supremacy
Rudyard Kipling → theory

Meaning →

inequalities are needed to be reduced

but ~~that~~ homogenization not to be produced

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How → develop table each inequality

On this pursuit

long is an art

Why → because of societal notions / pre-conceived notions

patriarchy, upper caste & untouchability, men - higher & powerful

Effects → majoritarianism, common & fundamentalism, perpetuation of inequality, feeling of inferiority

What should we do → Conclusion, provide them rights, SC judgement

Good & Bad

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