

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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Hypothetically, let's imagine if someone has a bank account in which everyday 86400 ₹ gets deposited which can be spent by only that person holding the account. It neither can be lent to someone nor can it be carried forward to the next day. What will the person do?

Obviously, he/she will try to use these money judiciously so that it doesn't go wasted. Just like the bank account, life gives us the precious gift that is time. Everyday we get 84600 seconds to spend. It is priceless but precious; It can't be given but be spent; It can't be kept or saved but go wasted if not spent judiciously.

This shows the importance of the time we are living in and that is PRESENT. Present is the main part of life when we can make changes that will not only shape our tomorrow but can also provide meaning to our past. And thus a chinese proverb says -

"The Best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW."

And thus it signifies the value of cherishing the present.

In this essay we will explore multiple dimensions through questions like what kind of questions we often engage in? why we think about tomorrow forgetting about today; what is the importance of cherishing present and how we can do that.

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So to start with, we can think what kind of questions or tensions we associate with the future or tomorrow. We as a human are often surrounded with many problems and we try to make our future secure & stable. In this quest people often tend to think about future or tomorrow. And misses out on the most important aspect of life that is present.

For instance, if Buddha had thought too much about future without making efforts in present, he wouldn't have found Buddhism which is a religion today. Instead he took step, he left home and did penance & long meditation to

attain enlightenment. Yes efforts in present is necessary. And even after knowing this why people are concerned about future:

We are living in the era of uncertainty; In the era where missiles are guided but men are mis-guided as said by Martin Luther King Jr. Thus people want predictability and certainty in their lives.

Also the post truth society and prevalence of social media has made people conscious of what they have & what not. People often tend to compare themselves on materialistic goals with others which creates Alienation and disenchantment leaving them to think about tomorrow and thinking how they can attain these materialistic luxury and comfort tomorrow.

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This is not only the fault of people. There are other social & structural problems remain. For instance world inequality Report of Oxfam shows stark inequality where top 1% have 40% wealth and bottom 50% have only 3%.

thus poverty, deprivation, inequality etc have a fatal effect which make people less optimistic and less capable due to low human development investment. And that's why not leaving the avenues to break these shackles rather just think and hope about a better tomorrow.

The other dimension is of past where past activities affect our present. and thus its said

"Chhodo kal ki baatein, kal ki baat purani, Naye daur mein likhenge hum milkar nayi kahani"

(leave the past; all & everything has gone by; we will write the new story i.e. make the new tomorrow in the new age.)

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Thus the above lines from a famous song brings the new question that is How we can cherish our present leaving all the concern of past & future and to what extent it is important?

Its important to live in present ; its important to make efforts in present this will only shape our future. Only thinking and not acting destroys our future.

" By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail " - Roosevelt.

i.e if we don't act today, how can we make our tomorrow better. Its impossible thus it becomes important to count our present.

Its importance gets reflected in every level of life. An individual often remains concerned about his/her future and lose the precious time

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which he/she has got today. For instance of Sachin Tendulkar had just thought about his dream and only got stressed about it without putting effort, He wouldn't have become an ideal for almost every aspiring cricketer.

Similarly Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam who aspired to become an astronomical engineer worked hard despite various hurdles and succeeded in launching satellite as a project director with Satish Dhawan.

Thus working hard in present gives an individual satisfaction even if he fail, he will have that courage to work again if he knows how to utilize the precious today which fate has given.

Therefore Grandhiji says -

"Satisfaction is when you put all efforts. Full effort is full victory"

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Individuals make the society and wise individuals make wise society. Many society today live in past and concern about the future without working in present nothing can be achieved.

A society reaches its mature phase when it starts working towards its problems and then development comes. For instance present efforts towards establishing gender equality will make the tomorrow society more inclusive and happy place to live. And thus efforts are being made towards women empowerment and also rights of LGBTQIA+

There may be a difficult tomorrow but if we know how to respond and act in present we can deal with it certainly!

for instance the problem of COVID-19 was very uncertain for every society and every nation. It caused too much fear and chaos, many lost their loved ones, but by acting in the right direction and leaving the thoughts / concern of tomorrow we were able to fight it and establish the pre-pandemic society again.

Likewise Nations should also come together to put efforts collaboratively forgetting past and future to deal with all the challenges we face today.

For instance, climate change often involve a blame game where countries tend to blame each other for the climate hazards but instead cooperating with each other can give some results as done through meetings like Conference of Parties (COP) 27 in Egypt.

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To collaborate and contribute more actively India is also putting its efforts like principle of LiFE (Lifestyle for environment) and commitments like Panchamrit which also include achieving net zero by 2070.

In Economic sphere also we have multiple goals including aim of becoming \$5 trillion economy by 2024. Mere anticipations and thoughts can't achieve this. Instead we will have to work & take concerted efforts in right direction to achieve the goal.

Having discussed about the importance of cherishing present time we should also think about the other side of the coin. Should we completely neglect the future? Should we really not think about tomorrow?

The answers can be availed through the story of Bheeshma Pitamah of Mahabharata. He was given the title of Bheeshma for his difficult vow of not marrying ever and sewing the throne for entire life. But he didn't have any idea how badly this will affect the future course. Being bound by his vow, he couldn't support Dharm when Pandavs were cheated neither he could voiced when Droupadi was humiliated.

Therefore its always necessary to take decisions and act thinking of tomorrow; that is how well our tomorrow will get affected by today's acts.

Thinking about tomorrow motivates us to act today. It provides us the courage to take calculative risks in lives so that we can make our tomorrow more happy & prosperous.

It is the questions of tomorrow which makes us cautious while adventuring into something wrong. The bad/good consequences directs us as a guide and our conscience helps in that. therefore helps in pursuing Righteousness.

However thoughts of tomorrow should not affect our actions today as said by Shri Krishna in Bhagwad Gita, we should follow 'Nishkam Karma' and live in present.

Present and Today is the way to tomorrow and that's why it's said-

" Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery

Today is a Gift
And that's why it's called PRESENT"

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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।

Q8
Act as if it were
impossible to fail

An intelligent boy had worked and got a call from very reputed university - Harvard university to pursue his dream. But apart from the opportunity, leaving ^{the} country requires monetary strength which he lacked.

While applying for various loans and trying to get money, he even lost his father. Poverty struck him hard and shattered his dream.

Then he rose and made up the mind that only^{no} meritorious candidates should be stopped due to lack of money. Thus he started fee coaching for many underprivileged students. The famous dialogue of a movie based on his life reminds us -

"Ab Raja ka beta Raja nahi banega. Raja wahi banega jo haqdar hog."
 (King's son ^{won't} become the next king, only capable person will get there.)

Yes, he is Anand Kumar who started batch 'super30' to teach underprivileged students who couldn't afford high fees. He overcame all the hurdles, left his well paying offers for this. And got succeeded.

He never thought, he will do it but he worked with an indomitable will and worked so effectively that it can be said that he acted as if it were impossible to fail.

In this essay we will explore temporal examples of such Acts, we will also see how any act gets succeed and what if it fails, what's the importance of success and failure when we act.

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To start with we can cite multiple factors and examples which makes our acts successful.

Act should be done with courage which can make the action unstoppable even if faced any challenge. for instance the courage to leave the home, all the luxury and wander in search of enlightenment and the truth made Siddharth BUDDHA for the world.

Any action require indomitable will which will help it to persist until achieving the goal. for instance Savitribai Phule used to carry an extra saree while going to teach to the students.

As many a times she used to get pelted dirt, stones and dung at her, by the dominant caste who wanted to stop her. But these act didn't deter her to bring the change in society.

Likewise there are multiple examples like Rajaram Mohan Roy, Ashwarchandra vidyasagar etc contributing towards emancipation of suppressed and women.

It is said that if you are acting in the right direction, no external force can stop you.

"First they will laugh at you
Then they will ignore you
Then they fight you
and then you win." - Mahatma
Gandhi

This shows that its the internal resolve that makes Action easy to succeed.

So what determines the success? There are multiple ways which helps getting our actions succeed.

For instance it is said that "well begun is half the job done" thus one needs to start the action timely and effectively. So what are the challenges which can make the Act impossible?

There are challenges which is internal or psychological as well as external or social/political/environmental etc.

For instance external challenge of threat faced by Malala Yousafzai. When she acted in direction of human Rights of education. She was so determined that she even fought with the terror activities and her voice even reached to UN.

According to her -

"when its silence, even one voice can²³ be powerful!"

Other challenges like political where women are not getting voice due to very less representation i.e. 14% in parliament. Criminalization of politics and over-Bureaucratization has caused corruption and red tapism which inhibits individual effort. Even they stop national growth as well.

Other such challenges are faced in environmental dimension. For instance environmental Racism done by developed rich countries on poor countries by acts like dumping their wastes there. Also its the poor small nations who get more affected by climate change. Its evident by fact that Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Maldives etc are sinking. Even Indonesia has ~~though~~ declared to shift its capital due to sea level Rise.

By social challenges we mean various social barriers like patriarchal restrictions on women, caste ridden conflicts and challenges on so called lower castes, other issues like malnutrition, unemployment, hunger etc causes impediments on societal actions which can't succeed leaving its member behind.

These were external challenges, internal challenges pose even greater risk of failure.

"It's not physical strength but the indomitable will which brings success" - Gandhiji

thus when people gets defeated internally he/she can't achieve their his/her goals.

"Man ke jite jeet hai man ke hare haar"

(If you accept your defeat, you will be defeated)

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Thus it's necessary to have strong will power as shown by Arunima sinha who even after getting her leg amputated after an accident, decided to climb mount everest and did it in 2013 by becoming first women amputee to climb everest.

Now is it necessary to always succeed? Or is it possible to succeed everytime?

We can find many instances where success has not attained but still it has added some new colours to our lives. For instance Milkha singh in Rome olympics though didn't win gold but was accorded a nickname of "The flying sikh" due to his record breaking performance.

Also its not about victory always, its about Internal contentment which makes an Actor happy.

" Success satisfaction doesn't lie in attainment but in effort. Full effort is full victory " - Grandhiji

Its neither possible nor desirable to succeed always. Failures add some precious values to human lives. Thus its said that "Failure is the best teacher". Then can it be said that it is okay to fail?

Yes absolutely! When one fails, he/she gains some new experiences and these learnings make them grow stronger with time. If someone is always getting success and have never tasted defeat, he/she may

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become fragile and emotionally weak thus any disturbance or even small setback can break his/her confidence drastically. Thus failure is necessary part of life"

Sometimes it's not about success or failure it's about internal peace. Some people feel happy even after getting defeated and some regret even after getting succeeded.

For instance Ashoka the great when won Kalinga war he was shattered by the huge devastation created by him, which has shattered his internal peace and thus helped him to decide that he will adopt Dhammaghosh (spiritual conquest) instead of Bherighosh (physical conquest)

Any action is thus above the binary notion of success-failure. It can even be measured through the consistency of Actor.

" Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts "

- Winston Churchill

For instance when Thomas Alva Edison even after trying more than 2000 elements for his bulb filament, was asked, he said that he had succeeded to find that 2000 elements can't be the filament.

Thus perspective and Attitude of a person also decide whether one has attained success or not.

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Therefore success and failure are part of the journey. If one fails, he/she should rise again to make the task successful. For instance Chandrayan-3 has been launched recently to demonstrate soft landing capability after the failure of Chandrayan-2.

Hence, to conclude, it's always about the approach and the unwavering will which guides the Action towards success, which is well reflected by a poem of Dushyant Kumar.

"Kaun kehta hai asman mein
surakh nahi ho sakta,

Ek patthar to tabiyat se
Uchhalo Yaaron."

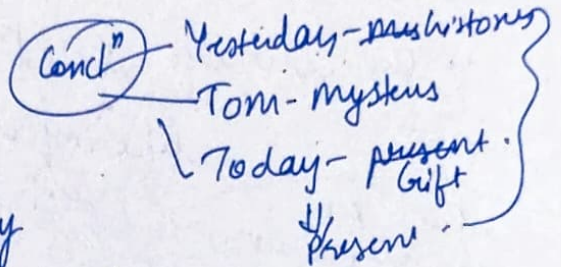
(Who says we can't make hole in the sky, just throw your stone with all your strength and will.)

Space for Rough Work

Prop the Qn what tomorrow may bring & count as profit every day that fate allows you.

Intra → $\frac{86400F}{86400S}$ / day

It's the profit → that everyday
use of it can change



Issues

what Qns & why?

why - what compels us?

- ↳ (A) modernizaⁿ, S.M, comparison
- ↳ Dissatisfied

MKB - full effort = full victory

Main area

Counting as profit everyday - MKB

Tension of future - Quest of a better tom

↓

fail to understand

Prer ↓

Cherish exiting time

↓

Doing effort

↳ Buddha -

MKB - ~~satisfacⁿ~~

live as if you were to die tomorrow

Indl

satisfacⁿ → wisdom
↓
courage to go/work

social

- live with trend
- present scenario
Evolve

Intl

↓
E+H Eco^y
present work.

What if not done

↳ preparing to fail!

↳ chaos

↳ Tom = new present thus new terms on

- vicious cycle

Antithesis

calculated measure thinking abt future

mahabharat
cheesha^m
enlighten

cc - if not thought → SLR, Temp^t etc.
- Nachiket

* However - present → way to tomorrow

conclⁿ

* Chhodo kal ki baatein, kal ki bat purani

seems impossible
will it done

Space for Rough Work

Act as if ^{it} were impossible to fail (PC) ^{indomitable will}

Intro - Savitribai Phule

Concl* - Dushyant Kumar

she-courage-acted like impossible to fail for her

Explore

which Acts are impossible to fail: across many sectors

Polity

Soci -> RRR/ICV

How to do Act => so that get success

well begun is half done: Courage - Malala Yousafzai
Wisdom
Emotional intelligence

MKG - bi square laugh at you fight you you win

down 7 times Rise up 8

Is it bad to fail? - Ashoka

necessary to allow succeed?

success is not final - failure is not fatal
it's the effort that counts
courage to cont - Winston Churchill

full effort full victory

Full effort is full victory

Chandrayan II - III

Edison - 2000 - bulb

How Failure is the best teacher