

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
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DAY THAT FATE ALLOWS YOU"

"So, where do you see yourself in
5 years, Mr. Raju?", asked the job
interviewer. "Respected Sir, I have not
thought about it", said Raju. "Oh, but
this is a basic question we expect an answer
to", replied the interviewer. Raju
replied, "Sir, I had an accident some
years back and I lost my legs. But
I have my hands and each day I am
simply thankful for this life". The

perplexed interviewer said, "This is too straightforward, do you want to change your answer or should we send you back?". Raji politely takes his file and prepares to leave, when the interviewer says, "Hold on hardy man, don't you want to discuss your new position?" . . .

Often, we hope that tomorrow brings great fortune, success, wealth, health; but the wisest know that the greatest present (gift) is the 'PRESENT' (Now). If time is analogous to a 'mutual fund', then fate is the 'fund manager'. We need to be patient for profits that the fund manager can bring because worry is no longer our job. As long as the fund remains positive and we gain benefits, we should relish in what we have.

Philosophers of STOICISM can be quoted here. They gave the principle - 'MEMENTO MORI' or 'AMOR PATI'. It means life is limited for everyone and so we should act as though we love our

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fatal they say a FULFILLED LIFE is one where the moment is used earnestly rather than living in tomorrow. Do you think that Early Man wondered what tomorrow may bring? Did he hope for great riches, more ornate caves or fame as the 'BEST HUNTER'? No, the caves of Blombekka show drawings of TOGETHERNESS and celebration. His indications that he revels with his loved ones, celebrating every moment he was alive

FROM EARLY MAN TO WEALTHY MAN

Some of us from different walks of life, get caught in what tomorrow can bring:—

" Will I pass the exam tomorrow?
Will tomorrow bring promotion
or sorrow,

Will I get the best returns on this investment?

Oh silly man, your true profit is already the present . . . "

Let us look at them one by one.

their existence, happy that they have made it today. So to all those waiting for a job promotion (if it will even happen), should be thankful for having a job today.

Thore, future is a PALLACE and a mirage. True worth of a life is what we do with it now. We may chase stock markets for a plushy tomorrow but "Corporate Social Responsibility" decides quality of life. We build lofty palaces to etch our names in history, forgetting that there are slums today in misery. The present is the right time to bring social change, rather than fame of tomorrow. Knowing this makes the 'WEALTHY' AND MAN.

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WEALTHY MAN TO INFANCY:-

Dropping questions of tomorrow and counting our profit today brings sense of gratitude, thankfulness and joy. These are qualities of an infant - who does not

HONING THE TOOLS :-

We ~~live~~^{live} in a competitive world. almost a rat race. How can we drop the questions of tomorrow? What are the tools we need to count today as a profit?

PURPOSE, PRIORITY, PROCESS, are the trifecta that can help us drop the doubt and desires of tomorrow. Japanese people speak of IKIGAI - a philosophy that one must find a purpose that feels and resonates with one self. Once we marry a purpose, we ENJOY THE PROCESS. We start to do what we love, and do what we do. We get lost in 'present flow' and do not mind what future brings - because we hold the present so dearly.

Along with this, we need to be clear about our PRIORITIES. Do we need a fulfilled life with purpose and process today, ¹³ or a hollow life lost in tomorrow with no progress today?

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we can illustrate this with life of a bureaucrat. She must prioritize a service of constant learning that is empathetic and other regarding. She present is an opportunity to be one with the process and become a purposeful servant. If, a bureaucrat thinks about fame, name, about future of family - then it is SELF SERVICE. She will use the present to fill coffers of her personal kingdom. Thus the best strategy is to forget the REWARDS and be thankful of the opportunity to serve...

Should we always drop the Tomorrow?

There is a famous story of grasshopper and the ant. On a cold winter, the grasshopper laughs at the ant for working so hard to collect grains and store them. The ^{ant} ~~ant~~ says, "You can eat, drink and be merry now but a famine may strike us". Unfortunately the famine that fell claimed the proud & unprepared grasshopper...

Similarly, one cannot always drop the future question. Our foreign policy, economic reforms and development agenda have long term vision. Even the Indus Valley people enjoyed life with Great Bath and common spaces but also made Great Granaries! So preparing for a dismal future is not wrong. It is commonly said that - "Fix a roof when sun is shining".

Also, when focusing only on today becomes uncontrollable and hedonistic - it becomes a problem. We all must not be blinded by happiness but must earn it. So, we must not completely forget tomorrow, but use today to the fullest to a better future. Gandhiji said, "What the future holds, depends on the present".

Becoming the Enablers of Tomorrow :-

We ~~both~~ become the enablers of tomorrow by working ⁱⁿ the present - as does, not as wishful ^{thinkers}. How can we enable society to focus on the present? A ¹⁵ mindset change is needed

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inbuilders of our future - families, students and government.

The method of evaluation in schools must not be quantitative and metric. It should enable children to chase learning not marks. Teaching children the importance of perseverance, hard work and learning as an end in itself can also be supplemented.

Similarly, governance training modules like MISSION KARANJOJI should reward innovation and dedication. This way the civil servant will aspire for maximising the opportunity and not monetary returns.

Also, our families can imbibe values of temperance and moderation, and encourage children with the same. This way the community and even workspaces will transform from reward driven to gratitude driven models.

Lastly, as individuals, we should always self introspect if we are using resources fretting about tomorrow or using today. Journaling, meditation or social service can reveal our priorities for a fulfilled life. Thus to conclude -

"We do not know how the economics will shape tomorrow, will our mutual fund swell up or become narrow -,

So, ~~best~~ best to leave it to our fund manager - FATE;

And be like RAJU, making our present GREAT"

(OUR JOB
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खण्ड-B / Section-B

- Q5 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।
- Q6 Art is I; science is We.
कला मैं है; विज्ञान हम है।
- Q7 Only the dead have seen the end of the war.
केवल मृतकों ने ही युद्ध का अंत देखा है।
- Q8 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"

It was a chilling evening in 1942 and unlike the girls her age, BARUA did not want to play with dolls. At the clarion calls of the Indian freedom fighters she wanted to restore the tricolour to glory. After her plea to join the AZAD HIND FANT was rejected, she set out to join MUKTI BAHINI - a death squad started by a Gandhian to mobilise women.

On September 20, 1942, BARUA led a group of unarmed people to hoist the TRICOLOUR at the local police station. The policemen threatened to fire if

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she did not step back. She replied -
 "I have nothing to lose. You do
your duty, I will do mine". The
 police started firing as she started
 to hoist the flag. The bullets did not
may have maimed her body, but
her legacy went up with the flag that
day. In immortalising little Bano's
great martyrdom, the Indian Govern-
 ment commissioned a naval ship in
 her name in 2020.

We all have grandiose aspirations
 from life. But when it ^{comes to} is the time to
act, some of us crumble under the pressure
 of reward and success. The fear of failure
poisons our work ethic. We are taught
 that failure is a stepping stone to
 success, do we truly follow it? Nelson
Mandela said, "I do not fail. I either
win or try again". This should be our
 mantra - to act as if we have nothing
to lose. But what is the moment when
 we should act like failure is impossible?

First, when we have only one way - that is up, when life has torn us apart and it can only get better. In the life of Malala Yousafzai, (Nobel Peace Prize Winner) after being shot by Taliban for attending school - she dedicated her life to the cause. She realised she has to work hard and make each campaign count. any step forward is a success, and it is impossible to fail.

Second, when we can be sure that the opportunity to succeed is ripe. For example, in case of ISRO, despite Chandrayaan-2's malfunction, the budget support did not stop. In fact, the entire country boosted their morale and allowed them to work day and night. Due to their toil, correcting their mistakes and support - Chandrayaan-3 lifted off successfully.

Now, a question can be raised - WHY should we act like it is impossible to fail? A famous person said, 'When our mind is caught in web of future, we are doomed in the present'. We build

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pressure in the present and we are no longer calm. We start to fathom unfavourable consequences and get into "vortex of our own negativity". It becomes case of - "He who thinks he can, and he who he thinks he cannot - are both right".

On the other hand, by not having fear of failure we allow our passions and creativity to organically find light of day. As the dark looming clouds of failure part, process and not success takes centre stage. For example, J.K. Rowling Rowling was suffering in poverty when she started the Harry Potter series. One hair ride, she decided to stop using her energy to worry, and use it more in her creative process. Similarly, in movie 3 Idiots, Chiranjeev's character Rancho loves to study and innovate. Failure seemed impossible because he did not attach meaning to it. ~~He~~ Thus we see that we act better when

we triumph over our internal demons,

while we have a WHY to our wisdom, can what are the qualities we need to subscribe to? what are the tools we have to relinquish ourselves and become one with the task?

The answers to the above can be found in the life of SC Bose. He participated in the Quit-India Movement not as a 'Kraantikari' (freedom fighter) but as a soldier. He had the courage to follow his inner voice about going up against GOLIATHS, the British. He mobilised an army abroad that were ready to die trying to free their motherland. So for a person to focus on his convictions and actions, a sound sense of self, courage & fortitude is needed.

Similarly, the concept of sthitih prajna [Gita's philosophy of being strong in tough times] can be quoted. To act like failure does not matter - we need

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emotional intelligence and equanimity. Added to this, a positive mindset that wants to grow is also imperative. For example, a mountaineer has to prepare relentless -ly beforehand to be ready to successfully reach the summit. Any mistake ^{can} lead him to a terrible end, thus he has to be balanced, not and not be tense. Thus he has to make all his efforts count.

However, a question can be raised. Should we ALWAYS act like it is impossible to fail? No, it leads to pride, hubris and overconfidence. It reminds one of the story of ICARUS & DAEDALUS. Icarus got wax wings made by his father and they both had to escape a prison tower. Daedalus told his son not to fly too close to the sun. However, Icarus was overconfident in his father's invention and enjoyed the

new found freedom. Sadly his war wings melted and he fell into the sea. Similarly, great monarchs like Napoleon, overestimate their resources. Their desires blind them. Napoleon's attack on Russia resulted in a big downfall. In today's world, one has to see how the Russia-Ukraine conflict plays out. A brazen aggression with the assumption that takeover is simple and failure is impossible has sadly affected the global south. This action or work should be coupled with rational end and ethical means. It should be for becoming more purposeful for society.

Thus, 'measurements' (tools for change) are needed to allow everyone to imbibe this idea. We can target our community, schools, workplaces and even families. At the community level we can appreciate those who have 'worked for a cause relentlessly, and not applause'. For example, a cholera aidan,

tribal sarpanch constructed a road to her village. It was a daunting task and was crowd funded. Such people must be publically appreciated so that each of us can work for society.

Moreover, in our lives we should find a purpose that is an end to itself. Only then can we feel ourselves of the for of result. We should also imbibe the philosophy

① EUDAIMONIA [work is trust reward] so that life has meaning. Along with this, dauntless pursuit of the purpose should be our mantra.

To conclude -

Do not quit when it becomes difficult
Focus on the process & not on the result
Round up your ammunitions and let nothing fail,

Act as if it is impossible to fail'...

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Q. As if it were impossible to fail?

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Fail is OK

stepping stone

nothing to loose

"Possible to succeed"

Placebo

N Meaning gain or harm no fail

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So in our lives we must put effort as if the reward has to come to me, so put in 100%. passion seen work is guaranteed.

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↳ Control, disaster strikes, successful as

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(+ve) thankful gratitude happens

① live) study 85 year old ⇒ secret ⇒ "social fitness" bonds

② Great resignation

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Life is absurd

How can we → CB Theory

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Letting go

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