

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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long time ago, on the lands of hastinapur, kunti, the mother of pandavas gave birth to a child named karva even before giving birth to pandavas. However, she did not possess the child and left it in a river since she had a fear that society will not accept me and child and

will question the legitimacy of the child. She kept away from her son for years and son Karna lived his life with misery till he met Duryodhana.

Even after so many years, when Krishna tried to tell the truth to Karna in order to avert the war between Kauravas and Pandavas, Kunti did not want this secret to get revealed as it would lead to social ostracisation and many questions will be put on both mother and son.

Had this truth been revealed earlier by the Kunti, she and her son Karna probably would have got rejection or acceptance from the family ~~however~~ ^{but} the war could have been averted for sure, since, Karna had that much of potential to stop the war.

The moral of the story is, it was completely forgivable to commit a mistake ~~by~~ of Kunti since she was not knowing the consequences.

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However, at later stage, when she was aware of the consequences that it will result into a war if the truth has not been revealed, ~~is~~ still hiding the truth ~~is~~ not acceptable and led to the war. Kunthi was afraid of the light.

In this essay, we will try to know what is meant by dark and light? why it is easy to forgive a child who is afraid of the dark? why men are afraid of the light? we will also try to understand how ~~is~~ afraid of light results into adverse consequences and ways to address the situation.

A child is a person who has lack of knowledge and less exposure to the realities of the world. An illiterate person may fall in this category or a person with poor cognitive aptitude. whereas, a person who knows the realities and full of knowledge are supposed to have the wisdom to be called a man.

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In our society, we have seen many social evils like SATE, child marriage and female infanticides which were happening from many years. The more problematic is that these evils were sustaining in the presence of men that were knowing the adverse consequences of these evil practices. However, they did not respond since they were afraid of losing the patriarchal hegemony or the domination of Brahmins over other castes. It is the truth gets revealed that these are socially created evils and not made by God.

The result of these continued evil practices were suppression of women and increased violence against women that are persisting even today.

The enlightened men have not only afraid of light in these social practices but in political sphere also. We as the voters see the

Criminalisation of politics and easily gets
lured by the freebies that affects our conscience
to cast a free vote. Even after knowing the
truth and its dire consequences, people refrain to
raise voice against it which results into destruction
of democracy and violation of human rights.

It is said that 'In an autocracy,
the tyranny of monarch is not as destructive
as the apathy of citizens in a democracy.' This
is so because wise men are afraid of light, the
light of reality.

Similarly, we see the various scam and
frauds happening in the financial world. People
like Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya have dented
the Indian banking system with thousands of
crore swipes scam. It was not a big deal
to happen a scam, however, it was a big
deal if it happened when Bank authorities
was having knowledge about the frauds.

Banks afraid of the truth that if these frauds came into light then there may be serious dent to their image and they may face the sanctions and loss the revenue. This resulted into fleeing of hard earned money out of the country.

Moreover, today the countries are emitting Green house gases to drive their wheels of economy as fast as possible. The emission by the developing countries like African countries may be accepted since they had faced the brunt of developed world and deprived of self development. However, the lack of acceptance of truth by the developed countries that they are responsible for climate change of today. They have reaped the economic benefits of industrial revolution but gave whole world the menace of global warming. This lack of accepting the

truth by developed world has resulted into denial of funding and technology by them to developing world to transition towards green energy. The world is facing the consequences in terms of increasing extreme climatic events like cyclones, warming and floods.

The climate change is not the only concern at international level where the countries are afraid of truth. The ongoing covid-19 pandemic was another consequence of denial of truth by countries like china that we are causing extreme harm to the environment that is resulting into exposure of new types of viruses and bacteria leading to unknown diseases.

Similarly, we are developing the technology every day be it an Artificial Intelligent robot, a new IoT tool or a new type of lethal drone. There is an arms race going on between the countries to

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develop more advanced lethal weapons. The development for the sake of national security is justifiable, however the truth is that world is developing weapons for economic and political domination on each other. Countries like USA and Russia refrain to accept the fact that they want their hegemony on each other and not the peace. This has led to the Russia - Ukraine war which has engulfed the whole world at least economically.

Here, the bigger question is why as men are afraid of light, truth or reality. The reason lies in the self-centredness, egoism and feeling of relative deprivation. In a society, men and upper caste afraid of losing their hegemony. In political arena, politicians are afraid of losing their seat and at international level countries are afraid of losing their domination. So, this insecurity is one of other major reasons why a man afraid of light.

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Having learnt that a man is why afraid of light, there arise a more valid question that does a man also afraid of dark? The answer is yes. Everyone is afraid of the phenomenon or the activities that flourishes in the dark.

Terrorism, cyber crimes, drug mafias and Trafficking they all flourish in the dark and the common man always afraid of them.

We afraid of dark that is why ~~the~~ we have yet to fully accept the LGBT Community, and transgender which are still fighting for their rights. Sex workers are treated like plague. We must accept the both dark and light ~~to~~ have to co-exist.

This brings us to a new question that what is the way forward? What a ~~man~~ man should do ~~to~~ not to afraid of dark or of light. Darkness and light both are the integral part of our lives.

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Firstly, The ways of Education, literacy and wisdom will penetrate the darkness and will lead us to the right direction. We shall keep our moral values and universal human values like rationality, humanity and universalism well before our parochial interests.

Secondly, Believe in the trusteeship model of Gandhi, need based consumption and not greed based and opting nature based solution will solve the problem of exploitation of natural resources for economic domination. Here, Commerce with morality will guide the path for business to drive the path of equality and inclusive development.

Finally, The idea of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam as propounded by the India which unites all world as a single family will help to think from perspective of welfare of all. We must not hesitate to accept the truth^{and} realities no matter how dark they are. It is said that

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You can not hide the truth for long and truth
always prevails, therefore we must accept the
 darkness as well as truth for the greater
 welfare of the whole community. For this, we
 need courage, fortitude and perseverance which
 will help to prevail the truth, suppress
the darkness and penetrating the prosperity
through the darkness.

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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।

Act as if it were impossible to fail

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The year was 1938, a young athlete shooter was undergoing a military training in Hungary. He had a dream of winning the gold medal in the olympics and practiced for it regularly. One day, while throwing a hand grenade during a mock drill, he met an accident and he lost his right arm with which he was practicing. He was devastated. Still, He did not loose hope and did not blame

the destiny. he secretly started practising with his left hand for day and night. post world war II, In 1948, he got a chance to participate in 1948 Olympics for which he was practicing very hard. With no surprise, he won the gold medals in shooting in 1948 Olympics as well as in 1952.

He was none other than Karoly Takacs.

The inspiring story of Karoly reiterates that one should act & practice in such a manner that it becomes impossible to fail.

History is full of the victors like Karoly Takacs who acted as if it were impossible to fail. It needs a clear vision to set the goal and prepare hard for it.

Scientists like Homi Jehangir Bhabha and Vikram Sarabhai had vision of making India technologically sound where we will be revering as a great nuclear power and space power. They worked tirelessly day and night, faced

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numerous challenges and setbacks still did not leave the hope, determination and preparation which ultimately led to successful testing of nuclear power in 1974 and successful launch of paksat in 1980 which changed the lives of millions.

Not only the clear vision, but a right attitude is also precursor to act in such a determined way that failure looks impossible. The right and positive attitude of leaders like Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela helped them to fight tirelessly against racial discrimination and apartheid. They worked so hard such that they championed the cause of marginalised and discriminated ones. They never looked back nor got troubled from any oppressions or suppressions that's why leaders like Mandela was successful to ignite masses even from the jail.

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Along with the right attitude, there is a need of having courage, fortitude and perseverance in order to sustain our journey towards success. These values help us to stay calm and determined in the adverse situations so as to carry out the journey towards success. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Bhagat Singh possessed these attributes which shaken the British empire from within and inspired millions of youth and masses to fight for the political and freedom.

Both worked in such a way that even Britishers observed, it was impossible to fight with these leaders and win. They tried to broker many deals however our leaders were not ready to settle with less success, and ultimately led to the independence of India.

All the fruits work better if

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they are driven by the emotional intelligence. It is the way to understand and manage our feelings as well as of others. An emotionally intelligent person controls and regulates his/her emotions and channelizes them in such a manner that they fosters his/her preparation to get the success.

Karna, a great character of Mahabharata, did not mend his way after ~~getting~~ knowing the truth about himself. He used Emotional Intelligence to control his emotions and continued to fight the war in favour of Duryodhana. Although, the war was won by Pandavas, Karna also won in the eyes of world because of his virtues, moral and ethical conduct. ~~So~~ some is needed in

today's world where we get easily lured by the materialism or consumerism.

Discipline and the determination

are other values which are essential for a person to act in a way such that he/she

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does not seek any failure. Discipline & balrath
Mayghi helped him to carve out a road within
a giant mountain. He was so determined and disciplined
that he even challenged the mountain to stop
him from cutting it.

Similarly the people like Papat Bhai of
Ahmednagar who ~~built~~ ^{converted} a village notorious for poverty
into a village of millionaires with his wise power
and discipline. The Phogat sisters of Haryana
are another shining example of discipline and
determination how it can lead to a sure success.

Having learnt that one has to act
in such a way that it leads to a sure shot
success and it needs number of qualities and
values to pursue that way. It is pertinent to
know what are the challenges in acting that way?
Why people fails?

The journey has to have a start, it
is said that 'we begun is half job done'. What

if person procrastinate or do not start to act.

It is the biggest impediment in our journey.

many people gains weight continuously still thinks that they will start the gym from tomorrow but that tomorrow never comes so the right time to start is now, today itself!

Even if person starts his journey, but the lack of interest demotivated him to

continue the journey which leads the path

of failure. The lack of interest in the family business makes a boy dissuaded and isolated. He does not brings out his full potential which impedes his own growth. Therefore, to have a interest in the journey is essential to lead the path of success.

Moreover, the values and qualities of courage, fortitude and perseverance are essential,

if they are absent then it is impossible to

succeed in the life. Even though the Dharmamandala,

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king of Nanda empire had larger army and weaponry than the Chandragupta Maurya still he lost to Maurya because of lack of courage and fortitude.

Apart from this, desiring by short term gratifications and having parochial interests are another challenges to achieve the success that too sure shot. Had our leaders like Gandhiji and Ambedkar accepted the deals given by Britishers which fostered their interests, there would not have been ignition of masses to fight for national causes and strive for independence. We are today celebrating independence even because of their sacrifices and long term vision.

If we follow all the values and qualities ~~and~~ and stay away from parochial interests, then are there sure chances that we will succeed or are ~~there~~ there possibility of getting failed.

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People usually believe in destiny whenever they meet a failure. This ~~is~~ is a way to justify our failures. It is said that, destiny is changed with your hard work. Arunima Sinha, who lost his legs in a train accident has distinction of climbing all major mountain peaks of the world. She has changed her destiny with her hard work just like Karoly Takars did.

Therefore, it is upto us if we leave the extraordinary and unforeseen situations like natural calamities to decide our fate.

It is us who creates our own destiny, it is us who embark on the path of success the difference is only how willingly, and passionately we are embarking on the path.

We have to instill the value and learnings of great leaders and personalities.

The values like determination, perseverance, courage, fortitude and integrity makes our way easy and smooth towards success.

Today, we are traversing through Amrit Kaal, we have come a long way but we are today standing as a ~~less~~ powerful yet soft nation before the world which is preaching the values like vasudha kutumbakam (world is our family) to ~~the~~ whole world.

We strive to become the world leader and a Vishwa Guru with the qualities of unity and brotherhood, inclusive development and by taking ~~humans~~ humans, environment and whole earth together. We have in past achieved the success, we crossed the ocean of difficult time like 1947 partition, ~~and~~ 1999 1965 war and 1991 economic downturn still we stood strong and acted in a way

that ensured the India's success.

Similarly, we strive further to act in the similar manner to bring peace, and prosperity not only in India but in the whole world. This reminds me the lines of great poet 'bushyant kumar'

(Kas kahta hai Aasman ne sunakhi hi ho sakte
EK ~~tabiyat~~ to tabiyat se fensko yaaro)
Patthar

Meaning { Who says there can not be a hole in the sky,
All you need is to throw a stone with full might }

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Space for Rough Work

Act as if it were impossible to fail.

Karoly Takacs - Intro 4 (1938 → Olympics 1948, 1952)

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③ What are the challenges?

④ What still we fail?

⑤

Social
Poli-

→ RRMA

Historical

Eco.

Legal

Const.

Sport

Tech.

Culture

Philos.

Environ.

②

What it needs?

① Clear vision

② Right Attitude

③ Change, F, P.

④ Practical Interference

⑤ Discipline

⑥

Papad Bhai & Ahmednagar

→ Dashroth Manghi

Eg. space, defense

Gandhi

Space for Rough Work

⇒ We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the
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 real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

⇒ light ↔ Truth
 Reality }
 does not know how to lit a light
 know everything (H)
 want to remain in darkness
 1. Tyranny & Autocrat → —
 2. TUSA

No ability to face Truth/Reality - why?

• why so? What are the challenges?

Why men afraid to light? ⇒ What consequences

What he should do?

Child → No knowledge, ignorant, illiterate

Men → afraid of dark → 9.

Start →

afraid of light

Social ⇒ SATI, Dowry, LM
Political ⇒ crime of Pol, vote based or freebie

Economic ⇒

History ⇒

Environment ⇒ Emission

Techno.

Legislative

Const.

Sports

Spiritual

Cultural

Religion ⇒ Law

Ashoka

Buddha

Matchhara

Kunthi ⇒ KARNA

Introd. ⇒ afraid of truth

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war happened.