

## 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।

Drop the question what tomorrow may bring and count as profit every day that fate allows you.

A kind of discrimination known as Apartheid based on difference in physical characteristics had engulfed the South Africa. This needed a constant struggle against it to weed it out. A man of vision and Mission selflessly devoted himself for this purpose. He worked day in and day out without caring what will happen to him tomorrow or in future.

His efforts as relentless they were led to a war on this heinous exploitation. He became successful to a great extent in weeding this discrimination out. However, he was imprisoned for 27 years which he accepted without any resistance.

The person was "Nelson Mandela". His life gave us a lesson about how a person, a society or a nation should work hard in today to gain a bright future. The topic of the essay also talks about the same values espoused by Nelson Mandela. Let us carefully understand its meaning.

The first phrase says that Drop the question what tomorrow may bring - It points towards not thinking about what will happen tomorrow. The second phrase i.e. Count as profit every day that fate allows you signifies the importance of

working in present and not undermining the value of today. Breaking it into pieces and varied interpretations for deeper insights.

Firstly, it can be helpful if we do not think about tomorrow and work today without expecting any fruits in return. For example - A student is asked to work hard and prepare herself for all the eventualities without thinking about failures.

Another example is of freedom struggle. Our national leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Raja Ram Mohan Roy and others worked on several fronts despite continuous failures. They challenged the might of British Empire by their perseverance and consistent efforts. They took advantage of each day and worked in present eventually leading to gaining of independence.

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Second Interpretation can be that everyday presents a new opportunity. so, it is advisable to make use of each and everyday. This also suggests that failures have to be taken as an important lesson and be forgotten. An example is taken to understand this.

Our space Agency ISRO did not get bog down by the failure of Chandrayaan-2. Rather, it learnt its lesson and came out with the 3rd edition of Chandrayaan which so far proved to be a success.

Another example can be taken of that of G-20. India is holding its presidency. Due to its focus on development of marginalised and growth of the nation, India is advocating many reforms using the platform of G-20.

every meeting has a different agenda aimed at human-centric globalisation.

Thirdly, the topic can be interpreted in the form of working today keeping in mind the arrival of good days ahead. If we have a plan in mind which can prepare us for tomorrow, we will not be worried about the consequences. Climate Change is a case in point here.

Climate change and its repercussions are something which no one is oblivious of. Urban floods have become a national phenomenon as has been witnessed recently. This makes it urgent for us to be prepared in form of restoration of wetlands, storm drainage infrastructure and so on.

Another instance is of the issue of ethnic clashes happening in Manipur. Govt. of the day needs to work on multiple

fronts along with the participation of other stakeholders for peaceful and progressive Manipur, in particular and north-east, in general.

There is no dearth of examples which emphasise upon the importance of working today and everyday. The opposite of it will not help anyone and will lead to backwardness and misery. Let us know what if we think only about tomorrow i.e. we live in future.

One of the possible issues would be inaction due to fear of failure. For example - lack of political will to bring about Uniform Civil Code enshrined in Article 44 of the Constitution. Political parties are thinking about the future and not making any progress to implement this directive.

At the individual level, there is a tendency of instant gratification. If we do not see any rewards coming out of our action, we procrastinate. For example - mindset that we are going to fail anyway might cause inaction.

Another trouble that this Attitude of living in future will cause is this anxiety of everything beyond control. This is understandable that tomorrow is out of our control. What we have in our hands is today. Thus, working today for gratification of goals is indispensable.

For instance, India faces the issue of terrorism as an imminent threat to its sovereignty, integrity and unity. If ~~the~~ our agencies do not collect intelligence, do not equip themselves with arms, then they won't be able to tackle terrorism.

Moreover, If we work in present then tomorrow can be made under our control to some extent. Preparing for Terrorism, Adaptation and mitigation measures to curb climate change, Circular Economy for resource efficiency are appropriate examples to prove this argument. Having seen the consequences of not working in present, it's time to move towards the suggestions required.

A lesson of value can be extracted from Bhagwad Gita which emphasises upon Nishkama Karma (selfless work) - working without thinking about the consequences. work, itself, is considered as an end and not a means to an end. Suami Vivekanand is a Role model in this aspect.

Suami Vivekanand advocated the consistency and perseverance. His famous saying "Arise, Awake and stop not, till the goal is reached" cannot be emphasised enough. He has suggested to work hard

and not discouraged by failures which are part and parcel of human life.

Additionally, working hard and relentlessly makes us master of our destiny. On the other hand, Relying on tomorrow and expectations makes one fatalist. For example - "Fall of Bastille and Revolution by workers in France in 1789" is a case in point.

The today itself is filled with multiple opportunities. The need is to recognise them and make use of them for making one's own future better and leading the nation towards progress in face of several challenges and adversities.

Like many developed countries have worked to tackle many challenges such as Poverty, Unplanned Urbanisation, India and countries of South has to work

consistently for better living standards. This shows how stepping in right direction with a strong will will definitely lead to success.

A theory of Oscar Lewis relating to Culture of Poverty can also be relevant here. He says that poor is not poor because of poverty, inequalities, etc. Rather, he is poor due to his value-system. This means poor due to values of being fatalist, dependency, lack of self-faith remains poor in perpetuity.

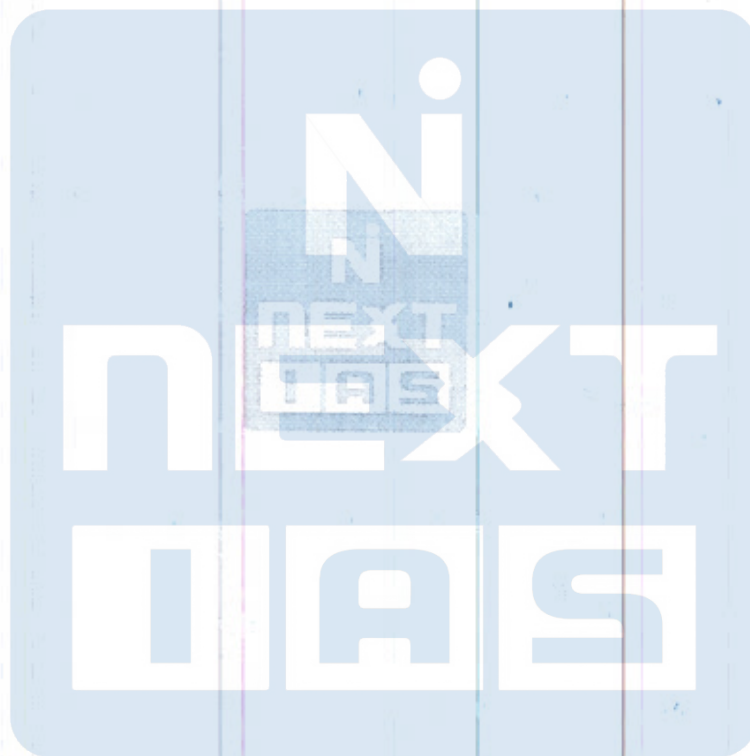
This theory shows the importance of attitude and value-system which can change the face of one's destiny. The attitude of incessant determination, dedication which makes one makes use of everyday can only lead to better future.

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Tomorrow is also going to be today the next day and this is how time flies. Thus, working in present & understand the value of time is crucial to solve existing challenges and make further explorations.

The hard work of Nelson Mandela has become the guiding path for future generations in form of Black Rights Movement globally. ~~which~~ Therefore, let us take everyday as a new day filled with new energy and new vigour which takes us to New Tomorrow.

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

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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।

Only the dead have seen the end of the war

The World War-II ended in 1945 which began in 1939. But, did it end for all? For some, it definitely ended. For some, it ended in success. For some, it ended in failure. For some, there were no gains or no losses. However, for many, it never ended. They are still suffering from it. They are still experiencing it every second. They are the future generations who are facing genetic as well as radiation exposure due to atomic bomb

incident of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The above instance shows that war does not end for all. Let us understand the meaning given in the topic of essay.

The topic says that "only the dead has seen the end of the war". It describes that those who were killed in the war had only seen the war ending. Others, on the other hand are still going through the war. Russia-Ukraine war is more than relevant here.

The war grinding between Russia and Ukraine has caused immense loss of lives, property, human rights, global rules based order and so on. The war is still continuing. Those who were killed, for them, however, the war has ended. However, let us see how others are living

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it .

for internally displaced people, the war has caused humanitarian crisis in form of food insecurity , violence , attacks . They are going through their worst times as they have no shelter and no social security .

for soldiers who have seen bloodshed and people suffering , who have seen the purposelessness of the war , who are fighting for any gains , the war is still alive . The memories of war haunt them day in and day out .

for the two countries and the political leaders who are throwing money to buy arms in a quest to emerge victorious . They are oblivious of the human suffering and importance of peace . For them , the war is still on .

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There are ~~a~~ indirect recipients of war in this age of globalisation. African, Asian countries suffering due to inflation, supply chain shocks are experiencing the war every minute.

There are others who are gaining from the war. They are the arms manufacturing companies which are supplying weapons to sustain the war. They wish that war continues. For them, the war is alive.

This was the instance of Russia - Ukraine war which is still going on. However, there are wars ~~to~~ which have ended long ago but at the same time remains alive. An example of civil war in Sri Lanka is a case in point.

Sri Lanka witnessed the worst ever civil war between ~~a~~ Sinhalese community

which is in majority and the minority Tamil community. The civil war ended after resulting in loss of lives and livelihoods. However, the Tamilian communities is still witnessing it in form of discrimination, non-implementation of 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The "war" can also be interpreted in varying sense. It can be interpreted in terms of a heinous crime or a man-made disaster. It can be understood as a terrorist attack or even as an Ideology. Let us understand varying interpretations through examples.

A horrendous crime of "Rob lynching" which led to gruesome killing and hate in society can be regarded as a one-time incident for ~~not~~ affected. However, the affected families are still traumatised

and suffering the loss of their loved ones. The "unaffected ones" mentioned above can be thought of as ignorant / indifferent.

The "Bhopal Gas Tragedy" killed many. For them, the tragedy has ended. However, for their families left behind and the upcoming future generations, the tragedy is still present in form of health challenges that they are going through.

Likewise, A terrorist attack of the likes of 26/11 attack has led to loss of lives of many innocents. However, the survivors still narrate the story of that horrendous attack that they witnessed. The State also is consistent in its efforts to tackle terrorism as it has not ended.

Now, let us understand how an

Ideology can become a war. If an ideology discriminates against a certain section of community then it can be termed as war. This reminds of nazism ideology leading to genocide of jews. The witnesses like Victor Frankl have described how this war has left forever imprints on the minds and souls of the Germany and the world.

Not only the term "war" but the "dead" also can be interpreted in a broad manner. The "dead" in literal sense refers to those who lost their life. But what about those who lost their consciousness, who lost humanity, who have become indifferent to others' pain, they cannot be regarded as alive. Let us delve deeper.

The people who are not aware of the sufferings of others, for them,

the war has ended. For example - The war against patriarchy has ended for ignorants however, for feminists and enlightened, the war is still to be pursued in form of social movements like #MeToo Movement.

The ones who are perpetrators, who want to spread war, the war shouldn't end for them. For example - Terrorists want to inflict sufferings and pain, they do not want terror to end. The locals who lost humanity do collude with them.

Climate Change is still the reality. However, some who are indifferent as they are not the direct recipients of climate change think that the war against climate change has ended. Example can be taken of exiting of US from Paris Agreement.

Small Island Developing Countries are

facing the crisis of sea level rise and submergence of their homes. They are the ones who are leading a fight against this war. However, developed countries are unaware of their sufferings and the manifestations of climate change.

Since, we have seen how war against peace leads to ~~more~~ endless misery. It is indispensable to understand that war resulting in bloodshed is not justified for dead as well as alive. This can be realised through the sayings of PM Modi - This is not an era of war.

Moreover, the war against evil i.e. global warming, terrorism should not be ended without eliminating the evil. For this purpose, the dead has to be awakened by providing education and access to justice. The global community must come forward for

this purpose. The constant introspection is also pertinent here.

Introspection as emphasised by Mahatma Gandhi in his Autobiography "The Experiments of Truth" leads to removal of evil and absorption of good. This helps in removing the ignorance and awakening the conscience.

This "conscience" should be exercised at various levels - personal and national to end the war which causes humanitarian crises. On the other hand, it should start the war against everything which causes human suffering.

Efforts are needed at the multilateral level to end all forms of violence happening in domestic arenas or at the global scale to usher in an era of peace, security and prosperity.

A war taking human's breath,  
should be dead.

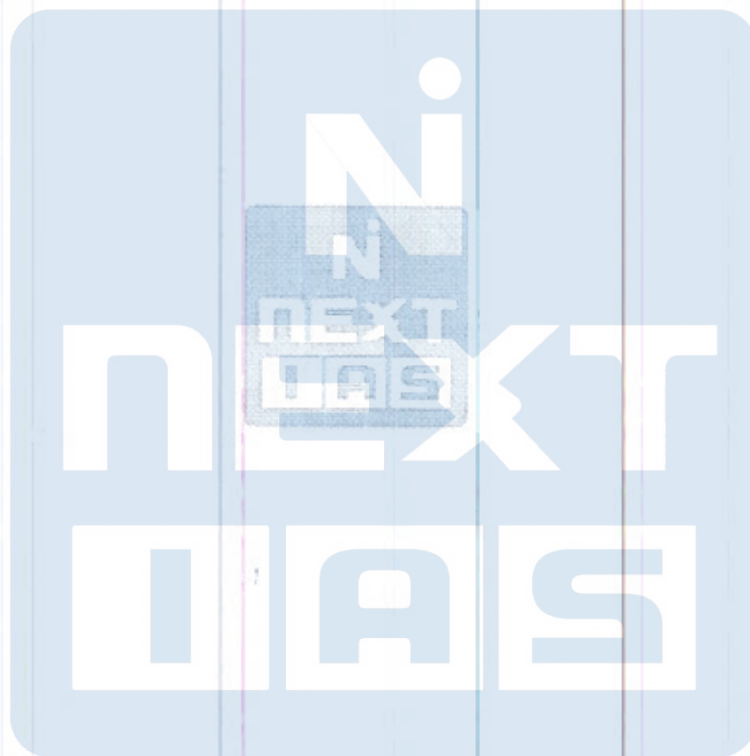
Peace which respects life,  
should be the guiding light !!

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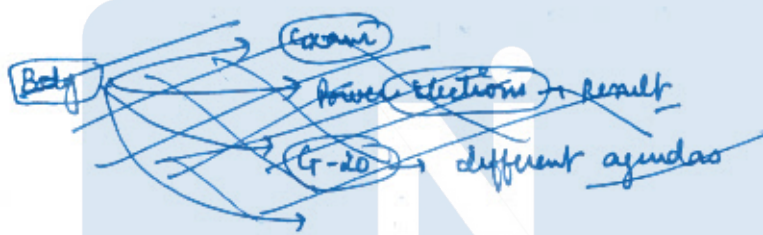
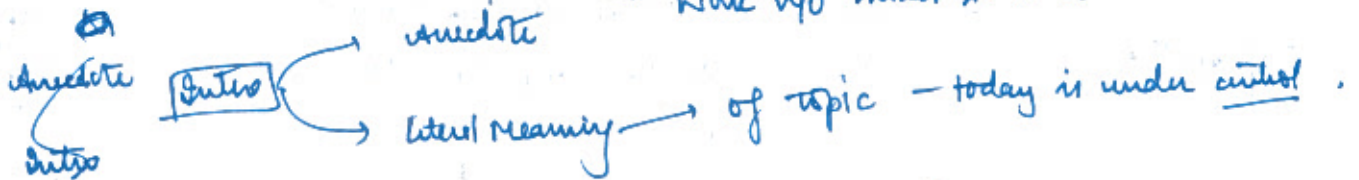
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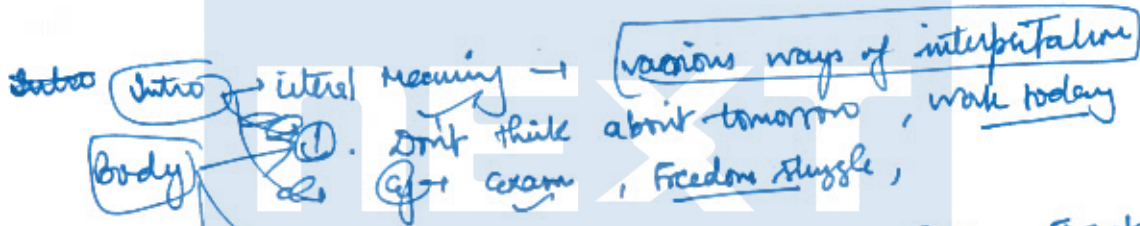
Neilson Mandel's 17 years opportunity

Drop the ques what tomorrow may bring & cont as profit what everyday what fate allows you.

Consistency  
Fear of Failure  
Work w/o ~~without~~ wish



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work in present for better tomorrow



tomorrow today

- ② everyday is a new opportunity, Forget Failures.
- ③ → Chandrayaan-3, Cr-20 + 5-3 corruption
- ③ → Work today keeping in mind better tomorrow
- ③ → ~~to~~ climate change, urban floods, no problems, work today

what if we think only about tomorrow

Thinking only failures

- ① Inaction due to fear of failure, fatalist
- ② tomorrow is beyond control → terror attack (prepared in advance)
- ③ Fear discouraged by failures. (eg) → Swami Vivekananda

What should we do

- ① Nishkama Karma → (eg) Swami Vivekananda
- ② Hard-work today → master of destiny.
- ③ Selfless service (eg) ~~to~~ Thomas Edison
- Control → terrorism

# Space for Rough Work

