

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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- Q.1 Reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form.  
तर्क सदैव अस्तित्व में रहा है, परंतु हमेशा युक्तियुक्त रूप में नहीं।
- Q.2 The opposite of poverty is not wealth.  
गरीबी की विपरीत स्थिति केवल दौलत होना नहीं है।
- Q.3 To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner was you.  
क्षमा करने का अर्थ है अपने भीतर के एक कैदी को मुक्त करना और यह पता लगाना कि वो कैदी आप ही थे।
- Q.4 A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.  
जो व्यक्ति ऑर्केस्ट्रा का नेतृत्व करना चाहता है उसे भीड़ से मुँह मोड़ लेना चाहिए।

REASON HAS ALWAYS EXISTED, BUT NOT ALWAYS  
IN A REASONABLE FORM

In the battlefield of Kurukshetra, Arjuna failed to find a solid reason as to why he should fight a battle against his own family members. His reason was - What good will come by taking away lives of so many people? However, his reasoning was not reasonable.

It was at this point that Lord Krishna presented him the reason for fighting the battle. The reason was to fight against 'adharma' and injustice. Thus, the reason always existed but Lord Krishna just presented the reason in a reasonable form.

The British colonised India on the pretext of doing trade and modernizing India, calling it "White Man's burden". However, this reason was not a reasonable one. It was Dadabhai Naoroji who highlighted that the real reason for British colonisation was "Drain of Wealth" through exploitation of Indian farmers and Indian resources. Thus, the reason was presented in a cogent and reasonable form.

Similarly, social media companies like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram project that the reason for their existence is to "connect people". However, the real reason for their existence is to generate revenue for themselves through appropriate advertisements based on the likes and dislikes of people. Thus, reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form.

In India, the reason for criminalization of politics has always existed. But voters argue that since they do not have a choice, hence they end up voting for candidates with criminal antecedents. However, the underlying reasonable reason for criminalization is that the administration has failed in providing effective service delivery to its citizens and hence, citizens end up voting for a candidate with muscle and money power, who can get things done quickly and effectively.

Similarly, the reason for low female labour force participation has always been that businesses consider it costly to give a job to women due to maternity leaves, provision of creche facilities. However, this reason is not reasonably presented to prospective women candidates and they are rejected from jobs in their middle ages in the corporate sector.

The reason why India chose to adopt the 'Non-Aligned Movement' was not because it wanted to remain neutral. But the reasonable reason was that it did not want to side with ~~neither~~ either Russia ~~nor~~ USA because it wanted to exercise its strategic autonomy. The real reasonable reason was autonomy but India presented it in such a way that being a new country, it did not want to become a part of any military bloc.

Fast forward to the present, India abstained from voting against Russia in the UN for the Russia-Ukraine war sanctions. The reason has been that India owes a debt to Russia for helping it in the war with Pakistan. India still continues to import military weapons and oil from Russia. Thus, the reason for abstaining from UN voting existed, but was not presented in a reasonable form. However, since India believes in peace and non-violence, India has provided humanitarian

The reason for demonetisation of currency in 2016 also exists with the government. The reason presented to the public was that demonetisation would help to curb the menace of black money in the economy. But the real reasonable reason was to curb the menace of counterfeit currency being printed by Pakistan. Thus, it was both due to security and economic reasons that the exercise of demonetisation was carried out.

Similarly, the reason for the origin of Corid-19 pandemic has always existed but it was not presented to the public in a reasonable form by the Chinese government. Whether the virus originated due to humans disturbing the natural ecosystem or the virus was created by scientists in a lab for bio-terrorism, is known to none. However, the real reason exists even though it has not been presented to the public in a reasonable form.

The reason for global warming and climate change has also existed since many decades. The real reason is the greenhouse gas emissions by the developed countries. However, these countries are in denial and do not want to accept their responsibility for the emissions and thus, back off from providing climate financing to developing countries, which needs funds and technology to switch to renewable energy generation. On the contrary, these countries shift the blame of pollution to countries like India. However, the real reason for global warming is well-known but the UN fails to present it in a reasonable form.

India is a country where human development levels are still very low in comparison to Scandinavian countries. The reason for poor government expenditure on health and education has been a low tax-GDP ratio of only 11%. Thus, the real reason has always existed but very little discussion happens on how to improve tax revenues of the

Similarly, the straightforward reason for increasing crimes in the society like rape or cyber crimes is poverty and inequality in the society. When poor people are unable to find jobs and fulfill their aspirations, their envy towards the better off sections leads to crime. However, many a times, it is shown that crime rates are increasing due to better reporting and the underlying reason of poverty and unemployment is brushed under the carpet. Thus, reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form.

The world will become a much better place if the reasons for all problems in the society are identified objectively with proper data and evidence. It is only when causal reasons behind all events are identified that we can take steps to rectify the problems. Thus, reasons must be presented in a reasonable form so that the entire society and nation can benefit.

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- Q.5 International Trade is a good indicator of National Security.  
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का एक अच्छा सूचक है।
- Q.6 It is not that we use technology, we live technology.  
ऐसा नहीं है कि हम प्रौद्योगिकी का उपयोग करते हैं, हम प्रौद्योगिकी को जीते हैं।
- Q.7 There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.  
जीवन में केवल अपनी गति बढ़ाने के अलावा और भी बहुत कुछ है।
- Q.8 Nature is neither a servant nor a master, but a necessary partner.  
प्रकृति न तो सेवक है और न ही स्वामी, बल्कि एक आवश्यक सहभागी है।

THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN  
SIMPLY INCREASING ITS SPEED

In the twenty-first century, human beings today live a very fast-paced life. This is because we believe in making things happen instantaneously. We want to stay connected with people on Instagram, want insta jobs, insta wealth, insta marriage — all life events must happen with high speed.

However, there is more to life than simply increasing its speed. In this essay, we shall first explore how high speed thrills but kills. Next, we shall discuss the benefits of a slow life. Finally, we discuss about the optimum speed at which we should live our lives.

## HIGH SPEED THRILLS BUT KILLS.

In the modern era, life has become so fast that the youth today has no time to interact with their family members. We have become too preoccupied with gadgets and the Internet that we have forgotten to take care of the needs of our family members, community and the society.

Technology has considerably increased the speed of our thoughts. Instant messaging apps like Whatsapp enables people to express their thoughts instantly. People do not even think before sending messages. This increases quarrels and disputes, giving rise to a large number of divorces among married couples.

Our busy lives force us to consume fast food like pizza, burgers and ready-to-eat food items. Continuous consumption of such items adversely affect our health and lead to numerous lifestyle diseases like

People today want instant gratification. People generally want instant results without undergoing the process. In a bid to become wealthy instantly, a businessman may resort to cheating or a government official might accept a bribe to provide special favours to someone. It is a disgrace that people give up their values of honesty and integrity, just to increase the speed of gaining money.

In order to get a few likes and comments, people post their pictures on social media. The faster the likes and comments they get, the faster their happiness grows. However, ~~the~~ in order to increase the speed of their happiness, they start depending on external elements and fail to find happiness within. They fail to take a moment to appreciate nature and simply don't fully enjoy the moment.

Due to desire for instant results, people increase the speed of certain activities. For example, a person wishing to lose weight at a high speed, will do cardio everyday but there have been many cases where people die while running on treadmill due to cardiac arrest. Thus, excessively high speed for obtaining desired result, is not advisable.

Some people, who are over-enthusiastic ~~are~~ about building skills, attempt to finish online courses in a short span of time. They live in the fear of missing out. They fail to realize that Rome was not built in a day. Thus, high speed does not always help, it only increases anxiety.

### IMPORTANCE OF SLOWING DOWN :

Imagine an age where ~~the~~ technology had not become a part and parcel of our lives. People used to write the ancient means of



Communication. letters used to take a long time to get delivered. Due to lack of instant messaging apps like whatsapp, people used to think and then write in the letters. Thus, communication was more thoughtful in the old times.

A person who refuses to flow with the high speed of life, tends to give more time to himself. He can reflect on his life, his strengths, weaknesses and make improvements to his life.

He can pursue his hobbies and do what he likes. He can sing, dance or even write blogs. He can do what he enjoys. Thus, slowing down is important.

Stilling the diverse thoughts in our mind, is key to becoming aware of the present. When a person lives in the present, he can become more mindful and focus better on his tasks.

Meditation is the best way to still our thoughts and connect our soul to the divine reality. It helps to clear the past impressions on our mind and helps to refresh and recharge ourselves. Thus, meditation is one way through which we can decrease the speed of our life and attend to the real purpose of human life i.e. to connect with the divine.

However, slowing down does not imply that we renounce our material life and just sit and connect with nature and God. We have to maintain balance and an optimum speed in life is necessary for that.

### OPTIMUM SPEED :-

We are living in a competitive age. We have umpteen number of problems every now and then. The key to solving these problems is neither by

accelerating nor by staying at rest. We can solve our problems only if we pause and reflect rather than mindlessly committing the same mistake again and again.

Gandhiji never achieved independence for India in one day. Such things do not happen at high speeds. When he anticipated that freedom would come at high speed through Non-Cooperation movement, his hopes were belied when Chauri Chaura incident happened and he had to suspend the movement. But he continued doing constructive work in the interim. Thus, 'struggle - Truce - struggle' was

his strategy and thus, success can be achieved only if we work consistently for it, at an optimum speed. Slow and steady wins the race. As it is said -

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Excessive slow pace of things is also detrimental. Just imagine that if civil servants work at very slow speeds, it would lead to delays in approvals, red tapism and government inaction will lead to injustice to citizens. Thus, an optimal level of speed is necessary for thoughtful decision-making.

However, one should not ignore one's health, family and happiness in order to fit into a fast-paced life. One should find out sufficient time to relax, rejuvenate and restart afresh. Patience and faith on Almighty that things will happen at their own time, will help us to accept life as it comes. One step at a time will make our lives simpler and meaningful and helps us to accept the fact that there is more ~~to~~ life that simply increasing its speed.

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→ British colonising India → reason:- White Man's burden  
 feasible → Dadabhai

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→ Various events in History

②

Asajana demanded reason  
 (Why to fight war)

Reason got clouded due to emotions

Reason for new religion  
 ③ Buddhism  
 Reason for all sorrow = Attachment

Reason for fighting elections (Voting)  
 Criminalisation (Asajana)

Reason for acting free.  
 (= Dev.)

Enjoy freebies  
 Want real change!

⑤

R (Reason for NAM)  
 Actual = strategic autonomy

Women discrimination → Reason.

⑥ Nuclear Tests  
 ⑦ 1991 reforms  
 ⑧ Demonetisation  
 Fake Pak currency

⑨ Russia vs Ukraine (Abstain) from voting

⑩ US → Head → Counter China

⑪ Covid  
 How it originated

⑫ Vaccine  
 → IP  
 → Nationalism.

⑬ Climate change & financing

Reason for failure  
 → need a teacher/ friend  
 → Introspect

→ Accept (instead of blaming)  
 → Work to address them.  
 → Overcome emotions while searching for reason  
 → Think objectively  
 → Come up with reasons in a reasonable form  
 & will be focused like Asajana.

Reason for Provoles  
 Reason for speeding up vehicle.

Terrorism, Cyber crime  
 → lessen = Unemp.  
 → projected as criminals.

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