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Q.1			2. There are TWO Sections. Each Section has MULTIPLE topics printed in English/Hindi. You have to write on 1 topic from Each part. प्रश्न पत्र में दो खंड हैं। प्रत्येक खंड में अंग्रेजी/हिंदी में बहु-विषय मुद्रित हैं। आपको प्रत्येक भाग में से किसी एक विषय का लेखन करना है।
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Parameter/ criteria	Aspects Considered	Marks Allotted	Essay 1	Essay 2
Basic Format	Introduction	10		
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	Conclusion	10		
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	Quotations and ideas	10		
	Analytical skills	10		
Organization	Flow of ideas	10		
	Absence of deviation	10		
	Ease of reading	10		
Language skills	Language and sentence construction	10		
	Grammar and spelling	10		
Examiner's discretion	perception/ innovation/ engaging	10		

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SECTION - A

1. Before the borders are broken the minds are invaded.
सीमाओं को तोड़ने से पहले दिमाग / सोच पर आक्रमण किया जाता है।
2. Talent and passion are only useful tools if one has the work ethic to back them up.
प्रतिभा और जुनून तभी उपयोगी उपकरण हैं यदि किसी के पास उन्हें सहारा देने के लिए कार्य-नैतिकता है।
3. The opportunity of interfaith dialogue: modern solution for globalised world.
अंतरधार्मिक संवाद का अवसर : वैश्वीकृत दुनिया के लिए आधुनिक समाधान।
4. The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.
एकमात्र असंभव यात्रा वह है जिसे आप कभी शुरू नहीं करते हैं।

2. Talent and Passion are only useful tools if one has the work ethics to back them up.

On the Internet, everyone must have seen a picture of young boy with cleaning tools & cleaning truck in city of Medira in Portugal. The boy had all the talent & passion to become a decent footballer. But, it was his work ethics which made him one of the greatest football player and sports personality of our generation. Christiano Ronaldo who has played for clubs like Manchester United, Real Madrid & Juventus

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is often praised for his work ethics.

Sir Alex Ferguson (ex-manager of Manchester United) once commented that he was impressed by the young boy's talent when he played against his team but he was even more surprised to see the dedication of Ronaldo to work even harder on training ground which made Sir Alex guarantee in his press conference that Ronaldo would become greatest player of all time one day.

The story of Ronaldo shows us that the Innate quality and Aptitude along with desire are useful only when it is backed by hard work, honesty toward one's effort and dedication. It is because work ethics help a person to channelise desire and energy toward certain goals. It helps to move ahead in today's world of cut throat competition and also, Motivates us for continuous learning & upgrade our skills.

In this essay, we will try to explore different aspects of this wisdom by first exploring why it is important to have

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work ethics? What are the different dimensions of work ethics? What if someone just depend on talent and passion and ignore hard work? and At last we will see how we can built work ethics for better future of Individual, society & world?

IMPORTANCE OF WORK ETHICS: FOR BOTH HUMAN BEING AND FOR BEING HUMANE

Newton once said "if one has seen further, it is by standing upon the shoulder of giants". One can achieve certain level of development through his talent and passion but if someone wants to grow further in life, one need to back it up with hard work & dedication.

For instance, A.P.J Abdul Kalam became renowned scientist and was called Missile Man of India not just because of his talent and passion but also due to his years of hard work with humility under the guidance of Homi J Babha and Vikram Sarabhai.

At societal level too, work ethics helps leverage the natural talent of

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its individual and natural resources of its land when it has passion and desire to do so. By combining all the three components society not only aims to become economically developed but also build social capital by ensuring peace & harmony in society.

For illustration, India has been called bright spot by IMF, it has set desire of becoming developed country by 2047 in its Amrit Kal. But, it is only possible if every member of society work hard for it or in the words of Prime Minister, if everyone follow "Kartavya Path". It requires not just economic efficiency but also peace and harmony in society.

Similarly at Global level, work ethics is important for solving global problems, to achieve collective goals, to innovate and continue the path of technological development

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World has all the resources & passion in form of global agreements, treaties, etc but what is required is the work ethics in form of collective effort, empathy toward marginalised & least developed, exploration, etc.

For instance, IPCC report suggest that world has necessary talent in form of technology & knowledge to solve the issue of climate change but it also requires passion in form of ambitious targets and also hard work through technology transfer, climate financing to developing countries.

After exploring the importance of work ethics to make talent & passion relevant, we need to explore how work ethics back the talent and passion to become useful tool and what are the process involved.

BETTER PRACTICES TO BEST PRACTICES

A book called "Wings of fire" written by APJ Abdul Kalam mentions that "We are all born with a divine fire in us and through our efforts, we should give wings to this fire". It reflect the idea that

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We all have talent & desire but to use them effectively we need to communicate with them through our efforts.

For instance, In Batman movie, Bruce Wayne had talent & desire to bring justice & fairness in society of Gotham city but he only realised & made use of it with his efforts under the guidance of Ra's-al-Ghul by practicing overcoming his fears.

Work ethics in form of honesty toward one's effort help the person to believe in his talent & dedication despite multiple failures and this in the process helps find better practices to best practices by continuous grounding and exploration of new paths.

For instance, Elon Musk faced multiple failures when he started space-x but he continued his efforts as he believed in his passion & talent due to past experiences. Today space-x holds some of the best technologies

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in space domain with NASA also using its services.

Work ethics help in building humility, gratitude, curiosity and confidence in a person which talent & passion alone cannot build. These values are very much important in today's digital era to succeed and to become sustainable.

Its importance has been shown in Museum of Art in Indianapolis in USA. There is a floor called exhibit designed by Dohosuh which shows that work ethics is result of not just one individual but of everyone who surrounds us. It gives a message that your success and growth is not only dependent on your individual quality but is work of society.

Thus, we saw how work ethics help us become better than best but what if we do not follow this wisdom and just depend on our talent and passion alone? Well there are two sides

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to it. Let us explore both of them in next few paragraphs.

TALENT AND PASSION WITHOUT WORK ETHICS: PARTIAL SUCCESS

At Individual level, lack of work ethics can create over-confidence, distractions, arrogance, indulgence in unethical activities which harms society. It can also lead to stagnation of growth and thus failure ultimately.

For instance, Dele Ali (ex-England International and Tottenham Hotspur football player) was considered one of the most talented young player but he failed to realise his potential. In Amazon documentary "All or nothing" his ex-manager Jose Mourinho commented that he lacked work ethics which is inhibiting his growth.

Similarly, at societal level, when society despite having All the opportunity, does not have work ethics inhibit their

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Moral & economic growth. For instance Aristotle once said that tropical nations despite having abundance mineral & food resources is underdeveloped due to corrupt people and lazy society, lacking in work ethics.

At global level too we saw how UN despite having capability & desire failed to bring peace in case of Ukraine war or Iraq war or Yemen conflict as it failed to work on the desired & long pending UNSC reforms to make it more representative. Thus, Work ethics is a must to make talent & passion useful tool.

But, there are other arguments such as sometimes Luck also play an important factor which can single handedly alter the outcome. For instance, some one is well prepared for his exams and also hold 100% desire to clear it but due to his bad luck, he catches COVID-19 infection which can lead to undesired outcome.

Similarly sometimes, even without talent, one can achieve their goal just with desire & work ethics. For example, Japan & Israel despite lacking natural resources, worked hard to achieve desire of economic progress.

From these arguments, one can infer that desire and work ethics are controllable components whereas talent and luck are not thus our focus should also be directed toward managing what can be controlled rather than uncertain factors of talent and luck.

BUILDING DESIRE AND WORK ETHICS: SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

In life, one has to be taught values of introspection, gratitude, openness, growth and expansionism, curiosity, exploration among other to always strive for more so that one work harder.

It can be done through socialisation process through our society, by parents, by peers and most

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importance of our education system. For example, NEP 2020 focuses on activity based learning and value education which can help build work ethics.

Similarly, it has great importance in our governance system as desire for reforms and hard work of functionaries result in quality service delivery. For this we require continuous review of performance and also promote competitiveness between states and districts.

Sports can play a major role in achieving this objective as it not only promotes desire to become better and better with every passing competition but also promotes teamwork which ultimately forces the work ethics in an individual.

To conclude, Michael Jordan (famous basketball player) once said "I never feared about my skills because I put in the work. Work Ethics

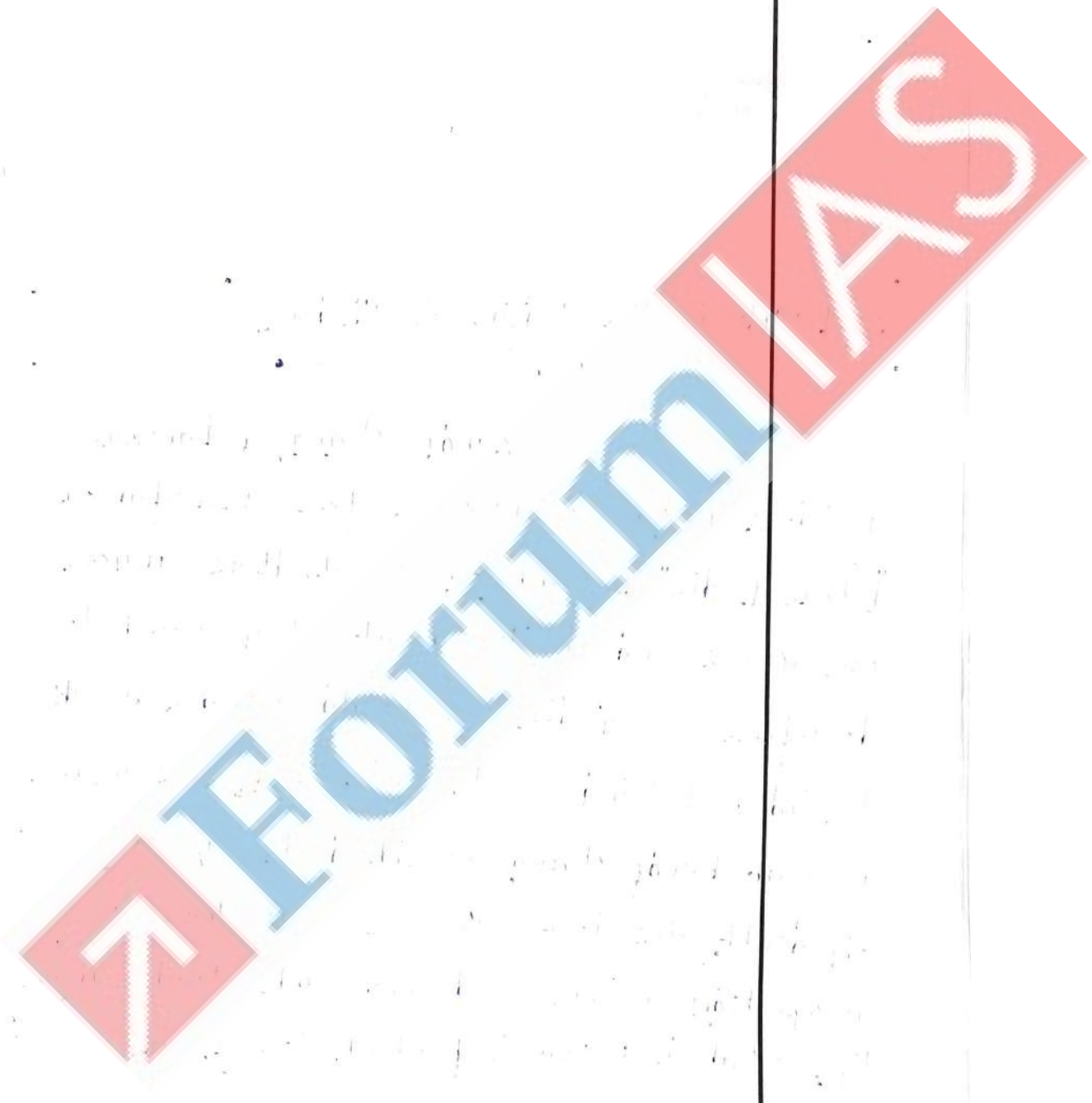
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eliminates fear. So if you put forth the work, what are you fearing? You know what you're capable of doing and what you are not."

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SECTION - B

1. Science applied is the engine of humanity.
व्यावहारिक विज्ञान मानवता का इंजन है।
2. Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know.
आंखें वह नहीं देख सकती जो मन नहीं जानता।
3. Doubt is the origin of wisdom.
संदेह ज्ञान का मूल है।
4. The relation between environment, resources and conflict is same as the connection between Democracy, human rights and peace.
पर्यावरण, संसाधन और संघर्ष के बीच का संबंध वैसा ही है जैसा लोकतंत्र, मानवाधिकार और शांति के बीच का है।

3.7 Doubt is the Origin of Wisdom.

Kandy Chang, a famous artist & writer is known for her famous "Before I die" I want to? mural. Here anyone can come and write what they want to do before they die. One would wonder what's the idea behind such painting? The answer is that Kandy Chang considered life as one big doubt. She lost someone very close to her unexpectedly which made her think about human life, what is most important to her, etc.

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This story show how when we lack clarity regarding something, we tend to become curious & try to find answer to remove confusions. In the process of finding answers, we gain wisdom in form of self awareness, discovery of purpose, inner peace & conflict resolution.

Doubt, is the origin of wisdom because it helps us build emotional resilience during phase of ambiguity, build trait of tolerance and patience, it also can lead to salvation by understanding of our deeper thought and ultimately reflected in our confidence.

In this essay, we will discuss this in detail starting with why having doubt is important for gaining wisdom? Circumstances which creates doubt leading to wisdom? Does it happen with all or a person should have certain characteristics to bear fruits of this process? What if someone believe that he/she already possess all wisdom and no doubts? Isn't it true that wisdom is actually the origin of doubts? At last we will see how events of past validate the process and how it can be used in future?

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DOUBTS CREATING WISDOM: BOAT OF CURIOSITY AND EXPLORATION

Einstein once quoted that "he knew muscle in ocean of knowledge". It shows that doubts & curiosity regarding unknown can lead to scientific wisdom. Many of our scientific discoveries in past be it shape of Earth, gravity, ecological succession, etc are result of doubts.

It is not just limited to scientific wisdom but hold importance for Individuals, society and whole global community. For an Individual, doubt, confusion and ignorance force him/her to introspect the thing or situation. When someone is in state of uncertainty, he may experience turmoil in his life which forces the person to think & find solution.

For instance, Maya Angelou in her book "why a caged bird sings" has mentioned that she was confused by the American societies attitude and behaviour toward Black people leading to injustice and social

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discrimination. This forced her to introspect and realize that there is need for struggle against the shackles of oppression which transformed her from a self-conscious girl to confident trail blazer giving voice to elevate entire nation.

At society level too, doubts emerges in form of customs, governance, laws, gender relations, modernity v/s traditions etc which creates turmoil in society forcing some to question status-quo, ask for democratic and governance reforms leading to evolution of society and gaining collective wisdom.

For illustration, evolution of Indian society in form of increased acceptance of live-in-relationship, breaking of gender stereotypes, opening up to debates on issues like same sex marriage, caste exploitation, Uniform Civil Code among other. In the past too we have seen giving up social evils like sati, witch

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hunting, etc that shows society gaining wisdom by breaking the cloud of confusion.

At global level too there are so many complexities that require debates, discussions and introspection. It has resulted in global peace in large part of world through wisdom of forgiveness, tolerance and respect for other cultures. It has resulted in finding solutions to common problems. And, it is also leading to wisdom in new frontiers.

For instance, doubts surrounding rising extreme events due to climate change led to collective wisdom to tackle it through IPCC reports, NDCs, technological solutions, etc, similarly, wars & conflicts due to cultural differences reduced as a result of efforts & wisdom sharing by UNESCO which busted the doubts regarding other cultures.

Thus, it can be seen that doubt is in fact a creator of wisdom but does it happen everywhere, everytime and with everyone universally? let us try to find out answer for this in our next

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discussion.

GAINING WISDOM: NOT UBIQUITOUS

John F. Kennedy once said that "Man often enjoys the comfort of opinion without the discomfort* of thought". It shows that doubts does not occur to everyone. It comes to only those who think, who introspect, who ask questions rather than just believing in other's opinion, thought and belief.

For example, terrorists, extremists and fundamentalists never doubt the teachings of their leader as they are influenced by radical opinions thus they fail to gain wisdom that is the reality of religious texts which aims to promote peace and harmony rather than conflict and hatred.

A person need to be open and accomodating to gain wisdom. If a person lack tolerance, he would not be accepting of others view leading to continued confusion. One also need to be courageous to accept the ignorance on one's part and

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also to question others' ignorance or status-quo.

For example, Socrates said that the only knowledge he possesses is that he knows too little and thus he always tries to question status-quo to gain wisdom. To gain wisdom courage is of utmost importance which he showed despite facing threat to his life.

It not only depends on person but also in situation. For instance, we are presented with confusion and doubt when we face inner turmoil, or when we lack purpose in life or when a community face exploitation. These are the situations when we fight to find wisdom, we learn forgiveness, we attain salvation and gain patience

For example, In religious sphere, In Christianity when one face guilt and regret, the person go to church for confession and to gain forgiveness from himself and from God. Similarly In Hinduism,

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The sadhus confused by materialistic society go to Himalayas to meditate and gain wisdom.

Along with person and situation, place also matters as certain countries are more open to questioning as there is respect for liberty while some countries suppress voices. It is not just limited to National or global level but also can vary from household to household, community to community, etc.

For instance, the respect for liberty, equality & justice in our constitution led to reforms like Dowry Prohibition Act, decriminalisation of Section 377 of IPC, removal of sedition from new criminal bills, etc. Thus, Place also matters when it comes to gaining wisdom through doubts. But, what if the argument was that wisdom creates doubts? Let us explore it.

WISDOM CREATOR OF DOUBT: ROLE REVERSED

It is often said that more you know the more complex your life becomes, the more complex your thought

process becomes, the more confused you get. Why is it so? let us understand it through examples & illustration.

During Digital revolution, people had doubts about computers which led to wisdom of mini system in form of mobile devices which created more curiosity leading to new discoveries like AI and Chat-GPT. This new discovery has created even more uncertainty that even their creators are advocating for moratorium on further development.

Thus, we can see more wisdom creates more doubt as there is no end to understanding of universe and its working, thus no end to doubts and wisdom. But, one thing can be established that it is a cyclic process thus one should not suppress the doubts & ignore the power of questioning for exponential growth.

It is the power of doubt which led to wisdom of understanding that Earth is not flat which ultimately,

started the process of globalisation
starting with discovery of America by
christopher columbus.

Doubts help us
develop values of humility, curiosity,
objectivity, tolerance, inner peace and calm
and even leadership skill which has
become very important in today's world
of faultlines, blurring boundaries of morality
and materialistic urges.

There is need to
encourage doubt & introspection in masses
with declining value system. One of the ways
through which it has been tried is Art
and Architecture. For example, Anish Kapoor
(Indian born British Architect) has designed
beam architecture in Mellinim park of Chicago
which forces the onlooker to introspect by
creating doubt in their mind.

Another
way is by promoting the value of questioning
in homes, in schools, in society and also
in legislature so that person is not fearful

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to question status quo and thus does not inhibit his/her growth of wisdom.

At last, concluding by story of Kandy Chang who posed question to people about what they want to do before they die realised that life is short and thus one need not worry much about what holds tomorrow or what occurred in past rather one should live fully today as "we die only once but live everyday"

