

खण्ड-A / Section-A

- Q.1 Little strokes fell great oaks.
छोटे - छोटे प्रयासों से बड़ी सफलता मिलती है।
- Q.2 Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.
किसी व्यक्ति का मूल्यांकन उसके उत्तरों के स्थान पर उसके प्रश्नों से करें।
- Q.3 Great principles, great ideals know no nationality.
महान सिद्धांत, महान आदर्श किसी एक राष्ट्र से संबंधित नहीं है।
- Q.4 In struggling with misfortune lies the true proof of virtue.
दुर्भाग्य से संघर्ष करने में ही नैतिकता का सच्चा प्रमाण निहित है।

I. Little Strokes fell great oaks

Thomas Alwa Edison, one of the great inventors failed many times. He was trying many elements to suit to be used as a filament of the bulb. His Assistant complained, "All our efforts in vain". But even after trying almost 2000 elements he smiled and said that 'we have come across a long way', Now we know that exactly 2000 elements can't be used to make the filament of bulb.

what does the anecdote shows? It presents how small endeavours can create great changes. Just like Edison, who had gone through all 2000 elements, tried and tested them patiently, we also need to take small steps in our lives so that great tasks or seemingly huge tasks can be done.

So the importance of little strokes or little steps can be understood through a quote which says -

" Journey of thousand miles
begin with small steps "

It is also evident from a life of a child, when she is born, she doesn't start running, she firstly starts to crawl, then walk through some support, in which many times she falls but stands again & then walk. So the quality of moving develops since childhood only.

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So in this essay we will try to answer some basic questions like what little steps we are talking about; why its important and how it leads to felling of oak tree; what if we fail in our endeavour; how to start again?

To begin with, we can discuss what little strokes one need to fell the oak tree. Answer lies in small steps of making up the mind, starting the task and doing it with full of our energy and dedication even any hurdles come. And this is evident across all level that is individual, societal and national level.

For instance, ~~Jack~~ Raja Ram Mohan Roy who started his movement against sati. He used to go to ghats, he cited many scriptures to show society that sati is not sanctioned by any text. He was even ostracised by society and

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faced the wrath of orthodox but his little efforts made the sati abolished through Bengal Regulation Act 1829.

Considering the wider society, we can cite example of LGBTQIA+. This term was not very known in early decades of 21st century but small efforts of the community like movements, Digital awareness, and PILs in judiciary bore fruit and honorable supreme court decriminalised section 377 of IPC.

At national level, the very recent launch of Chandrayan-3 is an example. India's small efforts that is starting with launching its satellites from other countries like France, Russia to making its own launchpad and own launch vehicle and then moving towards launching first manned mission (Gaganyaan) in next year shows the importance of small efforts.

Having discussed about what kind of little step do we need - we will now discuss why do we need to take little strokes?

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We need to do it to make our task successful. To develop the habit of completing any task as we often tend to leave things in fear of not getting success. For instance what if Mahatma ~~jee~~ Gandhi had left the idea of freedom after failure of Non cooperation movement?

The freedom fight & struggle shows how important it is to keep moving and making small endeavors. The small revolts, 1857 revolt and then Satyagraha by Gandhiji gave the message to colonial forces that now they can't rule over Indians without will of the Indians.

It's not only true for individuals but society also make progress through small steps and little endeavors. For instance society has

gone through all the caste discriminations and violence in the past. Even today also we can find some sort of discrimination but to a great extent we have been able to liberalize the caste structure and rigidity through modernization, Urbanization and liberalization. Many times we have failed also as conflicts still persist in society.

Then should we leave the task if we fail? How should one tackle these failures? As we all know failures are part of life. We all have failed at some point of time in our lives. It's not our failure that defines us but the effort as rightly said by WINSTON CHURCHIL

"Success is not final
Failure is not Fatal;

It's the courage to continue
that counts"

Thus we & one should never fear

of failure. Failures teach great lessons. One should always try to learn and move forward making further endeavors

For instance Jack Ma failed primary schooling thrice, his application to Harvard university got rejected ten times. But he never left trying to progress.

Today he is known for his work of founding ALIBABA, one of the successful e-commerce platform.

Moreover, there will be many challenges in the way. Tackling them without fearing is what makes one successful. As said beautifully by Harivanch Rai Bacchan -

"Lahron Se Darke Nauka
Par nahi hoti;

KOSHISH karne walon ki
Kabhi har nahi hoti"

(Boat doesn't sail through fearing of waves, likewise who endeavours & tries again & again, never fails.)

For instance even after knowing the grave situation of Taliban Regime, Mala Yousafzai stood for women's Right and Right to Education.

Even after getting gunshot by fundamentalists she didn't give up which brought her the NOBEL PRICE FOR PEACE.

After discussing the importance, the other side of coin can be discussed. Yes it's true that one should try again & again to do a task. But it's also true that in some cases one should accept that his calling might be different.

For instance what if SATYA NADELA kept giving competitive exams, he wouldn't have been so successful or famous today.

Thus it's a good quality to persevere but sometimes change is needed. Also this can have some negative connotation in some cases. Like a small try to cigarette or drug in peer pressure may lead to drug addiction. Thus using positive qualities in a positive direction can only help.

After talking about all these aspects it's also necessary to deal with area of development of this quality.

So how can one develop the quality of perseverance? How can one gather the courage to move further even after failures.

Firstly, one should accept the reality. One should accept that failure is just a phase of life. And try to work hard again as rightly said-

"Udhyamena hi siddhyanti
karyani, Na manorathā"

That is its the endeavors & hard work which leads to completion of tasks and ~~on~~ not only wishful thinking.

secondly, one should develop the quality of taking any setback as a motivation as said by Sachin Tendulkar in his book 'PLAYING IT MY WAY' -

"People will throw stones at
you; make them milestones"

thirdly, do introspection and find the gaps where you are lagging this will help in enhancing the emotional intelligence and boost to go ahead.

With this, One can do best of his/her efforts to achieve their goals. For that ^{is} important to keep going as highlighted by Martin Luther King Jr.

"Be a Bush,
if you can't be a Tree;

If you can't be highway,
Be just a trail;

If you can't be sun,
Be a star

For it is not by size that you win or
lose

Be the best of whatever you are."

- MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.

This shows the importance of endeavours of being something.

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- Q.5 The whole purpose of Education is to turn mirrors into windows.
शिक्षा का सम्पूर्ण उद्देश्य दर्पण को खिड़कियों में बदलना है।
- Q.6 To dwell is to garden.
निवास करना बगीचे के सामान है।
- Q.7 Reality is the shadow of ideas.
✓ सच्चाई विचारों की छाया मात्र है।
- Q.8 We can not despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings.
हम मानवता से निराश नहीं हो सकते, क्योंकि हम स्वयं भी मनुष्य हैं।

7. Reality is the shadow of ideas

The story dates back to the 19th century. When the reality of society was bitter and women education was not allowed. In that society SAVITRIBAI PHULE emerged as the First teacher of India. She became the guiding light of the idea of women equality and education. Her unique idea was even challenged by prevalent orthodox ideas, but nothing could deter her. She even used to

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carry an extra saree as she often faced wrath of dominant castes who used to throw dirt and cow dung on her.

The story highlights how the reality is a shadow of idea. How changes can occur and realities can be shaped through an unique idea. It won't be an exaggeration if we say that the present reality is culmination of such great ideas.

In this essay we will discuss what constitutes reality and ideas. And how an idea can shape reality. We will also see that reality is much beyond ideas and sometimes ideas also get shaped by reality.

So before delving into anything firstly lets discuss what is reality.

Reality is any information, event, circumstances etc which exist even one stops believing in it. It is said to be situated somewhere between belief & Truth, that is those belief meeting the truth is reality. It is also understood through what we can observe

For instance climate change, poverty, inequality etc are reality. Then what is idea?

Idea can be understood as any belief congruent with the real circumstances and thus helping to deal with reality. It is something abstract which acts as a guiding force & channelizing the conduct. Thus it is said - "EK IDEA JO BADAL DE AAPKI DUNIYA" (one idea that can change your world). Because it impacts the reality. But how? And what does it mean by reality being a shadow of idea?

It is said that ideas shape our reality. For instance when Laxmi was attacked with Acid she was shattered with this harsh reality and thus started CHANV Foundation to help those suffering from same. This idea of fighting also shaped new reality as it led to regulation of sales of Acid.

At society level also it is the idea which shapes the reality. For instance ideas of innovations and startups make human lives easy. Some new ideas like mobile Apps like Aarogya Setu being used for tracing virus, other like educational platforms (SWAYAM Portal) and Gig Platforms helping millions in their endeavours.

Moreover at National level new ideas have been shaping the reality since past. For instance when nation

was dependent on US (PL480) for food grains the new idea of Norman Borlaug and people like M.S. SWAMINATHAN, the country moved towards GREEN REVOLUTION in 1960s. Thus shaping the new reality that is being food sufficient.

Also ideas are responsible for self sufficiency, & sovereignty of the nation. Like development of our own Navigation system called IRNSS. Its not only the national reality but also helping in changing International Reality.

Internationally now India is playing a role of Net security provider. It is the idea and Indian ethos of VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM that has led guided India towards providing helping hands to others (Operation DOST in Turkey) thus making India a VISHWAGURU and

Supporter of Global South.

Having discussed the role of ideas shaping reality now one should think is reality just a shadow of ideas?
OR Is much beyond that?

The reality is much beyond any idea. Sometimes Reality exist even before idea generates the understanding to study it. For instance KARL MARX'S study of HAVES & HAVE-NOTS is the study of reality which already existed.

The have nets or proletariats existed even before Marxist idea. The existing reality was the driving force towards giving the idea of "subjective understanding of objective reality" by marx.

Similarly in today's society Gender disparity is an objective reality

irrespective of any idea as Global Gender gap index also ranks India 127th. Other example is climate change.

The world is facing threats of climate change. It is an objective reality even if countries deny it or blame each other as responsible for this. This is also reality that effects of climate changes transcend any national boundary and needed to be solved collaboratively.

Moreover, it is not just reality which is shaped by idea but ideas are also drawn from reality. For instance when Newton was sitting below the tree & apple fell, it gave him a new perspective and triggered him to think. And then we have today three laws of Newton and concept of Gravity. Though gravity always was

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there but this reality shaped the new idea to measure it and use it in further endeavours.

Similarly when B.R. Ambedkar was harassed and he faced multiple discriminations for being born in mahar community, this existing reality of caste hierarchy compelled him to undertake reform movements which culminated into the constitutional idea of fundamental Rights and Reservation (Positive or Affirmative Action)

At society level also we can see how realities trigger new ideas. For instance After returning from American war of independence the french sepoys realized how the french society is different from American society where liberty, equality & fundamental Rights are given. Keeping in mind this in mind

they developed a new subjective
understanding of their objective reality
and led to French Revolution which
impacted not only Europe but the
whole world by giving new ideas
of Liberty, Equality & Fraternity.

Now, after all these discussion
its also imperative to understand
how one can channelize their ideas
towards shaping their realities?

Firstly, constant effort
making is important. For instance
ROSA PARKS resistance to the Racism
at Montgomery, USA triggered movement
against Racism which created new
reality. This even continues today. For
example #BLACK LIVES MATTER movement
after police killed a black George Floyd.

secondly, understanding that change occurs from within and it needs a person to know himself/herself first to shape the reality.

ARISTOTLE thus says "KNOW THYSELF".

thirdly optimistic ideas have always bore positive results. As rightly said by Gandhiji -

"We are but the product of our thoughts - what we think, we become"

Finally having tolerance and acceptance towards different perspectives which can shape new ideas as well as new realities. Because even if one doesn't believe reality exist and it's better to develop acceptance towards those realities and bring desired changes accordingly.

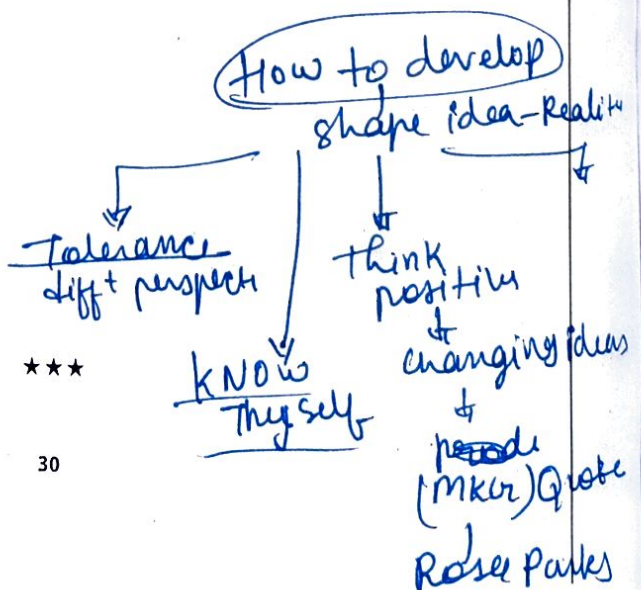
To conclude - If it's said
that - "Even if you don't believe
in gravity, you will fall"

thus we need to develop to accept
existing reality, ~~escape evading~~
prevent escapist attitude and develop
new ideas which can guide us to
better future realities.

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Try & Try - don't call
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① little stroke fell great oak

Intro → Edison.
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② "Be a Bush" - motto of the king
How hedges fell tree?

③ Why it's imp to take those small steps?
↳ To make a work successful
↳ we often tend to leave things in fear of not getting success
- what if J.K. Rowling had left here?

④ Anecdote → Importance of little stroke - thus it is highly said
"Journey of 1000 mile starts from 1st step."
↳ shows the idea of perseverance.

⑤ Soci → social endeavor also matters
↳ earlier caste sys - rigid
↳ Lincoln edu, tech etc
↳ mass med - SWOR has come
↳ Caste upliftment, Tribe uplift
(Formal) + Current Plan

⑥ we will discuss
↳ what little strokes? - why imp?
↳ How leads to falling tree
↳ what How we can gather the courage
↳ what if we fail in little endeavor
↳ How to gather courage again

⑦ Small endeavor
↳ food security
Intro → HADR → Net security provider

⑧ To begin with we can discuss what little strokes means?
↳ means little steps - towards the goal

eg. Edison - 2000 element
- J.K. Rowling
- Savitri bai phule
- Malala Yousafzai

⑨ Jack Ma (Alibaba)
⑩ LibTQIA+ (377)
⑪ Chandrayaan (space)
⑫ IRNSS

⑬ what if we fail?
↳ there will be many hurdles
↳ don't fear failure
↳ शक्ति

⑭ RRR → went to ghats (read scriptures)
⑮ Unachability by Grandhi
⑯ Antithesis → what little end bad habits → can harm in long run

↳ have the potential to destroy future using social media
↳ scrolling too long

↳ 7 weeks of of Orthodox but persu

Accept the failure
 & work hard
 (Vijay Hazare to Sachin Tendulkar)

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 take it as motivation
 (Sachin Tendulkar)

Courage again!

Do introspect
 where are you lagging -> (EI)

Space for Rough Work

B.R Ambedkar

French Revolution
 (sepoys' encounters to the reality)
 Newton
 Idea also drawn from Reality

Anti Hindu

Success in not final, failure...
 Courage to cont. counts !!

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Reality is the shadow of Idea

Intro (1) Savitribai Phule

Conclusion

If you don't stop believing in gravity you will fall -

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(3) Anthe's essay

(2) what does it mean by being a shadow of ideas

what is Reality?

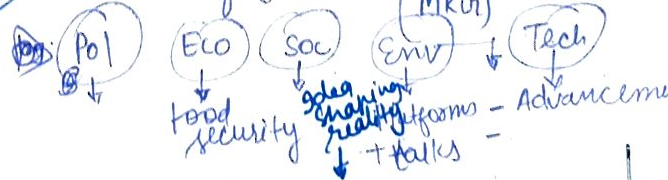
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Ideas shape Reality

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What its mean by shadow of idea:

Idea can be anything
 Abstract - guiding the conduct
 Channeling the force.

However its just shadow & much beyond idea

• Reality in absence of idea

Sometimes reality exist even if idea is not there.

↳ thus its said - "Ek Idea go badal do aapki Duniya"

It impacts the reality but how? → what means being shadow

(Ex) Women → Acceptance of situation + patriarchy

Karl Marx → Proletariat don't find anything wrong

↳ NO SVOR

→ Idea developed later but reality

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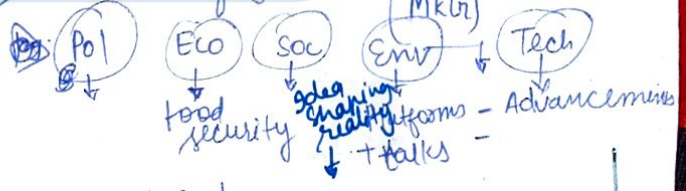
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