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Q.2			3. One question in each part is compulsory. प्रत्येक भाग में से एक प्रश्न करना अनिवार्य है।	
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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		

Parameters	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
Coherence				
Language				
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Pre-writing				

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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।

④ The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.

Dheeraj is a shy gentleman, he has a very simple life. From Early morning till late evening he works as a cashier for a provision store in his neighbourhood. But Dheeraj was not always like this, he was a very outgoing, ambitious and jovial as a kid. But a bike accident in his teens changed

everything. He lost both his limbs in the accident and along with this was lost his dream of becoming a Table Tennis champion. Twenty years later history repeated itself. This time another bright and talented young boy of the same neighbourhood met a life threatening accident.

But this time Dheeraj came out to help this boy realise his dream. Take the journey to achieve his goal which Akheeraj could never. With support of his family and Dheeraj this boy would go on to become the world champion in Javelin para category. This is the story of Sumit Antil - a bright young boy from Kherwa village of Haryana who took the impossible journey after he had lost his leg in an accident.

Through this essay we shall look into some such seemingly impossible journeys. Find out the why some journeys remain impossible and finally investigate ways to make the impossible possible.

Charlie Chaplin had said - "The most spectacular things in the world are achievement of things that seemed impossible before they were done." True to his words is his own career, he became the most profound example of the new age theatre of his era. Further went on to use his art for his activist purposes. He made, directed, funded, acted in his most famous work - The great dictator - a satirical comedy on Nazi Germany. This was done when opposing Hitler seemed impossible even in the west due to their appeasement policies.

Another stellar example from the west is the story of the wright brothers. They without any formal education would go on to prove the New York Times wrong which had claimed that man couldn't fly even in the next one million years. They were able to achieve this feat in just two years after the article.

Further towards our home in India, is the story of Rinkoo Raher. He was a state civil service officer who was shot five times for opposing the local mafia, stayed paralyzed for six months. Despite these hardships decided to study for UPSC civil service exam and cracked it twice in 2021, 2022.

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Having seen some impossible stories, let's investigate why some journeys remain impossible.

The foremost reason for something to remain impossible is the lack of courage to venture towards fulfilling it. The reasons for it may be many. The biggest being the fear of losing or defeat. At individual level one can note that people create comfort-zone boundaries and eventually fail to embark on the impossible journey.

Another cause can ~~be~~ ^{be} as put by Aristotle - "True failure is not falling down but to remain there after falling." After all nothing great can be achieved without trying and learning from our failure, life of Thomas Alva Edison is an apt example in this regard.

Further impediment is the lack of right vision and ample determination and discipline to take up the challenge. It is noted that more than eight lakh people fill the form for UPSC exam but less than 50% come to write the prelims. This shows the lack of grit and determination to face the challenge.

Lastly the opinion and judgements of others play a very important role to take something on our shoulders. The role of this has increased manifold with the emergence of social media. Any effort in new direction like support for the LGBTQ+ community is met with lot of negative opinion and even cyber abuse.

We have seen the root causes behind not starting the impossible journey. Let us now see ways to overcome this challenge.

The most important step is to develop the attitude of not giving up. When Savitribai Phule had started to teach young girls she had to face a lot of difficulty. Local villagers would throw cowdung on her, when she went to teach. But this only made her resolve stronger.

Next, one has to start to look at the positive side of every tragedy. Helmi Keller who had lost both her ability to hear and see at young age said that this actually allowed her to look deeper within her ourselves and she is grateful about the way her life turned out!

Further one shouldn't be affected by the norms of the society and rather follow their own way. When Coca Cola's share had gone bottom in 1978 after the failure of its "New formula". Stockmarket gurus had predicted the closure of the company within one year. But a young investor - Warren Buffet would see this as an opportunity and buy 6% shares, which today are worth \$25 billion.

Also one has to develop clear vision, as it paves the path in the so called "road not taken". Henry Ford said the reason for his success is the mentality that "A business earns nothing but money, is a poor kind of business." And with this vision he despite being a son of a farmer became the harbinger of "consumer belt revolution" of modern industry.

One should also learn to take a little bit of risks in their life. Philosopher Kierkegaard calls this as "leap of faith". The life of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala who invested all his savings in bombay stock-exchange as a young graduate is apt. Starting from merely 200 rupees he would go on to have a ₹30,00 crore portfolio and an airline of his own - Akasa Air.

How much ever daunting the journey may appear one has to face it collectively. As an African proverb goes - "If you want to walk ~~alone~~ ^{fast}, walk alone but if you want to walk far, walk together." This has also been the philosophy of India's democratic journey, which seemed impossible to many but because of the collective efforts of people it has not just become possible but also role model

One should also develop the outlook of learning from our mistakes and continue with what is called as "Nishkama Karma" towards the goal. The journey of ISRO's Chandrayaan reflects this, after the failure of Chandrayaan 2, the agency made history on 23rd Aug 2023 by soft landing on south pole of moon.

When one is on the path of justice, how ever impossible the process may seem one cannot deter from taking it up. ISRO scientist Nambi Narayan who was the incharge of cryogenic engine programme was framed as terrorist by CBI. but true to his country and Ideals he fought a 24 year long battle both within and outside courts and was declared innocent in 2019.

India today is faced with similar proposition. It has the golden window of demographic dividend but is marred by shadows of poverty, inequality and global geopolitical uncertainty.

The poem Invictus which was used by Nelson Mandela to inspire his inmates in Robben Island can also inspire us to take up the impossible journey.

"No matter how straight the gate
how charged with punishment the scroll
I am the master of my fate
I am the captain of my soul."

FEEDBACK



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।

②. Eyes cannot see what the mind
does not know

It was an evening worth remembering for people of Calcutta. They were all celebrating, even the state government had decided to host an official dinner to mark the achievement. But something was strange — where was the main star, the reason for all this jolly.

Working relentlessly towards ~~the devoted~~ of serving those who had been rejected by all in the society. This was the deed of Humble yet determined nun Mother Teresa and Even when the whole world was celebrating the Nobel prize conferred for her noble duty, she decided to not take the day off but double her efforts for the cause.

Because she did not see her work as charity which has to be rewarded but as an obligation which each one has to perform. The way she rose was clear manifestation of what was in her mind and what the eyes of others failed to see was also due to their mind not knowing it.

In this essay we shall see how eyes only see what the mind knows, what can be the impact of such vision and how to expand the mental horizon to expand our visions.

It is well known that one's understanding of things is limited by one's understanding of it. In psychology this is called the "Figure-ground" principle of perception where one's knowledge determines what is actually seen.

The mind creates a bias or prejudice which limits our understanding and hence our vision. The early fraction of moderate freedom fighters believed the noble intension of British hence they couldn't actually see the exploitative nature of the colonial regime.

Further the mind promotes the status quo and inhibits us to see beyond the apparent. The typical case of women issue is due to the patriarchal mindset which leads us to look at women as inferior, liability and burden. This is further reinforced by archaic practices like Dowry and Sati.

Further the mind also is reluctant to change and hence creates a situation "ego defence". It was noted during the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan that people gave bizarre excuses like socialisation, physical fitness and opportunity check upon the crops to defend the practice of "open defecation".

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The mind when ignorant tries to follow selfish short-term gains even when they take place at the cost of our very principles. The recent viral video of Manipur naked parading of women showed how "Mawia Parkia" the mother's of Manipur supported the fringe elements despite the victim appealing to them as upholders of women rights.

The ability of our eyes to see is further diminished by reinforcements from social media. The issue of "echo chambers" is real. One tends to further block our outlook by resorting to seeking false validation and this loophole is generally used by terror organisations to further radicalise and alienate the minority youth.

This ignorance of our mind can also be manifested at societal plane. It is noted in the bureaucracy that corruption is the grease of the wheels of economy and no substantive solution is found to counter it. Any attempt leads to whataboutary and blame game.

Having seen how mind doesn't allow us to see what it doesn't know let us now look at the repercussion of such limitation.

Foremost it leads to decadence and retrogression in the society. One noted absence of medieval Era was the lack of long distance trade and "disappearance" of what was called as "Kutagarashala" in the Ancient times. This was the place for travellers, monks and traders

to stay. It also was a noted place for deliberation, discussion and exchange of ideas. When they disappeared the society slowly become stagnant.

Another impact is the rise in intolerance associated with limited understanding. People show violent behaviour when their worldview is challenged. Rise in cases of mob lynching and communal violence as recently seen in Nuh (Haryana) proves the same.

Further the issue leads to indecisiveness and weakening of the will to take difficult decision. The climate debate reflects this, in the Paris agreement the CBDR principle and legal provision have been watered down. The developed are trying to shift their burden on developing by mechanism like Cornwall consensus.

Lastly a parochial wind leads to breeding insecurity at both individual and societal level. The vacuum so created is filled by political narratives like "Make ^{America} great Again" and gives rise to de-globalising trends and populist political decisions!

Having seen the ills of wind not knowing let us turn towards finding ways to increasing the width or wisdom of the wind.

The first step towards knowing more is accepting that you know nothing. Minoru Morita - the founder of Sony Corp. in his biography Made in Japan states that "defeat yourself before your opponent does". This outlook is also necessary to unlearn and reskill which has gained lot of importance in today's gig economy.

Next would be to develop a questioning attitude. As Yoram Noah Narari in his book "21 lessons for the 21st century" notes that it is better to have questions that you don't have answers to, than having answers which you cannot question." Such attitude helps uncover new dimensions and makes one a lifelong learner.

Further one has to undertake exercise of regular critical examination of pre-supposition of the society. The Supreme Court is one such institution which regularly questions the societal morality. This was evident when it struck down Sec 377 in Navtej Singh Johar case, when it allowed women entry in 'Sabarimalai' and recently when it appealed the government to recognise same sex marriages.

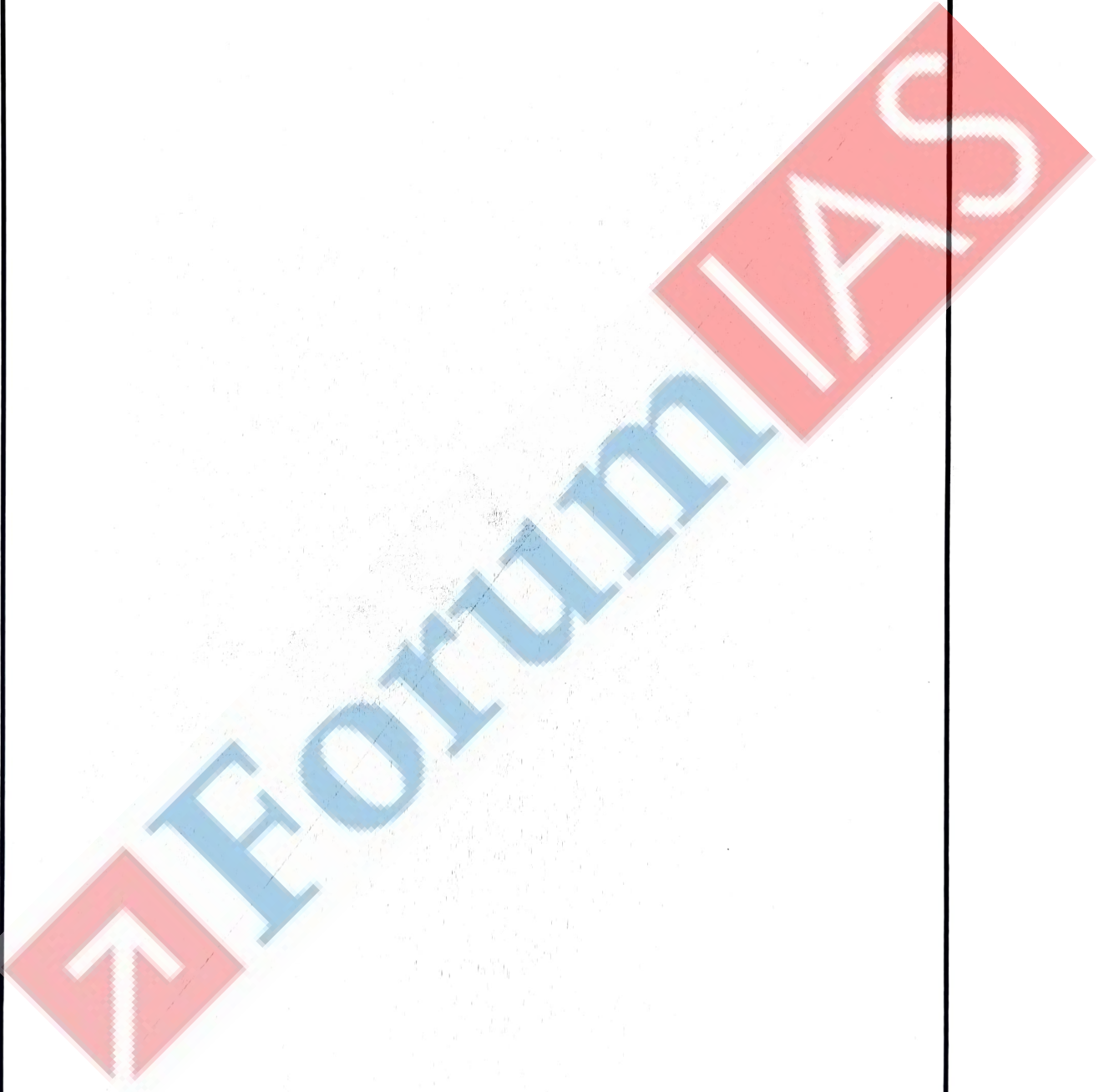
Also we should focus on ~~us~~ right upbringing of our children. They should learn to do the right because of its intrinsic goodness not merely because it benefits them. The efforts made by recent New Education Policy which tries to inculcate moral education and vocational education along with mainstream academics is noteworthy.

We should also learn to systematically re-new our cognitive capacities. Albert Einstein in this regard had said - "Our mind is like a statue in the desert. If it is not brushed regularly, it will collect dust and lose its utility." This outlook is reflected in the budding startup culture in our country.

Lastly one has to carefully
nature a positive attitude towards
our external surrounding. This is
crucial to mould our thought,
words and deeds.

As MD Thoreau has beautifully
put - "It is the beauty within that
makes us recognise the beauty outside.
It is not the question of what you
look but what you see."

FEEDBACK



The only impossible journey is the one you never begin

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Some Impossible Journeys

- Anil Kumar Raha (IAS)
- IPS

What makes a Journey Impossible

- Wright Brother's fear of lossing — (eg)
- pessimistic attitude → (eg) climate change denial
- Being stopped by other's judgement
- stopping after initial failure
- lack of vision & determination.

How to venture upon an impossible Journey

- procrastination + delay → (eg) To give up
- Proper surroundings like Vegetables, Alcohol, etc
- look for opportunity even in despair → (eg) Helen Keller
- Right vision & outlook → (eg) Henry Ford
- Attitude to learn from mistake → (eg) Chandrayaan 3

lack of faith

venture capitalist → (eg) Warren Buffett

Team work → (eg) Writter philosophy

Conclusion

Stardale paradox → (eg) Huxy Jackson

Opportunity for India

↳ let us not let the future surprise us

Quote — "The Journey of 1000 mile begins with a single step" Lao Tzu

Eyes cannot see what the minds does not know

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